

St. JOHN'S CHURCH

WILLIS STREET,
WELLINGTON, N.Z.

ANNUAL REPORT

1946

THERE HAS BEEN A CHURCH AND WORSHIPPING
CONGREGATION HERE FOR 93 YEARS.

WHOSOEVER THOU ART THAT ENTEREST THIS
CHURCH, REMEMBER IT IS THE HOUSE OF GOD.

BE REVERENT, BE SILENT, BE THOUGHTFUL;
AND LEAVE IT NOT WITHOUT A PRAYER TO GOD
FOR THYSELF, AND HIM WHO MINISTERS, AND
THOSE WHO WORSHIP HERE.

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE, 1946-47.

(1) CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES.

Salaries—

Minister's Stipend	600	0	0
Organist	.....	.....	125	0	0
Church Officer	.....	.....	184	10	0
Deaconess	.....	.....	198	10	0
Holiday Supply	.....	.....	42	0	0
			1150	0	0

Maintenance of Buildings, etc.—

Repairs and renewals	.....	.....	65	0	0
City Council rates	.....	.....	55	0	0
Insurance	.....	.....	90	0	0
Provision Periodic Repainting, etc.	.....	.....	90	0	0
			300	0	0

Miscellaneous—

Hymn Book replacement	.....	.....	12	0	0
Stationery, Printing & Advertising	.....	.....	100	0	0
Telephones £20; Postage £15	.....	.....	35	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 Funds Assessment	.....	.....	40	0	0
Accident Insurance	.....	.....	12	0	0
Sunday School 93rd Anniversary	.....	.....	30	0	0
Social Expenses	.....	.....	4	0	0
			500	0	0

Contingency Fund—

To meet small accounts and unforeseen expenditure	.....	.....	100	0	0
			£2,050	0	0

(2) FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Budget Assessment for Missions, 1946-47	.....	.....	665	0	0
Deficiency in Assessment 1945-46	.....	.....	206	0	0
Our Wellington Orphanages	.....	.....	100	0	0
			971	0	0
			£3021	0	0

NINETY-THIRD REPORT

To be presented at Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 18th September, 1946
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from
July 1st, 1945⁵
to
June 30th, 1946⁶.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

Presbyterian Services inaugurated	1839
Wellington Surveyed	1840
Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenaeum	6th Nov., 1853
Rev. John Moir inducted	6th Nov., 1853
Arrived in Wellington on Nov. 3rd 1853 in the "John Taylor"	
Preached 1st Sermon in Athenaeum Nov. 6th, 1853.	
In the Congregational Chapel in Woodward St. on 17th Nov.	
1853 he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgtn	
Sunday School opened	1853
First Session and Deacons' Court constituted	5th Jan., 1854
First Communion Service	4th 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
At 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	1935
Church Hymnary adopted	1937
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	5th Dec., 1937
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
Choir Gown	26th Nov., 1944
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	1945

FOREWORD.

AN ANNUAL REPORT is a review of the preceding year's work; a Foreword may very fittingly take the form of a preface based on the lessons to which the Report itself points—an effort to exercise one of the essential functions of intelligence, which is to learn by experience.

As in all previous years the Report bears eloquent testimony to loyal, steadfast and devoted service. I doubt whether the Congregation as a whole can claim the full credit for this. The actual work is shouldered by a comparatively small number. To them, both Office-bearers and the workers in the various departments, I wish to pay grateful tribute for all the support and encouragement which they have so cheerfully given to me and for the constancy of their support of our Church in all its activities.

In the life of every Congregation there is one unchanging factor. A Congregation must be a fellowship of worshippers. If its members cease to be worshippers its life vanishes.

Another power essential to its survival is the capacity for adaptation to changing conditions. Times have changed and it is necessary to give serious thought to those changes of policy and method which the changing conditions of the times make necessary. It would, however, be fatal to await for the pressure of circumstances to determine our policy. The determining factor in the life of a Church must not be the force of circumstances but the dynamic of a living faith.

There are improvements in the external conditions in which we worship which cry aloud for attention. But there are changes in method and outlook which are necessary if our Congregation is to be effective in the special circumstances of to-day. We must be prepared to break with tradition if we are to follow the gleam.

In addition to these things there is the question of a fitting War Memorial, which should be of a distinctive character. These are some of the matters bearing on the future of our Church to which I would call your attention. Here are the tasks of the future and, as has been proved on countless occasions, difficult tasks can become a splendid rallying point for a Congregation. Let us bend ourselves to the tasks.

P. GLADSTONE HUGHES.

"Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

MINISTER.

REV. P. GLADSTONE HUGHES, B.A.

9 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.	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	
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., 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. L., "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., 12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Orr, J. A., 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.	1941
Burgess, C. W., 107 Hataitai Road, E.2.	1942
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1.	1942
Ritchie, D., 22 Flers Street, Karori, W.3.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 60 Brougham Street, E.1.	1942
Session Clerk.	
Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3.	1919
Telephone 27-368.	

"By faith Abraham, called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed."

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street, E.1.
Brown, N. R.	80 Willis Street, C.1.
Bruce, W.	58 Adams Terrace, W.1.
Carter, E.	43 Pirie Street, E.1.
Fickling, E. D.	60 Mortimer Terrace.
Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road, C.1.
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.	64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, W.1.
McGill, J.	2 Edge Hill, C.3.
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.
Strong, F.	10 Kio Road, Rosemeath, 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. Robertson, Box 970, G.P.O., Wellington.

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

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1946/47.**Finance Committee:**

Mr. F. C. Spratt, 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. E. D. Fickling, Mr. W. J. Ferguson, Mr. Ad. Howitt, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. D. Ritchie, Mr. N. S. Woods, Mr. D. Fowler.

Seat Letting Committee:

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

Envelope Contributions Committee:

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

Rolls Committee:

Dr. T. F. 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.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness".

ORGANISATIONS.

CHOIR.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. W. L. Haggitt, L.R.S.M.

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

Vice-Presidents: Mr. W. L. Haggitt, Miss H. D. Clyde.

Secretary: Miss E. Ledger.

Treasurer: Miss P. Lees.

Librarian: Miss D. Lees.

Wardrobe Mistress: Miss M. Ross.

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

Miss D. Chappell, Miss H. D. Clyde.

Committee: Misses P. Brodie and A. Lomas, Messrs F. Strong and E. Pumfrey.

Sopranos: Misses J. Atkinson, P. Brodie, H. Clyde, B. Evans, E. Fowler, M. Hughes, E. Ledger, D. Lees, M. MacKenzie, A. McKenzie, M. McLean.

Altos: Mrs. Pumfrey, and Misses J. Curtis, P. Lees, A. Lomas, M. McKenzie, N. McKenzie, N. Morgan, M. Ross.

Tenors: A. McIntyre, E. Pumfrey.

Basses: Messrs. H. Clapham, J. Lomas, S. Reyburn, B. Rodgers, F. Strong, A. Wall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Mrs Crawford, Misses J. Atkinson, E. Fowler, J. Fullarton, P. Lees, A. Lomas, M. MacKenzie, E. McKenzie, C. Ross.

Secretary: Miss M. MacKenzie.

Treasurer: Mrs. Crawford.

Busy Bee Leader: Miss C. Ross.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs. E. Carter.

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

President: Mrs. P. Gladstone Hughes, 'phone 46-492.

Hon. Vice-President: Mrs. W. Austin, 'phone 27-060.

Vice Presidents: Mesdames B. Wilson, T. F. Corkill, B. Berry,

Miss J. Howden, Sister N. Morgan.

Secretary: Miss M. M. Chappell, 28 Stoke St., S.I., 'phone 24-560.

Treasurer: Mrs. B. Wilson, 'phone 26-707.

Committee: Mesdames A. Purdie, I. Day, M. Pumfrey, Misses W. Millar, J. Hanchet, D. Chappell, and Executive Officers.

THE EVENING GUILD.

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Secretary: Miss H. D. Clyde.

Treasurer: Miss K. Dalziel.

Committee: Misses R. Browne, J. Fullarton, M. Ross, M. Sutherland.

Representative on After-Church Social Committee: Miss M. Ross.

Representative on Women's Association: Miss W. Millar.

"The Lord; He it is that doeth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee."

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

President: Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes.

Leader: Mr. J. R. Marshall, 64 Kelburn Parade, 'Phone 42-691.

Secretary: L. Spackman, 48 Tanera Crescent, 'Phone 53-455.

Treasurer: E. Smith, 64 Mortimer Terrace, 'Phone 54-122.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Pearl Brodie.

Sub-Leader: Miss Molly McKenzie.

Secretary: Miss Zoe Martin.

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: Sister N. Morgan, 20a Washington Ave., Brooklyn.

Secretary: Miss Mary Fawcett, 59 Fairlie Tee.

Treasurer: Miss Jean Harvie, 8 Upland Road.

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 Mrs J. Crawford (Sunday School), Mr. J. R. Marshall (Senior Y.M.B.C.), Misses P. Brodie and M. McKenzie (Senior Y.W.B.C.), Mr. D. Fickling (Junior Y.M.B.C.), Sister N. Morgan (Junior Y.W.M.C.).

MEN'S CLUB:

President: Mr. J. McGill.

Vice-President: Mr. H. Stockbridge.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. B. Millar. **Hon. Secretary:** Mr. E. Carter.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE:

Hon. President: Mrs Hughes.

President: Mrs. J. A. Orr.

Vice-President: Mrs. E. Carter.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. W. A. Gordon.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Iris Wright.

Committee: Mrs L. R. Blake, Mrs. D. Fickling, Misses E. MacKenzie, D. Chappell, M. Martin, J. MacKenzie, J. Fullarton, K. Dalziel.

MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ON BOYS' INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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

President: Mr. W. J. Ferguson.

Messrs D. Ritchie (Vice President), W. Duthie, R. Johnston, T. Page, G. M. Ross, A. G. Wiren.

Ladies' Auxiliary: President: Mrs. P. Gladstone Hughes.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. W. Duthie.

Mesdames A. J. Jackman, D. MacLeod, and J. M. Wilson.

Hon. Physician: Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hand."

Roll of Honour

SUPREME SACRIFICE.

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

SERVING OVERSEAS.

642035 Cpl. J. A. Mitchell, Base Pay Section, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Japan.
N.Z.A. P.O. 222, B.C.O.F.

"God will draw nigh to you"

KIRK SESSION.

We must all feel a deep sense of gratitude for Divine help and guidance as we read the report of our Church's activities. In this our first year of peace after six long years of war we are facing a bewildered and unhappy world. We cannot turn on the wireless or read the evening paper without a feeling of dismay, almost despair, at the cruelty, the hostility, the injustice, the materialism, and the selfishness of the world. The problems of peace are tremendous problems and even the stoutest of us quail as we turn to face them.

As Christians we agree with Sir William Dobbie who says: "There is only one foundation on which our nation can safely build and that is Christ. God grant that our nation may build on Him." But let us remember that a nation is made up of individuals and that what they are their country will be. Let us therefore resolve to make our religion in the coming year our steering wheel and not our spare wheel.

Only if we do this can we have a new world blessed by international peace, by world-wide good fellowship and mutual understanding. We pray to God that He will help us all to do our share in making a world worthy of the sacrifices made for it during the years of war.

It is with great pride and a deep sense of thanksgiving that we welcome those who have returned from the various services in the forces, and we are looking forward with confidence to their willing help and co-operation in the different organisations of the Church.

To the relatives and friends of those who will not come back, Session tenders its deepest sympathy and commends them to Him who comforts all in sorrow.

THE MINISTER: It is our privilege to pay tribute to our Minister, Mr Hughes, for the dignity and devotion with which he has performed his difficult task. The Church has made heavy demands upon him during the year and it is a cause for thankfulness to Almighty God that both from the pulpit and in the home, his work has been appreciated. To the sick, the careworn, the aged and the sorrowing, he has brought comfort and consolation which no words can appraise or time efface. His ever ready help to all sections of the community outside the Church has been deeply appreciated, while his broadcast sermons have been a source of inspiration to many, as letters from other parts of New Zealand bear witness.

We pray that our Minister may be granted health and strength to carry out his many and varied tasks, not only in the congregation, but in the community at large.

In all his undertakings Mr Hughes has been helped and inspired by the ready sympathy and practical service of Mrs Hughes. Her hospitality has been appreciated by many, and she has identified herself with the women's organisations in their many activities, proving herself a tireless worker in the interest of the people both in the Church of St. John's and abroad.

DEACONESS: Since her appointment nearly two years ago, Sister Morgan has made her presence felt amongst us, and has secured for herself a warm place in many homes. She is leader of the Junior Girls Bible Class and helps in the Sunday School train-

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: Keep the door of my lips."

ing children for S.S. Anniversary. For some of her other duties see "The Outlook," June 12, page 9.

SESSION: In presenting the report of the past year, the work of the Session has been more or less routine. We were sorry to part with Mr N. Glover who was transferred to Auckland. Mr A. Purdie was granted leave of absence for one year. During the year the roll was purged and at the end of June, 1946, numbered 567. During the year 26 joined the Church by profession of faith, 19 by certificate, a total of 45. Death removed eight, whose names appear on page 27. By disjunctions or removals and purging we lost 113 members.

A special communion was observed in the month of October to synchronise with World Communion Sunday.

Attendance at quarterly Communion (including visitors): September 340, October 344, December 370, March 340, June 375. An average of 353.8.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, P.W.M.U. AND EVENING GUILD:

The report received from the women's associations is a record of much work accomplished during the year as the cause of missions, social service and many other activities of the church, and of which each and every one may be justly proud. Much useful work has also been done by the members of the Evening Guild. Session deeply appreciates the work done, and desires to thank all the ladies who have worked to make it a success once more.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE: A Cradle Roll Committee consisting of Mrs E. Carter (Superintendent) and eight members, has operated for many years, and has kept in touch with all the children baptised in the Church. Each year a cradle roll party has been held to which children and parents were invited. Miss Elsie MacKenzie was responsible for the earlier years of the organisation, and now Mrs Carter has extended the activities to what is to be known as the Friendly Circle. Mrs Carter's enthusiasm in forming this group of young married women promises to fill a long felt need in St. John's.

Our young people's organisations are all in a healthy condition, thanks to the ability and zeal of our young men and women who in many cases give their entire spare time to the boys and girls of our congregation.

Y.M.B.C.

The leadership of the Senior Young Men's Class has seen many changes during the year. Mr Clive Sage took over the leadership of the class with Mr R. A. Ross, when Mr J. H. Millar resigned. Shortly afterwards Mr Ross was transferred to Auckland and Mr Sage to Nelson. Several members of the class committee, Messrs Mitchell, Smith and Pryor willingly undertook the conduct of class meetings. Mr Mitchell subsequently joined the "J" Force. Messrs E. Smith and W. Pryor carried on until March when Mr J. R. Marshall acceded to Session's request to assume leadership. Session places on record appreciation of the service of all who helped the class in rapidly changing times.

SENIOR Y.W.B.C.: The Senior Young Women's Bible Class report records a year of progress worthy of the best traditions of St. John's. Their contributions to missions and other Church funds are something that every member of the class can feel proud of.

JUNIOR Y.M.B.C.: The Junior Young Men's Class led by Mr D. Fickling, the year's report shows that the class is still on a high level. Although their numbers are small their contributions to missions and other interests in the Church are well maintained.

"There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

JUNIOR Y.W.B.C.: The Junior Young Women's Bible Class lost their leader, Mrs Sherriff, early in the year. Session is under a deep debt of gratitude to her for her loyalty and devotion to the class. Sister Morgan has accepted the leadership and from their report the class have spent a very happy time in study and service.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School is now in a much stronger position, thanks to the continued efforts of our teachers and Superintendent, and the revival of the Young Worshippers' League which has proved quite a success.

But by reason of its central location, St. John's almost inevitably loses Sunday School scholars to suburban churches. We would be very happy if, where possible, members of St. John's would endeavour to bring their children to the Sunday School attached to their own Church.

SERVICE OF PRAISE: The thanks of the congregation are again due to Mr W. L. Haggitt and his Choir, who have done excellent work during the year. Forty-eight well chosen anthems and the cantata, "The Darkest Hour," were rendered. Both from a musical and a devotional point of view, the work was excellent. The roll stands at 27.

MEN'S CLUB: The Men's Club which meets every third Tuesday of the month, is still very popular amongst the men of the Church. The committee hope to attract more new members each month. It certainly is supplying the means of getting to know each other.

BOYS' INSTITUTE: Session offers to Mr W. J. Ferguson its hearty congratulations on being elected President of the Boys' Institute and are sure the whole congregation will concur.

As is well known the Institute is an off-shoot of St. John's Young Men's Bible Class. It is managed by a committee comprising not only certain ex-officers, office bearers of the Church and Bible Class, but by representatives elected at each annual meeting. We wish Mr Ferguson every success in the great work amongst the boys.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE: In reading the record of the work done by the Soldiers' Committee since 1940, one cannot help but be struck by the magnitude of the task undertaken in keeping in close personal contact with our men of the forces. To the convener, Mr W. Ferguson, and the ladies of the committee, Session extends its warmest thanks for this voluntary labour of love. Our thanks are due also to all those who contributed so generously towards the Soldiers' Fund, and thus made it possible to keep up a regular supply of parcels which did much to make the boys in the front line realise the personal and human link with their home Church.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR: Few if any will doubt the worth of our monthly after church social hour and supper. The friendly atmosphere is apparent as soon as one enters the room. Here is the opportunity of knowing each other better, meeting members of every association of the Church, and to extend a welcome to visitors and new members of the Church. Session desires to thank the convener, Miss Ferguson, and to all the ladies who have supplied the tea and have given such willing service in making this gathering so attractive.

CHURCH OFFICER: In almost all the reports the Church Officer, Mr Thompson, has been thanked for his courtesy and ever ready help at all times, but very few know just how many meetings are held in St. John's Buildings in the course of one year. During the past year there were 435 meetings, plus 104 Church

"Fear not, I am the first and the last."

services. Considering that there is at least something to be done after each meeting it will be seen that our Church Officer and Mrs Thompson are kept busy. Again we say thank you.

VISITING MINISTERS, 1945-46: The following Ministers of our own and sister Churches conducted services during the year: Rev. J. M. McKenzie B.A., LL.B.; Rev. Brian Kilroy, M.A.; Rev. L. A. North; Rev. Dr. E. N. Merrington, M.A., Ph.D.; Rev. W. C. Comber, M.A., P.C.; Rev. D. E. Duncan, C.F.; Rev. J. W. McKenzie, M.M., C.B.E., E.B., B.A., Moderator of General Assembly; The Right Rev. J. S. Moyes, Bishop of Armadale, N.S.W.; Professor S. F. Hunter, M.A., D.D., Principal of Theological Hall; Rev. H. A. Mitchell, B.A.; Mr Colin Sherriff.

SPECIAL SERVICES, 1945-46: Holy Days: Services were held on Christmas Day 1945 and Good Friday, 1946.

Aug. 12 Queen Margaret and Scots College.

15 V.J. Day. Thanksgiving Day, Combined Presbyterian and Baptists.

19 St. John's Thanksgiving Day and V.J. Day.

Sept. 16 Boys' Institute Junior Band, Staff and Boarders.

Oct. 7 World Wide Communion. Morning and evening.

14 Sunday School Anniversary.

April 7 Special Youth. Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C.

14 Evening Service. Sacred Cantata.

28 Tribute to the Men of Anzac.

28 Evening Service, Students' Christian Union.

NEW YEAR HONOURS: The 1946 New Year Honours list included the names of four old members of St. John's Y.M.B.C. namely:—

Sir Alfred Clarke Turnbull, Administrator of Western Samoa, K.B.E.

Alexander Howat Johnstone, K.C., O.B.E.

Fred Evans Chappell, M.M., M.B.E.

Captain John P. Brodie, M.B.E.

Also included in the Honours list was Sir Archibald William Blair, K.B., who in his youth attended St. John's Church with his parents and was a member of the Sunday School.

THANKS: In conclusion, Session desire to tender their appreciation and thanks to all those who so willingly rendered service.

The Women's Missionary Associations, the Superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School, leaders of the Bible Classes, Organist and members of the Choir, Busy Bees, conveners of the various committees, to those who provided floral decorations for the Sabbath services. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr Ad. Howitt for his ministry of the threshold, for many years he has been on duty at the door of the Church and with his friendly smile and ready handshake, has welcomed many visitors and new members to St. John's; to Mr Thompson, our church officer and Mrs Thompson, and to many others who by their faithful and devoted service have demonstrated their faith in God and Humanity.

To those who have been bereaved and all who has suffered and are suffering, Session commends them to the tender care of Him who said: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you."

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Members of the Board of Managers are elected for a period of three years and are then eligible for re-election. At the last annual meeting, Messrs M. Bilby, W. Bruce, R. N. Fleming, J. Hunter, R. Johnston, W. Reid, I. D. Stevenson, and N. S. Woods retired.

"I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go."

Messrs Hunter, Johnston, Reid, and Woods, intimated that they would be available for re-election and were duly re-elected at the annual meeting.

During the year a further step was taken towards the completion of improvements in the kitchen. The provision of an electric hot water heater should meet the demand for a larger supply for making of tea and washing of dishes.

The Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund Committee completed its work during the year and it is pleasing to note that the committee succeeded in raising the £700 that St. John's was asked to provide. Of this amount the office-bearers contributed the sum of £300.

"St. John's Messenger" was published throughout the year and was distributed at each of the four Communion Services. The magazine serves a useful purpose and our thanks are due to Miss H. D. Clyde who acts as editor.

In December last Mr Hughes accepted, on behalf of the congregation, a beautifully bound visitors' Book presented by one of our office-bearers. Visiting Ministers would sign their names in the book and Mr Hughes will add notes in reference to special occasions. In course of time this book should be valuable from the historical point of view.

FINANCE: The statement of receipts and payments shows that the financial year opened with an overdraft of £220 14s. while at the end of the year there was a nil balance, indicating that the overdraft had been liquidated. To do this, however, apart from the ordinary revenue of the church, it was necessary to apply the whole amount of a special appeal made in July-August, 1945 (£145 3s.) and part of a special appeal (£107 11s. 4d.) towards the ordinary revenues of the Church. In addition our Budget assessments of £704 was only met to the extent of £498, leaving a deficiency of £206. Looking at the ordinary finances in another way, if the overdraft at the beginning of the year and the special appeals are excluded, the ordinary receipts fell short of the expenditure by £32 0s. 4d.

In considering the above figures, however, it should be noted that the salary and expenses of the Deaconess have to date been met from a special guarantee fund subscribed to specially by members of the congregation so that no part of the cost of maintaining the Deaconess so far has been a charge on the ordinary revenue of St. John's. It is estimated that the balance of the special guarantee fund, along with small contributions since the close of the Church year, will be sufficient to meet the salary and expenses up to March 1947, so that after that date the salary and expenses will be a direct charge on the ordinary funds.

The total of the special appeal taken in June amounted to £247 8s. 9d. of which £107 11s. 4d. as mentioned above, was applied in reduction of the debit balance of the ordinary account while the remaining £139 17s 5d. was applied in meeting part of the Budget assessment for the year. The deficiency of £206 in the Budget assessment will, we trust, be made good during the coming year. For this year our assessment is £665, so that our real aim should be £871.

The total contributed to the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund over the two past years was £705 of which £631 10s 1d. came from congregational contributions; £21 7s. of the remainder came from the Women's Association, while the Y.M.B.C. contributed £27 14s 8d, and the Y.W.B.C. £24 8s 3d.

"I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee,"

The falling attendance at the services is a matter of concern to all and the following table shows the position for recent years:

Year.	Average Morning Attendance.	Average Evening Attendance.	Average. Total Attendance.
1940-41	226	255	481
1941-42	216	209	425
1942-43	232	222	454
1943-44	200	207	407
1944-45	207	183	390
1945-46	192	170	362

It will be seen that during the past two years the average attendance at the evening services has shown a decided drop, despite the fact that public transport in the evening is better than in the morning, and apparently indicates that many members are now attending once a day only.

Inside the front cover of the report is a statement showing the estimated expenditure for the ensuing year. The main changes are the elimination of the necessity of providing funds for the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund and for Soldiers' Comforts. The increase in the amount required for Missions is due to the non-fulfilment of this year's assessment.

THE DEACONESS.

Deaconess work has been carried on steadily throughout the year, with the exception of the month of February when, through illness, your Deaconess was unable to take up the task as usual, after annual leave. The work consists mainly in visiting among the sick, the aged, and the lonely members of the congregation. The work of linking new members and adherents only slightly attached to the Church with some definite congregational group has also been one of the tasks of the Deaconess.

It is a real pleasure to observe the friendly spirit of fellowship existing in these groups, which makes it easy to invite new members with every confidence that they will receive a warm welcome when they enter a group. After hearing from a number of members that they "did not know anybody at the Church," it became quite evident that the remedy for these folk was to link up definitely with a Church group, suitable to their age and interests so that that drawback might be overcome. Numbers have responded to the advice given to join such a group, and now report greater enjoyment and benefit from their Church connection.

Your Deaconess has a definite interest in the youth work of the Church, having the leadership of the Junior Girls' B.C. and acting as relieving teacher for the Sunday School, and attending the Girls' Sunday School Club to give assistance wherever required. In discussing Youth work, special reference should be made to the combined monthly prayer meeting held by the Bible Classes. One takes courage and looks forward to "greater things to come" from the fine spirit of earnest prayer revealed there.

Special mention might be made too, to the very kindly welcome extended to your Deaconess as she visits in the homes of members and adherents of the congregation. Such welcome makes the task easy and pleasant, and for this welcome she would express grateful thanks.

It is with heartfelt thanks to God for strength and guidance given for the task, that your Deaconess makes this report of her work.

"One thing is needful."

THE CHOIR.

The roll now stands at 27, with 11 sopranos, 3 altos, 2 tenors and 6 basses. During the year we lost six members and gained seven. Five of our women members are also on the staff of the Sunday School and are thus precluded from being in their places in the Choir on Sunday mornings.

During the year 48 anthems and the Cantata "The Darkest Hour" were rendered, the soloists for the Cantata being Miss E. Ledger and Messrs F. Strong, R. Trewern and G. and T. Morrison. In addition, 15 solos and a duet were sung. Our guest soloists were Mrs Perham and Mr Dalley, those from our own Choir being Misses D. and J. Atkinson, Jean Curtis, Evelyn Ledger and Molly McKenzie.

Our Ladies' Choir gave a very creditable performance at the Wellington Annual Competitions, being awarded the highest marks in any one section, but in the aggregate gaining only third place.

IN MEMORIAM: It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing on October 5th, of one of our life members, Miss Rachel Nichols. Miss Nichols was for over 25 years a member of St. John's Choir, and on her retirement to Khandallah she was elected to life membership. During the whole of her service with the Choir she showed the utmost devotion and loyalty and was held in the highest esteem and affection by all.

OUR SECRETARY: It is also with regret that we have to report the continuance in Hospital of our Secretary, Miss Mona Hughes, who recently met with an accident. Our sympathy goes out to Mona and we hope that her recovery will not be long delayed. Unfortunately for the Choir, Mona has accepted an appointment to a school in Frankton and so even when she does recover from her illness, her valued services both as a chorister and as a secretary will be lost to St. John's.

