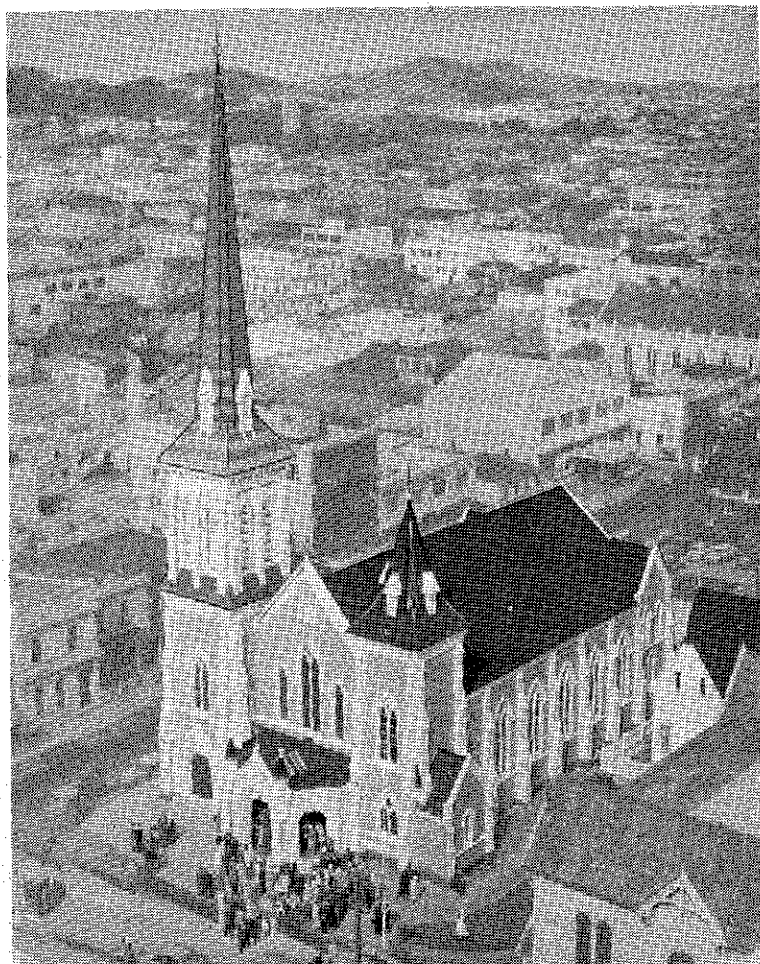


*St. John's Church - Willis Street
Wellington*

ANNUAL REPORT

1959 - 1960



One Hundred and Seventh Report
covering period 1st July 1959 to 30th June 1960

To be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 31st August, 1960 at 7.45 p.m.

FOREWORD

This past year has been an exciting, interesting one in which a new trend in theology is being worked out within our parish. Since Dr J. D. Salmond's challenging assembly address on the Laity as the people of God, the emphasis has been more and more heavily placed on the people of the congregation as the on-going Working, Witnessing, Worshipping Church. St. John's—an old-established city Church inheriting a noble tradition—is proving adaptable to new conditions. Following upon the Stewardship Campaign of 1959, a Session Retreat was held to enable us to have a long searching look at ourselves as Stewards of God. We believe God spoke to us and our Church. For a new thrilling chapter seems to be about to begin in the history of our Church. But like all new chapters where the story gradually unfolds as we read, there is nothing greatly spectacular to speak of at present. The painting and refurnishing of our beloved Church and buildings is the beginning. Plans for rebuilding in permanent materials—a closer co-ordination of all our many organisations—a deeper awareness of the Presence of God in our worship with a consequent heightening of our feeling of responsibility—these are parts of the chapter that is being written. What a splendid thing it is to belong to the Church today! One feels that the Holy Spirit is moving among the people of God—the laity—and if obedient to His demands and willing to be filled with His power we will surely see great things happen in the future.

A glance at the reports will give some understanding of the splendid work of so many. In a Church one does not expect to be overwhelmed with gratitude for service one does in the name of God, but as your minister I feel impelled again to express deep thankfulness to God for so many who consistently, devotedly and unostentatiously work among the many organisations and in the actual Church building.

During the year some have been called to Higher Service. To all bereaved we say, "God is your loving Father Who has said 'In My Father's House are many mansions'." To all who are burdened or worried we give the assurance of our prayers. If there has been anything of value done throughout the year, if we have achieved anything of what we set out to do, we give God all the glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your friend and minister,

KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN.

Minister: REV J. KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN, M.B.E., B.A., The Manse,
2 Kelburn Parade, W.1. Telephone 46-492.

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

Board Secretary: I. S. LOWMAN, 65 Alexander Road. Telephone 81-608.

Church Treasurer: N. G. ROBERTSON, 167 Karori Road, W.3. Telephone 78-118.

Organist and Choirmaster: L. S. ADAM, Mus.Bac., 14 Maire Street, Eastbourne. Telephone 7062.

Church Officer: Vacant.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Rev John Moir	1853-1867
Rev James Paterson	1868-1903
Rev J. R. Blanchard, B.A.	1903-1926
Rev James James Gibb, D.D.	1927-1939
Rev Wm P. Temple, M.A., B.D.	1940-1947
Rev P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	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 Crescent	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
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr. Robert Hopkirk	1874
First Service in Wadestown by Rev James Paterson	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
Two large windows in the vestibule—a memorial to the women who through 100 years worshipped and served in St. John's—erected	1954
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—1960-61

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
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
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., Saracen Street, Petone	1942
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.3	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon J. R., 30 Aurora Terrace, C.1	1950
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
Baber, A. J., 38 Waitoa Road, E.2	1960
Dornan, Alford, 18 Hapua Road, C.2	1960
McKenzie, Stuart, 24 Sydney Street East, N.1	1960
McLennan, R. A., 26 Clifton Terrace, C.1	1960
Russell, L. L., Bank of N.Z., Lambton Quay, C.1	1960
Van Zweeden, M., 33 Rata Road, E.2	1960

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Austin, B. K.	9 Lyons Crescent, E.5.
Brodie, Miss E. M.	55A Central Terrace, W.1.
Caldow, Keith	23 William Street, E.2.
Carter, Edward	8 Moana Road, W.1.
Chappell, F. C.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.
Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Edwards, S. R.	109A Te Anau Road, E.2.
Elder, I. M.	43 Beauchamp Street, W.3.
Hughes, Mrs. P. Gladstone	160 Oriental Parade, C.4.
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, S.W.1.
Johnston, Miss J. S.	33 Central Terrace, W.1.
Kaywood, G. T.	8 Wentworth Street, S.W.1.
Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2.
Martin, D. M. P.	31 Farnham Street, S.W.1.
Oed, Gordon	89 Wilton Road, N.2.
O'Hara, C. R.	100 Webb Street, C.2.
Orr, G. A.	23 Delhi Crescent, N.5.
Paul, Gordon	14 Mowbray Street, N.1.
Robertson, N. G.	167 Karori Road, W.3.
Sheels, R. J.	306 Willis Street, C.1.
Stavert, A. F.	105 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Scapa Terrace, W.3.
Toy, P. D.	459 Broadway, E.4.

