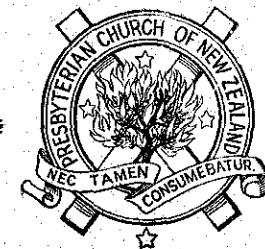


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Wellington*

ANNUAL REPORT

1954 - 1955



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To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 28th September, 1955
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period 1st July 1954,
to 30th June, 1955.

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 Deacons' 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 Normandy, 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. 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 Ch.)	12th Aug., 1903
Individual Communion Cups first used	1904
New Church Praise adopted	1904
St. John's Memorial Hostel opened	1910
Memorial Window to soldiers who fell in the Great War, 1914-18, unveiled	1919
Memorial Window in memory of Hon. J. G. W. Aitken unveiled	1920
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., retired	1922
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted	1926
Present Manse erected, 9 Wai-te-Ata Road	17th Mar., 1927
Young Men's Bible Class Parlour opened	1928
Mural Brass Tablets to Revs. J. Moir, J. Paterson, Dr. J. Gibb, and Mr. M. D. Menelaus; New Oak Communion Table; Memorial Chairs to Messrs. M. D. Menelaus, A. Hopkirk, and W. Allan.	14th Dec., 1931
Church Hymnary adopted	1935
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	1937
Senior Y.M.B.C. Jubilee	5th Dec., 1937
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., accepted call to Scot's Church, Adelaide, and left New Zealand	1938
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.	May, 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, M.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

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PASTORAL LETTER

My dear Friends,

Not long ago a visiting Minister said to me: "It's always a joy to me to preach in St. John's. There's a warmth about the congregation which warms the preacher's heart." On the heels of that remark came a letter after a recent broadcast service. The writer said: "I have been listening to these services for eighteen months and have not heard any so good for making the listeners feel part of the service." Granted, other people could say the same things about other Churches; or say very different things about us! But here are two people at least who want to pay us that tribute, and both of them remind us of two simple, basic facts. The first is that every service is a united offering to our Heavenly Father made by preacher and people. Worship is one great way in which we prove our "togetherness" as brothers and sisters in Christ. . . . And the second is that when we do come together to worship in "the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit", other people can't help feeling warmed and enfolded in our "togetherness in God".

That "togetherness" has been well tested over the past year. For me, the highlights in the picture have been the very gallant response you made to the challenge of a heavy financial task; and also what we have experienced in these house-meetings where we have sat down together with our Bibles on our knees. There is hope and there is love still living in a congregation when our faith touches our pockets, and moves us to gather round the Book. My prayer is that many more of us will experience these two movements of the Spirit before another year comes to its close.

We ask a special remembrance from the Father for those of you who have been called to face sorrow, illness, or bereavement in these days. The Master's school has many class-rooms; and sometimes He has to move us into another, more testing, class-room, because He wants us to learn some new lesson about His Grace which He cannot teach us anywhere else. Whatever lies ahead for us in the coming days, may we walk and talk with Him.

"Unto Him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the Presence of His glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time, and now, and for ever more."

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE.

St. John's Afternoon Guild:

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

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. T. F. Corkill, Mrs. A. P. Smith.

Secretary: Miss C. 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: Rev. F. H. Liffiton.

Secretary: Mr. Rowland Woods, 38 Harrison St., S.W.I. 'Phone 50-497.

Senior Young Women's Bible Class:

Leader: Miss Ruth Moses, 44 Pirie St., E.4.

Secretary: Miss Coleen McKain, "Fairview", Church St. 'Phone 43-227.

Intermediate Girls' Bible Class:

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

Junior Girls' Bible Class:

Leader: Sister Nessie Morgan.

Intermediate Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: T. Page, A.N.Z. Bank, Featherston Street.

Boys' Brigade Company:

Captain: Mr. R. G. Dell, 424a Evans Bay Road.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenant: D. Mence.

Life Boy Team:

Leader in Charge: Mr. R. G. Dell, 424a Evans Bay Road.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Leaders: Misses H. Johnston and D. G. Bibby.

Girls' Life Brigade:

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

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenant: Miss F. J. Cunliffe.

Warrant Officers: Miss A. R. Carley, Miss A. Leung Wai, Miss J. R. Fowler.

Cadet Leader: Miss F. J. Cunliffe, 38 Bruce Ave., S.W.I.

Cadet Helpers: Miss J. R. Fowler, Miss M. Scott.

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.
'Phone 51-485.

Boys' Institute Management Committee:

St. John's Church Representatives: Messrs. R. Johnstone, J. Cole, J. Hunter, Ian Rodgers, W. Kraft, M. Snadden.

SESSION'S REPORT

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 seventh series of the Wednesday night lectures, the theme this year being "The Apostle's Creed". All those who were able to attend were greatly inspired and blessed.

An innovation at St. John's was the appointment of an Assistant Minister in the person of the Rev. F. H. Liffiton. Mr. Liffiton commenced his duties at the end of 1954, and it very soon became evident that he has exceptional gifts as a Youth Leader. His services as leader of the Y.M.B.C., in the pulpit, and in many other ways have been greatly appreciated.

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

The Session Roll now stands at 24. The effective Communion Roll, as at 30th June, 1955, was 390, an increase of three over the previous year. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered 19, and by certificate 34. Removals by disjunction were 27, and by death or purging of the roll 23. The average attendance at the four quarterly Communions was: Members 270, visitors 44, total 314. There were 10 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 various organizations, and particularly those who teach in the Sunday School and lead the Bible Classes and Boys' and Girls' Brigades. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them all in their labours.

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.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

During the year Mrs. A. Harvie, Mr. W. Pryor, and Mr. F. C. Wade resigned from the Board, leaving the Board with twenty-two members.

The Church Property received a good deal of attention during the year, and at the time of writing the following works had been carried out: Repapering and repainting the cottage throughout, repairs to the foundations, and an improved kitchenette provided; renewal of spouting and downpipes in copper; repairs to foundations of B.C. rooms; a new toilet in the Church; a retaining wall at the west side of the hall; and repairs at the Manse.

The Glover Memorial Entrance to the Church was completed in the main during the year, including relining the walls and ceiling of the existing vestibule and laying new linoleum. Consideration is being given to the provision of suitable furniture in the vestibule as part of the memorial.

St. John's Bible Class Institute, to be provided partly by a gift from the Troup family and known as the "Troup Trust", will form an addition to the existing classroom. It is expected that the work will be put in hand during September.

The Church Officer, **Mr. Robert Kelly**, resigned in June, 1955, to take up other employment. It has not yet been possible to make a new appointment. Members of Church organizations and others have done splendid work in carrying out cleaning work and the removal of unwanted materials. The Board is very much indebted to all these willing workers.

Organ Renovations and Improvements are now in hand, the cost being provided by a bequest from the late A. P. Smith.

Bequests were made during the year by the late Mr. Robert Fleming, Mr. Ad. Howitt, Mr. Kennedy, Miss Atkins, and by the Marchbanks and Howden estates.

The **1955 Fair**, held on Friday, 27th May, provided a demonstration of what can be achieved by wholehearted co-operation by Church organizations. The one-day Fair realized the net amount of £777, and the Board expressed its sincere appreciation of the efforts of all who helped.

New Life Fund contributions during the year amounted to £377/14/9, bringing the total to date to £3,944/14/10. The amount of £1,585 is still required to reach our quota, and further steps are to be taken.

In accordance with the decision of the last Annual Meeting, legacies bequeathed for the general purposes of our Church, together with accumulated interest, were withdrawn from the **Endowment Fund** and formed a **Special Reserve Fund** to be used as directed by the congregation. Approval was given in March last for a withdrawal up to £500, and £498 was spent on urgent building work.

We were asked to raise £821 as our share of the **Mission work** of General Assembly. We provided almost £810, and are asked to find £800 during 1955-56.

The ordinary receipts exceeded the ordinary revenue by £122/12/6, due mainly to the excellent result of the Fair. This balance, however, will not be sufficient to cover the cost of repair work authorized before the end of June and completed later.

CHOIR

Roll: The Roll at the close of the year was 18—sopranos 14; altos, two; tenor, one; and bass, one.

Choral Work: Owing to reduction in membership, we have been unable to do very much in this respect. At a congregational farewell to Miss Brodie the Choir sang a bracket of carols from "The Oxford Book of Carols", and solo items were rendered by Mrs. Haggitt and Miss Curtis. At the opening of the General Assembly held in St. John's last November, we had the pleasure of singing once again Mr. Temple's "Hymn for a Church Centennial". At a pre-Christmas service we sang a number of carols.

Social: In December last Choir practice was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Canon, and while partaking of a dainty supper we thanked Mrs. Haggitt for her long service in the Choir, and wished her well in her approaching marriage. The Choir were present at her wedding service, and a week later were present at the wedding of Miss Margaret Gregory. During February this year, at a function in the Fellowship Room, we wished God-speed to Pearl Brodie on her forthcoming visit overseas, and also regretfully accepted the resignation of Miss Jean Curtis from the Choir. We were sorry also to lose the services of Mrs. Noeline Robinson, our wardrobe mistress.

Life Members: At our Annual Meeting in August, 1954, we were pleased to elect Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pumfrey life members in recognition of their hard work and devotion to the Choir.

Choir members and Church members will regret to learn of the passing of Mr. F. S. Pope, for many years a life member of the Choir.

1955 Fair: The Choir was responsible for the jams and pickles stall at the Fair. A pre-Fair social evening and Bring and Buy was held at the home of Mrs. Hight and a similar function in the Fellowship Room. These efforts, together with donations and sales at the Fair, totalled £54/1/7.

We would make a strong appeal to all who could possibly help in the singing to join our ranks.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The 1954 session of this year's work centred on preparation for the Annual Conference of the Union, which was held in St. Andrew's Church, Wellington, during November, and proved a very helpful and inspiring time for all who attended.

St. John's people responded most generously with donations and the giving of hospitality to both Conference and Assembly delegates. Our President, Mrs. Hughes, arranged and led the afternoon Service of Prayer, and our Secretary, Miss Johnston, was Hospitality Convener and a member of the Assembly's Arrangements Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Temple.

During the year we lost four valued members by death: Miss Atkins, who for many years served by sewing, and who, though blind in later years, was an interested and generous helper; Miss Marchbanks, whose quiet and gentle personality we miss very much, gave unstintingly of her time and money up till the last to help the missionary cause; Miss Tingey, who, though frail for some years, always brought joy to our meetings by her bright hopefulness and her generous spirit; Mrs. Kraft, who was regular, and always could be relied upon to help our work.

We extend to the relatives of these members, and also to those of our number who have lost dear ones, our very sincere sympathy.

Membership: There are 43 active members on the roll and 17 honorary members. Five members left and five others joined our ranks.

Meetings: In addition to our ordinary meetings, we are grateful to the following special speakers: Mrs. Hughes, who gave us a talk on stamps and showed us a display of rare stamps; Hon. J. R. Marshall, who spoke on his visit to India and the work of our missionaries; Mrs. Horwell, who told of her trip to the New Hebrides; Mr. Liffiton, our Assistant Minister, who spoke to us on his work in our parish; Lady Appleton, who was our guest speaker in April, and gave us a wonderful picture of the countries and peoples of Spain and Portugal. The amount raised by direct giving envelopes at these meetings was £75/11/6.

Mission Boxes: The splendid sum of £60/16/10 was received from 44 mission boxes.

Harvest Field: The number of subscribers has fallen to 47.

Associate Members: In spite of the loss by death and removal from Wellington, our numbers have increased to 25.

Stamps: Mrs. Howe reports a good response, but it should be better. Several sources of stamps are not now available to us, and we would like offers of others to take their places. Mrs. Hughes, Dominion Stamp Secretary, has asked that £1,000 be the aim for the Jubilee year.

Coupons: Mrs. Madden still welcomes discount coupons for tea and clothing. These brought in £5/7/2.

Maori Mission Birthday League: Receipts for the year totalled £29/8/3—Seniors £26/1/9. Juniors £3/6/6. The year ended with 160 senior members and 43 junior members.

Memorial Windows: The following is an extract from the December issue of "St. John's Messenger" and relates to the Memorial Windows in the Church vestibule:

"The windows which we are to receive and dedicate this morning are a love-gift and a thankoffering," said the Rev. W. P. Temple at a special service held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 31st October.

"The donors of the windows are women who today and in past days have known the joy of our Lord in this Church. Up and down the land you will find them, women to whom the words, 'St. John's, Wellington', bring a sound like a peal of bells. It is fitting that their hearts and hands have been moved to set up these windows as a love-debt to the women of the past, and a thankoffering to God. You will see from now on, Sunday by Sunday, the sermon which is enshrined in these windows. In one, we are shown the women at the empty tomb on Resurrection morning. In the other, we have the woman kneeling down to wash the Master's feet. The women at the tomb—that is a portrayal of the Church at worship. The woman kneeling at the feet of Jesus—that is worship in its working clothes, and that means service—the little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love. As often as the light shines through these memorial windows, you and I will be seeing the story of all that Love asks us to do. Lose yourself in worship. Find yourself again in service.

The windows were unveiled by Mrs. Arch. M. Wilson, who for over eighty years has been in close connection with St. John's Church. The presentation, on behalf of past and present women members of St. John's, was made by Mrs. P. Gladstone Hughes. Mr. Temple then dedicated the windows "To the Glory of God, and in loving remembrance of the faithful women who through one hundred years have worshipped and served in this Church".

1955 Fair: This year the Fair occupied much of the time of members, but the joy of serving the Church together, and getting to know members of other organizations, and the satisfaction of reaching the target made it very worthwhile.

We Thank: Mrs. Wilson, who, with her "table" at each meeting, has made a very big contribution to the Mission Budget. We find it difficult to express our thanks to our President, Mrs. Hughes, for her able and devoted leadership, but we assure her of our loving and sincere appreciation.

We are glad to welcome back Mrs. Temple after her operation, and wish her good health and happiness in her work amongst us. We offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Temple for the inspiration and help that he continues to give us.

We conclude with the challenge sent out by the Dominion Executive: "Having achieved much, are we to stand still at this our Fiftieth Milestone?" To this the answer comes: "Go work in my Vineyard"—"Go preach the Gospel to every creature."

THE WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

Throughout the year fellowship and friendliness have been the aims of the Guild members. As far as possible the meetings have been designed with this in view, whether the gatherings have been held in the Fellowship Room or in private homes.

Most interesting talks have been given by Lady Appleton, Lady Berendsen, and Mrs. Storkey.

The Guild agreed to provide the material for re-covering the chair in the Fellowship Room and for the pulpit fall.

Our thanks are due to Miss Miller for the splendid way in which she carried out these repairs.

Mrs. Purdie and Miss Miller have represented us on the Ladies' Auxiliary of the P.S.S.A. They took an active part at the Annual Meeting in assisting at the stall and with the supper.

The Guild members took their turn in darning for the Orphanage.

With the P.W.M.U. a successful afternoon was held in November, £48/5/3 being raised.

Other activities included assisting with the Church flowers, sending flowers to the sick, assisting at the complimentary social to Miss Brodie, providing meals for Bible Class members and others who were working to improve the grounds, and cooking for the Church Broadcasting Committee which met in St. John's.

Two successful Jumble Sales were held before the Fair, the first bringing £37 for the stall, and the second £18, which was divided amongst the Nurses' Stall, the Evening Guild Stall, and the Cake Stall.

The interest of members since the opening meeting in March has centred on the Fair.

As a result of social gatherings, film evenings, and Jumble Sales held in the weeks before the Fair, a substantial sum was raised.

The Afternoon Guild and the P.W.M.U. were responsible for the Cake Stall, and the very gratifying sum of £117 was raised by the sale of goods and by competitions.

Members of the Guild joined with those of the P.W.M.U. in bidding welcome to the Rev. F. H. Liffiton, and a welcome has also been extended to the newcomers to St. John's who have joined our ranks.

In Memoriam: During the year the Guild has suffered the loss of several members who, their service here ended, have been called Home.

We record with regret the loss of Miss Atkins, Miss Tingey, Mrs. Kraft, and Miss Marchbanks.

Thanks: To Mrs. Hughes, who throughout the year has guided and upheld us in all our activities, we would express our gratitude. To Mr. Temple we offer our thanks and appreciation for the way by which he has led us throughout the year.

EVENING GUILD

The membership of the Guild is 49, with an average attendance of 30.

Following our policy of presenting a varied programme, we have enjoyed some interesting addresses by the following speakers: Revs. W. P. Temple and D. Storkey, Mrs. Molly Whitelaw, Mrs. G. A. Currie, Miss A. E. Lorimer, and Miss M. A. Burgess.

Guild members took an active part in the recent Church Fair and the sum of £200 was raised on their stall. A donation of £45 has been made to the Church's Mission Budget.

Other projects undertaken during the year have been: Providing a Christmas Party for the children of the Berhampore Homes; donating Christmas gifts for "shut-in" folk and for the girls at Arohata; bandages for the New Hebrides Mission Hospital; and provisions for the City Deaconess's pantry.

We entertained the members of the Central Baptist Women's Fellowship at a Social Evening and enjoyed our return visit to them. We are looking forward to having members of a similar group from Wesley Church as our guest in the near future.

One of the most important Guild activities this year has been the sponsoring of a Prayer Group, which is now functioning, and which we hope will grow in strength and become a source of spiritual power to those who pray, and a comfort and help to those troubled ones who need our prayers. We would welcome enquiries from those interested.

YOUNG MEN'S AND YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASSES

The Bible Class members have experienced a year of varied activities, varying widely in type.

We owe much to our leaders for the sincerity and wisdom with which they guide us during Class on Sunday mornings. The appointment of Mr. Liffiton as Assistant Minister was of added value to the Young Men's Bible Class, who gained a new leader. To strengthen ourselves spiritually by study, discussion, and prayer can only be partially catered for during Class time, and our programme allowed for further opportunities. In September of last year we combined with the young people from Wesley, St. Peter's, and the Central Baptist Church to discuss the subject, "One Holy Catholic Church". In the same month "Vocation Sunday" offered an opportunity for several Class members to speak of their Christian vocations, and the time spent proved to be of great value.

Our annual camp, held at Paekakariki in March, proved to be of great spiritual worth. Guided by Mr. Liffiton, we discussed "The Gospel and I", "The Gospel, my Neighbour, and I". The camp also gave us the opportunity of becoming friends with our new members.

Many Class members met at 8.0 a.m. one Sunday in April to take part in worship under Mr. Temple's leadership. The service was followed by breakfast, and all who had managed to rise just that little bit earlier felt that the extra effort had been justified.

We have been socially active, too, joining in the fellowship of the monthly teas which follow our monthly meetings of Bible Class Council. At the end of the year we joined in the fellowship of a Christmas social which was held in the Young Men's Bible Class Hall. Many of us early this year enjoyed a social evening at which the Session and their wives acted as hosts and hostesses.

St. John's Bible Class was given the task of arranging the indoor sports for the Wellington Bible Class district. Gladys Gray and her committee are to be complimented on their efforts which made for a successful evening.

We took part in the Sunday School Anniversary Services at the end of the year, helped with the sweet stall and competitions at the Church Fair in May. We arranged a Guy Fawkes Party last year for the children from the Berhampore Home. We carried out odd jobs and held a film evening in order to fulfil our Missions Quota. Our thanks are due to Mr. Strong for procuring films for this film evening.

We recently participated in the Bible Class Competitions with some measure of success.

Our gratitude is extended to any who helped in any big or small way to ensure the success of our Bible Class year. Above all, we thank God for His guidance and help, and sincerely pray for His continued blessing in the year to come.

BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY AND LIFE BOY TEAM

This year is the seventh year of the B.B. Company in St. John's and the sixth of the Team. We find that with age the trials of organization are not lightened. In the city area we are finding that there are so many other attractions to draw boys away from the Church and the Brigade and Team. Also we are finding it difficult to keep the older boys at weeknight parades because of homework.

At the beginning of this year the Company had to be closed because of the lack of officers and boys, but with the help of Messrs. R. Watson, D. Mence, and B. Gray it has been possible to get away to a late start. The boys from last year's Company have been most keen,

and there were eight recruits, who made it possible for us to have sixteen on the roll at recommencement.

We pray that with the help of God we may be able to mould this group into a force which will hold its own against other attractions and that it will be able to forward the object of the Brigade in this community, in short, "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the forming of true Christian manliness".

The Team has carried on right through, and we are very pleased to have both Miss Bibby and Miss Johnston back in harness. The Team has not made progress in numbers, but there is definitely a better quality in all work done.

We wish to ask all members of St. John's to remember this work in their prayers.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE AND CADET SECTION

At present there are 52 on the roll of the G.L.B. and Cadet Section, 26 being in each section, and there are six officers. We are very pleased to report that our Cadet Section won the 2nd Battalion Cup for the second time, and we heartily congratulate Lieutenant Cunliffe, Warrant Officer Fowler, and R/Cpl. Scott. We wish to thank Sister Morgan for her help at the piano.

In June the 2nd Battalion Drill was held, taken by W/O. Carley, and our Company came second equal with two other Companies.

The year began with a week of intensive training for officers of the Division, and our Company was well represented.

G.L.B. and Cadets commenced on 2nd March. A picnic for cadets of 2nd Wellington Battalion was arranged for Wilton's Bush, but owing to the weather had to be held at St. John's Hall.

In April Major Barnett came to examine Joan Fowler for Warrant Officer, and in May Major Bilby examined Catherine Imlach and Helen Krushka for Corporals, and Heather Jefferies and Margaret Scott for Lance-Corporals.

G.L.B. Week was held in June, and we sincerely thank all those who contributed to help the work of G.L.B. in New Zealand and our Company.

On 26th June a rededication for Boys' Brigade was held, and we were invited to share in this very fine service conducted by our Chaplain. We wish the Boys' Brigade and the Life Boys every success in the future.

Our Governing Committee was in charge of the teas for the day of the Church Fair and are to be congratulated for their splendid help and co-operation.

On Saturday, 15th October, a G.L.B. Demonstration is to be held in the Town Hall, when we hope to see a good representation from St. John's. Five girls from our Company have been chosen for Country Dancing, and the rest will be in a combined Choir.

I wish to thank our Chaplain, our Governing Committee, and all officers for their loyal support during the past year, also our Assistant Minister for his willing help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Promotion Day was held on the last Sunday in November and the annual tea and concert on the Monday a week later. The films and conjurer were much enjoyed.

The Anniversary Services were held on Sunday, 5th December, with the theme "Creation" for the morning service, which was prepared by Mrs. Fowler, and a Christmas Carol Service in the evening. This service was provided by Miss Mary MacKenzie and was one which she brought back from her trip to the Old Country.

The annual picnic was held at Day's Bay on the first Saturday in March in excellent weather.

During April Miss Gladys Gray was appointed Secretary as Mrs. Thompson wished to be relieved for a year so that she could devote her time to her office of President in the Evening Guild. We very much appreciate her experienced help, and look forward to her return.

At the Church Fair in May the Sunday School, in conjunction with the Women's Bible Classes, were in charge of the sweet stall, and we thank both the children and the older folk who helped make sweets and assisted during the day.

The written examination was held in June and the memory work test in September. The Hopkirk Memorial Prize was won by Elizabeth Strong and the Superintendent's Prize by Jean Elliott.

We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Scott for a gift of £50, which amount has been invested with the Church Office so that the interest each year will provide a prize for the boy and girl who prove the best influence for good in the Sunday School throughout the year. This is to be known as the "Annie Scott Prize".

Miss A. Carley is on leave, and we are indebted to her for all the help she has given, and we wish her well on her trip to Australia.

To Miss M. Scott we also wish to add our thanks, and hope that she will be able to return when her other duties lighten.

CRADLE ROLL REPORT

The number of children on the Cradle Roll at present is 57.

In September we held a small Bring and Buy, which was most successful, and enjoyed by all. In December we held a Christmas party for the mothers and children, and as usual this was a very happy function, the children each receiving a small gift from the Christmas Tree, with Mrs. Temple in the role of "Father Christmas".

During the year the committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Miss W. Millar, who has been such a cheerful worker for the Cradle Roll during the many years she has been a member of the committee. We wish to record our appreciation of all that Miss Millar has done for the Cradle Roll, and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. W. Piper to the committee in Miss Millar's place.

ST. JOHN'S DRAMA GROUP

During the past year the Club has not held regular meetings, but its activities have continued.

The major production of the year was a one-act play, "The Foolishness of God". This was performed at three other Churches besides St. John's. Two one-act plays were produced for a "Saturday Night at Eight" programme.

We are deeply grateful to the Religious Drama Society for the gift of their costumes. Thanks are also due to all those who helped in the production of plays, particularly to our President for his untiring work as stage and property manager.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT"

Through "Saturday Night at Eight" St. John's continues to offer hospitality once a month to all who care to accept it. For entertainment given this year, the committee is indebted to Mr. W. G. Simpson and party, The Curtain Theatre, Miss Karien Ormond, Rev. W. P. Temple, Mr. John Reid and staff of 2YA, St. John's Drama Group and Bible Classes, and the Orphans' Club. The committee wishes to thank the many ladies who have helped so generously with the provision of supper each programme, and also some half-dozen members

of the congregation who have so willingly used their cars to bring to the Hall elderly people who could not otherwise leave their homes. At the end of last year the committee was very pleased to receive from St. John Ambulance Association a letter of appreciation and gratitude for hospitality extended to the elderly folk under the care of its Welfare Officer.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

It is over 13 years since the "After-Church Social Hour and Supper" came into being in St. John's Church, and it is a tribute to the value of this part of our Church life that it survived the urgency of such a need during the war years and is now recognized as one of the many organizations connected with St. John's. Such a need is catered for once a month, and these gatherings are held on the fourth Sunday with the exception of the month of January.