THANKS: Once again we should like to record our thanks to our Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Haggitt, for his tireless efforts to train us for the important work of leading the service of Praise each Sunday. Our thanks are also due to our quietly efficient Librarian, Miss D. Lees and to our Wardrobe Mistress, Miss M. Ross, who loyally carry out their tasks each week throughout the year.

HELEN D. CLYDE, Vice President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

An increase, both in numbers and in enthusiasm, has been an encouraging feature of the year's work in the Sunday School. One cannot of course appraise all the factors that have made for this upward trend, but one step, taken at the request of Session, which has definitely stimulated interest, particularly among the smaller children, has been the revival of the Young Worshipers' League which has been in operation since the opening of the school year. Still more effective has been the unflagging activity of our deaconess, who in her strenuous daily round is ever aware of the need of the Sunday School for children, and of children for a Sunday School. It was a great loss to the school when Sister Morgan was called upon to relinquish her duties there in order to take over the leadership of the Junior Y.W.B.C., but there is abundant evidence of the very practical interest which she still takes in the work amongst the children.

"Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion,"

During the year we lost also the services of Mr. H. B. Smith who for many years had acted as secretary. We deeply appreciate the help of both these good friends of the school.

We have been happy to welcome three new members to the staff this year, Misses Joyce Atkinson, Jean Fullarton and Elizabeth McKenzie.

During the winter months a week-night club provided an opportunity for gathering the children together for games and talks, while one night a month was devoted to "Busy Bee" activities. We would thank all those who from time to time visited the Club, and by their practical help added to its success. Club night provided also an opportunity for additional practices for our Anniversary services which this year centred round the missionary activities of our church—at home, in the Maori field, and abroad.

Promotion Day brought a fine gathering of parents and friends to join the children at their special service. The address was given by Mrs Bayldon Ewen, who also presented the prizes, including the much-coveted Hopkirk Memorial Bible won this year by Graeme Orr for an essay on Moses. The passages set for memory work were Proverbs 3 for the Intermediates and Matthew 6: 24-34 for the Juniors, the first prize winners being Heather Bennie (Intermediate) and Rowland Woods and Harry McLean (Junior).

Three social gatherings have been held during the year—the children's tea and concert, an evening for parents and teachers and a picnic to Day's Bay which proved to be a most popular outing for both parents and children.

Not the least important of the school's "Special" days is Family Worship Sunday, and many parents responded when, at the re-opening of the school in February, a special invitation was extended to them to join with their children in the morning service of worship. It is to be regretted that for so many the family service is confined to "special" days. The family pew is largely an institution of the past, but its revival would be an inspiration to minister and congregation alike.

A report on the Sunday School would scarcely be complete without reference to its youngest members, those whose names appear on our Cradle Roll. At present the Cradle Roll department is one of the most active, and certainly the largest numerically, in the school as was evidenced by the enthusiastic support given to the party arranged for mothers and babies on March 30th. As a result of a suggestion made at this party there has now come into being a social club, aptly named "The Friendly Circle" which is providing a happy means of keeping the mothers in closer touch with each other and with the Church.

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

We acknowledge gratefully, God's goodness to us during the year and pray for wisdom and guidance as we step forward into another term of service. All are agreed that the twelve months under review have been strenuous, but the fellowship enjoyed and the amount of work accomplished has compensated.

Membership: On the roll we have the names of 41 Honorary and 42 active members. During the year we were grieved to lose, through death, our loyal and enthusiastic friend Mrs Halley. Over

"They brought young children to Him,"

a very long period Mrs Halley devoted her life to the service of God and His Church. Her death made a gap in our ranks which has not been filled and we are conscious that St. John's Women's Association is the poorer for her passing. Miss Atkins, another faithful worker, also passed away during the year. Mrs Kerr, an active worker in the Association, transferred her home to Levin, and at a social function, officers and members made a small presentation and joined in thanking her for the great contribution she made to the work of both the P.W.M.U. and Women's Association. Mrs Hulston, Mrs. Mark Bilby, Mrs. N. Glover, and Miss Hughes also left Wellington, and Mrs. S. Miller transferred to Miramar.

Women's Association: A group of enthusiastic needlewomen have met regularly on the 4th Tuesday of each month and frequently on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays to make garments for distribution to U.N.R.R.A.—to the people of bombed cities in Britain, to the local Presbyterian Orphanages, and to Mission centres. Members also volunteered to assist C.O.R.S.O. in the sorting of clothing for despatch overseas. Arrangements were undertaken for two Bring and Buy afternoons, two Jumble Sales and two social afternoons.

Generous contributions of saleable goods have been made to the Y.W.C.A. Opportunity Shop and fourteen books of "Bricks" sold for the new building fund. In September a tea was provided in the Y.W.C.A. for the men of the Forces awaiting demobilisation.

P.W.M.U.: Eight meetings were held and we are indebted to the following speakers,—Sister Christobel, Miss M. Hursthouse, Mrs. Bayldon Ewen, Sister Janet, Sister Morgan, Mrs. Rowe and Miss Kershaw. Members' interest in the mission fields never wanes and this interest is expressed in their generous contribution to every phase of the work. The fact, that throughout the war period we have been able to meet our Mission Budget of £200 per annum, in addition to other commitments, speaks for itself. Parcels of clothing have been sent to the Maori Mission station at Nuhaka.

Finance: Raised during the year £285 16 3
Brought forward from 1945 24 18 8

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Paid to St. John's Treas. for Missions	200	0 0
" " Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund	16	7 0
" " St. John's Deaconess Fund	10	0 0
" " Presbytery's Deaconess Fund	7	8 0
" " Harvest Field Treasurer	5	6 6
" Expenses	21	19 5
Balance in Hand	49	14 0

£310 14 11

Maori Mission Birthday League: Miss Jean Hanchet who continues to collect subscriptions and donations to this fund, reports a widening interest in the League, throughout St. John's. The membership now stands at 183 and the amount received was £23/0/6.

Orphanage: (Mrs A. Purdie, Miss E. W. Millar). In response to an appeal from the Superintendent of the Homes, for Woollen Cardigans for the Boys, 20 hand knitted garments were made by members of the Association and the Evening Guild. Cakes were donated to the stall at the Annual Meeting, and during the year

"My Father is greater than I,"

darning and mending of clothes was undertaken.

Associate Members: (Mrs I. Day). There are 16 Associate Members on the roll of the P.W.M.U. Letters containing news of the Mission Stations have been posted or delivered to members each month and the Church "Messenger" sent to those unable to attend church.

Knitting: (Mrs. B. Wilson). Members have continued to knit socks, scarves, mittens and pullovers to fill the demands made by relief organisations. A grant from the Benevolent Fund made possible the purchase of wool and willing hands are busy knitting garments to send to Greece. Mention has already been made of cardigans and pullovers for boys in our Orphanage.

Evening Guild: Soldiers' Work: Details appear elsewhere in the main report.

Harvest Field: The Secretary, Miss Millar reports the number of subscribers as 66.

Afternoon Tea arrangements have been faithfully carried out by Miss Howden and her helpers Mrs Fowler and Mrs G. Johnston.

Busy Bees: (Sister Morgan). For the past year the Hive has worked in conjunction with the Sunday School Club. Sister Christobel and Miss Cook addressed members, and in September the Bees conducted the P.W.M.U. meeting. As a result of a stall which was stocked by the small folk £5/4/- was raised for Missions.

Guild Sewing: Mrs Berry has been at her post early and late, cutting material for members to sew up into useful and attractive garments. A box full of these articles is ready to send to Greece at the earliest opportunity.

After Church Suppers: Members were responsible for the October supper.

We conclude our report with warm thanks to our minister, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, for his interest in our work, for his inspiring ministry and his labours on our behalf, and pray that both he and Mrs Hughes will be richly blessed in the days which lie ahead. We wish also to express our deep appreciation of the encouragement and help received from our President, Mrs. Hughes. Her energy has been untiring and the example she has set us in never failing to respond to an appeal for assistance, has been an inspiration.

Mr Thompson has continued to help us in every way possible and we tender him our grateful thanks.

For the Committee,

MARY M. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

THE EVENING GUILD.

Thanks largely to the efforts of our Deaconess, Sister Morgan, the roll number increased from 35 to 45 during the year.

As in former years the main objective of the Guild has been the deepening of the Missionary spirit and this has resulted in a very warm-hearted response to calls for practical aid. Monetary gifts through the direct-giving envelopes amounted to £22/13/6, and a further sum of £7/8/0 was raised at a "Bring and Buy" evening in aid of our own deaconess fund and of the Wellington Deaconess Fund. These amounts were handed over to the Women's Association. In addition, substantial parcels containing clothing, toys, medical and toilet supplies have been sent to Sister Kathleen Hollies of Te Teko Maori Mission Station, to Rev. and Mrs.

"Behold My hands and My feet,"

Crump in the New Hebrides, and to the Wellington Orphanage.

Assistance has also been given through U.N.R.R.A. in supplying much-needed clothing for people in distressed countries.

One very popular activity is the supplying of Xmas gifts some of our back-blocks Home Missionaries and their families. This year 9 parcels containing appropriate gifts for the 42 father mothers and little ones whose names we obtained from the Direct of Missions, were despatched. Judging from the replies received the gifts were all warmly appreciated.

For our **Entertainment** at the monthly gatherings we are grateful to Sister Morgan for an interesting talk on Maori superstition to Miss Doris Black and Mrs. Stephens for a song recital, to Miss D. Chappell and the Secretary for a talk on the New Hebrides, to Miss Molly McKenzie for songs, to Miss Alice Cook for a talk on Chinese customs and habits, and to Mr. J. Currie of Reporo for a lantern lecture on the growth of Maori Missions.

Church Flowers: At the request of the Senior Y.W.B.C. the task of arranging the church flowers for each Sunday was undertaken by the Guild and we are grateful to those members who have faithfully carried out this duty throughout the year and also to those who have contributed towards the fund for the purchase of flowers when these are not able to be supplied from our gardens.

In Memoriam: It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing on October 5th, 1945 of one who was so dear to us all—Miss Rachel Nichols, our former Secretary. She was truly one who "marched breast-forward, never doubting," and up to within a few weeks of her death was toiling unceasingly in the Garden of her Master. The world is darker for the loss of the light which she shed.

HELEN D. CLYDE, Hon. Secretary.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE.

A new group has been formed at St. John's under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs E. Carter and her hard working Cradle Roll committee. It meets on the afternoon of every second and fourth Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Fellowship room. Our most successful meeting so far was when Miss Ogilvie spoke to twenty mothers and their children about "The Mothers of China." It is hoped that the meetings will enable the young mothers of the church to become better acquainted.

IRIS WRIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

The attendances at the After Church Social Hour, held on the fourth Sunday of each month, were most gratifying. As was to be expected we did not have many Overseas visitors, but about 100 names of people from different parts of New Zealand were recorded in the Visitors' Book, and there was always a good representation of our own Church members.

Those in the groups were keen in their endeavour to make everyone feel at home, and after a hearty handshake at the door one moved into the friendly atmosphere of the Fellowship room.

"The Lord's portion is His people."

All the gatherings were most successful, and we thank those who contributed items, also the accompanists.

Many people who were visiting Wellington and came to the Social Hour expressed their great pleasure at being present.

The Committee feels that a need has been met and that the After Church Social Hour has been well worth while.

It was again a privilege to Welcome Home still more of our young men from service overseas, who told us something of their experiences.

After a cup of tea and friendly chat the gatherings were brought to a close with a Hymn and the Benediction.

I. FERGUSON, Convener.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE.

Since July 1945, 29 parcels were packed and forwarded by the ladies on behalf of the people of St. John's to our men serving overseas. From the inception of the scheme in 1940 to 1946, 1422 parcels were posted at an average cost of approximately 12/8d. per parcel.

The thanks of all members of the Congregation are due to Mrs. M. Fraser and the Ladies' Committee for their great work throughout the war years.

During the six years the amount received by way of monthly retiring collections was £969/17/9, and the total expenditure including literature and donations towards Soldiers' Sunday teas at the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. was £941/10/-.

The credit balance of £28/7/9 has been handed to the Managers to form the nucleus of a Soldiers' Memorial Fund.

As far as is known all the St. John's men have returned to New Zealand with the exception of Squadron-Leader W. S. Austin, D.F.C., and Pte. K. F. Quinn, the latter continuing his studies in England.

Captain J. W. Donaldson, M.C., went to England with the Victory Contingent, and Cpl. J. A. Mitchell is with the 'J' Force.

St. John's men returning from overseas were welcomed at After Church Social Hours, also at a large "Welcome Social" organised by the Young Women's Bible Class on behalf of the Office Bearers and people of St. John's.

Not all our men have reported since returning to N.Z., and as quite a number did not have their homes in Wellington it is difficult to contact them.

We hope that more of our returned men will join with us in the work and worship of our Church as the weeks go by.

W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S BUSY BEES.

The hive meets three Wednesdays in a month in conjunction with the Sunday School Club. We found by using this method that we got the children there whereas they wouldn't turn out for a Busy Bee meeting especially, on another day of the week. Missionary instruction was given by way of talks by Miss Alice Cook on Mission work in China and Sister Morgan on Maori Mission work. Talks were also given on information gleaned from the 'Harvest Field', 'The Break of Day' and 'The Outlook'.

"His name shall be called Wonderful,"

The 'Bring and Buy' stall brought in £5/4/-, part of which was sent to the Maori Missions and part to China.

Members are busy working for the Bring and Buy stall to be held at the September meeting of the P.W.M.U. when the Bees will conduct the meeting.

Peggy squares are being knitted for a quilt to go to Miss Cook and a parcel is being prepared to go with Mrs Milne to China.

CATHERINE ROSS, Leader.

THE MEN'S CLUB.

The Committee of the Men's Club has pleasure in reporting a most successful year during which the attendances have been high and the enthusiasm strongly marked.

Interesting and instructive addresses have been given during 1946 by Lieut.-Commander G. J. MacDonald, D.S.O., D.S.C. and Two Bars, Rev. W. C. Comber, M.A., and our own Mr Leslie Blake.

The Committee would like to pay a tribute to the valuable work done by the ladies in preparing and serving really delicious teas. These ladies help to make the evenings something to look forward to each month.

It is felt by those who attend the Men's Club that the bond of fellowship between the men of the congregation has definitely developed since the Club was inaugurated. To mark the end of 1946, the Committee intends to invite the ladies of the congregation to a special evening, for which plans are at present being made.

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

Introduction: The year covered by this report has seen the end of a world war, and with the return of our men we are glad to see them reestablished in their homes, Churches and Bible Classes. In 1945/46 the Class membership slowly and surely increased and we are glad to see among us once again several of the members who have been absent during the war. Their active interest will greatly strengthen our work.

Leadership: The year has been marked by its changes in leadership. Mr. Clive Sage took over the co-leadership of the class from Mr. J. H. Miller and with Mr. R. A. Ross assisted in the leadership of the class. At the beginning of the third term of College, Mr. Sage moved to Nelson and shortly afterwards Mr. Ross was transferred to Auckland. At a special meeting of the class it was decided that certain members of the Committee should take turns at leading the Class, the initiative being taken by Mr. J. A. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell subsequently joined J-Force and the responsibility was shared by Messrs. E. Smith and W. H. Pryor. From April, Mr. J. R. Marshall, at the request of the Session, took over the leadership, and we look forward to a time of progress and spiritual benefit under his able guidance.

Minister: The continued interest of our minister, the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, in the activities and welfare of the Class is greatly appreciated.

Committee: The membership of the Committee has remained fairly stable throughout the year. Conveners have effectively car-

"Ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins."

ried out their duties. There were 7 committee meetings during the year.

Church Work: The class has continued to give the Church its active support and has been well represented at Church Services. Through the Youth Cabinet it maintains contact with the other Church youth organisations.

Membership: The Sunday afternoon meeting has continued to be the focal point of class work and interest, and the attendance has been very good. We have taken part in social, athletic, Social Service work and Inter-Bible Class prayer meetings. The average class attendance for the year was as follows:

	Members.	Members & Visitors.
1945-1946	8.8	10.75
Previous year	6.87	8.11

The number on the roll at 30/6/46 was 18.

Discussions: This year we have continued to compile our own syllabus from the suggestions of class members. The principal theme of study early in the year was Jesus and His Kingdom together with a series of discussions on the present state and aims of the Bible Class movement. Later in the year we commenced studies on St. John's Gospel. We were pleased to welcome to our meeting as guest speakers our Minister, Sister Morgan, and Rev. D. M. Hercus. As in the previous year we visited the Wesley classes and received them as guests on another day. The combined prayer meeting with other Bible Classes on the first Sunday of every month has continued to help us in our fellowship. The pre-war practice of printing the syllabus in card form has been resumed.

Missions: At the end of the 1944/45 year the Class paid over £30 to B.C. missions. The Class quota for 1945/46 has been exceeded by a fair sum. Generous contributions from old boys of the Class have been of great assistance in enabling us to make a worthy contribution to the missions funds of the Church.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund: In the final year of this appeal our class paid over £12/14/1, which was collected by means of work days and donations.

Social Service: An active part has been taken in the work of the Boys' Institute. Mr. Sage took the residents' Bible Class until his departure, while another member, Mr Alex Crockett, has acted as Housemaster at the Hostel. We have assisted the Orphanage with the sale of concert tickets.

Social: Most of our activities were held combined with other classes and included several very successful socials, monthly teas, and a hike. The social club functioned during the winter. Several of our members attend the St. John's Men's Club regularly.

Library: The library has been used during the year mainly as a source of reference material for class discussion. Additions during the year were two books donated by Mr. A. Martin, and a selection of books on Presbyterianism purchased from the Book-room. To supplement the Church Hymnary, 24 Redemption song books and a Tune book were added to our musical stock.

Class Institute Fund: This fund is still increasing and we thank Mr. W. J. Ferguson for administering it.

Rooms: Our thanks are again due to the Church Officer for his care of our Class and Social Rooms. We are pleased to report the good use the Social Room has been put to during the year when there have been many gatherings of members in it.

Camp: A class camp was not held. Easter Camp was well attended, and St. John's members wore for the first time a dis-

inctive uniform in the form of Royal Stuart tartan shirts and glengarries.

Class Memorial Fund: This fund has recently been started for the purpose of having in time some memorial in memory of the men from our class who gave their lives in the 1939/45 conflict. Ways of building up the fund will be explored in the coming year.

Other Organisations: We sincerely thank the other organisations within the Church for their co-operation and help, particularly the Young Women's Bible Classes.

Conclusion: Next year special emphasis is to be placed on the aims of the Bible Class work on the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. It is our hope that this class which has been so influential a body in the Four-square movement down the years will do much to help this important campaign. We must re-dedicate ourselves to building up God's Kingdom, not only in this place but in all parts of the Dominion. Towards this end we will labour, and with the help of our Master we will not fail.

For the Class Committee,

LLOYD SPACKMAN, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

With the end of another year comes once more the time of reflection and review. Conscious though we are of unfulfilled hopes, ungrasped opportunities and imperfect service, above all the incompleteness of our achievement, rings out the note of thanksgiving to Him, the Giver of Life abundant, for what progress has been made, and for new vision of service revealed.

We have to record with deep regret the death of a loved and honoured life member of our Class and President of Executive Council, Miss Rachel E. Nichols. A Memorial Minute was adopted and placed on record by the Class.

At the end of June the number on the roll was 26, plus 4 on supplementary roll. All except 2 are communicant members of the Church, 5 are Sunday School Teachers, and 6 members of the Choir.

On account of her marriage, Doreen Atkinson resigned her position as Secretary in September after four years of service competently and faithfully rendered.

Our studies are taken mainly from the Interdenominational syllabus, either by papers prepared by members or in small discussion groups, which are successful in obtaining the views of a larger number. We combined with the Junior Girls for studies on Vocation and on Church attendance. On Youth Sunday at a meeting with the Young Men, Mr. Hughes spoke to us on the Churches, East and West, which proved most interesting. The four classes combined for a Christmas Service to which Office Bearers and their wives, and the parents of our members were invited. In place of the usual pre-Easter study, we read in Class the play "Man of Sorrows." Three members attended Easter Camp at Epuni, two at Hawkes Bay and one at Matura. We again co-operated with the Sunday School in their Promotion Day service.

In July, we visited the Wesley Methodist Classes when they shared with us the subject of 'Methodism', and at a return visit later in the year, Presbyterianism was the subject.

Members lead in a Time of Quiet during the class period and on the first Sunday of each month our four classes meet together for prayer at 4.15 p.m. On the B.C. Day of Prayer, we joined with

St. Andrew's and Kelburn classes for an early morning Watch. In the afternoon our own classes met together using the prepared order of Service with Rev. Duncan Hercus as speaker. At the evening church service, Mr Hughes preached on the theme for the day and B.C. leaders took part in the service.

The amount of direct giving for Missions was £11/19/3 and our special Thank-offering amounted to £10/8/6. We made scrap books and toys for the Te Teko Mission Christmas parcel. We were pleased to co-operate with the Young Men in a week night Tea to welcome Rev. Herbert Davies, Y.M. "Own Missionary" from China.

The conclusion of hostilities brought to an end the work which we have done for the past several years in sending parcels to our soldiers.

Members have volunteered to help Sister Morgan by visiting sick folk and minding children, and as a class we contribute to her salary.

We assisted with a concert at the Ohiro Home, which happened to co-incide with "V.J." night, so was a means of helping the old people to celebrate.

We continue to take an interest in our P.S.S.A. Homes and have recently adopted two little girls, our former one having left the Home. Two of our members trained the children to sing at the St. Andrew's Day concert. Tickets were sold for this concert and P.S.S.A. Calendars also. The annual payment for the upkeep of the "John Boal Cot" has been paid.

Sunday Teas which are held on the first Sunday each month are our best attended and most popular social gatherings. Several socials have been held to which members of neighbouring Classes have been invited. Social Club is held on the 3rd Saturday during winter months.

Many of our members enjoy the fellowship and recreation of the Tennis Club in summer and the Badminton Club in winter.

Our Library benefitted by the addition of some books from the late Miss Nichols and a copy of "A Thousand Sunrises" was given in appreciation by a member who left during the year.

The Class extension scheme which was commenced by the late Sir George Troup to enable us to have a social room of our own, is still supported by a few members. The amount now in hand is £141/7/5.

A work month and a "Bring and Buy" sale raised the amount of £9/16/1 for the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund.

We supported an appeal to provide tables for the new wing at the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute in Dunedin and by a special offering raised £1/16/-.

At the annual meeting of the Y.W.B.C. Union, Miss Brodie was elected President and we extend to her our congratulations. Five other members of our class have a seat on Council. Several members attend District Committee and we endeavour to support all District work. We were successful in winning the Inter-class competition at District Club.

We thank our Minister and Mrs Hughes for their continuing interest in our Class. Mr. Hughes is always more than willing to give any help required either by the Class or individual members.

We record our thanks to Mr. L. W. Milne for auditing our financial statement, to Miss Millar for supplying the 'Harvest Field' and to Mr Thompson for his willing co-operation at all times.

We take this opportunity of thanking our Leaders, Miss Pearl

Brodie and Miss Molly McKenzie for their loyalty, help, and friendship, and to assure them of our continued loyalty to them and the Class in the coming year.

PATRICIA MENNEER, Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

President: The Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, our President, has at all times throughout the year sustained an active interest in the class. During the class meetings at the beginning of the year we were fortunate in having his instruction in a series of pre-communion classes.

Leadership: To our leader, Mr. D. Fickling, we are very grateful for the way in which he has led the class through the year. He has applied the studies, in the Bible Class syllabus, "In Action" to everyday life and help us appreciate their significance in a modern world.

Membership: On promotion day 10 members left the class. Three were promoted from the Sunday School and a further four from Firth House swelled our numbers to 12. Two members have left during the year leaving a final membership of 10 at the end of the year. The average attendance each Sunday was 7.3.

Hour of Meeting: The class meets now at 10 a.m.; slightly later than in previous years. On the first Sunday in each month the class meets at 3 p.m. after which members attend a combined prayer meeting with a tea to follow.

Discussions: The Junior syllabi have been used. Direct assignments have been given and though the response has not been the best, they often stimulated ready discussion.

Church Membership: Following the pre-communion classes 10 members were admitted to full Church membership. After promotion day only two remaining members were on the communion roll.

Missions: This year £1/1/11 was donated by direct contributions, a further sum of £2/18/1 was appropriated from class funds bringing the total to £4, £2/10/- under our quota of £6/10/-. We were able to contribute a further donation amounting to £1/3/3 to the Church's Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund.

Our members assisting in the Corso drive managed to collect £18 approximately.

In response to an appeal for Bibles, 10 were collected and supplied for the New Hebrides missions.

Athletics: The only events the class entered in were indoor sports.

Easter Camp: Five members wearing the distinctive Stuart tartan represented the class at Easter Camp. The enthusiasm of the five will, we hope, help to persuade others to attend next year.

Conclusion: To a greater degree than for several years the membership has almost completely changed. The redeeming fact is that present members are all approximately the same age and thus have a fairly common outlook on the affairs of life. Our prospects of continuing class membership for several years promise well for the development of the Four-square life which, above all else, the Bible Class aims to achieve, inspired and strengthened by the Grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

J. MORE, Acting Secretary.

"Faith is the evidence of things not seen."

"He giveth power to the faint."

JUNIOR GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS

With a roll number of 14 the Junior Girls' B.C. is making quiet but steady progress. We were sorry to lose our Leader, Mrs Sherriff, who left to join her husband in Dunedin. Sister Morgan has taken her place.

We have been studying Paul's missionary journeys. On the first Sunday of the month we combine with the Senior Girls' Class for opening exercises, and for the other three Sundays the members take part in turn.

We have contributed £3/10/- towards Bible Class and General Church Mission Funds.

WELLINGTON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND RHODES HOSTEL.

Members of the congregation who want to work for or make a contribution towards a good cause do not have to go beyond the Wellington Boys' Institute. Furthermore, the fact that it had its origin in St. John's should make an appeal. Help is always needed, for it takes a large sum of money to keep the work going. Perhaps some would like to become "Friends of the Institute" and make an annual contribution.

From a very small beginning the Institute has grown into quite a large organization. Though the work commenced over 50 years ago, signs of new life continually appear. In fact, it is true to say that there is more activity about the Institute to-day than there has been for a number of years.

No doubt many members of St. John's Church will be surprised to learn that the Institute has a total permanent staff of 14 and a part-time staff of 9.

Recently the good news was received that Mr. A. J. Inglis had deeded his property at Onga Onga, Hawkes Bay, to the Wellington Boys' Institute to be used as a Farm Training Centre for boys. This is one of the largest and most generous gifts made by any individual to an organisation in this Dominion for many years. The farm is in splendid order and condition and one that any owner might well feel proud of. Mr and Mrs Inglis reside in the Home-stand, and the property which is a very valuable one contains 1100 acres. Also on the property there is 60 acres of beautiful native bush—large Totara, Rimu and Matai trees, etc., which Mr Inglis would like preserved.