Vink, J. W. 2 Rewa Road, E.2.
Wickerson, W. 38 Rose Street, N.2

GENERAL COMMITTEES—1960-61

Property and Finance: A. L. Wall (Convener), J. Hunt (deputy Convener, Property), Miss E. M. Brodie, Messrs L. R. Blake, E. Darroch, H. Glover, N. G. Robertson, F. C. Spratt, N. S. Woods, F. C. Chappell, R. J. Sheels, A. Martin, R. A. McLennan, F. A. Strong, J. W. Vink.
Envelopes: Miss E. M. Brodie (Convener and Secretary), I. Elder, M. Van Zweeden, J. S. Martin, L. Russell, H. B. Smith.
Seat Letting: N. G. Robertson.
Rolls: Dr T. F. Corkill, J. S. Lomas, Mrs. P. G. Hughes.
Choir: J. S. Lomas (Convener), R. E. Pumfrey, F. A. Strong, A. L. Wall.
Rooms: Miss P. Lees, P.O. Box 1314. Telephone 42-805.
Projector: F. Strong (Convener), G. A. Orr, A. Irvine, Dr H. B. Ewen.
Troup House: Rev J. K. Fairbairn (Chairman), Hon J. R. Marshall, Mrs Hughes, N. S. Woods, N. G. Robertson, P. D. Toy (Secretary).
Outlook: S. R. Edwards, Miss H. D. Clyde.

ORGANISATIONS

Choir

President: The Minister.
Organist and Choirmaster: Mr L. S. Adam, Mus.Bac. Telephone 7062, Eastbourne.
Vice-Presidents: 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 Pde., W.1. Telephone 26-718.

Sunday School

Superintendent: Mr A. J. Baber.
Secretary: Mrs M. Piper, 31 Bidwell St., S.1. Telephone 51-325.
Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs F. A. Strong, 10 Kio Rd., E.2. Telephone 82-181.

P.W.M.U.

Hon. President: The Minister.
President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.
Hon. Vice-President: Mrs J. M. Wilson.
Vice-Presidents: Miss M. Chappell, Mrs E. J. Elliott.
Secretary: Mrs A. J. Baber, 38 Waitoa Rd., E.2. Telephone 82-359.
M.M.B.L. Secretary: Miss J. Hanchet.

Afternoon Guild

Hon. President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.
President: Mrs N. G. Robertson.
Hon. Life Vice-President: Mrs W. S. Austin.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames T. F. Corkill, A. C. Purdie, Miss J. Hanchet.
Secretary: Miss J. Johnston, 33 Central Terrace, W.1. Telephone 26-002.

Evening Guild

Hon. President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.
Active President: Mrs J. H. Long.
Vice-President: Mrs D. Bridge.
Secretary: Miss M. T. Fair, 46 Tanera Cres., S.W.1. Telephone 53-380.

Senior Young Men's Bible Class

Leader: Mr Neal Whimp (acting), Troup House. Telephone 58-000/6543.

Senior Young Women's Class

Leader: Miss M. Wall, 98 Khandallah Rd., N.5. Telephone 37-023.

Intermediate Bible Classes

Leader—Boys: Mr Peter Toy, 459 Broadway, E.5. Telephone 17-513.
Leader—Girls: Miss Jenny Gubbins, 14 Maarama Cres., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6715M.

Junior Bible Classes

Leader—Boys: Mr Barry Austin, 9 Lyons Cres., E.5. Telephone 17-119.
Leader—Girls: Miss Jenny Gubbins (acting), 14 Maarama Cres., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6715M.

Boys' Brigade Company

Captain (acting): Mr A. Dornan, B.B. House, 62 Brougham St. Telephone 52-846.
Lieutenants: Messrs Colin Booth, Ken Brady, James McCready.

Life Boy Team

Leader in Charge: Miss H. Johnston, 7 Lochiel Rd., Khandallah, N.5. Telephone 34-637.
Leaders: Mr A. Dornan, Mr C. Smith, Miss A. Button.

Girls' Life Brigade

President: Mrs J. S. Martin.
Captain: Miss A. R. Carley, 22 Thompson St., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6454M.
Lieutenant: Miss I. Barberry.
Cadet Leader: Miss C. Martin.

After-Church Social Hour

Convener: Miss G. A. Hughes, 160 Oriental Pde. Telephone 55-026.

Adult Cabinet

Chairman: The Minister.
Secretary: Miss Margaret Cowan, 27 Roy St., S.1.

Saturday Night at Eight

Convener: Mrs N. S. Woods, 38 Harrison St., S.W.1. Telephone 86-769.
Secretary: Mrs John Hunt, 24 Krull St. Telephone 87-967.

Drama Club

President: Mr A. Leslie.
Secretary: Miss H. Duthie, 185 Onepu Rd. E.1. Telephone 79-037.

The Messenger

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

Troup House

Chairman: Rev J. K. Fairbairn.
Secretary: Mr P. D. Toy, 459 Broadway, E.4. Telephone 17-513.

Indoor Bowling Club

Patron: The Minister.
President: Mr R. E. Pumfrey.
Club Captain: Mr I. S. Lowman.
Secretary: Mr M. E. Wickerson, 38 Rose St., N.2.

Badminton Club

Patron: Rev J. K. Fairbairn.
President: Mr J. H. Long.
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss V. Woods, 38 Harrison St., S.W.1. Telephone 86-769.

Men's Fellowship

Secretary: Mr L. L. Russell, Bank of N.Z. Head Office. Telephone 44-070.

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

Session is pleased to submit this, the one hundred and seventh annual report of the congregation. A perusal of the information given by the various organisations discloses that many of our people are forgetting those things which are behind and pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The indications are that the year to come could be a momentous one in the life of St. John's. Session thanks our Almighty Father for much evidence of His favour and for the assurance that His hand is not shortened that it cannot redeem.

