

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WILLIS STREET

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Annual Report

1949-1950



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Ninety-Seventh Report

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To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 25th October, 1950,
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from 1st JULY, 1949,
to 30th JUNE 1950

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 Street, on 17th Nov. 1853, he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgton.	
Sunday School opened	1858
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 St.) 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. Jubilee	1938
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., accepted call to Scots' Church, Adelaide, and left New Zealand	31st Aug., 1939
Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D.	Sept., 1939 to May, 1940
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., Inducted	21st Nov., 1940
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	Oct., 1942
Choir Gowned	26th Nov., 1944
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	1945
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	Oct., 1947
Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D., Inducted	28th Oct., 1948

PASTORAL LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

Columns of figures on paper are not very inspiring. Reduce a Church or a nation to so many members, so many pounds of income and expenditure, and you produce a piece of arithmetic. It will tell us little about ourselves, unless "the shaping spirit

of imagination" sets to work, and clothes these figures in warm flesh and blood.

Our Annual Report in some respects resembles the dry bones of arithmetic. But let your mind infuse statements and figures with personal meaning. Behind every sentence and cypher stands a person. That person is no "vulgar fraction" in the whole sum, but a man, woman or child, made in God's image, endowed with distinctive gifts, energies, ideals, interests and possibilities. You yourself are represented in this Annual Report, and this is the summing-up. In the total life, worship and work of St. John's, each of us counts either as a "plus" or a "minus," an asset or a liability. Whether in respect of the Church's privileges as the Family of God, or of its duties as the Instrument of the Evangel, we can be counted in, or we have to be counted out!

For example, how far do you think we are from the Kingdom of Heaven on earth? "This year, next year, sometime, never . . . ?" This is an absurd jingle, but it is to that absurdity that many people have reduced God's victory in this world. They might concede that the Gospel could save this devil-driven world, but—"it will take too long to work out."

That "too long" argument ought to be suspect by this time. Our Lord in a handful of months finished a work which no work of man's, however devilish, will destroy. Calvary's sacrifice is still God's purchase-price for the world's slaves. The Resurrection means that Christ is alive today. The gift of the Holy Spirit is yours and mine for the asking, if we want it. It is not years which stand between us and the Reign of God, it is lives: the barriers are MEN, not months. The years are barren of spiritual event and advance only when we deny God's dominion in our worship and living. On the other hand, the world's spiritual and material destiny has reached another turning-point when one of us commits himself to God's grace and guidance. As Samuel Chadwick used to say: "Men are God's method."

As we read this Report, with thankfulness to God, and to those who have let themselves be used by God that such a Report could be written on behalf of St. John's; and as we think of how much is still to be done within the Congregation, and around our Church doors, I hope that the thought which will kindle in us all will be not "it will take too long," but "it will take me, more of me, all of me there is, that His Will may be done on earth, as it is in Heaven."

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

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 BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S:

KIRK SESSION:

	Inducted
Howitt, Ad., 62 Rex St., Miramar (Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	1913
Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3	1919
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3	1921
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 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
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1	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. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2	1946

Acting Session Clerk:

Smith, H. B., 25 Maidavale Road, Roseneath	1941
Telephone 54-331.	

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Brown, N. R.	80 Willis Street, C.1.
Brown, J. T.	38 Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn.
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. W.	2 Edge Hill, C.3.
Marshall, Hon. 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.	15 Waipapa Road, Hataitai, E.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1.
Smith, J. C.	52 Glen Road, W.1.
Trask, F.	6 Grafton Road, Roseneath, C.4.
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: H. Kelly. 'Phone 54-299.

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1950-51:

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, Mr. J. H. Long.

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Mr. H. Glover (Convener), Mr. W. Duthie, Mr. Ad. Howitt, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. D. Ritchie, Mr. N. S. Woods, Mr. D. F. Fowler, Mr. J. S. Cole, Mr. H. B. Middleton.

Seat Letting Committee:

Mr. P. H. Anderson (Convener), 59 Hawker Street, 'phone 50-609; Hon. J. R. Marshall, Mr. D. MacLeod, Mr. H. B. Smith, Mr. I. S. Lowman.

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Rolls Committee:

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

Choir Committee:

Mr. A. H. Wallace (Convener), Mr. J. S. Lomas, Mr. R. E. Pumfrey,
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Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

Mr. J. A. Orr, 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.
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ORGANISATIONS.

Choir:

Relieving Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Brian Withers, L.R.S.M.

President: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

Vice-Presidents: Misses H. D. Clyde and Pearl Brodie.

Secretary: Miss J. Curtis.

Treasurer: Miss Isobel Brook.

Librarian: Mr. A. Murray.

Wardrobe Mistress: Mrs. F. Kempton.

Life Members: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry, Miss D.
Chappell, Miss H. D. Clyde.

Committee: Mesdames Pumfrey and Haggitt, Mrs. Helen Mackay
and Mr. J. Lomas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Misses J. Cunliffe, M. Fawcett, J. Fullarton, P. Lees,
A. Lomas, M. MacKenzie, K. Ross; Mesdames Robertson and
Thompson, Misses M. Gibb, D. Scott and N. Shaw; Messrs. W. Ross,
Page and Dell.

Secretary: Miss M. MacKenzie.

Treasurer: Mr. W. Ross.

Busy Bee Leader: Mrs. D. Highet.

Girls' Life Brigade Captain: Miss J. Fullarton.

Boys' Brigade Captain: Mr. D. F. Fowler.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Miss C. E. MacKenzie.

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

Hon. President: Mrs. W. P. Temple.

Hon. Vice-President: Mrs. W. Austin.

President: Mrs. Bayldon Ewen, 8 Dundas Street, Seatoun, E.5.
'Phone 16-064.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames B. Wilson, T. F. Corkill, R. B. Fowler,
Misses J. Howden and M. Chappell.

Secretary: Miss J. S. Johnston, 33 Central Tce., W.1. 'Phone 44-881.

Treasurer:

Mrs. D. Highet, 1 Carlton-Gore Road, Roseneath. 'Phone 54-309.

Committee: Mesdames I. Day, M. Pumfrey, P. G. Hughes, M. Berry,
Misses D. Chappell, J. Hanchet, W. Millar, M. Ralston and Martha
Ralston and the Officers.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD.

Hon. President: Mrs. W. P. Temple.

Active President: Mrs. N. Woods.

Vice-President: Mrs. J. C. Smith.

Secretary: Miss Elsie McCulloch.

Treasurer: Miss C. Dalziel.

Committee: Mesdames Fullerton, Duncan, Fowler, Miss H. Mackay
and Mrs. Darroch.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Leader: Mr. Scott Gray.

Secretary: R. W. Fowler, 2 Homewood Crescent, W.3. 'Phone 28-356

Treasurer: F. Wade

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Pearl Brodie, 55a Central Tce., W.1. 'Phone 47-261.

Secretary: Miss C. Ross, 64 Kelburn Parade, W.1. 'Phone 42-691.

Treasurer: Miss Dorothy Scott, 73 Aro Street.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss N. Morgan.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mrs. Scott Gray.

INTERMEDIATE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mr. E. Smith.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

Miss J. Hanchet (Convener), Mesdames M. E. Pumfrey, E. Haggitt,
Misses P. Brodie, E. MacKenzie.

YOUTH CABINET:

Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D. (Chairman), Dr. T. F. Corkill
and Mr. L. R. Blake (Session), Miss M. MacKenzie (Secretary),
(Sunday School); Miss J. Fullarton (Girls' Life Brigade), Miss E.
M. Brodie (Senior Y.W.B.C.); Miss Nora Calvert (Intermediate
Y.W.B.C.), Mrs. Scott Gray (Junior Y.W.B.C.), Mr. Scott Gray
(Senior Y.M.B.C.), Mr. E. Smith (Inter YMB.C.), Mr. Duncan
Fowler (Boys' Brigade).

MEN'S CLUB.

President: Mr. F. Strong.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. McCulloch.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Cattnach.

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

Messrs. W. Duthie, R. Johnston, T. Page, J. Cole, L. W. Milne,
W. Pryor.

Hon. Physician: Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

Captain: Miss J. Fullarton.

Cadet Leader: Miss J. Cunliffe.

Chaplain: Rev. Wm. Temple.

Governing Committee:

Mrs. J. S. Martin (President), Miss Atkinson (Secretary), Mr. R. B.
Fowler, Mrs. W. J. Carley, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. N. G. Robertson,
Miss D. Chappell, Miss M. Fawcett,

SESSION'S REPORT.

In presenting the 97th Annual Report, we express our deepest gratitude for the incomparable blessings our Heavenly Father has heaped upon us as a congregation.

During the year the warming fires of Christian friendship burned brightly. The willing hands of those long experienced in carrying out a multitude of Christian duties were never so busy. There was no shortage of new hands to assist. The Wednesday Lectures have caused a keen revival in Bible study and prayer. There was an increasing throng of happy young faces attending the Sunday School and filling the ranks of the thriving Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade. The challenge of the New Life Movement has stimulated a general desire for a bolder witness for Christ, and preliminary plans have already been made for a Parish survey through which we hope to let our neighbours know how St. John's can be of service to them, and to break new ground for Christ.

We gratefully acknowledge the leadership and inspiration we, as a congregation, have been privileged to receive from our beloved Minister, Mr. Temple. His inspired addresses have not only lifted the hearts of those attending the services, but have echoed throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. We again humbly thank our Father that Mr. and Mrs. Temple are in our midst.

Pastoral visitations in such a widely scattered charge as St. John's impose a heavy burden on the Minister, but Mr. Temple has answered every call, and his ministrations have brought comfort and encouragement to many a weary and sorrowing heart. The appointment of a full-time deaconess has been approved by session to assist Mr. Temple in this and other work.

The attendances at the Wednesday Lectures have been maintained at a high level. They are an eloquent tribute to Mr. Temple's profound scholarship and his rare gifts in expounding the Gospel.

Session records its deep regret at the passing of the late Mr. Malcolm Fraser, C.V.O., O.B.E. Mr. Fraser joined the Session in 1921, and for some 28 years he discharged his duties as an Elder in a way that endeared him, not only to his fellow Elders, but to the whole congregation. Mr. Fraser rendered great and outstanding public service to New Zealand, but with all his public duties, and they were many, he was never too busy to further God's work. He was an acknowledged leader in Session, and his advice was always sought on matters under consideration. He was a great lover of children, and a keen supporter of the Sunday School.

Session also records its deep regret at the passing of the Rev. P. Gladstone-Hughes, B.A. The following extracts are reproduced from the memorial minute inscribed in the Session's records:—

"Mr. Hughes was inducted to the Charge in November, 1940. Through war years by word and example he sought to build up his people in the certainties of the Faith, unfaltering in his conviction that 'good must be the final goal of ill,' and that even through the sorrows and tragedies of war God was working out His purpose is Love. His personal bereavement through the death on Active Service of his only son left its heavy mark on his life, but took from him nothing of his deep assurance of the goodness and mercy of God. Having suffered in his own heart, he was the more able to comfort others in their sufferings, with that comfort which he himself had received from Christ.

"As pastor and friend he endeared many to him, not only in this Church but among others to whom Church and Gospel seem to make little appeal. The open hand which he held out to those in need was not soon wearied. The number who have had cause to thank him for generous help, readily given and never divulged, cannot be known to us.

"His ministry among us was discharged through years which can be counted among the most difficult which any Church can be called on to face. As a Session we give thanks to God that Mr. Hughes was spared and strengthened to go in and out among us, guiding us with his counsel, ministering to young and old, in Church and in the home, and fortifying us with that faith which looks beyond the shadows to the perfect door of God. . . ."

Session also records deep regret at the passing of Mr. W. J. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson served faithfully on the Session for 22 years and by his sincerity and unassuming and generous nature he was beloved by all. He rendered outstanding service in the Bible Class and the Boys' Institute and his work in these organisations will be a living memorial to his name. To further Christ's Kingdom was his constant aim.

The Session roll now stands at 23. The effective Communion roll on June 30th, 1950, was 498. Admissions during the year by profession of Faith numbered 25, and by certificate 29. Removals by disjunctions and death numbered 38. The attendances at the four quarterly Communions averaged 354. There were 42 Baptists during the year.

The reports that follow reflect a healthy state in the various organisations, but give only a brief indication of the faithful and untiring efforts of the Officers and others, whose only concern is to further Christ's work in our midst. They constitute the real strength of Christ's Church today, and Session thanks our Heavenly Father for them and their great example in Christian service. Session expresses its appreciation of all their efforts, and in particular those who have come forward to guide and teach our children and youth.

Thanks.—We record our sorrow at losing the services of Mr. Thompson as Church Officer, and also Mrs. Thompson. They served St. John's faithfully and well for many years, and we wish them well in their retirement. To Mr. Kelly, the new Church Officer, and Mrs. Kelly, we express our best thanks for the willing and courteous services they have rendered.

Session comments to the comfort and care of our Heavenly Father all who have been bereaved, sick or sad.

We thank God for all his goodness to us during the year and look to His guidance in the carrying out of His work in the years to come.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

At the Annual Meeting held in September, 1949, the following Managers, who retired after the usual term of three years, were re-elected:—Messrs. J. S. Cole, R. Fleming, I. S. Lowman, H. B. Middleton, L. W. Milne and N. G. Robertson. In addition, Messrs. F. Trask and J. T. Brown were elected to the Board to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs. S. N. Reyburn and G. M. Ross.

The repainting of the Church and adjoining buildings was completed early in the financial year, while protection to the plate-glass windows was completed later in the year. The interior of the Church's Officer's cottage required extensive renovations, and is now in very satisfactory order.

The Endowment Fund has increased by a number of generous donations and legacies during the year, the balance at June 30th being £9224/18/4. Since then advice has been received that interest credited by the Church Office for the year ended August 18th, 1950, has increased the balance to £9480. Accumulations of interest alone will bring the balance of the Fund to the first objective of £10,000 in approximately 18 months' time, and then the current income will be available for the maintenance of St. John's.

The special appeal for funds at the end of June resulted in contributions totalling £406/18/6. Of this £358 was applied to the ordinary revenue account, and the balance of £48/18/6 to the Budget Assessment. The total amount paid in respect of our assessment was £539/9/8.

The Board felt that this year the ordinary revenue account of the Church should be balanced from the special appeal and that £100 should be carried forward in this account to cover the estimated liability incurred during 1949-50 in respect of an adjustment of the southern boundary of the Manse. During the year it was discovered that the building on this boundary encroached on the adjoining section by varying distances up to approximately four feet. It will be necessary to acquire the land involved from the owner as it is not practicable to move the buildings.

The average attendance at service during the year showed a slight drop from the previous year. This occurred mainly during the early months of the year. The daily average for this year being 439.

During the year our new Church Officer, Mr. Hugh Kelly, took up his duties and is proving a very willing and efficient officer.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR.

Roll and Attendance.—The roll of active members is as follows:—Soprano 10, contralto 7, tenor 1, bass 3; total 19. There are also 9 associate members. Average attendances for the year were as follows:—At practice 13, at morning service 10, at evening service 14.

New Members.—During the year we have had the pleasure of welcoming the following new members:—Mrs. F. Kempton, Misses M. Gregory, H. MacKay and D. Robertson.

Choral Work.—Our Christmas Cantata for 1949 was "The Nativity," by Thiman, and in this we had the assistance of Mrs. Merle Gamble and Mr. E. Gardner as soloists. At the close of the service supper was served by the Choir, and our Minister, Mr. Temple, expressed appreciation of the music rendered and thanked the guest artists for their help.

The Easter Cantata, 1950, was Stainer's "Crucifixion," the soloists being Mrs. E. Haggitt and Mr. F. Lynch.

General.—At the beginning of 1950 Mr. Brian Withers was appointed relieving Organist and Choirmaster.

Early in January the death occurred in Timaru of the Rev. Gladstone Hughes, a former Minister of St. John's. The funeral service was conducted by our Minister, who again, on February 5th, held a special Memorial Service, in which members of the Welsh Choir joined with us as a special tribute to the memory of Mr. Hughes.

In March, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kersley celebrated their Golden Wedding, and the Choir attended the Service of Thanksgiving held at St. John's.

Our thanks are due to our Choirmaster, Mr. Withers, for taking over the Choir at short notice and ably leading us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In an age when a jazz tune is so much more familiar than a Carey Boner, and a radio serial than a Bible story, it is encouraging to know that the number of children finding their way into the Sunday School is steadily increasing. We should give thanks for this opportunity of unfolding new and lasting treasures to these children, and of bringing them to understand that the Church is not something apart, but something of which they are themselves a part. To help them to feel a sense of "belonging" they have their own share in the morning service, and their own special services during the year. In this year's anniversary services the thoughts which were uppermost in our minds were, first of all, the need for dedicating the whole of our life to Christ—at home, in our work and in our leisure hours—and then the need for remembering others in the widespread missionary activities of the Church. Of special interest in this service was the singing of "Jesus Loves Me" in four languages other than our own—Maori, Chinese, Hindustani and New Hebridean.

Following closely on our Anniversary Services came Promotion Day, and it was interesting to find that we had as visitors that day Mr. Crump of our New Hebrides Mission and his friend, Pastor Jack. Our Minister and his wife, always warmly welcomed at our Sunday School gatherings, were our guests at this service, Mr. Temple speaking to the children and Mrs. Temple handing to them the school prizes for the year, including the Hopkirk Memorial Bible, awarded to Margaret Laurenson.

This was not the sum total of prizes won, for on the opening Sunday of the school year those awarded by the Session for Church attendance were distributed by Mr. Temple.

Another Service in which the children had a special interest was the Family one held on Mothers' Day, when as many of the parents as could do so joined with the children in their morning worship.

The Girls' Life Brigade and the Boys' Brigade, with their junior branches, have stimulated interest in the school as well as adding to our roll numbers, and their week-night activities provide for the children what has long been lacking in the Sunday School programme.

Two social gatherings during the year, a picnic at Day's Bay and an evening entertainment following the children's tea provided some little opportunity for friendly intercourse between parents and teachers, but we feel that could there be established a closer co-operation and fellowship between home and school our work could be more fruitful.

The year has brought changes in the teaching staff, and, while taking a reluctant farewell of Miss Shirley Thomson (now Mrs. Jim Galloway) and of the Misses Mary and Elizabeth Milne, Jean Harvie and Prudence Corkill, whose duties took them to the South Island, we have welcomed to our ranks Mesdames Robertson and Thompson, Misses Gibb, Scott and Shaw, and Messrs. Del, Page and Ross. We express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Highet, who offered their services when our need was acute, and shouldered their responsibilities throughout many months of the year.

The School has many friends in the congregation, and their practical help, given throughout the year in many quiet ways, is very much appreciated.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly we extend a welcome. We know that the energetic and irrepressible young are not always thoughtful of the tasks of others, but we hope that nevertheless their association with the Sunday School will be a very happy one.

MARY MacKENZIE, Secretary.

THE CRADLE ROLL.

"We, as a Congregation of the Household of Faith, do promise that we will pray for this child, with all God's children, that we will provide for him the means of Christian nurture, and that we will so try to live before him, by the help of God, that he may be strengthened by our example, and continue all his life, to be the servant and lover of the Lord Christ, Whose Name he now bears."

At each Baptismal Service, when we have heard our Minister repeat these words, we, as a congregation, have stood, as a pledge that we undertake this responsibility.

How do we attempt to carry out our part in caring for the 104 children now on the Cradle Roll?

After the Service a member of the Committee calls on the parents, taking the Baptismal Certificate and asking that the baby's name might be placed on the Cradle Roll.

From that time, until Sunday School age is reached, one of the Cradle Roll Committee members keeps in touch with the child, remembering his birthday and informing the Mother of any Cradle Roll activities.

Early in the year the babies are invited to bring their Mothers and other friends to a party, where they are welcomed by the Minister, and, we hope, are made to feel that they are part of the congregation. When the child is four, an invitation to the Sunday School Promotion Day is extended.

On that occasion, the child is welcomed by the Leader of the Primary Department. In that Department, to a much greater extent than in the Cradle Roll Department, is it possible to fulfil the promise, "We will provide for him the means of Christian nurture" and to follow Christ's injunction, "Feed my lambs."

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

With grateful hearts we acknowledge God's goodness and guidance through the past year. We feel that the period of work and fellowship has been very worthwhile, both to ourselves and to those we seek to serve.

Membership at May 31st stands at 82, of which 46 are active and 36 honorary—an increase of 2.

In August of last year we suffered loss through the death of Mrs. Elsie Orr. A minute expressive of her sterling qualities and devoted service is inserted in our books. We also have to report the passing of Mrs. Chisholm and Mrs. Haigh, who for long years were enthusiastic workers in our Association.

In January last the news of the death of Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes was a great grief to members, and all joined in expressing deep sympathy to Mrs. Hughes and her daughters.

Meetings.—(1) P.W.M.U.: Nine meetings were held during the year, and we are indebted to the following speakers:—Rev. W. P. Temple, Mrs. P. G. Hughes, Mrs. Gratzner; Mrs. Cairns, the late Miss Rona Garsten, Sister Elizabeth Allan and Miss Begbie for their interesting and inspiring addresses. During the year our branch visited Kent Terrace for their 50th Anniversary, and St. Andrew's for their Annual Coin Afternoon.

At our November meeting we welcomed St. John's Busy Bee Hive, who solicited our help in purchasing articles which they had made during the year.

The generous response to the Mission Budget has been particularly gratifying. Though we were unable to hold the usual number of Social Afternoons, appeals for funds resulted in our being able to pay £240 into the Church's Budget. Mission Boxes brought in the sum of £20/8/6 and Maori Mission Birthday League contributed £33/4/9. Two Social Afternoons were held, one in September, when Dr. and Mrs. Bayldon Ewen arranged a moving picture programme and Mrs. Evelyn Haggett gave delightful brackets of solos; the other in March, when the guest artists were Mrs. Alice Graham, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. McIntosh.

At our April meeting Mr. Temple conducted a Bible Study and members were so impressed that it was decided to continue with a Bible Study and Prayer Circle each month.

(2) Women's Association Sewing Guild: Seven meetings were held for sewing. Garments were made and dispatched to Westercraigs Home for Elderly Women in Glasgow, the Toddlers' Home in Edinburgh, and St. Peter's Guild, Inverkeithing. Letters expressing thanks and deep appreciation were received from Miss Kinloch, Matron of Westercraigs, and Rev. and Mrs. J. Johnston, of St. Peter's, Inverkeithing. Members also did the patching and darning for our P.S.S.A. Children's Homes.

A donation of £30 was made towards the Home for Elderly Folk, which is to be opened in Island Bay; a bring and buy in November added £37 to our funds, and the Flower Box, which stands on the table at each meeting, yielded £5 towards the Church Flower Fund.

Visitation.—All women who have joined St. John's during the year have been visited by representatives from the Association. A small card setting out the time and place of meeting of each of the Women's Organisations has proved very helpful both for use when visiting and for handing to newcomers to St. John's. Visits have been paid to sick members of the congregation and those in hospital. At Christmas-time flowers were taken to all sick and shut-in folk.

Stamps.—This year St. John's has sent in more stamps than ever before—the Stamp Box in the Church vestibule has proved a great help. Last year from the Dominion Stamp Fund £250 was given to supply high-pressure ranges for the Maori Mission houses; £400 was given to the Missions Budget; and £150 was used for furnishing Home Missionary Manses.

Thanks.—We give sincere thanks to the Evening Guild, the Busy Bees and The Scott Trust Fund for donations towards the Mission funds. The generosity of contributors to the funds fills us with confidence that they have been inspired to give out of love to God and a desire to serve Him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Temple we offer our very sincere thanks—to Mr. Temple for his inspiring messages and spiritual leadership and to Mrs. Temple for her friendship and willing co-operation in all our work.

We warmly thank our President, Mrs. Ewen, whose ability to inspire the enthusiastic co-operation of all and whose gifts of friendliness and deep spiritual earnestness have done much to make the year's work successful.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Kelly for all they have done for us and assure them that we appreciate their willing and efficient help.

Loyalty and a true spirit of fellowship have made the year's work a pleasure, and we go forward inspired to put forth every effort to do our share in the Church's undertaking in the New Life Movement.

J. S. JOHNSTON, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD.

Membership.—The roll at present stands at 52, and the average attendance over the year has been 32.

Programme.—In trying to fulfill our aim of providing true Christian Fellowship, the Guild evenings have been planned to bring in outside interests as much as possible and at the same time give a background of service for others. Various speakers have given us an insight into the work of Dunedin's visiting teacher, Miss Hayward, life in America illustrated by Mrs. Hugh Fullarton, a trip overseas by Miss Mollie McKenzie, Church expansion work at Taita and Naenae by Sister Elizabeth Allen, and a very inspiring address by our Minister on "Some Aspects of Christian Fellowship." Demonstrations of toymaking and various handicrafts gave members some bright ideas in those directions, and purely social evenings proved very welcome opportunities for extending new and cementing old friendships formed through association with our Church.

Work for Others.—During the year, the Guild has sent away 39 tins of foodstuffs for Britain, 50 toys for Maori Mission work at Taumarunui, Christmas parcels for various Home Mission families in outlying districts, and raised £22/10/- by direct giving, which sum was handed over to the P.W.M.U. for inclusion in the Mission Budget. A donation of £3/15/4 was handed to Sister Allen as a result of a voluntary collection for her Sunday School equipment. The Annual Bring and Buy resulted in the sum of £11/19/6—£1/10/6 of this was donated to the Bible Class Espelkamp Fund, and the balance held for social services. Various members have also given a hand in making garments from material supplied by the Women's Association and taken their turn in helping with the after-Church suppers.

Church Flowers.—Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. J. C. Smith a scheme is being evolved by which Church members are being co-opted to include in their home gardening plans, a programme by which the Church flowers will be available continuously from various gardens and so cut down to a minimum the need there has been in the past to spend fairly large sums in buying flowers during the months of scarcity. The Men's Club is co-operating with the Evening Guild in trying to make a success of this scheme, and we feel sure it is one which will have the interested support of all home gardeners.

Maori Mission Birthday League.—Thirty-three Guild Members subscribe.

Harvest Field.—Fourteen Guild Members are subscribers.

General.—It is with a feeling of deep thankfulness to God that we review the year's activities. We have been saddened by the loss of some very active members whose memories remain with us as a constant inspiration. We have been very glad to welcome new members who have added to the friendliness and usefulness of the Guild. We are very grateful for the continued support of both Mr. and Mrs. Temple, whose friendly interest and encouragement mean so much to the success of all our Church organisations, and we pray that the present year will see a continuation and extension of the activities of the Guild so that it may prove to be a vital force in the Church Fellowship.

E. McCULLOUGH, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S FRIENDLY CIRCLE.

Although the Circle carried on during the year, it was decided at the Annual Meeting in June, 1950, that it had served its purpose and the time had arrived when it should go out of existence.

JEAN CRAWFORD, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

No doubt exists in the minds of those able to attend these gatherings that this section of the Church's activities is indeed worthwhile. The increased numbers who gather in the Fellowship Room between 8.15 and 9.15 on the fourth Sunday evening of each month testify to this.

The Social Hour provides a great opportunity for visitors, new members and old members to meet and talk with our Minister, the Rev. W. P. Temple, and one another in a friendly and informal way. That this opportunity is valued has been shown by the appreciative remarks made. New communicant members have received written invitations to the next gathering, and the majority of these have attended. We have also had the privilege of welcoming many visitors from other parts of New Zealand, from Britain, Australia and South Africa. In all, 140 visitors signed the Visitors' Book during the year. New settlers from Britain and Holland have been heartily welcomed too. The circulation of the Visitors' Book and the subsequent linking up by our Minister of the names therein with their owners has been most interesting. Vocal solos, duets, trios, and community singing have been enjoyed, while carol singing formed the special item for the December gathering. After supper and a final hymn, our Minister has sent us on our various ways with the peace and benediction of his closing prayers.

It is with great sorrow that this Committee refers to the passing of Mrs. Orr, who was a member. From her we drew deeply of her store of knowledge and experience; also of her never-failing willingness to help. She is much missed and it is a tribute to her memory that her name is so often brought up in connection with Church work.

To our Minister, the Committee expresses warmest appreciation of his chairmanship of these gatherings and the personal contact he makes with all present. It comes at the end of a long and arduous day and we pray that with this extra out-giving there may also be an in-gathering.

It was with much regret that the Committee accepted the resignation of Miss Ferguson, who had been its convenor since its inception in 1942. During the war years the After-Church Social Hour gatherings were held weekly, and the Committee desires to pay a warm tribute to Miss Ferguson for her organisation and a grand job of work done over the past eight years.

The Committee is grateful to the ladies in the various groups who, by providing supper and attending to all the necessary details, have made each of the gatherings so successful. To the artists and Mr. Withers, who has accompanied them, we say "Thank you."

If any ladies in the congregation who are not linked up with any group, would like to help in the work of preparation for these gatherings, the Committee would be most happy to receive their names.

J. HANCHET, Convener.

ST. JOHN'S BUSY BEES.

Our Busy Bee Hive meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons in the Junior Sunday School Hall. The Hive now has 24 members.

On November 8th last year a sale of work was held at which the sum of £8/12/- was raised.

Early in 1950 we were glad to welcome Mrs. Corkill, who kindly offered to help in our Hive.

During the year the Busy Bees donated £5 to the M.M.B.L., £8 to the P.W.M.U., and £5 to the Break of Day Christmas Gift Fund.

MRS. D. HIGHET, Leader.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MEN'S CLUB.