During July the Institute completed negotiations for the purchase of a sheltered and secluded Permanent Camp site of 13 acres near Waikanae. In addition to a house which is ideally situated, two acres of native bush and large trees growing alongside the river which flows around the property, all help to make the site a picturesque one.

Although a new Hostel is badly needed, one to accommodate 100 boys would cost £50,000. Therefore, unless the Institute receives a large gift the new Hostel is not likely to be erected for some years yet. The Management Committee has decided to spend about £1000 on improvements and renovations to the present Hostel. This step is being taken in faith, the Committee believing that friends and well wishers of the Institute who realise the import-

"Hitherto has the Lord helped us,"

ance of the work being carried on will help to find the money.

Another forward move of recent date is the appointment of a full-time Musical Director. The Institute now has two bands and hopes to do all it can to cultivate and deepen the love of music within the boys.

Mrs. Geering resigned her position as Matron of the Hostel and has been succeeded by Miss A. L. Croft. Miss Croft has spent much of her life in the service of the Presbyterian Church.

REPORT OF SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE

Income	£118 8 6	Last year	£148 5 0
Arrears	7 5 0		6 10 0
Paid in Advance	7 6		9 15 0
Seat Holders	56		63
Number of Seats	121		130

During the year we have lost by death four Seat Holders, and three who have left the Church.

For the Seat Letting Committee,

P. H. ANDERSON, Convenor.

In Memoriam

MISS E. K. HAY

MR. A. GRAHAM

MISS M. S. ATKINS

MRS. J. YATES

MRS. E. HALLBY

MISS I. J. CAMERON

MRS. MILLAR

MRS. K. M. BUCKRELL

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

"My peace I give unto you."

SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNTS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1946.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances 30th June, 1945—				Payments—			
Endowment Fund	4662	3	0	Benevolent Fund—			
Benevolent Fund	212	19	11	Payment to St. John's			
Crockery Replacement Fund	49	12	7	Women's Assn.	10	0	0
Provision for Periodic Re-				St. John's Deaconess Guar-			
painting, etc.—				antee Fund—			
Deposit with Church Office	782	4	0	Transfer to General A/c.	207	15	0
Share in Metropolitan							217 15 0
Building Society	219	10	4				
Hymn Book Replacement				Balances 30th June, 1946—			
Account	103	18	10	Endowment Fund	4845	18	7
Old Manse Trust Fund	500	0	0	Benevolent Fund	209	2	3
St. John's Church Rebuild-				Crockery Replacement Fund	51	2	7
ing Fund	88	17	11	Provision for Periodic Re-			
St. John's Deaconess Guar-				painting, etc.—			
antee Fund	163	14	7	Deposit with Church Office	804	4	0
Benevolent & Missions Fund	55	5	4	Shares in Metropolitan			
Interest in E. J. Lockie Est.	190	0	0	Building Society	328	7	4
			7028 6 6	Hymn Book Replacement			
Income—				Account	118	10	10
Interest (Net)—				Old Manse Trust Fund	500	0	0
Endowment Fund	183	15	7	St. John's Church Rebuild-			
Benevolent Fund	6	2	4	ing Fund	91	0	11
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	8	0	St. John's Deaconess Guar-			
Provision for Periodic Re-				antee Fund	144	18	7
painting, etc.—				Benevolent & Missions Fund	56	16	5
Deposit with Church Office	22	0	0	Interest in E. J. Lockie Est.	190	0	0
Shares in Metropolitan							7340 1 5

Building Society	18	17	0				
Hymn Book Replacement							
Account	2	12	0				
St. John's Church Rebuild-							
ing Fund	2	3	0				
St. John's Deaconess Guar-							
antee Fund	5	5	0				
Benevolent & Missions Fund	1	11	1				
			243 14 0				
Receipts—							
Crockery Replacement A/c.	2	0					
Provision for Periodic Re-							
painting, etc.—							
Shares in Metropolitan							
Building Society	90	0	0				
Hymn Book Replacement							
Account	12	0	0				
St. John's Deaconess Guar-							
antee Fund	183	14	0				
			285 16 0				
			£7,557 16 6				

£7,557 16 6

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, 1946.
7th August, 1946.

I. LAMBIE, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1946.

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RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
For Church Purposes—								Balance 30th June 1945, Ordinary Account				
Plate offerings	.....	853	9	5				Overdrawn	.....	220	14	0
Envelope system	.....	536	9	6				For Church Purposes—				
Seat rents	.....	118	8	6				Rev. P. G. Hughes—Stipend and Car Allowance	.....	700	0	0
					1508	7	5	Mr. John Thompson—Church Officer	.....	184	10	0
Donations to upkeep of schoolroom	.....				52	11	0	Mr W. Lawrence Haggitt—Organist	.....	125	0	0
Sundry donations and miscellaneous receipts	.....				23	0	0	Miss N. Morgan—Deaconess	.....	198	9	0
Organ fees	.....				8	7	0	Miss N. Morgan—Travelling, etc. Expenses	.....	9	6	0
Interest	.....				14	1	3	Pulpit and Organ Supply	.....	30	6	0
Sustentation Fund contributions	.....				27	2	0	Light, Heat and Power	.....	79	2	4
Refund from Deaconess Guarantee Fund	.....				207	15	0	Advertising, Printing and Stationery	.....	74	12	3
Sunday School 92nd Anniversary Offering	.....				29	1	0	Postages	.....	9	11	6
Special Deficit Appeal July-August, 1945	.....				145	3	0	Provision Periodic Repainting, etc.	.....	90	0	0
Part Special Appeal June, 1946	.....				107	11	4	Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	.....	12	0	0
					2122	19	0	General Repairs Church Buildings & Manse	.....	57	0	0
For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—								Tuning and Maintenance of Organ	.....	15	15	0
Part Special Appeal June, 1946	.....	139	17	5				Rates, Manse & Cottage	.....	49	15	8
Donations, Sundry	.....	1	10	0				Telephone Manse & Church Officer	.....	18	5	10
„ China Missions	.....	10	0	0				Beneficiary Funds Assessment	.....	40	0	0
Baptismal and Funeral donations	.....	14	4	6				Wgtn Presbytery Assessment & Donation	.....	7	10	0
								General Assembly Expenses Assessment	.....	24	0	0
								Insurance—Fire	.....	67	14	3
								„ Earthquake and War Damage	.....	18	16	6
								„ Accident and Sickness	.....	11	6	6
								St. John's Messenger	.....	17	0	0
								Donations	.....	12	2	0
								Union Jack and N.Z. Ensign	.....	6	6	6
								Communion Wine	.....	2	19	11
								Sundry Expenses	.....	11	14	9

Christmas Day Offering	.....	4	3	6				Sunday School 92nd Anniversary Offering	.....	29	1	0
Good Friday Offering	.....	3	1	0								
Retiring Collections—												
Home & Maori Missions	.....	11	12	2				For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—				
Foreign Missions	.....	12	5	3				Contribution towards Budget Assessment 1945-46	.....	424	14	11
Theological Hall	.....	8	1	1				Other Purposes	.....	540	5	4
Contribution Scott Trust	.....	20	0	0				Balance 30th June 1946 being amount of Appeal for Boys' Institute not paid over	.....	79	18	10
St. John's Women's Assn.	.....	200	0	0								
					424	14	11					
Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund—												
Congregation	.....	315	11	1								
Y.M.B.C.	.....	14	9	9								
Y.W.B.C.	.....	10	16	1								
Women's Association	.....	16	7	0								
Maintenance of Ministry Appeal	.....	39	7	0								
Relief of Distress in England	.....	29	7	11								
Presbyterian Orphanages	.....	95	18	3								
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	.....	18	8	3								
Boys' Institute Appeal	.....	79	18	10								
					620	4	2					
					£3167	18	1					
										£3167	18	1

NOTE:—The Ordinary Revenue Account had a "Nil" balance at 30th June, 1946.

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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, 1946.**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 30th Jpne, 1945				Alterations Fund—			
Alterations Fund	41	17	1	Paint	3	11	0
Furnishings, etc. Fund	105	18	7	Metro Water Heater	27	4	0
				Power Point for Heater	8	16	0
			147 15 8	Part cost electric light shades	2	6	1
							41 17 1
				Furnishings, etc. Fund—			
				Part cost electric light shades	1	6	1
				Paint	1	3	6
				Three Drop Tables	9	0	0
				Circulars, etc. Jumble Sale, April 1944	7	0	0
							18 9 7
				Balance 30th June, 1946—			
				Furnishings, etc. Fund			87 9 0
			£147 15 8				£147 15 8

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 Statements of Church Receipts and Payments and Basement Alterations and Furnishings for the year ended 30th June, 1946 are correct and set out the true position.
Wellington,
7th August, 1946.

I. LAMBIE, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.

**STATEMENT GIVING PARTICULARS OF PAYMENTS TOWARDS
BUDGET ASSESSMENT OF £704 FOR THE YEAR**

ENDED 30th JUNE, 1946.

Raised by				
Thank Offering Appeal	.....	139	17	5
St. John's Women's Association	.....	200	0	0
Senior Y.M.B.C.	.....	26	15	1
Junior Y.M.B.C.	.....	4	0	0
Senior Y.W.B.C.	.....	20	0	0
Junior Y.W.B.C.	.....	2	10	0
St. John's Sunday School	.....	20	0	0
Christmas Day Collection	.....	4	3	6
Good Friday Collection	.....	3	1	0
Retiring Collection Home & Maori Missions	.....	11	12	2
" " Foreign Missions	.....	12	5	3
" " Theological Hall	.....	8	1	1
Donations Sundry	.....	1	10	0
" " China Missions	.....	10	0	0
" " Baptismal and Funeral	.....	14	4	6
" " Scott Trust	.....	20	0	0
Total Amount paid to General Treasurer		£498	0	0

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequest to . . .

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

the sum of £.....

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

St. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



NINETY - FOURTH REPORT



To be presented at Annual Congregational
Meeting on Thursday, 25th September, 1947.
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from
JULY 1st, 1946
to
JUNE 30th, 1947.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

Presbyterian Services Inaugurated	1889
Wellington Surveyed	1840
Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenaeum	5th 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 Wgton.	
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	1856
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. Robert 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	
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1888
Extension of Sunday School Buildings in Macdonald Crescent	1896
Rev. James Paterson retired	1902
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted	1903
Services instituted at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith (now Calvin Church)	12th Aug., 1903
Individual Communion Cups first used	1904
New Church Praise adopted	1904
St. John's Memorial Hostel opened	1910
Memorial Window to soldiers who fell in the Great War, 1914-18 unveiled	1919
Memorial Window in memory of Hon. J. G. W. Aitken unveiled	1920
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., retired	1922
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted	1926
Present Manse erected McKenzie Terrace	17th Mar., 1927
Young Men's Bible Class Social Parlour opened	1928
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	14th Dec., 1931
Church Hymnary adopted	1935
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	1937
Senior Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	5th Dec., 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—
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., inducted	May, 1940
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	21st Nov., 1940
Choir Gowned	Oct., 1942
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	26th Nov., 1944
	1945

FOREWORD.

An Annual Report is a challenge to test our churchmanship. You will find in it, on the one hand certain facts which are uninspiring and even depressing and, on the other hand, facts which testify to great loyalty, devotion and generosity and which fill us with confidence and hope.

The question which each individual member should ask is: "To what extent am I responsible for the facts that depress and what part can I claim in the facts that inspire?"

That the congregation has fulfilled its obligations to the Church at large is, indeed, a very gratifying achievement. If, however, you analyse the result, you will find that it was made possible by the consistent devotion of small groups. If their devotion had been equalled by that of the congregation as a whole the result would have been greatly enhanced.

It is a great privilege to have witnessed this devoted and unceasing service and I take this opportunity of paying tribute to the loyalty and zeal on which the work of our congregation so largely depends.

There are many things which are done by individuals and groups for the love of their Church, which we take for granted unthinkingly. Who decorates the Church with flowers Sunday after Sunday? Who weaves the laurel wreath for Anzac? Who performs the hundred and one duties which we all think ought to be done, but for which we accept no responsibility? When you think of these things you begin to understand how much we owe to the unremembered acts of love and service.

Year after year we record the loss of devoted members who have passed into the Great Beyond and who have left for us the example and devotion of their faithful service. We are within a rich fellowship and our own lives would be greatly enriched if we drew more closely within it.

To Bible Class Leaders and Sunday School Teachers, to Choir Members and Organist, to the leaders of the P.W.M.U., the Women's Association and of other groups we owe as a congregation a debt of gratitude.

May I single out for my own personal thanks Sister Morgan, who has rendered such signal service to our congregation, the Session Clerk, whose kindness and sympathy have greatly helped me and also the Church Officer, for whose early restoration to health we hope and pray. Both he and Mrs. Thompson have always gone the second mile.

To them and to the many others who by their encouragement in word and action have cheered me I offer my heartfelt thanks.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." The cause for which we stand is His. Its triumph is the assurance of the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus.

P. GLADSTONE HUGHES.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

MINISTER.**REV. P. GLADSTONE HUGHES, B.A.**

9 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
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Purdie, A., 73 Campbell Street, Karori, W.3.	1933
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Ritchie, D., 22 Flers Street, Karori, W.3.	1942
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Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, E.1.	1946
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God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him
in spirit and in truth.

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Create in me a clean heart oh God and renew a right spirit
within me.

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"The Lord: He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee,
 He will not fail thee."

Like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them
 that fear Him.

KIRK SESSION.

It is true that we are living in a changing world and nowhere is this more noticeable than in our Church life where attendance at Divine Worship has to a large extent fallen away. Everywhere the Church is faced with tremendous problems which must be met with new faith and new endeavour, let us then in the year that lies ahead of us welcome the supreme opportunities presented by an era of enforced change and by uniting in our Church life show what moral and spiritual qualities really mean and what we can achieve in our own small sphere of St. John's. Let us make more effort to worship together regularly and to do all we can to make our Church a living and active force in our community.

This, the ninety-fourth Annual Report, is a brief record of work and service faithfully rendered by the various organisations of the Church.

Five new members were elected to Session and on Sunday, 29th September, 1946, at the morning service were ordained and inducted to that high office by the Minister. Session extends a welcome to these new members and pray that Almighty God will grant them many years of health and strength and joy in the service of their Lord and Master. Session Roll now stands at 28, which should ensure a personal visit by the elder of the district to every home once a quarter.

Mr. Malcolm Fraser represented the congregation at the General Assembly 1946, and Messrs. H. Stockbridge and J. A. Orr were elected presbytery elders.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN.

Early in 1947 a special effort was made by the Congregation and Sunday School to send food to needy people in Great Britain. The appeal was generously responded to; not only was a large quantity of food made available but also the sum of over £40 was contributed and devoted to the cause.

Case lots of food were sent to five churches in London, Glasgow, Cardiff and Coventry. The gifts were sent and distributed absolutely free of charge by the Ministry of Food Overseas Gift Allocation Centre, London. Already several appreciative acknowledgements have been received proving that the effort was well worth while. We are indebted to Messrs. J. S. Martin and L. R. Blake for arrangements of packing and transport.

Common Roll.—The effective roll on June 30th, 1947, was 493. Admissions during the year: By Profession of faith 26; by Certificate 19, total 45.

Removals.—By Disjunctions, Deaths and Purge of the Roll, 121.

Communion Services.—Attendance at Holy Communion: October 332; December 238; March 372; June 340. The average attendance at Holy Communion was 320.5.

The Minister.—In spite of the many important duties connected with the work of the Church our Minister has not spared himself or allowed his pulpit message to suffer. At all times he has upheld the Cross of Christ and preached the everlasting love of the Eternal God our Father.

Mr. Hughes has intimated that his retirement will take effect in October and many will be sorry that his short stay amongst us

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips."

will soon be over and that he will soon be numbered with great men who have upheld the Cross of Christ on St. John's Pulpit.

To him and to Mrs. Hughes who has not spared herself in the work amongst the women of the various Associations and whose members speak lovingly of her help and guidance, we extend our thanks and pray that they may be granted health and strength in the years that lie ahead.

THANKS.

In conclusion Session desire to tender their appreciation and thanks to all those who so willingly rendered service.

The Women's Missionary Association, the Superintendent and teachers of Sunday School, Leaders of the Bible Classes, Organist and members of Choir, Busy Bees, Conveners of the various committees, to those who provided floral decorations for the Sabbath service, to Mr. Thompson, our Church Officer, and Mrs. Thompson, and to many others who by their faithful and devoted service have demonstrated their faith in God and Humanity.

We are sorry to miss our Senior Elder at the door of the Church, who for many years has gladly given of his time to welcome the stranger within our gates. Mr. Howitt has been ill for some time but we are glad to know he is now much better. We hope to see him soon again at his post. To those who have been bereaved and all who have suffered and are suffering, Session commands them to the tender care of Him who said: "I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you."

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

At the last annual meeting Messrs. N. G. Robertson, R. Fleming, A. L. Wall and F. Strong were re-elected to the Board after having retired at the end of the usual three year term of office, and the following additional managers were elected: Messrs. J. Cole, I. S. Lowman, H. B. Middleton, L. W. Milne, and J. C. Smaill.

During the year five members of the Board were made Elders and Mr. E. Carter and Mr. J. C. Smaill resigned. Mr. Carter left for overseas and Mr. Smaill took up work in the Miramar Charge. The Board now comprises twenty members.

Attention was given during the year to the matter of adequate insurance against fire and the insurance cover on building and equipment was increased to £49,600.

The question of a suitable memorial to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the second World War has received the consideration of a special committee and it is expected that an early decision will be made in regard to the form which the Memorial will take.

Some years ago a gift was made by Sir George Troup and members of his family for the purpose of erecting an Institute for the St. John's Young Men's Bible Class. The funds constituting the trust and held by the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees amount to £1,385/19/5, and are available subject to certain conditions set out in the Trust Deed. The Y.M.B.C. has also raised the sum of £349/1/9 for the erection of the Institute. It is also proposed that the balance of moneys derived from the sale of the former St. John's Hostel amounting to £1,344/12/3, should be available for the above purpose.

If ye love me keep my Commandments.

The record of adult church attendance shows that an average of 189 attended the morning services and 153 the evening services, a total of 342 per Sunday. This figure is 20 less per Sunday than the corresponding figure for the previous year.

FINANCE—The ordinary revenues for the year were not sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure for the year and it was necessary to apply £125/4/5 from the proceeds of the special appeal to balance the ordinary account. The remainder of the Special Appeal, £239/18/7, was used to meet the Budget Assessment of £665 which was met in full. After the Special Appeal was sent out several amounts came to hand from unexpected sources and these helped very materially in enabling this year's assessment to be paid in full. No amount, however, could be paid in reduction of the underpayment of £206 for the year 1945-46.

It should be noted that practically the whole of the salary of our Deaconess was met from the Deaconess Guarantee Fund. In the coming year the whole of her salary and expenses will be an additional charge on the ordinary congregational revenue.

Elsewhere in the report is a statement showing the estimated expenditure for the coming year. Provision is made for repainting and renovations to the church and adjoining buildings and also the Manse. Shortage of labour and materials however may prevent some of the proposed works from being carried out.

REPORT ON DEACONESS WORK—July 1st 1946—June 30th, 1947.

A large part of the Deaconess's time has been taken up with visiting. Almost every type of visiting has found a place on the schedule—sick visiting, in hospitals, in homes, visiting the aged, the shut in mothers with small babes, the parents of Sunday School children and Bible Class young folks, the newly-weds, and the strangers who have come to join our fellowship.

It has been a privilege to attend the meetings of the various groups within the Church—groups for all ages and interests, from the long-established P.W.M.U. to the recently organised company of the Girls' Life Brigade. Steady, faithful, and helpful service is being done within all these organisations.

Especially has it been a privilege to share in the fellowship of the youth of our Church, in Bible Class worship, study and social activities. The earnestness and zeal of the young people of St. John's Bible Classes is both cheering and encouraging, and gives promise of good leadership in the Church in the years that lie ahead.

My thanks are due to all who have given me such hearty welcome into their homes, and to all who by their prayerful interest in my work have made that work more pleasant and easy. For what-to God, and would thank Him too for the privilege of doing Deaconess work in the congregation of St. John's Church.

THE CHOIR.

ROLL AND ATTENDANCE:

The roll now stands at 18 active members, with 9 sopranos, 7 altos and 2 basses. In addition there are 4 associate members. The average attendance for the weekly practice was 15, for the morning service 6, and for the evening service 16. Several of our women members are on the staff of the Sunday School and of course, this causes the morning average attendance to be considerably lowered. We are appreciative of the assistance given by visiting members

"God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

from time to time. Amongst these we could especially mention Mr. L. Callaghan (Brisbane) Mr. Stan Hutchins and Mr. Ken Orange (Wellington).

CHORAL WORK:

During the year 41 anthems and the Cantata "The Story of Bethlehem" were rendered, the soloists for the Cantata being Miss E. Ledger and Messrs. J. Dellow and C. Dowling. Helpers in the male section for the Cantata were Messrs. E. and A. Gardiner, D. L. Irwin, F. Steers and B. Harper. In addition, 16 solos were sung. Mr. T. C. Read of Nelson was a guest soloist during the year.

On the evening of 29th September the Choir gallery was occupied by pupils from Queen Margaret College and at both services on the 20th October by the Junior Bible Classes taking part in the Sunday School Anniversary.

A pleasant evening was spent during the year by our Choir as guests of the Welsh Society, a musical programme being presented by our members.

Members of the Choir were in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society during the year and also at the marriage services of Miss Ngaire McKenzie and Miss E. Ledger and our Choirmaster, and at a meeting at which the speakers were the Misses Cable and French.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

An after practice supper was held on 31st October in honour of Miss Ngaire McKenzie whose marriage to Mr. Ian Darby took place on the 2nd November, and opportunity was taken to extend to the young couple our best wishes for their future happiness and to present Ngaire with a small gift in token of her valued services to the Choir.

A presentation was also made to Miss E. Ledger and Mr. W. L. Haggitt at a social evening held in the home of Sister Morgan at Brooklyn on the occasion of their approaching marriage on the 24th May. Our Minister made the presentation and expressed his thanks and those of all choir members for the way in which this couple had carried out their work in the choir.

Also during the year a social gathering was arranged to bid farewell to Miss Mona Hughes who left us to take up a position at Frankton Junction. Our Choirmaster presented Mona with a small gift on behalf of all members and wished her well in her new position.

When it was discovered that Mrs. Brown, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, was a former member of our Choir, a gift of flowers was sent to her. This thought was greatly appreciated by the old lady.

THANKS:

We again thank our Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Haggitt, for his efforts in training us for the work of leading the service of praise each Sunday. Our thanks are also extended to our Librarian, Miss Dulcie Lees, and Miss Margaret Ross, our Wardrobe Mistress, who so willingly carry out their duties week by week during the year.

We also thank our Session Clerk, Mr. Alex Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Haggitt, and Miss Margaret Ross for the gift of anthems during the year.

Evelyn G. Haggitt,
Hon. Secretary.

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the Sons of God."

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Although we have not yet succeeded in filling our hall to capacity each Sunday, the work in the Sunday School throughout the year has not been without its encouraging features. A long-felt need has been met with the formation of a Teachers' Training Class, which, under the wide and experienced leadership of Sister Morgan, is not only proving a guide to a deeper understanding of the children and the truths we would reveal to them, but is also providing the opportunity for fellowship which is sometimes lacking when departments meet separately.

We have added to the staff two new members, Misses Betty Milne and Shirley Thompson, and to them we extend a warm welcome. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Mrs. Crawford, our efficient treasurer and valued teacher.

Keen interest continues to be shown in the Young Worshippers' League, and when Mr. Hughes presented the prizes shortly before the Christmas vacation, it was noticeable that the highest honours for attendance were not all won by the older children.

Three special services held during the year provided opportunity for parents and friends to show their interest in the school. The Anniversary Services, one based on Stories of Jesus and the other centering around Jesus as Friend, were conducted by our own minister, while at the Promotion Day Service the address was given by Mr. J. S. Martin, who shared with the children his first-hand knowledge of Bible lands. At this service the prizes won during the year were presented, the most coveted of all being the Hopkirk Memorial Bible. On this occasion it was given for memory work, the honours being shared by Dawn Scott and Rowland Woods, who each received a Bible suitably inscribed.

Shortly after the school resumed for the year parents and children together attended a Family Worship Service, at the conclusion of which the Youth Workers of both Bible Class and Sunday School were re-dedicated to their particular fields of service.

A gathering of special interest to the children was our Thanksgiving service which took the form of a Food for Britain Sunday. After a most arresting talk by Mr. Fowler the children presented their gifts, and few had failed to remember this special appeal. Because of our Superintendent's close association with Regent Square Church in London, it is hoped that in due course the children of the Sunday School there may enjoy the fruits of this service.

Two Social functions during the year were well patronised, and to all appearances thoroughly enjoyed. A high tea and moving pictures followed after the Promotion Day Service, while a picnic at Paekakariki proved to be a popular family outing.

The week night club has in the meantime ceased to function as preparations are now complete for the formation of a Girls' Life Brigade in which the senior girls have shown much interest.

The suggestion has been made that a series of badges which may be worn for Sunday School work would stimulate interest and knowing the children's keenness in competition we look forward to such a scheme being greeted with enthusiasm.

MARY MACKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

CRADLE ROLL.

The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School which now has a membership of one hundred and three, is divided into districts each of which is under the care of a member of the committee.

The Annual Party was held just before the departure of Mrs. E. Carter who, while superintendent, showed a very active interest in its members.

Through their interest in the Friendly Circle, increasing numbers of the mothers of the Cradle Roll children are taking a definite part in the Church activities.

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

At the Dominion Conference of the P.W.M.U. held in November, 1945, it was agreed that the financial year of all Branches should close on 31st May of each year. Our report, therefore, is for eleven months only, but this fact has not made any appreciable difference to the statements which we present.

The year which has closed reveals that members have busied themselves about many things.

All appeals receive the enthusiastic support of those who attend both the P.W.M.U. and the Sewing Guild, but it must not be forgotten that a number who subscribe as Honorary Members give generously to these schemes, otherwise we would not be able to furnish such an encouraging report.

MEMBERSHIP—Totals are 45 active and 41 honorary members, an increase of three over last year's figures. We were grieved to lose by death our faithful friend and worker, Miss Enid Williams. All through the war years Miss Williams was a tireless knitter of comforts for the men of St. John's who served overseas. She also knitted many garments for our Orphanages and gave generously to every appeal for charitable purposes. Miss Jean Gibb, who was associated with us, also passed away and several of our members suffered the loss of loved ones during the year. Our deep and loving sympathy is extended to all.

MEETINGS—P.W.M.U. Eight meetings of the P.W.M.U. were held, and the following speakers assisted in making the afternoons intensely interesting: Mr. L. Blake, Mr. White, of British Sailors' Society, Mrs. Rowntree, President of Wellington P.A., Miss Brodie, President of N.Z. Y.W.B.C.U., and our own President, Mrs. Hughes. One meeting was conducted by St. John's Busy Bees, and in November we were the guests of Kelburn P.W.M.U., when the late Rev. Brian Kilroy addressed the combined gathering.