Session also expresses its grateful thanks to our minister and his good lady for another year of unsparing service for the Master and urges all to be diligent in holding him up in prayer before the Throne of Grace.

During the year Session added seven men to the eldership and the names appear under the heading of Office-bearers. Unfortunately, Mr R. N. McCulloch moved from Wellington shortly afterwards. Mr J. B. I. Cook and Mr R. G. Dell moved from Wellington and resigned from Session—which expressed its grateful thanks for faithful service—Mr Cook since 1937 and Mr Dell from 1946.

The Board of Managers has been increased by thirteen and the names appear in the report of the Board.

An outstanding event was an all-day retreat held by Session in March for which purpose Knox Church, Lower Hutt, placed its hall and equipment at our disposal. Subjects dealt with included "The Session, its history and functions", "The Activities of the Congregation in relation to Stewardship", "The Challenge of Stewardship" and "Future Activities".

Arising out of the retreat was a request that each organisation should make a careful and serious stocktaking of all its resources—spiritual, human and material, and plan for the fuller use of them. Several suggestions have been submitted to a preliminary examination and are to be considered further.

By the end of the church year 51 members had been added to the roll by profession of faith and 68 by certificates from other churches. Removals from the roll numbered 73 by certificates and 21 by death or purging, leaving the roll at 467.

The average attendance at the four Communion services was 381. The highest attendance was in June, when 401 members and visitors attended. The attendance on World Communion Sunday was 170.

Our own Missionary, Miss Margaret Bear, in India, continued with her preparations for her work, and reports indicate that organisations are keeping in touch with her. Another of our members, Mrs J. Spence-Williams, at her own expense travelled to Thailand and is doing missionary work at the McKean Leprosy Hospital in Chiangmai. She refers to herself as a "practical Christian" as her work is entirely with her hands as a physiotherapist.

The Choir, under its new organist, Mr L. S. Adam, has completed another year of effective service in leading the congregation in the worship of praise and the solo work is much appreciated.

A perusal of the report of the Board of Managers indicates the extent of the work carried out during the year, one result being the arresting spectacle provided by the re-decorated church interior, now regarded as one of the most beautiful in New Zealand.

The wooden screens flanking the organ were provided by an anonymous giver. Two beautiful brass vases were presented by Mr A. Martin as a memorial to his late wife. The Evening Guild presented two white flower vases, and the flowers placed in the church by various groups have added much to its beauty.

The angel of death has not passed us by during the year, but has taken its toll, including Mr Peter Anderson, an elder for 14 years, and Mr G. H. Scott, a member of the Board for 30 years.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Board Membership: At the last annual meeting nine members retired after the usual three years' service and were re-elected. During the year four resigned on leaving Wellington and one passed away. Six of our members were elevated to the Session.

At a congregational meeting in May thirteen additional managers were elected: Messrs Austin, Caldwell, Edwards, Elder, Kaywood, Martin, Oed, O'Hara, Paul, Sheels, Stavert and Toy, and the Board membership is now 27.

Church Officer: Mr E. Henderson resigned in February, 1960, and the Board has not yet found a successor. The Board appreciates the services of the men and women who are keeping the church and buildings clean.

Dedicated Work: Special mention must be made of the many voluntary workers who removed the dark stain from the pews and prepared them for the application of a light varnish which brings up the beauty of the original kauri timber. Two of our members replaced the hearing aid system and made provision for loud speakers. There are now eight seats provided with hearing aids and this should be made known to any interested.

Cushions for Pews: A standard cushion has been adopted, being of foam plastic with a fadeless fabric blue cover. Members are invited to donate cushions and a number have already been placed in the pews.

Floor Coverings: Members will have noticed that the aisles and floor around the Communion table are now carpeted in blue. The cost of the additional carpet was provided out of anonymous donations and carpet runners in the gallery were kindly provided by the Afternoon Guild. The painting of the floors where the pews stand was carried out by members of that noble band who have done so much in other ways.

Repainting and Repairs: The work of putting our church and buildings in a good state of repair is now nearly at an end. The final touch to complete the church interior is the preparation of the entrance way to the vestry for the varnish coat.

We have spent £5,079 on painting and re-glazing of the church windows and £900 on general repairs and architects' fees. The work included the re-painting of the inside and outside of the church and all other buildings have been painted outside. A considerable amount of general repair work was found to be necessary and the buildings are now in a good state of repair. The work will be finally completed when the gate posts have been renewed in concrete, the repaired gates re-hung and the paths round the church sealed.

Our architects who designed the very pleasing colour scheme and supervised the work have been most generous in the time devoted to the work. The accounts show an overdraft of some £3000, which satisfactory position is brought about by generous donations and a vast amount of devoted voluntary labour, without which we could not have restored the interior of the church so completely.

Collections show a considerable increase over the past year, which was also better than previously. For 1959-60 the total was £5,460, the previous year being £3,792. The biggest increase was in the giving through the envelope system and reflects the promises given during the Stewardship Campaign. There are now 188 subscribers to the envelope scheme and this method of giving is strongly recommended.

Budget: Although our assessment was £1,441, the amount actually paid was £1,500, the additional being paid in response to an appeal by the General Assembly.

Donations: The Hopkirk family again gave a donation of £50, and one of our members gave £50 to the Sunday School, £50 to the Choir, and £100 for general purposes. Other donations towards the cost of new carpet in the church came from several members, and one of £100 from an old friend of St. John's was also applied to this purpose.

Endowment Fund: During the year an amount of £100 was received as a legacy from the estate of the late George H. Scott. This fund is now £6,293, and is gradually growing towards the £10,000, when the interest will then become available for general purposes.

Cottage: A small group of our members have been at work re-lining the kitchen with plaster-board, which is to be painted. Some further repairs are to be carried out on the stairway.

CHOIR REPORT

As we take stock at the close of another Church year we find that a number of changes in the roll have resulted, in the final analysis, in a slight reduction numerically in the strength of the soprano section of the Choir. There is cause for rejoicing, however, in that eight bass voices and three tenor are now available to add balance to the six altos and eleven sopranos.

The prospect of a change in leadership occasioned by the resignation of Mr Rickard was not relished by choir members, who had a deep regard for their choir-master, but in his successor, Mr Adam, we have found an energetic and able leader and a warm-hearted friend. We are fortunate, too, in having a choir-master's wife who shares wholeheartedly in all our activities and who has proved herself a gracious hostess as well as a most useful choir member.