The Club provides a common meeting ground and an opportunity for fellowship for men of the Congregation, visitors and friends. We meet for an evening meal in the Fellowship Room on the third Tuesday of each month, and the programme generally includes an address, film screening, or discussion on some topic of general interest. We owe a debt of gratitude both to our guest speakers, who have so generously given of their time and talents, and also to those ladies of the Congregation who have so graciously assisted with our catering on each occasion.

Within recent weeks the Club has undertaken responsibility for a project which will, we hope, be of service and benefit to our Church—the renovation of our Church Hall. Plans include enlarging and remodelling the stage, construction of a proper procenium and sallery, construction of a projection box, installation of curtains, drapes, and electrical equipment, etc. It is hoped and intended that with the co-operation of other organisations of St. John's we will find all the labour and materials required for the project without calling on the general funds of the Church. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Messrs. Hugh Fullarton and J. Hunter, work is already well advanced.

Another form of service undertaken by some of our members is the provision of flowers for the Church. A group organised by Mr. N. S. Woods has arranged to supply from their gardens, and in some cases to grow, suitable flowers with the object of having a continuous supply available throughout the year.

Visitors and newcomers to the Congregation are always welcome at our meetings, and a hearty invitation is extended to all.

W. McCULLOCH, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Our Class has not grown numerically in the past year, but we feel that we have grown in the love and fellowship of Christ. How much has been accomplished is not for us to say—we pray that what has been done will be blessed by God.

At the beginning of 1950 we lost our leader, Mr. J. R. Marshall. He has given loyal and distinguished service to the class for 20 years. We congratulate him on his appointment as a Minister of the Crown—our loss is New Zealand's gain. We thank him sincerely for all that he has done for the class.

Mr. T. Page has become our Acting Leader. We are very grateful for his willing work and guidance.

Throughout the year our Minister, Rev. W. P. Temple, has been a constant source of strength to us.

Class members have been active in the work of our own Congregation. Several members have joined the newly-formed Bible Class Lay-Preachers Band. Two members of the Class last year have been accepted as students for the Ministry of our Church.

The Class continues to meet at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We have taken full part in Inter-Bible Class activities.

On March 31st the membership was 16, with an average attendance of 13.

We are making an 18-month study in the Acts of the Apostles. We have also made doctrinal and Christian Ethics studies.

The Class has continued to send monthly food parcels to St. John's Church, Glasgow. With the other classes we have sent parcels to Espelcamp, Germany.

The class visited the Presbyterian Children's Home, Berham-pore, twice during the year. We are also assisting the Y.W.C.A. in a new venture, the "Sunday Roomers' Club."

The Class contributed £29 to Missions for the year ending 30/6/50.

There have been monthly Sunday teas and several dances and socials.

Class members are active in the St. John's badminton and tennis clubs and in the Presbyterian Harrier Club.

The rooms have been kept in excellent condition by the Church Officer, Mr. Kelly, and we thank him sincerely.

During the 1949 session of the House of Representatives a Bill was passed extending the time that the money of the Troup Trust will be available for by six years. A committee has been set up to make plans for the Institute. The total amount in these funds on 30/6/50 was £3563/10/7.

Two concerts, one by Mr. Temple, were given for the camp site appeal. We thank the entertainers. We still have much money to raise.

Seven seniors, five intermediate and two juniors of St. John's Y.M.B.C. attended the Easter Camp at Reikorangi.

Five members went to the Summer Conference at Masterton.

We should like to thank the other Church Organisations for their encouragement and help during the year.

The Church is seeking for "New Life." We serve Christ in the B.C. movement; if we surrender to Him he will give us the task with the ability and knowledge to carry it out.

DICK FOWLER, Hon. Secretary.

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

1st Annual Report for the Period Ended June 30th, 1950.

This is the first report of the new class formed at the end of 1949. The number of boys brought into St. John's through the Boys' Brigade company made it necessary to extend our Bible Class work, for which we humbly thank God. The class which last year was the Junior Y.M.B.C., together with its Leader, became the first Intermediate Y.M.B.C. of St. John's. A new Leader and group of boys took over the Junior Class.

The membership on the formation of the class was 13; it has now dropped to 12, although not all of these can be regarded as effective members.

It is disappointing to record that members fail to be punctual in attendance and the commencement of the class meeting usually has to be delayed. The attendance at the class meeting of the regular members is good. Representation at special meetings has not always been so good.

Steps have been taken to assist members to learn to lead the class in prayer. Results have been encouraging. It is hoped to extend this to cover also the taking of the class study, and eventually to the whole class meeting.

Our studies at present are taking us through Mark's Gospel, and have been both interesting and instructive. Discussion has been satisfactory.

Unfortunately, Church attendance is not observed by members to any material extent.

We have made a contribution of £6 to Missions.

Members have taken part in district sports activities, in the Presbyterian Harrier Club, and in the St. John's Tennis and Badminton Clubs; they have also attended the District Easter Camp. Two members are Lance-Corporals in the 2nd (St. John's) Wellington Company of the Boys' Brigade. Varying support is given to social activities.

Although in the class work there are a number of things which may not be quite as could be desired, there is good cause to believe that the class is fulfilling a definite function in the eternal plan of God. Our faith is in the assurance of His continuing guidance.

E. SMITH, Leader.

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

The reorganising of the classes this year has meant that the average age of this class has been younger than usual. The number of boys on the roll at present is nine, and we are looking forward to several new members from the Sunday School this year. Attendances have been good throughout and a keen interest has been shown in our studies based on St. Luke's Gospel.

Two of our number attended the Easter Camp and the class entered for the Inter-Bible Class Sports.

D. F. FOWLER, Leader.

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

At June 30th, 1950, the roll number was 12. The average attendance for the year has been 11.

At our Sunday Class meetings we are using the Study Book entitled "Highway." The Studies on "The Church" have been of particular interest and we were fortunate in having Mr. Temple to address a combined class for the study on "Understanding Baptism."

Class members continue each Sunday leading us in prayer during our opening worship. The monthly combined prayer meeting is held in the Young Men's Classroom. On the Bible Class Day of Prayer, Mr. Eddie Smith conducted the early morning service when Kelburn and St. Andrew's combined with St. Paul's Classes and a combined meeting of St. John's own classes was held in the afternoon.

Several articles have been made or donated for the Mission Station at Matahi. The amount collected for Missions amounted to £10/7/9, through the system of direct giving. In addition, the annual thank-offering amounted to £10. Miss Millar, one of our Life Members, continues to provide the class with the "Harvest Field," for which we thank her.

The amount originally promised by the late Sir George Troup was paid over to the class during this year, and the amount now in this fund is £277/4/5.

The amount in the Jubilee Gift Fund is £36/6/5.

Sixteen small boys from our Orphanage were entertained to afternoon tea and a Punch and Judy Show. Members from all classes went out to Berhampore on the evening of November 5th to entertain the children with fireworks and bonfire. Two members took our "Twins" into town for a Christmas treat, and on their fifth birthday, Brian and Paul were sent parcels. Members have contributed gifts and clothing to the Orphanage, and the payment of £3 was made towards the upkeep of the "John Boal Cot."

Several members have assisted in the house-to-house collections for Corso.

Assistance has been given in packing parcels for Espelkamp of food and clothing brought by members of the congregation and members of the Bible Classes. Grateful acknowledgement has been received for this practical help.

Class leaders and 12 members attended a weekend camp at Holiday House, Paraparaumu, where they were able to enjoy study, recreation and fellowship. A special service of Thanksgiving was held and an offering resulted in the amount of £3/14/- being handed over to the Y.C.N.C.C. for aid to Christian Youth Camps in Europe.

Three members attended Summer Youth Conference held at Masterton.

Easter Camp, held at Reikorangi, was attended by nine members.

The concert in aid of our permanent camp site fund was a success from all points of view. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wainwright Morgan and others who gave of their time and talent so willingly. We are also very grateful to Mr. Temple, who, assisted by Misses Jean Curtis and Helen Gunn, gave a lecture on Celtic music to assist this fund.

One of our members attended a Leadership Training Course at Gisborne, while another took the 30-hour recreational course held in Wellington. Both passed the examinations held in connection with these classes.

During the year our Class Notice Board was repainted and removed to a more conspicuous place at the door of the Fellowship Room where we meet for opening worship.

Members of the Girls' Life Brigade and the Boys' Brigade were invited to a social held in July. In October a Saturday night tea and picture evening proved a popular function. A Christmas party was held on December 10th, taking the form of a social and dance, and after supper had been served, "Father Christmas" presented gifts to all from a well-laden Christmas tree.

The usual monthly Sunday tea continues to be our most successful social functions. Among our guest speakers at tea have been Miss Zoe Martin, a former Secretary of our Class, who gave us a very interesting talk about her stay in the British Isles and on the Continent, and in particular, her experience of Youth Hostels, and Mr. Temple, who addressed us on the "New Life Movement."

Financial support has been given to the following:—

"Pound Day" at Deaconess College, Women Workers' Fund, and Children of Europe Appeal.

The Class subscribes to the Youth Number of the Outlook and distributes 11 copies to members and past members.

Under the District Committee Visitation Scheme, our Class visited Petone classes on August 7th. A visit to Wesley classes took place in September.

Members do not look upon Class as a substitute for their attendance at Church Worship. All are communicant members. There are two in the Choir, three teach in Sunday School, while one is an Officer in the Girls' Life Brigade.

The Class co-operates in the Sunday School Promotion Day Service, and also takes its turn at organising the monthly After-Church suppers.

Increased interest is being shown in the Inter-Church competitions this year, due to the enthusiasm of some of our newer members. We would record our thanks to Mrs. Pumfrey, who has again undertaken to train our Choir.

We wish to record our sincere appreciation of Mr. Temple's practical interest in the Class and of the help and encouragement derived from his pulpit ministry. In spite of the numerous calls on his time he has shown a ready willingness to co-operate with the Youth of our Church, in all its undertakings. We thank Mrs. Temple also, for her interest and help in our Class activities.

Our thanks are due too, to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, for their helpful co-operation so faithfully carried out until their recent retirement.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly we would express our thanks for their interest and helpfulness.

We thank too, Mr. Jim Galloway for auditing our books for the current year.

To the Leaders and members of the other classes for their friendship and willing co-operation at all times, we wish to express our gratitude.

In reviewing the work of the Class for the year we feel we have much to be thankful for in the opportunities we have had for spiritual development; in fellowship and social life; and in opportunities given for helping others in practical ways.

In the year which lies ahead we would ask for God's guidance as we strive to live the Bible Class motto, "The Utmost for the Highest."

Sport.

The Tennis Club had a successful season and although the membership was small, play was enjoyed during the summer evenings as well as on the usual Saturday afternoons. Our Club again entered in the Inter-Church Competitions.

The Badminton Club affiliated with the Wellington Association and St. John's was successful in winning the B Grade Championship. Several members entered in the Wellington Championships and were successful in winning three titles. Again this season interest is keen and it is gratifying to see an increase in the membership of this Club, particularly from some of the younger members of the Classes.

Both these Clubs continue to provide the means for seasonal recreation and fellowship.

Owing to lack of numbers this season, the Basketball Club has not functioned.

CATHERINE ROSS, Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE Y.W.B.C.

The roll stands at 6. During the year we have studied the Book of Acts and have joined the other classes in prayer meetings and social functions. We raised £2/10/- for Missions.

N. MORGAN, Leader.

JUNIOR Y.W.B.C.

The Junior Girls' B.C. is small in number with the roll at seven. Five girls left us for the Intermediate Class at the beginning of the year, and were replaced by five from the senior Sunday School.

For our social activities this year we have joined with the other classes in socials and the Sunday teas, which have given the opportunity for our members to become acquainted with other class members. Bad weather interfered with our own picnic, but we were happy to join with the Sunday School in theirs.

Our study book is one on St. Mark's Gospel, which gives the chance for direct Bible Study, and these studies are easily able to be prepared by the members.

Our Leader and one of our members belong to the Girls' Brigade and we hope the growth of this Company will bring new members to our B.C. in the coming year.

Our offerings amounting to £2/10/- have been given to Missions.

Our Class though small in number hopes to take an active part in the New Life Movement of our Church in this new year, and we have the hope that as we give of ourselves we may grow in spirit and number.

ELEANOR GRAY, Leader.

SECOND (ST. JOHN'S) WELLINGTON COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

Our Company strength now stands at 29 boys and five Officers. We also have the assistance of two additional instructors. The Bible Class and Sunday School have benefited much by the extra numbers added from the Boys' Brigade.

Activities cover ambulance, signalling drill, physical training, and for these we have lately secured an amount of new equipment.

The drill at present is of a very high standard, as we are working all out to retain the Battalion Drill Cup gained last year.

We have now extended our programme by holding classes two nights a week.

The Company Magazine, "Contact," made its debut this year, and we feel that it will help to bring the Company's aims and activities to the notice of parents and others interested in the work.

A concert was held on Thursday, July 6th, as our Boys' Brigade Week effort, and it was very pleasing to see so many of our friends supporting it, thus providing a portion of the funds needed to carry on our work.

There are 29 boys and two Officers registered to go to the Dominion B.B. Camp at Waipara this Christmas, and this should prove a great experience to the boys, as this means travelling by sea and rail, visiting Christchurch for the celebrations, living under canvas with 1400 other boys, and enjoying the Christian fellowship.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank our Chaplain and all our friends for the work they have done to make this Company what it is.

R. G. DELL, Secretary.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

The roll number of the Girls' Life Brigade now stands at 57, 35 girls being in the Brigade and 22 in the Cadet Section. We wish to report a year of steady progress and we want to thank all those who have helped us. Dale Carley, Florence Napier and Hazel Randall have been promoted to the rank of Corporal, and Adrienne Carley hopes to become a Lance Corporal soon. Dale Carley and Florence Napier are Cadet Helpers and Joan Fowler is the pianist for Cadets.

We were very pleased to share with the Boys' Brigade in their Church Parade and Dedication of Colours in June, when three Officers and our Colours were dedicated. On April 30th a Battalion Church Parade was held, when Miss Gebbie, our Organising Secretary, inspected the Battalion, and the Service was held in St. John's Church in the presence of Her Excellency, Lady Freyberg.

In March we held our first weekend camp at the P.S.S.A. Holiday House at Paraparaumu, taking 20 girls with us. The Camp was voted a great success by all, and the girls are now looking forward to a Battalion Camp at Wainui-o-Mata, December 26th-January 2. We are very grateful to our Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Temple, for the kindly interest he takes in us and for his regular visits to us. On August 2nd a Temperance Film was shown to Kent Terrace Brigade, Brooklyn Baptist and our own, which was much appreciated. The girls worked for Country Dancing Badges and Physical Training Seals, and we hope to have Bible Knowledge next term with Miss E. MacKenzie's help and Nature Study from Miss J. MacKenzie. The girls formed Guards of Honour when His Excellency, General Freyberg, attended St. John's, and at Miss Fowler's wedding. We look forward to another year of service and fellowship, knowing that we have the prayers and interest of the congregation.

J. W. FULLARTON, Captain.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

Amount Collected.—Senior Section: £24/1/6. Junior Section: Sunday School Scholars, £4/3/3; Donation by Busy Bees, £5; total £9/3/3. Total for both Sections, £33/4/9. Decrease Senior Section, £1/8/6. Increase Junior Section: Individual subs., £1/13/3; Busy Bee Donation, £3. Total of increase over previous year's figures, £3/4/9. Outstanding subscriptions: 11.

Membership.—Senior Section, 160, being four less than last year. Analysis: 17 new members. Deleted from roll 21, reasons being: Death (8), removal to other districts (11), proved disinterested (2). Junior Section, 58, being an increase of 18. In this connection I would like to pay a tribute to the splendid work Miss Fullarton is accomplishing among the Sunday School scholars.

Adverting to membership in the Senior Section I would point out that of the 17 new members, nine of the subscriptions are not yet due, which fact, it is anticipated, will have a satisfactory result on next year's figures.

JEAN HANCHET, Hon. Sec.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE REPORT.

	1949-50.			1948-49.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Income	110	4	0	115	4	0
Arrears	3	0	0	4	15	0
Paid in Advance	7	0	0	4	15	0
Seat Holders	53			54		
Seats let	108			114		

ST. JOHN'S ENDOWMENT FUND.

Any persons desiring to leave a bequest for this purpose should include the following clause in their Wills:—

"I give and bequeath to the Board of Managers of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wellington, the sum of £..... which I desire to be applied towards the St. John's Endowment Fund. And I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of such Board shall be sufficient discharge of the said bequest."

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1950-51.

(1) CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES:

Salaries—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Minister's Stipend	700	0	0			
Deaconess	225	0	0			
Church Officer	308	0	0			
Organist	150	0	0			
Supply	35	0	0			
				1418	0	0

Maintenance of Buildings—

Normal Repairs and Renewals	150	0	0			
City Council Rates	75	0	0			
Insurances	115	0	0			
Provision for Periodic Repainting	185	0	0			
				525	0	0

Miscellaneous—

Motor Car Allowance	100	0	0			
Deaconess Expenses	15	0	0			
Hymn Book Replacement	12	0	0			
Postages, Stationery, Printing, Advertising	105	0	0			
Telephones	30	0	0			
Light, Heat and Power	85	0	0			
Organ Tuning and Maintenance	25	0	0			
Assembly Expenses Assessment	28	0	0			
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	7	0	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	35	0	0			
Accident Insurance	10	0	0			
Social Expenses	10	0	0			
Sunday School 97th Anniversary	50	0	0			
Expenditure on War Memorial	500	0	0			
Adjustment of Manse boundary (out of funds set aside)	100	0	0			
				1112	0	0

Contingency Fund—

To meet small accounts and unforeseen expenses				100	0	0
				3155	0	0

(2) FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Assembly Assessment for Missions (approximately)	770	0	0			
Wellington Orphanages	100	0	0			
Food for Britain Parcels	125	0	0			
New Life Movement (on account of £5530)	1850	0	0	2845	0	0
				£6000	0	0

In Memoriam

Rev. A. GLADSTON-HUGHES, B.A.

MALCOLM FRASER, C.V.O., O.B.E.

Mr. J. L. DEMPSTER

Mrs. MEULI

Mrs. H. F. FRANCIS

Miss M. M. MOIR

Mrs. E. PETRIE

Mrs. A. S. ROBERTSON

Mr. S. RITCHIE

Miss A. STARK

Mrs. I. W. CAMPBELL

Mr. H. DONKIN

Mr. W. J. FERGUSON

Mrs. A. M. HOPKIRK

Mrs. H. MAINLAND

Mr. A. R. PORTEOUS

Mrs. K. WALKER

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1950.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Plate Collections	1366	6	5			
Envelope System	642	17	1			
Seat Rents	109	4	0			
				2118	7	6
Donations to Upkeep of School-room				66	10	6
Sundry Donations and Miscellaneous Receipts				23	11	0
Organ Practise Fees				15	4	0
Interest				7	16	6
Sustentation Fund				25	0	0
Deposits for Provision of Periodic Repainting Uplifted Church Office				94	2	4
Metropolitan Building Socy.				749	17	2
Sunday School 96th Anniversary				55	3	5
Wednesday Lectures				9	0	1
Portion of Special Appeal, 1950				358	0	0
				3522	12	6
Balances July 1st, 1949, held for —(a) Basement Furnishings, (b) Extension of Sunday School Work, (c) Ultimate Reduction of Overdraft				87	9	0
Church Furnishings				10	0	0
Portion of Anonymous Donation Towards Salary of Deaconess				20	0	0

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Overdraft in Ordinary Account, July 1st, 1949	175	12	4
Rev. William P. Temple—Stipend and Car Allowance	700	0	0
Pulpit Supply	30	0	0
Mr. John Thompson—Church Officer	97	8	4
Mr. Hugh Kelly—Church Officer	170	10	2
Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt—Organist	70	18	0
Mr. Brian Withers—Organ Supply	50	8	0
Light, Heat and Power	86	19	3
Postages, Advertising, Printing & Stationery	101	13	9
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	107	10	0
Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	12	0	0
General Repairs, Church & Other Buildings	107	6	1
Renovations, Church Officer's Cottage	139	7	3
Plate Glass Screens Over Stained Glass Windows	106	17	6
Balance, Painting Contract Church Buildings	1029	0	0
Organ Tuning	15	15	0
Rates—Manse and Cottage	71	17	3
Telephones—Manse and Cottage	20	2	0
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	30	0	0
General Assembly Expenses Assessment	24	0	0
Wellington Presbytery Expenses Assessment	5	8	0
Insurances—			
Fire	88	10	4
Earthquake and War Damage	24	16	0
Accident and Sickness	9	10	10
St. John's Messenger	13	10	0
Young Worshippers' League Prizes	9	9	6
Social Expenses	3	18	10
Timber for Stage, Sunday School Anniversaries	28	1	6
Interest Overdraft and Bank Charges	6	17	6

Church Officers—Cleaning Materials and Sundries	7	4	3
Sundry Expenses	22	17	5
Sunday School, 96th Anniversary	55	3	5
Balance Held in Ordinary Account June 30th, 1950, to Meet Outstanding Liability for Manse Boundary	100	0	0

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Balances June 30th, 1950, held for—(a) Basement Furnishings, (b) Extension of Sunday School Work, (c) Ultimate Reduction of Overdraft	87	9	0
Church Furnishings	10	0	0
Salary of Deaconess	20	0	0

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NOTE.—During the year it was discovered that the southern side of the Manse buildings encroached on the adjoining section and the owner of this section requested the Church to adjust the boundary line. It is estimated that the survey and other costs involved in adjusting this boundary will amount to at least £100.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1950.**

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Retiring Collections—							
Home and Maori		20	12	0			
Foreign		23	11	0			
Knox Theological Hall		19	4	3			
Servicemen in Training for the Ministry		19	6	10			
Donations—							
Baptismal and Funeral		17	1	0			
Maori		1	0	0			
China		2	0	0			
New Hebrides		2	0	0			
India		1	0	0			
Foreign		2	7	6			
Budget		4	16	0			
Women's Association		240	0	0			
Young Men's Bible Classes		36	0	0			
Young Women's Bible Classes		30	0	0			
Sunday Schol		46	12	7			
Portion Anonymous Donation		25	0	0			
Portion of Special Appeal		48	18	6			
					539	9	8
Retiring Collection to Women's Association		24	14	6			
Food for Britain		140	6	4			
Bible Classes Camp Sites Appeal		1	0	0			
Nae Nae Church		5	0	0			
P.S.S.A. Old People's Home		107	15	6			
Do., Portion of Anonymous Donation		5	0	0			

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Budget Assessment, 1949-50		539	9	8
Food for Britain Parcels		133	15	9
Bible Classes Camp Site Appeal		1	0	0
Nae Nae Church		5	0	0
P.S.S.A. Old People's Home		112	15	6
Presbyterian Orphanages		20	14	1
P.S.S.A. Direct Contributions		191	1	0
Women's Association Retiring Collection		24	14	6
Portion of Anonymous Donation for Various Purposes		55	0	0
		1083	10	6
Balance Held as at June 30th, 1950, Food for Britain		30	11	10

Presbyterian Orphanages	20	14	1		
P.S.S.A. Direct Contributions	191	1	0		
Portion Anonymous Donation for Various Purposes	55	0	0		
				550	11 5
Balance Held July 1st, 1949, Food for Britain				24	1 3
				£114	2 4

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I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended June 30th, 1950, and in my opinion the above statements correctly set out the position as at that date.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1950.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances July 1st, 1949—				Withdrawals—			
Benevolent Fund	225	9	4	Benevolent Fund	30	0	0
Benevolent & Missions Fund	82	5	11	Provision for Periodic			
Crockery Replacement Fund	55	11	3	Repainting—			
Hymn Book Replacement				Deposit with Church Office	94	2	4
Fund	164	12	2	Shares in Metropolitan			
Manse Trust Fund	150	0	0	Building Society	749	17	2
Provision for Periodic							873 19 6
Repainting—				Balances as at June 30th, 1950—			
Deposit with Church Office	73	19	7	Benevolent Fund	201	17	0
Shares in Metropolitan				Benevolent & Missions Fund	84	10	10
Building Society	690	0	1	Crockery Replacement Fund	57	2	8
St. John's Church Rebuild-				Hymn Book Replacement			
ing Fund	116	16	2	Fund	180	15	0
St. John's Hostel Fund	1452	8	3	Manse Trust Fund	150	0	0
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial				Provision for Periodic			
Fund	39	18	7	Repainting—			
Endowment Fund	8465	3	5	Shares in Metropolitan			
Interest in E. J. Lockie				Building Society	70	0	0
Estate	190	0	0	St. John's Church Rebuild-			
			11,706 4 9	ing Fund	120	2	4
Income—				St. John's Hostel Fund	1508	19	5
Interest (Net):				St. John's Soldiers' Memorial			
Benevolent Fund	6	7	8	Fund	41	0	3
Benevolent & Missions Fund	2	4	11	Endowment Fund	9224	18	4
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	11	5	Interest in E. J. Lockie			
Hymn Book Replacement				Estate	190	0	0
Fund	4	2	10				11,829 5 10
Provision for Periodic							
Repainting—							

Deposit with Church Office	20	2	9	
Shares in Metropolitan				
Building Society	22	7	1	
St. John's Church Rebuild-				
ing Fund	3	6	2	
St. John's Hostel Fund	56	11	2	
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial				
Fund	1	1	8	
Endowment Fund	309	14	11	
			427 10 7	
Receipts—				
Hymn Book Replacement				
Fund	12	0	0	
Metropolitan Building Socy.	107	10	0	
Endowment Fund—				
Legacies & Donations	450	0	0	
			569 10 0	
			£12,703 5 4	

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Ninety-Eighth Report



To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 19th September, 1951,
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from 1st July, 1950,
to 30th June, 1951

My Dear Friends,—

Presbyterian Service Inaugurated	1839
Wellington Surveyed	1840
Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenaeum	6th Nov., 1852
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 Street, 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	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	17th 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 (front Willis Street) opened (accommodation, 600)	12th Dec., 1875
Band of Hope first formed—membership, 105	1875
Mission started at Newton, 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. Jubilee	1938
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., accepted call to Scots' Church, Adelaide, and left New Zealand	31st Aug., 1939
Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D.	Sept., 1939, to 21st Nov., 1940
Rev. T. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., inducted	May, 1940
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	Oct., 1942
Choir Gowned	26th Nov., 1944
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	1945
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	Oct., 1947
Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D., inducted	28th Oct., 1948

Once again we mark another milestone on the road. St. John's is one year older since last you read the Pastoral Letter in an Annual Report. But the significance of a Congregation's Birthday is rather different from an individual's. There comes a time in our lives, they say, when we prefer to forget the mounting miles! We console ourselves, "A man is just as old as he feels." The Church, on the other hand, should glory in these anniversaries. They are proof that the years add no wrinkles, and steal none of the fire of vitality. St. Paul could feel the burden of the years in his own person, as when he wrote wistfully and yet so triumphantly to his young friend Timothy. (II Tim. 4:6-8.) Yet when he thinks of what the march of time will do to the Church, he pictures her in all the grace and beauty of her springtime; "a glorious Church," he says, "not having spot or wrinkle" . . . "prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband."

So our Annual Report should not necessarily mean that St. John's is growing older, and feeling its age! It puts on record our sense of thankfulness to God. The year behind, and all the years before that one, have been filled with tokens of good from the Hand of the Lord to our fathers who built this Church, as also to us who have entered into the heritage of worship and fellowship they have handed on. More than that, this Report expresses our confidence in God. We believe that so long as He deigns to keep these Church doors open, it is a sign to us that He has work for us to do. He still counts on us to lift up Christ in the sight of our neighbours, and to accept our share in the Great Commission to "preach the Gospel to all nations," and plead with men of every degree to recognise their kinship with the Divine, and yield themselves to the One God and Father of us all.

Christ Himself is the Church's Vanguard and her Rear-guard. By the mighty acts of Calvary, Easter and Pentecost, God has put Himself in pledge to honour His own promises, and vindicate His power in the eyes of all peoples. It was by no General Election that the Almighty was set in the seat of Government. It is by no conspiracy of men's from any quarter that He can be made to resign. The weakest and most fearful Church on earth has still the right to say to herself, and to tell the world: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom, then, shall I be afraid?"

So, we lift up our hearts. To all of you who by your prayers and faithful labours and free-will offerings have helped to keep the fire burning on the altar in St. John's and in my own faith, I send my gratitude and greetings in Christ's Name. His love and Light be your inspiration and strength for the days that are to come.

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE.

MINISTER:

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

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

Telephone 46-492.

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

Retired Missionary.

OFFICE BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S:**KIRK SESSION:**

	Inducted
Howitt, Ad., 62 Rex St., Miramar	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	
Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3.	1919
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3.	1921
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. L., "Benmore," 145 Wilton Road, Wadestown, N.2	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
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Petone	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. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2	1946
Hight, D., 1 Carlton Gore Road, Roseneath, C.4.	1950
Blake, D. C. E., 43 Pirie Street, C.4	1950
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1	1950
Fullarton, H. A.	1950

Acting Session Clerk:Smith, H. B., 25 Maidavale Road, Roseneath
Telephone 54-331.**THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:**

Brown, N. R.	80 Willis Street, C.1.
Brown, J. T.	38 Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn.
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.	20 Highbury Cres., W.3.
Lowman, I. S.	21 Thorby Street, W.3.
McCulloch, W.	National Bank Chambers, C.1.
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Middleton, H. B.	2 Lions Crescent, E.5.
Milne, L. W.	23 Copeland Street, Lower Hutt.
Page, T.	Union Bank, Lambton Quay.
Payer, W.	279 Cuba Street, C.2.
Reid, W.	15 Waipapa Road, Hataitai E.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1.
Smith, J. C.	52 Glen Road, W.1.
Trask, F.	6 Grafton Road, Roseneath, C.4.
Wal, A. L.	Seatoun Heights, E.5.