A spirit of pleasant fellowship and informality prevails under the happy leadership of our minister, Rev. W. P. Temple, and we welcome this opportunity to convey to him in writing our most grateful thanks for the warmth and friendliness he brings to these gatherings.

From many parts of the world visitors have joined with Church members in this Social Hour, and we feel we are privileged to have the chance of these contacts. During the past Church year 117 names have been added to our Visitors' Book.

To the soloists who shared their gift of song with us, to Mr. Canon, our organist, and to all those who helped in the provision of supper, with its attendant duties, the Committee says "Thank you very much".

A last paragraph: There is a need for more volunteers to help provide and to assist at these suppers. Offers of help in this direction from women in the congregation would be eagerly welcomed by the Committee.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

	1953/54	1954/55
Income	£79 10 0	£70 15 0
Arrears	£1 15 0	£3 15 0
Paid Advance	£4 10 0	£2 15 0
Seat Holders	36	33
Seats Let	77	73

IN MEMORIAM

MISS A. M. ATKINS

MRS. J. H. KRAFT

MRS. J. A. GINI

MISS D. V. MARCHBANKS

MISS J. TINGEY

MRS. W. REID

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Note: The cost of urgent repairs to the Church and other buildings authorized before 30th June, 1955, but not completed at that date, will exceed the amount of the balance of £122/12/6 carried forward in the Ordinary Account.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1955**

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
Balances, 1st July, 1954—				Withdrawals—			
Benevolent Fund	£	s.	d.	Benevolent Fund	£	s.	d.
Centennial Collection	200	1	11	Endowment Fund—to Special	17	18	3
Chairs for Hall	236	5	0	Reserve Fund	4,802	0	0
Crockery Replacement Fund	250	0	0	Special Reserve Fund Capital			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	67	15	4	Account	498	0	0
Manse Trust Fund	249	9	5	Special Reserve Fund Income			
Organ Renovation Fund	70	0	0	Account	186	0	11
Provision for Periodic Repaint-	54	4	0	Organ Renovation Fund	50	0	0
ing, &c.	1,078	6	9				5,553 19 2
St. John's Church Rebuilding							
Fund	134	6	2				
St. John's Hostel Fund	1,744	7	5				
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial							
Fund	45	17	0				
Endowment Fund Capital							
Account	9,130	0	0				
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0				
			13,450 13 0				
Interest—				Balances, 30th June, 1955—			
Benevolent Fund	6	0	2	Benevolent Fund	188	3	10
Centennial Collection	0	11	0	Centennial Collection	236	16	0
Chairs for Hall	0	12	0	Chairs for Hall	250	12	0
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	18	6	Crockery Replacement Fund	70	15	10
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	6	5	4	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	267	14	9
Organ Renovation Fund	1	6	10	Manse Trust Fund	70	0	0
Provision for Periodic Repaint-				Organ Renovation Fund	105	10	10
ing, &c.	72	8	3	Provision for Periodic Repaint-			
St. John's Church Rebuilding				ing, &c.	1,480	15	0
Fund	3	16	1	St. John's Church Rebuilding			
				Fund	138	2	3
				St. John's Hostel Fund	1,812	9	3
				St. John's Soldiers' Memorial			
				Fund	47	3	0
				Endowment Fund	4,597	5	0
				Special Reserve Fund	4,304	0	0
				Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0
							13,759 7 9

St. John's Hostel Fund	68	1	10				
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial							
Fund	1	6	0				
Endowment Fund	162	5	0				
Special Reserve Fund	186	0	11				
			510 11 11				
Receipts—							
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0				
Organ Renovation Fund:							
Legacy, E. Kennedy	100	0	0				
Provision for Periodic Repaint-							
ing, &c.	330	0	0				
Endowment Fund	107	0	0				
Special Reserve Fund—from							
Endowment Fund	4,802	0	0				
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	2	0				
			5,352 2 0				
			£19,313 6 11				

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

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31/8/55.

L. M. MILNE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

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Crockery Replacement Fund	1	18 6			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	6	5 4			
Organ Renovation Fund	1	6 10			
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing	72	8 3			
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	3	16 1			
Withdrawals—					
Benevolent Fund	17	18 3			
Endowment Fund—to Special Reserve Fund	4,802	0 0			
Special Reserve Fund Capital Account	498	0 0			
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Organ Renovation Fund	50	0 0			
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Hon. Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955

RECEIPTS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance Brought Forward—							
1st July, 1954	50	0	0				
Late Donation, 1954 Appeal	10	0	0				
Retiring Collections—							
Home Missions	13	6	3				
Maori Missions	16	8	0				
Overseas Missions	27	6	3				
Knox Theological Hall	17	16	2				
March Communion	32	19	7				
June Communion	38	6	3				
Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals	9	8	6				
Donations	65	8	0				
Legacy, Ad. Howitt	100	0	0				
Afternoon Guild	25	0	0				
P.W.M.U.	218	0	0				
Evening Guild	21	8	3				
P.W.M.U. Special Donation	15	0	0				
Evening Guild Special Donation	10	0	0				
Y.M.B.C.	40	1	0				
Y.W.B.C.	29	8	9				
Sunday School	70	0	0				
				809	17	0	
New Life Donations (to date, £3,944/14/10)	377	14	9				
P.S.S.A. Deaconess, Salary	2	0	0				
Legacies, Ad. Howitt—							
Orphanages	50	0	0				
Starving Children Overseas	100	0	0				
N.Z. Council of Christian Educa- tion	30	9	10				
Orphanages	16	5	0				
N.C.C.—Korean Relief	60	5	1				
				636	14	8	
				£1,446	11	8	

PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.
Budget Assessment (1954-55, £821)				809	17	0
Other Special Purposes				636	14	8

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St. John's Church - Willis Street
Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1955-1956



One Hundred and Third Report

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



*One Hundred and Third
Report*

To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday 10th October, 1956
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period 1st July 1955,
to 30th June, 1956

HISTORICAL NOTES

MINISTERS

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Rev. James Paterson	1868-1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D.	1903-1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.	1927-1939
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	1940-1947
Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.,	1948-
Rev. F. H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant Minister)	1954-1955

BUILDINGS

First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
Second Church opened (accommodate 600), "St. John's."	12th Dec., 1875
First manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School Building, Dixon Street, opened	Nov., 1884
Present Church opened (accommodate 900)	6th Dec., 1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension of S.S. Buildings in Macdonald Cres.	1902
St. John's Memorial Hostel for men	1919-1937
Present manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, erected	1928
St. John's Bible Class Institute erected	1956

JUBILEES

Diamond Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1913
Centennial Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee	Oct., 1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	1953
Women's Association Golden Jubilee	Aug., 1937

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Church of Scotland was petitioned to send a Minister to Wellington, 15th Nov, 1851, and Congregation was formally established	17th Nov., 1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School opened in Francis Place	1872
First Service in Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1874
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr Robert Hopkirk	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church hymnary	1937
Choir gownned (1st Presbyterian Choir for N.Z.)	1944
Bible Class Movement, now established in other denominations throughout N.Z., had its origin in the Class formed by Mr (later Sir) Geo. Troup at St. John's.	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
First Women Managers appointed	1951

PUBLICATIONS

Jubilee Booklets.	
Church Diamond Jubilee	1913
Church Centennial Jubilee	1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Church Newspapers.	
"The Record"	1892-1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1930-1931
"The Review"	1936-1938
"The Messenger"	1941-

TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

If you are interested in the history of St. John's, (and it has a very and sometimes dramatic history), you might like to have a copy of "ST. JOHN'S THROUGH 100 YEARS, 1853-1953", (2/6).

And, if you have not already done so, you are invited to spend while in the Church looking at the various memorial windows, tablets and furnishings. Those belonging to our first 100 years are described in pages 8-13 of the above-mentioned booklet.

MINISTER

REV. WILLIAM TEMPLE, M.A., B.D.
The Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, C.2. Telephone 46-492

DEACONESS

SISTER NESSIE MORGAN
44a Pirie Street, C.4. Telephone 55-236

PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

"The best of all is, God is with us." These were John Wesley's last words. Looking back over the past year, can we say as much? For some among us the year has been marked by severe trial and deep sorrow. For others it has brought new decisions, new joys, a changed way of life. Some have left our fellowship to take up house or study or profession in other communities. Some have answered the Father's call to enter into their rest and reward. One ancient writer summed up his experience in a short, sad sentence. "Nothing endures but change." No Christian could add Amen to that. Like other people we have to face the hard facts of life. The winds of change blow across our world as well as other people's. But we do not drag anchor, nor lose steering-way, as long as we can truthfully say Amen to Wesley's words.

The fact that the Church, or one of its congregations, does survive the changings and testings is a sign that God has not forsaken the works of His own hands. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Any work we have done, any witness we have made over the past months, remind us that His Grace made us equal to the call. We know we have problems to face, big problems which must test the faith and consecration of anyone who claims to be a member of St. John's. But that gives us no reason to forget that we have blessings to count. Often, the first step into new strength and usefulness in our Father's service is gratitude for every token of good He has sent us in the past.

As we read the Annual Report, we shall find our cues to thanksgiving. Let us take time to tell Him we are grateful. We shall also find our promptings to prayer. More and more I feel that our first and never-ending ministry as members of Christ's Body is the ministry of prayer. The world we live in; the nation which offers us security, means of livelihood and home-life; the Church which keeps us in remembrance that God is our true adventure, and He only can supply us with the Bread of Life through His Son—for all of them, our prayers are needed every day. Shall we face another year in the firm determination that God will have our prayers as never before? God is able. That is our solid rock of assurance. We build on Him. St. Paul points us to the rock. "Never be anxious about anything, but by prayer and earnest pleading together with thanksgiving let your requests be unreservedly known before God."

Yours in the Fellowship,

WILLIAM P. TEMPLE

OFFICE-BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S

KIRK SESSION:

	Inducted
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., 29 Rawhiti Tce., W.1.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., Karori, W.3.	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2.	1935
MacLeod, D., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3.	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
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, C.4.	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, C.4.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Petone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, C.4.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. F., 117a Brougham Street, C.4.	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2.	1946
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, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach 1931

Assistant Session Clerk:

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

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Baber, A. J.,	38 Waitoa Road, E.2.
Bridge, D. J.,	Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Brodie, Miss E. M.,	55a Central Terrace, 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, E.2.
Dunn, R.,	10 Balmoral Tce., S.1.
Hughes, Mrs P. Gladstone	38 Hapua Road, E.2.
Hunter, Jim	28 Majoribanks Street, C.4.
Hunter, Joe	13 Bidwell Street, S.1.
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street, C.2.
Long, J. H. H.	43a Parkvale Road, W.3.
Lowman, I. S.,	65 Alexander Road, E.2.
Page, T.,	Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay
Reid, W.,	15 Waipapa Road, Hataitai, E.2.
Scott, G. H.,	3 Wilkinson Terrace, C.4.
Stevenson, I. D.,	5 Scapa Terrace, W.3.
Wall, A. L.,	35 Seatoun Heights Road, E.5.
Van Zweeden, M.,	83a Hamilton Road, E.2.

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:

E. E. Henderson. Phone 51-391.

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee:

A. L. Wall (convener), F. C. Spratt, N. G. Robertson (Treasurer),
E. Darroch, ~~D. Johnston~~, H. Glover, ~~G. H. Scott~~, J. H. H. Long,
~~M. D. Stevenson~~, L. R. Blake. ~~T. PATE~~ ~~AS PATE~~

Property Committee:

A. L. Wall (Convener), D. J. Bridge, W. Duthie, ~~J. H. H. Long~~, A. Martin,
N. S. Woods, J. S. Cole, H. Glover, ~~R. D. Dell~~ ~~J. H. H. Long~~ ~~F. C. B.~~

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. H. Long
(Treasurer), Hon. J. R. Marshall, ~~T. Pate~~ ~~K. DELL~~

Rolls Committee:

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

Literature Committee:

Miss M. Chappell (Convener).

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 D. S. Cannon, 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, Mrs R. E.
Pumfrey.

Secretary: Miss Mary MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade. Phone 26-718.

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

Sunday School

Superintendent: Mr C. Yeoman.

Teachers: Miss A. Carley (Secretary), Miss M. Blake (Treasurer),
Misses J. Cunliffe, H. Farquharson, J. Fowler, J. Fullarton, M. Mac-
Kenzie, M. Wisterman, M. Reynolds, Mrs B. Thomson, Messrs A. J.
Baber and W. Meredith.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs A. E. Long.

St. John's P.W.M.U.

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

President: Mrs Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs B. Wilson, Misses M. Chappell and J. Johnston.

Secretary: Mrs B. Elliott, 333 The Terrace (Phone 53-045).

Maori Mission Birthday League Secretary: Miss J. Hanchet.

Mission Box Secretary: Mrs R. Highet.

St. John's Afternoon Guild:

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

President: Mrs P. Gladstone Hughes.

Hon. Vice-president: Mrs W. A. Austin

Vice-Presidents: Mrs T. F. Corkill, Mrs A. P. Smith.

Secretary: Miss C. E. MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Phone 26-718

St. John's Evening Guild:

Hon. President: Mrs W. P. Temple.

President: Miss E. M. Brodie.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs J. H. Long and Mrs N. G. Robertson.

Secretary: Mrs D. J. Bridge, Kelburn Parade, W.1. Phone 41-834.

Senior Young Men's Bible Class and Institute:

Leader: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Asst. Leader: D. Mence, Troup House.

Senior Young Women's Bible Class:

Leader: Sister Nessie Morgan.

Sub Leader: Miss Joan Fowler.

Secretary: Miss Adrienne Carley, 22 Thompson Street.

Intermediate Girls' Bible Class

Leader: Miss C. Harvey, 8 Upland Road.

Junior Girls' Bible Class:

Leader: Mrs I. Rodgers, 10 Salamanca Road.

Intermediate Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: T. Page, A.N.Z. Bank, Featherston Street.

Boys' Brigade Company:

Captain: Mr R. G. Dell, 424a Evans Bay Road.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenant: D. Mence.

Life Boy Team:

Leader in Charge: Miss H. Johnston.

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Leader: Miss D. G. Bibby.

Girls' Life Brigade:

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

Chaplain: Rev. W. P. Temple.

Lieutenants: Miss F. J. Cunliffe, Miss A. R. Carley.

Warrant Officers: Miss A. Leung Wai, Miss J. R. Fowler.

Cadet Leader: Miss F. J. Cunliffe, 38 Bruce Ave., S.W.1.

Cadet Helpers: Miss J. R. Fowler, Miss H. E. Jefferies.

Drama Group:

President: Mr D. J. Bridge.

Secretary: Mrs I. Rodgers.

After-Church Social Hour:

Miss E. M. Brodie, 55A Central Terrace. Phone 27-261.

Boys' Institute Management Committee:

St. John's Church Representatives: Messrs R. Johnstone, J. Cole,
J. Hunter, Jan Rodgers, W. Kraft.

SESSION'S REPORT

Session again records its gratitude to our Heavenly Father 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 eighth series of the Wednesday night lectures, the theme this year being "The Bible Knows the Answers". All those who were able to attend were greatly inspired and blessed.

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

On 14th August, 1955, Session received with very great regret the resignation of Mr R. B. Fowler from the position of Sunday School Superintendent, a position which he held with distinction for 22 years. A Minute of Appreciation of his services has been inserted in the Minute Book. To commemorate Mr Fowler's long years of service, an Annual Prize to be known as the Bruce Fowler Annual Prize was inaugurated in the Sunday School.

Mr C. Yeoman has been appointed to succeed Mr Fowler as Sunday School Superintendent.

The Session Roll now stands at 24. The effective Communion Roll, as at 30th June, 1956, was 396, an increase of six over the previous year. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered 4, and by certificate from other churches, 39. Removals by disjunction were 32, and by death or purging of the roll, 5. The average attendance at the four quarterly Communions was: members 267, visitors 37, total 304. There were 14 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 various organisations, and particularly those who teach in the Sunday School and lead the Bible Classes and Boys' and Girls' Brigade. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them all in their labours.

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.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Board Membership: At the 1955 Annual Meeting of the congregation Messrs Cole, Dell, Dunn, Lawma, Lowman and Wall who retired after the usual three years service were re-elected, and Mr A. J. Baber was added to the Board. During the year Mr W. D. Francis and Mr E. Smith resigned on removing from Wellington. At the close of the year the Board numbered twenty members.

Buildings: The Church buildings have now reached a stage when considerable repairs and renovations are needed and the Board spent a good deal of time on these matters. The following major works were undertaken during the year:

The Cottage was repaired and renovated throughout and improvement made in the kitchen, the total cost for the year being £441.

The Hall roof was extensively repaired and a retaining wall erected on the west boundary—cost £247. Consideration is being given to the matter of the replacing of the foundations and repairs to the floor.

The Men's Bible Class Rooms: The foundations had to be renewed, a large area of the floor was replaced, a retaining wall erected and drainage replaced. Cost to 30th June, £826.

Troup House: Elsewhere in this report reference is made to this building. The building was completed in May and is expected to cost, including furnishing, approximately £4,000. The whole of the architectural and supervision work was provided free of cost by Mr Gray Young an old member of the Bible Class, whose services and expert advice on the many problems that arose were very much appreciated by Bible Class members and by the Board.

Renovations to the Church Organ were completed in June, payments during the year amounting to £700. Members will be aware that the cost of this work was provided out of a bequest made by the late Mr A. P. Smith.

The Piano in the Hall appears to have reached the end of its usefulness and steps are being taken that should make provision for its replacement.

The Church Building has caused some concern. Structural repairs were carried out in the steeple and the major work of replacing the foundations of the steeple and the Church building is in hand.

The Messenger continued to be published quarterly and served a very useful purpose recording Church functions and news, especially for those who are unable to attend service regularly.

The Soldiers' Memorial Committee has been reformed under the convener'ship of Mr J. S. Martin and is examining the possibility of a suitable memorial to those who fell in the last world war.

Budget: Members will be pleased to learn that we reached our assessment of £800. Special appeals on Communion Sundays realised £274. The P.W.M.U. raised £240. Other organisations provided £168.

New Life Fund: Donations received during the year totalled £846, making St. John's contribution to this Fund £4,791 to the end of June.

The Board of Managers expressed its appreciation of the splendid efforts made in support of these two causes. The Board is very pleased also to record that the ordinary account finished with a credit balance of £76.

CHOIR

The roll at the close of the year was 18. Sopranos—8; Altos—7; Tenor—1; Bass—2.

Choral Work: This year has been very difficult owing to the few choir members and therefore we have been unable to do any anthems or hymn studies. However, over the last few weeks, we have welcomed the assistance of Mr Temple at our practices. In December we led the worship, one Sunday evening, with several carols, and this was a joyful occasion for all.

Social: Our last Annual Meeting was held in August at the home of Mr and Mrs Cannon. We combined business with pleasure and after choir practice and the meeting, we once again enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by Mrs Cannon. We also farwelled Miss Hawthorne that night as she was returning to her home country. In January we were glad to see Miss Brodie back from her very enjoyable journey abroad.

Our thanks were due to Mr Graeme Orr, who showed us some very lovely colour slides of the Sounds and various other parts of New Zealand. Afterwards a delightful supper was enjoyed by all. The donations for the evening came to £6/1/0, and this was devoted to the New Life Fund.

The opportunity is taken to thank Mrs Cannon for her hospitality to, and her interest in, the choir, and also to put on record the choir's appreciation of Mr Cannon for his untiring service and help as our organist.

We would like to make a strong appeal to any member of the congregation who can come along on a Thursday night to choir practice to please do so, as we need more voices so very badly. We would also ask you to remember our choir in your prayers, and may our services be rendered to the Glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Having reached its 50th milestone the P.W.M.U. embarked on the 1956 session, and members all over New Zealand took part at many special functions to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.

Our Branch held a special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday morning, 25th September 1956, when the Rev. W. P. Temple preached. At this service a thank offering amounting to £56/15/0 was dedicated, and was allocated to the building fund for a Church hall at Kawerau. Total amount received from all P.A.'s £522/10/0.

Members who attended the Thanksgiving Service arranged by the Wellington P.A., and also held in St. John's Church, had a very helpful and inspiring time. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Gordon, and Dr and Mrs Talib ud Din of India were our honoured guests.

Finally the P.A. held a Jubilee Luncheon and a happy afternoon was spent in good fellowship with the women from other Churches, some coming from as far as Levin.

Membership: A good average attendance has been maintained throughout the year. Our loss of a very highly esteemed member, Mrs A. Watts, has been Napier's gain, and we miss her valuable help. We record with regret the passing of two of our loyal and faithful members, Miss C. Irons and Mrs D. MacLeod, and we render our sincere sympathy to their relatives, and to all other members who have suffered bereavement in their families.

Associate Members: Mrs Fowler, Secretary, has 16 members to whom she sends news of missions and The Messenger, and the Association members express their appreciation of this service.

Meetings: Eight regular monthly meetings were held; two when mission work and other activities were considered, and six when we had speakers. We owe our grateful thanks to the following people, who shared their ideas and experiences and made our meetings interesting:

Miss V. Sutherland, films with commentary and talk on her mission work in India. Miss Tang, China, talk on Formosa. Mrs Martin, a resumé of the Y.W.C.A. activities. Mrs Highet, report of Conference in Dunedin. Mrs Harries, Mission work in the Sudan. Mrs Gilmour from Canada, talk on her homeland.

Only one social afternoon was held and realised £30/18/6. This has been considerably augmented by Mrs Wilson's sales table, which has brought in the magnificent sum of £60/10/6. On November 8th 1955, we combined with the Afternoon Guild at a Bring and Buy, and our share of the proceeds amounted to £24/10/0.

We were invited by the Evening Guild to a congregational Christmas party held in the main hall. This was an outstanding success, and we were all impressed by the atmosphere of family fellowship which pervaded the gathering.

New Life: A splendid concert organised by Mrs Pumfrey brought in £40 for St. John's New Life Fund.

Mission Boxes: Mrs Highet, Treasurer, received £68 from 45 mission boxes.

Coupons: Mrs Madden reports that she has received £10/15/0 from tea and clothing coupons; a very worthwhile effort.

Stamps: Mrs Howe thanks all those who have sent in stamps but, the response, though good, could be better.

Harvest Field: Miss Millar has distributed 47 Harvest Fields, and all subscriptions have been paid.

Maori Mission Birthday League: Receipts for the year totalled £29/13/3.

Evening Guild Report: Miss D. Chappell, our representative, reports a very successful year and contributions to the Mission Budget amounted to £31/8/6.

Field Work: Two sacks and two cartons of clothing have been sent to the Maori Mission field at Taupo.

Thanks: Of these—and there are many to whom we acknowledge our gratitude for help during the year—no one is more deserving of our personal thanks than our greatly loved and respected President, Mrs Hughes. We also specially thank our Minister and his good wife for their co-operation and help, and last but not least, our Accompanist, Mrs Pumfrey.

THE WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

Although nothing spectacular marks the life of the Guild during the year, its members have taken their share in helping the various organisations which look to them for assistance and, also, on the various money-raising efforts within the Church.

The average attendance at the meetings was 38.

At each meeting there has been a guest speaker, and we have wandered in the Philippines, in China, Iraq, India, Nauru Island, and America, gaining an insight into the lives of people who, with the elimination of space, are becoming more closely linked with us.

For these talks, our thanks are due to Mrs C. Roberts, Mr Wu, the Chinese Consul, Mrs Piets, the wife of the Netherlands Consul, Miss Archer of the U.K. High Commissioner's Office, Mrs George Robertson, Miss Melvin Wilson, and Miss Jean Begg.

At the first social afternoon, Miss Clyde's readings from her own poems gave great pleasure.

P.S.S.A.: Mrs Purdie and Miss Millar are St. John's representatives on the Ladies' Auxiliary of the P.S.S.A.

At the Annual Meeting they were active in helping at the stall and with supper. Mending for the Children's Homes was done in March by Guild members, and later, nine patchwork quilts for the Homes were completed.

Bring and Buy: On 8th November, a combined effort of the P.W.M.U. and the Guild produced over £50.

Other activities included: Assistance at the Church Jumble Sale; Taking turn as hostesses at after-Church suppers; Packing for Corso; Work groups during the absence of a Church Officer; making a Christmas parcels of sweets for Porirua Hospital patients.

Membership: Several new members have been welcomed, but Mrs Bryan and Mrs Watt have, unfortunately for us, left Wellington.

In Memoriam: During the year the Guild suffered the loss of two of its most faithful members, who, their service here ended, have been called Home.

We remember with joy and gratitude our fellowship with Mrs MacLeod and Miss Irons.

Thanks: To Mrs Hughes, the President, who has guided and upheld us we express our thanks, and to our Minister we offer our appreciation for the way by which he has led us throughout the year.