Musically we have spent a busy year. Before Mr Rickard left St. John's he again conducted the combined church choirs in their Festival of Music, another performance which was most favourably received. Our final appearance under the baton of Mr Rickard was in light-hearted vein at the church annual meeting, after which the congregation had an opportunity to bid him farewell. At the Christmas season, under Mr Adam's direction, we shared with the congregation in a "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," and an evening of carol singing was greatly appreciated by the "shut-in" church folk whom we were able to visit. Our contribution to the Easter services was a rendering of the St. Luke Passion by Bach, when Mr Bruce Chandler and Mr Frank Malthus were our guest soloists, and another service which involved us in many nights of hard work was that held by Presbytery on Ascension Day, when a combined choir again led the singing.

New members for the Choir are always welcomed, but practice nights are made for work, and so it is that we have appreciated those occasions during the year which have provided an opportunity for relaxing together and so fostering new friendships. For our annual meeting we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wall, while the home of Mr. and Mrs. Strong and that of the Secretary were thrown open to us on other evenings. Farewell parties for Mr Rickard and for Shirley and Ron McCulloch were inevitably tinged with regret, but a welcome to Mr and Mrs Adam and a pre-wedding party for Frances Strong and Sam Edwards were occasions for rejoicing in which we could all share, as was also a Choir picnic, when Mr and Mrs Adam were our genial hosts. Two weddings brought us out in full strength to do honour to Choir members and to wish them well on their day of days.

The renewed beauty of the interior of the Church is a joy to us all, and we appreciate not only the appearance but also the comfort of the new screens in the choir gallery. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the men of the congregation, through whose strenuous and prolonged efforts this arduous but rewarding task has been completed. The hard work done by Mr Frank Strong and Mr Sam Edwards in making structural alterations to the floor of the choir gallery is also greatly appreciated, as is the very useful work done by Miss Chappell and other nimble-fingered members in providing chair-back pockets. As regular Thursday night contributions have now made us self-supporting, we were pleased to be able to meet the cost of new linoleum recently laid in our gallery.

We acknowledge with gratitude a generous gift to our funds from Mr Wallace, for long a loyal friend to the Choir, and we would also place on record our appreciation of the services at the organ from time to time of Mr Temple White, Mr Guy Jansen and Mr John Sargent. To our Minister, we express our thanks for his interest and co-operation, assuring him of our goodwill and of our hope that the contribution made by the Choir to the services in the Church may in some way be used to the greater glory of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Again, Flower Sunday, held at the end of September, provided a happy link with our sick and shut-in friends when Sunday School children and others delivered posies to them after the morning service.

Promotion Day Service was held on 22nd November, when major prize-winners were:

Hopkirk Memorial Prize: Intermediate—Sheena Temple and Jimmy Mumme. Junior—David Stevenson.

R. Bruce Fowler Prize: Adrienne Woods.

Annie Scott Prize: Susan Piper and Jimmy Mumme.

The annual tea was held on the 23rd November, when the entertainment provided by Form II, under Mrs. Thomson's guidance, and also the clown were much enjoyed.

The Anniversary Service was held on the morning of the 6th December, with the children participating in the service.

Our picnic at Days Bay on 2nd March, in ideal weather conditions, was a great success. It was gratifying to see so many families joining in this outing, which was a very happy occasion.

We are most grateful to Mr A. H. Wallace for a generous monetary gift, and also to Mr D. Bridge for the blackboards he provided and installed in our classrooms.

Our thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Baber for entertaining us at their home and affording us the opportunity to extend our good wishes and farewell to Miss Joan Fowler prior to her marriage.

With regret we acknowledge the resignation of Miss Pat Lees from the staff. She has been a devoted teacher for many years and we thank her warmly for the tremendous amount of time and talent she has so generously given to the working of the Sunday School.

Our gratitude is extended to the teachers and all who helped in any way to ensure the success of our Sunday School year.

CRADLE ROLL

We have 63 names on our Cradle Roll this year. Five children have had their fourth birthdays and have been transferred to the Sunday School roll, and 10 others have moved away from Wellington. There have been 24 new names added to our roll during the year.

Towards the end of last year we held a very successful party in the big hall, and were all delighted to have so many parents and children

present. We hope to have as many this year again, on a date yet to be decided.

We have recently been considering the possibility of establishing a creche on Sunday mornings so that parents can come to Church and have their babies looked after while they attend the service. We hope to have some definite plans soon, and will let our Cradle Roll mothers know so that those who wish may avail themselves of the opportunity.

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

In presenting this report of the St. John's P.W.M.U., the highlight of this year's activity has been the decision of the Church to adopt stewardship. This has brought many changes and, in some respects, modifications of our work, and although we have had our teething troubles, we are hopeful that this has been a prosperous and rewarding year.

We have held monthly meetings, all of which have been very well attended.

Over the months we have had some very interesting and inspiring addresses.

In July we commenced our year's activities with a combined social afternoon of the Guild and P.W.M.U. This was in the capable hands of Mrs Doreen Stevenson and Mrs Marie Glover, and gave much pleasure and enjoyment to all.

Sister Elizabeth Campbell gave us a most interesting story of the life of a Home Missionary. Mrs Wells, an American member of the Salvation Army, spoke to us of her life and work among the Chinese for 21 years, which had been terminated because of the occupation of the Communists. Mrs. Molly Whitelaw, who had been a delegate to the General Council, World Presbyterian Alliance, in Brazil, gave us an account of her experiences there, and Rev. Dr. Murray Andrew, who was accompanied by his wife, gave his impressions of life in post-war Germany.

Mrs Couch gave us a talk on Home Missionary work seen through the eyes of teacher-cum-district nurse and almost everything else added to make a fascinating picture of a married couple working, as well as rearing their family. Rev. A. W. Valentine presented a stirring picture of life in the Mission Field. Rev. T. de Bres spoke about life in Holland during the war, of maintaining contact and Christian witness during the persecution of the Jews. Rev. J. R. Hislop and Mrs Hislop spoke on their work in the New Hebrides and showed slides.

We are grateful to all these speakers who have given us a picture of the work being carried on overseas and on the home front.

We are proud to possess our own Missionary, Margaret Bear, who is stationed at Jagadhri Hospital. At Christmas the P.W.M.U. sent her a year's subscription for a Nursing Journal. In our meetings we remember her in our prayers that she may have strength to cope with the language, climate, and all the obstacles which beset her. We have kept in touch with her from month to month and have received letters periodically from her.