WOMEN'S SEWING GUILD—A group of members has met on the 4th Tuesday of each month, and frequently at fortnightly intervals, to make garments for the children of India, the New Hebrides, the Maoris and our own Orphanages. In response to an appeal from Greece, 76 toys and 98 articles of clothing were sent to the Red Cross Society for dispatch to Greece. Evening Guild helped in this effort.

A Bring and Buy Sale, two Social Afternoons and a Jumble Sale were held, and the proceeds added to our funds.

FINANCE—Once again the financial statement proves the generosity of members. The report reveals true co-operation, for it would have been impossible to have achieved our objective without

"I am the light of the world."

the help of every member on the roll. We handed £200 to the Church Treasurer for the Budget and £12 for the Deaconess Fund.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE—The Secretary, Miss Harnhet, reports a widening of the interests of the League in the direction of a Junior Section, made possible by the co-operation of Sister Morgan and the Superintendent of the S.S. and of Miss Fullerton, who is in charge of the section. Membership in the Senior section is 178 and Junior 22. The total amount received is £24; from Seniors £21/12/9; from Juniors £2/7/3.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS—Mrs. Day has 14 members on the Roll. These are written to regularly and kept in touch with the Missionary work of the Church.

THANKS—All who are engaged in Christian work are agreed that the times in which we find ourselves are difficult, and call for strong faith in God, high courage and a firm determination to make our witness clear and decisive. To this end we have been greatly helped by our Minister, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, who has courageously shown us the danger persists, and the necessity for watchfulness and prayer and urged us to live closely to God. We thank him for his help and inspiring ministry.

Mrs. Hughes as our President, has been instant in season and out of season; very often doing more than her share of the work of the Association. We express to her our warm appreciation of her efforts on our behalf, and for her friendship throughout the year. We thank Mr. Thompson, Church Officer, for his courtesy and for his readiness to assist us on every occasion.

M. M. CHAPPELL,
Secretary, St. John's Women's Association.

THE EVENING GUILD.

During 1946 there were 55 enrolments and at the end of the year the roll stood at 50, five members having left Wellington. This shows an increase of ten on the previous year's enrolments and the average attendance also increased from 26 to 33.

Each month Mrs. Hughes has presided over our meetings and conducted our opening devotions and we are indeed deeply indebted to her for the time and thought that she has so willingly given in carrying out these duties, and further for the gracious way in which she has made members feel welcome at our monthly gatherings.

PROGRAMME OF WORK:

The main objective of our Guild is the fostering of the Missionary spirit in our members, and judging from the result of appeals throughout the year, this objective has undoubtedly been fulfilled. The sum of £24/7/6 was received through the Direct-giving envelopes, and a further sum of £7 obtained through our "Bring and Buy" effort for Social Services funds. Part of this amount was donated towards the cost of a much-needed wardrobe for our Deaconess. In addition, substantial parcels containing clothing, toys, toilet and medical requisites were sent to the Nuhaka Maori Mission Station, soap and handkerchiefs, knitted cardigans and jerseys to the Orphanage, and cuddly toys, vests, toilet and medical requisites to Greece. Thirty-five Christmas gifts for seven Home Missionaries and their families were despatched in time to help fill the Christmas stock-

ings. A small Christmas gift and greetings were sent to Miss Alice Cook in China.

Assistance has been given by Guild members at the After-Church Suppers, at the Y.W.C.A. Opportunity shop to help their Building fund, and at the C.O.R.S.O. Depot a team from the Guild helped with the packing and despatch of cases of clothing for Greece and China.

The work of procuring and arranging the flowers for the altar each Sunday has also been undertaken by Guild members.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Our programmes have been varied to try and cater for all tastes and included a One-act Play by members, a series of interesting films operated by Miss Joyce Atkinson, readings of original fairy stories and children's verse by Miss Clyde, a Tatting demonstration by Miss Millier, a stimulating talk by Sister Morgan on Maori people and work at Maori Mission Stations, the reading of Missionary news from the "Harvest Field", and, one of the high lights, a talk by Miss Francis Ogilvie on the experiences of herself and her Chinese students and colleagues while prisoners of war during the occupation of China by the Japanese.

Helen D. Clyde, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S FRIENDLY CIRCLE.

The circle has now completed twelve months of activity and has a roll number of 47. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, and when no special speaker is arranged competition and discussions are organised. A successful "Bring and Buy" raised £13/15/-, towards St. John's Assessment for Missions, and the circle assisted at several church functions during the year. At the Christmas Party, Father Christmas (Miss H. D. Clyde) arrived in traditional style and distributed from the decorated Christmas tree the gifts kindly provided by Mr. Alex Smith.

We are very much indebted to our Deaconess, Sister Morgan, for her valuable help and to Miss Elsie MacKenzie and her helpers who have organised the creche at each meeting.

VI HITCHCOCK, Hon. Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

After the Church Service on the fourth Sunday of each month bright lights shine from the Fellowship Room, and flowers decorate its interior; willing hands have made ready to welcome those who desire to spend an hour in friendly chat while enjoying a cup of tea. The group making the arrangements extends a welcome to visitors and introduces them to our Church members, thereby creating a friendly atmosphere.

An additional Social Hour was arranged for after the Service on Sunday, 13th April, to do honour to Miss James, O.B.E., when a large number of our Church members and others had the opportunity and privilege of meeting this wonderful little lady. To those who contributed items, and to the accompanists, we would express our thanks, for the pleasure they gave.

I. FERGUSON, Convener.

BUSY BEES.

The St. John's hive, with a membership of 15, meets in conjunction with Girls' Life Brigade on every third Wednesday.

Missionary instruction is given through extracts from the Harvest Field, Outlook and Break of Day. During the year Sister F. Ogilvie, on furlough from South China Mission Field, visited our hive and gave a very interesting talk on her work.

Our sale of work resulted in the sum of £9/3/10 being raised, £9 of which was handed over to Church Mission Funds. Members are very busy working for the Bring and Buy Stall to be held at the September meeting of the P.W.M.U., when the Bees shall conduct the meeting.

C. D. ROSS, Leader.

THE MEN'S CLUB.

Although many St. John's men have not yet associated themselves with the club's fellowship, a measure of success has been achieved in providing a common social meeting ground for the men of the congregation. During the year about 65 men of the Church have attended the monthly meetings at which attendances have averaged between 30 and 40, an improvement over last year.

Speakers have been of a high order, having contributed much to the value of the Club's activities. Greatly appreciated also has been the catering by those ladies who have prepared a hot meal for each meeting.

At the ladies evening in December, the Club endeavoured to show the men's appreciation of the Church work of all ladies of the congregation. It is hoped to repeat this happy occasion annually.

E. D. FICKLING, Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

INTRODUCTION: The year covered by this report has been marked by consolidation and steady progress. Membership is increasing only slowly, but a very encouraging sign is the fine spirit in the Class and the loyalty of its members.

LEADERSHIP: This year, leadership has been in the hands of Mr. J. R. Marshall, who has given us much from his wide experience and knowledge of Christian doctrine and work. The class has undoubtedly benefited from this able guidance.

MINISTER: Besides giving us an address on "The Approach to Communion", the Rev. Mr. Hughes has shown much appreciated interest in many other ways. We look with regret to his forthcoming retirement, and join in wishing him good health and God's blessing during his well earned rest.

THE CHURCH: In each half-yearly syllabus one Sunday has been set aside as "Office Bearers' Sunday", when we specially invite Office Bearers of St. John to meet with us and join in our discussion. The first of these Sundays was in March when several of the Office Bearers were present, their interest being much appreciated. While visitors are most welcome on any Sunday, we hope that such special will do something to link the Bible Class more closely with the Church.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish
Thou the work of our hands."

MEMBERSHIP: The average class attendance for the year was as follows:

	Members	Members & Visitors
1946/7	10.2	11.7
Previous year	8.8	10.7

The number on the roll at 30/6/47 was 15.

SUNDAY CLASS MEETING: As always, our Sunday afternoon meeting has been the centre of class activity. In our printed syllabus, compiled from members' suggestions, we have had a number of excellent papers read by class members. Alternating with these throughout the year we have studied the Gospel of St. John. Discussion on the papers and the Gospel is of a high standard. We have joined with other Classes in prayer meetings, rallies, and have taken part in very profitable exchanges of visits with other Classes including the Wesley Methodist Classes.

SOCIAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES: In conjunction with the Young Women's Classes we have conducted some very successful socials. Many outside classes (including other denominations) are usually invited, and the permission granted us by session to include dancing has assisted in making up attractive programmes. Monthly teas are a happy time of fellowship with the other Classes of St. Johns. Several of our members are members of St. Johns Men Club. Our members also play in St. Johns tennis and badminton clubs and run in the Presbyterian Harrier Club.

MISSIONS: The Class continues to exceed its quota by a good amount, this result being partly due to generous contributions from old boys of the Class.

LIBRARY: Members are constantly referring to the library for material for class papers. Additions have included a copy of Dr. Ian Fraser's book "Understandest Thou", presented by Mr. Malcolm Fraser.

CLASS INSTITUTE FUND: We thank Mr. W. J. Ferguson for his administration of this fund. The question of its future use is being kept under review.

CLASS MEMORIAL: As we have almost sufficient funds in hand it is proposed shortly to have made a suitably inscribed plaque which will be placed on the classroom wall as a permanent memorial of the members of the Class who gave their lives in the 2nd World War.

CAMPS: The annual class camp was reinstituted this year, being held near Titahi Bay where the majority of the members spent a very worthwhile weekend. Easter Camp was attended by 12 Seniors from St. Johns.

ROOMS: Our thanks are due to the Church Officer for his good care of our classrooms which are much used by Bible Class organisations and in this respect are giving good service to the B.C. movement.

FOOD PARCEL: The Class is sending a monthly food parcel to a St. Johns Congregation in Glasgow, Scotland.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS: We most sincerely thank other Church organisations, particularly the Young Women's Classes, for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

CONCLUSION: A great tradition has been built up by the hundreds of men who in the past 59 years have worshipped God,

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

studied His Word, and served Him in our Classes. With His guidance and help we who are carrying on will give our Church and Movement the faith and prayer and service that young men have always given and always will give through St. John's Young Men's Bible Class.

Lloyd Spackman, Honorary Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

In reviewing the work of the class for the year, one insistant challenge comes before us—that of the Forward Move of our Bible Class Movement. Few other classes have had the privilege ours has had, of having three of its members at the 1945-46 Regional Conference, which felt the call to revitalise the movement, and seven at the 1946-47 Dominion Conference at which the campaign was launched. As well, the class has had the privilege of having its leader entrusted with the responsibility of convening the Forward Move Steering Committee, drawn from all parts of New Zealand. In this way the class has been both informed and inspired from the earliest days of preparation.

Where privilege is great, there is great responsibility and with this in mind we look back critically on the year's work. We are thankful for the leadership, responsiveness, and consecration that have been evident, and where the utmost has not been attempted and achieved, we can only resolve to do better next year.

Following is the report of the year's work:

MEMBERSHIP—The roll has included thirty-eight names. Of these twenty are present members. During the year ten girls (nine of these Training College Students), returned to their homes, four left through marriage, one was released to become leader of another class, one was transferred to the supplementary roll, and two proved uninterested. New members include one from the Junior Class, six students, and five now living in Wellington.

The average attendance is thirteen, but it should be understood that the large number of our members who are students, etc., and away on holiday at least six, and sometimes thirteen Sundays, is a contributing factor.

SUBJECT—The interdenominational syllabus, compiled by the Y.P.N.C.C., formed the basis of our study, which was sometimes done in groups. On other occasions members took turn in presenting the subjects, which the leader summed up.

Last year the title of the syllabus was "The Church of Jesus Christ," and the studies gave the members much food for thought, and a new appreciation of the true nature and mission of the Church.

This year the title of the syllabus is "Faith and Conduct."

For the first half of the year our attention has been focussed on Faith, the studies dealing with the main doctrines of the Christian Church.

In all these subjects Bible study has formed an important part. Three Sundays was spent in the direct study of Philipians.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Hughes, and to have his help in interpreting the book of Revelation, on which some of our studies were based.

Sister Morgan, one Sunday, led the senior and intermediate classes in a study on Baptism.

"Be strong and of a good courage"

On the last Sunday departing Training College students were with us, we were privileged to have Miss Travens, Headmistress of Queen Margaret College, who gave a very practical and helpful talk on "The Christian Teacher."

Visual education replaced the study on temperance. Members found the film shown both interesting and convincing.

PRAYER—Class members continue to take turns to direct our thoughts and lead us in prayer, during that part of our opening which we call "Time of Quiet."

A monthly combined prayer meeting is held in the Y.M.B.C. classroom.

Some members were able to join in the weekly 8 a.m. prayer meetings for Forward Move, arranged by District Committee.

The class was very well represented at the Morning Watch service on the Union Day of Prayer, when St. John's again combined with Kelburn and St. Andrews. The combined classes of St. John's met together in the afternoon, when Mr. Hughes conducted the service, and Rev. G. A. D. Spence gave the address. Mr. Hughes gave a special evening address.

MISSIONS—In this year of increased commitments, through overseas inflation and the spirit of the Forward Move, an attempt has been made to increase the weekly contributions through the missions collections. The amount raised by direct giving was £28/8/3.

A parcel of Christmas Gifts was contributed to the District Committee parcel for Te Teko. The Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland, is Wellington's particular interest this year, but plans are now under way to give help there.

An excellent attendance by the class was recorded at the District Youth Rally to hear Rev. Jansen, who spoke on Christian Enterprise in China. Classes also had the good fortune to meet Miss Frances Ogilvie at their combined tea, before her return to China.

Miss Millar, one of our Life Members, continues to provide the class with "The Harvest Field," for which we thank her.

CLASS EXTENSION—The amount in this fund is £149/14/9.

JUBILEE GIFT FUND—No further progress has been made with this matter.

ORPHANAGE AND SOCIAL SERVICE—The two little girls whom the class has 'adopted' are now aged 7 and 8. At the end of the year they were taken to see Father Christmas, had refreshments, and bought little gifts. Since then we have helped them celebrate their birthdays with birthday cakes, a visit to the Zoo, and a games evening at the Home.

A pair of pyjamas and an apron have been made for the Orphanage and members sold St. Andrew's Day concert tickets, and orphanage calendars.

The usual £5 was sent for the upkeep of the "John Boal cot."

We met for two evenings to knit and sew for CORSO, and a parcel of warm underclothing was contributed. Members also offered their services for the house to house collection in Wellington.

INTER-CLASS VISITATION—The annual exchange of visits with the Wesley Methodist classes has been carried on, to the gratification of all concerned.

"God is love."

Under the District Committee Visitation Scheme to foster fellowship in our own movement, we visited Seatoun and received a visitation from Johnsonville.

SUMMER CONFERENCE—Was attended by seven members. An early opportunity was given to share the inspiration gained, with members of the congregation, when two members assisted by a Y.M.B.C. member, helped to conduct the morning church service, and spoke on different aspects of Conference and Bible Class work.

EASTER CAMP—There were nine members present at Otaki Easter Camp, as well as two who are on the supplementary roll. One member attended camp at Featherston.

CAMP SITE FUND—St. John's classes have been given a quota of £630 out of the preliminary £5000 required by the Y.M. and Y.W. District Committees for permanent camp sites. An objective of ten per cent. before November 15th has been set, and some of this was raised in the combined effort of a picture evening at which home-made sweets were sold. A small amount was collected from the refund of fines, which provided some of the fun at Easter Camp. Members have undertaken work, spontaneously offered by members of the congregation to earn further money, while the plans for other efforts are in hand. The class has been responsible for raising £13/10/-.

SOCIAL—Monthly Sunday teas, which foster a wider fellowship between classes, are the most popular social functions. Guest speakers have been Miss Ogilvie (China), Mr. Blake (a trip to U.K. and U.S.A.), Mr. S. Morgan (Music), Miss B. Rose (Forward Move), Rev. A. Huston (Forward Move), Sister Kathleen Every (Aspects of B.C. work seen in Australia), Sister Helen Arndt (The Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland); opportunity was taken also to show a Temperance film, and one on Christchurch Regional Conference.

In conjunction with the Y.M.B.C. three socials have been held, and to these outside classes were invited.

In addition two parties were held for members who were leaving to be married.

SPORT—The Tennis Club had a very happy season, and the Badminton Club is fast returning to its pre-war strength. The facilities for these sports continue to be of inestimable value to the fellowship in and between classes.

THE CLASS AND THE MOVEMENT—The class is regularly represented at District Committee and has taken its share in various sub-committees, as well as assisted in a practical way at district functions.

Three members visited suburban churches on behalf of district committee to explain and publicise personally, the plans of the Forward Move.

The class subscribes to the youth number of the Outlook, and distributes twelve copies to members and past members.

THE CLASS AND THE CONGREGATION—Members do not look upon attendance at Class as a substitute for the attendance at the Church services. All but one are communicant members.

There are four members in the Choir, and five teach in the Sunday School. The class also co-operates in the Sunday School Promotion Service.

The class takes its turn in organising the monthly after-church

"Walk as children of light."

suppers, and was jointly responsible with the Y.M.B.C. for organising a very successful congregational social in honour of St. John's returned servicemen.

A small regular contribution is made towards the salary of our Deaconess.

APPRECIATION—Throughout the year we have received very sympathetic and active help from Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, and we thank them for this and their ready availability.

The class appreciates the continuing interest and financial help given by Life Members and Past Members. This evidence of undying class spirit, is a great challenge to us.

Mr. Thompson continues to be a most good natured and thoroughly reliable helper, and we are grateful to him for all he does for us. A very great measure of the enjoyment and profit gained in our contact with other classes was due to their spirit of co-operation, as well as their initiative. We thank their leaders, committee and members very much.

We thank too, Mr. Leo Milne, for auditing the books for the current year.

Special mention must be made of two members who tendered their resignations during the year. These were Mrs. Crawford (Jean Marshall), and Mrs. Danby (Ngairie McKenzie). In their long association with our Classes, both Junior and Senior, they were invaluable members, always giving their utmost loyalty and sparing no effort in their accomplishment of what they undertook. Our thanks and best wishes go to them.

It was very regretfully at the beginning of 1947, that we felt bound to release our sub-leader, Miss Molly McKenzie, to lead the junior class. Molly had been a very sincere, very staunch and very active member for eight years, the latter two of which she held the position of sub-leader. Her spiritual insight, her talent, her great energy and her happy facility in making friends, made a big contribution to the success and worth of the class. We thank her very much for all she did and our every good wish goes with her to her new sphere of service.

TO OUR LEADER, MISS PEARL BRODIE—We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. In spite of innumerable calls on her time and energy, her class leadership is absolutely consistent with the confidence placed in her by the movement as a whole. We thank her for all the thought she puts into class, and the real interest and understanding with which she regards each one of us, in every aspect of our lives. We offer her again our loyalty and co-operation.

ZOE MARTIN, Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The class is pleased to record the following activities relating to the past year, and to express gratitude to all who have assisted it and in any way shown an interest in it during the year.

PRESIDENT—The Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, as class President, has continued his interest in the class, and for his assistance we are grateful.

LEADERSHIP—Mr. E. D. Pickling continued in the leadership of the class up till the vacation in December, 1946, from which date

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

he retired. The class is grateful to him for the way in which he kept it going and built it up during a very difficult period of years at no small cost to himself. Since the beginning of 1947 the class leader has been Mr. E. Smith of the Senior Young Men's Class.

MEMBERSHIP—At the beginning of the class year the membership was 11. During the year 4 of the Sunday School pupils were promoted to the class and 2 more Firth House boys became members. One boy joined the class from outside towards the end of the year. 3 members left during the year. This made the class membership 15 at 30th June, 1947. The average attendance over the year was 6.9 as compared with 7.3 the previous year.

HOUR OF MEETING—The official starting time for the class meeting is 9.45 on Sunday morning, but it is disappointing to record that class members do not always arrive on time. When, through lack of numbers, the class does not commence until after 10 o'clock, it means that the time for the study is seriously reduced and that the meeting is consequently more or less rushed. Actually, there is no excuse for late coming, and it is hoped that in the future the loyalty of the members to the leader and the class will ensure that they arrive punctually for the meeting.

As has been the practice in the past, the class meets at 3 p.m. on the first Sunday each month after which the combined monthly Prayer Meeting and tea are attended.

DISCUSSION—Studies have been taken, up till December, 1946, from the 1946 Junior Syllabus, and from the beginning of 1947, from the 1947 Junior/Intermediate Syllabus. The studies have been good and discussion on the whole is satisfactory. Assignments are taken each week and although as a rule a lot of preparation is not put into them, the members generally have something to say on the particular matters raised by their questions. The preparing of the study during the week is also a matter which, unfortunately, is neglected by a large proportion of the members, and is one in which greater care would be of all round benefit.

The class has been represented at special meetings and services held from time to time during the year, and the members who have attended have benefited from them. Under the District Committee visitation scheme, in the latter quarter of 1946 we visited with the other classes the Seatoun classes and received a visit from Johnsonville, both of which were very worthwhile.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE—Usually about half of the class members attend the morning service each Sunday. At present one member is on the church roll.

MISSIONS—Unfortunately, due to the change in the leadership, the matter of missions failed to receive its full recognition this year, and an amount of £1/10/- only of our quota of £6 has been raised. In the coming year it is intended to attempt the use of a system of regular donations by class members on a monthly basis. In this way we hope to more successfully fulfill our missions obligations.

ATHLETICS—Although a team was entered by the Senior Class last year, our class did not enter in the District Indoor Sports. A strong team consisting mainly of members of our class was entered in the 1947 District Athletic Sports and due to the excellent performances put up by our members St. John's came a close second to

Kelburn. This winter two class members ran with the Presbyterian Harrier Club.

ST. JOHN'S Y.M. CLASS CAMP—Four of our class attended the first of the annual class camps to be held since the war-time recess and found the weekend at the seaside a really worthwhile experience in every way.

EASTER CAMP—At the first camp held on the Wellington District's new Permanent Camp Site at Ngatiawa four members of the class were present and enjoyed to the full the four days of fun, fellowship, service and study.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES—Class members have supported the various socials, monthly teas and other functions held during the year in conjunction with the other classes of St. John's and the District whose fellowship we gratefully acknowledge.

ROOMS—Due to the fact that the choir use our former class room, the "Manager's Room," the class now meets on Sunday morning in the Senior Y.M. Class Room. We desire to thank the Senior class for the use of their room. On the first Sunday each month when class is held in the afternoon we revert to our old haunts in the church.

CONCLUSION—On reviewing the past year it can safely be said that the class is fairly well consolidated. Members on the whole are definitely interested, although there is room for a greater degree of loyalty, for a willingness to make an effort and, if need be, a sacrifice for the sake of the class. The movement of which we are a part is now engaged in a Forward Move—a personal dedication of the life of each Bible Class member to the service of Jesus Christ. We pray that as we commence a new year this class may be guided by the Spirit of Christ to play its full part in this campaign for consecrated discipleship and that we may move forward in our individual Christian living and live our lives to the glory of God.

E. SMITH, Leader.

ST. JOHN'S INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS.

ANNUAL REPORT, July 1st 1946—June 30th, 1947.

We began the year as a Junior Bible Class, later in November five Intermediate Sunday School girls were promoted to Bible Class and joined our ranks, making our members number to 17. This was considered too wide an age group, consequently an Intermediate Bible Class was formed under the leadership of our former leader, Sister Morgan.

MEMBERSHIP—Our intermediate membership stands at 11, of whom 7 are Church members.

For our studies we use the Union Syllabus for Junior and Intermediate Classes. Members are allotted assignments and take part in class discussion. We also have direct Bible Study from the Book of Acts.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES—The Junior Bible Class entertained the combined St. John's Bible Classes at a Social which proved quite successful. Early in 1947 the Junior and Intermediate classes were entertained at a Social Evening at the Deaconess' flat.

On March 22nd, the combined St. John's Bible Classes picnic was held at Maoribank, a good representation of the Intermediates

attended. On Anzac Day we held a Retreat at Karehama Bay, our host and hostess being Mr. and Mrs. Glover (Senr.). We extend our thanks to them for their hospitality. Our class spent a very happy day at Titahi Bay during the May holidays. Also during the holidays we held a very pleasant Social Evening which resulted in a further 10/- towards our Mission funds, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Marama Crescent.

FINANCE—The financial effort of our class shows a marked increase on last year's, this has been helped considerably by the weekly penny Mission collection over and above our ordinary offering. Our Missionary work has been stimulated and strengthened by our enthusiastic joint Mission Conveners, Prudence Corkill and Jean Harvie. It is with a feeling of thankfulness that we report a year of happy and successful fellowship, study and work.

MISS MARY FAWCETT, Secretary.

JUNIOR GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS.

With Miss Molly McKenzie as Leader, five of us, who were promoted from the Sunday School last November, have formed the Junior Girls' Bible Class of St. John's Church. We have been studying the Junior Syllabus of the Bible Class Union, aiding our Leader by preparing assignments. We have joined with the other classes in social activities, and in the raising of funds to support our "Own Workers" on the Mission Field. We have raised the sum of £2/10/- since February of this year, for this purpose.

MOLLIE MCKENZIE, Leader.

WELLINGTON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND RHODES HOSTEL.

At the beginning of 1947 Mr. K. J. Watson arrived in Wellington to take over the duties of General Secretary of the Wellington Boys' Institute.

Mr. Watson was a Presbyterian Minister at Normanby, Taranaki, from 1933 to 1936, and at Whakatane from 1936 to 1940, and at both these places he had a fine record of service with special success among young people. His Presbytery made him Convener of its Youth Committee.

In his twenties he was leader of St. Ninian's Bible Class, Christchurch; a Canterbury University College Rugby Blue and at Knox College President of the Students' Union.

He offered his services as a Chaplain at the beginning of the war and left with the Third Echelon. He was one of the outstanding Chaplains in the 2nd N.Z.E.F. On his arrival in Egypt he was posted to the 24th Battalion and served with this unit until his capture at Sidi Resegh in November, 1941. Mr. Watson represented his battalion overseas in football and cricket, and was manager of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. Athletic Team that competed in Cairo in 1941. He was also a well known Rugby referee and selector. For conspicuous service he was mentioned in despatches. During his period of captivity Mr. Watson was in camps in Italy and Germany and was released in May, 1945. He brought all his energy to the task of keeping up the morale of his fellow prisoners. He won the respect and affection of both officers and men.

Mr. A. J. Inglis died last April leaving his well known "Kirk" property of 1100 acres to the Boys' Institute, subject to the life interest of his widow. Mr. Inglis was a man of sterling character, and possessed outstanding farming ability. He developed the

"Let the word of Christ dwell on you richly."

"Kirk" property into what is now considered to be a model farm. Because of the many thousands of shelter and ornamental trees planted by Mr. Inglis, it is one of the most attractive properties in Hawke's Bay.

A U-shaped building, containing 5000 sq. ft. is in the course of erection at the Institute's permanent camp site near Waikanae. Included in the building is a large dining and recreation hall, kitchen, staff rooms and sleeping accommodation for over 100.