EVENING GUILD

The Guild Membership stands at 52, with an average attendance of 29. After three years of devoted service as President Mrs E. Thomson retired, and in her place we have welcomed Miss P. Brodie. We have been fortunate in hearing many interesting and instructive speakers during the year and we are grateful to them for the time they have given to us. In December we held a Christmas Congregational Party which was an outstanding success, and we hope that this happy function will be the first of many. Our Christmas Card project proved to be very popular and raised the sum of £35 for the New Life Fund. This year we hope to publish a Recipe Book, also in aid of New Life, and hope for the support of our friends of the congregation. We have exchanged visits with Wesley Women's Group, and find these contacts with neighbouring Churches a valuable part of our year's programme.

The Guild has raised £57 for New Life, £26 by Direct Giving towards the Mission Budget, donated provisions to the City Deaconess's pantry, visited "Shut-ins", forwarded a carton of bandages and medical supplies to the New Hebrides Mission Hospital, and have taken an active part in all congregational activities.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

We have been unfortunate in losing both Leader and Sub Leader in the persons of Miss Ruth Moses and Miss McKain. However, we have carried on under the able guidance of Sister Morgan as Leader. At present the class number stands at 25.

Our studies have been on St. James's epistle, with valuable combined studies on the Ten Commandments under Mr Temple's guidance. Late last year a Lookout Committee was established in order to seek out and make welcome strangers in the congregation. It is still in practice and doing good work.

We have replaced the Wednesday night prayer circle with a brief period of prayer fellowship in our Sunday Class. We also started a new system for Missions which is working well. The amount for Missions this year is £25.

For the Anniversary Service the Bible Classes sang two anthems and assisted the Sunday School.

On 5th November an all day retreat was held and was felt to be very worthwhile. Afterwards a Guy Fawkes party given at the Orphanage was enjoyed by all. Some members have continued to visit the orphanage periodically.

Our usual own class weekend camp was not held this year. We had instead a retreat, held in our own Sunday School Hall, at which Mr Temple was our speaker.

Our room has been renovated and painted and with new equipment is very comfortable. We now have a water heater, half of the cost of which the Management Committee very kindly contributed.

We have had two successful social evenings this year, one of which was given by members of Session and their wives. We were glad to express our grateful appreciation and thanks to them.

With Mr Temple conducting, St. John's Bible Class won the choir contest, and were runners-up with 53 points in the District Competitions. Miss Margaret Reynold's efforts in organising our entries were greatly appreciated. St. John's girls also won the Bible Class Shield at Easter Camp together with Roseneath. Bible Class also took part in the Indoor Sports and Swimming Competitions.

Special thanks are due to Mr Temple and Sister Morgan for their inspiring leadership and sympathetic help, and to Mr and Mrs Woods for so many enjoyable social evenings we have had in their home.

ST. JOHN'S Y.M.B.C.—TROUP HOUSE

Members of the congregation will be interested to learn that a small residential flat has been provided for young men through an extension to the Y.M.B.C. Rooms at the rear of the Church. This has been made possible by the use of money from the sale of the former St. John's Hostel, by donations from Old Boys and members of the Bible Class, and to a very large extent from funds made available by the Troup family, under the will of the late Sir George Troup.

Arrangements are being made for an official opening at an early date, when it is hoped that Lady Troup and Mr Gordon Troup will be present. Meantime, the flat is a "going concern" and has been occupied since the last week in May.

We take this opportunity of extending a very warm welcome to the "foundation residents"—Messrs Keith Domett and John Sargent, of Palmerston North, Don. Mence of Timaru, and Derek McKay of Havelock North. The Church is fortunate in being able to select as initial residents, a group of young men who are so closely associated with the life of St. John's and with the work of the Young Men's Bible Class.

Appreciation is expressed of the work of the special committee set up by the Board of Managers and the Y.M.B.C. in bringing this project to a successful conclusion, and especially to its Chairman, Mr Leslie Wall, for his interest and enthusiasm.

Further details regarding this development in our Youth Work will be given at the Dedication Service on the official opening-day and will be recorded in an early copy of the "Church Messenger".

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

2nd Wellington Company

In a material way our Boys' Brigade Company cannot be looked on as anything great at the moment. The Company in St. John's was formed eight years ago and until the last three years was a very flourishing organisation. At the end of 1954 we had to go into recess for the lack of both boys and officers. With the help of Mr D. Mence and a P.T. Instructor we were able to make a late start last year with nine boys who were keen to keep up the tradition of the company and since then we have continued to hold our own. At present we have seven boys who are regular attenders.

Our feeling is that with these seven boys we have the nucleus of a good Company, which will honour the aim of the Boys' Brigade, "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards true Christian manliness."

Mr Dornan, who is the B.B. training officer in N.Z., and who has joined St. John's, is giving as much assistance with our Company as his travelling permits. Also with a strong Life Boy Team to bring on recruits we feel that now we will make an advance.

Our difficulties are many, such as the lack of the nucleus of boys from congregational homes, but this work for the Master can and will be done, if we can all remember in our prayers these young boys of our district.

THE LIFE BOYS

2nd Wellington Team

Life Boys recommenced this year with 13 boys. The Team has grown gradually throughout the year and we are pleased to report we now have 21 boys. Only 8 of these boys will remain in the Team next year, the 13 others being promoted to the Boys' Brigade.

One of the conditions of Membership of the Life Boys is that the boy must attend Sunday School. For that reason, four boys who previously never went to Sunday School, now attend St. John's, making a total of 9 Life Boys at St. John's Sunday School.

The boys have gained the following seals this year: Temperance, Safety First, Missionary, Bible Books, Physical Exercise, and Observation. They are at present studying for their Stars Seal under the direction Mr Keith Carley, a former Life Boy.

On 31st May the Team celebrated its 6th birthday with a party. Mrs Bridge, the first Team Leader, presented a shield to the "Meteors"—the winning Team for last year. The Bridge Shield will be competed for each year.

At a recent games evening of the Wellington District, our Team, 2nd Wellington, won the Tenniquoit Competition for the second successive year.

We are happy to welcome Miss Jocelyn Keegan to the Team as a Temporary Leader.

The appearance of the Team has greatly improved throughout the year, discipline is high and there is good Team spirit.

As we go forward we pray that we may attain the object of the Life Boys, which is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among young boys.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE AND CADET SECTION

The roll of the G.L.B. and Cadets has increased slightly, there being 64 altogether. (32 Cadets, 26 girls and 6 officers.) We are pleased to report that our Cadet Section won the 2nd Battalion Cup for the third time, and we heartily congratulate Lieutenant Cunliffe and her helpers. We wish to thank Sister Morgan for her willing help with the music.

The Company had its first success with Battalion Drill in June, winning the Whitelaw Shield, and we wish to thank Major Bilby for the help she gave us one evening.

The year began with a week of intensive training for officers, taken by Miss Gebbie before her visit to Headquarters in London.

The previous Sunday a Dedication Service for Governing Committee and officers was conducted by Rev. Temple as Divisional Chaplain, who is now also Dominion Chaplain.

G.L.B. and Cadets resumed 7th March and a Battalion picnic for Cadets was held at Wilton's Bush. In February, Heather Jefferies and Margaret Scott, went to the Brigade Training Centre at Waikanae, and passed their Corporal's tests. Catherine Inlach has just sat for her practical tests as a Sergeant and gained 83 per cent.

We held a Company Camp at Waikanae on 23 April.

Miss Carley became a Lieutenant in April and assisted in the Battalion Drill.

A combined Church Parade with the Boys' Brigade and Life Boys was held on 8th July, and we sincerely thank our Chaplain for this memorable service. Mr Dornan, the newly appointed Training Officer for B.B. from Ireland, inspected the units in the hall and inspired the youngest Cadet.

G.L.B. Week was held in June and we sincerely thank all those who contributed to the work of G.L.B. in N.Z., and our own Company.

The following badges have been worked for this year: Bible Knowledge, Skipping, Handiman's, and 'Physiology.

We hope to hold a Parents' Night, 13th August, when four Cadets will be promoted, a programme of Cadet and G.L.B. work will be given, and awards and badges will be presented.

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

We thank God for His guidance and help, and pray for His blessing in the year to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Sunday, 6 November, Promotion Day was held, at 2.30 p.m. Last year Lorraine Button and Ross Long won the Hopkirk Memorial Prize. As usual, Promotion Day was followed by a tea on Monday night, 7 November, with films later.

Our Annual Picnic this year was again held at Day's Bay, and a bus called at St. John's. This was a suitable arrangement, and a happy day was enjoyed by all at the Park.

We were sorry to receive our Superintendent, Mr R. B. Fowler's resignation late last year. Over the last twenty years and more Mr Fowler has given invaluable service to St. John's Sunday School and we wish to assure him of our sincere appreciation. He was always to be relied on and we are deeply grateful for the untiring work he has performed. We welcome Mr C. Yeoman as Mr Fowler's successor.

At present the Intermediate Department is working hard to learn the memory work for part of the Hopkirk Memorial. This year the names of the books of the Old Testament, Luke 2: 8-20 and Isaiah 53, are being learnt. This Department has had more regular lessons this year as at a S.S. Teachers' Meeting it was decided not to have an Anniversary Service this year, but to have a Carol Service instead. Both Junior and Intermediate Departments shared a film on Easter Sunday; a talk by Sister Morgan on Turakina Maori Girls' College; an illustrated talk by Mr May on Palestine; and a talk on Samoa by Mr Meredith, a new teacher in the Junior Department whom we are pleased to welcome.

The Primary Department has been brightened up considerably by the painting of the forms and chairs. Mr Chappell did this work for us and we are grateful.

Two more people we would like to thank are Miss Gladys Grey and Miss M. Bryan. Miss Grey, our Secretary, left this year as she is now teaching nearer her home, and we wish her well in her career. Miss Bryan, who has been with us a short time, left to travel further afield.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

In "Saturday Night at Eight," St. John's continues to open its doors once a month, to offer hospitality to the elderly, the lonely, and any

who care to accept its invitation. Good varied entertainment is provided, followed by supper. Many of those who attend are under the care of the Field Officer of St. John Ambulance Association, and the oft-expressed appreciation of this organisation is indicative of the pleasure which these elderly folk derive from these evenings. The following extract is from a letter of appreciation received from St. John's Ambulance Association.

"On behalf of my Executive I have to express its sincere thanks to your social committee for the help and kindness given to the St. John group of elderly folk serviced by Miss K. Grand, Field Officer. The members of the Group have highly appreciated the privilege and pleasure of attending 'Saturday Night at Eight', the interest shown in our work, the old people invited, and the provision of Transport. . . . We trust your co-operation and courtesy can be continued, giving as they do so much happiness to the old people concerned." Signed J. W. Collins (Chairman).

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

At the beginning of 1956 Miss Jean Hanchet asked to be relieved of the convenship of this Committee, and we would place on record the Church's indebtedness to her for competent and faithful service during nearly eight years in office.

The Suppers continue to provide an opportunity for social intercourse between our members and for welcoming and giving hospitality to the many visitors from all parts of the world, who come to St. John's. During the year 70 people have signed our Visitors' Book.

For a long time there has been no call on the Board of Managers for expenses, thanks to the generosity of a member of the congregation.

We would thank all who so willingly and generously provide the Supper; those who have given pleasure with musical items; Mr Cannon for his services as accompanist; and our Minister who, in presiding always kindles a warmth of happy fellowship, giving the touch of humour or the more serious "word in Season" as occasion arises.

REPORT—SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE

Period 1st July, 1955, to 30th June, 1956

	1954/55	1955/56
Income	£70 15 0	£66 10 0
Arrears	£3 15 0	£1 10 0
Paid Advance	£2 15 0	£4 15 0
Seat Holders	33	28
Seats Let	73	65

IN MEMORIAM

MRS C. E. BARCHAM
MISS P. W. GIRDWOOD
MR J. J. HARVEY
MISS IRONS
MR R. JOHNSTON
MRS D. MACLEOD
MISS J. G. RALSTON

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1956

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, Ordinary Account, 1st July, 1955					122	12	6
Envelope Collections		1,067	15	11			
Less 15 per cent. to Missions		160	6	0			
Net Envelope Collections		907	9	11			
Plate Collections		1,474	12	0			
Pew Rents		67	0	0			
					2,449	1	11
Donations to Upkeep of School-room					168	11	0
Sundry Donations					59	10	0
Wednesday Lectures					13	18	3
Interest, Manse Trust Fund					1	19	8
Special Reserve Fund: Income Account					148	3	4
Jumble Sales					82	16	11
Bring and Buy					152	12	2
Special Appeal, June, 1956					442	14	9
Y.W.B.C. Half cost of water heater					15	0	0
Sunday School 102nd Anniversary					52	12	3
Withdrawal from deposit held for purchase of Chairs					131	5	0
Withdrawal from Special Reserve Fund Capital Account					1,622	2	6

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PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
Rev. W. P. Temple—				
Salary		725	0	0
Car Allowance		125	0	0
Rev. F. H. Liffiton		322	16	1
Sister N. Morgan—				
Salary		400	0	0
Travelling, etc., Expenses		21	10	0
Mr S. Cannon, Organist		150	0	0
Mr E. E. Henderson, Church Officer		332	10	0
Pulpit Supply		21	15	0
Light, Heat and Power		109	17	9
Postages, Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.		139	5	5
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.		330	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account		12	0	0
General Repairs, Church and other buildings		151	19	11
Plumbing Repairs, Church and other buildings		107	16	6
Hotwater heater, Sunday School building		29	5	0
Special works				
Repairs roof of Sunday School building		170	15	0
Retaining wall behind Sunday School building		76	5	6
Cottage:				
Carpentry work		142	9	3
Plumbing work		53	9	6
Interior painting and papering		222	10	0
Gas Fire		22	12	4
Young Men's Bible Class rooms: general repairs		826	0	11
Steeple: replacement of beam (on account)		108	0	0
Organ Tuning		10	10	0
Rates, Manse and Cottage		93	3	1
Telephones: Manse, Cottage and Deaconess		36	17	6

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30th JUNE, 1956

	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances, 1st July, 1955—						
Benevolent Fund	188	3	10			
Centennial Collection	236	16	0			
Chairs for Hall	250	12	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	70	15	10			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	267	14	9			
Manse Trust Fund	70	0	0			
Organ Renovations Fund	105	10	10			
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	1,480	15	0			
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	138	2	3			
St. John's Hostel Fund	1,812	9	3			
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	47	3	0			
Endowment Fund	4,597	5	0			
Special Reserve Fund	4,304	0	0			
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0			
			13,759 7 9			
Interest—						
Benevolent Fund	5	10	1			
Centennial Collection	6	14	0			
Chairs for Hall	7	2	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	1	19	8			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	6	14	4			
Organ Renovation Fund	3	15	4			
Provisions for periodic repainting, etc.	99	12	4			
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	3	18	3			
Withdrawals—						
Benevolent Fund				1	6	9
Special Reserve Fund:						
Capital—for special repairs to buildings				1,622	2	6
Income—To current Revenue				148	3	4
St. John's Hostel Fund—on account of Bible Class Institute				1,750	0	0
Chairs for Hall				131	5	0
						3,652 17 7
Balances, 30th June, 1956—						
Benevolent Fund	192	7	2			
Centennial Collection	243	10	0			
Chairs for Hall	126	9	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	73	0	6			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	286	9	1			
Manse Trust Fund	70	0	0			
Organ Renovations Fund	159	6	2			
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	1,910	7	4			
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	142	0	6			
St. John's Hostel Fund	129	4	4			
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	48	9	9			
Endowment Fund	4,972	12	8			
Special Reserve Fund	2,982	3	2			
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0	0			
						11,525 19 8

St. John's Hostel Fund	66	15	1			
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	1	6	9			
Endowment Fund	170	7	8			
Special Reserve Fund	148	3	4			
				521	18	10
Receipts—						
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0			
Organ Renovation Fund—refund of amount withdrawn during 1954-55	50	0	0			
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	330	0	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	5	0	0			
Endowment Fund:						
Legacy R. Fleming dec'd	200	0	0			
Donation	5	0	0			
Special Reserve Fund:						
Legacies to St. John's for general purposes:						
D. V. Marchbanks	100	0	0			
A. M. Atkins	100	0	0			
J. E. Howden	100	5	8			
				897	10	8

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1956**

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

I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30th June, 1956, and in my opinion the above statements correctly show the position at that date.

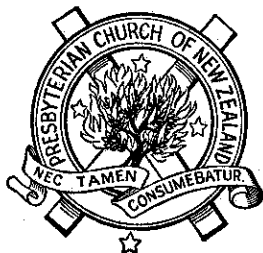
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L. M. Milne, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.

*St. John's Church - Willis Street
Wellington*

ANNUAL REPORT

1956-1957



One Hundred and Fourth Report

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



*One Hundred and Fourth
Report*

To be presented at the Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday 11th September, 1957,
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period 1st July 1956
to 30th June, 1957

HISTORICAL NOTES

MINISTERS

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Rev. James Paterson	1868-1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D.	1903-1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.	1927-1939
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	1940-1947
Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.	1948-1957
Rev. F. H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant Minister)	1954-1955
Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.	1957

BUILDINGS

First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
Second Church opened (accommodate 600), "St. John's"	12th Dec., 1875
First manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School Building, Dixon Street, opened	Nov., 1884
Present Church opened (accommodate 900)	6th Dec., 1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension of S.S. Buildings in Macdonald Cres.	1902
St. John's Memorial Hostel for men	1919-1937
Present manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, erected	1928
St. John's Bible Class Institute erected	1956
Present manse sold new manse purchased Kelburn Parade	1957

JUBILEES

Diamond Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1913
Centennial Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee	Oct., 1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	1953
Women's Association Golden Jubilee	Aug., 1937

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Church of Scotland was petitioned to send a Minister to Wellington 15th Nov. 1851, and Congregation was formally established	17th Nov., 1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School opened in Francis Place	1872
First Service in Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1874
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr Robert Hopkirk	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church hymnary	1937
Choir gownned (1st Presbyterian Choir for N.Z.)	1944
Bible Class Movement, now established in other denominations throughout N.Z., had its origin in the Class formed by Mr (later Sir) Geo. Troup at St. John's	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
First Women Managers appointed	1951

PUBLICATIONS

Jubilee Booklets	
Church Diamond Jubilee	1913
Church Centennial Jubilee	1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Church Newspapers	
"The Record"	1892-1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1936-1951
"The Review"	1941-
"The Messenger"	1936-1938

TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

If you are interested in the history of St. John's, (and it has a lively and sometimes dramatic history), you might like to have a copy of "ST. JOHN'S THROUGH 100 YEARS, 1853-1953", (2/6).

And, if you have not already done so, you are invited to spend a while in the Church looking at the various memorial windows, tablets and furnishings. Those belonging to our first 100 years are described on pages 8-13 of the above-mentioned booklet.

MINISTER

REV. J. KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN, M.B.E., B.A.
The Manse, 2 Kelburn Parade, W.I. Telephone 46-492

DEACONESS

SISTER NESSIE MORGAN

44a Pirie Street, C.4. Telephone 55-236

PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This Preface to your Annual Report comes as a kind of postscript to my ministry in St. John's. Let me say, first, what a deep joy it gives Mrs Temple and me that you have at the time I'm writing called your new Minister. I know Mr Fairbairn to be a man of great personality and gifts, experienced as few men are in the work of the ministry, and sustained by a warm zeal for the Gospel. I know you, too, and believe you will uphold him and his family with that loyalty of affection and prayer which you never ceased to accord to us.

Few of us react happily to changes. Yet, in the life of any congregation changes must come if we are growing at all. Growth expresses itself in changed lives and changed ways. It is a sign of growth that we don't go on doing the same things in the same old way. From the beginning that has been the true story of the Spirit's working in the Church. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation." "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." God is never satisfied, and He won't allow us to feel satisfied until His Will is done on earth, as it is in Heaven. He says, "Behold, I do a new thing". The glory of the Gospel is that it calls us to serve a Father Who can do the most surprising things when we give Him a right-of-way through our lives and Churches.

St. John's is standing on the threshold of a new day. Its strength will always lie in members who have personally entered into love's alliance with the church's King and Head. Their master-passion will be to make His Love visible in every Service and every activity which call them together. Their reward will be that here in one corner of the City they are being used by Christ to demonstrate the joy and power of His family-life. For in essence that is what the Church is called to be and to do—to help other people to see our Father's face and show them how His children can gather round His knees. If I were asked to choose one hymn that might become your marching-song as you face the new days with your new Minister, I think my choice would be hymn 442. In the years to come may you see many sheaves for your sowing, and prove in your homes and congregational life that "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think".

Yours in the Fellowship,

William P. Temple.

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., 29 Rawhiti Tce., W.1.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., Karori, W.3.	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2.	1935
MacLeod, D., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3.	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, C.4.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Petone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, C.4.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham Street, C.4.	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2.	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1.	1950
Dell, R. G., 424A Evans Bay Road, E.2.	1956
Long, J. H. H., 43A Parkvale Road, W.3.	1956
Page, T. Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay, C.1.	1956
Wall, A. I., 35 Seatoun Heights Road, E.5.	1956

Session Clerk:

Dr H. Bayldon Ewen, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach 1931

Assistant Session Clerk:

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

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Baber, A. J.	38 Waitoa Road, E.2.
Bridge, D. J.	Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Brodie, Miss E. M.	55a Central Terrace, W.1.
Chappell, F. C.	28 Stoke St., S.1.
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke St. S.1.
Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Cole, J. S.	49 Aro Street, C.2.
Dommett, K.	Troup House, St. John's Church
Dunn, D. R.	10 Balmoral Tce., S.1.
Garrity, R. B.	Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay, C.1.
Hughes, Mrs P. Gladstone	38 Hapua Road, E.2.
Hunt, John	63 Pirie St. C.4.
Hunter, Jim	28 Majoribanks Street, C.4.
Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2.
Orr, G. A.	23 Delhi Cres., N.5.
Rodgers, Ian	10 Salamanca Road, C.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, C.4.
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Scapa Terrace, W.3.
Van Zweeken, M.	33a Hamilton Road, E.2.

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:

E. E. Henderson, Church Cottage. 'Phone 51-391

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee:

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

Property Committee:

A. L. Wall (Convener), F. C. Chappell, D. J. Bridge, W. Duthie, John
Hut, A. Martin, J. S. Cole, 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

Envelopes Contributions Committee:

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

Rolls Committee:

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

Literature Committee:

Miss M. Chappel (Convener).

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 Malcolm Richard, L.T.C.M., 102 Hataitai
Road, E.2. 'Phone 81-455.

President: The Minister.

Vice-President: Misses H. D. Clyde and E. M. Brodie, Mrs R. E. Pumfrey.

Secretary: Miss Mary MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade. Phone 26-718

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

Sunday School

Superintendent: Mr A. J. Baber, 38 Waitoa Road, E.2.

Secretary: Miss A. Carley, 22 Thompson St. 'Phone 58-000/6454M.

Teachers: Misses A. Button, J. Copeland, J. Elliott, J. Fowler, B. and H.
Jeffries, B. Kempton, A. Laurie, P. Lees, M. McGee, M. MacKenzie,
Mrs B. Thompson.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs A. E. Long.

St. John's P.W.M.U.

Hon. President: The Minister.

Acting President: Mrs Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs B. Wilson, Misses M. Chappell and J. Johnston.

Secretary: Mrs B. Elliott, 333 The Terrace (Phone 53-045).

Maori Mission Birthday League Secretary: Miss J. Hanchet. Phone 51-485.

Mission Box Secretary: Mrs R. Highet. Phone 54-309.

St. John's Afternoon Guild:

Hon President: The Minister.

Acting President: Mrs P. Gladstone Hughes.

Hon. Vice-president: Mrs W. A. Austin.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs T. F. Corkill, Mrs A. P. Smith.

Treasurer: Miss D. Chappell, Phone 24-560.

Secretary: Miss J. S. Johnston, 33 Central Tce. Phone 26-002.

St. John's Evening Guild:

Hon President:—

President: Miss E. M. Brodie.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs J. H. Long and Mrs N. G. Robertson.

Secretary: Miss M. M. Blake, 44 Pirie St. Phone 56-308

Senior Young Men's Bible Class and Institute:

Leader:

Asst. Leader: D. Mence, Troup House.

Senior Young Women's Bible Class:

Leader: Miss Mary Wall.

Sub Leader: Miss Joan Fowler.

Secretary: Miss Adrienne Carley, 22 Thompson Street.

Intermediate Girls' Bible Class:

Leader: Miss C. Harvey, 8 Upland Road.

Junior Girls' Bible Class:

Leader: Mrs I. Rodgers, 10 Salamanca Road.

Intermediate Young Men's Bible Class:

Leader: Mr Ian Rodgers.

Boys' Brigade Company:

Captain: Mr R. G. Dell, 424a Evans Bay Road.

Lieutenant: D. Mence.

Life Boy Team:

Leader in Charge: Miss H. J. Johnston, 7 Lochiel Rd., Khandallah.

Leader: Mrs J. Perry.

Girls' Life Brigade:

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

Lieutenants: Miss A. R. Carley, Miss J. R. Fowler.

Warrant Officers: Miss A. Leung Wai.

Cadet Leader: Miss J. R. Fowler.

Cadet Helper: Miss H. E. Jefferies.

After-Church Social Hour

Miss E. M. Brodie, 55A Central Terrace. Phone 27-261

Saturday Night at Eight

Convener: Mrs N. S. Woods.