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, 113 Karori Road, Wellington. 'Phone 26-066.

Church Officer: H. Kelly. 'Phone 54-299.**GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR 1951-52:****Finance Committee:**

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Choir Committee:

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Telephone 37-117.

ORGANISATIONS.

Choir:

Relieving Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Brian Withers, L.R.S.M.

President: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

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

Chappell, Miss H. D. Clyde.

Committee: Misses P. Lees, J. Messenger, Messrs. J. Lomas and
G. Simpson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Mesdames Robertson and Thomson, Misses Boyle, Cunliffe,
Fawcett, Fullarton, Gibb, Gregory, Lees, Lomas (on leave), McKain,
McKenzie, Ross (on leave), and Scott; Messrs. D. Fowler, Pillage,
Ryburn, and Simpson.

Secretary: Miss M. MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade, W.1.

Treasurer: Mrs. Robertson.

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Girls' Life Brigade Captain: Miss J. Fullarton.

Boys' Brigade Captain: Mr. D. F. Fowler (on leave).

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Miss D. Chappell.

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

Hon. President: Mrs. W. P. Temple.

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Mrs. D. Highet, 1 Carlton-Gore Road, Roseneath. Phone 54-309.

Committee: Mesdames I. Day, M. Berry, Misses D. Chappell, J.
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Secretary: Mrs. Elsie Rowland.

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SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Leader: Mr. Scott Gray.

Secretary: Ray Taylor 136 Ghuznee Street, C.2. Phone 55-949.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Pearl Brodie, 55a Central Tee., W.1. Phone 47-261.

Secretary: Miss Mary Fawcett. Phone 42-691.

Treasurer: Miss Augusta Boyle.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss N. Morgan.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:

Leader: Mr. R. G. Dell.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Z. Martin.

INTERMEDIATE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mr. F. Wade.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

Miss J. Hanchet (Convener), Mesdames M. E. Pumfrey, E. Haggitt,
Misses P. Brodie, E. MacKenzie, and C. Dalziel.

YOUTH CABINET.

Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D. (Chairman), Dr. T. F. Corkill
and Mr. L. R. Blake (Session), Miss M. MacKenzie (Secretary),
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M. Brodie (Senior Y.W.B.C.); Miss Nora Calvert (Intermediate
Y.W.B.C.), Mrs. Scott Gray (Junior Y.W.B.C.), Mr. Scott Gray
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MEN'S CLUB.

President: Mr. Hugh Fullarton.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

Captain: Miss J. Fullarton.

Cadet Leader: Miss J. Cunliffe.

Chaplain: Rev. Wm. Temple.

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Mrs. J. S. Martin (President), Mrs. W. J. Carley, Miss D. Chappell,
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SESSION'S REPORT.

We have pleasure in presenting the 98th Annual Report.

We do so with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his loving kindness and tender mercies to us all.

We pray that what has been done during the year will be acceptable in God's sight, and will further the doing of His will on earth.

The principal work to be recorded for the year is undoubtedly the inspired preaching of the Gospel by our beloved Minister. Mr. Temple has not spared himself, and Session records its sure belief that he is a true and zealous servant of God. Through him the Spirit of our Heavenly Father has been poured into many lives and hearts, and we again offer our humble thanks that he and Mrs. Temple are with us.

Session regrets that owing to circumstances beyond our control, it has only recently been possible to secure the services of a Deaconess to assist Mr. Temple in the work of pastoral visiting and other spheres. However, we thank our Heavenly Father that Miss Nessie Morgan has now been inducted as Deaconess, and feel confident that her bright personality and capacity for work will bring comfort and inspiration to those she ministers to and relief to our Minister. Mr. Temple has been over-burdened in this sphere of work, but this has not prevented him from answering the many calls made on him, and bringing comfort and solace to many sick and weary folk.

Mr. Temple has continued the Wednesday lectures, and Session wishes to record the belief that they have more than fulfilled expectations. The attendances have clearly shown that there are many folk who have received inspiration and wisdom from them.

Reference was made in the last report to the passing of the late Mr. W. J. Ferguson, and Session placed on record the following memorial minute to his memory:

WILLIAM JAMES FERGUSON.

It is with a sense of deep loss that Session records the passing of William J. Ferguson on 21st July, 1950, bringing to a close a life of loyalty to the Church which he loved and devotion to the Great Head of the Church whom he served so well.

It could be said that he knew no other Church than St. John's. His parents worshipped here, his father being an Elder, and he himself was inducted to this office in 1928.

Will Ferguson's outstanding work was associated with the youth of St. John's. After leading a class of junior boys for some years, he was elected Leader of the Senior Young Men's Class in 1928, an office which he retained till 1941, when he was made Life Honorary Leader. The impelling motive of his work among men was the consuming desire that all should be brought to know his Master, and there are many today who look back with sincere gratitude to the inspiration of his friendship and counsel.

In his wide outlook he saw the value of healthy recreation and was largely responsible for bringing into being in 1932 the flourishing Harrier movement among the Bible Classes of Wellington. He was the first President of the Presbyterian Harrier Club, and became Life President in 1948. Each year there is keen competition for the beautiful "Ferguson Cup" presented to the club.

His concern for the welfare of young people led him to become associated with the work of the Wellington Boys' Institute, on the committee of which he served for 20 years, became Vice-President

in 1942, Chairman in 1943, and President in 1946, an office he held till the end of 1949.

The spiritual and cultural work of the Institute claimed his closest attention, and the Institute permanent camp site near Waikanae is a monument to his vision and enthusiasm.

The life of William Ferguson was full to overflowing in service for his beloved Master. His loyalty to Christ and His Church was an inspiration to all, and his zeal for the winning of souls for the Kingdom was an example to all who had the privilege of coming under his influence.

We thank God for his faithful work amongst us, and commend to the loving care of our Heavenly Father his sorrowing sisters who mourn his loss.

The following new Elders were elected to Session during the year:—Messrs. D. C. E. Blake, N. S. Woods, D. Highest, Hon. J. R. Marshall, and Hugh Fullarton. The Session roll now stands at 26. The effective Communion Roll at 30th June, 1951, was 440. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered two, and by certificate 40. Removals by disjunction, death and purging of the roll numbered 100. The attendance at the four quarterly Communion services averaged 353. There were 26 baptisms during the year.

There is clear evidence that the New Life Movement has gathered strength in St. John's during the year. The Parish Survey referred to in the last report was carried out on an experimental basis in March of this year. A small band of ladies and men called in pairs at approximately 160 homes near St. Johns. All taking part were convinced that the work was well worth while for extending Christ's Kingdom, and it is hoped that further visitations will be carried out as opportunity offers. Perhaps the most gratifying aspect of the visits was the generally warm welcomes given to the visitors when they said they came from St. John's.

Session once again records its warmest appreciation of the splendid services rendered by those responsible for carrying on the work of the various organisations, and would like to say a special word of thanks to those who guide and teach the children and the youth. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them in their work.

We also particularly thank Mr. Kelly, the Church Officer, for the very courteous and efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties.

Session extends its warmest sympathy to all members who have suffered bereavement during the year, and specially commends them to the comfort and care of our Heavenly Father.

We thank our Heavenly Father for all his mercies to us during the year, and we pray for his sure guidance in working His will in the coming year.

COMMISSION FROM WELLINGTON PRESBYTERY.

A Commission from the Presbytery comprising Rev. W. J. Pellow, Rev. J. M. Bates, and Mr G. Thompson met the Minister, the Session and the Board of Managers on 30th May, and the following advice from Presbytery on the findings of the Commission is recorded below:—

Presbytery, having heard the report of the Commission appointed to visit St. John's Parish at its quinquennial visitation, rejoices to hear of the good work being done by the Minister, Office Bearers and Congregation in a parish that not only has its own particular difficulties, but also is faced with the many problems that beset a down-town church in a large city. It notes with

pleasure the outstanding pulpit work of the minister, marked by ripe scholarship and a warm evangelical note, proving himself a worthy successor to the great preachers who have preceded him. It commends him for his tact in his relations with his office-bearers, and for his keen interest in the young people's work. The minister holds many offices in church and other related committees. While recognising the necessity of this for a minister placed in such a parish, the Presbytery realises the tax thus made on the minister's strength and time, and therefore suggests that the two chief activities in a parish, namely, preaching and diligent pastoral visitation should not be allowed to suffer, but that every step be taken immediately to guard against this. Presbytery recommends that urgent steps be taken to secure the services of a deaconess or a church secretary or an assistant minister. Presbytery commends the congregation for the start that has been made with the New Life Movement, and for what has so far been achieved, and urges the congregation to take a greater interest in the harvest to be reaped within the actual parish bounds. Presbytery appreciates the work being done by the present office-bearers, but would urge the congregation in the light of present-day problems that they consider the advisability of increasing the proportion of younger elders. Presbytery prays that the God of Bethel, who has led His people throughout the years, and crowned their work and witness with His favour, will continued to lead them in the great days that lie ahead, and that minister, office-bearers, and congregation will commit their ways humbly to Him.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

At the annual meeting of the congregation, held in October last, the following Managers, who retired after the usual term of three years, were re-elected:—Messrs. N. R. Brown, D. F. Fowler, J. H. Long, J. W. McGill, W. McCulloch, W. Pryor, G. H. Scott and J. C. Smith. Mr. T. Page was added to the Board.

Messrs. T. Hunter, R. Johnston and W. Reid now retire after three years and are available for re-election.

After the retirement from business of Mr. Tustin the Board arranged with Mr. A. E. Hayman to attend to the maintenance of the church organ.

During the year there has been a further increase in the Endowment Fund, and only £100 are required to reach the first objective of £10,000, when the interest will be available for the general purposes of the church.

A special committee has been endeavouring to arrange for the renovation and improvement of the church organ, for which there is available the A. P. Smith bequest of £1000. Owing to lack of suitable labour, however, it has not been possible to proceed with the work.

The Board was very pleased to accept from the Smith family the organ at present in the Fellowship Room. This organ was presented to the late Mr. A. P. Smith on his twenty-first birthday.

The renovations to the church hall are almost completed and the work is the subject of appreciative remarks by all who use the hall. The Men's Club, which was responsible for the whole scheme, recently made a special effort and raised funds for a sound movie projector. This has been secured and has already proved a valuable addition to the equipment.

The special appeal made at the end of the year, together with the very successful efforts of the Women's Association and the youth organisations enabled St. John's to meet in full the Budget allocation of £690.

It is pleasing to note that the General Account shows a credit balance of £167/4/10 at the close of the year. There are, however, some special items of expenditure which we will have to face in the not-distant future. The foundations of the Church Hall must be repaired, we have not yet provided for our Soldiers' Memorial, nor funds for the renovation and improvement of the organ over and above the bequest already available. Then, of course, we have an addition to the staff in the appointment of a Deaconess.

Active steps are being taken to secure our New Life target of £5530, the aim being to reach our quota in three years. Judging by the experience of other parishes in Wellington, there seems no reason why St. John's should not do its share in the building up and extending the work of the Presbyterian Church.

CHOIR.

Roll and Attendance.—The choir roll now stands at 30 active and six associate members. Average attendances for the year were as follows:—At practice, 16; morning service, 13; evening service, 17. We regret that six of our older members found it necessary to sever their choir connections during the year, but we have been more than happy to welcome 16 new members, particularly as eight of these were in the tenor and bass sections. This has meant a great improvement in the balance of the choir, and we are now able to undertake a far greater variety of choral work.

Choral Work.—During the year 34 anthems and numerous solos were rendered. Our Christmas Cantata was "The Saviour's Birth," by Kenneth Finlay, the soloists being Mrs. E. Haggitt, Misses J. Curtis and M. Gregory, Messrs. E. Gardiner and J. Withers. At Easter we again sang Stainer's "Crucifixion," and on this occasion we were doubly indebted to Mr. Graham Lilly, who undertook the tenor solos at very short notice, the bass soloist being Mr. R. Rapp.

Special Services.—Members were in attendance at the following special services:—The induction of the Rev. Collin Sheriff; the licensing of the Rev. T. Corkill; at a meeting of the China Inland Mission; and at the funeral of the late Hon. Peter Fraser.

On two occasions members vacated their usual seats in honour of visiting singers. The annual service of Scots and Queen Margaret's Colleges took place in July, when pupils of the colleges occupied the choir gallery, and in May we welcomed the Christian Youth Council Choir to St. John's. Choir members were in full attendance to welcome the Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard back to the pulpit of St. John's on the occasion of his visit to New Zealand as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Acknowledgements.—We express our appreciation to the Board of Managers for making their room available to the Choir as a permanent practice room, and also to the Superintendent and staff of the Sunday School for the use of one of their pianos. Our thanks are due to our choirmaster, Mr. Withers, for his hard work and enthusiasm in training us for the service of praise each Sunday. We acknowledge with gratitude Miss D. Mills's donation to our choir funds, and we say a special "thank you" to Mr. F. Kempton, who bound the choir Hymnaries, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Duthie for the gift of a new organ Hymnary. We thank also, all members of the choir executive for their devotion to duties during the year, and in particular to Mrs. M. Kempton for the many hours she has spent in the repair and maintenance of choir robes.

JEAN CURTIS, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

What has been happening in the Sunday School during the past 12 months? Almost the same, we would say, as we look through

Throughout the year the roll has continued to grow, and the size of the staff, while not perhaps growing proportionately, is also on the increase. This is as we wish it, but looking back over the year, is this record of visible things a complete account of what has happened in the school during another 12 months? Surely it can be only a superficial record, for the purpose in all our endeavours is to strive not to much for the tangible things which can be documented year by year, as for those intangible things which add to the beauty and richness of living, and which, slowly perhaps, but surely, build young lives in the knowledge of all that is good and true. It is for us to sow the seed, and to sow in faith, that the years may bring their increase.

MARY MacKENZIE, Secretary.

BUSY BEES.

This hive of busy little workers has now a membership of 14, with Joan Fowler its queen bee. During 1950 Frances Strong was our secretary. We wish to thank Frances very much for her work with us, and we are sorry that this year Frances is unable to be with us in our hive activities.

We also wish to thank Mary, who has so willingly taken her sister's place during these first months of 1951.

During 1950 our hive sent a box of clothing to the Maori Mission at Taupo, as well as working for our sale of work, at which the sum of £23/0/2 was raised.

At the Busy Bee Rally in August our hive was proud to give six cot quilts and a dozen face cloths and soap for the mission field.

our calendar, as happened last year and the year before that. Here was anniversary day, the customary's children's festival, but with the difference that through the patient endeavours of our Minister, a Biblical dramatisation was woven into the pattern of the morning service. Here, again, was promotion day, with its prize-giving, and Frances Strong carrying off the Hopkirk Memorial Bible; and close by the date that marked the children's tea and picture evening. We turn a page and are reminded of our Christmas services, happiest perhaps of all the year. Six weeks of holidays bring us into a new year, and to a special service for young worshippers. It's summer again, and the harbour launch provides popular transport for children and friends to picnicking grounds at Day's Bay. And so we come round again to Mothers' Day, when mothers, and fathers, too, gather with their children for a family service of worship. So, from year to year, the record runs, and this year we may add also, for the women teachers, an evening of fellowship as guests of the Evening Guild.

Religious films are becoming increasingly popular as teaching aids, and the small film projector which is now at our disposal, should prove a valuable asset. This was made possible by gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Blake, on the occasion of their silver wedding, and from Mr. Peter Anderson, while additional equipment in the primary department has been made available through the generosity of the Women's Association. To these, and all our good friends in the congregation who continue to show their interest in many ways—such as meeting the cost of our picnic—to Mr. Kelly, for his helpfulness, and not least, to our Minister, for his inspiration, we express our gratitude.

CRADLE ROLL.

A committee of 16 enthusiasts in charge of St. John's Cradle Roll reports a year of activity. All children under five who are enrolled in the Cradle Roll department have been remembered on their birthday and visited during the year.

A Christmas party arranged for December 12th proved a great success, and called for more space than the Fellowship Room provided. Each small child received a present donated by an interested member of the church. On April 7th a very nice party was given, when the attendance was excellent. This was held in the Church Hall, and the parents enjoyed fellowship with each other, while the children were entertained by the committee.

The roll number to date is 95.

D. M. CHAPPELL, Acting Superintendent.

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

The year has been marked by many changes, but we find the Association is in good heart for, though the numbers are not as large as we could expect, the generosity of members, the amount of work accomplished and the sense of fellowship among us has given great encouragement.

Since Mrs. Ewen left in January Mrs. Temple has very ably acted as President, giving willingly of her time and her gifts.

Mrs. Pumfrey, a member of committee, is visiting England, as also are Mesdames M. Fraser, D. Blake, Mrs. Ritchie and Miss E. MacKenzie.

We are indeed glad to welcome back Mrs. D. McLeod and Mrs. D. Highet after months of illness. Miss D. Chappell capably undertook the treasurer's duties while Mrs. Highet was absent.

Membership.—There are 78 members in all, 47 being active and 31 honorary. During the year we have lost by death seven of our members, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Mainland, and Mrs. Walker, who were honorary members; Miss E. Williams and Miss H. Anderson, who until illness claimed them, were very active and generous supporters, and Mrs. Miller, a very industrious worker and a spiritual leader among us.

Meetings.—P.W.M.U.: Seven meetings of the branch were held and we are indebted to the following speakers:—Mesdames Dowsett, J. S. Martin, G. Milne, C. Sherriff, Miss Freiss, Sister Morgan and Mr. Temple. Visits were paid by our branch to St. Andrew's and Kent Terrace branches, and Kelburn, Karori and St. Andrew's branches were guests at our meetings.

Social Afternoons.—In September Mrs. Wilfred Andrews, accompanied by Mrs. Meyer, entertained with delightful music.

On St. Andrew's Day, a Scottish afternoon was held when Mrs. Greta Williams and Mr. Temple, accompanied by Mrs. Meyer, stirred the hearts of all with songs of their native land. Even the afternoon tea of girdle scones, oat cakes and currant buns and shortbread celebrated the day.

An afternoon to commence the work for 1951 was held on 13th March. Mr. Temple spoke on "New Life in Our Church" and Mrs. E. Haggitt entertained an appreciative audience with solos.

At each of these afternoons members were offered an opportunity for "direct giving" to Mission Funds, resulting in a total amount of £81/19/-.

On 17th October a Welcome Home afternoon was given to Mrs. Alex. Martin.

On 5th December over 50 members met at the Manse to bid farewell to Mrs. Ewen, our president, and to extend our appreciation of all that she had done for us during her term of office.

Guild Work.—A hard-working, faithful band of women have met at 10 o'clock on the fourth Tuesday of each month to sew for parcels for Scotland, for the Bring and Buy Sale, and to mend and darn for the children's homes. Several members unable to attend worked at home, and we particularly thank Mrs. Spratt, who knitted 24 gay jumpers and a dress, besides many socks and gloves. It was with great satisfaction that six boxes were dispatched to the orphan children of Scotland, Craignairn Elderly Women's Hostel, and St. Peter's Guild, Inverkeithing. Letters received show how greatly the work is appreciated.

Visitation.—New members of the church were visited. Flowers have been sent and visits paid to sick members, and again at Christmas time flowers, supplied by members, were taken to sick and shut-in folk.

Bible Study and Prayer Circle.—Studies in the Parables of Our Lord were used in the Study Circle, which was lead by Mrs. Ewen. The average attendance was 20, and most members took part in the discussions and prayer.

Finance.—The year's total was £356/13/8, of which £25/5/2 came from Mission boxes; £38/11/1 from M.M.B.L.; £30 from the Scott Trust Fund; and £19/5/- from Evening Guild; £235/6/6 went to the Church Budget for Missions; £15 as a donation to the Hall; £5 to Primary Sunday School; £12 in all to Deaconess work for Dominion and Wellington; £10 is put aside for establishing a linen chest for use of the church organisations.

Thanks.—We would like to say a special "thank you" to Miss Hanchet. Each year she gathers birthday money in small sums, this year's total being £38/11/-. It is a big task, done so well, and we feel at no small cost in time and strength. We thank the Evening Guild for their generous support and interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have served us well and willingly and we are grateful to them.

To Mrs. Temple we express our gratitude for all she has done for us and the way in which she has given herself unsparingly to the work of the Association. To our Minister we offer our grateful appreciation of his understanding interest in all our doings; and of his wise counsel. We feel continually the inspiration of the message he brings to us.

J. S. JOHNSTON, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD.

With Mrs. Noel Woods as President, the Evening Guild membership continues to grow, the total at present being 59, with an average attendance of 37.

Programme.—Following the usual lines, the year's programme has included demonstrations of arts and crafts, talks by Mrs. Graham Milne on Mission Work in China, by Mr. Temple on "The Herring Fishers," by Sisters Helen Arnt and Margaret Hewson on their Daily Round, Social Evenings, and has aimed generally at providing a cultural interest as well as opportunities of good fellowship.

Work for Others.—A parcel to the New Hebrides, Christmas parcels to New Zealand Home Missionaries and their families, donations of £18/18/- to P.W.M.U. foodstuffs to Deaconess House, worked tray cloths and duchess sets to "Kilmarnoch," and curtains for the Church Hall, are among the tangible efforts of the Guild to help others. Various members have assisted with the Christmas Party for the Life Boys, After Church Suppers, Men's Club teas, and £10/10/- was raised at the Annual Bring and Buy.

General.—As a result of the efforts of the Evening Guild Committee, the various adult church organisations have been co-

ordinated into an Adult Cabinet, which promises to be a very well worthwhile innovation, providing opportunities for discussion on each other's problems, and sponsoring the Drama Group, Junior Choir, Saturday Night at Eight, etc.

Thirty-six members subscribe to the Maori Mission Birthday League and 12 to Harvest Field.

The practical interest of Mr. and Mrs. Temple, and the happy spirit of friendly Christian fellowship shown by our members, have helped to make the year being reviewed one of our most successful, and we extend to all ladies of the congregation a very hearty invitation to come along on the third Monday of every month to the Fellowship Room and join with us in trying to make St. John's a church renowned for its warmth of Christian Fellowship and interest in others.

ELSIE ROWLANDS, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

The after-church supper gatherings, which have been held on the fourth Sundays for the months March to December inclusive, and which continued to be well attended, have afforded good opportunities for St. John's folk to meet and welcome new members, also visitors from other parts of New Zealand and overseas.

All gatherings have been under the chairmanship of our Minister, Rev. W. P. Temple, to whom the committee extends warm and appreciative thanks. Committee also extends thanks to the groups of helpers responsible for supper arrangements, etc., to the various soloists, and to our organist, Mr. Withers, for his accompaniments.

J. HANCHET, Convener.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MEN'S CLUB.

The club meets in the Fellowship Room, normally on the third Tuesday in each month, for an evening meal, followed by an address, film showing, or discussion on some topic of common interest. Attendance is usually between 30 and 40, and this year we have been very glad to welcome a number of new members and visitors, including some representatives of the Bible Classes and the Friday Night Club.

This year's programme has been a varied one. A set of indoor bowls was made available early in the season, and has proved very popular; after each of our meetings a group of enthusiasts usually stay for a game or two, and they may form the nucleus of an indoor bowls clubs at St. John's. One of our functions took the form of a full-scale film evening, which served the two-fold purpose of raising funds towards the cost of materials for the hall renovations project and demonstrating a projector of the type recommended by the Visual Aids Committee of Session.

At our June meeting, which was addressed by the Rev. Keith Elliott, V.C., members of the Wesley Men's Club were our honoured guests, and we were very glad to have this opportunity of fellowship with them, and in some measure to return their hospitality of last year.

Working parties of the Men's Club have made steady progress with the renovations of the Church Hall. The main construction work on the stage and projection box is now done, and we hope to bring this project to a successful conclusion in the near future.

One Sunday night early in the year a Men's Club Church Parade was held. Members sat together in pews reserved for the Club, and the readings were taken by our President and immediate Past President. It is hoped that in future a Church Service will become a regular part of our year's activity.

Our grateful thanks are due to the guest speakers at our various functions, to Mr. R. E. Montgomery, who acted as projectionist at our film evening, and to the ladies of the congregation who have assisted with our catering on many occasions. We would also record our appreciation of the co-operation and help we have received from the Church Officer, Mr. Hugh Kelly, whom we were recently very pleased to elect as an Honorary Member of the club.

W. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The past year has been for many of us a time of change. We have experienced a new fellowship which has drawn us closer to one another, and to Christ. We have gained a new spirit of love and comradeship, and above all, a new vision and purpose in life. We attribute these things to the stirrings of New Life in the youth of the church—a condition which speaks well for the regeneration of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Perhaps the greatest factor in this very real change has been the Prayer Fellowship. We split up into pairs which meet through the week to study and pray for the class, and for one another and our problems. The best way to get to know a man is to pray with him. To those of us who are taking part in this venture, it has meant a tremendous growth in Christian living and character. Ask any of the prayer partners if they believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe that this is one thing that can make a living church and we recommend it to every group at St. John's as a means of power and dynamic new life.

For several years the class has been self-centred; gradually we are looking outwards for ways of service and action. This is a slow process and will require a lot of thought and hard work from each of us.

With other classes we have been sending food parcels to Espelkamp, Germany. On several occasions we have visited the Berhampore Orphanage to give the children games and supper. Members of the class have taken part in organising the Sunday Club (Y.W.C.A.) and our own Friday Night Club. Two of our members are officers in the Boys' Brigade, three teach in Sunday School, four are in the choir, two are Managers, four are in the Lay Preachers' Band, yet these are no reasons for thinking we have "attained," for we know that it is the quality of the work that counts. This coming year, under the guidance and inspiration of our Minister and the leadership of Scott Gray, we are seeking to fit ourselves for, and into, the work of Christ's Church and Kingdom. We "shall press towards the mark."

RAY TAYLOR, Secretary.

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

After four years of loyal and faithful service as Leader, Mr. Eddie Smith resigned. We record our grateful thanks to Mr. Smith for his services and welcome the new Leader, Mr. Fred. Wade.

The membership now stands at 12. A sum of £6/18/- was contributed to Missions during the year.

The class did a series of studies from the Gospel of St. Mark, and in the first months of 1951, Mr. Temple gave a number of studies on books of the old Testament. Since April we have commenced work on the book "Christian Faith and Practice." Other subjects have been "Prayer" and "Temptation."

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This class has not grown in numbers but I feel that it is growing in strength.

The class consists wholly of Boys' Brigade boys, most of whom joined in our activities only when the Company here started.

The leadership has changed from Mr. D. F. Fowler, who is now leader of the Senior Sunday School class, to Mr. R. Dell.

R. DELL, Leader.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Roll.—The number on the roll at 30th June, 1951, was 23, 50 per cent. of whom are students with homes out of Wellington, which naturally affects the average attendance, which was 14.

Study.—We continue to use the Interdenominational Syllabus, the theme this year being "With Christ As Guide." We heard an address from Mr. Rickard, of the Bible Research Society, and joined the Young Men to hear a series of four addresses from our Minister on "The Lord's Supper."

Prayer.—All our classes meet on the first Sunday afternoon each month for prayer. On B.C. Day of Prayer, we kept the "Morning Watch" on the lawn beside the Church, and afterwards had breakfast together.

Missions and Social Service.—Gifts were brought for our Maori Mission Christmas parcel. Small boys from the P.S.S.A. Home were given a party, and with the other classes a "Guy Fawkes" party was given at the Home. Tickets were sold for St. Andrew's Day concert. Several parcels have been sent to "Espelkamp," and we record our thanks to members of the Evening Guild for their gifts for this purpose. Some of our girls helped to collect for the Wellington Blind Appeal, and several help the Y.W.C.A. one Sunday each month at a "Roomers' Club."

Free-will offerings have been given as follows:—St. John's Budget (B.C. Own workers), £23; P.S.S.A., £2/8/11; Deaconess College, 10/-; British and Foreign Bible Society, 10/-; Permanent Camp Site, £8/15/-; Y.C.N.C.C. for Korea, £2/3/-.

Class and Congregation.—Our members are regular in church attendance and all are in full communion. Four teach in Sunday School, six sing in the choir, one is a Brigade Leader, and one has given assistance with Life Boys.

Rooms and Library.—New curtains were purchased for our classroom, and a copy of J. M. Bates's "Manual of Doctrine" given to the library. The class subscribes to the Outlook Youth Number and distributes 10 copies.

Camp.—A very successful and happy weekend camp for Seniors and Intermediates was held at Wainui-o-mata in February.

Inter-church.—We had several entries in the Inter-church Competitions and won three firsts, three seconds, and two third places. We record our thanks to Mrs. Pumfrey for training the choir. Members of Wesley Methodist and St. Peter's Anglican Youth Groups were our guests for study and tea on one occasion.

Social.—Several enjoyable social functions have been arranged. Teas on the first Sunday each month are well attended, and we are grateful to members of the M.R.A. Group, Sister Nessie Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. I. Cook, who gave us interesting talks.

Appreciation.—We record our sincere appreciation for the way in which Mr. and Mrs. Temple show keen interest in our class activities; our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly for help and interest; to Mrs. Eleanor Gray for acting treasurer for several months; to Mr. J. Galloway for auditing our books. We express our appreciation to the Leaders and members of other classes for their co-operation and good fellowship.