Mrs. Gladstone Hughes was unable to accept the Presidency of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the incoming year, so her place was taken by Mrs. W. I. McCallum, of St. Andrew's Church.

The Institute is taking its work out into the suburbs and valuable contacts are being made through a number of schools.

Much money is required to maintain the Hostel and the various activities of the Institute, and more voluntary helpers are needed to assist in carrying on this progressive and expanding work among youth.

VISITING MINISTERS, 1946-47.

The following Ministers of our own and sister churches conducted services during the year. The Misses Cable and French, the famous pioneer Missionaries; Rev. Wm. Ryburn, India; Rev. S. J. G. Andrews; Rev. John D. Growtt, Rev. W. G. Sullivan, S.C.M., Chaplain, Victoria College; Rev. C. E. Perkins; Rev. R. F. Chisholm, Secretary B. and F.B. Society; Rev. G. A. J. Spence; Rev. W. Greenslade; Rev. A. D. Horwell, Asst. Director of Missions; Mr. W. Rainey, B. and F.B. Society, Sydney.

SPECIAL SERVICES, 1946-47.

Holy Days:—Services were held on Christmas Day, 1946, and Good Friday, 1947.

IN MEMORIAM.

MISS WILLIAMS
MISS J. GIBB
MISS SAMSON
MRS. MORTON
MR. FOOTE
MRS. HAMBER
MISS ALICE CHAPPELL

"Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid."

REPORT OF SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE.

	1946-47	1945-46
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income	122 1 6	118 0 0
Arrears	3 10 0	7 5 0
Paid Advance	3 10 0	7 7 6
Seat Holders	57	56
= Seats left	119	121

P. H. ANDERSON, Convener.

Statement giving particulars of payments towards Budget Assessment of £665 for the year ended 30th June, 1947.

	£ s. d.
Thank Offering Appeal	239 18 7
St. John's Women's Association	200 0 0
Senior Y.M.B.C.	30 0 0
Junior Y.M.B.C.	2 10 0
Senior Y.W.B.C.	28 8 3
Intermediate Y.W.B.C.	6 0 0
Junior Y.W.B.C.	2 10 0
St. John's Sunday School	20 0 0
St. John's Busy Bees	9 0 0
St. John's Friendly Circle	13 15 0
Good Friday Offering	3 12 3
Retiring Collections—	
Home and Maori Missions	16 0 1
Foreign Missions	15 3 3
Theological Hall	13 0 11
June Communion	16 15 9
Donations—	
Sunday	4 7 6
Maori Missions	10 0
Baptismal and Funeral	10 8 0
Legacy—Mrs. M. S. Atkins, for Foreign Missions	25 0 0
Transfer from Benevolent and Missions Fund	8 0 5
Total amount paid to General Treasurer	665 0 0

SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNTS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 30th June, 1946—				Payments—			
Endowment Fund	4845	18	7	Benevolent Fund—			
Benevolent Fund	209	2	3	St. John's Deaconess	2	0	0
Benevolent and Missions				St. John's Deaconess Guarantee			
Fund	56	16	5	Fund Transfer to General			
Crockery Replacement Fund	51	2	7	Account	189	6	0
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.—				Benevolent and Missions Fund—			
Deposit with Church Office	804	4	0	Payment towards Budget			
Shares in Metropolitan				Assessments 1946-47	8	0	5
Building Society	328	7	4				199 6 5
Hymn Book Replacement				Balances, 30th June, 1947—			
Account	118	10	10	Endowment Fund	5019	4	6
St. John's Church Rebuilding				Benevolent Fund	213	5	0
Fund	91	0	11	Benevolent and Missions Fund	80	16	9
St. John's Deaconess Guarante				Crockery Replacement Fund ..	52	11	4
tee Fund	144	18	7	Provision for Periodic Re-			
Old Manse Trust Fund	500	0	0	painting, etc.—			
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0	Deposit with Church Office	826	16	4
			7340 1 6	Shares in Metropolitan			
Income—				Building Society	441	19	1
Interest (Net)—				Hymn Book Replacement			
Endowment Fund	173	5	11	Discount	133	10	6
Benevolent Fund	6	2	9	St. John's Church Rebuilding			
Benevolent and Missions Fund	1	11	10	Fund	110	18	5
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	8	9	St. John's Soldiers'			
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.—				Memorial Fund	28	7	9
Deposit with Church Office	22	12	4	St. John's Hostel Fund	1344	12	3
Shares in Metropolitan			22	Old Manse Trust Fund	500	0	0
Building Society	23	11	9	Interest in E. J. Lockie			
Hymn Book Replacement				Estate	190	0	0
Account	2	19	8				8942 1 11

St. John's Church Re-			
building Fund	2	11	2
St. John's Deaconess Guarante			
tee Fund	7	17	5
			242 1 7
Receipts—			
Benevolent and Missions			
Fund	30	8	11
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.—			
Shares in Metropolitan Build-			
ing Society	90	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement			
Account	12	0	0
St. John's Church Rebuilding			
Fund	17	6	4
St. John's Deaconess Guarantee			
Fund	36	10	0
St. John's Soldiers'			
Memorial Fund	28	7	9
St. John's Hostel Fund	1344	12	3
			1559 5 3
			£9141 8 4

£9141 8 4

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 30th June, 1947.
Wellington,
1st September, 1947.

L. LAMBIE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
For Church Purposes—							
Plate Collections	885	17	10				
Envelope System	472	19	7				
Seat Rents	120	11	9				
				1479	9	2	
Donations to upkeep of							
Schoolroom				44	1	0	
Sundry Donations and Miscel-							
laneous Receipts				12	18	0	
Organ Fees				16	16	0	
Interest				14	1	3	
Sustentation Fund Contributions				22	17	0	
Refund from Deaconess							
Guarantee Fund				189	6	0	
Young Worshippers League							
Prize Fund Donations				2	0	0	
Sunday School 93rd Anni-							
versary Offering				32	4	1	
Part Special Appeal,							
June, 1947				125	4	5	
				£1938	16	11	
For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—							
Part Special Appeal,							
June, 1947	239	18	7				
Donations—Sundry	4	7	6				
" Maori Missions	10		0				
" Baptismal and							
Funeral	10	8	0				
Good Friday Offering	3	12	3				
Retiring Collections—							
Home and Maori	16	0	1				

PAYMENTS.			
For Church Purposes—			
Rev. P. G. Hughes—Stipend and Car Allowance	700	0	0
Mr. John Thompson—Church Officer	184	10	0
Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt—Organist	125	0	0
Sister N. Morgan—Deaconess	198	9	0
Sister N. Morgan—Travelling etc., Exes.	13	12	0
Pulpit and Organ Supply	40	4	0
Light, Heat and Power	76	11	10
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	70	14	5
Postages	53	11	0
Provision Periodic Repainting, etc.	90	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Trust A/c.	12	0	0
General repairs—Church Buildings and Manse	62	4	1
Tuning and Maintenance of Organ	15	15	0
Rates—Manse and Cottage	50	1	0
Telephones—Manse, Church Officer and Deaconess	28	10	3
Beneficiary Funds Assessments	40	0	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	5	8	0
General Assembly Expenses Assessment	24	0	0
Insurance—Fire	89	6	2
Earthquake and War Damage	24	16	0
Accidents and Sickness	5	6	4
St. John's Messenger	13	10	0
Donations	11	0	0
Communion Wine	3	10	0
Young Worshippers League Prizes	4	12	0
Sundry Expenses	14	1	9
Sunday School 93rd Anniversary Offering	22	4	1
z			
£1938 16 11			

Foreign	15	3	3			
Theological Hall	13	0	11			
June Communion	16	15	9			
Legacy, Miss M. S. Atkins	25	0	0			
Friendly Circle	13	15	0			
Busy Bees	9	0	0			
Women's Association	200	0	0			
				567	11	4
Maintenance of Ministry						
Fund	24	4	6			
Boy's Institute Appeal	20	1	2			
N.Z. Alliance	12	2	0			
Servicemen in Training for						
Ministry Fund	22	9	0			
C.O.R.S.O.	2	10	0			
National Council of Churches						
re Ohio Home	10	1	6			
Food for Britain Donations	40	2	9			
Presbyterian Orphanages	48	9	1			
				180	0	0
Amount held 30th June, 1946,						
on account of Boys' Institute						
Appeal				79	18	10
				£2766	7	1

For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—			
Contribution towards Budget Assessment			
1946-47	567	11	4
Other Purposes	259	18	10
Balance in Ordinary Account 30/6/47—			
Nil Balance.			

£2766 7 1

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR (A) BASEMENT FURNISHINGS. (B) EXTENSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.
(C) ULTIMATE REDUCTION OF OVERDRAFT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance 30th June, 1946	£87 9 0	Balance 30th June, 1947	£87 9 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 above Statement of Receipts and Payments and Basement Furnishings Account correctly set out the position for the year ended 30th June, 1947.

Wellington,
1st September, 1947.

L. LAMBIE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
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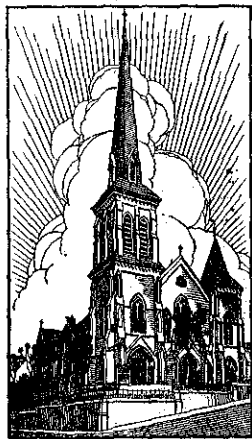
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Ninety-Fifth Report



To be presented at Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 1st September, 1948
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from 1st JULY, 1947 to
30th JUNE, 1948

HISTORICAL NOTES

Presbyterian Services Inaugurated	1839
Wellington Surveyed	1840
Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in 'Athenaeum'	6th Nov., 1853
Rev. John Moir inducted	6th Nov., 1853
Arrived in Wellington on Nov. 3rd, 1853, in the "John Taylor"	
Preached 1st Sermon in Athenaeum, Nov. 6th, 1853.	
In the Congregational Chapel in Woodward St., on 17th Nov. 1853, he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgton.	
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. Robert Hopkirk	1879
Manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Church Praise introduced	1884
New Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School Building, Dixon Street, opened	Nov., 1884
Foundation Stone present Church, laid by Sir James Prendergast, Chief Justice of New Zealand	14th May, 1885
Present Church opened (accommodate 900)	6th Dec., 1885
Organ installed in Church	1886
The Bible Class Movement, now so generally established in connection with the various denominations throughout New Zealand had its origin in the Class formed by Mr. Geo. A. Troup in connection with St. John's	1888
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension of Sunday School Buildings in Macdonald Crescent	1902
Rev. James Paterson retired	1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted	12th Aug., 1903
Services instituted at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith (now Calvin Church)	1904
Individual Communion Cups first used	1904
New Church Praise adopted	1910
St. John's Memorial Hostel opened	1919
Memorial Window to soldiers who fell in the Great War, 1914-18, unveiled	1920
Memorial Window in memory of Hon. J. G. W. Aitken unveiled	1922
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., retired	1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted	17th Mar., 1927
Present Manse erected McKenzie Terrace	1928
Young Men's Bible Class Social Parlour opened	14th Dec., 1931
Mural Brass Tablets to Revs. J. Moir, J. Paterson, Dr. J. Gibb and Mr. M. D. Menelaus. New Oak Communion Table. Memorial Chairs to Messrs. M. D. Menelaus, A. Hopkirk and W. Allan	1935
Church Hymnary adopted	1937
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	5th Dec., 1937
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—
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., inducted	May, 1940
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	21st Nov., 1940
Choir Gowned	Oct., 1942
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	26th Nov., 1944
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	1945
	Oct., 1947

FOREWORD

The presentation of the Ninety-fifth Report of St. John's, Wellington, is a matter of much moment in the life of the congregation.

This has been one of the important years in the long history of the Church—a year of change and decision and, at the same time, one of steady, faithful work and witness.

The reports which follow tell the story of the Church at work. The story deserves to be carefully and prayerfully read by all members and adherents of the Church. It tells of much devotion and generosity, of a deepening fellowship and of eager hope and anticipation as the Congregation faces the future.

It was with deep regret that the Congregation accepted the resignation of the Rev. Gladstone Hughes. The feelings of the people towards Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were expressed in no uncertain terms. The years of Mr. Hughes' ministry have been difficult years, in which he had given his full strength to the work of the Church in the Pulpit and the Pastorate, and in the wider work of the City and the Church. But this was a year of decision as well as change. The Congregation made up its mind quickly to send a Call to the Rev. William Temple, M.A., B.D., of the Barclay Church, Edinburgh, who had been warmly commended to us by one of the best friends our New Zealand Church ever had, the Rev. Tulloch Yuille, now of St. Andrew's, Edinburgh. Everything seemed to point to William Temple as the new Minister of St. John's. The Call was accepted, and Mr. and Mrs. Temple and their two children expect to reach Wellington by the end of October. I pass on to you two messages received from Edinburgh recently. The Presbytery of Edinburgh sent the following word:—

"We part from Mr. Temple with great regret, but we send him forth to his new Ministry in New Zealand with our fervent prayers that he will be strengthened to devote his great gifts of mind and heart in the service of the Church overseas, and that highest success will attend his labours in New Zealand."

The other is a more personal message from the Very Rev. Dr. White Anderson, who wrote as follows:—

"It is a big step Mr. Temple is taking—a great venture of faith. He is going out not knowing whither, only alive by faith to God's calling of him, through your call to him. You won't disappoint, I am sure. It will be lonely for him and his wife. They will need friends. He comes to you because the Lord sends him. Your people will show a like response on the highest level of Christ-like love and loyalty. May the Lord bless you all in this new Ministry."

So there you have the Divine blessing invoked by the ex-Moderator of the Church of Scotland, who is a personal friend of our Minister-elect.

This Call places a heavy responsibility on the people of St. John's. I feel they will shoulder it and play their proper part in what I firmly believe will, under God, be a very gracious Ministry to St. John's, our New Zealand Church, and to the City of Wellington. Our eager anticipation, our prayers, our fidelity to the terms of the Call, our faith in the future of the Church, our warm fellowship, and our zeal for the Kingdom—these will condition the Ministry which is soon to begin. The people of St. John's will not fail here. Too much is at stake.

There is no space to write more. I would like, as your Interim-Moderator, just in a word, to say "thank you" to the Very Rev. Purves Boyes for his inspiring Ministry early in the year, and to the Rev. Lawrence Rogers, who has been filling the pulpit in recent weeks with very great acceptance, and also going the second mile in pastoral work at the hospital and among the sick and aged. It is very heartening to hear that the

attendances at worship have been so well maintained throughout the vacancy, and that, altogether, the Congregation is in good heart. This we owe largely to Mr. Purves Boyes and Mr. Rogers, to whom I would record our appreciation and thanks.

This has been a year of change and decision. The decision has been God-guided. If we are faithful, the future of the Church is as sure as the promises of god.

J. G. S. DUNN, Interim-Moderator.

"Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams:
In those days will I pour out my Spirit."

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The Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, C.2. Telephone 46-492

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REV. J. G. S. DUNN, M.A.

REV. DR. GEORGE H. McNEUR (Canton),
Retired Missionary.

THE VERY REV. J. H. MacKENZIE
(Retired Clerk of Assembly).

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	Inducted
Howitt, Ad., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay, E.3.	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	
Smith, A. P., Birch Hill, Silverstream	1913
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Terrace, 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
Blake, L. R., 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. L., "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., 12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Orr, J. A., 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, Roseneath	1941
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Ritchie, D., 22 Flers Street, Karori, W.3.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 81 Hutt Road	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, E.1.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
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KIRK SESSION

Session gives thanks to Almighty God our Father for His continued goodness and mercy, and for the evidence of His grace and favour to us as a congregation.

The loyalty and devotion, as portrayed in the extracts from the reports of the various organisations, the fine spirit in which the office-bearers and congregation have faced up to the many calls; the big-heartedness of members and friends, have been characteristically evident during the past year.

Attendance at public worship has been well maintained at both morning and evening services.

We have been very fortunate in our Interim Moderators and the Minsters who have preached. The Rev. W. C. Comber was appointed by the Wellington Presbytery as Interim Moderator, but after a very short period he was invited to preach in Scots Church, Melbourne, Australia; the appointment then fell on the shoulders of the Rev. J. G. S. Dunn. The Session desires to place on record its wholehearted appreciation and thanks for his untiring efforts in the interests of St. John's. We were privileged to have, for a period of two months, the services of the Very Rev. W. Purves Boyes, ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, who was visiting New Zealand as a delegate to the Otago Centenary celebrations. He soon made a warm place for himself in the hearts of the people. His service was highly appreciated by every member of the congregation.

On October 16th the members of the congregation and their friends met to pay tribute to the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, on his retirement from the ministry, after seven years of faithful service to St. John's. The well-filled hall and the many messages of goodwill combined to express the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were held by the people of St. John's and his friends in the city and sister Churches. Session has already on record its high appreciation of the service rendered to St. John's during his ministry, and our heartfelt prayer is that God's blessing may ever rest on him and Mrs. Hughes, and that he may be long spared to enjoy his well-earned rest in the pleasant surroundings of Stokes Valley.

Sister Morgan.—We would be singularly lacking in gratitude if we failed to record our appreciation and thanks to her for her devoted work amongst the people of the congregation. During her short stay with us, she endeared herself to all with whom she came into contact. Her visits to the sick and aged folk were always welcome, her sympathy and cheering words brought relief and joy into many homes; indeed, in almost every organisation of the Church, Sister Morgan took more than her fair share of the work. She has returned to her mission work amongst the Maori people, and we are sure that the prayers of the congregation are that God's blessing will follow her in her work.

Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. G. H. McNeur.—His large circle of friends in St. John's and elsewhere join in congratulating him on the honour bestowed upon him by the University of Aberdeen. Dr. McNeur was our pioneer missionary in China, and was professor at the Canton Union Theological Seminary. We pray that he and Mrs. McNeur will be granted many years of happiness to enjoy the high honour.

Session.—During the year, Session suffered the loss of two members, one by death and one by resignation.

It pleased God to call to the service of the Church triumphant one of our valued brethren, Mr. Archie Purdie. The Session has expressed its appreciation of his sterling character and of the faithful service he rendered to the Church he loved, especially the keen personal interest he took in the members of his district. To Mrs. Purdie and family we tender our deepest sympathy.

Session Roll now stands at 26.

Communion Roll.—The effective roll on June 30th, 1948, was 459. Admissions during the year:—By profession of faith, 11; by certificate, 25; total, 36.

Removals by disjunctions, deaths, and purge of roll, 70.

Communion Services.—Attendance at Holy Communion: October, 1947, 395; December, 1947, 343; March, 1948, 403; June, 1948, 340. The average attendance at Holy Communion was 370.2.

Fifteen meetings of Session was held during the year, with an average attendance of 16.6.

The warm thanks of Session and congregation are due to Miss H. D. Clyde, the Editor of "The Messenger," and the greatest compliment that can be paid to her is the demand for extra copies, which are sent to old friends of St. John's. Many thanks, Miss Clyde.

The Session would also express its grateful appreciation of the willing co-operation of all who assist voluntarily in the work and worship of the congregation; the Superintendent and Teachers in the Sunday School; Leaders of the Bible Classes; Women's Missionary Associations; Organist and members of the Choir; Busy Bees; Friendly Circle; Conveners of the various committees; to those who provide floral decorations for the Sabbath services; to Mr. Thompson, our Church Officer, and Mrs. Thompson; and to many others who, by their faithful and devoted service, have demonstrated their faith in God.

Those who have been bereaved, and all who have suffered and are suffering, Session commends to the tender care of Him Who said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

While we thank God for past mercies and blessings, we look forward to the coming year, confident that He will guide us as He has done in the past.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the Annual Meeting, held on 25th September, 1947, the following Managers, who retired after the usual term of three years, were re-elected: Messrs. N. R. Brown, D. Fowler, J. H. Long, J. R. Marshall, J. McGill, S. N. Reyburn, G. H. Scott and J. C. Smith. The following additional Managers were elected:—Messrs. W. Pryor, Neil Scott, W. McCulloch and G. M. Ross. There are now twenty-three members on the Board.

During the year, the Board has given a good deal of attention to matters relating to the Church property. A new switchboard for the electric power has been installed, the water pump for the organ has been made serviceable in the event of a power failure, the large ventilators have been removed from the Church roof and necessary plumbing repairs carried out, and the stained-glass windows have received attention.

While the complete repainting of the Church buildings has been delayed until suitable materials are available, the Church Officer and a member of the Board have undertaken the repainting of several of the classrooms in the Sunday School building, and another member of the Board has spent a good deal of time on redecorating the interior of portion of the manse. A member of the Board has also made himself responsible for the cost of repainting the Sunday School hall, and this work is proceeding. Members are advised also that steps are being taken to replace the carpet runner in the Church aisles and the carpet on the Church platform.

On 1st September last a commission of Presbytery visited the Church and met the Board of Managers. Replies to the usual questions were considered and regarded as satisfactory. Later the "finding" of the Presbytery was read to the congregation.

To enable food parcels to be sent overseas, a special collection is taken up on the first Sunday of each month, except during the month the Communion service is held, when the collection is taken up at this service. A special committee arranges to have parcels sent to individual addresses.

At the meeting of the Congregation which decided to send a call to the Rev. William P. Temple, a special committee was set up to raise funds to cover the cost of transporting him and his family from Edinburgh and certain other possible expenses. It is gratifying to note that by 30th June the sum of £878 was in hand and since this date the sum of £1,000 aimed at has been secured.

Attendance.—There was a slight fall in the average attendance at services during the past year. The daily average was 336, compared with 342 for the previous year. It was noticeable, however, that whereas there was an increase in the evening attendance, the fall in the morning attendance more than offset this gain.

Finance.—The ordinary revenues were insufficient to meet the current expenditure for the year to the extent of £254 6s. 11d., and the ordinary account was overdrawn to this extent at the end of the year. It was necessary to completely rebuild the main switchboard in the Church, at a cost of £110, to remove a potential fire hazard. Extensive plumbing repairs to the Church and adjoining buildings amounted to £99, while expenditure was incurred in purchasing paint to renovate rooms used by the Sunday School.

While the Budget Assessment of £749 was met in full, it must be pointed out that two legacies of £100 and £280, left to St. John's for Missions, provided just over half of our assessment. For the coming year our assessment is slightly less, being £740.

For many years it has been the custom to make a special appeal for funds to balance our accounts. This year, an appeal for this purpose has been deferred, as, at the end of June, funds were being raised to meet the expenses of bringing our new minister, Rev. William P. Temple, and his family from Edinburgh to Wellington. Consideration will be given at an early date to raising an amount sufficient to clear our overdraft in the ordinary account.

A statement will be found on another page showing the probable calls on the funds of St. John's for the new financial year.

THE CHOIR

Roll and Attendance.—The roll now stands at 21 active members, with eight sopranos, nine altos, one tenor and three basses. In addition, there are four associate members. This shows an increase in membership of three over last year. The average attendance for the weekly practice was 14, for the morning service eight, and for the evening service 16. The morning service attendance is still affected by the fact that several of our women members are on the Sunday School staff.

Choral Work.—During the year 34 anthems were sung. In addition, solos were rendered by Misses Jean Curtis, Jeanne Thompson, Mollie McKenzie, Mrs. Evelyn Haggitt and Messrs. Callaghan (a visitor from Australia), Jack Thompson and L. Assheton Harbord.

Towards the end of last year the choir gallery was occupied by pupils of Scots College and at both services on the 16th November by the Bible Classes taking part in the Sunday School Anniversary.

Social Events.—A presentation was made to Miss Dulcie Lees and Mr. Douglas Ward at a social evening held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Haggitt at Brooklyn.

On 16th October last a congregational social was held to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes on their retirement. The choir contributed two items to a much-enjoyed musical programme.

An after practice supper was held on 29th January to bid farewell to Miss Mollie McKenzie on the eve of her departure for England. A small gift was presented by Mr. Haggitt.

A farewell social was given to Sister Nessie Morgan and the Rev. Purves Boyes on the 15th April last. The choir provided the musical programme, soloists being Misses Jean Curtis, Jeanne Thompson, Tui McLeod, Mrs. Evelyn Haggitt and Mr. L. Assheton Harbord. At the conclusion of the evening the choir, with Sister Morgan as soloist, sang to Mr. Boyes the Maori farewell song, "Now is the Hour."

Thanks.—We again thank our Organist and Choirmaster for his efforts in training us for leading the service of Praise each Sunday.

We also thank the Session Clerk, Mr. Alex Martin and Mr. Haggitt for further gifts of anthems.

L. ASSHETON HARBOARD, Hon. Secy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we review the year's work in the Sunday School we find not a little to encourage and inspire us for the days ahead. The school has continued to grow in numbers, and with some hundred names on the roll, an increase in the staff was necessary. We gladly welcomed to our ranks Miss Jean Harvie and Mr. Scott Gray, and it was a loss to the school when, after some months of valuable service, Mr. Gray's work took him away from Wellington.

An innovation which was enthusiastically welcomed by the children was the introduction of a series of badges to be awarded for memory work, for good behaviour, and for bringing new scholars to the school. These were eagerly sought after, and many were won, those for memory work appearing to predominate.

With re-arrangements necessitated by the retirement of Mr. Hughes, it was found impracticable to hold the Anniversary services until November 16th, when we had the pleasure of welcoming the Rev. L. A. North and the Rev. W. H. Greenslade to the pulpit of St. John's.

At the Promotion Day service, when a large number of parents and friends gathered with the children, we were happy to welcome Mrs. Dr. Harvie, who gave the address and presented the prizes. The Hopkirk Memorial Bible went this year to John Scott for his essay on David.

The enforced closing of the school for health reasons deprived us of our special Christmas services and the presentation of the Young Worshippers' League prizes, but these were distributed by Mr. Purves Boyes at a Family Worship Service, which he conducted when the school re-opened at the end of February.

Again this year our Thanksgiving Service took the form of a "Food for Britain" Sunday, and the generous response made by the children enabled us to forward five substantial parcels for distribution among the children of the Regent Square Sunday School, in London. Our speaker at this service was Miss Black, of the Y.W.C.A.

The boys' club, organised for a time by Mr. Gray, and now taken over again by our Superintendent, is still a weekly feature of the winter programme, but the girls' club has been replaced by the Life Brigade, which is now a well-established part of the school, and incorporates within its activities those of the Busy Bees.

A social evening, a tea and evening of pictures for parents and children, and a picnic at Packakariki all proved to be happy and successful functions.

It was with very great regret that we parted from Sister Nessie Morgan, who has been such a tower of strength in the Sunday School during her years in Wellington, but we cherish happy memories of the hours of work and fellowship which we spent together. It is our hope that we may at times be able to render some service to her in her work in Maoriland.

We have been helped in many ways during the year by good friends in the congregation, and we would place on record our deep appreciation of their generosity. The late Miss Atkins also remembered the work amongst the children, and we are again indebted to the Hopkirk family who have not forgotten their father's unfailing interest in the Sunday School.

While the services rendered to the school by our Superintendent and by our patient Church Officer are so often unacknowledged, we would extend to them a special word of thanks for newly painted walls, over which children and teachers alike have cause to rejoice. Only those who have worked within them can fully appreciate the difference of this change of scene, which helps us to make of our Sunday School a place into which children will delight to enter.