Secretary: Mrs John Hunt.

Boys' Institute Management Committee:

St. John's Church Representatives: Messrs J. Cole, Ian Rodgers, W. Kraft.

SESSION'S REPORT

During the year we have lost the services of our beloved Pastor, the Rev. W. P. Temple, M.A., B.D. Mr Temple was called by Assembly to undertake the duties of Supervisor of Religious Broadcasting for the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, and concluded his ministry to St. John's at the end of February 1957. Session has placed on record their deep thankfulness to God for the outstanding ministry of His servant over the past eight years, and extends to Mr and Mrs Temple their very best wishes for a very happy and useful life in their new sphere of service. May God's richest blessings go with them always.

After much careful consideration and prayer the Congregation decided to send a call to the Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A., who for the last ten years has ministered to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gisborne. Mr Fairbairn has accepted the call and will probably commence his ministry at St. John's towards the end of August. May God's guidance and blessing be ever with him and his family.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. D. W. Storkey who so ably undertook the duties of Interim Moderator during the vacancy, and to all those who so willingly fulfilled pulpit appointments.

Session again places on record their great appreciation of the services rendered by our Deaconess, Sister Nessie Morgan, who for yet another year has been unsparing in her ministry of bringing relief and consolation to many of our folks in their sickness or sorrow, and assisting in many ways the various organisations of our Church.

During the year Mr C. Yeoman was transferred to Blenheim and Mr A. J. Baber very kindly undertook the duties of Sunday School Superintendent.

The Session Roll now stands at 26. The effective Communion Roll, as at 30th June 1957, was 324, a decrease of 72 during the last year. This decrease is largely accounted for by purging of the roll. Admissions during the year by profession of faith numbered 4, and by certificate from other churches, 23. Removals by disjunction were 45, and by death or purging of the roll, 54. The average attendance at the four quarterly Communion services was: members 263, visitors 34, total 297. There were 12 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 various organisations, and particularly those who teach in the Sunday School and lead the Bible Classes and Boys' and Girls' Brigades. We pray that God's richest blessings will be on them all in their labours.

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. Among those who during the year have gone to their Eternal Rest, was Mrs G. H. McNeur, wife of the late Very Rev. G. H. McNeur, one time Missionary in China; and Sister Nora Deck, a former Deaconess of St. John's.

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

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Board Membership:

At the 1956 Annual Meeting of the congregation Miss Clyde, Mrs Hughes and Mr Scott who retired after the usual three years' service were re-elected, and Messrs F. C. Chappell, K. G. Dommett, R. B. Garrity, John Hunt, W. H. Kraft, G. A. Orr and Ian Rodgers were added to the Board. Messrs Dell, Long, Page and Wall were elected elders. Mr W. Reid left Wellington and we regret the loss by death of Mr R. Johnston and Mr Joe Hunter. There are now twenty-one members on the Board.

Church Buildings:

Extensive repair work has been carried out during the year and is still proceeding. The wooden piles under the steeple were replaced in concrete and structural repairs carried out—cost £364.

New piles are being placed under the Church and the cost of this work to date is £610. The wooden piles under the Church hall were replaced in concrete a new floor laid down and other repair work was carried out at a total cost of £2,572. Improved heating has also been provided in the hall.

Budget:

St John's assessment of £830 was met in full the main receipts being £179 transferred from envelope collections, £256 retiring collections mainly at Communion Services, £267 from P.W.M.U. and Evening Guild funds, and £111 from the Bible Classes and Sunday School.

New Life:

Contributions received during the year totalled £262 bringing St. John's total to £5,053. An amount exceeded by few other Churches.

Finance:

Place collections for the year showed a drop of £92 but this was offset by an increase in envelope giving of £107. Special appeals were made during the year for increased contributions but the response was not regarded as very successful only about one third of our members responding. At the end of the year the ordinary account was overdrawn by £130.

Soldiers' Memorial

A special committee has been working on this matter and has had some difficulty in securing names of those who served and made the supreme sacrifice.

Indications are that a proposal will be submitted at an early date.

New Piano:

Many members will have no regrets at parting with the old table grand piano in the hall and will be pleased with the new piano purchased recently.

Manse:

In June a thorough examination was made of the existing manse in Wai-te-ata Road and in view of its condition and difficulty of access the Board was authorised to sell and secure other accommodation. There are indications that the Board will have some important proposals to put before the congregation in the near future.

CHOIR

The roll at 30th June stands at 21: 9 Sopranos, 6 Altos, 2 Tenors and 4 Basses.

The year has brought us to another milestone in our history with the installation of a new organist and choirmaster. Mr Cannon who relinquished the office in April always took a keen interest in all that concerned the Choir, an interest that was unflinching through difficult times when numbers were small and the organ under repair.

The major repairs to the organ, another milestone in our history, were made possible by a bequest from Mr Alex Smith, and we remember with gratitude this further expression of the traditional family interest in our Church organ.

For some months prior to his departure from St. John's Mr Temple conducted our Choir practices, and his enthusiasm was a great source of encouragement. Members of the congregation have expressed appreciation of the carol service prepared under Mr Temple's direction, and also of the anthems which have again been introduced into our orders of Service.

At the Special Services conducted by Presbytery for the licensing of Divinity Students and for the introduction of Mr Temple into his present office, the Choir was present to give a lead to the singing, while at several congregational gatherings choir members have contributed to the programme. We have recently been invited by the Prisons' Chaplain to take our turn in accompanying him to the Sunday morning services at Mt. Crawford.

We greatly appreciated a gift of £10/10/0 recently made to the Choir by a friend who wishes to remain anonymous. Through the generosity of this unknown benefactor, of the late Mr Ad. Howitt and of the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Mainland we have been able to replenish our store of anthems and hymn books. We are indebted to Mr Cannon for much time spent in re-binding the old books, and to those who have recently provided neat protective coverings for all our music books.

The marriage of our Secretary, Miss Jocelyn Keegan, while depriving us of a faithful Choir member provided the opportunity for enjoying a picnic tea together as a farewell gesture, and an evening spent at the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Strong was another happy occasion which brought us together for work and play in an atmosphere of fun and good fellowship.

In taking leave of Mr and Mrs Temple we join with all other Church organisations in expressing our appreciation of all that they have meant to the life of the Church. As a Choir we part very reluctantly from one whose love of singing and joy in the service of praise was always an inspiration, and it is with grateful hearts that we wish them well wherever they may go.

ST. JOHN'S P.W.M.U.

In presenting to you the Annual Report for the year ended 31st May 1957 I feel that I cannot find a more appropriate phrase to describe our year's work than that used in the recent issue of the St. John's Messenger. It told of the simple entry—"We sailed on"—in the ship's log when Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery. And so during 1956-57 we sailed on.

In February we had the sad task of bidding farewell to our Hon. Presidents, Mr and Mrs Temple, and we express to them our warmest appreciation for their understanding help and leadership and trust that they will be richly blessed in the years to come.

We have lost, through death, two of our very loyal and devoted members, the Misses Mary and Jane Ralston. Their interest and outstanding generosity to missions will be greatly missed. We extend our sincerest sympathy to their relatives.

Meetings: There have been nine meetings and we would thank our guest speakers for helping so much to make them interesting and enjoyable.

In October, instead of our usual custom, members spent the afternoon on a tour of inspection at the Children's Homes.

A "Bring and Buy" combined with the Afternoon Guild was held in November and realised £60. Half of this amount goes to missions.

Mrs Simms, who was our official delegate to Conference in Auckland, addressed our opening meeting in March.

Members were invited to St. Andrew's Coin Afternoon in April and in May an "At Home" was the order of the day. At this meeting the Direct Giving Envelopes were handed in and the amount received was £26/10/0.

In addition the following sums have been obtained from:

	£	s.	d.
60 Mission Boxes	114	0	0
Evening Guild	30	15	0
M.M.B. League	31	7	6
Stamps and coupons	8	18	0
Mrs Wilson's Sales Table	36	19	3
Scott Trust	30	0	0

and with collection, Bring and Buy, etc., brings the total amount for the year to £365/12/7.

Once again our thanks are due to all the ladies whose willing help and co-operation have combined to make our work throughout the year harmonious and pleasant.

In conclusion we pray that God may give us renewed courage and strength for ourselves and for all those who are dedicated to the service of the P.W.M.U.

At the Annual Meeting £60 was paid in to New Life Funds and £267 to the Church Budget for Missions.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE

Subscriptions for year ended 31st May, 1957, totalled £31/7/6, this being a small increase over last year's figures of £1/14/3.

Senior Section	£28	0	0
Junior Section	£3	7	6
	£31	7	6

Membership in both Senior and Junior (Sunday School) sections is substantially the same. New members have helped to fill the gaps made by former members who have moved from Wellington.

There has also been a greater awareness of the work being accomplished in the Maori Mission Field since Rev L. Rogers preached in St. John's and also showed extremely interesting pictures of the different stations and their personnel. Several new members have been added to the roll since 31st May and so it is with confidence that we look forward to the coming year's work and a greater practical interest in the work of the Maori Mission Birthday League in St. John's Church.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

Fellowship, friendliness and service have been the aims of the Guild throughout the year.

Interesting travel talks, picture afternoons, discussions on finance and church property have helped to make the meetings worthwhile.

Members have been interested in the work of the P.S.S.A., have helped with mending for the Homes, packed for Corso, collected on Street Days and assisted with suppers at many Church functions. The Guild gave £10 towards the cost of the new sink. At Christmas several elderly members were given special gifts.

The work of the Deaconess has also received support every month.

The renovation of the carpet and new linoleum in the porch have also been included in the year's list of works while a special donation of £20/4/6 was recently given to the General Expenses Account of the Church.

During the year Miss E. MacKenzie found it necessary on account of absence from Wellington to resign the secretaryship. We record with deep appreciation her outstanding work for the Guild.

We also record with a sense of loss the departure from St. John's of the Rev. and Mrs W. P. Temple. Mrs Temple as Honorary President has always given ready assistance in all our activities. Her special gifts were in evidence at the various functions of the Church and her

friendliness and interest in the members will be gratefully remembered.

Through all the years of his ministry Mr Temple has been ready to help with music and song, and always encouraged the Guild to continue steadfastly in its work.

Our thanks are due to all those who have worked so willingly during the year, to those who have attended meetings regularly and to all who have responded so generously to every appeal.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

Membership of Guild at present stands at 46 with an average attendance of 30.

At the beginning of 1957, Mrs D. Bridge resigned from the office of Secretary, and Miss M. Blake succeeded her in this position.

During this year we have enjoyed a wide variety of speakers. Miss S. Ogilvie spoke of her visit to our Mission in Hong Kong. Mrs E. Phillips told us of her life in America. Miss Webb, Occupational Therapist to the Foundation for the Blind spoke of her work and showed samples of the handiwork of the blind. Mrs Royston Brown's account of missionary life in India was enjoyed by all.

Members of the congregation were our guests when Mr N. S. Woods spoke of the Duke of Edinburgh's Study Conference on Industrial Relations. Rev. J. Gordon told us of his recent visit overseas. Rev. D. Storkey's address from the text John 3:16 was enjoyed by all members. Constable Mathieson of the Women's Division of the Police Force gave an interesting talk on her work.

In November a number of Guild members visited Arohata and entertained the girls at a Christmas party. An experiment in friendship was the inviting of Sunday School mothers to evening parties at the homes of Mrs Temple and Miss Blake. Members were guests of Wesley Women's Group at an evening gathering.

Staff from our P.S.S.A. homes were entertained by Guild members at an enjoyable Guild meeting.

Our special effort for New Life was the publication of a Recipe Book, sales of which raised £61/5/5. An evening at Miss J. McKenzie's home, at which Miss R. Wicks showed colour slides of Europe, raised a further £6/10/0. These special efforts, together with a stall on Guild evenings, brought our giving to New Life to £127/10/3. Our Direct Giving to Missions amounted to £30/15/0.

A large carton of educational and medical supplies was despatched to New Hebrides. A generous donation of supplies was made to the City Deaconess's pantry. Guild contributed towards cost of new kitchen sink and bench. Members again helped with Corso packing and collecting for Y.W.C.A.

The Guild has taken an active part in all congregational activities, including help with Church flowers, After Church Suppers and Saturday Night at Eight.

A meeting for Bible study and prayer is held on first Tuesday each month.

Miss Isobel Brook, a Guild member, has undertaken responsibility of the Church gardens and has done much to beautify the Church surroundings. We thank all who have donated plants.

With Mr Temple's resignation we lost our Hon. President, Mrs Temple, who was always willing to take an active part in all Guild activities. Mr Temple, too, took a friendly interest in all our activities, and we ask God's blessing on his new sphere of service.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASSES, WELLINGTON

In presenting this report, the committee is very conscious of the fact that were it not for God's spirit in our midst, many of our tasks would

have been greater. We are humbly grateful for the privilege of working together under His care.

Membership: We have a combined class roll of 62, and an average attendance of about 30. As University does not start until after class has begun in the year and as many students go home for long weekends, this gives reason for our low average.

Studies: Direct Bible Studies have been taken by the senior and intermediate classes whilst the junior classes have used a syllabus. The Senior Young Women's class have taken studies from James and Matthew, and have also discussed topics of everyday practical Christian living including the subject of mixed marriages. The Senior Young Men's class have also emphasised practical Christianity in their discussions. They have also taken studies from Luke, and both the senior classes have found the subject of Spiritual Healing intensely interesting.

Missions: We have given £45 to the mission work of the Bible Class Movement, and this amount is included in St. John's Budget.

Guy Fawkes Party: Our annual Guy Fawkes party at the Children's Home was great fun for everyone. In spite of the uncertain weather every variety of firework was tried and after the fire had died we had supper with the children and put them to bed under Sister Helen's supervision.

We have in the Bible Class a group of both boys and girls, who have volunteered to take children on an outing on the 4th Saturday in the month.

Camps: In March, a weekend camp was held at Wainuiomata. Studies were prepared by Rev. Ormie Burton who led the Leader's Circle on the first morning. Keen interest and discussion arose in all studies. A happy family atmosphere prevailed and it is felt the camp was a very worthwhile venture.

Sports: Again in March, swimming sports were held for Wellington District Bible Classes when Khandallah won by a narrow margin from Karori. St. John's competed in several events.

In June Indoor Sports were held at the Winter Show Buildings with events for Table Tennis, Indoor Basketball and Badminton. St. John's entered teams in Indoor Basketball and Table Tennis but were not strong enough to win the banner.

A vigorous game of basketball was arranged for the girls by Sister Nessie and was played at Arohata in April, and a happy afternoon tea followed.

Competitions: St. John's were a close runner-up to Khandallah in the Annual Bible Class Competitions held in 1956. Mr Temple spent a great deal of time in training the choir, which did him credit by coming first.

National Council of Churches Youth Sunday: We combined with young people from the Taranaki St. Methodist Church, and the Central Baptist Church at St. Peters and vigorously discussed many controversial topics. An ecumenical committee was formed to investigate the needs of young people in Wellington and to encourage church people to take some practical action in providing hospitality, and generally befriending the hundreds of young folk resident in hostels and boarding houses.

B.C. Day of Prayer: In May, 35 members of all classes attended a morning Watch Service at Mount Victoria when Eric Sherburd, a young Baptist minister, gave a very stimulating address on prayer and how to pray. Later breakfast was prepared and served at St. John's by Pearl Brodie and Benny Thompson, for which we most gratefully thank them.

Special Speakers at Combined Meetings: Sister Helen Aunt, from the Children's Home, spoke to us on her work. Sister Nessie arranged for Mrs MacArthur to give her own experiences in faith healing and we gained a much better insight into this aspect of our faith. Another enlightening talk was given by Mrs Harvey who very kindly spoke to us on Church Union.

Council Meetings: At a committee meeting of the Girls' Class it was decided to revert to the old form of having a council meeting before

a tea every month. All classes would then have a chance to combine their interests in church affairs. As other classes agreed with the suggestion Council was resumed and has been extremely successful.

The first talk at these meetings was provided by members of the Bible Class who attended the Second Ecumenical Conference at Palmerston North. All aspects of Conference were discussed and slides were shown.

Other speakers have been Sister Nessie who spoke on Arohata and Father Parsonage from St. Mary's Church who discussed the differences between the Roman Catholic Church and the Presbyterian Church. Pearl Brodie gave a most enjoyable talk on Churches she had visited while on her recent trip abroad.

An essential part of these Council Meetings is a time of prayer. We have considered Christ's commands about prayer, and we feel that we gain much from praying together.

The senior classes also hold a Prayer Circle prior to classes on Sunday mornings.

Room: The girls wish to express their thanks to the Management Committee for providing a sink on the top floor, which saves them a long trek down to the kitchen and back.

Donations: The Senior Young Women's class have made donations to the P.S.S.A., the British & Foreign Bible Society, the New Life and also gave £1/10/0 towards the new sink in the kitchen.

Appreciation: We record our thanks to Jennifer Lascelles and the Girls' Committee for their untiring service in the preparation of teas.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Mr and Mrs Temple who have been called on so often and have gladly given their service. We shall ever remember the special end of year Christmas service Mr Temple arranged; and we regret that we have lost his leadership. Our prayers are with him in his new ventures.

We also wish to thank Mr Henderson for his interest and help at all times.

To members of the congregation we owe our grateful thanks for their support and interest and especially to those who have welcomed us into their homes. We also thank those who have offered us transport on odd occasions.

We owe very special thanks to our leaders. The loss of Mr Tom Page, Rev. Temple and Sister Nessie is deeply felt. We are sincerely grateful for their faithful work and devotion to our classes and we feel our personal interest is foremost in their hearts. We are sure it must have been a great strain at times for them to be so actively engaged in Bible Class work and yet fulfil their many other responsibilities. Again, we sincerely thank them. At the same time we would like to welcome Miss Mary Wall and Mr Rogers as class leaders.

In concluding our report we would ask for your prayers both for our personal witness and for our group endeavours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our three main events in the **Sunday School** year were successfully conducted. The Promotion Day followed by the tea the next Monday were both well attended, as was the Carol Service. The Sunday School picnic this year was held at Khandallah Domain and was a memorable day for those present.

A committee was formed last year and is proving most workable in the preparation of teas, etc.

Unfortunately we have had to farewell many firm friends. Mr Blake who has been with us for many years has retired from teaching and was given a token of appreciation from boys in his class and teachers. Miss Fullarton who has been a stalwart teacher has also retired. We gratefully thank them both. Miss Cunliffe has left us to be married and we thank her and wish her every happiness in the coming years.

At the end of 1956 Miss Blake very kindly held a social at her residence to farewell our retiring teachers and also our Training College students, Miss Myrl Westerman and Miss H. Farquinson.

We welcomed a number of new teachers this year, they were: Misses McGee, H. Jefferies, B. Jefferies, J. Elliot, A. Laurie, and B. Kempton. We appreciate their interest.

The Hopkirk Memorial Prize winner last year was Sue Williamson, with Helen Woods, runner up, and Margaret Miller, third.

A new prize has been given to the Sunday School by the Superintendent Mr A. J. Baber, for Junior Department Memory Work. This was most gratefully accepted.

In April an interesting and instructive evening was spent when Miss Goss, Deaconess at St Peter's Church, gave a talk on teaching methods and how to handle teaching problems.

CRADLE ROLL

At present the number of children on our Cradle Roll is 42.

Contact with the mothers and children is maintained by the Committee members of the Cradle Roll, when they deliver Baptismal Certificates and Birthday cards, and also on our social occasions. Early this year we all spent a most enjoyable afternoon when the mothers and children on our Cradle Roll were the guests of the committee.

We are very sorry that Mrs E. Carter has resigned from the committee, on which she has served so capably for many years, and we thank her for all she has done for the work of the Cradle Roll. We are very happy to welcome Mrs A. V. MacKenzie on to the committee to fill Mrs Carter's place.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

2nd Wellington Company

In our report last year we pointed out our hopes of building up a good Company with the nucleus of seven boys who were regular attenders at that stage. We have been able to partly fulfil that aim. With recruits from the Life Boy Team and a few from outside our numbers are up to twenty, with whom we should be able to spread the scope of our work and give a more interesting programme. The Boys are working hard to compete in the Battalion Squad Drill Competition in August for which they have not been able to enter for the past two years.

During the May school holidays we were able to combine with the Brooklyn Company to hold a very successful eight day camp at the Battalion's site at Wainuiomata. There were fourteen of our Boys in camp. The weather was very much against us, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm or spoil the fun.

Eight of our Boys have paid their registration fees to attend a large National Camp to be held at Ardmore after Christmas this year. There will be about 1,800 in camp which will be the largest B.B. camp in New Zealand, in fact we think it will be the largest youth camp held in the country.

Competition is keen in the Company for the squad medal awarded monthly and also for the McNab Memorial Trophy for the best squad for the year. The three Lance Corporals, G. McKnight, A. Mines and R. Greer, are inspiring their squads to do their best.

We would like to express our thanks to members of the congregation who gave so willingly during B.B. Week and also commend Private D. Kempton on his enthusiasm in securing seventy-eight donations from people known to him and thus getting the top collection in the Company.

The work of D. McKay and J. Currie as Staff Sergeants has been one of the main factors in putting the Company on its feet.

The steps forward we have made in the past year are good, but we

are confident, that with the help of the Great Captain, Jesus Christ, this Company has great opportunities for further advancement.

THE LIFE BOYS

There are 17 boys on our Team roll which is most encouraging as we had only 8 Boys in February.

The Annual Display took place on 6th December. The programme included a short play called "Play the Game" which is the Life Boy motto. The Rev. W. P. Temple, the Life Boy Chaplain, was presented with a desk calendar from the Team, as a farewell gift. We regret to report that only a small number of St. John's members attended the Display.

During the summer months contact was kept with the boys by having several picnics.

At a special ceremony on 10th February, ten very proud boys, who had reached the age limit of 12, were transferred to the Company.

On 23rd February Miss Keegan became Mrs Perry and the Life Boys formed a Guard of Honour as she left the Church. We are happy to report that, although Mrs Perry is now living in the Hutt, she is still a very faithful and conscientious Leader.

The Team celebrated its 7th birthday on 30th May with a fathers' night. Miss Doreen Bibby's place in the Team has not yet been filled. At present we are very grateful for the assistance of Mr Alford Dornan, but a Leader is still required—male or female.

Miss Harriet Johnston was one of 25 Leaders who attended an Area Training Course in Wellington on 4th May. She also attended a National Training Conference at Christchurch on Queen's birthday weekend.

The boys are very proud of the amount they have given to the Missionary work of the Rev. Challis in the South Pacific. The boys give voluntarily each week from their pocket money and this is put in a glass jar. The Boys are therefore able to watch the jar filling with their own gifts. They have already filled one jar and aim to fill a second one by the end of September.

We are indebted to many friends for their assistance in various ways—those who have donated equipment, those who have taken classes, and those who have helped with suppers.

Jesus said, "Follow Me", but He did not stop there. He said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men". And that's what we are, fishers of Boys. You too can help if you know of boys 9-11. We meet on Thursdays 6.15 to 7.45 p.m.

May God continue to bless this work which we do in His name.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE AND CADET SECTION

8th Wellington Company and Cadet Section

There are 26 on the Cadet Roll and 29 on the G.L.B. Roll, with 4 officers. We are pleased to report that our Cadet Section won the 2nd Battalion Cup for the fourth time in succession, and we heartily congratulate Lieutenant Fowler and her helpers. The Company came second in the Battalion Drill in June.

The year began with a week of intensive training for officers taken by Miss Gebbie, Organising Secretary and Divisional Officer. The previous Sunday a Dedication Service for Governing Committee and officers was conducted by Rev. Ford, Divisional Chaplain, assisted by Rev Thornley at the Wesley Church.

G.L.B. and Cadets resumed 6th March. Miss Fowler became a Lieutenant in March and is also the new Cadet Leader. Heather Jefferies went to the Brigade Training Centre at Waikanae in February and passed her Sergeant's test.

A combined Church Parade with the Boys' Brigade and Life Boys was held 16th June. G.L.B. Week was held in June and we sincerely

thank all those who contributed to the work of G.L.B. in N.Z. and our own Company.

We hope to hold our 10th Birthday Party of the Company on 7th August. This will take the form of a Parents' Night.

In June, 23 New Zealand officers flew to Fiji and Samoa to visit G.L.B. Companies in Samoa. This proved to be a very happy experience. We learnt much from the Samoan Battalions and hope that we helped them too.

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

We thank God for His guidance and help, and pray for His blessing in the year to come.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

Saturday Night at Eight has had its most successful year to date. The hall has been filled to capacity on practically every occasion and many organisations and groups outside St. John's have contributed to programmes of outstanding merit, varied, interesting, and entertaining. It is particularly gratifying that, almost without exception, individuals as well as groups that come to entertain appreciating the value of these evenings, express their readiness to come again at any time. In this connection while we acknowledge gratefully the good will of so many, the committee would like to place on record its appreciation of the valuable assistance given by the "Orphans Club" which presents annually a most enjoyable entertainment. This year, for the first time, members of the Wellington Operatic Society visited us and delighted a large audience with excerpts from its recent production of "Oklahoma". The ladies of the congregation continue to supply generous suppers which are greatly appreciated, but it is a matter for continuing regret that so few men are willing to offer the use of their cars. Such a little effort would give so much pleasure to those who through age or infirmity can leave their homes only if transport is provided. Thus we are faced with the paradoxical situation that St. John's which provides the facilities for "Saturday Night at Eight" has perforce to deny them to some of those very people for whom they are primarily intended. Nevertheless many, we know, derive great pleasure from these monthly evenings of entertainment and good fellowship.