To our Leader, Miss Pearl Brodie, we express our sincere gratitude for her faithful work in the Leadership and her untiring devotion to her fellow-class members.

MARY FAWCETT, Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS, 1950-51.

St. John's Intermediate Young Women's Bible Class, with a membership of nine, has met weekly in the Fellowship Room. We have done direct study in the Book of Acts and the Epistle to the Philippians.

We wish to express our appreciation of the combined studies on the Lord's Supper, taken by our Minister. Our average attendance is five, and we have raised the sum of £5/10/- throughout the year.

JUNIOR Y.W.B.C.

In December seven girls were either promoted to the Intermediate Class or had left the district, and the class of four promoted from the Sunday School have been studying "Follow Me," based on the Gospel according to St. Mark. The girls were very sorry at Easter to lose their leader, Mrs. Scott Gray, who has led the class for over three years and has been a wonderful help and inspiration.

ZOE MARTIN, Leader.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

The G.L.B. and Cadet Section have shown steady progress during the past year. We have 44 girls and 29 cadets. The Annual Battalion Church Parade was held at Kent Terrace Church this year, and in April we shared with our own Boys' Brigade and Life Boys in a Church Parade at St. John's. Nine senior girls sat for the Bible Knowledge Examination, and they all passed.

Miss Margaret Gibb hopes to become a Warrant Officer soon, and we are very glad to have her help. In June, Frances Strong won for our 8th Company the Battalion Junior Scripture Reading, and the same week the cadets came third in the Battalion Competitions.

We look forward to the Dominion Jubilee Camp at Dannevirke after Christmas, and we hope to enter for the Drill Contest in October.

We appreciate all that our Chaplain does for us and we look forward with hope to another year of fellowship amongst the girls.

J. W. FULLARTON, Captain.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The outstanding point in our progress in the past few months was our second Company Camp, which was held at the Boys' Brigade Camp Site at Wainui-o-mata from 4th to 7th May.

Though numbers were not great (14 boys) a great time was had by all and I feel sure that the camp has done something for the boys of our Church. Twenty boys attended Dominion Camp at Waipara in the Christmas holidays, despite railway disputes and bad weather, and all came back with an extended knowledge of the Boys' Brigade and what it stands for.

We have twenty boys on the role at present and we are very grateful to Mr. E. Smith, who has taken on the added responsibility of Captain until such times as Mr. D. F. Fowler can return to us.

R. G. DELL, Hon. Secretary.

LIFE BOY TEAM.

Leader in Charge: Mrs. D. J. Bridge.

Leaders: Mrs. J. C. Smith, Miss M. Gregory, Miss D. Bibby.

The team held its first parade on May 19th, 1950, when three boys were enrolled. Since then the roll number has increased to 35. The boys are very keen, and a large number of Seals for various subjects have been won. We are grateful to Miss R. Nicholls, Mr. R. Dell, and Mrs. E. Smith for instructing classes in Seal Work and Physical Training.

ADULT CABINET.

The chief objects of this recently-constituted organisation are to bring together in social fellowship representatives of the organisations of the church, and to take up the study of ways of extending fellowship throughout the whole congregation.

Adult Cabinet consists of two representatives from each of the six adult organisations (Session, Managers, Women's Association, Men's Club, Choir, Evening Guild), under the permanent chairmanship of the Minister. The first meeting was held in April, 1951, and it is proposed that full Cabinet meetings will be held at approximately quarterly intervals. Sub-committees appointed for particular purposes will function as required.

During the first three months of its existence, sub-committees of Cabinet have been responsible for all arrangements in connection with "Saturday Night at Eight"—a function to be held regularly in the Church Hall for the benefit more particularly of young folk of both sexes from the hostels in the city, and consisting of films, games or dancing, with a light supper.

Another sub-committee convened the new Drama Group at St. John's, and set it off to a flying start with an executive committee of its own. Further projects to promote fellowship and co-operation among the various organisations will be undertaken from time to time; while the full Cabinet meetings will provide an excellent opportunity for the exchange of views, plans and information between the organisations represented.

W. McCULLOCH, Acting Secretary.

DRAMA GROUP.

Chairman: Douglas Bridge.

Secretary: Mavis Feist.

Treasurer: Mrs. Long.

This group came into being on 9th June, since when it has flourished and with a membership of over 30 has held regular play-readings.

It is hoped to put on an entertainment for the Congregation before the end of the year.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE.

	1950-51.			1949-50.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Income	96	14	0	110	4	0
Arrears	11	0	0	3	0	0
Paid in Advance	6	0	0	7	0	0
Seat Holders	54			53		
Seats Let	114			108		

P. H. ANDERSON, Convener.

ST. JOHN'S ENDOWMENT FUND.

Any persons desiring to leave a bequest for this purpose should include the following clause in their Wills:—

"I give and bequeath to the Board of Managers of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wellington, the sum of £..... which I desire to be applied towards the St. John's Endowment Fund. And I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of such Board shall be sufficient discharge of the said bequest."

It is very gratifying to have members of St. John's remembering the church in their wills.

In Memoriam.

MRS. J. W. CAMPBELL
 MRS. A. CHISHOLM
 MR. H. DONKIN
 MR. W. J. FERGUSON
 MRS. M. HOPKIRK
 MR. T. HENDERSON
 MRS. MAINLAND
 MISS E. WILLIAMS
 MRS. K. WALKER
 MISS H. ANDERSON
 MRS. JOHN CAMPBELL
 MRS. E. M. DAVIDSON
 MRS. HUTCHISON
 MISS B. MILLS
 MR. G. M. MOIR
 MRS. MILLIER
 MRS. D. McLEAN
 MRS. WOODWARD

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1951.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Plate Collections	1306	0 2	Rev William P. Temple—Stipend and Car Allowance	800	0 0
Envelope System	774	5 3	Mr. Hugh Kelly—Church Officer	319	15 10
Seat Rents	96	14 0	Mr. Brian Withers—Organist	109	4 0
Donations to Upkeep of School room			Pulpit and Organ Supply	36	15 0
Sundry Donations and Miscel- laneous Receipts			Light, Heat and Power	105	19 10
Wednesday Lectures			Postages, Advertising, Printing & Stationery	123	4 3
Interest			Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	183	15 0
Sunday School 97th Anniversary			Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	12	0 0
			General Repairs, Church and Other Buildings	62	15 11
			Organ Tuning	14	8 9
			Rates—Manse and Cottage	71	17 3
			Telephones—Manse and Cottage	29	6 4
			Beneficiary Fund Assessment	35	0 0
			General Assembly Expenses Assessment	30	16 0
			Wellington Presbytery Assessment	8	15 0
			Insurances—		
			Fire	88	10 4
			Earthquake and War Damage	24	16 0
			Accident and Sickness	9	13 10
			St. John's Messenger	4	0 0
			Young Worshipers' League Prizes	9	18 7
			Social Expenses	6	6 11
			Communion Wine	5	5 0
			Hymn Books	11	2 0
			Contribution towards expenses visit N.Z.	7	0 0
			Rev. J. R. Blanchard	8	16 0
			Wheelbarrow	58	3 6
			Sunday School 97th Anniversary		

		Miscellaneous	16 15 2
		Balance Being Excess of Receipts Over	167 4 10
		Payments	£2361 5 4
£2361 5 4			
Balances July 1st, 1950, held for		Balances June 30th, 1951, held for—(a) Base-	
—(a) Basement Furnish-		ment Furnishings, (b) Sunday School	
ings, (b) Sunday School		Extension Work, (c) Ultimate Reduction	
Extension Work, (c) Ulti-	87 9 0	of Overdraft	87 9 0
mate Reduction of Overdraft	10 0 0	Church Furnishings	10 0 0
Church Furnishings	20 0 0	Salary of Deaconess	20 0 0
Salary of Deaconess		Liability for Expenses Manse Boundary	100 0 0
Liability for Expenses Manse	100 0 0	Adjustment	
Boundary Adjustment			£2578 14 4
	£2578 14 4		

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1951.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Retiring Collections—			Budget Assessment 1950-1951	763	5 3
Home and Maori	20	14 4	Food for Britain Parcels	66	17 9
Foreign	27	14 0	New Life Movement	44	10 3
Knox Theological Hall	16	10 2	Bible Class Camp Sites	5	10 0
Servicemen in Training for			Relief in Korea	50	17 1
the Ministry	21	12 3	Presbyterian Orphanages	61	19 11
Donations and Sundry—			P.S.S.A. "Kilmarnock" Home	10	0 0
Baptismal and Funeral	14	4 0	Women's Association	22	14 9
Home Missions	2	0 0	Naenae Church	25	0 0
Late Donations 1950 Appeal	12	1 9	Canterbury Centennial Visit—Rev. J. R.		
Budget	4	0 0	Elanchard	9	11 0
Women's Association	235	6 6			
Young Men's Bible Classes	52	18 0			
Young Women's Bible Classes	31	10 0			
Sunday School	50	10 0			
Busy Bees	6	0 0			
1951 Special Appeal	268	4 6			
		763 5 6			
Food for Britain Donations	30	9 9			
New Life Movement	44	10 3			
Bible Class Camp Sites	5	10 0			
Relief in Korea	50	17 1			
Presbyterian Orphanages	61	19 11			
P.S.S.A. "Kilmarnock" Home	10	0 0			
Retiring Collections to Women's					
Association	22	14 9			
Naenae Church	25	0 0			
Meeting—Visit Rev. J. R.					
Elanchard	9	11 0			
		260 12 9			

Balance 1st July, 1950, Food for
Britain

30 11 10

Withdrawal from Benevolent
Fund—Food for Britain

5 16 2

£1060 6 3

£1060 6 3

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS — YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1951

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balances July 1st, 1950—		Withdrawals—	
Benevolent Fund	201 17 0	Benevolent Fund for Food	
Benevolent & Missions Fund	84 10 10	Parcels	5 16 2
Crockery Replacement Fund	57 2 8	Balances 30th June, 1951—	
Hymn Book Replacement		Benevolent Fund	202 7 2
Fund	180 15 0	Benevolent & Missions Fund	86 18 9
Manse Trust Fund	150 0 0	Crockery Replacement Fund	58 14 11
Provision for Periodic Re-		Hymn Book Replacement	
painting—		Fund	197 5 11
Shares in Metropolitan		Manse Trust Fund	150 0 0
Building Society	70 0 0	Provision for Periodic Re-	
St. John's Church Rebuild-		painting—	
ing Fund	120 2 4	Shares in Metropolitan	
St. John's Hostel Fund	1508 19 5	Building Society	257 8 9
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial		St. John's Church Rebuild-	
Fund	41 0 3	Fund	123 10 5
Endowment Fund	9224 18 4	St. John's Hostel Fund	1563 14 8
Interest in E. J. Lockie		St. John's Soldiers' Memorial	
Estate	190 0 0	Fund	42 3 5
	11,829 5 10	Endowment Fund	9570 6 0
Income—		Interest in E. J. Lockie	
Interest (Net):		Estate	190 0 0
Benevolent Fund	6 6 4		12,442 10 0
Benevolent & Missions Fund	2 7 11		
Crockery Replacement Fund	1 12 3		
Hymn Book Replacement			
Fund	4 10 11		

Provision for Periodic Repainting—				
Shares in Metropolitan Building Society	3	13	9	
St. John's Church Rebuild-Fund	3	8	1	
St. John's Hostel Fund	54	15	3	
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	1	3	2	
Endowment Fund	258	13	7	
				336 11 3
Receipts—				
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0	
Metropolitan Building Socy. Endowment Fund—	183	15	0	
Legacy & Donation	86	14	1	
				282 9 1
				<u>£12,448 6 2</u>

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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 following statements correctly set out the position for the year ended 30th June, 1951—Statement of Receipts and Payments of Trust Accounts, Statement of Receipts and Payments (Ordinary Account), Statement of Receipts and Payments for Missions and other Altruistic Purposes.

I have accepted the statements of Envelope Collections and Pew Rents submitted to me.

J. A. LAMBIE, B.Com., Hon. Auditor.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WILLIS STREET

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173
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175
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1952-1953

(1) Congregational Expense

Salaries—

Minister's Stipend and Car Allowance	300	0	0
Deaconess	215	0	0
Church Office	175	0	0
Organist	135	0	0
Shooper	25	0	0
	1000	0	0

Maintenance of Buildings—

Normal Repairs and Renewals	200	0	0
Chvr. Council Repairs	90	0	0
Insurances	850	0	0
Provision for Normal Repairs	210	0	0
	1350	0	0

Miscellaneous—

Deaconess's Expenses	30	0	0
Deaconess's Superannuation Assessment	20	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement	12	0	0
Advertising, Postages, Stationery & Printing	120	0	0
Telephones	30	0	0
Light, Heat and Power	150	0	0
Organ Tuning and Maintenance	35	0	0
Assembly Expenses Assessment	25	0	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	10	0	0
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	50	0	0
Removal Expenses Assessment	10	0	0
Accident Insurance	15	0	0
Social Expenses	10	0	0
Sunday School 99th Anniversary	60	0	0
Expenditure on War Memorial	100	0	0
Adjustment of Manse Boundary (1949)	150	0	0
already set aside	150	0	0
	1190	0	0

Contingency Fund—

To meet small accounts and unforeseen expenses	160	0	0
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(2) For Other Purposes

Assembly Assessment for Missions	735	0	0
Wellington P.S.S. Association	100	0	0
New Life Movement (on acct. of 49580)	1850	0	0
	2685	0	0
	46345	0	0

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To be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, 17th September, 1952, at 7-45 p.m.

Covering period from 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1952.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Presbyterian Service 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 First Sermon in Athenaeum, Nov. 8th, 1853.	
In the Congregational Chapel in Woodward Street, on 17th Nov. 1853, he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgton.	
Sunday School opened	1853
First Session and Deacon's Court Constituted	4th June, 1854
First Communion Service	5th 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	17th 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 (front 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 (later Sir George 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 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. Jubilee	1938
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., accepted call to Scots' Church, Adelaide, and left New Zealand	31st Aug., 1939
Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D.	Sept., 1939, to 21st Nov., 1940
Rev. J. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., Inducted	May, 1940
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	Oct., 1942
Choir Gowned	26th Nov., 1944
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	1945
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	Oct., 1947
Rev. William P. Temple, B.A., B.D., Inducted	28th Oct., 1948

PASTORAL LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

Again it is my privilege to write a foreword to our Annual Report. It gives me a welcome opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you who have upheld St. John's this past year, by your presence at Public Worship, by youth faithful offerings in service and money, and not least by your prayers and daily witness as Christian men and women. For your many evidences of affection and good will to me and mine, I cannot begin to thank you. All I can say is that I envy no man in the Church his pulpit or congregation. So long as it may please God to maintain the pastoral tie which binds you to me, I shall keep on singing the marching song which was given to me when I became your Minister: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

Already we are within sight of our Centennial Year. Much work and prayer will be called for in the coming months if we are worthily to celebrate the great goodness of our Father to this people through the past hundred years. The contents of this Report suggest only a faint fragment of all He has done for us. But it should be a steadying and heart-warming thought to remember that it is because God's compassions do not fail, that we are here today to write another chapter into the life-story of St. John's. All the labours, sacrifices, consecrated gifts of men and women who have built up the Congregation would not have seen us through a single year of our life, if at any point in time God had withdrawn His Hand, or withheld His Spirit. That, in the last analysis, is the true miracle of the Church—not that through the generations men and women have been found, who were eager and willing to spend themselves for Church and Kingdom, but that God Himself has accepted their offerings, fed their enthusiasm, sustained their efforts, and crowned their years with His goodness.

What is more amazing still is to think that this congregation has its roots not simply in something that happened here in Wellington a hundred years ago, but in what God did in Jerusalem nineteen hundred years ago. We belong to the one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our family album makes us "fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the Household of Faith, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone." Should that vision fade among us, it could only mean that we have clipped the wings of faith. Should we diminish our sense of destiny, it will mean that by faithless neglect of our inheritance we have sold out to the hopeless materialism which argues so loudly in our time that a man is merely what he is at this moment, nothing more; and that men stay a long time dead.

My prayer is that our Centennial and the preparations for it will awaken us all to a new joy in our high calling in Christ Jesus. The story of the Church throughout the centuries is our story. The promise of the perfect consummation of history is to us and to our children. For we, also, are called to be children of God, part of that "glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such blemish," the Church which is to be the Bride of Christ at His appearing.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE.

MINISTER:

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

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

Telephone 46-492

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SISTER NESSIE MORGAN,

63 Pirie Street, C.4.

Telephone 55-236.

RETIRED MISSIONARY:

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

OFFICE BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S:**KIRK SESSION:**

	Inducted
Howitt, Ad., 62 Rex St., Miramar (Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	1913
Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3.	1919
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3.	1921
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown, N.2	1928
Blake, L. R., 62 Harbour View Rd., Northland, W.2	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., 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 Rd., Wadestown, N.2	1937
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Rd., Kelburn, W.1	1941
Duthie, W., 185 Onepu Rd., Lyall Bay, E.3	1941
Lomas, J. S., 12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn, W.1	1941
Orr, J. A., 23 Delhi Cres., Khandallah, N.5	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Rd., C.4	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice St., E.1	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba St., Petone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker St., E.1	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden St., Island Bay, S.2	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham St., E.1	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Rd., Hataitai, E.2	1946
Hight, D., 1 Carlton Gore Rd., Roseneath, C.4	1950
Blake, D. C. E., 43 Pirie Street, C.4	1950
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison St., S.W.1	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1	1950
Ritchie, D., 31 McFarlane St., C.2	1951

SESSION CLERK:

Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 8 Dundas St., Seatoun (Tel. 16-064) 1931

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Brodie, Miss E. M.	55a Central Terrace, W.1.
Bridge, D. J.	Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Brown, N. R.	80 Willis Street, C.1.
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.
Cole, J. S.	49 Aro Street, C.2.
Darroch, A. W.	200 Oriental Parade, C.4.
Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road, C.1.
Fowler, D. F.	2 Beatty Avenue, W.3.
Good, J. Kennedy-	Tirohanga Road, Lower Hutt.
Gray, H. S.	43 Cornford Street, W.3.
Harvie, Mrs. A.	8 Upland Road, W.1.
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street, S.1.
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street, C.2.
Long, J. H.	20 Highbury Crescent, W.3.
Lowman, I. S.	21 Thorby Street, W.3.
Page, T.	Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay.
Pryor, W.	279 Cuba Street, C.2.
Reid, W.	15 Waipapa Road, Hataitai, E.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1.
Smith, E.	14 Nelson Street, C.4.
Smith, J. C.	52 Glen Road, W.1.
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights Road, E.5.

Secretary of the Board of Managers:

J. A. Orr, 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5. 'Phone 37-177

Treasurer of the Board of Managers:

N. G. Robertson, 113 Karori Road, Wellington. 'Phone 26-066

Church Officer: Mr. Robert Kelly. Phone 54-299.

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1952-53:**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, Mr. J. H. Long.

Property Committee:

Mr. H. Glover (Convener), Mr. W. Duthie, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. N. S. Woods, Mr. D. F. Fowler, Mr. J. S. Cole, Mr. D. J. Bridge, Mr. D. C. E. Blake.

Seat Letting Committee:

Mr. P. H. Anderson (Convener), 59 Hawker Street, 'Phone 50-609; Hon. J. R. Marshall, Mr. D. MacLeod, Mr. H. B. Smith, Mr. I. S. Lowman.

Envelope Contributions Committee:

Mr. J. C. Smith (Convener and Secretary, 'Phone 28-453), Mr. H. Stockbridge, Mr. J. B. I. Cook, Mr. L. R. Blake, Mr. W. Reid (Treasurer), Mr. J. S. Martin, Mr. D. MacLeod, Mr. J. H. Long, Mr. A. W. Darroch, Hon. J. R. Marshall.

Rolls Committee:

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

Choir Committee:

Mr. J. S. Lomas (Convener), Mr. R. E. Pumfrey, Mr. F. C. Spratt,
Mr. F. A. Strong, Mr. A. L. Wall.

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

Mr. J. A. Orr, 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.
Telephone 37-117.

ORGANISATIONS:

Choir:

Relieving Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Brian Withers, L.R.S.M.

President: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

Vice-Presidents: Misses H. D. Clyde and E. M. Brodie.

Secretary: Miss J. Curtis, 63 Pirie Street, C.4.

Life Members: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry, Miss D.
Chappell, Miss H. D. Clyde.

Sunday School:

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Sister Nessie Morgan, Mrs. Thomson, Misses Bond, Cunliffe,
Carley, Fowler, Fullarton, Gibb, Gregory, Lees, McKain, McKenzie,
Messrs. Pillage, Irik, Simpson, and Smith.

Secretary: Miss M. MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade, W.1.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Miss D. M. Chappell.

St. John's P.W.M.U. and Guild:

Hon. Presidents: Rev. W. P. Temple and Mrs. Temple.

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames B. Wilson, R. B. Fowler, H. B. Ewen,
Misses J. Howden and M. Chappell.

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Youth Cabinet:

Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D. (Chairman), Dr. T. F. Corkill
and Mr. L. R. Blake (Session), Miss M. MacKenzie (Secretary),
(Sunday School); Miss J. Fullarton (Girls' Life Brigade), Miss
E. M. Brodie (Senior Y.W.B.C.), Miss K. Grant (Intermediate
Y.W.B.C.), Mr. H. Scott Gray (Senior Y.M.B.C.), Mr. F. Wade
(Inter-Y.M.B.C.), Mr. E. Smith (Boys' Brigade).

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Chairman: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

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Captain: Mr. E. Smith, 14 Nelson St., C.4.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Messrs. B. N. Broome, R. G. Dell and J. F. Pillidge.

Life Boy Team:

Leader in Charge: Mrs. D. J. Bridge.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Leaders: Misses D. Bibby and M. Gregory.

Girls' Life Brigade:

Captain: Miss J. Fullarton, 59 Hawker St., C.4.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Mrs. Scott Gray, Miss J. Cunliffe, Miss J. Hogg.

Warrant Officer: Miss M. Gibb.

After-Church Social Hour:

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Men's Club:

President: Mr. D. C. E. Blake.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. C. G. Cattnach.

Boys' Institute Management Committee:

St. John's Church Representatives: Messrs. W. Duthie, R. Johnston,
T. Page, J. Cole, L. W. Milne, W. Pryor.

SESSION'S REPORT.

The completion of our 99th year marks an important milestone in the life of St. John's. It reminds us that our Church is hallowed by almost a century of Christian worship and tradition and by a great crowd of unseen witnesses, and challenges us to march forward with boldness and confidence in the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

For these things and the multitude of mercies that have been heaped upon us during the year we humbly thank our Heavenly Father and pray that our efforts and prayers have been acceptable in His sight.

Session again records its gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the services of our Minister, Mr. Temple, whose inspired preaching has brought us all nearer to God and made clearer His will for us. We pray that both Mr. and Mrs. Temple will be long spared to be with us.

Mr. Temple never spares himself in his work for Christ, and it is characteristic of him that he again provided a splendid series of Wednesday Lectures. The attendances at these lectures were maintained at a consistently high level, and show that the lectures are fulfilling a definite place in our Church life.

Session desires to place on record its warm appreciation of the very acceptable assistance rendered to it and to the congregation by Mr. H. B. Smith during his period of service as Acting Session Clerk.

Session also records its warmest appreciation of the great services rendered by our Deaconess, Sister Jessie Morgan, whose efforts have brought considerable relief to our Minister in pastoral work, which in our scattered congregation is a big task. Miss Morgan has not spared herself and her efforts have brought relief and consolation to many of our folks in their sickness or sorrow.

Preliminary plans are well advanced for the celebration next year of the Centenary of St. John's. Several committees representative of all organisations have been set up, and Session is confident that the celebrations and functions will be worthy of the importance of the occasion. Mention is made of two important proposals, the writing of a history of St. John's and the creation of a bursary to assist young men (with first preference to those from St. John's), who propose to enter the ministry of the church, in their studies at the Theological Hall.

The Session Roll now stands at 26. The effective Communion Roll at 30th June, 1952, was 454. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered 15, and by certificate 38. Removals by disjunction, death, and purging of the roll numbered 39. The attendances at the four quarterly Communion services averaged 362. There were 30 baptisms during the year.

Session again records its warmest appreciation of the splendid services rendered by those willing folk who so capably carry on the work of the different organisations, and particularly those who teach in the Sunday School and lead the Bible Classes. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them in their work.

Our thanks are also due to the Church Officer.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to all members who have suffered bereavement during the year, and we would specially commend them to the comfort and care of our Heavenly Father.

We thank our Heavenly Father for all His mercies to us during the past year and we pray for His guidance in working His will in the coming years.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held in September last the following Managers who retired after the usual term of three years, were re-elected, Messrs. J. Hunter, R. Johnston, and W. Reid.

The following additional members were elected to the Board:—Miss M. Chappell, Miss E. M. Brodie, Mrs. A. Harvie, Messrs. D. Bridge and H. S. Gray.

At a Congregational meeting held in November, 1951, the following additional Managers were elected:—Messrs. A. W. Darroch, J. Kennedy-Good, D. Middleton and E. Smith.

It is satisfactory to note that the Endowment Fund has now reached its first objective of £10,000, and interest on the Fund will now be available for general purposes.

Members will be pleased to learn that consideration is being given to the matter of providing new seating for the Church Hall. This will be an improvement that will be appreciated by the increased numbers using the hall.

The special financial appeal made at the end of the year realised £330/5/6, some 140 envelopes being returned. An amount of £282/17/10 was transferred to the General Account, thus balancing the account, and £47/7/8 was put towards the Budget Assessment. The sum of £106/17/4 was also transferred to the Budget from the Benevolent and Mission Account, thus enabling St. John's to meet in full its assessment of £687.

Special items of expenditure during the year included £132 to provide a bathroom in the cottage, £102 for fire hose reels, £172 for repairs to Church Hall, £39/15/- for additional crockery, and a new vacuum cleaner and a floor polisher were provided, also some new choir gowns.

Promises to the New Life Fund now total £3100, promised by 210 of our members. Cash amounting to £1745 is in hand towards the target of £5530 set for St. John's.

Members will know that in 1953 St. John's will celebrate its Centenary and steps are being taken to mark the event.

It has been agreed to ask St. John's present and past members to establish a Centenary Fund of £2500, the interest from which is to provide a bursary for a St. John's student for the Ministry. Failing a St. John's man a special committee is to make a selection.

Consideration is being given to the holding of an Exhibition illustrating the work of St. John's over the century.

Other features, including the issue of a souvenir brochure, are under consideration.

CHOIR.

Roll and Attendance.—The Roll now stands at 24, with the distribution of parts as follows:—Sopranos, 13; alto, 6; tenors, 2; basses, 3. The average attendance for the weekly practice was 15 for the morning service 12 and for the evening service 15.

Choral Work.—Owing to the big drop in male membership this year, the scope of choral work has been necessarily restricted. Twenty-four anthems were sung, and, in addition, solos were rendered by four of our own members, Mrs. E. Haggitt, Misses M. Gregory and J. Curtis, and Mr. D. Bishop. Assisting soloists included Mr. John Thompson, a former choir member now studying singing in London.

On Palm Sunday "The Passion According to St. Luke" by Bach was rendered for the first time in St. John's. The soloists on this occasion was Mrs. E. Haggitt, Miss M. Gregory, Messrs. G. Lilly, R. Rapp and E. Gardner.

Special Service.—On 16th August the Session having decided to appoint one of our members, Miss Nessie Morgan, as St. John's Deaconess again, the Choir had much pleasure in attending her Induction Service.

Social.—During October, 1951, members were the guests of Wesley Choir at a very enjoyable evening held in the Taranaki Street Church Social Room. On 29th May this year, St. John's entertained Mr. H. Temple White and his Choir at a return social. Functions of this type do much to promote a feeling of fellowship and co-operation between churches of different denominations, and it is to be hoped that these two gatherings may be the forerunners of many more to come.

Personal.—In January the Choir had much pleasure in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pumfrey back to the Choir, following their trip overseas, also the Vice-President, Miss Helen Clyde, who had been laid aside with illness during many months of 1951. We take this opportunity too, to extend our congratulations to Miss Clyde on having had a copy of her poem on the death of King George VI forwarded to the Queen Mother.

Acknowledgements.—We desire to acknowledge with gratitude Mr. Wither's very generous gesture in presenting the Choir with the copies of the Bach "St. Luke Passion." Our thanks are due also to the anonymous donor of £2 towards the Music Fund. Finally we express our appreciation to all members of Choir Executive who have carried out their duties so ably during the year.

JEAN CURTIS, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Much is heard today of unwelcome increases, but there is a welcome increase that we find on reviewing the year's work in the Sunday School, and it is with thankfulness that we place on record an increase in the attendances, and, in consequence, in the number of teachers also. It is not uncommon today for three-year-olds to find their way into the school, and between these and the teen-agers about to graduate into the Bible Class there are

many age groups to be catered for. To make the most of our opportunities the teachers must be prepared to meet the needs of all ages and to present their message in the way best suited to the understanding of the children, and through the most telling channels. In the belief that seeing is a most effective aid to hearing we have recently procured a small film projector and an epidiascope, and these are already serving a very useful purpose. In helping the children to become familiar with their Bibles the importance of memorising is not overlooked, and when Promotion Day comes round prizes are awarded not only for Bible knowledge but for memory work also, the highest award being given for a combination of the two. The honour of winning this prize was shared in 1951 by Beverley Kempton and Pamela Smith each of whom received a Bible given in memory of a much-loved Superintendent, the late Mr. William Hopkirk.