MARY MACKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

CRADLE ROLL

The Cradle Roll organisation, which is a department of the Sunday School, is under the control of a superintendent and committee, each of whom is responsible for the visiting in a particular district. The superintendent usually pays the initial visit and obtains the consent of the parents to enrol the child.

At present the membership stands at 98. When the children are four, they enter the Sunday School. In several instances they have entered at the age of three.

In the earlier part of each year a Cradle Roll party is held, when children, their mothers and other relations, gather for an afternoon's enjoyment.

C. E. MACKENZIE, Superintendent.

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

As we review the past year, and all that makes up St. John's Women's Association comes before us, we cannot but give thanks to God for the faithful work and willing giving of time and means which is revealed.

Several members of our P.W.M.U. also serve as representatives on the Dominion Executive. Three of our members serve on the Board of the Y.W.C.A., and several other members have been called on to help regularly in Y.W.C.A. work.

Sister Nessie Morgan, our deaconess, resigned in April, to return to Maori Mission work. During her three years at St. John's, Sister Morgan has done a great work, not only in her faithful visiting of the sick, and general deaconess work in the Church, but in almost every organisation. Her ready sympathy and her active interest and her friendship will be greatly missed by St. John's women, but we wish her and Miss Myrtle Mills, her colleague, God's richest blessing as they take up work at Matahi. Sister Morgan was Treasurer from the beginning of the financial year until March, when Mrs. D. Highet was appointed and is now ably filling that position.

Membership.—The year closes with 44 active and 40 honorary members.

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to those who have lost dear ones during the year; to Mrs. Purdie, whose husband, Mr. Arch. Purdie, was for many years a valued church worker and elder.

From the trustees of the estate of Miss F. K. Hay, the Church has received £100, and we express our gratitude for this from one who faithfully and generously served her Church during her lifetime.

Meetings (P.W.M.U.).—There have been eight meetings, and we are indebted to the following speakers, who have given inspiration and interest to the meetings: Mister Morgan, who gave a bulletin of the latest news from the mission fields; Mrs. Sutherland, who gave a short graphic picture of the situation in India, visited us on the day that Kelburn P.W.M.U. and the P.A. officers were our guests, and Mrs. Davies the guest speaker. Mrs. Davies told of life in China under Japanese control. Mrs. Dodds, who had just returned from a visit to the New Hebrides, told of the wonderful work missionary folk are doing there. Sister Helen Arndt spoke of the work of a P.S.S.A. deaconess in the city.

In April, the Busy Bees visited us and held a sale of work, and Mrs. Spence told of the work of the hives in Wellington P.A.

The Women's Sewing Guild.—There have been seven meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The attendance has, on the whole, been good, and members have shown keen interest in working for Corso, the P.S.S.A. children, and for the Bring-and-Buy Sale.

Work has now commenced on garments for needy folk in Britain.

Social Afternoons.—There have been three Social Afternoons:—

(1) To honour our President, Mrs. P. G. Hughes, when members tried to express to her their sincere affection and esteem, and presented her with a silver tea service.

(2) A musical afternoon, when Mrs. Fieldhouse and Mr. Wainwright Morgan were our guest artists.

(3) A musical afternoon of duets and solos by Mrs. Fieldhouse and Mrs. Greta Williams.

We are greatly indebted to these artists for the truly wonderful feasts of music they gave to us. At these two afternoons opportunity was given for "Direct Giving" and over £54 was the result. A Bring-and-Buy Sale in August added another £22 1s. 6d. to funds.

Finance.—We would express the committee's gratitude for the way in which all members have so faithfully co-operated, in order that the requirements of the budget may be met, to send out the Gospel to a needy world and support those who take it out. We were, for the third year, helped by the generous donations of £30 from the "Scott Trust Fund."

Besides meeting the budget requirements, £5 was given for work in the new housing areas, and £2 for the Presbytery's Deaconess Fund.

Maori Mission Birthday League.—The Secretary, Miss Hanchet, reports that there are 182 members in the senior section, and 17 in the junior.

The total amount received was £28 0s. 3d. (from Seniors, £24 8s. 3d., and from Juniors, £3 12s. 0d.). This amount is an increase on last year's record amount by £4.

Associate Members.—Mrs. Day reports 16 members on the roll, all of whom have received letters and, where possible, have been visited.

Thanks.—A special word of thanks comes from our Association members to Mrs. Day and to Miss Martha Ralston, for their faithful attention, by letters and by visits, to those who cannot attend meetings.

To Miss Williams and the Very Rev. J. H. McKenzie, who clean and sort many thousands of stamps and so add to the mission funds of the Church, we express our sincere thanks.

We would thank Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for their continued thoughtfulness for us, and their ready assistance and courtesy.

To our President, Mrs. Hughes, we express our gratitude. Her spiritual leadership of our meetings, her ever-ready help and sympathy, her wide knowledge of missions and Church affairs, and her genuine gift of friendship, have won our love and esteem and have been a continual inspiration to us.

J. S. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

EVENING GUILD

The roll at the end of the Guild year was 43, and the average attendance 29.

The programme of work and entertainment has been varied. Food parcels were dispatched to Britain. Gifts of clothing, toilet requisites and medical gifts, books and handwork supplies were received for the New Hebrides, and a substantial parcel of useful articles sent to the Orphanage.

Gaily-wrapped Christmas parcels were brought for dispatch to seven Home Mission stations, including 38 fathers, mothers and little ones.

The work of providing and arranging flowers for the Church altar each Sunday was faithfully carried out by members of the Guild. Donations totalling £1 3s. 0d. were received through the flower-box placed on the table at each meeting.

The sum of £18 19s. 6d. was donated through the direct-giving envelopes towards the Mission funds of the Church.

A Bring-and-Buy Sale to augment the Social Service Fund resulted in the sum of £5 8s. 1d. An amount of £5 was handed to the Church Treasurer towards the salary of St. John's Deaconess.

In September the meeting took the form of a social in honour of Mrs. Hughes, on the occasion of the retirement of Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes from the ministry of St. John's. Miss Chappell and Miss Clyde spoke in terms of the warmest appreciation of the way in which Mrs. Hughes carried out her responsibilities as President of the Guild over a period of seven years—of her great gift of friendship, and of the esteem in which she was held by all members, and presented her with a nest of tables and a handbag as a tangible expression of love and goodwill.

Members were entertained by Mrs. Noel Woods, who gave a most interesting talk on her pre-war trip to England and the Continent. At the May meeting, through the courtesy of Mr. Leslie Wall, two films, operated by Miss Joyce Atkinson, were shown. An informative talk illustrated by a fine series of lantern slides, was given by Mr. Hugh Fullarton. A programme of story, song and legend, under the title of "A Basket of Flowers," was given by Miss Clyde, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Haggitt and Miss Jean Curtis.

After-Church Suppers.—An after-church supper in honour of Miss Annie James was organised by the Guild. Under the convenership of Miss Margaret Ross, members helped regularly throughout the year at the monthly suppers.

Miss Elsie MacKenzie was appointed as Guild representative on the Selection Committee for the calling of a new Minister.

The report closed with the following quotation:—

"Faith is the evidence of things unseen;
So is it now—so has it always been;
Whoever sows a seed or plants a flower,
Proves his belief in God's almighty power."

D. M. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S FRIENDLY CIRCLE

The Circle continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons, and a varied programme is arranged. A very successful Christmas party was held, the gifts for the children being provided by two friends of the Circle.

A Bring-and-Buy was arranged, the sum of £17 2s. 0d. being raised. Of this £5 was donated to Church funds, £5 towards transport expenses of Rev. W. Temple, and £2 10s. 0d. to Sister Morgan for work among the Maoris.

Guest speakers during the year were: Rev. P. G. Hughes, Rev. A. D. Horwell, Mrs. Sutherland, and Sister Morgan.

Social functions included two surprise parties, and attendance at the annual Sunday School picnic, and we were the guests of the Women's Association at a musical afternoon.

During the year, three of our members joined the full communion of the Church.

VI HITCHCOCK, Hon. Secretary.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

It is now five years since the inception of the After-Church Social Hour, which, primarily, was put into operation for the men of the Allied Forces worshipping in St. John's during the period of the war. The Committee felt that there was a need for fellowship amongst members of the congregation, and for the stranger or visitor who attended our Church services from time to time. Thus the Social Hour was continued on the fourth Sunday of each month.

A Social Hour was specially arranged in January to enable members of the congregation to meet the Very Rev. Purves-Boyes. This was a very happy gathering, and members gladly availed themselves of this opportunity.

Nine groups are now operating, representing various organisations in the Church. Members of the Friendly Circle recently expressed a wish to form a group, and the Committee was very pleased that they should show a desire to help.

The Committee thanks those ladies who so efficiently make the arrangements each month, and would place on record its deep appreciation of those who have acted as chairmen of the gatherings, the artists and the accompanists.

I. FERGUSON, Convener.

BUSY BEES

The St. John's Busy Bee Hive meets every third Wednesday evening in conjunction with the Girls' Life Brigade, the membership of which numbers 15.

Missionary instruction is given per medium of the "Harvest Field," "Outlook" and "Break of Day." Posters have also been used.

A very successful sale of work was held on April 13th, when the sum of £8 15s. 0d. was raised, £5 of which was handed over for Mission work within New Zealand.

The Bees are busy working for another sale, which we hope to hold towards the end of the year.

We would like to thank the ladies of the P.W.M.U., Miss Fullarton, and Miss E. Fowler for their help and co-operation.

C. D. ROSS, Leader.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The Club continues to provide a mid-week meeting-ground for men of the congregation. Club membership stands at 66, and the attendance at meetings is usually between 30 and 40.

Talks on a variety of topics have been given by guest speakers and by some of our own members; to these gentlemen we extend our thanks for their informative and interesting addresses. We have also greatly appreciated the kindness of the ladies who have prepared an appetising meal for us on each occasion.

W. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Class roll now stands at 13 active members, and while the work of the year has not been spectacular, it was very fruitful in fellowship and in increasing knowledge of God and His Word.

The Sunday afternoon meeting is still the pivot of the work, and we have taken an active part in inter-Bible Class social and athletic activities and in Rallies. We exchanged visits with Knox (Lower Hutt) and Eastbourne, and made our annual visit to the Wesley Classes.

The class prepared its own syllabus, completing the study of the Gospel of St. John, and commenced the study of Romans. Guest speakers included Rev. C. D. A. Spence, Rev. P. G. Hughes, Very Rev. Purves Boyes and Rev. J. G. Dunn.

Service for others included assistance to the Orphanage, and since August, 1947, the class has sent a monthly food parcel to the Minister of St. John's Church, Glasgow, for distribution to needy families.

Members continue to make regular contributions for Mission work, and, with the assistance of "Old Boys," a total of £30 was raised.

Social activities included three very good socials with dancing, and members attended functions held by other classes. Combined monthly teas have provided good fellowship, and we are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Woods for inviting our members to tea.

Sports activities include tennis, badminton, membership in the Presbyterian Harrier Club, and participation in the District Indoor Sports.

The class Institute Fund now totals £3,179, including the Troup Trust Fund of £1,433, which will revert to the Wellington Boys' Institute unless the building is not commenced before 1950. The class Memorial Fund now stands at £11 13s. 3d., sufficient for the memorial plaque, the wording of which has now been agreed upon. We have supported the District Camp Site Appeal and raised £61 of the £118 raised towards St. John's quota of £630.

Eleven of our members attended the Easter Camp on the permanent site at Reikorangi. With our Juniors we organised the commissariat department and took full part in a most successful and inspiring camp. A very successful week-end class camp was attended by 12 seniors and three juniors.

The class faces some difficult problems, particularly in regard to membership, but under God's guiding hand the class will carry on and be built up to greater strength by the consecrated work of the members.

DICK FOWLER, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Our membership has decreased this year, especially since the beginning of 1948. Several girls have left Wellington, two have undertaken leadership of other classes, and three have proved disinterested. Efforts to enlist new members from the Student Hostels have this year proved unsuccessful. Though small numerically, our members are, nevertheless, keen and loyal, and besides supporting their own class, are giving service in the Church as Sunday School teachers (4), choir members (3), leader of Busy Bees, and assistance with Girls' Life Brigade, and have supplied leaders for the Junior and Intermediate Girls' Classes. Our secretary, Miss Zoe Martin, left for Britain at the beginning of 1948, and Miss Joyce Atkinson was elected Secretary, and Miss Shirley Thomson Treasurer, in place of Miss Eleanor Fowler.

Interest in the Missionary and Social Service work of our Church has been well maintained. Sister Alice Townrow addressed the three girls' classes on the beginnings of our Church Missionary enterprise. The

sum of £28 was given for the Missionary Budget—this includes a bequest of £10 from the late Miss Alice Chappell. In addition, donations were given to the P.S.S.A. Deaconess; the P.W.T.I., Dunedin; the Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland; and the annual payment of £5 for the upkeep of "John Boal" cot at the orphanage. Peggy squares were knitted and handkerchiefs given to the Children's Homes, and our two "adopted" children have been given Christmas and Birthday outings and gifts. Practical gifts were also sent to the Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland, which is Wellington District's Mission responsibility just now. Members gave assistance to CORSO both in house-to-house collecting and in packing shoes.

For study each Sunday we use the Interdenominational Syllabus. At a combined meeting of girls' classes the Leaders spoke on the personal challenge of the Forward Move and Standards Cards were accepted by each girl. Men's and women's classes have held several combined meetings—one with the Rev. Purvis Boyes as speaker; on the Bible Class Day of Prayer with the Rev. Keith Watson giving an address; and on the occasion of the annual visit of Wesley Methodist classes. Most of our members took part in an early morning hill-top service on the Day of Prayer. A Time of Quiet is led by different girls each Sunday during our opening worship and on the first Sunday afternoon each month, all classes meet together for prayer.

Under the district visitation scheme a visit was made by St. John's classes to Knox, Lower Hutt, and St. Ronan's, Eastbourne, visited St. John's.

A very happy evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, when our ex-secretary, Zoe Martin, was guest of honour and was given many useful gifts for her trip. The monthly Sunday night teas continue to be our most successful social functions. Speakers have been the (then) Moderator the Rt. Rev. Herbert Davies and Mrs. Davies; Mr. John Smaill; Sister Helen Arndt and Sister Kathleen Every. At the October tea our retiring Minister, the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes and Mrs. Hughes were guests of the classes, and warm appreciation of their ministry was expressed.

The Tennis and Badminton Clubs continue to provide fellowship and seasonal recreation, and are well supported.

A special effort is being made in Wellington district to raise funds to secure permanent sites for Easter Camps. Our class, by means of undertaking work, organising a picture evening, making sweets for sale, spring cleaning the Fellowship room and by direct giving, has raised £28 15s. 6d. towards St. John's quota. We wish to express our thanks to those members of the congregation who have co-operated in these efforts.

The continued interest and practical support of our Life Members has been a source of encouragement to the class. In the passing of Miss Alice Chappell, the class lost a friend whose interest never waned and whose love for her told class found many practical expressions. The class, in a memorial minute, placed on record its deep appreciation of her loyal and devoted service during many years, and of her help in establishing the strong foundations of the class and infusing its fellowship with that indefinable spirit which lives through the years.

JOYCE ATKINSON, Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS

Our Leader until May of this year was Sister Morgan, and we are very grateful to her for the way she built up our class, and was always willing to help us. Since May, our class Leader has been Nora Calvert.

Membership.—Our class membership is 10, of which nine are Church members.

Subject.—Until the beginning of 1948, our studies were taken from the Union Syllabus for Junior and Intermediate classes. From February we have been taking direct Bible studies from the Gospel according to St. John.

Easter Camp.—Six of our members attended the Otaki Easter Camp.

Social Activities.—At the beginning of 1948 we joined with the Senior Young Women and went for a picnic to Butterfly Creek. In the May before the "Back to School" social we held a tea to get to know our new Leader.

Missions.—We have continued this year in the practice of each member giving a penny weekly. This has greatly helped our missions' quota.

We conclude the report of another year with a feeling of happiness for what we have gained from fellowship and study.

PRUDENCE CORKILL, Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

This year has brought us yet another change in leadership with the departure for England of Miss Molly McKenzie. Miss Eleanor Fowler has taken her place.

Our membership has been small, but is slowly increasing, with the roll now standing at eleven members.

The Study Book we are following is "Unto the Hills," and the studies on St. John's gospel and practical Christianity have been helpful.

For social events we have combined with the senior classes, except for a Junior and Intermediate evening held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orr. This was a most enjoyable function.

We are looking forward to a year of fellowship and spiritual progress.

A. BROWN, Secretary.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

Our 8th Wellington Girls' Life Brigade Company commenced in July, 1947, with 14 members, and has steadily grown to 21. Company meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 6 to 7.30 p.m., and the attendances have been good. Our grateful thanks are extended to Sister Morgan and Miss Mills for the valuable work they did in starting the Girls' Life Brigade. We have been preparing for a concert and a play to raise funds for the Brigade on 11th August, and Mrs. Carley and Miss Milne have given invaluable help in this direction.

J. W. FULLARTON, Captain.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Class commenced the year with a roll of 15 members, which dropped to 12, due chiefly to the withdrawal of Wellington College boys. We are hoping in the near future to make a more vital contact with the boys of Fifth House. Those on the roll are, on the whole, regular and faithful in their attendance. Two members are on the Church Communion roll.

The class meets at 9.45 a.m. on Sundays, and when the meeting opens on time it is possible to get through the study satisfactorily.

We continue to meet at 3 p.m. on the first Sunday each month and attend the combined monthly prayer meeting at 4 p.m., and later the combined Bible Class tea.

The Union Syllabus is in use and the studies are satisfactory, members taking part in the discussions freely. A study of the subject during the week would, however, be an added help.

The missionary work of the Church is brought before members, whose contributions for the year toward the Bible Class Mission Fund totalled £4.

During the year, visits were made to other classes, including Knox classes, Lower Hutt, and the annual visit to the Wesley class.

The attendance of our members at the Church services is not very satisfactory, and members, perhaps, do not realise that a vital Church connection is essential for the development of a full Christian life.

Outside activities include tennis, and three of our members run with the harrier club. We were represented at the St. John's Class Camp, and at the Easter Camp there were eight of our members with our Leader. We are associated with the other classes in their social programme and appreciate our fellowship with them.

The work of the year can be regarded as satisfactory, and an effort is made to impress upon members that the Bible Class Movement aims to bring young men to Christ and enlist them in His service.

E. SMITH, Leader.

WELLINGTON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND RHODES HOSTEL (INC.).

With a vested interest in a farm property (which will later become a training centre); a permanent camp, two bands, and various outdoor and indoor activities, the Institute is an interesting organisation carrying on a worthwhile work for boys.

The Institute was started by a number of well-known people connected with St. John's who possessed the real missionary spirit. The work was organised to meet a special need and cater for a type of boy not being attracted to the Church.

The need for the Institute continues to exist, although in some ways boys are different from what they were, and because of the keener competition and all that is being offered them today, they are harder to satisfy. However, the Boys' Institute has endeavoured to keep pace with the changing conditions. Recently alterations to the building were carried out, the main entrance modernised, and the building painted. The Management Committee is about to consider a further reorganisation of the activities, and it may even be necessary to take the steps required to alter the Constitution.

The Hostel continues to meet a great need, and is always full to capacity with 40 boys. Many apprentice lads admit they could not remain in Wellington and carry on with learning trades but for the assistance the Institute gives. Boys from the Presbyterian Orphanage usually go into residence at the Institute when the time arrives for them to commence work.

The loss on running the Hostel alone usually amounts to about £600 per year. But the Institute has some good friends and supporters who make it possible for the doors to remain open.

The Institute possesses a splendid gymnasium and up-to-date equipment and should be a real centre for youth. A Bible Class for residents is held every Sunday morning.

W. J. FERGUSON, President.

VISITING MINISTERS, 1947-48

The following Ministers of our own and sister Churches conducted services during the year:—

The Very Rev. H. Davies, Rev. J. G. S. Dunn, Rev. L. M. Rogers, Rev. L. G. McDowell, Rev. W. Elliott, Rev. H. R. Fell, Rev. J. Whittington, Rev. L. A. North, Rev. Dr. Merrington, Rev. E. R. Harries, Rev. H. A. Mitchell, Rev. R. F. Chisholm, Rev. Ian Fraser, Rev. F. R. Belmer, Right Rev. A. Campbell Grieve, B.A., Moderator, Presbyterian Church, Adelaide, Australia, Rev. H. W. Hitchcock, Very Rev. W. Purves Boyes, Rev. J. Donald MacTavish.

REPORT OF SEAT-LETTING COMMITTEE

	June 30th, 1948	Last Year
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income	113 9 0	122 1 6
Arrears	7 10 0	3 10 0
Paid in Advance	5 5 0	3 10 0
Seat Holders	57	56
Seats Let	118	119

P. H. ANDERSON, Convener.

In Memoriam



MR. A. PURDIE

MR. A. JOINER

Estimated Expenditure for 1948-49

(1) CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES:

Salaries—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Minister's Stipend, Part Year	400	0	0			
Organist	125	0	0			
Church Officer	210	0	0			
Supply	240	0	0			
				975	0	0

Maintenance of Buildings, etc.—

Normal Repairs and Renewals	100	0	0			
City Council Rates	55	0	0			
Insurances	115	0	0			
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	90	0	0			
				360	0	0

Miscellaneous—

Overdraft—Ordinary Account	254	0	0			
Motor Car Allowance, Part Year	70	0	0			
Hymn Book Replacement	12	0	0			
Stationery, Printing, Advertising	100	0	0			
Telephones, £30; Postages, £15	45	0	0			
Light, Heat and Power	85	0	0			
Organ Tuning and Maintenance	25	0	0			
Assembly Expenses Assessment	24	0	0			
Wellington Presbytery Expenses	6	0	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	30	0	0			
Accident Insurance	12	0	0			
New Carpet for Church	195	0	0			
Social Expenses	12	0	0			
Sunday School 95th Anniversary	35	0	0			
				905	0	0

Special Expenses—

Repainting and Renovations of Church Buildings, in addition to £850 in hand	1,000	0	0			
Renovations and Painting Manse	200	0	0			
Removal Expenses of New Minister (to come out of special funds in hand)	1,000	0	0			
Expenditure on War Memorial	500	0	0			
				2,700	0	0

Contingency Fund

100 0 0

(2) FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Assembly Assessment for Missions 1948-49	740	0	0			
Our Wellington Orphanages	100	0	0			
Food for Britain Parcels	120	0	0			
				960	0	0

£6,000 0 0

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
For Church Purposes—						
Plate Collections	966	19	2			
Envelope System	474	14	0			
Seat Rents	113	19	0			
				1,555	12	2
Donations to Upkeep of School-room				52	18	0
Sundry Donations and Miscellaneous Receipts				14	12	3
Organ Practice Fees				24	13	0
Interest				14	1	3
Sustentation Fund				60	19	0
Rent of Garage				9	15	0
Sunday School 94th Anniversary Offering				35	19	9
Overdraft in Ordinary Revenue Account at 30th June, 1948				254	6	11

For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes—

Retiring Collections—			
Home and Maori	14	0	3
Foreign	19	5	9
Theological Hall	16	1	0
Donations—			
Baptismal and Funeral	9	3	6
Sundry	12	0	6
Women's Association	197	0	0
Young Men's Bible Classes	39	10	0

PAYMENTS

For Church Purposes—

Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes—Stipend and Car Allowance, Part Year	254	0	8
Pulpit Supply	281	0	0
Mr. John Thompson—Church Officer	203	12	6
Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt—Organist	125	0	0
Organ Supply	4	4	0
Sister N. Morgan—Deaconess	216	13	4
Sister N. Morgan—Expenses	9	1	0
Light, Heat and Power	70	16	4
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	98	5	6
Postages	17	7	2
Provision, Periodic Repainting, etc.	90	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	12	0	0
General Repairs, Church Buildings and Manse	47	18	3
Plumbing Repairs—Church Building	98	15	3
Rebuilding Main Switchboard—Church	110	4	1
Tuning and Maintenance of Organ	15	15	0
Rates—Manse and Cottage	50	4	9
Telephones—Manse, Church Officer and Deaconess	24	17	4
Beneficiary Funds Assessments	40	0	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	5	8	0
General Assembly Expenses Assessment	24	0	0
Insurance—			
Fire	89	6	2
Earthquake and War Damage	24	16	0
Accident and Sickness	6	0	0
St. John's Messenger	10	10	0

Young Women's Bible Classes	32	15	0
Sunday School	20	0	0
Legacy—			
Miss E. K. Hay	100	0	0
Miss H. R. Blake, for China Missions	280	15	4
Transfer from Benevolent and Missions Fund	8	8	8
			749 0 0
Maintenance of the Ministry	14	5	9
Servicemen in Training for the Ministry	13	10	6
New Housing Areas	226	8	6
Presbyterian Orphanages	46	17	5
Food for Britain	127	2	4
Food for Europe	20	4	10
Women's Assn. Retiring Collection, June Communion	21	12	11
Dominion Deaconess Fund	5	0	0
			475 2 3
Transport and Other Expenses—			
Rev. W. P. Temple and Family			878 8 0

£4,125 7 7

Young Worshippers' League Prizes	92	3	2
Communion Wine	3	10	0
Donations	16	0	0
Social Expenses	9	1	5
Sundry Expenses	19	7	8
Sunday School 94th Anniversary Offering	35	19	9

For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes—

Budget Assessment, 1947-48 (Payment in Full)	749	0	0
Other Purposes	401	6	3
Remittance to Rev. William P. Temple	125	0	0
Balances held at 30th June, 1948—			
Food for Britain	73	16	0
Rev. W. P. Temple Appeal	753	8	0

£4,125 7 7

SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances, 30th June, 1947—								Payments—							
Endowment Fund	.....	5,019	4	6				Benevolent and Missions Fund—							
Benevolent Fund	.....	213	5	0				Grants to—							
Benevolent and Missions Fund	.....	80	16	9				St. John's Deaconess	.....	2	0	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	.....	52	11	4				Wellington Presbytery Deaconess	.....	2	2	0			
Provision for Periodic Repainting, Etc.—								Aged and Infirm Persons	.....	7	2	0			
Deposit with Church Office	.....	826	16	4				Payment towards Burget Assess- ment, 1947-48	.....	8	8	8			
Shares in Metropolitan Build- ing Society	.....	441	19	1									19	12	8
Hymn Book Replacement Account	.....	133	10	6				Balances, 30th June, 1948—							
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	.....	110	18	5				Endowment Fund	.....	8,168	13	3	8452.19.7		
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	.....	28	7	9				Benevolent Fund	.....	219	6	0	213.7.4		
St. John's Hostel Fund	.....	1,344	12	3				Benevolent and Missions Fund	.....	63	2	0	63.4.9		
Old Manse Trust Fund	.....	500	0	0				Crockery Replacement Fund	.....	54	0	10	55.11.3		
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	.....	190	0	0				Provision for Periodic Repainting, Etc.—							
					8,942	1	11	Deposit with Church Office	.....	850	1	6	873.19.7		
Income—								Shares in Metropolitan Build- ing Society	.....	561	16	8			
Interest (Net)—								Hymn Book Replacement Account	.....	148	17	8			
Endowment Fund	.....	193	3	8				St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	.....	113	12	4	116.16.2		
Benevolent Fund	.....	6	1	0				St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	.....	29	2	2	39.18.7		
Benevolent and Missions Fund	.....	1	17	11				St. John's Hostel Fund	.....	1,397	15	3	1451.8.3		
Crockery Replacement Fund	.....	1	9	6											

Provision for Periodic Repainting, Etc.—						
Deposit with Church Office	.....	23	5	2		
Shares in Metropolitan Build- ing Society	.....	29	17	7		
Hymn Book Replacement Account	.....	3	7	2		
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	.....	2	13	11		
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	.....	0	14	5		
St. John's Hostel Fund	.....	53	3	0		
					315	13 4

Receipts—						
Provision for Periodic Repainting, Etc.—						
Shares in Metropolitan Build- ing Society	.....	90	0	0		
Hymn Book Replacement Account	.....	12	0	0		
Endowment Fund, Legacy, Agnes Dalgleish (dec'd)	.....	2,956	5	1		
					3,058	5 1
					<u>£12,316</u>	<u>0 4</u>

Old Manse Trust Fund	.....	500	0	0		
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	.....	190	0	0		
					12,296	7 8

£12,316 0 4

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 of Trust Funds correctly sets out the position as at 30th June, 1948.