This year we have sent two sacks of clothing to the Maori Mission Field at Te Teko.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of one of our most active members, Mrs R. B. Fowler. Her interest and willingness to help has been an inspiration to all.

Mr G. H. Scott, who has for years so generously donated £30 annually to P.W.M.U. Budget, has passed to his long rest. His was a life of service and devotion to the Church and our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs Scott.

Miss J. Hanchet reports that there are 154 members in the senior section of the M.M.B.L. and 12 in the junior section. £33/18/6 was received.

Mrs Howe and Mrs Madden reported a fair response only in tea and clothing coupons and in the number of stamps sent in.

There was a decrease in finance compared with last year, due to stewardship, but we were able to meet our commitments.

This has been a very active and heartening year, and we could not close this report without thanks to the many officers, to Mrs Wilson who so conscientiously makes garments and provides goods for her stall, to Mrs Pumfrey who is always happy to accompany the hymns, to our ever-faithful teams, Mrs McKenzie, Miss Jones, Miss Brown and Mrs Croft, for preparing afternoon tea at every meeting, and to Mrs Hughes and her helpers for another successful stamp collecting year.

Finally, to our President, Mrs Fairbairn, who has given of herself so unsparringly and with such devotion at all times, we say a big Thank you, and assure her of the continued loyalty and support of every member of the P.W.M.U.

AFTERNOON GUILD

As we bring together the facts of the past year's activities, it is evident that our members have been as busy as those of a beehive, visiting, gathering and working as a team, and we thank our Heavenly Father for another year of happy co-operation.

Membership: Through Stewardship we have gained a number of new members who have already become interested and happy in our group.

In Memoriam: Mrs R. B. Fowler, a much-loved member passed away in March, and we have lost from our midst one who gave most generously of her friendship and her fine talents to the Guild and to her Church. The memory of her happy, courageous, Christian spirit will still live among us. We also record the passing of two of the Church's oldest members, Mrs Peterson and Mrs E. G. Bell, for many years interested supporters of the Guild, and Mrs Marshall, a former member and mother of one of our elders, Hon. J. R. Marshall.

We would express to the families of these friends, and to the Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, Misses Chappell, Mrs Madden, Mrs Crough, Mrs Sims and Mrs Robertson, who have lost dear ones, our very sincere sympathy.

Meetings: These have been well attended, interesting and varied, and many of the speakers have inspired us to greater efforts in practical ways.

We greatly appreciated the following guest speakers: Mrs Boyle, Miss Preston Thomas, Mrs Molly Heath, Mrs Newbold, Mrs Anyon and Sir Carl Berendsen.

Activities Within St. John's

Since we have had no caretaker and no deaconess, our activities have been numerous, for we have tried to do our share of the duties which have accrued; dusting the Church, cleaning the building, as well as visiting the sick and shut-in folk; sending flowers and letters to those in hospital.

The pulpit cushion and fall were repaired and hymn books mended, and the communion linen laundered. In August we took our turn to arrange and supply the Church flowers.

Through the generosity of members, we were able to supply the carpeting necessary for the gallery of the Church.

Besides taking our usual turns at After Church Suppers and Saturday Night at Eight, we have served suppers to the new members and those attending the Preparatory Communion Service; for the Boys' and Girls' Life Brigades, and for the Life Boys. These functions gave us opportunities to meet the parents of the children, as did our Spring Flower Afternoon in the August holidays, when we invited children and parents from the Brigades, and S.S. to share with us in floral competitions, entertainment and fellowship.

Members helped our Boys' and Girls' Brigades stock their stalls on Market Day.

Morning and afternoon teas and supper were served to the B.B. Conference held in St. John's in November, and, when possible, we provided for our men doing voluntary work in the Church and buildings.

Bring and Buy Stalls: Two were organised; our annual one, which brought in £42, and one at the Willis Street gates to augment St. John's contribution to World Refugee Fund, and which resulted in £72 being handed to the Church Treasurer.

Other Activities

The Church's Social Service Association has received help in each of its departments. We sent a big team of collectors for the Street Day.

With the other Churches, we supplied goods and took our turn at staffing the Stall on Market Day in the Town Hall.

Kilmarnock was given wastepaper baskets, serviettes, books, magazines and some clothing, as well as supplies of cake for a week during the kitchen alterations and again later during another emergency.

In July the mending and darning was done for the Children's Homes. The Guilds bottled over 100 jars of fruit and vegetables for the Homes and Deaconess House, and 25 items were sent for the pantry at the new Manse for the Porirua Hospital chaplain.

To our Minister and Mrs Fairbairn we give thanks for their very real interest and the inspiration he brings to us in the services.

We would like to thank all our members for the work they have done so willingly. We think of Mrs McKenzie and her valiant team of afternoon tea workers, Mrs Wilson in her untiring efforts for the work stall, Mrs Madden enthusiastically and profitably collecting tea and clothing coupons and Mrs Pumfrey, who chooses the hymns and brightens our meetings with her music.

To our President, Mrs. Robertson, who in her first year of office has endeared herself to all by her warm friendship and unselfish devotion in her work for the Church, we give our sincerest thanks.

EVENING GUILD

The membership of the Guild now stands at 87 and the average attendance at the monthly meetings was 50.

Devotions, which are an essential and inspiring opening, were conducted by Mesdames Fairbairn, Long, Thomson, Bridge, Rodgers and Miss Brodie, and we are grateful for the care and sincerity taken in their preparation.

Activities during the year included bandages made from material provided for our Mission work in the New Hebrides, a car drive and afternoon tea for shut-ins and some patients from Central Park Hospital, writing of letters to Porirua Hospital patients, and assistance in packing Corso clothes.

The produce given at the Harvest Festival was bottled for Deaconess House and Children's Homes, clothing was donated for the work of the Child Welfare Department, we helped with the catering for Saturday Night at Eight, the preparation of Sunday afternoon teas for the B.C. Club, helped prepare and serve supper at the Church annual meeting and, under Miss C. Dalziel have taken our share of After Church Supper duties.

A Christmas gift was sent to Margaret Bear, St. John's missionary in India, and letters have been sent to her each month, Christmas stockings to hold gifts were provided for the hospital visiting of Sister Noel Ogilvie, also Christmas gifts for 89 fathers, mothers and children in our Maori Mission Field, during the year our direct giving to the Missions of the Church totalled £41/19/-, and our effort, combined with the Afternoon Guild, resulted in a donation of £97/7/- to the World Refugee Year fund.