In conclusion the committee wishes to express its gratitude to all those who have assisted it during the past year to bring pleasure to the many who have been our guests; to those who have given time and talents so generously to provide entertainment; to those ladies who have assisted with the provision and serving of suppers; to those who have made their cars available for transport; and to Mr Eric Henderson for willing and ready assistance given in many different ways.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

This gathering on the fourth Sunday of each month is a pleasant meeting place for members of our congregation and visitors from far and near who may be worshipping with us. Our Women's Groups and Bible Classes provide delectable suppers and there is always a warm and friendly spirit. We would, however, like to see more of our Church members attending.

At the May supper we were pleased to have the Rev. L. Rogers and Students from the Maori Theological College with us and enjoyed seeing their films of the Maori Fields.

The Committee was responsible for organising the supper at the congregation's farewell to Mr and Mrs Temple and family.

Since the beginning of 1957 we have missed the gracious presence of Mr Temple in the chair, and record our appreciation of his active interest during his Ministry. Our thanks are due too, to Mr Cannon,

who while he was Church Organist, was always present to act as accompanist.

We record our thanks to all who have generously provided and served the suppers, to soloists and to the friend who continues to keep us in funds.

ADULT CABINET

This is one of the young organisations of St. John's, but nevertheless plays its part.

Once every three months, two representatives from each organisation gather together to discuss problems and to put forward recommendations. In this way the work of the Church is co-ordinated and each representative takes back to the organisation a report of the meeting, besides which minutes are sent out.

SEAT LETTING COMMITTEE

	1955/56			1956/57		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Income	66	10	0	58	0	0
Arrears	1	10	0	1	0	0
Paid Advance	4	15	0	4	15	0
Seat Holders	28			28		
Seats Let	65			65		

IN MEMORIAM

MRS M. GILLESPIE

MR JOSEPH HUNTER

MISS MARY RALSTON

MRS G. H. McNEUR (wife of the late Very Rev. G. N. McNeur, one time missionary in China).

SISTER NORA DICK a former Deaconess of St. John's

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1957

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance Ordinary Account 1 July 1956					76	6	4
Envelope collections	1,193	7	11				
Less 15 per cent. to Missions	178	18	0				
Net Envelope collections	1,014	9	11				
Plate collections	1,382	2	7				
Pew rents	60	0	6				
				2,456	13	0	
Donations to upkeep of school-room				184	9	0	
Donations sundry				5	6	0	
Wednesday Lectures				6	16	3	
Late contributions 1956 efforts				5	0	0	
Appeal February 1957				286	18	0	
Appeal June 1957				115	9	3	
Sunday School 103rd Anniversary				46	7	0	
Interest Manse Trust Fund				1	19	8	
Interest Special Reserve Fund				153	4	8	
Smith Estate refund of amount paid 1956 for organ				6	17	3	
Fire loss				6	15	0	
Contributions for new sink in kitchen				15	8	6	
Withdrawal from Special Reserve Fund Capital Account				2,982	3	2	
Withdrawal from provision for periodic repainting, etc.				666	9	8	
Balance being Ordinary Account							

PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.
Rev. W. P. Temple Salary	---	---	---	600	0	0
Rev. W. P. Temple Car Allowance	---	---	---	112	10	0
Pulpit supply fees	---	---	---	125	10	0
Supply travelling expenses	---	---	---	16	4	9
Sister N. Morgan, salary	---	---	---	430	0	0
Sister N. Morgan, travelling, etc., expenses	---	---	---	24	0	0
Mr S. Cannon, Organist	---	---	---	125	0	0
Mr M. Rickard, Organist	---	---	---	50	0	0
Mr E. Henderson, Church Officer	---	---	---	546	0	0
Light, Heat and Power	---	---	---	133	10	6
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc.	---	---	---	126	6	9
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	---	---	---	330	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Trust Account	---	---	---	12	0	0
General repairs, Church and other buildings	---	---	---	118	10	1
Drain from top building	---	---	---	33	0	0
Water heater cottage	---	---	---	16	0	0
Organ Tuning	---	---	---	30	18	4
Rates, Manse and cottage	---	---	---	108	17	5
Telephones, Manse, cottage and Deaconess	---	---	---	40	2	8
Assessments—Wellington Presbytery	---	---	---	10	0	0
Assessments—General Assembly expenses	---	---	---	20	0	0
Assessments—Beneficiary Funds	---	---	---	80	0	0
Insurances—Fire	---	---	---	84	6	4
Insurances—Earthquake and War Damage	---	---	---	33	5	10
Insurances—Accident and Sickness	---	---	---	11	17	6
St. John's Messenger	---	---	---	34	0	0
Young Worshipper's League prayers	---	---	---	10	9	0
Bruce Fowler prize	---	---	---	2	8	8
Repairs to chairs	---	---	---	28	11	2
Light globes	---	---	---	20	14	0
Cupboard for Choir robes	---	---	---	10	15	6

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Balances held 1 July 1956 for—	7,146	5	8
Basement, etc., furnishings	87	9	0
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Gift, Mrs Comrie	17	12	8
Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3
Amount received from Smith Estate for organ renovations	200	0	0
Donation for Choir music	10	10	0
Donations for new piano	33	0	0
Sale of old piano	17	10	0

Crockery	16	5	0
Ladders	11	0	0
Heaters for hall	26	18	0
Ad Howitt Memorial—part cost	13	18	6
Church Officer sundries	13	0	9
Repairs polisher	4	12	6
Social expenses	5	11	1
Communion Wine	2	2	0
Sink and bench top for kitchen	15	8	6
Sunday School Anniversary collection	46	7	0
Miscellaneous expenses	17	11	0
Special expenses for repairs—			
Balance replacement of beam in steeple	12	0	0
Resheathing thrust beams in steeple	90	0	0
Repiling steeple	364	13	3
Repiling Church—part contract	609	15	0
Repiling Sunday School building	2,572	4	7

Payments under contract for organ renovations	7,146	5	8
Donations for special reports on organ renovations	187	0	0
Transfer to ordinary account for payment made in 1956	5	5	0
Payment to Organ Renovation Fund	6	17	3
Piano	17	9	
Choir Music—Special donation	115	0	0
Choir Music—Mrs Comrie gift	10	10	0
Balances 30 June 1957 held for—	2	0	3
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Gift Mrs Comrie	15	12	5
Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3
Piano Fund	22	19	0

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1957

RECEIPTS						
Balances, 1 July 1956—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Benevolent Fund	192	7	2			
Centennial Collection	243	10	0			
Chairs for Hall	126	9	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	73	0	6			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	286	9	1			
Manse Trust Fund	70	0	0			
Organ Renovation Fund	159	6	2			
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	1,910	7	4			
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	142	0	6			
St. John's Hostel Fund	129	4	4			
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	48	9	9			
Endowment Fund	4,972	12	8			
Special Reserve Fund	2,982	3	2			
Interest in E. J. Lochie Estate	190	0	0			
				11,525	19	8
Interest—						
Benevolent Fund	5	9	5			
Centennial Collection	7	7	11			
Chairs for Hall	6	16	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund	2	1	3			
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	8	10	0			
Organ Renovation Fund	4	7	5			
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	95	16	1			

PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Withdrawals—									
Benevolent Fund	----	----		7	10	0			
St. John's Hostel Fund—									
transfer to Y.M.B.C.									
Institute	----	----		187	17	11			
Provision for periodic repaint-									
ing, etc.									
Part cost of special repairs									
to buildings	----	----		666	9	8			
Special Reserve Fund									
Capital for part cost of									
special repairs to									
buildings	----	----		2,982	3	2			
Income to current revenue				153	4	8			
							3,997	5	5
Balances 30 June 1957—									
Benevolent Fund	----	----		190	6	7			
Centennial Collection	----	----		250	17	11			
Chairs for Hall	----	----		133	5	0			
Crockery Replacement Fund				75	1	9			
Hymn Book Replacement									
Fund	----	----		306	19	1			
Manse Trust Fund	----	----		70	0	0			
Organ Renovation Fund	----	----		164	11	4			
Provision for periodic repaint-									
ing, etc.	----	----		1,669	13	9			
St. John's Church Rebuilding									
Fund	----	----		146	1	0			

St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	4	0	6			
St. John's Hostel Fund	58	13	7			
St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	1	7	7			
Endowment Fund	177	15	0			
Special Reserve Fund	153	4	8			
				525	9	5

Receipts—						
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0			
Organ Renovation Fund	17	9				
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	330	0	0			
Endowment Fund Donation	10	0	0			
				352	17	9
				12,404	6	10

St. John's Soldiers' Memorial Fund	49	17	4			
Endowment Fund	5,160	7	8			
Interest in E. J. Lochie Estate	190	0	0			
				8,407	1	5

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING, 30 JUNE 1958

	£
Deficit in Ordinary Account at 30 June, 1957	130
Minister's Stipend (10 months)	708
Minister's Car Allowance (10 months)	125
Removal expenses from Gisborne	250
Deaconess Salary	500
Deaconess travelling, etc., expenses	25
Organist	200
Church Officer	550
Supply fees	100
Light, Heat and Power	130
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	130
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	330
Hymn Book Replacement Account	12
General Repairs	250
Organ tuning	25
City Council rates, Manse and Cottage	120
Telephones, Manse, Cottage and Deaconess	40
Assessments:	
Wellington Presbytery	50
Assembly Expenses	20
Beneficiary	85
Insurances:	
Fire	85
Earthquake and War Damage	33
Accident and Sickness	25
St. John's Messenger	34
Y.W.L. Prize	10
Sundry expenses	100
Sunday School Anniversary	50
Total for ordinary purposes	4,117
Assessment for Budget	879
Total estimated requirements	£4,996

*St. John's Church - Willis Street
Wellington*

ANNUAL REPORT

1957-1958



One Hundred and Fifth Report
covering period
1st July 1957 to 30th June 1958

To be presented at the
Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 3rd September 1958 at 7.45 p.m.

PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that I write the first preface as minister in an Annual Report. I have been among you for a year, during which time one has been blessed by your friendship, humbled by God's amazing goodness, and challenged by great opportunities. Without friendship and confidence between minister and people, little can be done. From the time we arrived in Wellington we were aware of kindly, thoughtful gestures of welcome and friendliness. This is, I believe, not just that kindness of a Christian congregation to the new minister but the expression of part of a family of God who live in fellowship of service and love with one another and with their Common Lord. One is every day humbled by God's unspeakable goodness. When one is so very aware of one's shortcomings and one's obvious inability to be the man of God one would fain wish to be, nevertheless, He Who knows the deepest desires of the heart is prepared to bless the sincere efforts of our hands. One finds that God may take our well meant feeble plans and make them mighty blessings.

Since coming among you I have seen tremendous opportunities present themselves. It is an exciting time to be alive! There is always danger and always difficulty; but these constitute the greatest challenge of the Gospel. I believe that St. John's by its strategic position in the city, by its honoured name, its noble tradition, the outstanding loyalty of its members and by the vision and venture of our youth is destined to play a part in the future as shining as that which St. John's played in its past.

However, a year is just sufficient for a mere glance at each other and a glimpse of the future. It is a wise thing to make a good beginning but it is a greater thing to keep going with the same enthusiasm and prayer and purpose that which is well begun. So for the next year let us all as committed members of Christ be obedient to His will, resolute in continuing and always prepared humbly to accept the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Finally let me say how I appreciate the splendid services of the office bearers and leaders of the various organisations. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! In his glad service,

Yours sincerely,

Kingsley Fairbairn.

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2 Kelburn Parade, W.1. Telephone 46-492.

Deaconess: SISTER NESSIE MORGAN, 44A Pirie Street, C.4. Telephone
55-236.

Session Clerk: JOHN A. ORR, 23 Delhi Cres., N.5. Telephone 37-117.

Board Secretary: I. S. Lowman, 65 Alexander Rd., E.2. Telephone 81-608.

Treasurer: N. G. Robertson, 167 Karori Rd., W.3. Telephone 78-118.

Organist and Choirmaster: MALCOLM RICKARD, L.T.C.M., 102 Hataitai
Rd., E.2. Telephone 81-455.

Church Officer: E. E. Henderson, St. John's Church. Telephone 51-391.

HISTORICAL NOTES

MINISTERS

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Rev. James Paterson	1868-1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D.	1903-1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.	1927-1939
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	1940-1947
Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.	1948-1957
Rev. F. H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant Minister)	1954-1955
Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.	1957-

BUILDINGS

First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
Second Church opened (accommodate 600), "St. John's"	12th Dec., 1875
First manse erected, Woolloombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School Building, Dixon Street, opened	Nov., 1884
Present Church opened (accommodate 900)	6th Dec., 1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension of S.S. Buildings in Macdonald Cres.	1902
St. John's Memorial Hostel for men	1919-1937
Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, erected	1928
St. John's Bible Class Institute erected	1956
Manse sold, new manse purchased, Kelburn Parade	1957

JUBILEES

Diamond Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1913
Centennial Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee	Oct., 1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	1953
Women's Association Golden Jubilee	Aug., 1937

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Church of Scotland was petitioned to send a Minister to Wellington 15th Nov. 1851, and Congregation was formally established.	17th Nov., 1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School opened in Francis Place	1872
First Service in Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1874
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr Robert Hopkirk	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church hymnary	1937
Choir gownned (1st Presbyterian Choir for N.Z.)	1944
Bible Class Movement, now established in other denominations throughout N.Z., had its origin in the Class formed by Mr (later Sir) Geo. Troup at St. John's.	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
First Women Managers appointed	1951

PUBLICATIONS

Jubilee Booklets	
Church Diamond Jubilee	1913
Church Centennial Jubilee	1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Church Newspapers	
"The Record"	1892-1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1930-1931
"The Review"	1936-1938
"The Messenger"	1941-

TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

If you are interested in the history of St. John's (and it has a lively and sometimes dramatic history), you might like to have a copy of "ST. JOHN'S THROUGH 100 YEARS, 1853-1953", (2/6).

And, if you have not already done so, you are invited to spend a while in the Church looking at the various memorial windows, tablets and furnishings. Those belonging to our first 100 years are described on pages 8-13 of the above-mentioned booklet.

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
Ewen, Dr H. Bayldon, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach	1931
Blake, L. R., 29 Rawhiti Tce., W.1.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., Karori, W.3.	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2.	1935
MacLeod, D., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3.	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
Orr, John A., 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, C.4.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Petone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, C.4.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham Street, C.4.	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2.	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1.	1950
Dell, R. G., 424A Evans Bay Road, E.2.	1956
Long, J. H. H., 43A Parkvale Road, W.3.	1956
Page, T., Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay, C.1.	1956
Wall, A. L., 35 Seatoun Heights Road, E.5.	1956

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Baber, A. J.	38 Waitoa Road, E.2.
Brodie, Miss E. M.	55a Central Terrace, W.1.
Carter, Edward	Raroa Rd., W.1.
Chappell, F. C.	28 Stoke St., S.1.
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke St., S.1.
Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Cole, J. S.	49 Aro Street, C.2.
Dommett, K. G.	Troup House, St. John's Church.
Dornan, A.	19 Upton Terrace, N.1.
Dunn, D. R.	8 Maarama Cres., C.2.
Garrity, R. B.	Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay, C.1.
Henderson, E. E.	St. John's Church, C.2.
Hughes, Mrs M. Gladstone	318 Oriental Parade, C.4.
Hunt, John	63 Pirie Street, C.4.
Johnston, Miss J. S.	33 Central Tce., W.1.
Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2.
McCulloch, Ron,	36 Henry Street, E.3.
McLennan, R. A.	26 Clifton Terrace, C.1.
Orr, G. A.	23 Delhi Cres., N.5.
Robertson, N. G.,	167 Karori Rd., W.3.
Rodgers, Ian	10 Salamanca Road, C.2.
Russell, L.	Bank of N.Z., Lambton Quay, C.1.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, C.4.
Smith, C. R.	104 Russell Terrace, S.1.
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Sçapa Terrace, W.3.
Van Zweeden, M.	33 Rata Rd.
Wickerson, W.	38 Rose Street, N.2.

GENERAL COMMITTEES 1958-59

Finance: A. L. Wall (convener), Miss E. M. Brodie, L. R. Blake, E. Darroch, H. Glover, N. G. Robertson, F. C. Spratt, N. S. Woods, G. H. Scott.
Property: A. L. Wall (convener), F. C. Chappell, J. S. Cole, W. Duthie, John Hunt, A. Martin, R. A. McLennan, W. Wickerson, F. A. Strong, I. D. Stevenson.
Envelopes: Miss E. M. Brodie (convener and secretary), R. G. Dell, J. S. Martin, Logan Russell, H. B. Smith.
Seat Letting: N. G. Robertson.
Rolls: Dr T. F. Corkill, J. S. Lomas, Mrs Hughes.
Literature: R. B. Garrity.
Choir: J. S. Lomas (convener), R. E. Pumfrey, F. A. Strong, A. L. Wall.
Rooms: F. C. Chappell.
Projector: R. B. Fowler (convener), Graeme Orr, F. A. Strong, Dr H. B. Ewen.
Troup House: Rev. J. K. Fairbairn (chairman), Hon. J. R. Marshall, Mrs Hughes, N. S. Woods, N. G. Robertson, Graeme Orr, K. G. Dommatt.

ORGANISATIONS

Choir

President: The Minister.
Organist and Choirmaster: Mr Malcolm Rickard, L.T.C.M. Telephone 81-455.
Vice-Presidents: Active: Miss E. M. Brodie; Hon., Miss H. D. Clyde (Life), Mrs R. E. Pumfrey.
Life Members: Mesdames Pope and Kerry, Miss D. Chappell, Mr and Mrs R. E. Pumfrey.
Secretary: Miss M. MacKenzie, 60 Kelburn Parade, W.1. Telephone 26-718.

Sunday School

Superintendent: Mr A. J. Baber.
Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs F. A. Strong.
Secretary: Miss B. Perry, 33 Tanera Crescent, SW.1. Telephone 50-764.
Teachers: Misses A. Button, J. Copeland, J. Elliott, J. Fowler, B. and H. Jefferies, B. Kempton, P. Lees, M. MacKenzie, Mrs B. Thomson, Messrs C. R. Smith and N. Whimp.

P.W.M.U.

Hon. President: The Minister.
President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.
Vice-Presidents: Mrs J. M. Wilson and Miss M. Chappell.
Secretary: Mrs E. J. Elliott, 333 The Terrace, C.2. Telephone 53-045.
M.M.B.L. Secretary: Miss J. Hanchet.
Mission Box Secretary: Miss K. Dalziel.

Afternoon Guild

Hon. President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.
President: Mrs P. Gladstone Hughes.
Hon. Life Vice-President: Mrs W. S. Austin.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames T. F. Corkill, A. P. Smith and A. C. Purdie.
Secretary: Miss J. Johnston, 33 Central Terrace, W.1. Telephone 26-002.

Evening Guild

Hon. President: The Minister.
President: Miss E. M. Brodie.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames J. H. Long and N. G. Robertson.
Secretary: Miss M. Blake, 44 Pirie Street, C.4. Telephone 56-308.

Senior Young Men's Bible Class

Leader: Mr J. H. Long, 43A Parkvale Rd., W.3. Telephone 78-781.
Assist.-Leader: Mr N. Whimp.

Senior Young Women's Bible Class

Leader: Miss M. Wall, 35 Seatoun Heights, E.5. Telephone 16-592.
Sub-Leader: Miss J. Fowler.
Secretary: Miss J. Lascelles, Baptist Hostel, 58 Boulcott Street, C.1.

Intermediate Bible Classes

Leader—Boys: Mr Ron McCulloch, 36 Henry Street, E.3. Telephone 81-875.
Leader—Girls: Miss C. Harvie, 8 Upland Road, W.1. Telephone 27-387.

Junior Bible Classes

Leader—Boys: Mr Ian Rodgers, 10 Salamanca Rd., W.1. Telephone 43-612.
Leader—Girls: Mrs Ian Rodgers, 10 Salamanca Rd., W.1. Telephone 43-612.

Boys' Brigade Company

Captain: Mr R. G. Dell, 424A Evans Bay Rd., E.2. Telephone 81-934.
Lieutenants: Messrs A. Dornan, R. MacKenzie, R. Markley, A. Stavert, C. R. Smith.

Life Boy Team

Leader in Charge: Miss H. Johnston, 7 Lochiel Rd., Khandallah, N.5.
Leaders: Mrs J. Perry, Mr C. R. Smith, Mr A. Dornan.

Girls' Life Brigade

President: Mrs J. S. Martin.
Captain: Miss J. Fullarton, 59 Hawker Street, C.4. Telephone 50-609.
Lieutenants: Misses A. Carley and J. R. Fowler.
Cadet Leader: Miss J. R. Fowler. **Cadet Helper:** Miss H. Jefferies.

After-Church Social Hour

Convener: Miss E. M. Brodie, 55A Central Terrace, W.1. Telephone 27-261.

Adult Cabinet

Chairman: The Minister.
Secretary: Miss P. Lees, 47A Upland Rd., W.1. Telephone 27-182.

Saturday Night at Eight

Convener: Mrs N. S. Woods. Telephone 86-769.
Secretary: Mrs J. Hunt, 63 Pirie Street, C.4. Telephone 58,000/6197D.

The Messenger

Editor: Miss M. Clachan, 22 Ohiro Road, C.2. Telephone 56-438.

Troup House

Chairman: The Minister.
Secretary: Mr K. G. Dommatt. Telephone 58-000/6543.
Treasurer: Mr N. G. Robertson.

Drama Club

President: Mr A. Leslie.
Secretary: Miss H. Duthie, 185 Onepu Road, E.3. Telephone 79-037.

Boys' Institute Management Committee

St. John's Representatives: Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, Messrs J. Cole, A. Dornan, W. Kraft, I. Rodgers, N. Whimp.

SESSION REPORT

It is now just twelve months since at a very solemn induction service and a happy welcome social our new minister, Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A., was introduced to us. Within a week or two we learned of his energy and enthusiasm as he chaired a session meeting, a manager's meeting and an annual meeting, and attended his first meeting of Presbytery. This same energy and enthusiasm, together with his Christian friendliness has been an inspiration and encouragement to all the Church organisations, hence reports indicate a spirit of buoyancy and optimism. Our prayer is that God may continue to use him mightily for the extension of the Kingdom.

Session records another year of faithful labour by our Deaconess, Sister Morgan. Recently she completed ten years' service with St. John's, and at the After-Church Social Hour in June Mr Spratt, on behalf of office bearers and congregation, made a presentation to her and in doing so referred to her devoted services, especially to the sick and shut-in folk of St. John's.

Dr. H. B. Ewen, who was elected Session Clerk early in 1952 submitted his resignation in March last as he was about to depart on a tour overseas. Session accepted his resignation with very much regret, and at an After-Church Social in March Mr Blake, on behalf of office bearers and congregation handed him a gift, thanked him for his services, and wished him and Mrs Ewen every happiness during their visit to the Old Land.

In June last Mr J. A. Orr gave up the position of Board secretary and was elected Session Clerk. Mr Ian Lowman is now secretary to the Board.

The Messenger, under the able editorship of Miss Mary Clachan, still continues to fill an important function in the life of St. John's, and places on record much that does not appear elsewhere. Miss Clachan took over from Mr Noel Woods, who had for about eight years produced this magazine. Session placed on record its appreciation of his faithful and efficient service.

At the morning service on Sunday, 27th April 1958—Anzac Sunday—our minister unveiled a memorial to the Glory of God and in sacred memory of the men of St. John's Church who made the supreme sacrifice in the great struggle for freedom—1939-45. A photograph of the memorial appears elsewhere in this report.

Session gratefully acknowledges the work done by the Choir under the very able leadership of our Choirmaster and organist, Mr Malcolm Rickard. The praise portion of the services combines musical efficiency with reverence and the true spirit of worship. The work of the soloists has been a delightful experience to all who have been privileged to hear them.

On Sunday 27th July 1958 at the morning service the minister, on behalf of the Kirk Session and in the name of the King and Head of the Church accepted a portable Communion Set and dedicated it to the use for which it was given to the Glory of God.

The Communion Set is for the use of the minister to bring the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to those who are not able to attend the Place of Worship. It is a gift from Mr and Mrs Alex Martin, our honoured Senior Elder and his wife. We thank them both for this useful gift and for the kindly thoughtfulness of the donors.

The Communion roll at 30th June 1958 was 406, an increase of 82 during the year. Admissions during the year by profession of faith 39, by certificate from other Churches 65, by restoration 11. Removals by disjunction were 31 and by death or purging 2.

The average attendances for the four Communion Services were members 287, visitors 43, total 330. The highest attendance was in March when 370 members and visitors were present. At the World Day Communion at the morning service on 6th October 1957, 165 were present and at the evening service on Whitsunday 163 took communion.

There are many who throughout the year in quiet and unobtrusive ways have given of their best in the service of St. John's. To those responsible for the floral decoration of the church and to all who by their prayers,

loyalty and devoted service have contributed to the success of the year's work Session and the minister extend grateful thanks.