I. W. LAMBIE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

**SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR (A) BASEMENT FURNISHINGS. (B) EXTENSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.
(C) ULTIMATE REDUCTION OF OVERDRAFT.**

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance, 30th June, 1947	.....	87	9 0	Balance, 30th June, 1948	.....	87	9 0

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

I certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church, and in my opinion, the above Statement of Receipt and Payments and Basement Furnishing Account correctly set out the position for the year ending 30th June, 1948.

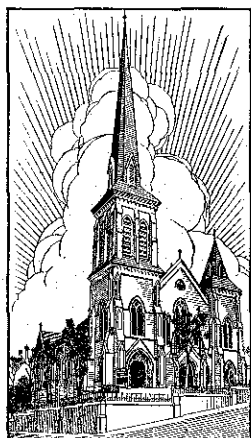
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Hon. Auditor.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequest to . . .

ST. JOHN'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELLINGTON

The sum of _____
to be applied towards the Endowment Fund,
and I declare that the receipt of the Treas-
urer for the time being of the said Church
shall be a sufficient discharge for the said
legacy.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON, N.Z.

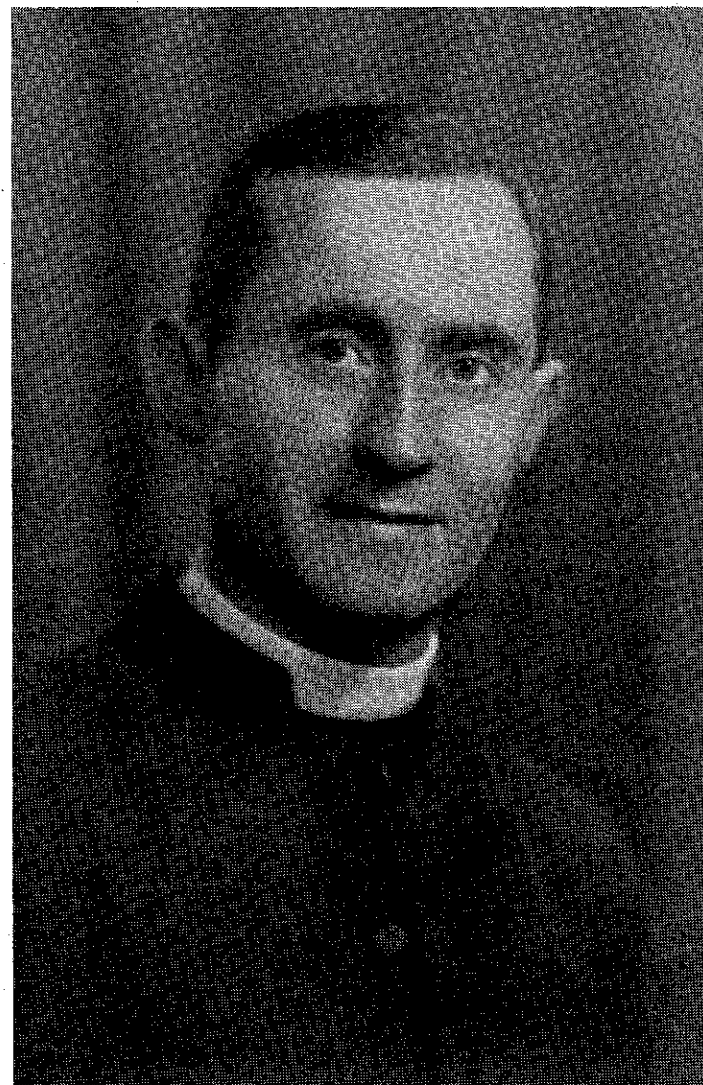


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HISTORICAL NOTES

Presbyterian Services Inaugurated	1839
Wellington Surveyed	1840
Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenaeum	6th Nov., 1853
Rev. John Moir inducted	6th Nov., 1853
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 Wgton.	
Sunday School opened	1853
First Session and Deacons Court constituted	4th June, 1854
First Communion Service	5th Jan., 1854
First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
First Church enlarged	1866
Rev. John Moir retired	4th July, 1867
Number of Members on Communion Roll: 67	1868
Rev. James Paterson inducted	26th Nov., 1868
Church further enlarged and re-opened for public worship	7th May, 1871
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School first opened in Francis Place	1872
First Service in Wadestown, by Rev. 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. Robert 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	
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1888
Extension of Sunday School Buildings in Macdonald Crescent	1896
Rev. James Paterson retired	1902
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted	1903
Services instituted at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith (now Calvin Church)	12th Aug., 1903
Individual Communion Cups first used	1904
New Church Praise adopted	1910
St. John's Memorial Hostel opened	1919
Memorial Window to soldiers who fell in the Great War, 1914-18, unveiled	1920
Memorial Window in memory of Hon. J. G. W. Aitken unveiled	1922
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., retired	1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted	17th Mar., 1927
Present Manse erected McKenzie Terrace	1928
Young Men's Bible Class Social Parlour opened	14th Dec., 1931
Mural Brass Tablets to Revs. J. Moir, J. Paterson, Dr. J. Gibb and Mr. M. D. Menelaus, New Oak Communion Table. Memorial Chairs to Messrs. M. D. Menelaus, A. Hopkirk and W. Allan	1935
Church Hymnary adopted	1937
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	5th Dec., 1937
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
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., inducted	May, 1940
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	21st Nov., 1940
Choir Gowned	Oct., 1942
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	26th Nov., 1944
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	1945
Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D., inducted	Oct., 1947
	28th Oct., 1948



REV. WILLIAM P. TEMPLE, M.A., B.D.

PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,—

At this time, a year ago, you were preparing to welcome a family of strangers to your midst, while we were busy in Scotland saying "Good-byes," and taking up the roots of old friendships and associations. For our own part, looking back, we can say without reservation: "Nothing that has happened to us since we came has given us one moment's doubt or regret about our decision to come." To the officebearers and members of St. John's we have already incurred a debt which will not be easily repaid. We can only hope that the very little we have been able to do in return has afforded you some encouragement and some confirmation of the rightness of your decision to invite us to become your partners in the enterprise of the Gospel.

In this Annual Report, all of us will find many things to stimulate our sense of gratitude to God. Whatever has been accomplished for the peace and welfare of the Church is an evidence of the loyalty and love which go into the working of St. John's on the part of leaders and members. At the same time it is an evidence of God's honouring of their gifts and service. Our Church is great in the measure in which God Himself is magnified among us. Our labours are not in vain in so far as they build up the Church and promote her fitness to make the Real Presence of Christ known and experienced within the Church's Fellowship and in the world around our doors.

But no matter how encouraging any annual report might be, we are still pilgrims in search of a City, "whose builder and maker is God." A brightly burning fire consumes fuel much more rapidly than a fire almost dead. How, in fact, are we to maintain the spiritual glow? By adding new members in great number? I beg leave to doubt it! A wise man once remarked that in his experience there were people who hastened to join up with a big congregation not for the sake of being saved, but in the hope of being lost! ("The more folk there are to give and to work, the less we will have to do," is the general idea.) Will you read Ephesians 6: 10-18? Notice where St. Paul puts the practice of prayer. He omits it from the weapons of the warrior of Christ. Why?

Any man might put on the equipment of a soldier and be none the less a poor champion of the cause. Indeed, his equipment will prove a dreadful hindrance, and no help, if his one impulse is to run away when the fight begins! Prayer is not a part of the Christian's armour. It is the spirit in which he carries his armour. Without some personal communion with Christ, resolutely maintained, the Christian is doomed to weariness and failures. His very virtues become a hopeless burden which breaks his strength.

Sustained Christian action demands the vigilance of constant personal devotion. A praying people is the promise of a powerful Church. The will-to-work for God is a danger when it is not harnessed to the will-to-pray. In gratitude for all the ways in which God has prospered us, in preparation for all the tasks which come to our hand, we are called to "Pray without ceasing." "Christian work may be a means of evading the soul's concentration on Jesus Christ. Instead of becoming friends of the Bridegroom, we become amateur providences and may work against Him whilst we use His weapons." (Oswald Chambers).

The Gaelic prayer says: "May God go with you, to the next milestone and beyond." The promise is that God **will** go with us. Are you and I ready to go with Him?

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE.

MINISTER:

REV. WILLIAM P. TEMPLE, M.A., B.D.

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

Telephone 46-492

REV. DR. GEORGE H. McNEUR (Canton),

Retired Missionary.

Office Bears of St. John's

KIRK SESSION:

	Inducted
Howitt, Ad., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay, E.3.	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Terrace, 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
Blake, L. R., 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., 116 Aro Street, C.2.	1935
Cook, J. B. I., "Benmore," 145 Wilton Road, Wadestown, N.2.	1937
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Duthie, W., 185 Oneput Road, Lyall Bay, E.3.	1941
Lomas, J. S., 12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Orr, J. A., 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, Rosencath, E.1.	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1.	1942
Ritchie, D., 22 Flers Street, Karori, W.3.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 81 Hutt Road.	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, E.1.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham Street, E.1.	1946
Strong, F., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2.	1946
Fickling, E. D., 60 Mortimer Terrace, C.2.	1946

Session Clerk:

Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3. 1919

Telephone 27-368.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Brown, N. R.	80 Willis Street, C.1.
Cole, J. S.	49 Aro Street, C.2.
Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road, C.1.
Fowler, D. F.	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.
Lowman, I. S.	21 Thorby Street, W.3.
McCulloch, W.	National Bank Chambers, C.1.
McGill, J.	2 Edge Hill, C.3.
Marshall, J. R.	30 Aurora Terrace, W.1.
Middleton, H. B.	30a Childers Terrace, S.1.
Milne, L. W.	21 Thorby Street, W.2.
Pryor, W.	279 Cuba Street, C.2.
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.
Scott, Neil	73 Aro Street, C.2.
Smith, J. C.	52 Glen Road, W.1.
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights, E.5.
Woods, N. S.	38 Harrison Street, Brooklyn, S.W.1.

Secretary of the Board of Managers:

J. A. Orr, 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5. 'Phone 37-117

Treasurer of the Board of Managers:

N. G. Robertson, 19a North Terrace, Wellington. 'Phone 26-066

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

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1949-50:

Finance Committee:

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

Property Committee:

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In presenting the 96th Annual Report and Balance Sheet, Session does so with heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abundant blessings to us as a congregation of His children, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

This is the first report since the induction to St. John's of our beloved Minister, the Rev. W. P. Temple. Any doubts that may have been entertained as to his winning the confidence and hearts of our people have been effectually dispelled during his brief period of ministration among us.

Privileged as we have been to listen to his expositions of the Word of God and the way of life, Sunday after Sunday, delivered with a sincerity and inspired power which marks him as a man of God with an heavenly message, we have felt his elevating, exhilarating influence drawing us near the throne of grace and causing our hearts to burn within us.

He has also gladdened many hearts by his pastoral ministrations, particularly in visiting the sick, sorrowing and bereaved. In this respect heavy demands have been made upon him, with a willing response always.

The midweek ministry has proved a beneficial innovation, quickening interest in various aspects of Christian doctrine, both within and beyond the usual sphere of St. John's.

Mr. Temple has also taken his ample share in the work of the Wellington Presbytery.

It is with deep regret that Session records the passing of our beloved senior Elder, Mr. A. P. Smith. Not only will the congregation of St. John's miss his influence, which extended far beyond the Church, but also the whole community whose wellbeing he did so much to promote. There are many whose hearts are warm with the memory of his kindness to them; it is not needful that much should be said here concerning him. The following is an extract from the minute adopted by Session:

"The Session of St. John's Church desire to place on record its appreciation of the life and character of our greatly esteemed senior Elder, Alexander Pringle Smith, and the sense of loss that it, with the whole congregation, has sustained by his passing.

Mr. Smith was brought up in St. John's and served for over thirty-four years.

He inherited from his father a spirit of intense loyalty to the Church, and an eagerness to support all its activities. The Board of Managers never called on him in vain and he never failed to respond readily and generously to every appeal for support; he was particularly interested in the praise service of the Church and the organ which his father had been instrumental in installing.

His personal characteristics were well known to the older members of the congregation. He created an atmosphere of friendliness wherever he went, his breezy optimism made despondency impossible, his sympathy and kindness were proverbial, and many of his unrecorded acts of kindness and love are only now being made known.

Deep down in his heart there was a firm and steadfast faith which became more and more evident as he faced the ordeal of suffering with unflinching courage and unfailing hope.

The Session expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Smith and family in their great loss, and pray that in the days to come the immediate grief due to his absence will give place to peaceful remembrance of his life with them, and that they may have in full measure the comfort and joy of God's presence.

I know a Scottish professor who loves to tell how, as a boy in Church, his eyes and heart were fascinated by a venerable old Elder, who sat in a pew near him. The old man's reverent attitude throughout the service; his manifest joy in the Praise; his alert attention to the Sermon—all impressed the lad, and made him aware of the meaning of that call with which each service opened: "Let us worship God." Then, there came a day when the old man was absent. His place saw him no more. He had been called to go up higher on his King's business. Strangely enough, his seat was never filled. There was always a gap among the worshippers in that pew. But not to the boy's eyes. He insists, quietly but resolutely, that from the day that the Elder was missing, he could see the Lord Christ sitting in that vacant seat.

There is a gap among us when we come together on the Lord's Day. St. John's is missing its venerable and well-beloved Mr. McKenzie. Elsewhere a little of the story has been told of how much the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand owes to his consecrated life and labours in the Gospel. But his passing in his hundredth year comes home very intimately to us. We love to think that we had a special part in him, a special share in his affections, a special reason to thank God for him. Everything that the professor once saw and revered in a man of God at worship in his Kirk we have seen in our friend and fellow-member. His presence among us has made us realise how virile the faith, how spontaneous and devoted the loyalty to Christ and the Church of those who pioneered the way for us and helped to build the Church of our fathers in this Dominion.

Now he has travelled on within the veil; and there is a gap in his pew. May God touch our eyes and give us to see that his place is not really empty, for our Saviour is sitting there, every morning, every evening, when the words are spoken: "Let us worship God."

The door which closed on him when his other self, Mrs. McKenzie, passed on so short a while before him was no locked door. And I, for one, am willing to believe that when she left him, she went with a prayer, "Dear Lord, be kind to him, and leave the door on the latch. For I know he'll be wanting to come Home, soon."

May the Peace of God, the Hope which is ours in Christ, and the Comfort of the Good Spirit in Whom, whether absent or present, to each other we still are one, be with their children and their friends always.

The Session roll now stands at 25.

The effective Communion roll on June 30, 1949, was 473.

Admission during the year by profession of faith, 10.

Admission during the year by Certificate, 31.

Removals by disjunctions and deaths, 27.

The attendance at the four quarterly Communions averaged 314.6 for the year.

There were 43 baptisms during the year.

It will be observed that the financial affairs of St. John's are in a sound condition, and we are grateful that the congregation has recognised its privilege and responsibility in this aspect of the Master's service. Necessary though this is, let us keep in mind that it is merely a means to an end, our ultimate objective being the spiritual health and growth in grace of all who here call upon the name of God, and the extension of His Church through the Gospel.

The reports submitted record an immense amount of untiring and faithful service for Christ and His Church. Session wishes to express its keen appreciation of the self-sacrificing efforts of a devoted band of workers connected with the various organisations. We do not intend to make any comment on the different reports in order to try to reduce the size of the annual report, but second to none in importance is the work among the youth. When a report from the new St. John's Boys' Brigade was read in Session, one of the members made an appeal for more interest to be taken in the youth work. We make this appeal to every member of the Church.

Thanks.—Once again we express our appreciation to our Church Officer, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Thompson, for the way they have carried out their work of looking after the church buildings and many other jobs. Their hearts are in St. John's, and all who seek their assistance always find them obliging and willing to help.

To all those who have been bereaved, all who have suffered and are suffering, Session commends them to the care of our Heavenly Father.

We are grateful to God for all that has been accomplished during the year and look to His guidance in the carrying on of His work in the future.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the annual meeting, held on 1st September, 1948, the following managers, who retired after the usual term of three years, were re-elected: Messrs. J. Hunter, R. Johnston, W. Reid and N. S. Woods. During the year Mr. G. M. Ross resigned, leaving 22 members on the Board at the end of the year. Eight members are due to retire and will be available for re-election.

The Board found it necessary during the year to give a good deal of attention to the care of the Church property. This can be understood when it is realised that the Government valuation of the buildings and sites is £32,300.

During the year, extensive repairs have been carried out necessitating the use of all available funds.

The manse was renovated and improved at a cost of over £350, which was met almost wholly out of funds held in trust for such a purpose.

All buildings on the Church site, including the Bible Class rooms and Church Officer's cottage, have been repainted at a cost of £1,829. This cost will be provided by (a) an amount of £874 on deposit with the Presbyterian Church Office, and (b) an amount of £750 on deposit with the Metropolitan Building Society and which will be available in December, 1949. The balance of the cost will be met out of ordinary revenue. Church members will appreciate the value of setting aside a sum each month for this costly and necessary work, and steps are being taken to set aside an additional sum each month by contributing to shares in the Building Society. The Board realises that it may not be possible to postpone repainting for so long in the future.

The total cost of transporting our new Minister and his family from Edinburgh was £592, of which £125 was included in the 1947-48 accounts. The liberality of Church members to this appeal was such that it was possible also to purchase a new car for £577 and present it to Mr. Temple.

A further improvement carried out during the year was the laying of new carpet in the Church isles and on the pulpit steps and platform at a cost of £233.

Repairs to the Church buildings carried out during the repainting have been paid for. Plate glass protection for the stained glass windows against heavy winds and to make them weatherproof is to be provided in the near future.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our office-bearers, the interior of the Sunday School hall was repainted and another office-bearer, with the assistance of the Church Officer, renovated a number of the classrooms and the gymnasium.

A kneeling stool has been provided for use at wedding ceremonies, the hymn boards have been placed in a better position, and new number cards supplied. A grant was made available as an advance to enable the new Boys' Brigade members to be provided with uniforms.

Members will be interested to learn that the late Mr. A. P. Smith has made available through his will a substantial sum for extensions, replacements, additions or major restoration of the church organ as a memorial to his late father. The Board is securing a comprehensive report on work required to improve the organ.

Steps are being taken to secure legislative authority for an extension of the time fixed by the Sir George Troup Family bequest before which the donation made by the late Sir George Troup and his family must be used for the establishment of an Institute for St. John's Young Men's Bible Class.

By the will of the late Mr. Edmund Anscombe a sum of £100 is made available to St. John's Church, and in accordance with the usual practice, has been paid to the credit of the Endowment Fund.

The special appeal for funds to meet outstanding obligations at the end of June resulted in a very welcome total of £475 15s., of which £290 8s. 9d. was used to meet our budget assessment after the assessment had been reduced by the saving brought about by the alteration in the exchange rate. Our total payment under this heading was £685. The balance of the special appeal, i.e. £185 6s. 3d., was used for ordinary church purposes.

It is pleasing to report that the church attendance has shown a substantial increase over that of the last few years. The average attendance per Sunday during the year just closed was 450, being approximately a 33½ per cent increase over the previous year. The inevitable result was, of course, a substantial increase in the plate collections.

The final result of the year's transactions in the ordinary revenue account, allowing for the overdraft of £254 6s. 11d. on 1st July, 1948, and for the unpaid balance on the painting contract at 30th June, 1949, is an overdraft of £380 12s. 9d. at 30th June—an increase of £126 5s. 10d. for the year. An estimate of the funds required for the coming year is printed elsewhere in this report.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Roll and Attendance.—The roll of active members still stands at 21, the sections of voices being as follows:—Soprano, 11; contralto, 6; Tenor, 2; Bass, 2.

Average attendances for the year were as follows:—At weekly practice, 13; Sunday mornings, 10; Sunday evenings, 14.

Choral Work.—During the year 31 anthems were sung, as well as 3 hymn studies. Solos were rendered on various dates by the following members:—Misses Mary Cook and Jean Curtis, Mrs. Lawrence Haggitt, Mr. L. Harbord, Mr. A. Murray and Miss Molly McKenzie, and by two associate members, Miss Jeanne and Mr. Jack Thompson. On 7th November Mr. Clifford Dowling kindly assisted by taking a solo part in the anthem entitled "The Day is Past and Over."

On 10th October, 1948, the choir of Queen Margaret College occupied the choir gallery at their annual service at St. John's and rendered two sacred choral numbers.

On 12th December a Christmas cantata entitled "The Story of Bethlehem" was presented. Soloists were Miss Merle Gamble, Mr. Clifford Dowling and Mr. John Dellow, assisted by a quartet comprising Mr. Gardner, Mr. Steele, Miss Hitchings and our own member, Miss Jean Curtis. At the conclusion of the cantata the Rev. W. P. Temple expressed appreciation of the music rendered, and extended special thanks to the visiting artists, who later were entertained to supper by the choir.

A special Christmas Carol Service was held on Sunday evening, 19th December, when Mr. Temple narrated "The Story of the Nativity," interspersed with carols sung by the choir. Mr. Clifford Dowling gave a solo entitled "A Boy was Born in Bethlehem." This service was followed by a social hour, at which several visitors were present and were made welcome.

On Christmas Day a combined service was held in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, and a good attendance of St. John's members was noted.

Special Attendances.—By special request the choir attended at the funeral services of the late Mr. Alex. Smith and of the late Miss B. Mills, sister of a former member of the choir.

Miscellaneous.—3rd February, 1949. Opening of 1949 Session: At our first practice in the New Year, Mr. Temple was present for a short service of dedication. He extended his thanks to Mr. Haggitt and the choir for their co-operation and support in the service of praise, and expressed wishes for success and good fellowship in the coming year. Mr. Temple suggested that in time to come the choir might cultivate an interest in Negro spiritual songs.

20th March: Miss Molly McKenzie returned from a trip abroad and was welcomed back to the ranks of the choir.

Acknowledgments.—Our thanks are due to our Organist and Choir-master, Mr. L. Haggitt, for his untiring efforts to maintain, in the face of many difficulties, a high standard in the choral work presented by the choir.

Music.—We acknowledge with thanks gifts of anthem music from Mr. Alex. Martin (Session Clerk), and Mr. W. L. Haggitt.

E. F. ISOBEL BROOK, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The year has brought changes, and the Sunday School children, having parted with one friend in our retiring Minister, Mr. Hughes, have, with the adaptability of youth, accepted the change and been ready with a welcome first for Mr. Rogers and then for our new Minister and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Temple are already established as firm friends of the Sunday School, with a warm place in the children's affections, proving that the reports of our Minister's interest in young people were by no means exaggerated. The school has continued to grow in numbers during the year, and while five new members have been added to the staff, others are urgently needed if the best use is to be made of our opportunities. We welcome Misses Prudence Corkill, Jean Cunliffe, Mary Fawcett, Mary Milne and Mr. Walter Ross to our ranks, while parting regretfully with Misses Joyce Atkinson, Eleanor Fowler and Shirley Thomson, who have found that in the meantime other duties make it impossible for them to continue their active interest in the Sunday School.

A Senior Department has again come into being with the establishment of a girls' class under the guidance of Miss Mary Milne, and a class of boys from the Boys' Brigade under Mr. Duncan Fowler and Mr. Ray Dell.

Owing to epidemic restrictions and the closing of the Sunday School for several weeks during the year, our anniversary services had to be postponed and were held over until they could be conducted by our new Minister, who proved himself an expert in holding the attention of the young folk. "God in Nature" was the central theme of the morning service, while in the evening "The Friendship of Jesus" formed the basis of the service.

Promotion Day was of necessity later than usual, and as it fell on the last Sunday of the school year, Mr. Temple's address was in keeping with the Christmas season. The children received their prizes from Mrs. Temple, the Hopkirk Memorial Bible being won by Joan Fowler for her essay on "Peter." In the coming year this prize is to be awarded on marks gained in memory and written work at the Sunday School examinations.

At the Promotion Service two babies were baptised by Mr. Temple, and their names added to the Cradle Roll. With the welcoming to the staff from the Bible Class a one-time Cradle Roll baby, our cycle of promotions was complete.

The suggestion had been made that at this service we should remember Sister Morgan and her Maoriland family, and the children responded generously with a wide variety of gifts.

During the week that followed, the children enjoyed an evening's fun with tea and pictures, and early in the new year a picnic to Paekakariki provided another opportunity for playing together. In our enjoyment of such gatherings as these we would not forget the work which they entail, and in this connection we would once again express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for their unfailing helpfulness. On all occasions, and in particular perhaps at anniversary time, we greatly appreciate their ready and cheerful assistance.

Two services of special appeal to the children and their parents have been held, one on the first Sunday of the school year, when the Young Worshippers' League prizes were distributed, and the other on Mothers' Day, which took the form of a family worship service.

For his part in these and all the special Sunday School activities, for his Sunday morning addresses to the children, and for his lively interest and co-operation at all times, the Sunday School extends to our Minister its warm thanks and appreciation.

MARY MACKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

THE CRADLE ROLL

The Cradle Roll department has a membership of 91.

The various members of the Committee who are in charge of the different districts keep in touch with the families in their groups by visiting the homes on the children's birthdays, or when inviting the parents to any special Church function.

The annual party was held early in the year, when parents and children were welcomed by Mr. Temple.

The additions to our numbers will, in future, be fewer, as, apart from the children of the members of St. John's, only those belonging to homes in the St. John's Church area will be added.

In other cases, where our Minister has performed the sacrament of baptism, the Minister in the district where the parents reside will be notified. Thus it is hoped to maintain a closer contact between Church and home.

C. E. MacKENZIE.

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

This has been a year of great activity. Two outstanding events were the arrival of our new Minister, the Rev. W. P. Temple, with Mrs. Temple and their family; and the Dominion Conference of the P.W.M.U., which was held at St. John's.