Little children love to sing, and so in song as well as in story our message is presented, and it is with this in mind that we plan our Anniversary Services. Uppermost in our thoughts this year were the ideas of 'God in Nature, and the Lord as our Shepherd. Anniversary Day is an occasion on which the children, with hymns and Bible readings, lead the congregation in its worship, but it is not the only day when they unite with parents and friends in the Church Service. On one Sunday in the year there is a special Family Service, and this year on Mothers' Day children and parents come together to the House of God to offer their praises and their prayers. These are the special days planned for the children, but Sunday by Sunday they have their own part in the morning service, and as members of the Young Worshippers' League receive their picture, and perhaps a prize when the year is complete. This hour which the children spend week by week in the Church and Sunday School is in many instances the one connecting link between Church and home. Knowing this, the teachers do what they can to strengthen the link, and the chance to meet with parents at a picnic in the summer time, and in the winter time at a social gathering, planned with the help of the Cradle Roll Committee, provides some opportunity. To awaken in the hearts of the parents the desire for a closer connection with the Church is something worth striving after. The teaching of the lesson on Sunday is but a part of what is required of a Sunday School teacher, but it is a duty which cannot be shirked by a congregation alive to its responsibilities, and if it is an onerous one it has many compensations. New teachers are often required, but the response is half-hearted. Why?

MARY MacKENZIE.

CRADLE ROLL

The Committee which has the oversight of this department of the Church's work, reports another year of activity. The roll now stands at 92.

On May 3rd, 1952, the Annual Summer Party was held in the Fellowship Room, when 85 parents, children, and friends were entertained with afternoon tea and a programme of songs by Miss Jean Curtis and competitions.

The Christmas Party was a great success. A tree laden with gifts, donated by a friend of the Sunday School, looked most attractive and proved a delight to the children. Throughout

the year members of the Committee have been diligent in visiting the homes of children, taking with them a Baptismal Certificate for each new babe together with a Cradle Roll membership card.

All the wee boys and girls were remembered on their birthdays.

D. M. CHAPPELL, Superintendent.

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

The review of the past year's work shows many tasks accomplished through the devoted service and generosity of our members.

There have been many changes in the Executive. Mrs. Thomson, our President, left Wellington in November. Mrs. Temple and Miss Chappell have acted as President, and we owe them a great deal, not only for leading our meetings, but also for giving nobly of their time and experience.

There are 50 active members, five of whom are new, and 24 honorary members, one being a new member.

Meetings.—P.W.M.U. There have been eight meetings. We have been greatly privileged in having some most interesting speakers: Miss Alice Cook, Miss Francis Ogilvie, Mrs. Horwell, Mrs. De Lambert and Rev. R. E. Chisholm. After Mr. Chisholm's address on the ever-expanding work of the British Foreign Bible Society, our collection was donated to the work of the Society.

In March we were the guests of Kent Terrace and in April the guests of St. Andrew's Branch. In November members from St. Andrew's, Kent Terrace, St. Giles and St. James were guests at our social afternoon.

Field Work.—Three sacks and two large cartons of clothing were sent to Whakatane for Maori Mission work.

Stamps.—Mrs. Loudon, our new Stamps Secretary, receives, sorts and cleans thousands of stamps. Her reward for this is that St. John's folk are now sending in more stamps than ever before.

Mission Boxes.—Twenty-three members had mission boxes and the splendid amount of £40 has been collected in this way through the work of Miss Mary Ralston—an increase of £16/16/-.

Associate Members.—Mrs. Day sends Missionary letters to 14 associate members.

Social Afternoons have been held on three occasions. In July Misses E. and M. Castle gave a most interesting musical recital and the Drama Group gave a play reading. In November a Scottish afternoon gave delight to St. John's folk and their guests from other branches. The artists were Mrs. Greta Williams, Mr. Temple and Master John South.

In March Miss Tui McLeod entertained with music.

We are grateful to these friends for their interest and willing sharing of their gifts.

Donations received through the "Direct Giving" on these occasions amounted to £88/5/-.

We acknowledge with thanks the donation of £30 from the Scott Trust Fund for Home and Overseas Missions.

The amount collected by Miss Hanchet for M.M.B.L., the new record of £40 from Mission Boxes, and the £27 for Missions from the Evening Guild deserve our special gratitude.

Women's Association.—Guild work. Eight meetings have been held. From July to November, Mrs. Thomson led devotional studies on the 23rd Psalm, from Mr. Dean's book, "The King, of Love."

Sewing was done for "Kilmarnock," for parcels for Scotland, for the Linen Chest, and for the Bring and Buy. Three days were spent in mending and darning for the P.S.S.A. homes. Three parcels were sent to Scotland and appreciative letters have been received.

In October we supplied a team of workers for CORSO.

A very successful Bring and Buy stall was held in October and £43 was added to the funds.

Thanks.—We express our deep appreciation of Mr. Temple's Ministry and our gratitude for his practical help and wise counsel.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD.

With a new President, Mrs. J. C. Smith, the work of the Guild has continued along the usual lines of trying to promote good fellowship among the women and being of service to others.

The membership at present stands at 60, with an average attendance at the meetings of 35.

Programme.—During the year we have had several interesting speakers, including Mr. and Mrs. Tahiwi and a party of Maori students, Mrs. Wright, Matron of "Kilmarnock," Mrs. King, President of the Women's Fellowship, and Mrs. Horwell, speaking about the New Hebrides Mission work. A talk on Art, a play reading, a resume by Mr. Temple of his outside duties, a travel talk by Mrs. Dr. Ewen, and one or two social evenings have helped to create a background to suit the varied interests of the members.

Work for Others.—Donations of £27/10/- to the P.W.M.U. Funds and £2/5/- to Sister Morgan for use as she thought fit, together with 41 parcels at Christmas time to eight Home Missionary families, and a large carton of first aid and toilet supplies to the New Hebrides Mission, plus miscellaneous articles knitted by members and handed over to Sister Morgan, are an illustration of the practical interest in other organisations. A parcel of clothes was also passed on to Corso, and members have taken their turn in helping with the after-church suppers, the Men's Club teas and Saturday night at eight suppers. During the year a concert party was taken out to "Kilmarnock" and a tea party given to the girls at the Berhampore Home.

The continued interest of members encourages the Committee to feel that the Guild is providing a useful meeting place for women of all ages and interests who are not able to join the afternoon groups, and it is hoped that more women of the congregation will come along and make the Guild meetings a continued source of inspiration and service, and help promote the good Fellowship of St. John's.

E. ROWLANDS, Secretary.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

With the exception of January, the after-church supper gatherings have been held on the 4th Sunday of each month throughout the year. They have been very well attended and we have been pleased to meet and welcome visitors from different parts of New Zealand, several from overseas, and also new church members. It has been an especial joy to welcome our new Dutch members and friends at several of our gatherings.

It is with sadness that we refer to the recent death of Miss Isobel Ferguson. When, during World War II the after-church gatherings were commenced, she was made convener and continued in this capacity for eight years. For the first two years while so many troops were stationed in and around Wellington these gatherings were held every Sunday evening in the large hall. This entailed a good deal of organisation and it was due to Miss Ferguson's enthusiasm and attention to detail that the gatherings were so successful and have now become a recognised branch of our church's work. To Mrs. Crawford, a bereaved sister, this Committee extends sincere sympathy.

Mr. Temple's happy chairmanship fills us with a deep sense of gratitude to him. This year he has added to our pleasure by teaching us a new chorus each month; a feature which has increased the informality and friendliness of these gatherings.

The Committee also extends grateful thanks to the various soloists, to Mr. Withers as accompanist, and to the willing groups of helpers. More helpers are needed and if any women in the congregation feel they can assist in this work, they will be sure of a welcome.

J. HANCHET, Convener.

MEN'S CLUB.

The Club meets in the Fellowship Room normally on the third Tuesday of each month, and since the last Annual Church Report we have to record the completion of the renovations to the Church Hall. This was done towards the end of the last calendar year and was marked in a suitable manner. There is no doubt that the working parties responsible for the renovations have made an excellent job of what was required to be done, and it is to these gentlemen that we owe a deep sense of gratitude. Reference to this project would be incomplete without mentioning a former President of the Club, Mr. H. A. Fullarton, now of Dunedin, who did so much to bring it into being with consequential beneficial advantages.

This year attendances at our monthly meetings have not been as large as what they have been in the past, yet despite this the evening meal followed by an address or film showing, together with a discussion on the points raised have been well worth while. There have been a few new members and visitors at each meeting, and we appeal to the men of the congregation for their support for this branch of the work of the Church. There is always a friendly welcome for those who come along and join us.

This year, through his removal from Wellington, we have lost the services of our Vice-President, Mr. W. McCulloch. He has been a tower of strength to the Club, and in association with other Church organisations with which he was connected we wish him every success in his new sphere of activities.

As guests of the St. Andrew's Men's Club early during the current session, some of our members spent a very enjoyable evening in their hall. Indoor bowls and table tennis occupied portion of the evening. This was followed by community singing, several semi-impromptu speeches on topical subjects, supper and vespers.

Our grateful thanks are due to the guest speakers at our various functions and to the ladies of the congregation, who, through the year, have assisted us with our catering on many occasions and thereby contributing in no small measure towards the success of our monthly meetings.

C. G. CATTANACH, Hon. Secretary.

ADULT CABINET.

Adult Cabinet is now firmly established in the life of St. John's. Through it the Church provides the only opportunity given to organisations to meet with each other, not only to discuss matters of common interest, but also to share difficulties. It follows, therefore, that discussions range over a wide variety of topics, from ways of forming contacts with new immigrants to the proposed plans for celebrating the Church's Centennial, and the suggested Centennial Fair in April or May of next year. During 1952 the Drama Group was admitted as a member, so that meetings are now attended by delegates from the seven adult organisations: Session and Managers, Afternoon Guild and Evening Guild, Men's Club, Choir and Drama Group. Personnel is constantly changing, the only permanent members being the Chairman, the Rev. W. P. Temple, the Session Clerk, Dr. Ewen, and the Secretary, Mr. J. Page. During the year the Cabinet accepted with great regret the resignation of the Secretary, Mr. W. P. McCullough, who had occupied that position from the inception of the Cabinet and who had taken an active and valuable interest also in "Saturday Night at Eight." Mr. T. Page agreed to succeed him as Secretary.

Probably the most important tangible achievement of Adult Cabinet has been the sponsoring of "Saturday Night at Eight," an evening provided once a month for anyone who cares to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy entertainment and good fellowship. In the words of Mr. Temple it is "An Experiment in Friendship." "Saturday Night at Eight" is organised by a Committee set up by Adult Cabinet, which Committee has submitted a special report.

T. PAGE, Secretary.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT."

After an experimental year in 1951, "Saturday Night at Eight" is this year proving itself to be an integral part of the life not only of St. John's, but also of the City of Wellington. So far this session, four monthly meetings have been held, at which attendances have been steadily increasing until at the July meeting a well-filled hall enjoyed a most successful programme arranged by the St. John's Drama Group. A very gratifying feature is that only a small minority of these audiences belongs to St. John's, the rest are visitors, mainly middle-aged and elderly folk from

boarding and apartment-houses in the city. A general invitation to the recently formed Physical Welfare Club for lonely people elicited an enthusiastic and ready response. Supper provided by organisations in turn is always greatly appreciated. If one can judge by the spontaneous expressions of gratitude and warm approval which are heard on each occasion, then St. John's, through "Saturday Night at Eight," is indeed doing something well worth while.

BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY.

The high hopes and early promises of success which marked the founding of the 2nd Wellington Company of the Boys' Brigade in this Church in 1949 have largely yet to be realised. The three and a half sessions of our existence have seen some good done; they have also seen some failure.

What do companies of The Boys' Brigade set out to do? Their work is to contact and attract boys so as to ensure their attendance at Sunday School and Bible Class so that growing up through the years which are the most difficult of their lives (and yet at the same time the years of greatest opportunity) they may have the best chance to come face to face with Jesus Christ and be helped by friendship and example to make aright the most important decision with which they will ever be faced. If companies do not retain a good percentage of their boys right through to the leaving age of 18 they are, at best, being but partly successful.

Our present strength is 18; it should be much higher, but several of the boys we expected would remain have left. The problem of this situation has concerned us for a long time, but we have not yet found the solution.

The boy is retained largely by his interest in the programme the B.B. Company offers. Our programme has been altered several times and each change has seemed to bring us nearer the ideal, yet the difficulty recurs. Once more we are at the stage when we must re-examine our methods of applying the time-tested principles of The Boys' Brigade. We have hopes that we can make improvements.

It is certain that in running the Company we have made many mistakes. It is also a fact that our work has been unsettled by, amongst other things, fairly frequent staff changes and the difficulty of finding replacements. But despite this we can record with gratitude that there is also a bright side to the Company's story. We dare to believe that much good has been wrought in the lives of at least some of our boys, the full extent of which we will never know. The grateful comments of parents whose boys have been helped in their social development, for one thing, gives us cause to believe this.

One outstanding thing which helps to renew our confidence in the future is the fact that John Thompson, one of the original boys, has recently been promoted to Sergeant, which is the highest honour a boy can receive in The Boys' Brigade. This appointment of the first Sergeant in the 2nd Wellington Company is another step upward in the development of the Company. We believe that the early promises of success will yet be realised.

The Life Boy Team, the junior reserve of the Boys' Brigade Company, has a membership of twenty keen, young boys who enter

with all the child's zest into the Team's programme of games, physical training, figure marching, singing, story-telling, films and handwork. Life Boys must also be Sunday School members, and like the Company, the Team's meetings always open with devotions.

The Team sent its nine senior boys up to the Company at the end of 1951, but unfortunately the Company has retained only four of these boys. This, together with other gains and losses, has left both Team and Company with approximately the same numbers as at the end of 1951.

The Life Boy Team and Boys' Brigade Company are part of the family of this congregation. We earnestly say to you, in the words of St. Paul, "Brethren, pray for us."

E. SMITH, Captain.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

We are pleased to report steady progress amongst the girls. The Cadets now number 20 and the Company 50. Thirteen girls sat for the Bible knowledge examination and they all passed.

We were glad to welcome Miss Hogg as a Lieutenant, and I do appreciate the loyalty of all officers.

The Cadets tied second equal in the Battalion Competitions in June.

As this is the Silver Jubilee year of G.L.B. in New Zealand there are to be special celebrations. There is to be a Fair in November, and we look for the support of all parents and Church members. This effort is to help to provide a training centre for officers and a camping place for girls in the North Island. We hope to have a Company camp at Otaki in October.

Adrienne Carley has just become a Sergeant and Valerie Cox and Joan Fowler have just passed their Corporal's tests.

Our Chaplain visits the Company once a month to take devotions, and we do thank him for this service in his busy life.

J. W. FULLARTON, Captain.

BADMINTON CLUB.

The Badminton Club is continuing its activities with a Club Night on Friday evenings during the winter months and with one team entered in the Wellington Badminton Association competition. A large proportion of the Club's members are drawn from the young people of St. John's itself, but some members come from sister Churches. The committee is especially gratified this year that a number of new members and adherents of the Church have found in the Badminton Club an additional interest in the Church.

I. S. LOWMAN, Club Captain.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Membership.—The roll now stands at 19, several members having left over the past year for other towns. We have been pleased to welcome five new members to our class.

Mission.—A total of £28 has been given to date, with several donations outstanding.

Class Work.—The Class followed its own syllabus during the first half of the year and the B.C. Study Book has proved a successful guide in the latter months. The studies have been practical and the discussions most stimulating.

Social Service.—Food parcels have been sent to Espelkamp, Germany. Some members spent Saturdays grubbing gorse at the Orphanage. A Guy Fawkes party was also given to the Orphanage children, with the help of the other classes. The Class members also assist in the work of the British Sailors' Society.

Social Activities.—In conjunction with the other classes two successful dances have been held. The usual monthly Sunday teas have again proved a time of fellowship and a help in bringing the classes together. A moonlight launch trip to Day's Bay was enjoyed by all attending.

Rooms.—Plans are being finalised for the extensions to the present B.C. Rooms, funds for which are provided by the Institute Fund.

Camps and Conference.—Six of our members attended the B.C. Jubilee Conference at Invercargill at Christmas.

Easter Camps at Reikorangi and Wairarapa were attended by class members. Our annual combined class camp was held at Wainui-o-mata in February and was a most worth-while weekend.

Church Work.—Three members are teaching in Sunday School, three in Boys' Brigade, two help in the Choir, and two are members of the Church Lay Preachers' Band. Also three members are on the Church Board of Managers.

Sports.—Members have supported the Harrier, Badminton, and Tennis Clubs in the respective seasons and participated in the District Athletic Sports.

Minister.—Our gratitude is extended to our Minister, Mr. Temple, for his interest and help throughout the year. He is always ready to guide and direct us in our strivings toward true Christian living.

Leader.—To our Leader, Mr. H. Scott Gray, we are grateful for the time, work and study he has given for our benefit over the past year.

Conclusion.—Although much has been done in the past year, a lot has been done by a few. The next year of work and worship calls for a renewed and revitalised attitude, a deeper spiritual effort and a closer allegiance to the group.

R. E. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS TENNIS CLUB.

To the members of the Bible Classes and their friends this year's tennis season was an opportunity for healthy recreation and good fellowship at the court off Moana Road. Our club competed in the Inter-Church Tennis Association competitions again this year. In the mixed doubles competition for the "Helen Clyde Cup" Miss M. Dagg and Mr. R. Taylor were the worthy winners. The club offers to all young people of St. John's an opportunity to make new friends.

C. F. H. WADE, Hon. Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Bible Class has a vital part to play in the young Christian life. This is the finding of the members through consistent Bible study, increased fellowship with other classes and an acceptance of more responsibility and personal discipline. Although our membership has decreased to five, and the average attendance has declined to four, members have been more consistent in both church and class attendance.

We have studied from "Christian Faith and Practice," "Unto the Hills," and special Youth Dept. study pamphlets, as well as mission studies. In December at the Christmas service our class members joined with the young women of the Intermediate class in presenting the play "The Other Wise Man." Valuable fellowship has been found in the monthly Bible Class teas, Wainui-o-mata and Reikorangi Bible Class camps.

C. F. H. WADE, Leader.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The class strength has increased in the past year from seven to eleven. Five of the members and the leader belong to this Church's Boys' Brigade Company, and two other boys are members of the Brooklyn Company. Class meetings on Sunday morning continue to be the main activity of the class, with members taking small part in Bible Class camps, teas and other gatherings. Membership in the Boys' Brigade gives some of the members opportunity for joining with other boys in week-day activities at the Church. It is hoped that more can be done in the future to take part in combined Bible Class functions.

R. G. DELL, Leader.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Our membership at 30th June, 1952, was 25, average attendance over the year 16. This seemingly low figure is accounted for by the number of student members absent during term holidays.

At our Sunday meetings we use the Study Book "Highway." Latterly on alternate Sundays we have taken studies in small groups led by members.

On Bible Class Day of Prayer we met for the "Morning Watch" conducted by Miss P. Brodie and Mr. F. Wade led the "Close of Day" service.

By direct giving we contributed £30 to our Church Mission Budget, £9/13/6 to Camp Site Fund, £2 to P.S.S.A., £1 to British and Foreign Bible Society and over £3 for "self support." We now have £302/11/2 in hand for the redecorating and furnishing of our class room and hope to have this completed in a few months' time.

Fourteen children from the Berhampore Home were entertained to lunch, games and afternoon tea by our class and a Guy Fawkes party was given at the Home. We assisted Sister Margaret with her service at the Old People's Home at the Hospital, and to give cheer to the "shut-in" members of our Congregation at Christmas time, we went carolling with other church members.

Forty-three young people attended our combined camp at Wainui-o-mata and a beneficial time was enjoyed by all. Three members attended the Jubilee Summer Conference at Invercargill and our leader was present for the Jubilee celebrations. Easter

Camp at Masterton was attended by two members and one assisted at the Wairarapa Camp.

Several successful and enjoyable social functions were held. At our monthly teas some enjoyable programmes have been arranged, including two films. On Sunday evenings the classes arrange suppers to which we invite young people, especially any visitors to the Church. We also took our turn at arranging supper for the After-Church Social Hour and for "Saturday night at 8."

Members of our class took part in conducting the Church Services when our Minister was at Assembly. Our members regularly attend the Church Services, 23 are in full Communion and two are Anglican. Eight are members of the Choir, five teach in Sunday School and two help in the Girls' Life Brigade. A debating team from our class met a team from the Y.M.C.A. and were acclaimed the winners.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Miss Isabella Ferguson, a life member of our class. Miss Ferguson will be remembered with love and deep gratitude for the friendship and hospitality she gave to many. A Memorial Minute has been written into our Class records.

The Young Women's Bible Class wishes our Minister and all Church members a successful year in the service of our Master and may we all be able to say with St. Paul: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

ENID BRYANT, Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE Y.W.B.C.

There are now six on the roll. This year we are studying the Life of Christ. The Class has donated £5 to Missions.

It is hoped that there will be a better attendance at Church services, and at prayer meetings.

K. W. GRANT, Leader.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

	1951-52.			1950-51.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Income	106	10	0	96	14	0
Arrears	5	0	0	11	0	0
Paid Advances	4	15	0	6	0	9
Seat Holders	49			54		
Seats Let	98			114		

P. H. ANDERSON, Convener.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

The amounts subscribed this year were:—

	£	s.	d.
Senior Section (166 members)	28	3	0
Junior Section (50 members)	3	7	3
Total	£31	10	3

Very few subscriptions are outstanding and the Secretary is grateful to members for making her work so pleasant and smooth running.

To Miss Fullarton special thanks are due for her enthusiastic work of enrolling Sunday School children as League members and also collecting their birthday donations.

J. HANCHET, Secretary.

DRAMA CLUB.

It is felt that the aim of the Drama Club to bring together young and old in a common interest has been reached. This year, with a membership of between 30-40, there have been some lively and interesting play readings.

One three-act play and one one-act play have been the beginning of the club's produced efforts and it is hoped to do more next year. This year also, thanks to our President and friends, the club has a very fine set of stage flats, which are comparable with any other club.

The club would welcome any person interested to come along to the play-reading evenings each alternate Saturday and join in the comradeship and fun with the members.

In Memoriam

MR. J. T. BROWN, Manager.

MRS A. C. DUGUID.

MISS ISABEL FERGUSON.

MR. E. M. JOHNSTON.

MRS. M. McKINNEY.

MRS. J. MONCRIEFF.

MRS. OVER.

MRS. H. S. S. CURTIS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1952.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance Brought Forward, 1/7/51—						
Ordinary Revenue				167	4	10
Amount held on account of Deaconess' Salary				20	0	0
Plate Collections	1438	14	5			
Envelope Collections	787	0	10			
Seat Rents	103	0	0			
				2328	15	3
Donations to Upkeep of School Rooms				130	8	0
Sundry Donations and Miscel- laneous Receipts				23	10	0
Wednesday Lectures				17	1	7
Interest				4	4	11
Sunday School 98th Anniversary				62	9	7
Boys' Brigade Refund of Advance				25	0	0
Donation for Deaconess' Expenses				10	0	0
Withdrawal from Endowment Fund Income Account				10	11	1
Portion of Special Appeal, June, 1952				282	17	10

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. W. P. Temple—Stipend and Car Allowance	800	0	0
Sister Nessie Morgan, Deaconess	266	17	6
Mr. B. Withers, Organist	119	4	0
Mr. Hugh Kelly, Church Officer	196	19	3
Mr. A. F. Sinclair, Church Officer	121	2	6
Pulpit and Organ Supply	46	4	0
Sister Nessie Morgan—Expenses	12	6	6
Light, Heat and Power	95	18	10
Postage, Advertising, Printing and Stationery	106	13	4
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	210	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	12	0	0
General Repairs, Church and Other Buildings	172	4	8
New Bathroom in Cottage	132	15	0
Emergency Fire Hose Reels	101	17	6
Organ Tuning	21	0	0
Rates—Manse and Cottage	84	5	5
Telephones—Manse and Cottage	27	15	0
General Assembly Expenses	33	12	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	8	15	0
Insurances—			
Fire	129	10	3
Earthquake and War Damage	34	10	3
Accident and Sickness	11	2	11
St. John's Messenger	22	10	0
Young Worshippers' League Prizes	12	16	3
Social Expenses	5	9	2
Communion Wine	2	8	0
Vacuum Cleaner and Floor Polisher	34	15	0
Sundry Tools	3	18	3
Caretaker's Sundries	10	13	3

Balances 1st July, 1951, held for
—(a) Basement Furnishings,
(b) Sunday School Extension
Work, (c) Ultimate Reduc-
tion of Overdraft

3082 3 1

Church Furnishings

87 9 0

10 0 0

Liability for Expenses Manse
Boundary Adjustment

100 0 0

£3279 12 1

Beneficiary Fund Assessment

62 10 0

New Choir Gowns

18 17 0

Choir Sundry Expenses

6 4 6

Film Projector Sundries

11 13 6

Crockery

39 15 6

Oak Panel in Church

9 10 0

Valuation Fee for Insurances

7 7 0

Special Report on Organ

5 5 0

Casual Help

8 2 0

Miscellaneous Payments

13 5 2

Sunday School 98th Anniversary

62 9 7

£3082 3 1

Balances 30th June, 1952, held for (a) Base-
ment Furnishings, (b) Sunday School
Extension Work, (c) Ultimate Reduction
of Overdraft

87 9 0

10 0 0

Church Furnishings

100 0 0

Liability for Expenses Manse Boundary
Adjustment

£3279 12 1

Note: It is now estimated that the cost of adjusting the southern boundary of the Manse will be approximately £50 more than the sum already set aside for this purpose.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1952.**

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Retiring Collections—			Budget Assessment, 1951-52	687	0 0
Home and Maori	15	7 4	New Life Movement Fund	1700	9 10
Foreign	24	3 7	Presbyterian Social Service Association	133	4 3
Knox Theological Hall	25	16 6	Relief of Arabs in Palestine	36	14 10
Service in Training for the Ministry	15	11 9	New Hebrides Hurricane Relief	95	13 11
June, 1952, Communion	22	13 9	Y.M.C.A., o/a. Rev. Canon Green	34	4 2
Donations and Sundry—			Methodist Youth Office, o/a. Rev. D. T. Niles	30	13 5
Baptismal and Funeral	23	9 6			
Sundry Donations	25	10 0			
Women's Association	217	14 4			
Young Men's Bible Classes	42	7 9			
Young Women's Bible Classes	35	0 0			
Sunday School	56	5 6			
Part of Special Appeal, June, 1952	47	7 8			
Late Donations, 1951 Appeal	28	15 0			
Withdrawal from Benevolent and Missions Fund	106	17 4			
New Life Movement Fund	1700	9 10			
Presbyterian Social Service Association	133	4 3			
Relief of Arabs in Palestine	36	14 10			
New Hebrides Hurricane Relief	95	13 11			
Youth Service, Rev. Canon Green	34	4 2			
Service, Rev. D. T. Niles	30	13 5			
		2031 0 5			
		£2718 0 5			£2718 0 5

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1952.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances, 1st July, 1951—			Withdrawals—		
Benevolent Fund	202	7 2	Benevolent and Missions Fund—		
Benevolent & Missions Fund	86	18 9	Contribution Towards Budget Assessment	106	17 4
Crockery Replacement Fund	58	14 11	Endowment Fund Income Account—		
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	197	5 11	Transfer to Ordinary Revenue Account	10	11 1
Manse Trust Fund	150	0 0			117 8 5
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.—					
Shares in Metropolitan Building Society	257	8 9	Balances, 30th June, 1952—		
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	123	10 5	Benevolent Fund	208	2 9
St. John's Hostel Fund	1563	14 8	Crockery Replacement Fund	61	19 2
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	42	3 5	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	214	5 3
Endowment Fund Capital Account	9570	6 0	Manse Trust Fund	150	0 0
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0 0	Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.—		
			Shares in Metropolitan Building Society	481	14 10
		12442 10 0	St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	127	0 4
Income—			St. John's Hostel Fund	1622	5 5
Interest (Net)—			St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	43	7 3
Benevolent Fund	5	15 7	Endowment Fund Capital Account	10000	0 0
Benevolent & Missions Fund	2	9 1	Endowment Fund Income Account	2	6 4
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	13 3			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	4	19 4			

Provision for Periodic Re- painting, etc.—			
Shares in Metropolitan Build- ing Society	14	6	1
St. John's Church Rebuild- ing Fund	3	9	11
St. John's Hostel Fund	58	10	9
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	1	3	10
Endowment Fund Capital Account	329	14	0
Endowment Fund Income Account	12	17	5
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	434	19	3
Receipts—			
Benevolent and Missions Fund—September Com- munion	17	9	6
Crockery Replacement Fund Hymn Book Replacement Fund	1	11	0
	12	0	0
Provision for Periodic Re- painting, etc.—			
Shares in Metropolitan Build- ing Society	210	0	0
Endowment Fund Capital Account—Legacy	100	0	0
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	341	0	6
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	£13218	9	9

Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0
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(Sgd.) N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A.N.Z.

I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30th June, 1952, and in my opinion the above statements correctly show the position of the Church as at that date.

August 14th, 1952.

(Sgd.) I. A. LAMBIE, B.Com.,

Hon. Auditor.

Jerome Low
R B F
NSW
Miss Harvie

St. John's Church - Willis Street
Wellington

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"HYMN FOR A CHURCH CENTENNIAL"

1. Our fathers sailed from lands afar
By winds of longing sped,
With Faith for shield, and Hope for star,
God's Word for pillow and bread.