To the many sick members among office bearers and congregation and to those upon whom the years have increased, preventing attendance at the services they love, the minister and Session extend their sincerest sympathy.

It is the prayer of Session that the God of Bethel, who has led our people throughout the years, and crowned their work and witness with His favour, will continue to lead us in the great days that lie ahead.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Board Membership: At the 1957 Annual Meeting of the congregation Miss Chappell, Miss Brodie and Mr Van Zweeden, who retired after the usual three years' service were re-elected and Miss J. S. Johnston was added to the Board. At a special meeting of the congregation held after the morning service on 1st June 1958 the following additional managers were elected: Messrs E. Carter, A. Dornan, E. E. Henderson, R. McCulloch R. McLennan, L. Russell, C. Smith, and W. Wickerson. There are now 28 members on the Board.

Church Buildings: General repairs to buildings amounted to £313 during the year, the main work being at the northwest and southwest corners of the church. The replacing of the piles under the church is again proceeding and the end of this costly work is in sight.

Manse: The property in Wai-te-ata Road was sold in November and a smaller and more modern building purchased in Kelburn Parade for £9,500. The same amount as was realised from the sale of the old Manse. The new building is on Hospital Board leasehold, and this involves the payment of an annual ground rent.

Church Grounds: Members will have noticed the improvement made by a group of workers to the area at the rear of the church. Our thanks are due to Mr John Reynolds for his good work in keeping in order the garden plots.

Budget and New Life. St. John's assessment for the Budget was £879 and this amount was paid in full, the main receipts being £205 transferred from envelope contributions, £242 from special appeals, £267 from the women's organisations, and £123 from the Bible Classes and Sunday School.

During the year further contributions totalling £102 were received for the New Life Fund and St. John's total has now reached £5,155.

Fair: Reports of organisations refer to the very successful Fair held in November 1957, when the splendid sum of £864 was raised. The Board congratulates all who worked so hard to make this effort such a success.

Finance: Plate collections for the year show an increase of £306 over the previous year, while envelope contributions exceeded last year by £174.

The ordinary account commenced the year with an overdraft of £130, and by the end of the year this had been reduced to £35. A big help in this connection was the special appeal in June which produced £210.

In view of the many calls on the congregation the Managers wish to record their deep appreciation of the splendid response by our members. The sum contributed and raised by special efforts totals approximately £5,200.

CHOIR REPORT

While the personnel of the Choir has varied slightly throughout the year, the numbers have remained at a steady level, its present strength being eight sopranos, eight contraltos, three tenors and six basses.

The Choir figures more prominently in the Church services than it has done for some time. An introit and an anthem are included in each order of service, and at special services held during the year we have taken an even more active part. The music for "A Child in Flanders", presented in the Church by the Drama Club was provided by the Choir, a rendering of Thimons' "The Last Supper" was given at Easter time, while appropriate carols were included in the Harvest Thanksgiving service.

In an evening of carol singing we took the Christmas message and the greetings of the congregation to a few of the older members who were unable to join with us in our Christmas services.

When the Presbytery of Wellington celebrated its centenary with a service in the Town Hall we formed part of the large choir which, under Mr Rickard's baton sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Let us now praise famous men."

At the invitation of the Prisons' Chaplain we have on two occasions attended morning service at Mt. Crawford where we led the singing and sang two anthems.

To have a humble part in the broadcast performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" by the National Orchestra and the Hutt Orpheus Choir was an interesting experience for our choir members and one which we greatly enjoyed.

While visiting Wellington Dr. Hopkins, lately organist of St. Paul's Cathedral consented to give a recital in the church, where he had a most appreciative audience. It was an enthusiastic audience, too, who heard the performance of the light opera "Tom Jones" given in our hall by the Hutt Orpheus Choir. We greatly appreciate the co-operation we have had, not only from this choir, but also from the choirs of the Hataitai Methodist and the Khandallah Presbyterian Churches and from the soloists who have sung for us on many occasions. We are indebted, too, to the choir from Wellington Girls' College who led the singing at our Christmas carol service and at a special service of praise during the year.

With the financial help of some members of the congregation and the hard work of Mr Frank Strong and Mr Sam Edwards, a platform has been erected in the choir gallery, thus solving for the time being the vexed question of the seating arrangement in the choir. Chair-back "pockets" for holding hymn-books were a happy inspiration of Miss Dorothy Chappell, and we are most grateful to her, and to Miss Pat Lees, who helped her in the making of them.

We have enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs Rickard, of Mrs Wall, and of our Manse folk and we extend our warm thanks to them and to all who have entertained us at after-practice gatherings during the year. Once again we have a minister with a special interest in music, and we take this opportunity of expressing the hope that during his ministry in St. John's he may always know that he has the loyal support and co-operation of the Choir.

To our choirmaster we would express our gratitude for his unfailing patience, perseverance and good-humour even in the face of our unpredictable moods of weariness or hilarity.

ST. JOHN'S P.W.M.U.

The past year has been a most active one in many ways and a perusal of the minutes discloses the following:

All the meetings have been well attended and it is good to see this healthy sign.

Miss Johnston gave a talk at the July meeting on Jacarta and displayed some souvenirs, while the August meeting was taken up with the jumble sale and other preliminaries for the forthcoming Fair.

At the September meeting there was a special celebration in the Hall to welcome our new minister's wife, Mrs Fairbairn. In October Sister D. Robertson gave a talk and showed pictures of her missionary work in Hong Kong, and Sister Nessie Morgan entertained in November with an interesting description of a short holiday in Opotiki.

Mrs Dunn at the March meeting gave a talk entitled "A Trip Through the Blue Book" (the report of the General Assembly), Mrs Lightbody spoke on "Church Work in Canada" at the May meeting, and in May we met in the Manse for our annual "At Home" on the kind invitation of Mrs Fairbairn.

Miss Hanchet, secretary, M.M.B.L., reported that the senior section has 155 members and there are 30 in the junior. The amount received for the year totalled £33—an increase of £3 3s. 6d. from seniors and a decrease of £1 10s. 6d. from juniors.

Mrs Fowler sends out regularly the missionary letter and the Church Messenger to the fifteen associate members.

The P.A. members fulfilled their obligations by taking their turn in leading devotions and helping with afternoon tea. Mrs Sims once again represented St. John's at the conference in Christchurch.

The financial statement shows a satisfactory income for the year, the amount received for Missions being £267.

The Executive extends grateful thanks to all who have helped by their gifts to Mrs Wilson's sales table, by contributions of flowers, by playing the piano, and by serving tea and washing up. We are very conscious of the support of the "regulars" and we thank the owners of those smiling faces which neither storms nor other arrangements deter from coming along.

In conclusion we quote the following verse from a poem written by Miss H. D. Clyde:

Together, we, with strengthened hands
Will work for this and other lands.
Together we shall walk the road
That leads us to the feet of God.

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

During the past year the Guild has continued to keep to its aim of uniting the women of St. John's in fellowship and service.

Mrs Purdie and Miss Millar represented us on the Women's Auxiliary of P.S.S.A., Mrs Purdie having worked on the auxiliary since its inception 50 years ago. She has now resigned and Mrs J. Long has been elected in her place.

Notwithstanding that St John's people were busy with preparations for the Fair a valiant band of members helped to pack CORSO goods on the day each week allotted to Presbyterians.

In 1957 all roads led to the Fair, and picture afternoons and evenings, jumble sales, bring and buy stalls, stalls at our monthly meetings and shop days all had the support of members as had the Fair itself. In addition to the large sum of money raised for the Church, £864, the preparation provided many hours of happy fellowship in work, and a closer bond of friendship with members of other organisations.

The Guild organised and served the supper at the welcome social for Rev. J. K. Fairbairn after his induction. Our turn to supply supper for "Saturday Night at 8" met with a willing response, as also for the After-Church Social Hour, when the Church farewelled Dr and Mrs Ewen on the eve of their departure overseas.

We made a donation of £5 in response to an appeal for the restoration of St. Andrew's Church, Jerusalem, and sent £5 to the Deaconess House furnishing fund. At our annual meeting it was decided to donate £25 to the Church funds and £25 to a fund for the restoration of the church gates.

We say "thank you" to our minister, who already has a very sure place among us and who has brought inspiration and fresh impetus by his enthusiasm and encouragement.

Many thanks also are due to our already famous team in the kitchen—Mrs McKenzie, with Miss Brown, Mrs Crough and Miss Jones. We appreciate also the ready and cheerful help given by our Church Officer, Mr Henderson. We give thanks to God, who has guided us through the year and given us opportunities for service and happy fellowship.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

One of the Guild's most enjoyable functions in the past year was an At Home at which we welcomed our new honorary president, Mrs Fairbairn.

The programme of activities has again been a varied one. Miss Clark of the Church Office spoke of her holiday in the Maori Mission Field. Mrs Anyon told of the work done with intellectually handicapped children. Captain Palmer's talk of the work done with the girls at Bethany Hospital and Mrs Thornley's stimulating talk with emphasis on evangelism in relation to home-makers were both much enjoyed.

At our first meeting of the year Mr Fairbairn spoke of the study of personality. Members were greatly interested in Miss Magee's account of a year spent in Moscow. Miss Jackson told of her visit to Japan as delegate to an International Congress on Evangelism.

Guild's major activity through the year was concerned with the work stall for the Fair. Film evenings and other money-raising efforts contributed to the total of £169 raised by Guild. Our Direct Giving to Missions totalled £37. The membership of Guild has increased considerably this year, now standing at 61 with an average attendance of 52.

Guild members again assisted with CORSO packing and with the Boys' Institute Street Day.

Guild undertook to arrange the Christmas Party and this most happy evening was attended by many of the congregation.

At the end of the year members provided Christmas gifts for families of those people engaged in work in the Maori Mission Field. These parcels were apparently much appreciated.

A parcel of medical supplies has been despatched to the New Hebrides and members have also brought educational supplies for the school at Tana Tana.

A meeting for Bible study and prayer continues to be held on the first Tuesday of the month. This group, too, is slowly increasing in numbers.

ST JOHN'S BIBLE CLASSES

Membership: The combined membership has increased considerably this year. The Senior Girls' Class has a roll total of 27, with an average attendance of 16; Intermediate Girls' 7 with an average of 6; Junior Girls' 13 with an average of 10; Senior Boys' 28 with an average of 20; Junior and Intermediate Boys' 7 with an average of 6.

Missions: The combined classes gave £53 16s. 7d. to the mission work of the Bible Class Movement.

Studies: Both senior classes have been studying St. Mark's Gospel with the aid of the study book "Peter Remembers". The Junior and Intermediate Classes have taken a variety of topics including the Parables. There is always a strong emphasis on relating our studies to our everyday lives, and making Christianity our whole life and not just a part of it.

B.C. Leaders: At the end of last year a party was given to farewell Mr Don Mence prior to his marriage. In his place we were pleased to welcome Mr Jack Long. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Ron McCulloch as leader of the Intermediate Boys' Class.

Council Meetings and Teas: The practice of having a speaker at the Council Teas was continued. The speaker for the August meeting was Dr Hardwick-Smith, an experienced psychologist. Mr Woods spoke on the Problems of Leadership at the September Council Meeting, and Mr Hall, Superintendent of Talks of N.Z.B.S., spoke at the October meeting.

Donation: We have to record our thanks to the Rotary Club, who generously donated £25 for the establishment of a Friday-night Club.

Bible Class Competitions: In July 1957 St. John's B.C. organised the competitions for the Wellington District Committee. They were run efficiently and at a considerable profit. The organisers introduced some new classes such as an entertainers class which has since proved very popular and will no doubt remain an essential feature of future competition programmes. St. John's came second to Khandallah for the Shield. The choir trained by Mr Rickard came second and we were particularly strong in the speech and piano sections of the competitions.

Indoor Sports: This year St. John's was very well represented at the indoor sports, with 3 basketball teams and 3 table-tennis teams. We just missed winning the final in both sports after putting up a good fight.

Open House at the Woods: The B.C. appreciates very much the hospitality that Mr and Mrs Woods have shown in opening their home to us on several Saturday nights this winter.

Other Activities of the B.C.: During the May holidays the Junior Girls' Class painted their own room. The Senior Boys have finished painting

their B.C. rooms. On Youth Sunday last October the B.C. took the evening service. The combined classes held a Guy Fawkes party out at the Children's Home. In June this year the B.C. was responsible for the Church flowers.

Bible Class Camp: A combined B.C. Camp was held at Paekakariki during the week-end 21st to 23rd March. We were pleased to have as our Camp Parents Rev. and Mrs Fairbairn. We had a wonderful time together and enjoyed excellent meals thanks to the cooks, Margaret Reynolds and Bill Pryor.

Mr Fairbairn gave a series of talks on the Trinity. These and the study-groups taken by Senior B.C. members were very worth while. The real climax of the camp came at the Sunday morning service, as we faced the challenge of the text from Isaiah 6, "Here am I; send me." It was at this service that we realised our responsibility and opportunity for Christian Service among the young people in Wellington.

B.C. Day of Prayer: Early one cold Sunday morning in May, 40 B.C. members met on the top of Mt. Victoria to observe the Bible Class Day of Prayer. The Rev. Fairbairn gave a very stimulating talk on the power of prayer. We went back to St. John's to a very much appreciated breakfast prepared by the ladies of the Women's Guild.

Sunday Afternoon Fellowship: The Sunday Afternoon Fellowship started on Sunday, 27th of April 1958. It is an expression of the spirit of Paekakariki Camp. Bible Class members go out in twos and threes and invite young people off the streets to join with them in games and tea at St. John's. Recognition must be made here of the great work being done by Mrs Kay Rodgers in preparing afternoon teas and teas. There is a definite Gospel message given and perhaps a film is shown, and an invitation extended to stay to the Church Service afterwards. This new venture is succeeding because here young people are working among young people and because it is supported by the prayers of the Bible Class and congregation. We thank the congregation for their interest and encouragement in this matter and ask for their continuing prayers.

Spirit of St. John's Bible Class: The spirit of our Bible Class is the spirit of the Sunday Afternoon Fellowship. It is one of adventure and Christian service. Yet we are deeply conscious of our inadequacies, especially in the sphere of personal evangelism, for our most effective work is done on the personal level. We must have the assurance of salvation in our souls and the true love of Jesus Christ in our hearts, in order to see the needs of these young people and try to meet them.

Finally, the B.C. would like to thank Rev Fairbairn for the help he has given us throughout the year and Mr Henderson for his co-operation at all times and the congregation for their interest and prayers.

CRADLE ROLL

At present there are 42 children on our Cradle Roll. Committee members have kept in touch with these children and their mothers when they have visited the homes to deliver Cradle Roll Certificates and Birthday Cards. On April 12th we spent a very happy afternoon in the Fellowship Room when the committee entertained mothers and children of our Cradle Roll. We hope to have another such afternoon near the end of the year and to make it a Christmas Party for the children.

We are sorry that Mrs J. Long has found it necessary to resign from the position of Superintendent, but are all glad that she is able to remain on the committee and help us in that capacity.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

2nd Wellington Company

This is a big year on the B.B. Calendar, as it is the 75th Anniversary of the Movement. From a small beginning in Glasgow 75 years ago has grown the world-wide organisation the Brigade is now,

To start the year's celebrations a National Camp was held at Ardmore, after Christmas, with 1,800 in attendance, it proving a very fitting start for the year.

Our Organisation, with the Girls' Life Brigade is to be featured on the Health Stamps and we hope to do our best for the Health Camps in New Zealand by helping along the sales as much as possible.

The Company numbers have not grown greatly, but we do feel that with the extra Officers we now have in the Company we can give the boys a far more varied programme and at the moment are consolidating ourselves ready for a big recruiting campaign at the beginning of next year.

Private D. Kempton has again been singled out for special praise. Last year he headed the Company collection for B.B. Week with 78 contributions from people known personally to him. This year he did even better with 88 contributions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends of the Company who gave so willingly in this B.B. Week effort.

By proving themselves capable and worthy of their tasks, Cpl. Mines has been promoted to Sergeant and L/Cpl. McKnight to Corporal.

One boy, L/Cpl. Greer reached the age limit in the Company at the end of last year and we were very pleased to be able to accept him back at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

This is our Object, and we ask for your prayers that it may be achieved here in St. John's: "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect, and all that tends towards true Christian manliness."

THE LIFE BOYS

2nd Wellington Team

The Team is in a healthy state with twenty boys—ten being recruits this year.

At the Annual Missionary Service in September, for Wellington Area, our Team gave £12 11s. 10d. This was the third highest for the whole of New Zealand. This year our boys plan to give £15, and the remarkable thing is that it is all from voluntary contributions. The money is to help the boys in the South West Pacific—a truly worthy cause.

The Hallowe'en party in October was one of the highlights of the year. The boys were in colourful and original costumes and wore masks. There was a scone eating competition—scones dipped in treacle hanging from a string. Then cream potatoes containing wrapped threepenny pieces. This was followed by ducking for apples.

The Annual Display on 28th November was a memorable occasion with Mr Bob Scott, former All Black, as chief guest. His radiant personality, friendly smile, and warm handshake left an indelible impression upon the boys.

At a special ceremony on 3rd March, four boys who had reached the age limit of 12 were transferred to The Boys' Brigade Company.

The Team's Enrolment Service was held in the Fellowship Room on April 14th and was conducted by our Chaplain, Rev. J. K. Fairbairn. This was an impressive service and was attended by the Boys' parents and Officers of the Company.

At the 8th birthday party of the Team, held on 26th May, there was a large gathering of parents and friends. Mrs Perry, one of the Leaders, made a birthday cake which had the Life Boy crest done in icing.

The Boys have worked hard and have passed tests on Guide, Safety-first, Bible Books, Bible Heroes, P.T. and Observation.

During the year the Leaders attended Training Courses, both locally and nationally, to further equip themselves for this work.

The Leaders sincerely thank all those who have assisted the Team during the year.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE AND CADET SECTION

8th Wellington Company and Cadet Section

In presenting this Annual Report we do so in gratitude to God for His guidance in the past year.

The Company and Cadet Section are growing in numbers and we have had an encouraging year. There are 38 girls on the roll, showing an increase of 9 since the last Annual Report. The Cadets number 23 and the Section proves a good training ground for the Company under Lieutenant Fowler. There are three Officers.

We are pleased to report that the Company won the 2nd Battalion Drill Competition, carrying off the Whitelaw Shield.

The year began with a week of intensive training for officers taken by Divisional Officers. A Dedication Service for Advisory Committee and Officers was conducted by Rev. Ford (Divisional Chaplain), assisted by Rev. Thornley at the Wesley Church.

Heather Jefferies went to the Brigade Training Centre at Waikanae in February and passed her Staff Sergeant's test.

A combined Church Parade with the Boys' Brigade and Life Boys was held 13th April at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

On 18th-20th April a Company Camp was held at Waikanae, when 23 spent a very happy week-end.

Miss Rae, our Overseas Secretary, arrived 16 May to pay the Hutt and Wellington Divisions a visit. The Cadets held a demonstration on the Saturday morning and on Saturday night there was a social evening at the Hutt when Miss Rae spoke and showed slides of G.L.B. round the world. On the Sunday the Hutt and Wellington Divisions held a Church Parade at the Town Hall. Rev. Temple conducted the service as Dominion Chaplain and Miss Rae spoke.

We are very indebted to our loyal Advisory Committee for all the help that they give us. We would like to thank our Chaplain, who gives so generously of his time in taking the Devotions each month.

The girls have been doing Basketwork and we sincerely thank Miss J. Johnston for coming so regularly each week. We would like to thank Mr C. Smith of the Boys' Brigade for helping the Girls to gain their Knots Badge. I would like to thank our Lieutenants for all they do for Cadets and Company. May God bless our work in the year that lies ahead, as He has in the past.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

Saturday Night at Eight continues to entertain a well-filled hall once a month. Societies which have assisted with programmes during the past year are the Thursday Club, Kindergarten Mothers' Club, the Orphans' Club, the Wainui-o-mata Dramatic Society, the Wellington Operatic Society, the Wellington Scottish Dancing Society, the Ava Townswomen's Guild, St. John's Bible Classes. To these organisations and to the many men and women who have given so generously of time and talents we wish to express our deep sense of gratitude. A few cars are made available each month to transport to these evenings those who could not otherwise accept the Church's invitation, and an anonymous donor also makes it possible to have taxis available at any time. We have been able, therefore, to give great pleasure to returned servicemen from "Mowai Homê", to elderly folk from the Harry Squires Memorial Hostel and to others who must rely on transport to leave their homes. Generous suppers are provided by ladies of the congregation as well as by some regular members of the audience. The undoubted success of these evenings is thus dependent on the continuing goodwill and co-operation of very many people, and so to all who have helped in any way to entertain those who once a month are the guests of St. John's, the committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude.

TROUP HOUSE

During the year two of the "first" residents of Troup House, Don Mence and Derek McKay, left for Dunedin and Christchurch respectively, whilst Keith Dommett and John Sargent were joined at the beginning of 1958 by John Reynolds and Ross Pilkinton. All four residents have come to Wellington to further their University education and are deeply appreciative of the Committee's interest in their welfare and comfort.

Recently the kitchen has been repainted and at the present time arrangements are in hand to carpet the three bedrooms. This will improve living conditions, especially during the cold winter months.

At its February meeting the Committee prepared a Constitution, setting out the aims and objects for the Residence. This was subsequently adopted by Session.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation to Mr N. S. Woods for his untiring services and interest both to the Committee and to the residents of Troup House.

ADULT CABINET

Adult Cabinet continues to fulfil its role in the life of St. John's.

This meeting together of representatives of all organisations every three months gives the opportunity to discuss problems and bring forth ideas. Some of these ideas have brought forth much good fruit when we think of what Saturday Night at Eight means to lonely folk, and the success of the Indoor Bowls Club—to mention just two.

We ask that God's blessing will be upon our future meetings and that He will show us new ways of helpfulness.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

On the fourth Sunday of each month, after the evening service, the Fellowship room is filled to overflowing with people who welcome the opportunity our Social Hour gives for meeting members of the congregation and visitors to our Church.

The women's groups have given gracious and unstinted service in providing and serving supper, and under the genial chairmanship of our Minister, the happiest atmosphere prevails.

During the year, 195 people have signed our visitors' book, and all have had a personal welcome from Mr Fairbairn, many expressing the pleasure and gratitude which is obviously felt by all.

In addition to the regular suppers, the Wellington Girls' College Choir was entertained in December, and supper was served to the Hungarian families after their Church Service in the Fellowship room in February. On this occasion a donation of £1 was given by one of our own members.

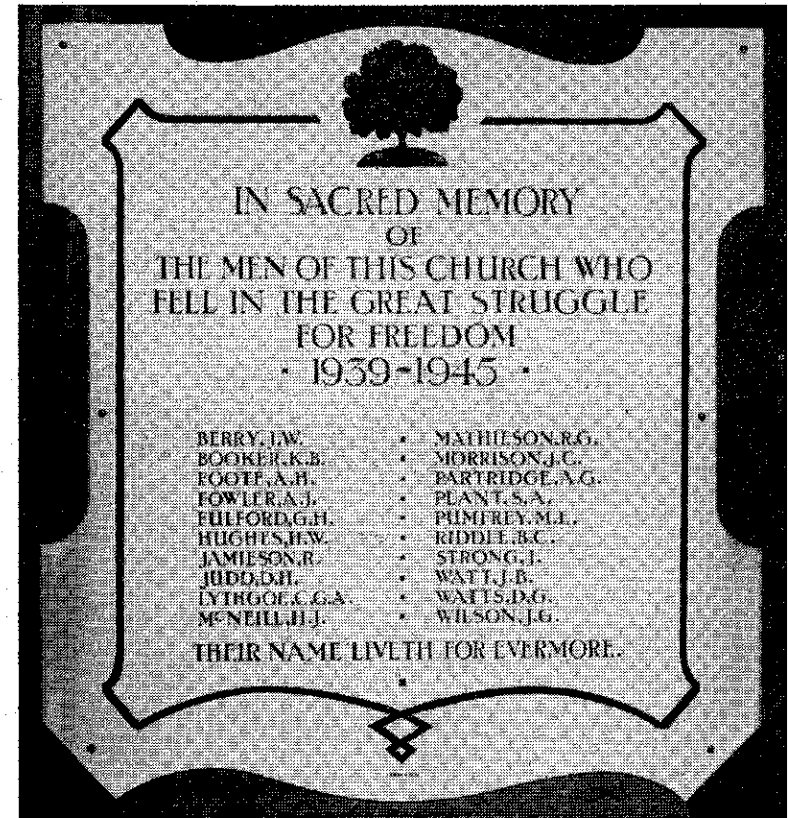
We record our warmest thanks to all who have provided and helped with the suppers, to soloists and accompanists, and to the Church member who makes it his responsibility to see that we never lack funds.

ST. JOHN'S DRAMA CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Drama Club last year it was decided not to function as a club having regular meetings, but to come together for the purpose of producing plays, keeping in mind particularly the seasons of the Christian calendar. As a result of this we presented "A Child in Flanders" in the Church last Christmas. This simple, but most effective play was produced by Miss Noeline Armstrong, who worked in close co-operation with Mr Rickard and the Choir. Full use was made of music and the natural architecture of the Church, and the presentation was very well received.