Members have given willingly of time and service in packing cases for C.O.R.S.O., assisting with the Y.W.C.A. marketing shop and collecting for the Boys' Institute.

Mrs. W. P. Temple was elected Honorary President at the last annual meeting, and in March Mrs. Bayldon Ewen was appointed President.

We greatly appreciate the interest still shown by Mrs. P. G. Hughes, in spite of her full-time work as Dominion President of the P.W.M.U.

Our membership comprises 42 active and 38 honorary members.

In Memoriam.—We have to record the passing of several of our members during the year—Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. D. C. Peacock; Mrs. Ad. Howitt, whose home was for so many years a haven to those who were strangers in Wellington; Miss McLean, past Principal of Wellington Girls' College, a former Bible Class leader at St. John's and an honorary member of our Association for many years; Miss Baudinet, who, though not recently a member, was St. John's first deaconess, and is lovingly remembered for her outstanding Church work and her interest in Missions. In May, 1949, our beloved Mrs. J. H. McKenzie passed away. We owe her a great debt of gratitude for her friendly hospitality, generosity and wisdom.

Bereavements.—Our sincere and loving sympathy is extended to those who have suffered loss—Miss Irons, Mrs. Brodie, and Mrs. A. P. Smith. We remember Mr. Smith as one of St. John's most influential and well-loved elders, and acknowledge in particular his great generosity to the Church and to our Association.

Meetings.—(1) **P.W.M.U.**: Eight meetings were held during the year, and we are indebted to the following speakers who have added much to the interest and inspiration of our meetings:—Mrs. A. Harvie, Miss Barbara Rose, Rev. L. M. Rogers, Miss Christine Harvie, Rev. W. P. Temple and Mrs. Whitelaw.

(2) **Dominion Conference**: As the Conference was held at St. John's, preparatory work occupied much of our time. Members gave hospitality to delegates, and attended the meetings, which provided much of interest and inspiration.

(3) **Women's Association and Sewing Guild**: There have been seven meetings, two of which were spent in mending and darning for the Children's Homes. Other work undertaken was the renewing of screens, making of tablecloths for small tables, and sewing of pyjamas for small boys at the Orphanage. A parcel was sent to Scotland, and one to Sister Nessie Morgan. We are now engaged in sewing and knitting for the Toddlers' Home in Edinburgh and the Hostel for Elderly Women in Glasgow.

Visiting.—Since the departure of our Deaconess, we have endeavoured to maintain the visiting of the sick, and the sending of flowers to sick members and those unable to attend our meetings.

Church Flowers.—A Church Flower Committee has been formed, and Mrs. J. A. Orr was elected to be our representative.

Special Functions.—During the year three social afternoons were held, when opportunity was given for contribution to Mission funds, and £88 16s. 6d. was raised thereby. We are grateful to the following guests who contributed greatly to the success of these functions:—Miss Tossell, who gave an address; and Mesdames Stephens, Cottrell, Meyer, Fieldhouse, Williams and Shaw, and Mr. Wainwright Morgan, all of whom rendered musical items.

In August a social afternoon was held to honour Mrs. Berry, life-member of the Association. In November we held an afternoon to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Temple to our midst. In April we entertained the Friendly Circle to afternoon tea, and in return our members attended the Christmas party and the Bring-and-Buy Sale held by the Friendly Circle.

Funds.—A Bring-and-Buy Sale held in August brought £32 8s. 4d. to the funds of the Association.

Maori Mission Birthday League.—Miss Hanchet reports that there are 164 senior and 40 junior members. Collections amounted to £30— an increase of £1 19s. 9d. over last year.

"Harvest Field."—There are 64 members subscribing to this magazine, including four from Evening Guild, and we shall be pleased to hear from others who are interested.

Associate Members.—Mrs. Day has 16 members on this list, and each receives the monthly missionary letter.

P.S.S.A.—In addition to the work reported above, Miss Millar advises that work has commenced on the establishment of the Home for Elderly Folk. This scheme was supported long ago by Dr. Gibb and many members of St. John's. There are also plans in hand for the building of an hostel for Church girls.

Stamps.—We appreciate the interest displayed by Church members in the collection of stamps for Mission funds. When it is known that well over £1,000 is raised yearly by the P.W.M.U. in New Zealand by this means, perhaps the importance of the box in the Church vestibule, kindly supplied by Mr. Fleming, will be realised. Mrs. Hughes, Dominion Stamp Secretary, extends thanks to Miss Williams and Miss Clow, and to the late Very Rev. J. H. McKenzie, for the cleaning and sorting of stamps.

Afternoon Tea.—The afternoon teas are ably convened by Miss Howden and helpers.

Acknowledgments.—In this review of the year's work we record our gratitude to God for the way in which we have been led, for the safe arrival of the Rev. Temple and his family, and for the inspiring ministry of our new pastor.

We thank both Mr. and Mrs. Temple for their sincere friendship and help.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for much practical work, given ably and cheerfully at all times, especially during this past busy year.

Very special thanks to all members who have worked so generously and loyally, especially during the unsettled time when we were without a Minister or a President.

MISS J. S. JOHNSTON, Honorary Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

Membership and Attendance.—During the year under review ten names were removed and seven added, leaving the roll at March 31st, 1949, at 37, compared with 40 at the beginning of the year. The average attendance was 24.

Programme of Work and Entertainment.—Each evening a programme was arranged, and members were entertained with original plays written and produced by Miss Helen Clyde; mission news from Home and Foreign Fields, musical items, addresses, sewing bees and conversaziones.

The following are details of "Work for Others": Eighty-two gifts were donated to Sister Morgan's work at Matahi, and 135 miscellaneous articles sent to the Presbyterian Children's Home at Berhampore. In response to an appeal for food for Britain, two parcels were sent away, one to London and one to Edinburgh. A "Bring and Buy" was held, at which £5 13s. 1d. was raised for general funds. From this fund a donation of £4 was made to the cost of painting the Sunday School hall. Christmas parcels were posted to six Home Missionaries and their families, and to Sister Morgan, Miss Mills and their Maori people.

A beautiful set of baby's woollies, knitted by Mrs. Ord, a member of the Guild, is ready for despatch through C.O.R.S.O. to China. Wool provided by the Women's Association was knitted into garments.

Church Flowers.—Owing to the absence of gardens in Wellington, the task of providing flowers for the Church is not an easy one. During the winter months, especially, it is often necessary to purchase flowers. Assistance was readily forthcoming in the form of financial help, and a donation of money was received from the Women's Association. Mesdames Corkill, Cook and Highet took turn in providing and arranging flowers on three Sundays, while twenty-one Guild members accepted responsibility for one or more Sundays each. For the coming year a special committee has been formed, under the convenership of Mrs. J. C. Smith, representing various Church organisations. This committee will secure the flowers, which will be arranged in the Church by volunteers. It is hoped that Church members will come forward to share in this work, so that each will have only one turn during the year. Contributions to the fund, or gifts of flowers, will be greatly appreciated.

M.M.B.L.—Twenty-seven members are regular contributors to this fund as a result of the enthusiasm of Miss Jean Hanchet.

Harvest Field.—This mission magazine is taken by fourteen members. Miss W. Millar is responsible for collecting the subscriptions.

Personal.—At the November meeting, Rev. W. P. and Mrs. Temple were welcomed very warmly by all. In his reply, Mr. Temple gave a brief account of the work done in Westercraigs Women's Hostel, to which a food parcel had been sent by Guild members. Christmas greetings were sent to Mrs. Hughes, and keen appreciation expressed for her help, wise guidance and loving friendship through the year.

A letter was also sent to Miss Isobel Ferguson reminding her of the close tie which binds her to the Evening Guild and wishing for her and her brother good health in the months ahead.

Sympathy.—A letter of good wishes, together with flowers, were sent to Miss B. Mills, who has been ill throughout the year. Flowers were taken to Mrs. G. Jupp and Mrs. Lawrence during their stay in hospital, and a floral tribute expressed our sympathy with the relatives of Mrs. Ad. Howitt. Sympathy and love were extended to Mrs. Brodie and Pearl when they passed through a time of deep sorrow.

Hostesses.—During the year members took turn in decorating the Fellowship Room and acting as hostesses for the evening. This piece of service adds to the success of the gatherings.

Conclusion.—The Guild year which has just closed is full of memories of warm fellowship, enthusiastic organising and generous giving. We thank God for the bright hopes of future days, and enter the new year with determination to spend and be spent in the service of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

For the Committee,

D. M. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S FRIENDLY CIRCLE

The Circle continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our membership remains about the same. We are happy to note that one of our members has added her name to the Communion Roll of the Church.

We have been fortunate during the past year in having as speakers to our meetings Rev. L. Rogers, Sister Helen Arndt, Miss Molly McKenzie and Mrs. Dr. Ewen. Several of our members have also arranged work demonstrations.

Our Christmas party was an outstanding event. On this occasion we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Temple and family.

An opportunity was also given to us to join in fellowship with the Women's Association and the Evening Guild. These meetings were greatly appreciated by our members.

A party was held at the home of Mrs. Hitchcock, where many of us spent a happy evening.

We enter another year with the hope that our Circle may be widened and that through our friendship we may be able to bring others into His fellowship.

JEAN CRAWFORD, Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

The attendance at the Social Hour—which is held in the Fellowship Room on the fourth Sunday of each month—has steadily increased.

This function served the very useful purpose of enabling Church members to become better acquainted with their Minister and with each other, and provided an opportunity to welcome the large number of visitors—120 signed the visitors' book during the year.

Those joining the Church are now specially invited to the first After Church Social Hour following Communion; it is hoped this will enable them to make contact with other members of St. John's. The gatherings are of a friendly and informal nature. Sometimes there is community singing of well-known hymns; at other times a solo or duet is rendered, and at Christmas there is carol-singing. A very warm welcome is given to visitors, supper is served, a hymn is sung, and the evening is brought to a close with prayer by our Minister, Rev. W. P. Temple who, since his coming amongst us, has very graciously presided at the social hour.

The Committee is grateful to the ladies in the groups who, by providing the supper and attending to all the necessary details, have made it possible for the social hour to be held. It would also thank the artists and accompanists.

The Committee would be pleased to receive the names of any ladies in the congregation not already in a group but who would like to be associated with one.

I. FERGUSON, Convener.

ST. JOHN'S BUSY BEES

In 1948 the Busy Bees met in conjunction with the Girls' Life Brigade, part of every third meeting being devoted to Busy Bee work, under the leadership of Miss Ross.

Miss Ross is to be congratulated for her fine work in this connection, for the Busy Bees ended their 1948 meetings with £14 14s. 1d. in hand.

As Miss Ross was unable to continue as Leader, the Busy Bees did not meet in 1949 until May, when Mrs. Highet commenced as Leader.

At the first meeting, plans for the year were discussed and it was decided to devote the first part of the year to making quilts for mission stations, and the latter part to work for a sale of work.

The Busy Bees decided to donate £2 to Maori Mission Birthday League and £3 to P.W.M.U.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MEN'S CLUB

The Club meets in the Fellowship Room in the evening of the third Tuesday of each month. Our programme usually consists of a hot meal, followed by an address or discussion on some topic of general interest. Club membership stands at 53, and attendance at meetings is usually about 30. We owe a debt of gratitude both to our guest speakers, who have given us a series of most interesting and informative addresses, and also to those ladies of the congregation who have so graciously and efficiently assisted with our catering on each occasion.

Visitors and friends of members are always welcome at our functions, and we hope that any men who are newcomers to the congregation will come along and make themselves known to us.

W. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR Y.M.B.C. ANNUAL REPORT

The year to be covered by this report has been one of change and forward movement for the Class, with increasing membership and greater effectiveness in our activities.

The Sunday meeting, around which our whole class pivots, has continued to be the source of strength in our work. The decision to change the time of meeting to 9.45 a.m. was brought into force on the 14th November after much discussion and careful consideration. Our increase in membership in 1949 has shown that great things may be expected. The roll number stands at 17 members, with an average attendance of 12.

A number of excellent papers have been presented during the year. The syllabus is printed at half-yearly intervals. The Bible study on Romans concluded and a start was made on the Epistle of St. James.

Mr. J. R. Marshall has capably led us again this year. Mr. T. Page, as assistant leader, has also been of great help to the Class.

The Class contribution to missions for the year 30/6/48 was £35 10s.

We have also continued to send the monthly food parcel to St. John's Church, Glasgow. In October, six members from the Class went to the Presbyterian Boys' Orphanage in Berhampore and, after games and competitions, provided supper. The Class again sold Orphanage Calendars and Scots Concert tickets, the proceeds of which go to the Orphanage.

Two socials and dances were held during the year and members visited other classes on various occasions. The monthly teas have continued to foster fellowship among the classes of our own congregation. Class members have played a prominent part in St. John's Tennis and Badminton Clubs, and several run with the Presbyterian Harrier Club.

Thirteen seniors and seven juniors attended the Easter Camp at the permanent camp site, Reikorangi, and it was a most successful and happy event. A most enjoyable and worthwhile weekend was spent at the Boys' Institute Camp Site, Reikorangi, from 18th to 20th February, 1949.

The classroom looks brighter after its painting, which was undertaken by members of the Class.

Class Memorial Fund has been increased to £17 14s. 8d., and it is proposed to have made a wooden memorial, similar to the honours board, with the names of members who lost their lives in the last war placed thereon.

To our Minister and President, Mr. Temple, who, since his induction in October, has given us great help and inspiration, we give our deep and sincere thanks.

Our thanks also to the other organisations within our Church for their co-operation and help, particularly the Young Women's and Junior Young Men's Classes. We look forward to the continued co-operation of these organisations in the coming year. Mr. George Robertson, who has once again audited our books, we wish to thank, and also Mr. Thompson for his willing assistance throughout the year.

The past year has shown a move forward in our Class work, and this we feel is but a beginning to the work ahead in the new year. It is only with God's guidance we have achieved, and as we again renew our trust to go forward in His service, we know He will be with us.

Diamond Jubilee: The 60th Anniversary of the Class was celebrated on the 19th of September, at 3 p.m. It was a highly successful gathering; over fifty Old Boys were present and the chair was taken by Mr. J. S. Butler. A paper, "The Christian Man in the Secular World," was read by Mr. Fred Chappell. Mr. Ad. Howitt, Mr. A. Martin and Mr. R. L. Andrew, former Leaders of the Class, also took part. It was most encouraging for the present members to have the ex-members present and to receive their greetings, and we thank them for their interest in the Class. Following the class meeting, members and old boys had tea together, and in the evening a special service marking the occasion was held in St. John's.

DICK FOWLER, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Since the beginning of 1949 our numbers have increased considerably, as we now have twenty-one active members on the roll. Two of last year's members, having finished their course at Training College, left Wellington, but this year we have eight new members who are students, as well as three girls who came up from the Intermediate Class and four who have newly come to Wellington.

This year we are using the syllabus of the Australian and New Zealand Presbyterian and Methodist classes, entitled "The Highway," the theme being "Fullness of Life." Special studies have included one on "The Inner Life," one on the Forward Move of the Bible Class Movement, and three on the "Sermon on the Mount." One Sunday we were pleased to have a visit from Sister Nessie Morgan, who told us many interesting things about her work among the Maori people at Matahi. Several combined meetings with the young men's classes have been held.

In November we were privileged to welcome our new minister, Rev. W. P. Temple, who has since addressed us on two occasions, one being that of the Bible Class Day of Prayer. At our Christmas service, class members read a dramatization by Miss H. D. Clyde of "The Story of the Other Wise Man," when we were pleased to have as our guests our minister and a number of office-bearers and their wives. Most of our members took part in an early morning service in St. Andrew's Church, with Kelburn and St. Andrew's classes, on the Bible Class Day of Prayer. During our Service of Worship each Sunday, different girls lead us in our Time of Quiet. All classes meet together for prayer in the afternoon of the first Sunday each month.

Seven of our members were present at Easter Camp, held at Levin, and two of these led study circles. Our classes were responsible for planning the service held on Good Friday night.

A visit was made to St. James's Class under the District Visitation Scheme, and St. John's received our annual visit from Wesley Classes.

The Missionary and Social Service work of our Church has been well supported. The sum of £22 10s. was given for the Missionary Budget, and in addition donations were given to Deaconess College "Pound Day," P.S.S.A., the residential flat attached to Taita Union Church, and the N.C.C. appeal for the children of Europe. The annual payment of £5 was made towards the upkeep of the "John Boal Cot" at the Orphanage. During 1948 assistance was given to the Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland, and this year Wellington District's responsibility lies in providing useful articles for the children under Sister Nessie Morgan's care at Matahi. Small knitted garments have been made for these children, a boy's pull-over and three pairs of girls' socks have been knitted for the Children's Homes. Our two "adopted" little girls have been given Christmas and birthday treats.

In May we packed three parcels for Espelkamp, made up of gifts from members of the congregation, and in June we sent one from our own class.

At the beginning of 1949 a week-night tea was held for the purpose of meeting students and others new to Wellington. Eight visitors were welcomed, of whom two have since joined the class. In conjunction with the Y.M.B.C. several successful socials and dances have been held, to which other classes have been invited. Our monthly tea continues to be a very popular function. Guest speakers have been Mr. Temple, Miss Filcen White and Mr. Jack Reid, representing District Committee; Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Whitelaw, who spoke on the recent conferences at Geneva and Amsterdam, and Miss Molly McKenzie, who gave us a most interesting talk on all the cathedrals and churches visited on her recent trip to Britain and the Continent of Europe.

The Tennis and Badminton Clubs provide opportunities for fellowship and recreation for all interested members, and this year has seen the starting of a Basketball Club by Miss Eleanor Fowler, leader of the Junior Class. Several senior members are taking an active part, and matches are being played with other Bible Classes. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler for so generously assisting this worthwhile project.

To further our effort for the Permanent Camp Site Fund, Bible Class members were asked to contribute one day's pay, from which the sum of £10 was raised.

There was not a great deal of enthusiasm shown in the Inter-Church Competitions this year, but we had entries in a few events.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation of the way in which Mr. and Mrs. Temple have shown their keen interest in the youth work of our Church. The warm place in our affections which they have already won speaks more than mere words, and we can best show our gratitude by realising our responsibilities and increasing our loyalty to the Church of which we form a part.

The class appreciate the continuing interest and financial help given by Life Members and Past Members. This evidence of undying class spirit presents a challenge to us.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson continue to give most willing assistance at many of our functions, and for this we desire to record our most grateful thanks.

We thank, too, Mr. L. Milne for auditing our books for the current year.

At the beginning of another year we resolve to co-operate to the best of our ability with our Leader and loyally to recognise our responsibilities as members.

ELIZABETH MILNE, Secretary.

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

Membership.—Our membership stands at seven. No girls were promoted from the Sunday School. The syllabus we are following is "Unto the Hills," an Australian publication. Also a series of studies on "Why Decide for Christ" were given to help the members to realise the need for full Church membership.

Members have taken an active part in studies and discussions.

Social.—Our main social activities this year are the newly-formed basketball teams, in which members from the Intermediate and Senior Y.W.B.C.'s have joined. This is an attempt to give a weekly activity to our members and interest others not within our Class—it seems to be most successful. We have played various other classes, which gives contact and fellowship with other groups. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler for providing the court and equipment for us.

In the usual monthly teas and main social events we have joined with the other classes. As well, we have had our own socials combined with the Intermediate Girls' and Junior Boys' Bible Classes.

A picnic to Maori Bank at the beginning of the class year was a day of enjoyment for all who attended.

Easter Camp.—One member and our Leader went to Levin this year. It is hoped that others will realise the great opportunity for fellowship and help that such camps give to those attending and will make an effort to be at the coming camp.

Anniversary.—Our thanks once more to Mrs. Pumfrey for her willing assistance in training us for our part in the Sunday School Anniversary.

Finance.—The amount of £3 was passed to our Own Workers Fund for missions, and £1 15s. to camp site.

Conclusion.—Though the membership of our Class is small, the members are loyal, and we have had a good year together. We realise the need of bringing others into our fellowship, and we pray that in the new year we may be shown the ways for this service.

MARGARET GIBB, Hon. Secretary.

We wish to report a year of steady progress in the Girls' Life Brigade. In March a Cadet Section of the Brigade for girls 6—10 years of age was formed and Miss Cunliffe was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer. There are 30 girls in the Brigade and 16 in the Cadet Section. Dale Carley and Hazel Randall passed their first N.C.O. test recently. We were pleased to share with the Boys' Brigade in their first Church Parade, 24th July.

Our Company was asked to help with the CORSO collection, and we were glad to send off two teams of girls to help in this way.

A concert in aid of Missions was held on 1st August in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall by the Wellington Battalion, and the amount raised will be divided amongst the different denominations taking part.

On 17th August we are having a party and we hope to have Mr. and Mrs. Temple with us. Each girl has been asked to bring a cake of soap to send a parcel to a Brownie Company (that Mr. Temple knows of) in Scotland.

We look forward to another year of service and fellowship.

ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS 26th Annual Report for the Year ended 30th June, 1949.

Our membership at the start of the year was twelve and, after losses by promotion and gains by recruiting, the roll now contains fourteen names.

Members are fairly regular and punctual in attendance at Sunday meetings. There has been a small representation at combined and special meetings held in conjunction with other classes.

Use has been made of the Australian syllabus, "Unto the Hills," and as well a number of specially prepared studies have been taken. Discussion is satisfactory and assignments generally well done. There is still considerable room for improvement in the preparation of studies by members.

There has been an improvement since last year in church attendance, although this still leaves much to be desired.

Our contribution to the Bible Class Missions Fund amounted to £6 for the year.

Members have taken part in District Committee sports activities, and also in the St. John's Bible Class Tennis Club and the Presbyterian Harrier Club. We attended both the St. John's Class Camp and the District Easter Camp and enjoyed these experiences to the full. Three of our members belong to the new 2nd Wellington Company of the Boys' Brigade, recently formed in St. John's.

On the whole we have had a good year and we express thanks to all who have in any way assisted us, in particular to our President, Rev. W. P. Temple. As the new year commences we are reminded of the promises of loyalty we made at the Youth Workers' and Bible Class Members' Dedication Service early in 1949.

E. SMITH, Leader.

HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

The creation of St. John's Endowment Fund was begun, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, by a resolution unanimously passed by the Board of Managers on 12th August, 1931, to commence as from 1st November, 1930, the beginning of the Church year at that time. This was confirmed by the congregation at the first annual meeting thereafter, with a direction that regulations be prepared embodying the adopted proposal on the lines suggested at the meeting. Regulations governing the fund were accordingly drawn up and adopted by the Finance Committee and Board of Managers. They are as follows:—

- (1) The Fund shall be called the "St. John's Endowment Fund."
- (2) It shall be instituted as from 1st November, 1930 (the beginning of the Church Year in 1930) and shall comprise all legacies and bequests commencing at that time with the Aitken and Hannah legacies, together with interest therefrom from that date, also the interest from the Lockie bequest (£190), a perpetual trust administered by the Guardian Trust and Executors Company of New Zealand, Ltd.
- (3) Interest and capital increments from all legacies and bequests comprising the Fund shall be paid into the Endowment Fund as received.
- (4) The Fund shall be lodged with the General Church Treasurer and invested from time to time by the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees in suitable trust securities.
- (5) The First objective of the Endowment Fund is to accumulate a capital sum of £10,000, on the attainment of which the annual revenue therefrom may either wholly or in part be used to supplement the maintenance of the present St. John's Church or of any future St. John's Church which may replace the present structure.
- (6) On the objective of the Endowment Fund of £10,000 having been reached, any annual revenue from this amount which may not be used in any one year may be allowed to accumulate and used subsequently for church maintenance at any time that it may be required.
- (7) The principal sums of the Endowment Fund to the amount of £10,000 are to remain intact and not used for any purpose except as hereinbefore provided.
- (8) The Second objective of the Endowment Fund, which will commence after £10,000 has been attained, is to increase the Fund by which such further legacies and bequests as may be made to St. John's from time to time and by the accumulation of that portion of the interest earned by the surplus in the Fund over £10,000, so that—
 - (a) in the event of partial loss through fire, earthquake, war, civil commotion, or any catastrophe of any sort, and in the further event of any proceeds of insurance or compensation being insufficient to fully restore the Church or Church buildings, any excess over £10,000 in the Endowment Fund may be drawn on so as to assist in this being done.
 - (b) ultimate provision may be made of a sum which by accumulation of capital and interest shall in the course of time defray either in whole or part the cost of erecting a new St. John's Church when the existing structure shall either through fire, earthquake, or natural decay, be no longer available or suitable for the purposes of the Presbyterian form of religion.

In the annual report for the year ended 31st October, 1931, there appears for the first time in the statement of assets and liabilities . . . St. John's Endowment Fund, £92 15s. 1d. From that day of small beginnings the fund has grown until at 30th June, 1949, it stands at £8,465 3s. 5d. Since that date a further £397 11s. 1d. interest and principal has been added, making a total of £8,862 14s. 6d., all held by the General Church Treasurer in N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock, Local Body debentures, mortgages, and a small balance in the Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Legacies have been received from the estates of the late J. G. W. Aitken, Robert Hannah, M. D. Menclaus, Wm. Hopkirk, Ann Ferguson and Agnes Dalgleish. Accumulated compound interest received to 18th August, 1949 amounts to £2,916 17s. Included in this amount is the interest received from E. J. Lockie estate, £190, administered under perpetual trust by the Guardian Trust and Executors Co. of New Zealand.

The first objective of raising a capital sum of £10,000 is now within reasonable distance of attainment.

The usual form of bequest is appended.

In Memoriam



Mr. A. P. SMITH
 Very Rev. J. H. MACKENZIE
 Mrs. J. H. MACKENZIE
 Mr. EDMUND ANSCOMBE
 Mrs. Ad. HOWITT
 Miss A. SAMSON
 Miss B. MILLS
 Miss MARY McLEAN
 Mrs. ROBERTSON
 Mrs. D. C. PEACOCK
 Mrs. BAUDINET
 Miss M. B. HOPKIRK
 Mrs. J. A. ORR

REPORT OF SEAT-LETTING COMMITTEE

	June 30th, 1949	Last Year
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income	115 4 0	113 9 0
Arrears	4 15 0	3 10 0
Paid in Advance	4 15 0	5 5 0
Seat Holders	54	56
Seats Let	114	117

For the Seat-Letting Committee,

P. H. ANDERSON, Convener.



FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequeath to . . .

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
 WELLINGTON

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1949.

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NOTE.—The painting contract was not completed at 30th June, 1949. The amount payable in terms of the contract was £1829 0s. 0d. Of this £800 0s. 0d. is shown above as having been paid, leaving a balance of £1,029 0s. 0d. To meet this £1,029 0s. 0d. there is £73 19s. 7d. on deposit with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, while the shares in the Metropolitan Building Society will mature during December next and will produce £750 0s. 0d. The difference of £205 0s. 5d. should be added to the overdraft of £175 12s. 4d. shown above to give a real overdraft in the Ordinary Revenue Account at the end of the year of £380 12s. 9d.

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

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