Lord God, Who didst suffice our fathers,
Sharing their toiling and tears,
Thine is the harvest mem'ry gathers—
Sheaves of their consecrate years.
And now in joyful adoration
Let sire and son due homage bring:
"Honour, dominion, power and praise
To Thee, O Christ, our King!"

2. 'Twas not alone for earthly prize
They tamed the hill and plain;
For see, above the steadings rise,
God's House, their fortress and fane.

3. And not by skill of plough and sword
We'll guard our heritage.
Should we in soul disarm us, Lord,
Throw down Love's great battle-gage!

Lord God, Who didst suffice our fathers,
Fire us with vision like theirs,
Hallow this harvest mem'ry gathers—
Sheaves of their toiling and prayers.
Thy Spirit grant no rest from warfare,
Till, heart-affame, our cry shall ring:
"Take us, a living sacrifice,
O Crucified Christ, our King!"

—W.P.T.

St. John's Church Wellington, N.Z.



One Hundredth Report

To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 30th September, 1953
at 7-45 p.m.

Covering period 1st July, 1952,
to 30th June, 1953.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Presbyterian Service 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 First Sermon in Athenaeum, Nov. 6th, 1853.	
In the Congregational Chapel in Woodward Street, on 17th Nov. 1853, he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgton.	
Sunday School opened	1853
First Session and Deacon's Court Constituted	4th June, 1854
First Communion Service	5th June, 1854
First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
First Church enlarged	1856
Rev. John Moir retired	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	17th 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 (front 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 (later Sir George 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 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. Jubilee	1938
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., accepted call to Scots' Church, Adelaide, and left New Zealand	
Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D.	31st Aug., 1939
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., Inducted	Sept., 1939
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	to 21st Nov., 1940
Choir Gowned	May, 1940
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	Oct., 1942
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	26th Nov., 1944
Rev. William P. Temple, B.A., B.D., Inducted	1945
Memorial Plaque to the memory of the late Mr. A. P. Smith unveiled	Oct., 1947
Memorial Plaque to the memory of the late Sir George Troup unveiled	28th Oct., 1948
	8th July, 1951
	May, 1952

MINISTER:

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

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

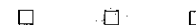
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SISTER NESSIE MORGAN,

63 Pirie Street, C.4.

Telephone 55-236.



PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

One hundred years! In the long perspective of history they do not count for very much. In the vast enterprise of God, how much less they must appear. "For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past." Yet when we reckon in terms of men and women, boys and girls, we cannot begin to measure what St. John's, with its hundred years of worship and witness, has done for God and by God's Grace. To how many has St. John's proved the birthplace of the only life worth living? "A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat"; light-house, power-house, a Bethlehem, a House of Bread—how many, young and old, have lived to thank God for this Church and congregation?

That reckoning remains with God. We only know that when the reckoning is made He will speak of souls who met Christ in this place, of burdens lifted, wounded hearts healed, lives changed, of friendships and marriages nourished in this Household of Faith, of shaping, decisive influences that had the Holy Spirit for Author, and of that Fellowship we shared with Him in Church, Sunday School, Bible Classes, Organisations, and Church-Courts. Ministers and people together have laboured in the Gospel, always undergirded by Divine Pardon for the failures, always recalled by Divine Mercy to Christ's great commission, and to take up the Cross in response to the challenge of new days, and the Father's unfinished business.

Thoughts like these have prompted me to attempt "A Hymn for a Church Centennial". Let that be my preface to this Hundredth Annual Report. And with it I record my personal gratitude to office-bearers and congregation for all they have done for me and mine. May you all enjoy an ever-growing experience of the Love of Him Whose people we are—"the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand".

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE.

OFFICE-BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S: KIRK SESSION:

	Inducted
Howitt, Ad., 62 Rex Street, Miramar	1913
Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3	1919
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3	1921
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown, N.2	1928
Blake, L. R., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland, W.2	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., 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 Rd., Wadestown, N.2	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
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, C.4	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Petone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, F.1	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham Street, F.1	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2	1946
Blake, D. C. E., 43 Pirie Street, C.4	1950
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1	1950
Ritchie, D., 172 Oriental Parade, C.4	1951
Louden, A. G., 84 Salamanca Road, W.1	1952
Smith, J. C., 52 Glen Road, W.1	1952
Yeoman, C., 67 Standen Street, W.3	1952

Session Clerk:

Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 8 Dundas St., Seatoun (P. 16-064) 1931

Assistant Session Clerk:

John A. Orr, 23 Delhi Cres., N.5 (P. 37-117) 1941

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Brodie, Miss E. M.	55a Central Terrace, W.1
Bridge, D. J.	Kelburn Parade, W.1
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke Street, S.1
Cole, J. S.	49 Aro Street, C.2
Dell, R. G.	424a Evans Bay Road
Dunn, J. J.	77 Brougham Street, C.4
Dunn, R.	114 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road, C.1
Gray, H. S.	43 Cornford Street, W.3
Harvie, Mrs. A.	8 Upland Road, W.1
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street, S.1
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street, C.2
Long, J. H.	20 Highbury Crescent, W.3
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2
Page, T.	Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay
Pryor, W.	279 Cuba Street, C.2
Reid, W.	15 Waipapa Road, Hataitai, E.2
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1
Smith, E.	14 Nelson Street, C.4
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Scapa Terrace, W.3
Wade, F. C.	58 Mulgrave Street, N.1
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights Road, E.5

Board Secretary:

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

Church Treasurer:

N. G. Robertson, 113 Karori Road, Wellington. 'Phone 78-118

Church Officer: Mr. Robert Kelly. 'Phone 54-391.

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1953-54:

Finance Committee

J. C. Smith (Convener), F. C. Spratt, N. G. Robertson (Treasurer),
E. Darroch, R. Johnston, H. Glover, A. L. Wall, G. H. Scott, J. H. Long,
I. D. Stevenson.

Property Committee:

D. J. Bridge (Convener), W. Duthie, J. Hunter, A. Martin, N. S. Woods,
J. S. Cole; D. C. E. Blake, H. Glover, R. Dunn.

Seat Letting Committee:

P. H. Anderson (Convener), 59 Hawker Street, 'Phone 50-609;
Hon. J. R. Marshall, D. MacLeod, H. B. Smith, I. S. Lowman.

Envelope Contributions Committee:

C. Yeoman (Convener and Secretary), H. Stockbridge, J. B. I. Cook,
L. R. Blake, W. Reid, J. S. Martin, D. MacLeod, J. H. Long (Treasurer),
Hon. J. R. Marshall, T. Page.

Rolls Committee:

Dr. T. F. Corkill, J. S. Lomas.

Literature Committee:

Miss M. Chappell (Convener), Mrs. A. Harvie, J. J. Dunn.

Choir Committee:

J. S. Lomas (Convener), R. E. Pumfrey, F. C. Spratt, F. A. Strong,
A. L. Wall.

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

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

The Session Clerk and Board Secretary are ex officio members of
all Committees.

ORGANISATIONS:

Choir:

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Stuart Canon, 47 Oban Street, N.2.
Phone 41-630.

President: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

Vice-Presidents: Misses H. D. Clyde and F. M. Brodie.

Secretary: Miss J. Curtis, 63 Pirie Street, C.4. Phone 55-236.

Life Members: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry, Miss D. Chappell,
Miss H. D. Clyde.

Sunday School:

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Sister Nessie Morgan, Misses A. Carley, M. Gregory, P.
Lees, M. Blake, P. Ellery, J. Fullarton, N. Simpson, J. Cunliffe, J.
Fowler, C. Ross, E. MacKenzie, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Strong, Messrs.
L. R. Blake, I. Galloway, P. Irik, E. Smith.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Miss D. M. Chappell.

St. John's P.W.M.U. and Guild:

Hon. Presidents: Rev. W. P. Temple and Mrs. Temple.

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. B. Wilson, Miss M. Chappell.

Secretary: Miss J. S. Johnstone, 33 Central Tce., W.1. P. 26-002.

Guild Secretary: Mrs. J. Matthews, 18 Hapua Rd., E.2. P. 81-236.

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Hon. President: Mrs. W. P. Temple.

Active President: Mrs. E. Thomson.

Vice-President: Mrs. B. Bridge.

Secretary: Mrs. Elsie Rowlands, 70 Salamanca Rd., W.1. P. 42-217.

Senior Young Men's Bible Class and Institute:

Leader: Mr. H. S. Gray.

Secretary: John Evans, 36a Ngaio Rd., W.1.

Senior Young Women's Bible Class:

Leader: Miss Pearl Brodie, 55a Central Tce., W.1. P. 27-261

Sub-Leader: Miss Helen McKain, "Fairview", Church St. P. 43-227.

Secretary: Miss Phyllis Ellery, G.F.S. Hostel, Vivian St. P. 50-935.

Intermediate Girls' Bible Class:

Leader: Miss K. M. Grant, Aurora Terrace, C.1.

Junior Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: Mr. R. G. Dell, 424a Evans Bay Rd.

Intermediate Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: J. Dunn, 77 Brougham St., C.4.

Youth Cabinet:

Rev. William P. Temple, M.A., B.D. (Chairman), Dr. T. F. Corkill and Mr. L. R. Blake (Session), Miss M. MacKenzie (Secretary), (Sunday School); Miss J. Fullarton (Girls' Life Brigade), Miss E. M. Brodie (Senior Y.W.B.C.), Miss K. Grant (Intermediate Y.W.B.C.), Mr. H. Scott Gray (Senior Y.M.B.C.), Mr. J. Dunn (Intermediate Y.M.B.C.), Mr. E. Smith (Boys' Brigade).

Adult Cabinet:

Chairman: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

Secretary: Mr. T. Page, Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay.

Boys' Brigade Company:

Captain: Mr. E. Smith, 14 Nelson St., C.4.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Messrs. B. N. Broome and J. F. Pillidge.

Life Boy Team:

Leader in Charge: Mr. R. G. Dell, 434a Evans Bay Rd.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Leaders: Misses P. M. Ellery and H. C. Johnstone.

Girls' Life Brigade:

Captain: Miss J. W. Fullarton, 59 Hawker St., C.4.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Miss J. Cunliffe, Miss J. Hogg.

Warrant Officer: Miss H. Carley.

Cadet Leader: Miss J. Cunliffe.

Lieutenant: Miss J. Hogg.

Drama Group:

President: Mr. D. J. Bridge.

Secretary: Mrs. Doreen Stevenson.

After-Church Social Hour:

Miss J. Hanchet (Convener), 12 Brooklyn Terrace, S.W.1.

Phone 51-485.

Men's Club:

President: Mr. D. C. E. Blake.

Boys' Institute Management Committee:

St. John's Church Representatives: Messrs. R. Johnston, J. Cole, W. Pryor, J. J. Dunn, R. Dunn.

SESSION'S REPORT

1953! This is a momentous year for our beloved St. John's, for it was on 6th November, 1853, that the Rev. John Moir preached the first sermons to and conducted the first services of the newly formed congregation of St. John's which then met for worship in the Athenaeum. The first Church on the present site, accommodating 200, was opened and dedicated on 31st August, 1856. The 6th of November of this year will thus be the 100th Anniversary of the congregation. We as a congregation look back with grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for His great goodness to us during those 100 years, and for the many opportunities for service and witness which the Church, through His Grace, has been able to sustain all down the years. Suitable services and other gatherings are being arranged for the Centennial Week, from 8th to 15th November.

Session again records its gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the services of our Minister, the Rev. Wm. P. Temple, who not only in the pulpit but also in personal service has led us all to see more clearly God's wonderful love and purpose for each. It is worthy of record that his exposition of the Lord's Prayer at the Wednesday night lectures was an inspiration to all who were privileged to be present. Session regrets that many more of our Church members did not avail themselves of this privilege.

Session also records its warmest appreciation of the great services rendered by our Deaconess, Sister Nessie Morgan, whose efforts have brought considerable relief to our Minister in pastoral work, which in our scattered congregation is a big task. Sister Nessie has not spared herself and her efforts have brought relief and consolation to many of our folks in their sickness or sorrow.

During the year the office of Assistant Session Clerk was created, and Mr. J. A. Orr accepted the position.

The Session Roll now stands at 28. The effective Communion Roll as at 30th June, 1953, was 469—a net increase during the year of 15. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered 10, and by certificate 38. Removals by disjunction were 20, and by death or purging of the roll 13. The number of families recorded is 340. The attendance at the four quarterly Communions averaged 346. There were 26 baptisms during the year.

Session again records its warmest appreciation of the splendid services rendered by all those willing folk who so capably carry on the work of the different organisations, and particularly those who teach in the Sunday School and lead the Bible Classes. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them in their work, and that the visitation recently undertaken by the Evangelical Group will bear much fruit.

Our thanks are also due to the Church Officer who has carried out his duties through a difficult year with efficiency and tact.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to all members who have suffered bereavement during the year, and we would specially commend them to the comfort and care of our Heavenly Father.

We thank our Heavenly Father for all His mercies to us during the past year, and we pray for His guidance in the days that lie ahead.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The outstanding event during the year was the very successful three-day Centennial Fair held during May last when the Church organisations combined to run some nine stalls, together with refreshment rooms, games and competitions. Of the proceeds the sum of £550 is set aside to provide the new seats for the Hall and approxi-

mately £100 is being held for centennial expenses. The Board is indebted to Mr. N. S. Woods for his able chairmanship of the committee, and to the organisations for their hard work.

The provision of the Bursary Fund as a Centennial effort to assist students for the ministry has been reconsidered, and in view of other commitments it has been agreed to ask the congregation to raise our quota for New Life work during the Centennial year. So far £2,678 has been contributed towards our quota of £5,530.

Steps are being taken to arrange special Centennial functions during the week 8th to 15th November, and the Centennial Brochure being prepared by Mr. N. S. Woods is nearing completion.

Improvements carried out at the Manse include a new electric range, and further improvements are to be made shortly.

The old heating system in the Church having been condemned, the Board, rather than attempt to patch up the old system that was never very efficient, decided to install a new system of tubular heating. The new system cost £495.

Consideration is being given to the repainting of the Manse, and repairs to the foundations of the cottage and Bible Class rooms, and steps will require to be taken to provide the necessary funds.

The Board has set up a Literature Committee under the convener-ship of Miss Mary Chappell, and arrangements are being made to have a table in the vestibule for the display of Church literature and recent publications.

The quarterly issue of the "Messenger" has maintained its high standard under the editorship of Mr. N. S. Woods and continues to keep Church members and others informed of what is taking place in congregational work.

During the year the Board approved of certain conditions relating to the erection of memorial plaques in the Church. Plans are nearing completion for a new proposed entrance to the front of the Church as a memorial to the late George and Sophia Glover, the cost being provided by a bequest of the late Grace A. Meuli.

The special appeal to balance the accounts brought in only £261, and after being divided between the General Account and the Budget there is a deficit of £109/5/4 in the General Account, apart from the overdraft for the heating installation. A total of £656/12/10 was paid on account of the budget assessment of £735.

The Board was pleased to receive during the year a cheque from Messrs. Hopkirk Timbers Ltd. for Sunday School work and a gift from Mrs. Comrie for choir music. These gifts are referred to in the S.S. and Choir reports.

Early in the year the Board secured the services of Mr. Robert Kelly as Church Officer. He brings an enthusiasm to his work, and his help is much appreciated by all the organisations.

CHOIR

Roll and Attendance.—Roll, 28 (sopranos 14, altos 9, tenors 2, basses 3). Average attendance: Thursdays 14, mornings 16, evenings 18.

Choral Work.—The smallness in numbers of tenors and basses restricts the scope of work.

Music.—Mrs. Comrie, of Timaru, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Mainland (a former elder of St. John's), has donated the sum of £50 for Choir music. Thirty copies of "The Oxford Book of Carols" will be purchased and housed in a special cabinet to be known as the "Mainland Memorial". We are deeply grateful for this gift.

From the sum of £2 donated anonymously for Choir music, copies of the anthem "Firmly I believe", by Tomblings, have been purchased. The Board of Managers has also provided a set of anthems by Thiman, "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings".

Practice Room.—The Choir appreciates fully the work done voluntarily by Mr. R. E. Pumfrey in painting the Managers' Room used for Choir practice. A cupboard has been painted and placed in the practice room for anthem sets.

Social Functions.—In October, at an after-church supper, the Choir farewelled its Secretary, Miss Jean Curtis, prior to her departure to Britain and the Continent on holiday, and presented her with a gift. In December, at a Sunday supper in honour of Mr. Brian Withers, who had very capably acted as relieving Organist and Choirmaster for the last three years, presentations were made by the Session and the Choir. Opportunity was also taken to farewell Miss Mary Mackenzie, who with her sister is holidaying overseas.

Appointment of Organist and Choirmaster.—In June, 1953, Mr. Stuart Canon was appointed Organist and Choirmaster. In the interim we had the services of Miss S. Rhind, Mrs. McKeith, Mr. J. Booth and Mr. D. McKenzie.

Coronation Choir, Westminster Abbey.—Miss Jean Curtis, Secretary, and Mr. John Booth, a former Choir member, were chosen to sing in the Choir at Westminster Abbey on the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2nd, 1953.

Centennial Fair (May 21st-23rd, 1953).—The Choir, with the Sunday School staff, were in charge of the Pantry Stall and netted £47 from jams, etc.

Thanks.—Our thanks go to our minister for his pre-devotional services, and for his assistance with Choir practices when occasion required it. We thank our Church Officer, Mr. Kelly, for his willing help, our Librarians, who re-indexed all the anthems, our Wardrobe Mistress, our able Treasurer, and all members of the Executive for their assistance.

HELEN A. MCKAIN, Acting-Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

During the past year there has been much to hearten and encourage us, particularly in the generosity and willing co-operation of our members. There has been a great sense of fellowship as we worked with other organisations for the Centennial Fair.

We have known, too, the sadness of parting with greatly loved members upon whom for many years we were wont to depend.

Mrs. Bayldon Ewen, a Vice-President, and our President in 1948 and 1949, passed away in September. We will always cherish the memory of her deeply spiritual leadership. Miss Howden, a Vice-President for many years, died suddenly in November. Her friendliness and faithful service will ever be an inspiration to us. Mrs. Inglis, a member of later years, was one of our great leaders and was the founder in New Zealand of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Since our last report Miss Aitken has passed away. Ever since she came to New Zealand she was a loyal honorary member. Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Turner, Miss Boyd and Miss Wallace, who have been unable to meet with us owing to frailty, passed away during the year.

To the relatives of these and to Mrs. Hight, Mrs. Sims, Miss Kersley, the Misses Ralston, Miss Hanchet and Miss Brown who have suffered bereavement we extend very sincere sympathy.

Membership.—There are 49 active and 21 honorary members.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Ewen for providing programmes for two afternoons. At the July afternoon the late Mrs. Ewen gave an interesting talk on a visit overseas. From direct giving envelopes on these occasions £84/9/9 was received.

Overseas Work.—A parcel of jumpers, socks and gloves, mostly knitted by Mrs. Spratt, was sent to Jagadri and were much appreciated.

Stamps.—Our thanks are due to all who contributed stamps, and to Mrs. Loudon for her tremendous work of cleaning and sorting. The Dominion total sales realised £970. In addition to stamps, St. John's folks have handed in tea and clothing coupons, and these realised £7.

Mission Boxes distributed by Miss Mary Ralston produced a record of £50 from 29 boxes.

Finance.—Our branch raised £270/14/7 for the Mission Budget, including £18/18/3 from the Evening Guild, £29/9/6 from members of the Birthday League, and £30 from the Scott Trust Fund.

Thanks.—We say a big thank you to our President, Mrs. Gladstone Hughes, and assure her of our deep appreciation of the time and thought she gives so loyally. We also thank Mrs. Temple for her willing help and co-operation in leading the meetings during the absence of our President, and to Mr. Temple we offer our sincere gratitude for the inspiration his ministry brings and for his understanding help and guidance.

J. S. JOHNSTON, Hon. Secretary.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE

Amount Collected: Senior section, £26/10/6; Junior section, £2/19/-; Total: £29/9/6—to 31st May, 1953.

These figures reveal a drop of £2/0/9 on those for the preceding year. Fourteen members have not indicated whether they wish to continue their subscription.

Membership of the senior section is 155, as against 166. With regret we record the death of seven members. Removal from district and lack of interest accounted for a drop in membership of another eight. Four new names were added to the roll. Membership of the junior section is now 46. We are anxious to see a much more widespread interest in M.M.B.L. in St. John's.

J. HANCHET, Hon. Secretary.

THE WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

Nine meetings were held during the session with an average attendance of 23 members. Our social afternoons have given us an opportunity of meeting with the members and friends who could not attend regularly. The sick and shut-in members have been visited regularly by Mrs. Douglas Blake and her band of helpers.

One afternoon the members and a few good friends paid a visit to "Kilmarnock". We had a most happy time together. After a musical programme we shared a delightful time during afternoon tea.

Eight hundred packets of sweets were donated for the Christmas tree at Porirua. We helped Sister Helen and Margaret to wrap these attractively, enclosing a Christmas Card with each one.

Two days during the session were devoted to darning for the Orphanage and "Kilmarnock". Mrs. Loudon and Miss Player knitted jerseys for the lepers.

Mrs. Campbell Spratt is giving us knitted garments continuously for Missions, etc., and this session when we were sending parcels overseas we sent twenty jerseys to the Orphans' Homes, Bridge of Weir, Scotland.

Goods and produce of all kinds were donated to enable us to have a most successful Sale of Work.

We have had most interesting afternoons when our members who have been overseas told us of their journeyings.

In preparing for the Centennial Fair we had splendid co-operation and support and we have been enriched and blessed by it.

We trust when they meet in the Fellowship Room that the curtains which have been hung there will help to make the room brighter and in turn help our meditations and devotions. Our linen cupboard is well stocked and the contents are for the good use of all the organisations when required, and are housed in a splendid cupboard supplied by the managers.

The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Room at 2.15 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation who are free to come along will be made very welcome.

M. C. MATTHEWS, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

Meetings of the Evening Guild are held on each third Monday at 7.45 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. During the past year we have had very interesting talks from Mrs. Whitelaw on the Pan-Pacific Conference; Lady Berendsen on Legation life in America; Mrs. Van Swaden on flower arrangements and novelties; the Rev. W. Hendrie, our Youth Director; and the Rev. W. P. Temple, who took as his theme "The Greatness of God".

Towards the end of last year we were guests of the Anglican Business Women's Guild at a social evening held in their club rooms. We hope to have a return visit from them later this year. The usual Christmas parcels were sent to Home Missionaries, and medical and school supplies to the New Hebrides.

The first part of the year, with Mrs. E. Thomson as the new President, and Mrs. D. Bridge as our Fair Committee Convener, was taken up with preparations for the Centennial Fair, which was held for three days, 21st, 22nd and 23rd May. We found particular pleasure in working together at our working bees for the Nursery and Toddlers' Stall which was our Guild's responsibility.

E. ROWLANDS, Secretary.

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

Looking back over the past year, one aspect stands out beyond all others—we as a Class have become more conscious of the needs of our fellow-men. There is that desire to witness, to give to others the bread of life. Discerning our weaknesses in this experience, we have come to rely thankfully on the Spirit of God to strengthen and direct our efforts. This missionary spirit is the life-blood of any class, and we know that in the year ahead, so long as we seek the strength of Jesus Christ, nothing shall be impossible.

The number on the roll at 30th June was 18. The average attendance per Sunday was 8.31.

It was with very deep regret that we accepted the resignation of our leader, Mr. H. Scott Gray. It was felt by him that with his other responsibilities he just could not give sufficient of his time and energy to this important task. We thank him most sincerely for all he has done for the Class as leader. We appreciate also his offer to continue as leader until we are able to find a suitable new leader to take his place.

Class studies during the period have again followed the B.C. Study Book "The Highway", the members themselves introducing the subject. By having set books it has been found that more members are prepared to tackle an introduction than was the case when members were required to present "Papers". Nevertheless we have had a series of papers on "Prayer". We have also used Mr. Temple's study book, "By Grace Through Faith", which was prepared for the last Summer Conference. We have also had periods of direct Bible study.

This year the Class undertook the running of the Inter-B.C. Competitions in conjunction with the Young Women's Classes and were able to hand over £26/12/- to the Permanent Camp Site Fund.

The class participated also in the singing of carols just before Christmas in the homes of some of the older folk of the Church.

The regular after-church suppers held in the Social Room continue to provide a meeting place for members and visitors to St. John's, as well as being an informal time of happiness for all who attend.

Our grateful thanks are due to our Social Committee members for their cheerful, untiring and unstinted service to the class work for several years. Fortunate indeed are we to have their services.

Our Class again combined with the Young Women's Classes for the annual St. John's B.C. Camp. This year, at the City Mission Camp at Otaki, some 50 friends and members had a wonderful weekend. We have also had representatives at the Summer Conference, Easter Camps, and several of our members attended Retreats at Feilding House. Largely as a result of these Retreats an evangelistic team has been formed as a district group under the leadership of our minister. Several of our members are in this team.

Once again we are deeply indebted to the members of the congregation who so kindly opened their homes to us.

JOHN W. EVANS, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

We are very appreciative of the opportunities afforded us for our spiritual and social development. We thank God for His guidance and blessings and pray that we may be used for the furtherance of His Kingdom. We know that true happiness can only be ours when our wills coincide with His.

Membership.—The class roll stands at 24, the average attendance being 14.

Study.—We are taking our studies from the "Highway", the theme for this year being "The Kingdom and the Church". We are grateful to Mrs. Harvie, who led the classes for a study on the Indian mission field.

Worship and Prayer.—Members from each of the classes lead the devotions for our combined openings at 9.45 a.m. The combined prayer meeting is held at 4.30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. At the Bible Class Day of Prayer early morning service the Rev. Temple gave a short address on Prayer.

Missions.—We were able to donate £34 to the Mission work of the Church.

Social Service.—A Guy Fawkes party was held at the Berhampore home and 12 small boys were given an afternoon's outing at Central Park. A donation of £2 was made to the orphanage.

Two parcels have been sent to Espelkamp and a donation of £1 was made to the work of British and Foreign Bible Society.

Classroom.—Some progress has been made in the refurnishing of our classroom, and we thank all who have assisted in this way.

Camps and Conferences.—Our combined class camp was attended by over 50 young people and a refreshing time was had by all. We were represented at the Dominion Summer Conference and at three Feilding retreats. Our leader was Camp Mother at the Valley Easter Camp.

Social.—Bible Class teas are held on the first Sunday of month. In October last, members of Wesley and Central B.C. classes joined us for a study and tea.

Our combined classes ran the 1952 Bible Class Competitions, we record our appreciation to all who assisted us.

General.—Our classes were responsible for the sweets stall at Centennial Fair, and we thank members of the congregation for assistance. Cliff Ardley produced a pantomime for the Saturday evening's entertainment. In December, under the direction of Helen Mitchell, we staged a play, "Why the Chimes Rang".

Twenty-one members are in full communion, three are Sunday School teachers, 11 are Choir members, and four are engaged in Bible work.

We record our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Woods for their hospitality, to Sister Nessie and Mr. Temple for their interest and help, and to Mr. Kelly for his cheerful co-operation.

This message we leave with you: "To as many as received it to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

PHYLLIS ELLERY, Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Our roll number is now nine, two of whom were promoted to the Sunday School last December. The class meets weekly in Fellowship Room. At present we are studying church history, using as a basis "The Story of the Church", by Steele and Campbell.

Two of our number are Sunday School teachers, and three Church members.

During the year freewill offerings have amounted to £7/7/6, camp site giving to £1/10/-.

Three of us attended the annual weekend camp at Otaki in March. A very worthwhile time was spent.

We are grateful to Sister Nessie, who made her home available for our end-of-year social.

As our class motto for the coming year we have chosen "Look unto Jesus", and we hope that all our work will be carried out in spirit of this text.

K. M. GRANT, Leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The anniversary services were held on September 28th. The morning service had the theme of "Light" and the evening service "The Whole Armour of God". Promotion Day was November 9th, the Sunday School Tea November 12th. At the end of 1952 Mr. McKenzie left for a trip to England. Her place as Superintendent of the Primary Department has been filled by Sister Morgan. Mrs. Thomson took over the work of Sunday School Secretary.

The Sunday School picnic was held on 7th March, in perfect weather. The examinations were held in June. The Hopkirk Memorial prize for 1952 was again divided between two girls, Mary Strong and Catherine Jullach. Messrs. Hopkirk Timbers Ltd. have made a very generous donation of £52/10/- to the Church, to be used for the Sunday School, in which the late Mr. William Hopkirk had such a deep interest. The first Sunday in August of 1953 was given to Family Worship Service.

E. A. THOMSON, Secretary.

BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY

Seventy years ago in Glasgow a man, inspired by God, formed a group of unruly Sunday School boys into what became the first Boys' Brigade Company. The methods he used were so successful that his idea rapidly spread and The Boys' Brigade came into existence. Its stated aim is to claim boys' lives for Jesus Christ and to so train boys that they attain the full stature of Christian manhood. This training is given on Sunday through Sunday School and Bible Class and on week-nights at Company Drill Parades and Badge Classes. Helpful adjuncts to the training are camping, exploring the great out-of-doors, and club night.

To assist in the recruiting of boys for the Brigade a junior movement known as The Life Boys was formed. The actual programme of a Life Boy Team is quite different from that of a Brigade Company, although it follows the same fundamental pattern of Sunday School attendance and week-night meeting.