We plan to present another Christmas play this year, and also an Easter play next year. We also plan an evening of one-act plays early in October.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



IN MEMORIAM

Miss J. Cameron
Mr G. C. Carnie
Mr Dalziel
Mrs R. Harper
Mr L. Johnston
Mrs Pettigrew
Mrs Ridling
Mr W. Taylor

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1958

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Envelope collections	1,367	5	8	Overdraft Ordinary Account, 1 July 1957	130	2	11
Less 15% to Missions	204	19	0	Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, stipend (10 months)	717	9	6
Net Envelope collections	1,162	6	8	Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, car allowance (10 mths.)	126	12	3
Plate collections	1,688	5	2	Sister N. Morgan, salary	500	0	0
Pew rents	65	0	0	Sister N. Morgan, travelling, etc., expenses	22	10	0
				Mr M. Rickard, organist	200	0	0
Donations—			2,915 11 10	Mr E. E. Henderson, Church Officer	546	0	0
Use of rooms		186	14 0	Pulpit and Organ Supply	50	5	9
Afternoon Guild		25	0 0	Light, Heat and Power	171	11	11
Evening Guild		10	0 0	Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	142	15	6
Troup House		5	0 0	Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	330	0	0
Sundry		6	10 0	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0
Interest Manse Trust Fund		3	3 9	General repairs, church and other buildings	313	9	0
Organ practice fees		10	4 0	Electrical repairs	39	2	6
Interest Special Reserve Fund		101	5 0	Organ tuning	25	0	0
Fair, November 1957		864	2 9	Organ maintenance	12	13	0
Appeal, June 1958		210	12 9	Heaters, Organist	7	19	0
Sunday School 104th Anniversary		47	18 11	Rates, Manses and Cottage	129	3	3
Sale of Presbytery Centennial Booklets		9	8 9	Rent, Manse, Kelburn Parade	40	9	6
Piano Fund donations		26	16 0	Telephones, Manse, Cottage and Deaconess	45	13	7
Soldiers' Memorial donations		8	0 0	Assessment—Wellington Presbytery	14	17	6
Y.W.B.C. o/a sink		11	10 0	Assessment—Hospital Chaplain	39	11	0
Sale Manse Wai-te-ata Road	9,500	0	0	Assessment—General Assembly expenses	23	7	6
Adjustment boundary Wai-te-ata Road		77	2 0	Assessment—Beneficiary Funds	83	15	0
Balances brought forward, 1st July 1957—				Insurance—Fire	89	0	1
Choir music—Mrs Comrie gift	15	12	5	Insurance—Earthquake and War Damage	33	12	10
Piano Fund	22	19	0	Insurance—Accident and Sickness	18	8	1
				St. John's Messenger	38	12	6
				Young Worshippers' League Prizes	10	3	9
				Bruce Fowler Prize	2	1	0
				Light Globes	13	13	0

Withdrawals Trust Funds—			
Crockery Replacement Fund	8	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	72	14	0
Manse Trust Fund	70	0	0
Provision periodic repainting, etc.	164	0	0
Soldiers' Memorial Fund	53	15	4
Balance being Ordinary Account overdrawn 30 June 1958	35	5	8
	14,461	6	2
Balances 1 July 1957 held for:			
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3
Receipts:			
Hopkirk Timbers Ltd. donation	50	0	0
Afternoon Guild a/c new gates	25	0	0
	£14,571	11	5

Communion Wine	4	4	0
Church Officer sundries	17	10	3
Bank Charges	11	13	6
Sunday School Anniversary	47	18	11
Removal expenses J. K. Fairbairn	206	2	0
Sundry expenses	21	10	10
Purchase Manse, 2 Kelburn Parade	9,500	0	0
Shelving, Manse	41	10	0
Commission on sale Manse	250	0	0
Sink, top floor S.S. building	23	0	0
Presbytery Centennial Booklets	19	0	0
New crockery	8	0	0
New Hymn Books	72	14	0
Soldiers Memorial	71	4	6
Repairs Estey piano	49	15	0
Choir Music	23	3	3
Special expenses for repairs—Architect's fee for repiling S.S. building	164	0	0
	14,461	6	2
Balances, 30 June 1958, held for—			
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3
Donation Hopkirk Timbers Ltd.	50	0	0
Afternoon Guild a/c new gates	25	0	0
	£14,571	11	5

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 Refans Lawn Mower 1.2.6 1st & 2nd 5.19.3
 Refans Bushmaster 12.6 1st 21.10.10
 South Court 5.7.7
 Rubbish Removal 1.16.0
 Water Levy 1.0.0
 Prognosis repairs 3.7.6

Church 30.000
 Contents 7.000
 Hall 15.000 TH 37.00
 Contents 2.200
 Chatter 3.000
 Manse 7.500
 Contents 5.00
 Mission 2.000

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER ALTRUISTIC PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1958

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward 1 July					Budget Assessment (1957-58 £879)		879	0	0
1957 for Missions					Other special purposes		182	0	2
Receipts for Missions					Balance carried forward 30 June 1958 on				
Refusing Collections:					account of Missions—part of				
Home Ministry		80	9	7	collections		86	17	9
Maori Missions		19	16	8					
Overseas Missions		86	13	0					
Knox Theological Hall		55	2	11					
Baptisms, weddings & funerals		31	16	6					
Sundry donations		2	1	0					
P.W.M.U.		230	0	0					
Evening Guild		37	0	0					
Y.M.B.C.		27	16	7					
Y.W.B.C.		26	0	0					
Sunday School		69	11	8					
15 per cent of Envelope col- lections		204	19	0					
Other Receipts				871					
New Life receipts		102	1	0					
(Total to date, £5,155 4s. 11d.)									
N.Z. Alliance		19	7	2					
N.Z. Council of Christian Education		14	13	9					
National Council of Churches									
Christmas Bowl		13	6	1					
Presbyterian Children's Homes		30	12	2					
British and Foreign Bible Society		2	0	0					
				182					
				£1,147					
				17					
				11					

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1959

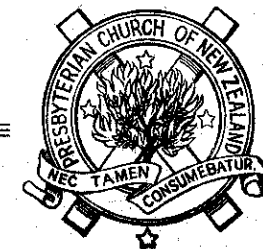
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Deficit in Ordinary Account 30 June 1958	35
Minister's Stipend	850
Minister's Car Allowance	150
Deaconess' Salary	500
Deaconess' travelling, etc. expenses	25
Organist	200
Church Officer	550
Supply fees	40
Light, heat and power	175
Advertising, printing, stationery, etc.	135
Provision for periodic repainting, etc.	330
Hymn Book Replacement Account	12
General and Special Repairs	710
Organ tuning and repairs	40
City Council rates, Manse and Cottage	135
Ground rent, Manse	63
Telephones, Manse, Cottage and Deaconess	45
Assessments:	
Wellington Presbytery	15
Hospital Chaplain	22
Beneficiary Funds	84
Insurances:	
Fire	90
Earthquake and War Damage	35
Accident and Sickness	18
St. John's Messenger	40
Y.W.L. Prizes	12
Sundry expenses	100
Sunday School Anniversary	50
	4,461
Assessment for Budget	1,039
Total estimated requirements	£5,500

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St. John's - Church Millis Street, Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1958 - 1959



One Hundred and Sixth Report

covering period

1st July 1958 to 30th June 1959

To be presented at the
Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 30th September 1959 at 7-45 p.m.

HISTORICAL NOTES

MINISTERS

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Rev. James Paterson	1868-1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D.	1903-1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.	1927-1939
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	1940-1947
Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.	1948-1957
Rev. F. H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant Minister)	1954-1955
Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.	1957-

BUILDINGS

First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
Second Church opened (accommodate 600), "St. John's"	12th Dec., 1875
First manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School Building, Dixon Street, opened	Nov., 1884
Present Church opened (accommodate 900)	6th Dec., 1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension of S.S. Buildings in Macdonald Cres.	1902
St. John's Memorial Hostel for men	1919-1937
Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, erected	1928
St. John's Bible Class Institute erected	1956
Manse sold, new manse purchased, Kelburn Parade	1957

JUBILEES

Diamond Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1913
Centennial Jubilee of Church	Nov., 1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee	Oct., 1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	1953
Women's Association Golden Jubilee	Aug., 1937

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Church of Scotland was petitioned to send a Minister to Wellington 15th Nov. 1851, and Congregation was formally established	17th Nov., 1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School opened in Francis Place	1872
First Service in Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1874
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr Robert Hopkirk	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church hymnary	1937
Choir gowned (1st Presbyterian Choir for N.Z.)	1944
Bible Class Movement, now established in other denominations throughout N.Z. had its origin in the Class formed by Mr (later Sir) Geo. Troup at St. John's	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
First Women Managers appointed	1951

PUBLICATIONS

Jubilee Booklets

Church Diamond Jubilee	1913
Church Centennial Jubilee	1953
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938

Church Newspapers

"The Record"	1892-1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1930-1931
"The Review"	1936-1938
"The Messenger"	1941-

TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

If you are interested in the history of St. John's (and it has a lively and sometimes dramatic history), you might like to have a copy of "St. JOHN'S THROUGH 100 YEARS, 1853-1953" (2/6).

And, if you have not already done so, you are invited to spend a while in the Church looking at the various memorial windows, tablets and furnishings. Those belonging to our first 100 years are described on pages 8-13 of the above-mentioned booklet.

PASTORAL LETTER

My dear friends,

What a busy, momentous year this has been! It seems as if St. John's is experiencing a new lease of life for two stirring challenges have been felt among us. Though the Dr Billy Graham Crusade and the Stewardship campaign of our Presbyterian Church have used differing techniques yet one felt that both were inspired by the same spirit of God. Both laid stress upon the sovereignty of God and the personal commitment of oneself to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Both movements emphasised the need of continuing growth; of the necessity of living progressively on a higher level of moral and spiritual values. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the inspiration and spiritual stimulus we received through the faithful service of all members of that devoted dedicated group—the Billy Graham team. From the time the representatives of St. John's were inspired at Fielding House by the vision of Stewardship, until now, we have felt the challenge of the claims of Christ. The Congregation as a team have been working—and are working—with a new sense of urgency and mission. The Parish survey follow-up revealed a number of things. There were many Presbyterians found within our parish area of whom we knew nothing. There was no hostility encountered; on the contrary, there was an eagerness, almost a hunger for what the Church could give. Those who took part were themselves stimulated and strengthened. There is an increasing acceptance of the responsibility of the Church member toward the visitor and the stranger. Greatest of all there is I believe among us a growing awareness of the presence of God, who in the power of the Holy Spirit comes to judge, rebuke, inspire and comfort.

I would like to pay a sincere tribute to all who throughout our campaign gave of their time and prayer. What a splendid band of men and women there are in St. John's! Their enthusiasm and hard work is matched by that of the young people of our Bible Classes who continue to play a vital part in Youth Work on Sunday afternoons.

To be faithful to the commission our Lord gave to His Church of which we are members demands a deepened sense of allegiance to Him and an alert vigilance for every opportunity to witness for Him in work, speech and life.

In His glad service,

Yours sincerely,

Kingsley Fairbairn.

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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, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach	1931
Blake, L. R., 29 Rawhiti Tee., W.1.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Cres., Karori, W.3.	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2.	1935
MacLeod, D., 43A Parkvale Road, W.3.	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
Orr, John A., 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, C.4.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 152 Cuba Street, Petone	1942
Anderson, P. H., 59 Hawker Street, C.4.	1946
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117A Brougham Street, C.4.	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, Hataitai, E.2.	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1.	1950
Dell, R. G., 424A Evans Bay Road, E.2.	1956
Long, J. H. H., 43A Parkvale Road, W.3.	1956
Page, T., Aust. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay, C.1.	1956
Wall, A. L., 98 Khandallah Road, N.5.	1956

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SESSION REPORT

A perusal of the reports furnished by the numerous organisations that comprise a well organised congregation indicates that very satisfactory progress has been made during the year under review. To the great body of men and women, yes and boys and girls who have given such devoted service to the King and Head of our Church over the past year, the Minister and Session would express its profound gratitude.

Our Minister, the **Rev. J. K. Fairbairn**, has in no way spared himself during the year. In addition to his many congregational duties and ministrations he has carried a load of Presbytery work as convener of the Religious Education Committee and as a member of several other Presbytery Committees. He was chairman of the Dr Billy Graham Wellington Campaign Committee and in addition to all this was of course involved in our own Stewardship campaign. We pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon him and that he may continue to be guided as he meets God's people everywhere.

It was with very great regret that Session accepted the resignation of our Deaconess **Sister Nessie Morgan** after ten years of efficient and devoted service. Session placed on record a minute of appreciation of her services and at a well attended after Church social hour a farewell gift was presented to her.

No report would be complete without a special word of thanks to the **Choir** and soloists whose faithful work week after week contributes so largely to the reverent atmosphere that is a feature of the Sunday services. It is with much regret that our organist Mr Malcolm Rickard has found it necessary to submit his resignation and no doubt an occasion will be arranged to express our views of his work.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding efforts ever made by St. John's was the **Stewardship Campaign** under the chairmanship of the Hon. J. R. Marshall. The Parish survey carried out by Mr N. S. Woods and his 80 helpers found about 500 Presbyterians not connected with the Church. A team of 60 hostesses then took over and visited our own and the prospective members with invitations to the Parish dinner held in the large Town Hall on 20th May when some 550 attended. The dinner was a complete success and the follow-up work resulted in increasing numbers being found at the Sunday services.

The **Church Roll** now stands at 442. New members received by profession of faith and by certificates and restoration during the year totalled 102 and 66 were removed by transfer and purging of the roll.

The average attendances at the four Communion Services were members 325 and visitors 32, total 357. The highest attendance was in June—408 members and visitors were present. The attendance on World Communion Sunday was 211.

A **Memorial Tablet** to the Glory of God and in memory of Rev. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., was unveiled on 14th December by Mr Victor McKenzie, a son-in-law. The late Mr Hughes was the fifth minister of St. John's and the text on the memorial is a most fitting tribute to this beloved minister, "Steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Session was pleased to offer congratulations to one of the senior elders, Dr T. F. Corkill, on having been awarded a Sims Black Professorship in Gynaecology which will involve a three months tour of Great Britain with his wife during 1960.

St. John's people are reminded that we now have our "own missionary" working in the Indian field in the person of Miss Margaret Bear, a former member of the Choir. This should give us an added interest in mission work.

To the many infirm members and office bearers who are prevented from attendance at the church they love and to all who have suffered bereavement we extend our sympathy and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon them.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Board Membership: At the 1958 Annual Meeting Messrs Cole, Dunn, Lowman, Robertson and Stevenson retired after the usual three years' service and the last three named were re-elected for another term. During the year Mr R. B. Garrity resigned on being transferred from Wellington. There are now 25 members on the Board.

Church Grounds: Several members again gave devoted service in keeping the grounds generally tidy. A retaining wall was erected by the City Council on the MacDonald Crescent frontage.

Hopkirk Donations: Our gratitude is due to the Hopkirk family for two generous donations of £50. One donation was spent on the construction of two handsome hymn book trolleys for use in the Church vestibule. It is proposed to use the remaining donation for the improvement of pulpit lighting.

Piano: When Sister Morgan resigned early in the year she offered to sell her piano to the Church and the Board was glad to take advantage of her offer.

General Finance: It will be seen from the accounts that the financial position has been assisted by increased giving by the congregation. Our ordinary income from the plate collections, envelope contributions and from rents amounted to £3,541 compared with £2,915 for 1957-58 and £2,456 for 1956-57. There were no special appeals or efforts during the year to bring in funds for general congregational purposes.

At the beginning of the year the ordinary working account was overdrawn to the extent of £35 5s. 8d. At 30 June 1959 this was increased to £84 7s. 6d.

Missions: Our Budget assessment for the year was £1,039 and this was paid in full. £251 came from direct giving for Missions, £385 from various organisations, £251 from an allocation of the envelope contributions, £87 from contributions of past years and £65 from our ordinary funds during the year.

Special Repairs: During the year £500 was spent on borer treatment of the church and £803 to complete the repiling of the church.

In the last six years over £8,100 has been spent on special works around the church building, from our reserve funds, which are now almost exhausted. This amount is additional to the ordinary expenses for repairs and maintenance, which is a continuing charge and which averages about £200 per annum.

Painting of building: It is now ten years since the exterior of the church and the adjacent buildings were last painted and the work to be shortly undertaken is a matter of necessity. The interior of the church was last painted nearly 30 years ago and repainting will be included in the work about to be undertaken. An examination of the windows of the church disclosed the necessity to renew the putty around most of the windows. Discussions with experts made it clear that the only satisfactory manner of proceeding with this work is to use new glass as many panes would be broken while removing the perished putty. A much clearer glass is to be used and it is anticipated that this will improve the lighting of the church considerably.

CHOIR REPORT

Throughout the year the numerical strength of the Choir has increased slightly, the numbers fluctuating as student members found regular attendance at choir practice conflicting with their efforts at concentrated study. The seating accommodation required at the close of the year was for thirty-one members—fourteen sopranos, six altos, three tenors and eight basses—with an extra chair or two for visiting soloists whom we were pleased to welcome from time to time.

While our main purpose as a Choir is to lead the congregation in a service of praise we have taken part in a variety of activities during the year. These have called for not a little preparation, but have given added interest to our practices. The outstanding event in which we had a share was the first Festival of Music arranged by the Presbytery of Wellington. The reception accorded the singing of the combined choirs at the Centennial service prompted the idea of a festival, and with the backing of an enthusiastic committee of Presbytery Mr Rickard undertook the training of the Choir, with Mr Peter Averi presiding at the organ. The performance was greeted with such enthusiasm that it is proposed to make the Festival an annual event, and preparations are now complete for the Festival of 1959.

Linking the choirs again during the year was a Presbytery service held in our own church on Ascension Day for which special music was again prepared.

On the last Sunday evening in July the choir of the Khandallah church joined with us in giving a rendering of Eric Thiman's cantata "The Parables", and on the following Sunday this was repeated in the Khandallah church.

At the end of the year we were invited to assist the Drama Club in their presentation of the play "Come and behold Him" and we were glad to take part with them in this special Christmas service. Following the evening service on Christmas Sunday choir members went carol singing to the homes of a few of our older church members, and this friendly gesture was very much appreciated.

We have again assisted with the singing at a morning service at Mt. Crawford, provided some light entertainment at the annual congregational meeting, contributed to the programme at the farewell social for Sister Nessie Morgan and on two occasions have had the pleasure of singing at the weddings of former choir members.

We have a very special interest in following the fortunes of our own St. John's Missionary, Margaret Bear, for when she left to prepare for her work in India she was a valued member, and Treasurer of our choir.

At the suggestion of the broadcasting committee one or two experiments have been made in connection with the singing at broadcast services. On one occasion the choir was seated in the body of the church instead of in the choir gallery, while on another the congregational singing was conducted throughout by the choir-master. St. John's was one of the churches at which a programme of hymns was recently recorded for use in Sunday evening broadcasts.

It was with great regret that choir members heard from Mr Rickard of his decision to resign from the position of organist and choir-master. He has brought new life and vitality to the choir, and his ability as a choir-master has been appreciated by the congregation no less than by choir members themselves. The harmonious relationship that exists within the choir has been fostered by his qualities of patience, tact and good-humour,

and by his appreciation of the particular function which a church choir exists to fulfil. It has been a privilege to spend these two years under his leadership, and we thank him for his guidance and encouragement.

We extend our thanks, too, to our minister for his continued interest in the choir, and express the hope that we may ever bring to the church services that sense of reverence, peace and joy by which we may help him to lead a worshipping congregation into the nearer presence of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The number of children on the Sunday School Roll at present is: Girls, 50; Boys, 63; Total, 113.

Special Prizes awarded at Promotion Day Service on Sunday, 16th November:

Hopkirk Memorial Prize—Adrienne Woods.

Superintendent's Prize—Susan Piper.

R. Bruce Fowler Prize—Jimmy Mumme.

Annie Scott Prize—Glennis Jeffries.

On Anniversary Sunday, 7th December, the children presented a Christmas Carol pageant ably produced by Mr Neil Whimp. This was much enjoyed by both performers and congregation.

The annual picnic was again held in ideal weather conditions at Khandallah Domain and it was gratifying to see so many families joining in this outing which was a very happy occasion.

On Sunday, 19th April, members of Sunday School and a number of the congregation met to honour Miss Mary MacKenzie who was relinquishing her position as teacher of the tinies after more than 30 years' loyal and devoted service to the Sunday School.

We also record the resignation of our very efficient Treasurer, Miss M. Blake, now Mrs Alex Knox, living at Wainuiomata. We very much appreciate her splendid service to the Sunday School and wish her well in her new sphere.

During June we welcomed Sister Elizabeth Campbell who conducted a mission for four afternoons and evenings. We are grateful for her help and inspiration to our children and teachers. Also her illustrated talk on "Home and Church" to parents was much appreciated.

The Sunday School staff is now Mrs B. Thomson, Misses D. Bates, A. Button, A. Carley, J. Fowler, B. Kempton, P. Lees, A. McKenzie, M. Page, E. Strong, V. Woods, Messrs C. Smith and J. McKinley.

CRADLE ROLL

Our roll at present stands at 54. Seven children have had their fourth birthdays during the year and have been taken off our roll, and seven have moved away from Wellington. Twenty-five new names have been entered on the roll during the past twelve months. Our party this year is to be held on October 31st in the Church Hall and we hope to have a big gathering of new and older Cradle Roll parents and children. We have lost two committee members this year, Mrs McKenzie, who has left Wellington, and Miss Muriel Blake, who was married early in the year and went to live at Wainuiomata, but we are very happy to welcome Miss J. Hanchet and Mrs van Zweeken to our ranks.

ST. JOHN'S P.W.M.U.

Having ended another year's work under the able leadership of our new president, Mrs Fairbairn, we give thanks to God for His continued blessings.

We remember and record with regret, the passing of three loved members of long service to the P.W.M.U., Mrs Alex Martin, Mrs Arch Wilson and in London, Mrs Fraser. Our deepest sympathy to the relatives of these dear and faithful people.

A highlight of the year was a Social Afternoon given on the 19th August to farewell our own St. John's Missionary—Miss Margaret Bear, who has gone to Jagadhri Hospital where she will work for the Kingdom of Christ.

In July our guest of honour was Mrs Gladstone Hughes, the retiring president. On behalf of the members Mrs A. Smith spoke of the many fine qualities and the long and faithful service Mrs Hughes had given to the P.W.M.U., her whole life being a dedication to the Church. Mrs Smith presented our late president with a travelling rug.

It was with great regret we learned of the retirement of our loved deaconess Sister Nessie Morgan. Her untiring and faithful work among the sick has been an inspiration to us all. We hope she will enjoy her long rest from her very full and often arduous duties.

In June our very capable and energetic secretary Mrs B. Elliott retired from office. It was with regret her resignation was accepted. Mrs Baber was elected secretary.

Owing to our Church going into Stewardship our funds this year have not been quite as high as previous years. However, we were able to meet our Commitments.

The following sums have been received: Mission Boxes, £75 15s. 0d.; Evening Guild, £36 14s. 0d.; M.M.B. League, £32 12s. 9d.; Mrs Wilson Sales Table, £34 13s. 0d.; Scott Trust, £30 0s. 0d.; Collections, £19 0s. 10d.

At the Annual Meeting £242 18s. 3d. was voted to the Church Budget for Missions. In concluding our report, we pray for the continued support and God's blessing on the P.W.M.U.

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD

We give thanks to God for the opportunities afforded us in His Service and each and every member has helped to make the Guild Year one of happy service and friendship. Along with members of all other organisations, most of us have been involved in the Stewardship Campaign, either in visiting or as hostesses. Its impact depends upon each one of us, how sincere has been our response, and how deep is our desire that those in our parish should be brought into our Church Fellowship and given the opportunity of learning of Jesus Christ as Master and Friend.

In Memoriam: During the year, three members who have helped to build St. John's Women's Association and make its history have been called to higher service—

Mrs Alex Martin, since her arrival from Ireland many years ago, gave generously of herself and her time in hospitality in her home and in service to her Church. Her cheerfulness and her courage during her years of illness were an inspiration to all.

Mrs Arch Wilson was the oldest member of St. John's, and was greatly loved. She had served in Sunday School, Choir, P.W.M.U. and Guild, but her greatest service lay in the hospitality of her home, where B.C. folk and newcomers to the city were always welcomed by a kind and gracious "Mother".

Mrs Malcolm Fraser died while with her son, Dr Russell Fraser in London. All remember her wonderful work for the Guild, especially in the "Mother's Meeting", and how she gave unstintingly of her time and strength in work for the soldiers during the war.

Death also claimed Miss Jean Duncan, a more recent but an interested and generous member.

We would record too, the passing of Sister Margaret Hewson, the P.S.S. City Deaconess, whose life in Wellington was one of self-sacrificing service and whose visits to those in hospital or in trouble brought Jesus Christ near.

Programme of Work and Entertainment: Meetings have been of a varied and interesting nature and we give thanks to those who have made them so. Mr Quartermain on his trip to the Antarctic; Mr Edmonds gave an excellent idea of life among the millions of people of many different

religions in Indonesia; Miss H. Johnston concerning the work among the Life Boys; a stimulating talk by Sister N. Ogilvie, the P.S.S. City Deaconess, and a Scandinavian story told by Dr and Mrs Ewen.