The procuring and arranging of flowers for the Church has been done faithfully, and we are grateful to our members who cheerfully carry out this duty. Flowers and letters have been sent to members who were ill or who suffered bereavement.

The programme for our own entertainment has been varied, to cater for all, and we are grateful to Miss E. G. Clarke for an interesting description of her visit to the islands of the Hebrides, to Mrs Bennett for a talk and demonstration on interior decorating, to an Education Department Child Welfare Officer for a demonstration of artificial respiration, to the Rev. J. S. Somerville for films and an address on U.S.A. as seen through the eyes of a Presbyterian minister, to the Rev W. P. Temple for a talk on broadcasting and television, to the Salvation Army for entertaining 40 of our members at a social evening in the Citadel, and to Mrs M. Johnson for a talk on mental health.

We express our grateful thanks to our President, Mrs J. H. Long, for the time and thought she so willingly gives in carrying out her duties, and for the gracious way in which she has made members and visitors feel welcome.

The committee thanks members for the work they have done, for the readiness to co-operate in any scheme, and for the fellowship which has prevailed.

BIBLE CLASSES

Membership: This year the total membership has fallen slightly, although the average attendance is higher. The Senior Girls' Class has a roll of 32, the average attendance being 20; the Senior Boys' Class has a roll of 28, with an average attendance of 22. Intermediate Girls number 10, Boys 3, and Junior Girls 6, Boys 9.

Studies: The Senior Girls have come to the end of Ephesians, and are beginning a new study—"Our Church's Doctrine." Senior Boys have been working through Acts. They have recently transferred this Bible Study to Wednesday evenings and during June invited Missionary speakers on Sundays. Junior and Intermediate Girls have finished the study book, "Discovery," and are now using "Challenge." Intermediate Boys are following "Discovery," and Junior Boys are studying Acts.

B.C. Leaders: This year has seen many changes in leadership. We have regretfully farewelled the following leaders, all of whom have had a long association with St. John's: Mrs Ian Elder (Intermediate Girls), Mr and Mrs Ian Rogers (Junior Classes), Mr Ron McCulloch (Intermediate Boys), and Mr Jack Lang (Senior Y.M.B.C.). To these, and to the leader of the Senior Y.W.B.C.—Miss Mary Wall—the Church, as well as the Bible Class owes a debt of gratitude for their loyal and self-effacing service. As members, we are especially appreciative of the help and encouragement they have been to each of us. We are indeed fortunate in, and give thanks for, those who have come forward to take their place: Miss Jennifer Gubbins (Junior and Intermediate Girls), Mrs Mummie, for a short time only (Junior Girls), Mr Peter Toy (Intermediate Boys), Mr Barry Austin (Junior Boys), and, as interim leader of the Senior Y.M.B.C.—Mr. Neal Whimp.

B.C. Executive: Having successfully functioned for two years, B.C. Executive is proving its value as a co-ordinating body for the activities concerning the classes as a whole. It comprises the six leaders and seven elected members, and has proved to be an efficient committee organising such things as camps, retreats, special services and studies, and social events. Mr. Neal Whimp, Executive's first chairman, resigned last March. Taking his place is Mr. Brian Turner.

Sunday Afternoon Fellowship: The club wishes to place on record its appreciation of the untiring efforts of Mrs Ian Rogers, its first convener.

With her departure from Wellington, the convenership has passed to Mr Alan Irvine. The nature of the club remains unchanged and continues to flourish, with an average attendance of over 60. We should like to thank those B.C. members from other parishes who have responded to an invitation to give support, all those members of our Congregation whose gifts of money, food and time have been very welcome, the Board of Managers for the grant towards film hire, and all who have supported us in their prayers.

B.C. Teas: The thanks of the Classes are again due to Mr and Mrs Woods for the use of their home for monthly Sunday teas.

B.C. Competitions: During the past year we have taken part in both 1959 and 1960 B.C. Competitions. In 1959 St. John's Classes won the Shield, being particularly strong in speech and piano sections. In 1960 we were not so fortunate, being placed second to St. Giles.

B.C. Camp: This year our weekend camp was held at Akatarawa from 18th-20th March. Camp chairman was Mr Alan Irvine who, with Camp Mum and Dad, Rev and Mrs Fairbairn, ably ran the weekend. This year we were privileged to have as our speaker Rev. P. H. De Bres, who led a stimulating series of studies on "Peter and Judas." A happy and busy atmosphere prevailed throughout the weekend.

B.C. Day of Prayer: Members from Brooklyn and St. John's Classes attended a dawn service on 1st May, conducted by Rev. P. R. Thomas, at Central Park, Brooklyn, and later returned to St. John's for breakfast. This was followed by a study introduced by Mr Thomas on prayer and private devotions.

Easter Camps: St. John's members took an active part in the organisation of both camps this year, Boys at Reikorangi (chaired by Mr Neal Whimp), Girls at Featherston (chaired by Miss Mary Wall). Both camps were acclaimed as eminently successful from all points of view, and it was very gratifying that more of our members than in the past shared in the stimulating experience and inspiration of the weekend. We proudly record that the St. John's Girls won the basketball shield, aided by Camp Dad—Rev. J. K. Fairbairn.

Other Activities: Leadership Training Courses were held in August, 1959, and May, 1960, at Fielding House and in Christchurch. Miss Pat Walker, Mr Peter Toy and Mr Barry Austin, the 1960 course. Our classes Walker, Mr Peter Tay and Mr Barry Austin, the 1960 course. Our classes are all benefiting from attendances at these courses.

The combined classes have fulfilled their Missions quota of £78. At Dominion Summer Conference in Greymouth, we had a representation of 18—we believe this to be the largest from any individual class. On 5th November the Bible Classes gave the annual Guy Fawkes' party to the children in the Berhampore Homes. A number of successful socials, dances and barbecues have also been held. On Youth Sunday in October, B.C. members aided at the evening services.

Our sincere thanks go to the Rev. and Mrs Fairbairn, who have supported all our functions and who have gladly given of their service. To the members of the Congregation, we would express our sincere gratitude for their support and interest, especially to those who have welcomed us to their homes.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE, 2nd WELLINGTON COMPANY

Object: "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness."

Staff: The resignation of our Captain, Mr R. G. Dell, in November, 1959, brought to an end ten years of devoted service (seven years as Captain) for the Boys of St. John's. Mr Dell was held in the highest esteem by all ranks as he sought by his influence and example to lead them toward true Christian Manhood.