The Brigade has spread throughout the British Empire, and at present numbers about 190,000. Less than five years ago something of the "B.B." vision was seen in St. John's, and in 1949 the "2nd Wellington Company" was formed. A year later a Life Boy Team came into being here.

Both Team and Company have passed through the stages of initial flush and subsequent recession; staff has changed, membership has dropped and methods have been found to be astray because, unwittingly, they varied from those laid down by the Brigade. We are passing through these times of difficulty with great hope that the days are at hand when the Brigade will be firmly established here as yet a further effective instrument by which this congregation can serve the community at its doors and honour its obligation to provide the means of Christian training for young people. Signs, however, are beginning to appear which justify renewed hope.

The Company has been going long enough now for there to be a group of dependable senior boys; four are N.C.O.s, five are Privates. A Captain's joy in the loyalty of his seniors is exceeded by only two things: seeing young men passing out at the age limit, and knowing that, of his own decision, a member has joined THE Captain's Company. One of our original boys reaches the age limit this year and will be discharged as a Sergeant. His five years' service in the ranks will, we sincerely hope, be followed by service as a Staff-Sergeant, the first step to officership.

Attendance at Company parades is not always the best; sickness takes its toll, homework makes frequent pressing claims, other factors keep boys away. Yet rarely is there lack of an acceptable excuse.

Losses from Company membership in recent years have meant in all but exceptional cases losses to Sunday School and Bible Class too. Yet the rate of losses through what are regarded as unsatisfactory reasons has reduced considerably in the past eighteen months to the point where we now expect that the Company will start to gain ground once more. The roll at present is 21; last year it was 18.

One more hopeful sign is in the slow but sure growth of a real Company esprit de corps in the true tradition of The Boys' Brigade. The difficulties have not been confined to the Company. For instance, the Life Boy Team faced a complete change of staff at the beginning of 1953; yet three young women of the Senior Bible Class came forward and have been of great assistance to Mr. Dell (who assumed the Leadership-in-charge), Misses P. Ellery and H. Johnstone as leaders and Miss L. Webber as pianist. An officer in the Company, Mr. B. Broome, has also been giving valuable help.

The Life Boys have had a rather stormy passage so far this year with a fluctuating membership, unruliness amongst the boys, and at times very disappointing attendances. Despite this the average attendance to the present time is 16, and the Leader-in-charge has confidence that a better team spirit is growing.

Add to the above facts the further point that recruiting each year brings in a number of boys for St. John's Sunday School, and a picture is given of a movement within the congregation which, though hampered often by difficulties, is by the power of the Lord making progress in His work. The overcoming of those difficulties is the constant concern of the officers, and as the agents of the congregation in this youth work they renew their request for the immeasurable assistance that the prayers of individual members of the congregation can give.

E. SMITH, Captain.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE AND CADET SECTION

Since the last Annual Report our G.L.B. roll has transferred nine members to the Hataitai Methodist Company, so that our roll now stands at 33, and there are 28 Cadets. The Cadets came second in the Annual Battalion Competitions and our Company came second in the Battalion Drill. Nine girls sat for the Dominion Bible Knowledge exam and eight passed. Adrienne Carley hopes to become a Staff-Sergeant soon and Joan Fowler a Sergeant. The girls have had missionary instruction on the New Hebrides from Sister Morgan, and most of them passed. The missionary badges and seals were given to the girls by the P.W.M.U., and we thank them most sincerely for their interest.

We are holding a Company Camp for four days during the August holidays at Te Karaka, our new G.L.B. Training Centre at Waikanae.

The Cadet Section is doing good work and we look forward to the time when these little girls are promoted to the Brigade.

As the number of Companies in Wellington has grown so much during the past few years, it was decided at a recent Battalion meeting to form a Division, thus making two Battalions. Our 8th Company will be in the 2nd Wellington Battalion and Mrs. Bilby is to be our Commandant.

I wish to thank our Chaplain, our Governing Committee and all officers for their loyal support during the past year.

J. W. FULLARTON, Captain.

DRAMA GROUP

Meetings of the Drama Group have been held at approximately fortnightly intervals, from February to November. These meetings have been in the form of play readings, followed by a short discussion of the play, and supper. All members have been encouraged to take part in these play readings.

The Group started the year with a membership of about twenty-five, and an attendance at the meetings averaged fifteen.

It was decided at the beginning of the year to attempt a full-scale production, and the play "Mr. Pim Passes By", by A. A. Milne, was selected as a suitable play for this first effort. The play was produced by our Secretary, Mrs. Dorcen Stevenson, who, together with the cast, put an enormous amount of work into this venture. The Group owe a debt of gratitude to all who made this production possible, and we have every reason to be proud of the result. Two performances of the play were given in our own hall, and one very successful performance was given at the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church Hall in aid of their new Manse fund.

The Group were also responsible for providing one programme for "Saturday Night at Eight" during the year, and for this programme a one-act play, "In a Glass Darkly", was presented. The Senior Bible Classes put on the play "The Bishop's Candlesticks", with which they had been successful in the Bible Class Competitions. The Old Girls' Association of the Otago Girls' High School gave a rehearsed reading - "A Marriage has been Disarranged".

It was agreed by the Group at the closing meeting for the year that in the new year 1953 the meetings would be held at monthly intervals, instead of fortnightly as in the past.

St. John's Church Drama Group wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who have helped us in the past year—our Minister and his wife for their help and support, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Wiggs for make-up services, Miss Mary Wall for producing a one-act play, and those who assisted us with our "Saturday Night at Eight" programme.

Finally it is desired to place on record our great indebtedness to our President, Mr. D. J. Bridge, for his untiring enthusiasm and all the work he has put into making our production a success.

DOREEN STEVENSON, Secretary.

MEN'S CLUB

Since our last report the Club has met on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The 1952 programme was carried through, and although attendances were not all that could have been wished for—those who were able to be present found the meetings most enjoyable. Good fellowship over a satisfactory meal followed by an interesting guest speaker.

At the Annual Meeting it was agreed, in view of attendances and the heavier commitments of Centennial year, to modify the 1953 programme.

Ladies' Night, at which Mr. A. G. Harper—Royal Tour planner—spoke on the "Royal Family", was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience.

To Mr. Harper and our guest speakers throughout the year we extend our grateful thanks.

It is with deep regret and with a feeling of genuine loss that we record the passing of our Secretary, C. Gordon Cattanaach. To his relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

D. C. E. BLAKE, President.

ADULT CABINET

Adult Cabinet has met only once since the presentation of the last annual report towards the close of 1952. Despite its inactivity there has been no falling off in the new life fostered by Adult Cabinet. In the three years since its inception it has sponsored the Drama Group and "Saturday Night at Eight" and was the originator of the Centennial Fair held earlier this year. The congregations' Social Committee was set up by Session following a suggestion by Adult Cabinet, and in other ways it has proved the value of a small group of men and women representative of all the adult organisations in St. John's.

Adult Cabinet was fully cognisant of the fact that it could only sponsor schemes and make suggestions, but it has provided an opportunity for men and women from the organisations to discuss together problems and constructive ideas. The value of so doing is seen in the results already to its credit.

T. PAGE, Secretary.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT"

"Saturday Night at Eight", in its third year of activity, continues to dispense the hospitality of St. John's to all who care to accept it. It is the only activity of the Church where appeal is primarily to those outside the Church's four walls, and once a month elderly folk, pensioners, lonely folk and roomers, members of the congregation and visitors interested in the particular programme provided meet together for entertainment and supper. Several members of the congregation have been most generous in providing transport to and from the Hall for elderly people who without such kind offices would be unable to leave their own homes. These names and addresses have been supplied by the welfare officer of St. John Ambulance to Sister Nessie Morgan.

The year's programme includes evenings arranged by the Curtain Theatre, Mr. Owen Jensen and associated artists, St. John's Bible Classes, St. John's Drama Group, the Orphans' Club and the Hutt Valley Memorial Technical College Choir and Orchestra. To all of these, the committee is deeply indebted, as well as to the teams of ladies who provide supper each evening.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

With the exception of January, monthly gatherings have been held in the Fellowship Room throughout the year on the fourth Sunday. They have been very well attended, extra seating accommodation being needed each time. We have been glad to welcome newcomers to the fellowship of St. John's, and overseas visitors to New Zealand have enjoyed the opportunity to meet our minister and Church folk in an informal way.

The committee expresses warmest thanks and gratitude to Mr. Temple for his inspired chairmanship of these gatherings, especially in the field of community singing.

The committee also extends thanks to the various soloists and accompanists for their contribution to the evening's enjoyment, also to the various groups of helpers for their attractive supper arrangements.

With the pleasurable memories of past gatherings, we look forward to the coming year's fellowship through the medium of the After Church Social Hour.

J. HANCHET, Convener.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

	1951-52.			1952-53.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Income	106	10	0	89	10	0
Arrears	5	0	0	4	5	0
Paid Advance	4	15	0	7	10	0
Seat Holders	49	0	0	38	0	0
Seats Let	98	0	0	84	0	0

P. H. ANDERSON, Convener.

IN MEMORIAM

MISS AITKEN
MISS ROYD
MRS. BRODIE
MR. R. BROWN
MR. C. C. CATTANACCI
MRS. BAYL'DON EWEN
MRS. M. GORDON
MR. E. HANCHET
MR. D. HIGHT
MISS HOWDEN
MRS. INGLIS
REV. DR. G. H. McNEUR
MR. C. SIMS
MRS. TURNER
MISS WALLACE



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1953.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance Brought Forward 1st July, 1952—		Rev. W. P. Temple—Stipend	700 0 0
Amount held for Expenses of Manse Boundary Adjustment	100 0 0	Sister N. Morgan, Deaconess	330 0 0
Plate Collections	1,498 11 3	Organists	123 8 11
Envelope Collections	651 11 9	Church Officers, A. F. Sinclair and R. Kelly	382 11 4
Seat Rents	89 10 0	Pulpit Supply	31 10 0
	2,239 13 0	Rev. W. P. Temple—Car Allowance	100 0 0
Donations to Upkeep of School-room	139 14 6	Sister N. Morgan—Expenses	17 0 6
Sundry Donations and Miscellaneous Receipts	2 7 7	Light, Heat and Power	110 14 6
Donation towards Cost of New Heating System	25 0 0	Postage, Advertising, Printing, Stationery	125 5 4
Wednesday Lectures	22 17 2	Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	215 0 0
Interest	4 4 11	Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	12 0 0
Organ Practice Fees	6 2 0	General Repairs, Church and other Buildings	107 18 7
Endowment Fund Income	348 19 8	Organ Tuning	21 0 0
Sunday School 99th Anniversary	65 2 11	Rates—Manse and Cottage	86 10 3
Withdrawal from Manse Trust Fund	80 0 0	Telephones—Manse, Cottage and Deaconess	37 14 5
Portion of 1953 Special Appeal	152 2 0	General Assembly Expenses Assessment	28 0 0
Overdraft at 30th June, 1953—		Wellington Presbytery Assessment	8 15 0
Ordinary Account	109 5 4	Beneficiary Funds Assessment	62 10 0
Part Cost Heating System	330 0 0	Insurances—	
	439 5 4	Fire	107 17 11
		Earthquake and War Damage	32 0 9
		Accident and Sickness	14 12 10
		St. John's Messenger	30 0 0
		Young Worshippers' League Prizes	11 16 0
		Social Expenses	3 12 6
		Communion Wine and Glasses	5 5 0
		Choir Sundry Expenses	5 3 3
		Church Officer's Sundries	7 7 7
		Special Expenses arising from Removal of former Church Officer	85 8 6

New Range in Manse	83	12	0
Expenses of Manse Boundary Adjustment	160	0	0
New Heating System in Church	493	3	0
Sunday School 99th Anniversary	65	2	11
Miscellaneous Payments	20	8	0

£3,625 9 1

Balances 1st July, 1952, held for—

(a) Basement furnishings; (b) Sunday School Extension Work; (c) Ultimate Reduction of Overdraft	87	9	0
Church Furnishings	10	0	0
Amounts Received for—			
St. John's Fair	800	7	2
Organ Renovation Fund	4	4	0
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Gift from Mrs. Comrie for Memorial to Mainland Family	50	0	0

£4,579 0 3

St. John's Fair Expenses 136 | 6 | 2 |

Balances held 30th June, 1953—

(a) Basement Furnishings; (b) Sunday School Extension Work; (c) Ultimate Reduction of Overdraft	87	9	0
Church Furnishings	10	0	0
St. John's Fair for Hall Seating and part Centennial Expenses	664	1	0
Organ Renovation Fund	4	4	0
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Gift from Mrs. Comrie	50	0	0

£4,579 0 3

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1953

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Retiring Collections—		Budget Assessment, 1952-53 (£735)	656 12 10
Home Missions	25 8 4	Other Special Purposes	1,094 19 0
Maori Missions	14 6 1		
Foreign Missions	19 16 0		
Knox Theological Hall	14 18 6		
June, 1953, Communion	23 9 5		

Donations and Sundry—			
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	17	10	0
Other Donations	38	0	0
St. John's P.W.M.U.	239	0	0
Young Men's Bible Classes	46	4	0
Young Women's Bible Classes	40	0	0
Sunday School	59	12	7
Withdrawal Benevolent and Missions Fund	2	19	5
Late Donations 1952 Appeal	6	8	6
Part 1953 Special Appeal	109	0	0
		656	12 10
New Life Movement Fund	743	7	4
Presbyterian Social Service Assn.	126	6	11
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	25	7	5
National Council of Church's Hong Kong Relief	30	5	4
Flood Relief, United Kingdom and Holland	61	3	11
British and Foreign Bible Society	13	2	0
Bible Classes Jubilee Service	52	5	0
Student Christian Movement	29	19	0
S.C.M. Chaplain's Fund	13	2	1
		1,094	19 0
		£1,751	11 10

£1,751.11 10

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1953**

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances, 1st July, 1952—				Withdrawals—			
Benevolent Fund	208	2	9	Benevolent and Missions Fund			
Crockery Replacement Fund	61	19	2	(for Budget)	2	19	5
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	214	5	3	Benevolent Fund for Relief	20	0	0
Manse Trust Fund	150	0	0	Manse Trust Fund for Improve-			
Provision for Periodic Repaint-				ments of Manse	80	0	0
ing, etc.	481	14	10	Endowment Fund Income for			
St. John's Church Rebuilding				General Purposes	348	19	8
Fund	127	0	4				451 19 1
St. John's Hostel Fund	1,622	5	5	Balances, 30th June, 1953—			
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial				Benevolent Fund	194	0	8
Fund	43	7	3	Crockery Replacement Fund	65	19	4
Endowment Fund Capital Ac-				Hymn Book Replacement Fund	231	13	1
count	10,000	0	0	Manse Trust Fund	70	0	0
Endowment Fund Income Ac-				Provision for Periodic Repaint-			
count	2	6	4	ing, etc.	724	5	7
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0	St. John's Church Rebuilding			
			13,101 1 4	Fund	130	12	3
Interest—				St. John's Hostel Fund	1,682	9	4
Benevolent Fund	5	17	11	St. John's Soldiers' Memorial			
Benevolent and Missions Fund				Fund	44	11	9
(on 1952 balance)	2	19	5	Endowment Fund Capital Ac-			
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	14	2	count	10,000	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	5	7	10	Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0
							13,333 12 0

Provision for Periodic Repaint-							
ing, etc.	27	10	9				
St. John's Church Rebuilding							
Fund	3	11	11				
St. John's Hostel Fund	60	3	11				
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial							
Fund	1	4	6				
Endowment Fund Income Ac-							
count	346	13	4				
			455 3 9				
Other Receipts—							
Crockery Replacement Fund	2	6	0				
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0				
Provision for Periodic Repaint-							
ing, etc.	215	0	0				
			229 6 0				
			£13,785 11 1				£13,785 11 1

N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Treasurer.
17/7/53.

I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30th June, 1953, and in my opinion the above statements correctly show the position of the Church as at that date.

L. M. MILNE, A.R.A.N.Z., B. Com.,
Hon. Auditor.

27th July, 1953.

St. John's Church -
Willis Street
Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1953 - 1954



One Hundred and First Report

St. John's Church Wellington, N.Z.



*One Hundred and First
Report*

To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 15th September, 1954
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period 1st July, 1953,
to 30th June, 1954.

HISTORICAL NOTES



Presbyterian Service 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 First Sermon in Athenaeum, Nov. 6th, 1853.	
In the Congregational Chapel in Woodward Street, on 12th Nov. 1853 he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgton.	
Sunday School opened	1853
First Session and Deacon's Court Constituted	4th June, 1854
First Communion Service	5th 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	17th 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 (front 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
Second 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 (later Sir George 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 Ch.)	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, 9 Wai-te-Ata Road	1928
Young Men's Bible Class 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 Table and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	5th Dec., 1937
Senior Y.M.B.C. Jubilee	1938
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., accepted call to Scot's Church, Adelaide, and left New Zealand	
Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A. D.D.	31st Aug., 1939
	Sept., 1939
	to 21st Nov., 1940
	May, 1940
	Oct., 1942
	26 Nov., 1944
	1945
	Oct., 1947
	28th Oct., 1948
	8th July, 1951
	May, 1952
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., Inducted	
Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C.	
Choir Gowned	
Basement Parlour transformed to Fellowship Room	
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., retired	
Rev. William P. Temple, B.A., B.D., Inducted	
Memorial Plaque to the memory of the late Mr. A. P. Smith unveiled	
Memorial Plaque to the memory of the late Sir George Troup unveiled	

MINISTER

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

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

DEACONESS

SISTER NESSIE MORGAN

63 Pirie St., C.4. Telephone 55-236

PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We sing "That mighty hand by which supported still we stand." If when we look back we feel like lamenting, "so much to do, so little done," at the same time we should feel amazed at the continuing miracle of the Church. And what is that miracle? Just that God, in spite of the poor human material we offer Him, contrives to get anything done at all!

Always, I suppose, God has to depend on the faithful, prayerful labour of the small inner guard. The most ardent lover of St. John's would not pretend that every branch on the tree is a fruitful branch. Yet fruit there has been this past year, and I would be failing in common courtesy if I did not offer my personal "vote of thanks" to those among our membership who have met the demands in time and free-will giving with most cheerful gallantry. I often want to echo St. Paul's words when he was moved to send his greetings to those others, "my fellow-labourers, whose names are in the Book of Life." Without you, the burdens of a ministry would be insupportable. With you to count on, one can still believe that "the best is yet to be." May the Father deal tenderly with our frailties, and honour you for the love you so freely offer to His Son's Church.

For some of you, the past year has brought its clouds and shadows. Yet nothing in your work and witness suggests that you have had to walk in the dark companionship of personal sorrow and pain. To you especially all of us owe a tribute of gratitude. You have helped us to believe more surely in God's Power to keep us from falling; you have shown us how His children can prove their heavenly birth even when life seems to be a sore denial of His Love. May His Peace be your portion, "till the day break, and the shadows flee away."

So, we address ourselves to the call of another year. May it bring us all a richer experience of the Master's Presence, and a new baptism of strength for all the work He has for us to do.

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE

1954-55
OFFICE-BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S:
KIRK SESSION:

Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3.	Inducted 1919
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3.	1921
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown, N.2.	1928
Blake, L. R., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland, W.2.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., 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 Onepu Road, Lyall Bay, E.3.	1941
Lomas, J. S., 12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, C.4.	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Pctone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, E.1.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. F., 117a Brougham Street, E.1.	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2.	1946
Blake, D. C. E., 43 Pirie Street, C.4.	1950
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1.	1950
Ritchie, D., 172 Oriental Parade, C.4.	1951
Yeoman, C., 67 Standen Street, W.3.	1952

Session Clerk:

Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 8 Dundas St., Seatoun (P. 16-064) 1931

Assistant Session Clerk:

John A. Orr, 23 Delhi Cres., N.5. (P. 37-117) 1941

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Brodie, Miss E. M.	55a Central Terrace, W.1.
Bridge, D. J.	Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.
Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Cole, J. S.	49 Aro Street, C.2.
Dell, R. G.	424a Evans Bay Road, W.2.
Dunn, R.	114 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Harvie, Mrs. A.	8 Upland Road, W.1.
Hughes, Mrs. P. Gladstone	38 Hapua Road, W.2.
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street, S.1.
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street, C.2.
Long, J. H.	20 Highbury Cres., W.3.
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2.
Page, T.	Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay
Pryor, W.	279 Cuba Street, C.2.
Reid, W.	15 Waipapa Road, Hataitai, E.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1.
Smith, E.	14 Nelson Street, C.4.
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Scapa Terrace, W.3.
Wade, F. C.	56 Mulgrave Street, N.1.
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights Road, E.5.

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

Church Treasurer:
N. G. Robertson, 113 Karori Road, Wellington. 'Phone 78-118

Church Officer: Mr. Robert Kelly. 'Phone 54-391.

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1954-55

Finance Committee:

A. L. Wall (Convener), F. C. Spratt, N. G. Robertson (Treasurer),
E. Darroch, R. Johnston, H. Glover, G. H. Scott, J. H. Long, I. D. Stevenson.

Property Committee:

D. J. Bridge (Convener), W. Duthie, J. Hunter, A. Martin, N. S. Woods,
J. S. Cole, D. C. E. Blake, H. Glover, R. Dunn.

Seat Letting Committee:

P. H. Anderson (Convener), 59 Hawker Street, 'Phone 50-609;
Hon. J. R. Marshall, D. MacLeod, H. B. Smith, I. S. Lowman.

Envelope Contributions Committee:

C. Yeoman (Convener and Secretary), H. Stockbridge, J. B. I. Cook,
L. R. Blake, W. Reid, J. S. Martin, D. MacLeod, J. H. Long (Treasurer),
Hon. J. R. Marshall, T. Page.

Rolls Committee:

Dr. T. F. Corkill, J. S. Lomas.

Literature Committee:

Miss M. Chappell (Convener), Mrs. A. Harvie.

Choir Committee:

J. S. Lomas (Convener), R. F. Pumfrey, F. C. Spratt, F. A. Strong,
A. L. Wall

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

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

The Session Clerk and Board Secretary are ex officio members of
all Committees.

ORGANISATIONS:

Choir:

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Stuart Canon, 47 Oban Street, N.2.
Phone 41-630.

President: Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.

Vice-Presidents: Misses H. D. Clyde and E. M. Brodie.

Secretary: Miss Jocelyn Keegan, Flat 4, 124 Hataitai Road, E.2.

Life Members: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry, Miss D. Chappell,
Miss H. D. Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pumfrey.

Sunday School:

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler

Teachers: Misses M. MacKenzie, J. Fullarton, P. Lees, J. Dauber,
J. Fowler, A. Carley, J. MacLeod, J. Cunliffe, P. Ellery, M. Blake
(Treasurer) Mrs. D. Dell, Mrs. E. Thomson (Sec.), Miss E. MacKenzie,
Messrs. F. Smith, L. R. Blake.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs. A. E. Long.

St. John's P.W.M.U.

Sen. Presidents: Rev. W. P. Temple and Mrs. Temple.

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. B. Wilson, Miss M. Chappell.

Secretary: Miss J. S. Johnston, 33 Central Tce., W.1. P. 26-002.

Maori Mission Birthday League Secretary: Miss J. Hanchet.

Mission Box Secretary: Mrs. R. Hight.

St. John's Afternoon Guild:

Hon. Presidents: Rev. W. P. Temple and Mrs. Temple.

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Wilson and Miss Chappell.

Secretary: Miss E. MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade, W.I. Phone 26-718.

St. John's Evening Guild:

Hon. President: Mrs. W. P. Temple.

Active President: Mrs. E. Thomson.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. H. Long and Mrs. N. G. Robertson.

Secretary: Mrs. D. J. Bridge, Kelburn Parade, W.I. Phone 41-834.

Senior Young Men's Bible Class and Institute:

Leader: Wilson Daniel

Secretary: Mr. Rowland Woods, 38 Harrison St., S.W.I. Phone 50-497.

Senior Young Women's Bible Class:

Leader: Miss Ruth Moses, 59 Hawker St. Phone 52-955.

Secretary: Miss Coleen McKain, "Fairview," Church St. Phone 43-227.

Intermediate Girls' Bible Class:

Leader: Miss K. M. Grant, Aurora Terrace, C.I.

Junior Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: Mr. R. G. Dell, 424a Evans Bay Rd.

Intermediate Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: T. Page.

Boys' Brigade Company:

Captain: Mr. E. Smith, 14 Nelson St., C.4.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Messrs. B. N. Broome, J. F. Pillidge, A. R. Watson.

Life Boy Team:

Leader in Charge: Mr. R. G. Dell, 424A Evans Bay Rd.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Leaders: Misses P. M. Ellery and D. G. Bibby

Girls' Life Brigade:

Captain: Miss J. W. Fullarton, 59 Hawker St., C.4.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Miss J. Cunliffe and Miss D. Carley.

Warrant Officer: Miss A. Carley.

Cadet Leader: Miss J. Cunliffe, 38 Bruce Ave., S.W.I.

Cadet Helpers: Miss J. Fowler, Miss H. Krushka.

Drama Group:

President: Mr. D. J. Bridge.

Secretary: Miss K. M. Grant.

After-Church Social Hour:

Miss J. Hanchet (Convener), 12 Brooklyn Terrace, S.W.I.
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SESSION'S REPORT

The outstanding event of the year was the Centennial Commemoration Week held from 8th to 15th November. On the first Sunday—Remembrance Sunday—the morning service was conducted by the Rev. John A. Allan, Principal of Knox Theological Hall, and the evening service by our own Minister.

The preacher at the Thanksgiving Service on the following Sunday morning was the Moderator of Assembly, the Rt. Rev. J. L. Gray. This service was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The evening service was conducted by our Minister.

The blessings of these services and the happy fellowship of all the events during the week will be long remembered by all those who were privileged to be present, and St. John's offers heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for these and all His blessings during the past century.

Session again records its gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the services of our Minister, the Rev. W. P. Temple, who not only in the pulpit but also in personal service has led us all to see more clearly God's wonderful love and purpose for each. During the year Mr. Temple gave his sixth series of the Wednesday Night Lectures—the theme this year being "The Great 'I AM' of St. John's Gospel." All those who were able to attend were greatly inspired and blest by Mr. Temple's masterly exposition of the theme. Session has again to record its regret that so few members of St. John's found it possible to attend. The lectures continue to attract a goodly number of people who are not St. John's members.

Session also records its earnest appreciation of the great services rendered by our Deaconess, Sister Nessie Morgan, whose efforts have brought considerable relief to our Minister in pastoral work, which in our scattered congregation is a big task. Sister Nessie has not spared herself and her efforts have brought relief and consolation to many of our folks in their sickness or sorrow.

Session records with deep regret the passing on 6th March of our senior Elder, Mr. Ad. Howitt. Mr. Howitt was elected an Elder in 1913 and for a number of years served as Session Clerk. Mr. Ad. Howitt was one of the most outstanding personalities of St. John's Church. No one who ever entered the Church doors will forget the warmth of the welcome extended by this gracious and kindly elder. As a former Bible Class Leader, as a member of long standing on the Bays' Institute Committee, as an elder and as Session Clerk Mr. Howitt has through the years shown a whole-hearted devotion to his Master. It was he who, on the inauguration of the B.C. movement, designed the B.C. badge which has since been adopted by Bible Classes of all denominations.

The Session Roll now stands at 25. The effective Communion Roll, as at 30th June, 1954, was 387—a decrease of 82. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered 3, and by certificate, 33. Removals by disjunction were 33, and by death or purging of the roll, 85. The average attendance at the four quarterly Communions were: members, 291, visitors 48, total 339. There were 23 baptisms during the year.

Session again records its warmest appreciation of the splendid services rendered by all those willing folk who so capably carry on the work of the different organisations, and particularly those who teach in the Sunday School and lead the Bible Classes and Boys' and Girls' Life Brigades. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them all in their work.

Our thanks are also due to the Church Officer, who has carried out his duties throughout the year with efficiency and tact.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to all members who have suffered bereavement during the year, and we would especially commend them to the comfort and care of our Heavenly Father.

We thank our Heavenly Father for all His mercies to us during the past year, and we pray for His guidance in the days that lie ahead.

Since writing the above we learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Robert Fleming on 2nd September, 1954. His passing severs another link with that earlier generation of office-bearers who cherished and guarded the heritage bequeathed to us by our pioneer fathers. Mr. Fleming was a stalwart in his devotion. No one can estimate the time and thought he gave to his work or the number of his benefactions to the church he loved so much. We have missed him and will miss him, but his reward is with his Heavenly Father. To that Father's most gracious comfort and keeping we commend his dear ones.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

During the year Messrs. J. J. Dunn, Scott Gray and G. Simpson found it necessary to resign from the Board on account of removal from the district, leaving the Board with twenty-two members.

The Glover Memorial Entrance to the Church and improvements to the existing vestibule, including new linoleum, are nearing completion and have been the subject of congratulatory remarks.

In the vestibule will be placed the memorial window commemorating the work of the women of St. John's over the last hundred years.

During the year there was placed in the vestibule a beautiful oak table, a gift from the Y.W.B.C. to commemorate its Jubilee.

The centenary of the Church was celebrated from the 8th to 15th Nov. 1953, very interesting and enjoyable times being spent by all who attended the various functions.

A special collection taken up on Centennial Sunday provided £236 5s. 0d., which is being held for the "Maintenance of the Church Fabric."