Members went by bus to "Kilmarnock" where the residents were entertained by pictures, music and afternoon tea.

At a Christmas party combined with the P.W.M.U. opportunity was taken to farewell Sister Nessie Morgan who was presented with a book as a token of remembrance.

A very happy afternoon was spent at the Manse as the guests of Mrs Fairbairn, and a good collection of articles for the P.S.S.A. Garden Party was received.

Helping with the supply and arrangement of Church Flowers, serving After-Church suppers, suppers for Saturday-Night-at-Eight and the gathering after Preparatory service, supplies for the B.C. Sunday afternoon club, help to the Boys' and Girls' Brigades and serving supper and helping to entertain the parents of Life Boys have given many opportunities for helpful fellowship.

Funds were considerably augmented after a most successful "Bring and Buy" and the proceeds of a Jumble Sale have been allocated to a carpet fund for the B.C. Men's Social Room.

Other tangible ways of the Guild to help others have been darning for the Children's Homes, assisting at the Cake and Sweet Stalls at the P.S.S. Annual Meetings, supplying scrap books, cards, small tins of biscuits and sweets for patients in hospitals and over £2 for comforts, as well as supplies for Deaconess House pantry and clothing for some needy girls and packing clothes for Corso. Our President was the Organiser for the P.S.S. Garden Party and was grateful for the good response from St. John's Guilds.

Thanks: There are those whom we must specially mention, Mrs Pumfrey, our faithful accompanist, Mrs McKenzie and her tea team, Mrs Crough, Misses Brown and Jones.

We thank Mr Fairbairn for his unfailing interest and for the inspiration his ministry brings to us.

Of Mrs A. P. Smith who is retiring as a Vice-President, we thank with deep gratitude for her years of generous and friendly assistance.

Mrs Hughes, who is retiring as President, has given us so wonderfully of her gifts of leadership and friendship. We feel inadequate when trying to express our gratitude, but one and all say a loving and heartfelt "thank-you".

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

Membership: There are now 85 members on the roll.

Meetings: At each meeting it has been our pleasure to be welcomed by hostesses who prepare the room, provide the flowers and supper cloths and serve supper.

The personal telephone calls by Committee members and the leading of devotions by various members have helped to make the meetings inspiring, happy and friendly.

Work for Others: Our sphere of activities for the year has been an extensive one:

Deaconess Pantry: Generous contributions were made for the use of the City Deaconess. **Hospital Visitation:** A work project resulted in several cartons of tins of biscuits, jams, and scrap books being delivered at Deaconess House for Sister Ogilvie's hospital visitations. **Adoption of two patients:** As a continuation of our practical work for Sister Ogilvie's patients at Porirua, two patients have been adopted by Guild. Members take it in turn to write to them, small gifts are sent occasionally, and wool has been sent by one Guild member to one patient who is learning to knit. **New Hebrides:** A large carton of medical supplies was dispatched. Bandage

making was a work project on one evening. **Maori Missions:** Parcels were sent to the Maori workers and their families as our Christmas project.

Corso: Assistance was given with sorting (following the clothes drive) then later with packing. **Street Days:** Members collected for the Boys' Institute, the P.S.S.A., and Nurses Chapel Fund respectively. **Direct Giving to Missions** amounted to £37/-/. **Catering:** "Plates" for Bible Class Sunday Teas, Saturday Night at 8; and After Church Suppers have been supplied by members.

Talks: Time is devoted at most meetings to hearing talks about work of other organisations either within the church or outside its scope: **The Hon. J. R. Marshall** spoke about his visit to the U.S.A. on a Foreign Leadership Grant. **Mrs May** (a Lebanese) gave interesting information about life in the East. **Rev. W. G. Heerdegen**, the Anglican City Missioner, described his work at the Mission and gave a glimpse of the loving and selfless service to those in trouble or distress. **Mrs Spence-Williams** spoke on contacts in the Middle East and displayed films. **Mr Topham**, representative of Wedgewood, spoke on china and its manufacture, and showed films and displayed china. **Mr N. Woods** and **Mr Wall** discussed issues involved in the Stewardship Campaign.

Bring and Buy: A sale held in September raised £28 0s. 0d.

Church Flowers: Vases for church use were purchased at £7 0s. 0d. from our funds.

St. John's Own Missionary: We have a special interest in Miss Margaret Bear, as she was a Guild member. We pray that God may richly bless her in the work of Jagadhri.

Social and Personal: Members enjoyed the hospitality of the Manse in September, also at the home of Mrs Piper. Our thanks go to Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Piper.

A social gathering was held at the home of Mrs Noel Woods on the occasion of the approaching marriage of our past secretary, Miss Muriel Blake.

We place on record our warm appreciation of the time and talent devoted to Guild by our past President Miss Pearl Brodie during her term of office.

Conclusion: As we go forward into the future we pray that the Heavenly Father may guide us in the planning of our activities, leading us into new fields of service.

BIBLE CLASSES

Membership: The senior membership has again increased considerably this year, the junior and intermediate remaining fairly steady. The Senior Girls' Class has a roll of 35, the average attendance being 19, the Senior Boys' Class a roll of 35 with an average attendance of 20. Intermediate girls number 5, boys 6, and Junior girls 8, boys 4.

Studies: The senior classes have completed the study of St. Mark's gospel with the aid of the book, "Peter Remembers". The girls are now studying the Epistle to Ephesians and boys the Acts of the Apostles. Intermediate classes have been following the studies by Stewart—"The Life and Teaching of Christ", and the juniors the book "Discovery" on the Life of Christ and on the Church.

Sunday Afternoon Fellowship: Last year members of the classes went into the streets to invite young people they met to spend the afternoon at St. John's and have tea there. This "Call to Youth" activity continues to flourish, the young folk attracted to it being largely Maoris and Islanders. Each Sunday afternoon they enjoy games and experience warm comradeship.

ship. After tea and a short gospel message films are usually shown including, if possible, one with a religious theme. One afternoon the Open Air Campaigners assisted. Special mention goes to Mrs Kay Rodgers for her untiring work every Sunday. We would also like to thank the women of the congregation for their support with catering, and we ask for your continued prayers for this venture.

B.C. Teas: These are held monthly at the home of Mr and Mrs N. S. Woods on Sunday afternoons. We are very grateful for the opportunity given us in this manner to welcome and meet many young people not belonging to the class.

Competitions: At the B.C. Competitions held last year we again came second to Khandallah losing the shield by only half a mark. The choir trained by Marcell Jansen was placed second, most of our strength, however, coming from the pianoforte and speech sections.

B.C. Camp: We held a combined camp at Paekakariki during April. The committee chairman, Ron McCulloch, aided by camp Mum and Dad—Mr and Mrs Jack Long, drew us together in a spirit of fellowship which was present throughout the camp. Our excellent meals were cooked by Miss Margaret Reynolds. Rev. Warner Hutchinson of Inter-varsity Fellowship was our speaker leading our studies.

B.C. Retreats: One was held at St. Giles Church, Kilbirnie, on 11th October. The speaker was Rev. W. P. Temple and the topic discussed was "Witness in the Church and in everyday life". It was organised along similar lines to the later one held on Saturday, 27th June, in St. Stephen's Church, Lower Hutt, with an approximate attendance of 30. The studies on "Faith and Works" were led by Rev. Evan Lewis from the Union Church at Taita.

Billy Graham Crusade: Our report would be incomplete without mention of Dr Billy Graham and his great impact on B.C. members as on others. Some of our members attended the counsellor training course and others have been brought into our fellowship as a direct result of the Crusade. We were privileged to have Mr Walter Smyth, of the Crusade team with us one morning. He spoke to the combined classes, afterwards joining in the Boys' study circle. Our classes also entertained combined classes who had come from Manawatu for the Crusade.

Other Activities: During the year we have successfully held a number of socials, a barbecue, and have enjoyed a pleasant evening with St. David's Youth Fellowship, Upper Hutt. On November 5th the combined classes gave a Guy Fawkes party to the children in the Berhampore homes. B.C. members have given freely of their time to pack for Corso and collect for the P.S.S.A. street-day appeal. Many attended the district Easter Camps and B.C. Conference at Lower Hutt in January. The Bible Classes have taken two services this year, the evening service for Youth Sunday in October, and a morning service in November. Members also took part in the swimming sports and athletic sports, the boys relay team winning the cup in the former. A special collection totalling £30 was given to assist New Hebridean boys attending Summer Conference. The combined classes gave £58 to the Mission work of the Church.

The classes joined with the congregation in the Stewardship Campaign, aiding particularly in the Parish Survey.

To the leaders of our classes we express warm thanks for their unstinted service. We appreciate not only the time they give and the guidance and leadership they bring to us, but also the sincerity and warmth of personal friendship.

Finally the Bible Class would like to record its sincere appreciation of the encouragement and help given us by Rev. J. K. Fairbairn and members of the congregation who have supported us by their interest and prayers.

BOYS' BRIGADE

The end of last year saw us finish on a very good note with the Boys very keen, and a very successful Annual Display although the number of Boys on the roll was only 11.

One of this number, Sgt. Mines, was discharged from the ranks having reached the age limit, but is back with us this year as a very capable Staff-Sergeant.

March this year saw us start off well with all of last year's boys back plus 10 recruits. Of these three were transferred from the Life Boy Team and the balance had come through our visits to surrounding schools. Three of these boys did not attend, some others were only very erratic attenders at Bible Class or Sunday Schools, but they are all now regular attenders due to the B.B. rule that they must be members of a Bible Class or Sunday School.

We have lost three boys during the year due to moving, homework and distance to come along, and have gained two who have shifted into our parish from other Companies.

Mr Brady has also come to us from a Masterton Company as a Warrant-Officer and is proving himself most useful.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who gave so willingly to B.B. Week.

Our Annual Display will be held on Thursday the 26th November and we would like all our friends to be our guests and see the Boys in action.

May we have your prayers for the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys.

THE LIFE BOYS

2nd Wellington Team

This year the numbers are higher than ever with 28 Boys on the roll—12 being new Boys.

At the annual Missionary Service in September for Wellington Area our Team gave £23, which was the second highest for the whole of New Zealand. This money goes towards the work of the Movement in the islands of the S.W. Pacific. This year the Boys plan to give £30. Almost £20 of this has already been raised by voluntary giving and it is hoped that the remainder will be realised from the results of a Bring and Buy Sale to be held on Mothers' Night. Well over 200 Life Boys usually attend this service. This year it is to be held at St. John's on 20th September.

The usual Hallowe'en party in October was a huge success and this year the Boys of a new Team—Ngaio Methodist—were invited to attend. The Chaplain, Mr Fairbairn, judged the fancy dress and lantern competition—a truly difficult job.

The Annual Display in November was a memorable occasion with Mr Bruce Young—now Life Boy (N.Z.) Director—as Chief Guest. The highlight of the Display was marching with Chinese Lanterns.

During the summer months several picnics took place and happy days were spent at Percy Reserve, Butterfly Creek and Khandallah Reserve.

At a special ceremony on 23 February, five Boys who had reached the age limit were transferred to The Boys' Brigade Company.

The Team's Enrolment Service was held in the Fellowship Room on 13 April and was conducted by the Chaplain. This was an impressive service and was attended by the Boys' parents, the Company Officers and a number of friends.

The Team celebrated its ninth birthday with a party on 25th May. The cake, with nine candles, had a Life Boy crest done in icing and was made by Mrs Gray—mother of one of the Boys. Recorded is the appreciation of the Team to the Afternoon Guild for taking charge of supper on this occasion.

During the year Leaders attended Training Courses both locally and nationally to further equip themselves for this work.

The Team wishes to express its gratitude for help given in many ways during the year.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

8th Wellington Company

Membership: 42 girls are on the roll and 26 Cadets.

Combined Functions: Health stamps featured the Brigades last year when seniors and Advisory Committee members helped in the sale and opening day effort.

Early this year the company took part in preparations for the G.L.B. float in the Festival of Wellington when hundreds of flowers were made by senior girls and their parents, and several nights spent attaching these to the frame. Many thanks to those who shared in this work. A number of our girls marched in the foot detachment with the float and cadet Margaret Jefferies was chosen to appear on the float.

Officers attended G.L.B. Annual Meeting held at Christchurch on Labour Week-end and a Training Day in February with Miss Adam from Dominion Headquarters to add encouragement and help.

The Divisional Church Parade and a combined church parade with 2nd Wellington Boys' Brigade were attended this year. These parades are a real stimulus to the devotional life of the company during the year.

Competitions: We were successful in gaining third place in the Swimming Sports held at Thorndon Baths in March and second place in our Annual Battalion Drill competition.

Camp: 27 girls, 2 officers and our cook attended a very happy camp in April in perfect weather. Rambling, swimming, an impromptu fancy dress (some most original) and a church service at Paekakariki were part of our week-end at Te Karaka. Mrs Elliott was a grand cook.

Training: Yvonne Wakelin and Lorraine Button attended an N.C.O. week-end and both passed their Lance Corporal's exam with credit. Both Mrs A. Henderson and Miss I. Barbary have joined us and become Lieutenants and Heather Jefferies has completed her Warrant Officer's examination.

Bible Knowledge, Ramblers and Local Knowledge have been our badge subjects for the year.

Cadets: Under the leadership of Lieut. Fowler the Cadets gained second place in the Annual 2nd Battalion Cadet Competitions held in June. We are pleased to have Miss Janet Wallis of Fairview Hostel, and Pioneer Christine Williamson as helpers.

Appreciation: Once again our thanks are due to all our loyal supporters and to Rev. Fairbairn, always willing to co-operate, Major Fullarton, our enthusiastic guide, and the splendid workers on our Advisory Committee.

AFTER CHURCH SUPPERS

A bright spot in the activities of the congregation is the social hour held after the evening service every third Sunday in the month. Here visitors and newcomers are warmly welcomed and all enjoy a time of friendship.

During the year Miss Brodie relinquished the convenership of the committee and we express to her our appreciation of her capable and willing service over the past years.

Our thanks are due to a good friend in the congregation who gives regularly to our funds.

To all those who help with these suppers we express our thanks especially as they now have also taken over the provision of suppers for "Saturday night at Eight".

We are always glad to welcome any who would like to help in these groups as they afford an opportunity of service and fellowship.

ADULT CABINET

The Cabinet played its part, during the recent Stewardship Campaign when members of the Stewardship Committee met with Adult Cabinet to discuss ways and means of bringing into the fellowship of the Church those who had been contacted during the Parish visitation. Also it was desired to evolve some way of keeping in touch with those who are sick or shut-in or who need help in any way by putting them in touch with those who were willing to give help. A special meeting of the Women's Organisations was called in this connection, on Adult Cabinet's recommendation, and from that special meeting and a special meeting of Adult Cabinet called later in the week, it was recommended that the Social Service work not already covered be dealt with by a committee drawn from interested groups, such as Afternoon Guild, Evening Guild, P.W.M.U., Manager, Session, Bible Classes and for Mrs J. K. Fairbairn to be appointed Convener.

Adult Cabinet meets every three months, and it is indeed helpful to be able to do this and discuss developments and future events.

We pray that God's blessing will rest upon our future meetings.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

In Saturday Night at Eight, St. John's stretches out its hand in friendship and offers its hospitality one Saturday each month to all in the community who care to accept it. There is no doubt that by the warmth of this gesture, not only is a little more happiness brought into many rather drab lives, but the name of St. John's stands higher in the community. The amount of goodwill in the city towards this "experiment in friendship" has to be experienced to be appreciated. A pleasing feature of this year's activity has been an increase in the number of shut-in folks who are regularly brought by car, and to those whose cars are always available for this purpose and to those who have provided taxis the committee wishes to express its gratitude. On behalf of all who enjoy these evenings the Committee wishes to thank most warmly those who have contributed in any way to their success; to the many groups and organisations and individual entertainers of all denominations who have given so freely of time and talents—to provide programmes of a consistently high standard; to the ladies of the congregation for the delicious suppers which are so much appreciated, and to others who have helped in various ways; lastly to Mr Fairbairn for his presence each Saturday, evidence of his unfailing encouragement and practical interest.

TROUP HOUSE

It can be seen that the residence is still fulfilling a need for accommodation in Wellington for young men who come to our city from many parts of New Zealand. This year three of the residents are studying at Victoria University as part of their course for the Ministry.

During the year a wall to wall carpet was laid in all rooms. Special thanks are due to James Smith Ltd. for their assistance and help. The carpet has been of great benefit in keeping the Flat warm especially during the cold winter months.

Plans have now been completed for the making of a Commemorative Plaque and it is expected that this will be placed in Troup House within the near future.

The committee has met regularly throughout the year and is pleased to report that everything has run smoothly as far as management of Troup House has been concerned and that the finances are in a good condition. Each year provision is being made out of current income for the future maintenance and expenses of the Flat.

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Early in 1958, the Adult Cabinet recommended to Session that an Indoor Bowling Club be formed, amongst the members and adherents of St. Johns, several of whom had previously indicated that they felt such a club was desirable in the life of the church.

That this is so is illustrated by the fact that at the end of our first year there are sixteen "Life" members, some of whom are not players, who generously gave a donation to help put the club on a firm financial footing, and thirty-five playing members, the majority of whom come on club night, held on Wednesday of each week at 8 p.m. Acknowledgment must be made here of the help received from St. Andrews and St. Giles, the former giving instruction in the art of bowling, and the latter loan of equipment for a few months until our own could be purchased. With the subscriptions received, three sets of equipment have been purchased, and in addition the sum of ten pounds has been handed to the church treasurer from the club.

During the year the members of St. Andrews and St. Giles bowling clubs have visited us, and a return visit was paid to St. Giles. As these were such a success, it is hoped to continue further visits to and from other congregations. Later on it is proposed that several of our members combine with St. Andrews to pay a visit to Mt. Crawford Jail to play there.

If people who are desirous of joining would telephone any of the officials of the club they will be made welcome. It has been a very successful year for our club, and many friendships have been formed from the companionship of the game.

In Memoriam

Mrs A. M. Wilson
Mrs Malcolm Fraser
Miss Jean Duncan
Mrs Alex Martin
Mrs Allan Marshall
Mrs E. G. Bell
Mrs L. Leslie
Mrs C. A. Madge
Mr Norman Aitken
Mr A. Adam

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1959

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances 1 July 1958—					
Benevolent Fund	195	2 10	Withdrawals—		
Centennial Collection	271	19 11	Benevolent Fund	10	4 0
Chairs for Hall	144	8 8	Crockery Replacement Fund	7	10 0
Crockery Replacement Fund	73	4 8	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	5	0 0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	255	9 7	Provision for Periodic Re-		
Organ Renovation Fund	178	0 0	painting, etc.	1,300	0 0
Provision for Periodic Re-					1,322 14 0
painting, etc.	1,951	18 2	Balances 30 June 1959—		
St. John's Church Rebuilding			Benevolent Fund	193	4 10
Fund	158	0 2	Centennial Collection	283	7 3
Endowment Fund	5,689	9 8	Chairs for Hall	150	7 8
Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0 0	Crockery Replacement Fund	68	16 11
		9,107 13 8	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	270	14 4
			Organ Renovation Fund	185	11 4
			Provision for Periodic Re-		
			painting, etc.	1,060	16 1
Interest—			St. John's Church Rebuilding		
Benevolent Fund	8	6 0	Fund	164	14 6
Centennial Collection	11	7 4	Endowment Fund	5,930	19 10
Chairs for Hall	5	19 0	Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0 0
Crockery Replacement Fund	3	2 3			8,498 12 9
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	8	4 9			
Organ Renovation Fund	7	11 4			
Provision for Periodic Re-					
painting, etc.	78	17 11			
St. John's Church Rebuilding					
Fund	6	14 4			
Endowment Fund	241	10 2			
		371 13 1			
Receipts—					
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0 0			
Provision for Periodic Re-					
painting, etc.	330	0 0			
		342 0 0			
		£9,821 6 9			£9,821 6 9

Stewardship Campaign Expenses: Hire of Town Hall £43, Caterer £291 5s. 0d., Printing Brochure £130 10s. 0d., Other printing and stationery £70 14s. 0d., Postages £20 6s. 0d., Telephone rental £12 18s. 6d., Photographs £10 15s. 6d., Advertising £6 0s. 0d., Additional copies of Messenger £5 10s. 0d., Sundry Expenses £3 6s. 0d., Total £594 5s. 0d.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1959

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Envelope collections	1,672	14	10	Overdraft Ordinary Account, 1 July 1958	35	5	8
Less 15% to Missions	250	15	0	Rev. J. K. Fairbairn—			
Net envelope collections	1,421	19	10	Stipend	850	0	0
Plate collections	2,044	6	3	Car allowance	150	0	0
Pew rents	75	7	0	Sister N. Morgan—			
3792.2.1				Salary (9 months)	386	4	6
Donations			3,541 13 1	Travelling, etc. expenses	15	0	0
Use of rooms			266 7 0	Mr M. Rickard, Organist	200	0	0
Troup House			5 0 0	Mr E. E. Henderson, Church Officer	546	0	0
Sundry			5 15 0	Pulpit and Organ Supply	30	16	0
Organ practice fees			15 12 6	Light, Heat and Power	154	10	11
Interest on Lockie Bequest			7 6 9	Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	147	15	11
Appeal June 1958			2 0 0	Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	330	0	0
Sunday School 105th Anniversary			56 0 0	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0
Donations to cost of Piano—				General Repairs Church and other buildings	209	17	6
Afternoon Guild			10 0 0	Organ tuning	25	0	0
Evening Guild			10 0 0	Rates Manse and Cottage	145	10	6
Estate of G. C. Carnie dec'd.			20 0 0	Rent Manse, Kelburn Parade	63	0	0
Donations to Bible Class Sunday				Telephone Manse, Cottage and Deaconess	43	1	11
Afternoon Club			25 0 0	Assessments—			
Withdrawals from Trust Funds—				Wellington Presbytery	14	11	8
Provision for Periodic Re-			1,300 0 0	Hospital Chaplain	24	3	6
painting, etc.			7 10 0	Festival of Wellington	5	0	0
Crockery Replacement Fund			5 0 0	Beneficiary Funds	83	15	0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund				Insurance—			
Stewardship Campaign—				Fire	87	1	10
Donations			434 9 6	Earthquake and War Damage	34	0	10
Interest Free Loans			305 0 0	Accident and Sickness	18	18	7
Amount held 1 July 1958 from				St. John's Messenger	44	0	0
Hopkirk Timbers Ltd.			50 0 0	Young Worshippers' League Prizes	12	18	4
Balance being Ordinary Account				Bruce Fowler Prize	1	2	6
Overdraft at 30 June 1959			84 7 6	Church Officer Sundry Expenses	20	18	10
			6,151 1 4	Oak panel for tablet in Church	13	10	9
				Light globes	13	6	0
				City Council new water main	13	0	0

Balances 1 July 1958 held for—				Social expenses	12	16	3
Adult Cabinet	1	11	0	Grants Brigade Organisations	11	6	0
Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3	Doormat	8	0	0
Afternoon Guild a/c new gates	25	0	0	Rubbish removal	7	13	0
Receipts—				Projector repairs	5	18	6
Hopkirk family	50	0	0	Hire Billy Graham films	5	13	2
Painting Fund	10	0	0	Communion wine	4	4	0
				Bank charges	4	0	0
				Sunday School Anniversary	56	0	0
				Miscellaneous expenses	5	8	9
				Transfer to Missions Account	64	15	0
				Purchase of piano	100	0	0
				Bible Class Sunday Afternoon Club	30	0	0
				Special Repairs—			
				Borer treatment	500	12	6
				Repiling of Church	802	18	5
				Purchase of Crockery	7	10	0
				Coverings on Hymn Books	5	0	0
				Stewardship Campaign Expenses	594	5	0
				Repayment of loans	146	0	0
				Purchase of Hymn Book Trolleys from Hop-			
				kirk Gift	48	10	0
					6,151	1	4
				Payments—			
				Adult Cabinet	1	11	0
				Balances 30 June 1959 held for:			
				Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3
				Afternoon Guild a/c new gates	25	0	0
				Hopkirk family gift	50	0	0
				Painting Fund	10	0	0

£6,271 6 7

Outstanding liability at 30 June 1959
Stewardship Loans £159 0s. 0d.

£6,271 6 7

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONS AND OTHER PURPOSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1959**

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts for Missions—							Budget Assessment (1958-59 £1,039)	1,039	0	0
Retiring collections:							Other special purposes	106	10	6
Home Ministry	75	19	1							
Maori Missions	22	7	0							
Overseas Missions	79	17	0							
Knox Theological Hall	66	6	9							
Baptisms, weddings & funerals	7	3	0							
P.W.M.U.	206	4	3							
Evening Guild	36	14	0							
Y.M.B.C.	34	12	6							
Y.W.B.C.	42	0	0							
Sunday School	65	8	8							
15 per cent of Envelope collections	250	15	0							
	887	7	3							
Transfer from Ordinary Account	64	15	0							
Balance brought forward 1 July 1958	86	17	9	1,039	0	0				
Other receipts—										
British and Foreign Bible Society	8	2	6							
S.C.M. Chaplains Fund	8	2	6							