The Company suffered a further loss by the transfer to Auckland of Mr R. J. M. Markley, who had been a Lieutenant for the past two years. We congratulate Mr Markley on his appointment as Secretary-Organiser of the Auckland Battalion and wish him every blessing.

Our present staff comprises four Lieutenants and two Staff-Sergeants. We are still on the look-out for a member of the congregation to take over the Captaincy. Our Chaplain, Rev J. K. Fairbairn takes a deep interest in our work.

Inspection and Display: This event on 21st November was the climax of our year's programme when the Hall was filled to capacity with parents and friends. Mr Noel S. Woods presided and the Inspecting Officer was Mr M. Hardie Boys, President of the Wellington Battalion. Gifts were handed over to Mr R. G. Dell as tokens of goodwill from the Officers and Boys. The highest award in the Brigade—the Queen's Badge—was presented to Sgt Garry McKnight.

Camp: Several Boys enjoyed their experience at the annual summer camp of the Wellington Battalion, Wainuiomata.

Strength: At the beginning of our 1960 session, 12 Life Boys were transferred to the Company. With four other recruits we now have 27 Boys on roll, which is the highest for many years.

Enrolment Service: Rev J. K. Fairbairn conducted our annual service on Sunday evening, 10th April. Three Boys were promoted to Lance-Corporals—Robert Brady, Norman Ferrel and Kevin Armstrong.

Training: Officers and N.C.O.s benefited considerably from their attendance at Battalion Training Courses.

Finance: We again say thanks to the many kind friends who contributed to our funds during "B.B. Week". Donations totalled £107/7/0 from over 400 supporters.

Boys' Homes: The importance of keeping in close touch with Boys' parents is fully recognised. Visitation of homes by staff members is a vital part of our B.B. service.

B.B. Missionary: A former Staff-Sergeant of our Company, Mr Derek G. McKay, is at present in the Solomon Islands introducing 'The Boys' Brigade. He has conducted Training Courses for Officers and has been visiting the various villages where these men have started B.B. Companies. Mr McKay has given up this whole year of his teaching career and is working for the Master in the Solomons without any salary. We remember him with our gifts and in our prayers.

Notice Board: We are most grateful for the gift of such a lovely Notice Board from a good friend who wishes to remain anonymous.

General: In concluding this brief report we place on record our warmest thanks to all who have helped us in any way during another year. We have been conscious of the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father, Whose we are and Whom we seek to serve.

THE LIFE BOYS—2nd WELLINGTON TEAM

Team Strength: Nineteen keen Boys are on the roll—ten of them being new Boys—and there are four Leaders.

Quarterdeck Service: The annual Missionary service for the whole of Wellington Area was held in St. Andrew's Church in September and was conducted by the Rev J. K. Fairbairn. Two hundred and forty Boys attended this service, at which £167 was received and dedicated for

the advancement of the Movement in the Pacific. Our Team gave £37 of this amount.

Annual Display: "All Aboard" was the theme for the Team Display on 9th November, when Commander L. B. Carey was Chief Guest. The hall was converted into the deck of a ship and the whole programme had a naval flavour.

Summer Activities: Picnics, etc., during the summer months kept contact with the Boys and helped to continue their interest.

Transfer Ceremony: Twelve very proud Boys, who had reached the age limit, were transferred into the senior organisation, The Boys' Brigade, at the beginning of the year.

Age Limit: The age for Boys joining The Life Boys and The Boys' Brigade has been lowered. A Boy may join The Life Boys if he is 9, 10 or 11 by 30th November and he may join the Company if he is 12 by the 30th November.

Enrolment Service: A very successful Enrolment Service was held in the Fellowship Room on 10th April and was attended by a large number of parents and children. The Life Boy Director presented the Membership Cards to the Boys and the service was conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev J. K. Fairbairn.

Birthday Party: The Team reached an important milestone in May when it attained the age of 10. This was celebrated by a party to which the 4th Wellington Team (St. Giles' Presbyterian) was invited. Mrs D. Bridge, the founder of the Team and the first Leader, was present and cut the birthday cake.

Visitation: All Boys' homes are visited by the Leaders at least once a year.

Training: Leaders have attended Training Courses during the year both as students and as members of the staff.

General: Mr A. Dornan, one of our Leaders, was appointed Brigade (N.Z.) Secretary at the beginning of the year. We are proud to have him as a Leader.

Conclusion: The Leaders of the Team humbly acknowledge their dependence upon God in this work and give thanks to Him for the way he has led us in the past year.

8th WELLINGTON GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

Membership: Forty girls are on the roll and 30 Cadets.

Since our last report a very successful Parents' Evening was held in November with a varied programme, including a Maori stick game, P.T. Pyramids, and a Devotional Tableau.

Once again our Advisory Committee helped with the sale of Health stamps and at Labour Weekend, two officers attended our Annual Conference held at Lower Hutt. Two members of our Advisory Committee also attended a talk in June by our Field Officer, Miss Adams, and the Company joined the Division in the Annual Church Parade last term.

Competitions: These have kept us busy in the first and second terms of 1960, when we gained first place in the 2nd Battalion Annual Swimming Competitions in March. Quite a number of parents and friends came to cheer us on, which boosted the spirit of the team. We also gained first place in our Battalion Drill Competition and went forward to the finals to win second place.

Training: This year two Staff-Sergeants have joined our Company: Cecily Martin from Auckland and Janice Purdie from Palmerston North. Cecily, who is the new Cadet Leader, has recently become a Warrant

Officer and Janice is to sit her examination shortly. Lorraine Button and Yvonne Wakelin have passed their Corporal's test and Diane Archibald, her Lance-Corporal's. Later in the year, three more senior girls will sit their Lance-Corporal's exam.

As three of our Officers have left, we have been grateful for the help of these N.C.O.s.

Badge subjects have been Bible Knowledge, Senior Ramblers, Household Management and the making of silver and coloured paper into pictures.

Cadets: Warrant Officer Martin took over the Cadet Section this term to replace Lieutenant Fowler. Cadets are working very well and entered into the Cadet Drill Competition last June. Lance-Corporal Archibald and Miss G. Heaphy are helpers.

Officers: The Company has recently farewelled two Officers, and Lieutenant Henderson has leave of absence. Lieutenants Joan Fowler and Heather Jefferies are both married and living away from Wellington. These two Officers have come through the ranks of 8th Wellington, Lieutenant Jefferies from Cadets. Lieutenant Fowler has been our Cadet Leader and has given wonderful service in Cadets and Brigade. The Company and Cadets were pleased to form a Guard of Honour for both Officers.