A feature of the celebration was the issue of an illustrated booklet of 56 pages, "St. John's Through 100 Years," and the Board expressed to Mr. N. S. Woods its appreciation of his work in preparing the booklet.

The ordinary revenue for the past year failed by £211 to meet the expenditure. The transfer of £650 from the Endowment Fund, authorised at the last annual meeting, to meet the cost of Church heating, £490 and adjustment of Manse boundaries, £160, enabled the ordinary account to be balanced. A further withdrawal from the Endowment Fund of £223 met the cost of repainting the Manse.

The special appeal made in June to meet our budget provided £290 which, with contributions from Church organisations, enabled our assessment of £735 to be paid in full. In addition, £50 has been carried forward towards next year's assessment of £821.

During the year £1,073 12s. 8d. was received for the New Life Fund, the total amount contributed being £3,561.

The quarterly issue of "St. John's Messenger" was continued during the year and records much of interest relating to our work. The Board urges Church organisations to make greater use of this publication to bring their work before Church members.

CHOIR

Roll and Attendances. The roll stands at 24 (sopranos, 13; altos, 8; tenor, 1; and bass, 2). Average attendance: Thursdays, 12, Morning Service, 12; Evening Service, 12.

Choral Work. The major choral work of the year was presented on November 11th during the Centennial Celebrations of the Church. The Cantata, "The Saviour's Birth" was rendered, the soloists being Misses J. Curtis and M. Gregory; Messrs. G. Lilly and E. Gardiner. In addition solos were sung by Mrs. Meale Gamble, Messrs. J. Dellow and F. Malthus, and a duet by Mrs. E. Haggitt and Miss J. Curtis, interspersed with organ solos by Mr. Cannon. At the Centennial Sunday Service the choir had the privilege of singing the "Hymn for a Church Centennial," written and composed by our Minister, Mr. Temple.

For the pre-Christmas service on December 20th a number of carols were sung. Owing to the uneven distribution of parts and poor attendance at choir practice, the number of Sunday anthems rendered has been very few, only six anthems having been sung during the whole period from February to June, 1954.

Music Library. The Library has been augmented by the following: 30 Oxford Books of Carols; 30 Dominion Song Books; Carol of the Birds; Sing me the Virgin Mary.

Special attendance. The choir was present at the funeral service of the late Mr. Ad. Howitt, and we wish to place on record our deep regret at the passing of one of the pillars of St. John's.

Social. In August, at an after-practice supper, the choir welcomed home Miss Jean Curtis from her trip to England. In December a similar function was held at which a presentation was made to Miss Anne Lomas on her approaching marriage. On April 24th a farewell party was held at the home of Miss Mary MacKenzie in honour of Mrs. F. Kempton who had found it necessary to transfer from St. John's to Kelburn Church. May 26th found the choir as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cannon at their home in Wadestown.

Thanks. Our thanks are due to Mr. Roy Hill for giving us his valuable time to conduct the Centennial Choral Evening and also to the visiting singers who came to help us at that time. We record with gratitude the late Mr. Ad. Howitt's donation of £2 0s. 0d. to the choir music fund. We thank all members of choir executive for their devotion to duties during the year, and in particular Mrs. F. Kempton for her many hours of toil in the capacity of wardrobe mistress. Finally we thank the choirmaster, Mr. Cannon, for all his hard work during a difficult year.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Because of the Centennial of our Church our attention this year has tended to centre more on St. John's than is usual. We rejoice, however that our Mission Budget has not suffered, nor has the giving in work, money, and goods to the usual activities of the P.W.M.U.

Once again there have been many changes and the Committee has lost members who have made great contributions to the work: Mrs. Matthews, as Secretary to the Guild; Mrs. Loudon, Stamp Secretary and Tea Convener, whose happy friendly personality and generous help in every department of the P.W.M.U. and Guild is greatly missed; Mrs. Day, who has long been a valued member and has gone to live in Whangarei. Mrs. George Johnston, who gave such willing assistance on the tea committee and with sewing, died very suddenly in January

and we miss her interest and faithful service. Death has claimed also Mrs. A. Johnston, Mrs. McVicar and Mrs. Massey, honorary members who through many years gave faithful, loving service to their Master through the channels of St. John's.

To the relatives of these friends and to those also of our members who have lost dear ones we extend our very sincere sympathy.

Membership: The year ends with 43 active and 21 honorary members, with an average attendance of 23—the same as last year. Three new members have joined. Three members, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Sim and Miss Hanchet are visiting Britain and we wish them a happy holiday.

Meetings. There have been seven meetings, all interesting and enjoyable; four when missionary letters, mission work and arrangements were considered and three when speakers added interest and inspiration.

The highlight of the year was the Women's Commemorative Service held during the Centennial Celebrations, when we joined with the afternoon and Evening Guilds and Past Members, guests from the P.A. and other P.W.M.U.s to pay tribute to the women who, through the past century, have by their loyal service and prayers helped to build up our Church.

Overseas Work. A goodly bundle of books and cards suitable for school work was sent to the New Hebrides.

Field Work. Three sacks of clothing have been collected and sent to our Maori Mission Station at Taupo.

Stamps. Since Mrs. Loudon left for Gisborne we have been without a Stamp Secretary. Mrs. Hughes has been doing the work herself and several members have helped with cleaning and sorting. A stamp day was held in April when those who attended became really interested in sorting and packing.

Coupons. Mrs. Madden was appointed to take charge of coupons for tea and clothing and after three months has in hand £4 14s. 6d. for missions.

Harvest Fields. Miss Millar reports that there are still 60 members taking the Harvest Field, but adds that this is not nearly enough for St. John's.

Associate Members. Mrs. Fowler has 15 members to whom she sends the Missionary letter, the Messenger and a personal letter. The Associate members express great appreciation of this service.

Evening Guild. We are again greatly indebted to the Evening Guild for their contributions to the Mission Schemes of the P.W.M.U. The splendid amount of £46 0s. 6d. through the Direct Giving envelopes, and the Combined Bring and Buy has helped considerably to meet our commitments. Also the parcel of school and medical supplies for the New Hebrides was much appreciated.

The working together for the Centennial Celebrations and for the Bring and Buy, and the Evening Guild's gesture of entertaining the P.W.M.U. and Guild in October has done much to strengthen the ties between our organisations and augurs well for the spirit of fellowship and service among the women of St. John's.

Badges were donated by the P.W.M.U. to the G.L.B. members who had won them for Missionary Knowledge. Sister Nessie was their instructor and we thank her for this service on our behalf.

Mission Boxes. It is pleasing to report that during the last three years there has been an increasing interest in collecting for missions through the mission boxes. This year 40 boxes were returned and

although some were out only for a few weeks the very gratifying sum of £54 7s. 7d. has resulted. Members of the Evening Guild and the Management Committee have taken boxes this year and the P.W.M.U. are grateful for their help. It is hoped that other members of the congregation will be willing to have boxes to collect the odd coin for missions.

Maori Missions Birthday League. There are 140 members in the senior section from whom £22 10s. 0d. was received. The junior section numbers 47 and their contribution was £3 13s. 9d.

We thank Miss Fullarton for her faithful work with the junior branch.

Finance. Our members by direct giving envelopes contributed £47 12s. 3d. The Executive feel that a special word should be said about the wonderful response to the appeal for mission funds. Each year the generosity of our members, both honorary and active gives us cause to thank God for the spirit of devoted service shown in this way. We acknowledge with gratitude £30 from the Scott Trust Fund for Home and Maori Missions and the splendid response from the Evening Guild, the M.M.B.L. and the Mission Boxes. Another source this year has been the stall conducted by Mrs. Wilson at each meeting. Goods left from the Fair and the Bring and Buy and new work cut and sewn by Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Wilson and other members, besides home produce have stocked this stall which yielded £28 16s. 5d. for the mission funds. In all the P.W.M.U. handed in £236 3s. 9d. to the Church Treasurer.

The centennial of our Church will ever live in the memory of all who were present, and will be an inspiration and a spur to greater effort in God's service.

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

Finance. During the year a Jumble Sale and a Bring and Buy were held to augment the funds of the Guild and to increase the contribution to church schemes which do not come under the heading of missions.

Lepers Comforts. During the year Mrs. Loudon and Miss Player knitted a large number of warm jerseys and donated them, in the name of the Guild, to the Protestant World-wide Inter-church Mission to Lepers.

P.S.S.A. A large parcel of woollen jerseys was sent to the Children's home at Berhampore. The darning for the Children's Home was undertaken as usual.

Fellowship Room. The cost of material (£16 15s. 9d.) necessary for repainting the Fellowship Room, kitchen and entrance lobby was provided from our Guild Funds, and the Managers undertook to do the painting, and a very gratifying effect was achieved. Mrs. A. P. Smith very kindly donated new brown linoleum for the kitchen and adjoining entrance. When it became evident that the supply of **Church Hymn Books** was diminishing on account of many books needing repair, the Guild undertook the necessary work. The assistance of Mr. Kempton and his daughter was gladly accepted.

Centennial Celebrations. The month of November was given wholly to Centennial celebrations, and members will long cherish the memory of special Church services and social gatherings. For women, the outstanding event was held on November 11th when Mrs. J. L. Gray, wife of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, was the guest of honour, and spoke on "Building our Heritage." Mrs.

E. Thomson, President of the Evening Guild, paid a sincere and moving tribute to the women of the past. During the afternoon Mrs. P. Gladstone Hughes, President of the Afternoon Guild, presented our Minister, Rev. W. Temple with new pulpit robes and B.D. hood from the women of the Church. In thanking the women, Mr. Temple stated it was not a light thing to accept the gift of a preacher's gown and he hoped they would be kindly in their judgment and uphold him in their prayers. Presentations were made to Mrs. Temple and to Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Hughes announced that Mrs. H. W. Kersley had presented a Record Book for important events in the life of the Women's Guild.

Flowers in the Church. The arduous task of purchasing flowers and arranging them in the church each Sunday has been undertaken by Mrs. Temple. Contributions to the Flower Fund were made by the Managers, Evening and Afternoon Guilds.

Visitation. The visitation of new members, and those in hospital or indisposed in their homes has continued throughout the year. Members are very conscious of the need for a greater effort to make new-comers welcome and plans are in hand to facilitate the work.

Speakers. An unusual feature of the year's chronicle is the fact that only one speaker's name appears in the records. Sister Helen Arndt addressed us at the meeting held in April, 1954, and brought vividly before us her work in the Children's Home in Berhampore.

Memorial Window. As an outcome of vision and enthusiasm of a number of women in the Church it is hoped to replace the two frosted windows in the main vestibule with a symbolic window to commemorate women's work in St. John's throughout its century. At the time this report is being written the work is still in the hands of the designer, but it is expected everything will be in order by the time the new porch and alterations are completed.

Thanks. We realise how heavy has been the load on the shoulders of our President, Mrs. Hughes, and we wish to place on record our appreciation of the way she carried out her duties, particularly when the state of her health demanded a complete rest and absence of worry. The success of our share in the Centenary celebrations was largely due to her planning and from very full hearts we thank her for all her work throughout the year.

To our beloved Minister and Mrs. Temple we of the Guild and P.W.M.U. re-affirm our loving loyalty. We are ever conscious of their devotion to the spiritual needs of every member under their care, and assure them of our co-operation and prayers.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

The roll at present stands at 51, and the average attendance through the year was 30.

During the year we have enjoyed interesting and inspiring addresses from the following speakers: Revs. W. P. Temple and J. S. Somerville, Mrs. Gardiner Scott, Miss K. Grant (Welfare Officer, St. John Ambulance Assn.), Mrs. McCaskey, Miss J. MacKenzie, Mrs. Scott Gray and Sister Helen Arndt.

The Guild has prepared a large quantity of bandages, made from old linen, for the New Hebrides Mission Stations, donated provisions for the City Deaconess's Pantry, revarnished the chairs in the Sunday School Primary Dept., and donated a quantity of toys, etc. to the Boys' Home at Berhampore.

Several of our members are at present overseas: Miss J. Hanchet, Mrs. McRae and Mrs. E. Rowlands, who has been such an outstanding

Guild Secretary. We wish them happy journeyings and a safe return. We have farewelled Miss H. Johnston, who has returned to Scotland.

During the year we lost a valued member in the passing of Mrs. S. Ord who, despite serious illness, made an outstanding contribution of handwork to the Guild's Stall at the Centennial Fair.

YOUNG MEN'S AND YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASSES

The Senior Young Men's Class was fortunate in securing the leadership of Mr. Wilson Daniel, at present lecturing at Victoria University. The leadership of the Senior Women's Class has passed to Miss Ruth Moses, who is teaching at Queen Margaret's College.

We record with deep appreciation our debt to the retiring leader of this class, Miss Pearl Brodie. Pearl has been a true and loyal friend of the Bible Class, and we will all feel the poorer for the absence from our fellowship of one who has so unstintingly given of herself in so many ways. The honour of life membership was conferred on her on her retirement in July 1954 after 17 years' leadership.

During the Centennial Celebrations in 1953 opportunity was taken on the afternoon of Sunday, November 15th, to dedicate, in the presence of a large crowd of past and present members, the remodelled and re-furnished Senior Young Women's Class Room which is now a pleasant and attractive lounge for use by members living away from home. The Rev. W. P. Temple conducted the service and the room was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. C. S. Moore who, as Miss Christina Troup, became in 1892 the first leader of the Class as now constituted.

Bible Class attendance has been gratifyingly steady throughout the year, with a very encouraging Church attendance by most of the members.

The Day of Prayer was observed this year in an 8 a.m. service conducted by the Rev. Gardiner Scott. It was an inspiring service, and was followed by breakfast in the sunshine outside the building.

The Bible Classes were represented at the Wellington District Easter Camps. We hope next year to have a greater number present.

Several of our members were able to attend the Summer Conference at Ashburton, and we feel sure that the Classes as a whole have benefited from the fresh vision and stimulus which they received. We held our own Class Camp at Paekakariki in June, and although the numbers were disappointingly small, the spirit of "Oneness," and the evidence of the Holy Spirit in our midst was a great source of strength to all who attended. The Rev. Arch. Kirkwood of Silverstream was Camp Father and led our studies in the Book of Revelation.

Recently Sister Nessie Morgan and Miss Pearl Brodie organised and presented our Class Concert, which was splendidly supported, and aided our missionary obligation by nineteen pounds ten shillings.

We would record our appreciation of the At Home the Session held for the Classes, and hope it will be but the first of many such enjoyable gatherings.

In the field of sport and social life we have not been idle. Many of our members are supporters of harriers, tennis, and also table tennis. We were represented at the competitions and came fifth, which, considering the short notice and the multitude of other fixtures, reflects great credit on those participating.

Our monthly Council meetings and teas are continuing, but we hope to see a better representation of classes in this next year.

In conclusion we acknowledge very humbly and thankfully our debt to all our friends in St. John's. To Mr. and Mrs. Temple, Sister

Nessie, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. Kelly, and to all whose unselfish service has made this year so fruitful; to Harriet Johnston in far away Scotland, to Rev. Gardner Scott and many others we say "Thank you." We pray that God will be able to use us even more completely; that we may more readily make ourselves clay in the hands of the Potter; and that we may ever be found faithful to our Master.

BOYS' BRIGADE AND LIFE BOY TEAM

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," and we would like you to share our thankfulness for what He has done for us and with us in the past year.

Miss Harriet Johnston's place in the Team has been filled by the return of Miss Doreen Bibby; Mr. Robbie Watson has come to the Company from Nelson at a time when he is really needed. And although Mr. Brian Gray's place as Senior P.T. Instructor has not been filled we are confident it will be when the time is opportune.

We are indebted to many friends for their assistance in various ways—those who have lent a helping hand with classes, or with suppers, or as V.I.P.'s on special occasions, or at the piano (as Miss Gladys Gray does for the Company on Thursdays) or those who have supported us during B.B. Week (276 parents, friends, members and officers donated over £60 to The Boys Brigade in St. John's this year).

But what would we have to be thankful for in these things if it were not for the boy who loyally turns up each Monday or Thursday, and throws himself into the life of his group, striving not only to succeed in the activities offered him but also to reach the standards set before him as the normal life of a responsible child of God. What a privilege to be the friend of the mischievous but responsive Life Boy, the counsel and example of the man growing out of the Boy's Brigade youth. To few is granted this honour, and we are humbly grateful for it.

Eight of the 12 in the Company are the remnants of the sixteen we had at the end of 1953, one of whom was discharged at the age limit of 18. Three of the four recruits this year were transferred up from the Life Boy Team on turning 12 and the other one recruited himself. Our recruiting drive, consisting of visits to two schools and a special film evening brought in several boys aged 11 for the Life Boys, but not one aged 12 or over for the Company.

As far as the boys we have lost are concerned it appears, except in cases of shifts, that where B.B. and other claims clash, the B.B. generally misses out. It may be that the high demands of the Brigade become unattractive to a boy when a new interest captures his imagination; and it is certain that the claims of the schools on the time of the boys make it difficult for many to remain in the Brigade.

The picture in the Life Boy Team is brighter as far as numbers are concerned. A Team of nine at the start of the year has grown, mainly by the efforts of the boys themselves, to 21. Eight of these will be due to transfer to the Company at the end of this year, and this, we hope, will help to boost our Company strength.

In order to allow boys opportunity to give undivided attention to end-of-the-year examinations the Company this session will close its uniform parades with the Annual Inspection and Company Display on 21st October. The Team will carry on beyond this date, and we hope also that optional games evening and outdoor activities for the Company will continue up to December.

With the end of the year will come once again the need for new staff in both Team and Company and we are looking to the Lord to supply this need.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE AND CADET SECTION

There are 22 little girls on our Cadet Roll and 32 girls in the Girls Life Brigade. The meetings take place regularly each Wednesday and are much enjoyed by all. Our Cadet Section worked hard for the 2nd Wellington Battalion Cadet Competitions in June and had the honour of carrying off a very fine cup. We congratulate heartily Lieutenant Cunliffe and her Cadet Helpers, Joan Fowler and Helen Krushka.

On 4th July a Church parade with our own Boys' Brigade was held, at which a beautiful Union Jack, presented by Miss Brodie in memory of her mother, was dedicated by our Chaplain. Four girls sat for the Dominion Bible Knowledge examination and they all passed.

In April, Dale Carley returned to us as a Lieutenant and Adrienne Carley became a Warrant Officer. In March a Company Camp was held at Waikanae, our newly acquired G.L.B. Training Centre, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

At present the girls are working for Physical Training, Signalling and First Aid Badges. We are very grateful to Mr. Morison for his help with the signalling. In September the 2nd Wellington Battalion Choir Competition and Verse Speaking takes place and we hope to have 1st Corinthians, Chapter 13, ready, with a vesper and song. We plan to hold a Parents' Night when both Cadets and Brigade will take part, after the Competition is over.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce have again arranged a Market Day in the Town Hall, 22nd October, and the Division has been allotted a stall, so we ask for the support of all members of the congregation. This effort is to help towards the payment of our Brigade Training Centre at Waikanae.

I wish to thank our Chaplain, our Governing Committee and all officers for their loyal support during the past year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Anniversary Services, held on 11th October, had as their themes "The Seven Ages of Man" and "The Call of the Hills."

Miss Mary MacKenzie has returned from her trip home, and once more taken up her Sunday School work as head of the Primary Department.

The annual picnic was held at Days Bay on the first Saturday in March, in good weather. Promotion Sunday was November 29th, and Promotion Day Tea, Monday, 7th December. The Tea was followed by films and a very popular conjuror.

"Mothers' Day" in May was celebrated by a family service.

The annual examinations were held in June and July, but the Hopkirk Memorial Prize for Memory Work is still undecided. The examination for this is being planned for early September.

CRADLE ROLL

At present there are 67 children on the Cradle Roll. During the year we have had three opportunities of meeting the members of our Cradle Roll and getting to know one another better. In October we held our Bring and Buy, which was most successful, and in December we had our Christmas Party, with Christmas Tree and small gifts for all the Children. In March of this year, in spite of inclement weather, a very happy time was had by all who were able to come to the afternoon held for the mothers and children.

At the end of 1953, Miss D. M. Chappell retired from the position of Superintendent, and the Committee wish to express to Miss Chappell

their sincere appreciation for all that she did for the Cradle Roll during her years in office.

DRAMA GROUP

This year, meetings have been held monthly, as it was felt that most members could not devote the time necessary to preparation for fortnightly meetings. Concentration on one-act, rather than three-act plays, has also helped to make the programme lighter, and has made for better entertainment. Meetings have generally taken the form of play readings, followed by discussion of the plays.

Our aim, however, has been to extend our activities beyond our own circle. In August, we provided a programme for "Saturday Night at Eight," consisting of three one-act plays: "Masks," "The Twelve-Pound Look" and "The Warming Pan." At the request of the Friendship Club, plays were read on two occasions, while a rehearsed reading of the three-act play, "A Woman's Place," was given in the Hall.

One of our members, Mr. J. Dunn, acted in the Religious Drama Society's production of "A Sleep of Prisoners," by Christopher Fry. Mr. D. Bridge was stage manager. Both played their parts with distinction.

It is with regret that we have said goodbye to several of our more active members, including our President, Mr. J. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duthie, Miss H. McKain, and Mr. G. Simpson.

Thanks are due to all who have helped the Group in various ways—our Minister and his wife for the interest they have shown, Miss C. Forde for her entertaining and informative talks at one of our meetings, the Friendship Club for their hospitality when we visited them.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT"

For seven months in the year "Saturday Night at Eight" continues to welcome into the warmth of the Church's hospitality, the lonely folk, pensioners and roomers who care to accept its invitation. Once a month an interesting programme is presented, generally by visiting artists, with supper supplied by the ladies of the congregation. For varied and enjoyable programmes given during the past year, the Committee is indebted to the following groups: The Curtain Theatre; the Orphans' Club; St. John's Drama Group; Austrian New Settlers; the Hutt Valley Memorial Technical College choir and orchestra; the Boys' Institute Band; Otago High School Ex-Girls' Drama Group; St. John's Bible Classes; the Straloch Singers.

At the end of 1953, a letter was received from St. John Ambulance Association expressing its appreciation of hospitality extended by the congregation to those under the care of its welfare officer. It is, however, a continuing cause for regret that more members of the congregation do not attend these evenings to offer their friendship to those who are our guests.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

	1952-53	1953-54
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income	89 10 0	79 10 0
Arrears	4 5 0	1 15 0
Paid Advance	4 15 0	4 10 0
Seat Holders	49	36
Seats Let	98	77

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. D. Cameron.
Mrs. G. C. Carnie.
Mr. Ad. Howitt.
Mrs. A. F. Jackman.
Mrs. A. Johnston.
Mrs. G. Johnston.
Mrs. M. A. McCallum.
Mrs. S. Ord.
Mrs. A. McVicar.
Mrs. E. F. Massey.
Mr. R. Fleming.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1954

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance Brought forward, July 1, 1953—				Rev. W. P. Temple—Stipend	700	0	0
Church Furnishings	10	0	0	do. —Car allowance	100	0	0
Fair proceeds held for:				Sister N. Morgan—Salary	330	0	0
Centennial expenses	114	1	0	do. —Travelling, etc. expenses	21	10	0
New chairs for hall	550	0	0	Mr. S. Cannon, Organist	150	0	0
				Mr. R. Kelly—Church Officer	405	4	5
			674	1	0		
Plate Collections	1,442	16	8	Pulpit Supply	35	0	0
Envelope Collections	702	14	6	Light, heat and power	173	7	4
Pew rents	79	10	0	Postages, advertising, printing, stationery	129	17	9
			2,225	1	2		
Donations to upkeep of schoolroom			143	2	0		
18 Sundry donations and miscellaneous receipts			28	17	6		
Wednesday lectures			14	8	5		
Interest			4	1	3		
Proceeds musical evening			12	0	0		
Sales of Centennial booklets			40	17	6		
Endowment Fund Income			359	19	11		
Sunday School 100th Anniversary			57	2	2		
Withdrawal from Endowment Fund Capital—							
Manse boundary adjustment	160	0	0	General repairs, Church and other buildings	85	12	8
New heating system	490	0	0	Organ Tuning	21	0	0
Repainting Manse	223	0	0	Rates, Manse and Cottage	86	14	7
			873	0	0		
				Telephones: Manse, Cottage, Deaconess	37	14	2
				General Assembly expenses assessment	28	0	0
				Wellington Presbytery assessment	8	15	0
				Beneficiary Funds assessment	62	10	0
				Insurances—			
				Fire	107	19	4
				Earthquake and War Damage	32	0	10
				Accident and Sickness	8	16	0
				St. John's Messenger	30	17	6
				Young Worshippers' League prizes	14	7	10
				Social expenses	6	14	3
				Communion wine	4	4	0
				Choir sundry expenses	8	0	0
				Church officer sundry expenses	7	15	8
				Church officer holiday pay	14	5	0
				Cushions for pews	9	8	0

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	4,432	10	11
Balances July 1, 1953, held for—			
Basement furnishings, etc.	87	9	0
Organ Renovation Fund	4	4	0
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Mrs. Comrie's gift—Mainland memorial	50	0	0
Amounts received for—			
Organ renovations (Miss Boyd Bequest)	50	0	0
Centennial service collection—for maintenance of Church Fabric	236	5	0
61 Meuli bequest on account—for Memorial Entrance.	950	0	0

Centennial booklet	109	19	0
Sundry Centennial expenses	84	5	6
Saturday night at Eight programmes	4	5	0
Legal expenses Manse boundary adjustment	4	11	0
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	57	2	2
Miscellaneous payments	23	8	7
Part cost chairs for hall	300	0	0
Balance chair funds with Church office	250	0	0
Repainting Manse	223	0	0
Overdraft, July 1, 1953—Ordinary Account	109	5	4
Part cost Church heating	330	0	0
	4,432	10	11
Music for choir (Mrs. Comrie's gift)	17	4	4
Memorial Entrance (Meuli Bequest) on A/c.	900	0	0
Architect's fee (on a/c.)	50	0	0
Organ Renovation Fund with Church Office	54	4	0
Centennial Collection, with Church Office	236	5	0
Balances held June 30, 1954—			
Basement furnishings, etc.	87	9	0
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Gift from Mrs. Comrie	32	15	8

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1954**

		RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
21	Retiring Collections—				
	Home Missions	14	1 1	Budget Assessment, 1953-54 (£735)	736 6 1
	Maori Missions	19	6 6	Other special purposes	1,199 4 10
	Foreign Missions	22	15 9	Balance held June 30 1954, for 1954-55 Budget	
	Knox Theological Hall	15	1 3	Assessment	50 0 0
	Donations, baptism, weddings and				
	funerals	24	11 0		
	Other donations	13	0 0		
	St. John's P.W.M.U.	236	3 9		
	Young Men's Bible Classes	36	3 5		
	Young Women's Bible Classes	39	10 0		
	Sunday School	67	0 10		
	Late donations 1953 appeal	9	0 6		
	1954 Appeal for Missions	289	12 0		
			786 6 1		
	New Life Movement donations	1,073	12 8		
	(Total to date, £3,567)				
	National Council of Christian				
	Education	22	7 6		
	National Council of Churches for				
	relief of Protestant Churches in				
	Indonesia	34	12 3		
	Student Christian Movement				
	Chaplains' Fund	31	0 0		
	British and Foreign Bible Society	10	0 0		
	Presbyterian Orphanages	27	12 5		
			1,199 4 10		
			£1,985 10 11		£1,985 10 11

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1954**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balances, July 1, 1953—		Withdrawals—	
Benevolent Fund	194 0 8	Benevolent Fund for relief	20 0 0
Crockery Replacement Fund	65 19 4	Endowment Fund Income for general purposes	359 19 11
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	231 13 1	Endowment Fund Capital for—	
Manse Trust Fund	70 0 0	Manse boundary adjustments	160 0 0
Provision for periodic repaint- ing, etc.	724 5 7	New heating system in Church	490 0 0
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	130 12 3	Repainting manse	223 0 0
St. John's Hostel Fund	1,682 9 4		1,252 19 11
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	44 11 9	Balances, June 30, 1954—	
Endowment Fund Capital A/c.	10,000 0 0	Benevolent Fund	200 1 11
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190 0 0	Centennial collection	236 5 0
	13,333 12 0	Chairs for Hall	250 0 0
Interest—		Crockery Replacement Fund	67 15 4
Benevolent Fund	6 1 3	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	249 9 5
Crockery Replacement Fund	1 16 0	Manse Trust Fund	70 0 0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	5 16 4	Organ Renovation Fund	54 4 0
Provision for periodic repaint- ing, etc.	49 1 2	Provision for periodic repaint- ing, etc.	1,078 6 9
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	3 13 11	St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	134 6 2
St. John's Hostel Fund	61 18 1	St. John's Hostel Fund	1,744 7 5
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	1 5 3	St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	45 17 0
Endowment Fund Income	359 19 11	Endowment Fund Capital A/c.	9,130 0 0
		Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190 0 0
			13,450 13 0
Other Receipts—			
Benevolent Fund refund of assistance, 1952-53	20 0 0		
Centennial Service collection for maintenance of Church Fabric	236 5 0		
Chairs for Hall	250 0 0		
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12 0 0		
Organ Renovation Fund	54 4 0		
Provision for periodic repaint- ing, etc.	305 0 0		
Endowment Fund Capital A/c.	3 0 0		
	880 9 0		
	£14,703 12 11		£14,703 12 11

N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Treasurer.
30/7/54.

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended June 30, 1954, and in my opinion the above statements correctly show the position of the church as at that date.

9/8/54.

L. M. MILNE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.