Appreciation: We do thank members of St. John's for their interest in our activities, especially our Minister. Our Advisory Committee are also loyal helpers.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

One hundred and four women in the congregation took part in the activities of this group during the year. Monthly suppers were provided after the evening service and special suppers arranged for the Harriers and the Boards of Queen Margaret and Scots Colleges. Help in providing and serving supper for Saturday night at eight was also given. Thanks are due to all who have given service so cheerfully.

There have been many visitors to the Church during the year from all parts of the world and the suppers have provided an opportunity to welcome them and to record their names in our Visitors' Book.

The suppers also gave the members of the congregation an opportunity to meet and enjoy one aspect of the Fellowship of St. John's.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

"Saturday Night at Eight" has for ten years and in the name of the Church maintained in the heart of Wellington its mission of friendship. In those ten years many hundreds of talented men, women and children have given entertainment to the many people who have accepted our invitation to join with us in these monthly evenings. On behalf of those who comprise our audience the committee wishes to thank all those who have assisted it in a variety of ways—the groups and individuals who have provided entertainment, the ladies whose suppers have been so greatly appreciated, car owners who have provided transport, and others who have given financial assistance, St. John Ambulance Association for its co-operation in supplying names of "shut-ins", and lastly to our Minister and his wife for their warm-hearted support. Mr Fairbairn, by his regular attendance and his closing prayers, his geniality and sympathetic interest, not only gives this activity its rightful place in congregational life, but does much to promote that spirit of fellowship so essential to the success of this "experiment in friendship".

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1960

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Plate Collections	1,649	11	10	Overdraft Ordinary Account, 1 July, 1959	84	7	6
Envelope Collections	3,774	1	6	Rev. J. K. Fairbairn—			
Pew Rents	37	0	0	Stipend	850	0	0
				Car Allowance	174	0	0
Donations—				Mr M. Rickard, Organist	59	13	7
General		193	0	Mr L. S. Adam, Organist	161	8	0
Use of Room		152	7	Mr E. E. Henderson, Church Officer	398	2	0
Cost of Carpets		387	2	Pulpit and Organ Supply	41	2	0
Organ Practice Fees		7	8	Light, Heat and Power	174	1	6
Interest		20	9	Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	206	11	1
Earthquake Insurance Recovery		10	0	Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	186	0	0
Sunday School 106th Anniversary		44	16	Hymn Book Trust Account	12	0	0
Miscellaneous Receipts		3	19	General Repairs	566	16	2
Contributions to Budget Assessment,				Electrical Repairs	150	0	0
etc.—				Repairs Chandeliers	7	5	0
P.W.M.U.		110	0	Cleaning Pews	12	1	9
Y.M.B.C.	43	39	0	Lift and relay carpets during painting	12	16	0
Y.W.B.C.		63	0	Oak Panels below Gallery	53	7	0
Sunday School		66	0	Architect's fee supervising, etc., painting contract	120	0	0
Miscellaneous Missions		21	5	Borer treatment	12	0	0
World Refugee Fund		97	7	Organ tuning	25	0	0
Bible Classes Camp Sites		10	0	Organ repairs	25	4	6
P.S.S.A.		5	5	Rates, Manse and Cottage	145	10	6
Chile Relief Fund		5	0	Rent, Manse, Kelburn Parade	63	0	0
				Telephones, Manse and Cottage	36	19	3
				Assessments—			
				Wellington Presbytery	21	5	0
				Beneficiary Fund	63	15	0
				Insurances—			
				Fire	71	16	7

Earthquake and War Damage	34	0	10
Accident and Sickness	17	17	11
St. John's Messenger	48	7	6
Young Worshipers' League Prizes	11	12	5
Bruce Fowler Prize	1	10	0
Light Globes	10	10	0
Social Expenses	13	8	4
Communion Wine	5	14	0
Caretaker Sundries	6	10	9
Rubbish Removal	6	16	6
Donation Girls' Life Brigade	3	3	0
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	44	16	8
Card Index Cabinets	8	2	4
Hire Chairs for services in Hall	16	10	0
Gas Cooker, Cottage	7	19	9
Amplifier System Replacement	29	0	4
B.C. Sunday Afternoon Club	20	0	0
Purchase and laying of Carpets	380	2	2
Miscellaneous Expenses	12	18	6
Repayment of Stewardship Loans	159	0	0
Transfer to Painting Account	421	18	8
Budget Assessment (Assessment £1,441)	1,500	0	0
P.S.S.A.	25	5	0
N.Z. Council of Christian Education	15	0	0
N.Z. Alliance	10	0	0
S.C.M. Chaplains Fund	10	0	0
British and Foreign Bible Society	10	0	0
World Refugee Fund	97	7	4
Chile Relief Fund	5	0	0
Bible Classes Camp Sites Fund	10	0	0

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*Amount paid up on shares in Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Society. £500 due to mature August, 1960; remainder on various dates from October, 1963 onwards.

£9,189 4 4

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RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances held 1 July, 1959—					
Women's Memorial Window	33	14 3			
Afternoon Guild O/A New Gates	25	0 0			
Hopkirk Family Gift	50	0 0			
Painting Fund	10	0 0			
			118	14	3
Receipts—					
Hopkirk Family Gift	50	0 0			
Cost of Pew Cushions	29	13 10			
Donation for Choir Screens	105	0 0			
Donation for Choir and Sunday School	100	0 0			
Coad Estate for Bible Classes	272	10 11			
			557	4	9
	£675	19 0			
Payments—					
Transfer to Painting Fund					
Donations	10	0 0			
Hopkirk Gifts for Floodlights	63	13 6			
Pew Cushions	29	13 10			
Choir	50	0 0			
Sunday School	50	0 0			
Choir Screens	87	15 0			
Varnishing Screens and Organ	11	0 0			
			302	2	4
Balances, 30 June, 1960—					
Women's Memorial Window	33	14 3			
Afternoon Guild O/A Gates	25	0 0			
Hopkirk Family Gift	36	6 6			
Choir Screens	6	5 0			
Coad Estate for Bible Classes	272	10 11			
			373	16	8
	£675	19 0		£675	19 0

PAINTING FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For Year ended 30 June 1960.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Donations for Painting	931	14 3	Re-glazing Windows	423	14 0
Amounts from Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	591	10 9	Painting	4,455	7 0
Troup House Account, being cost of painting exterior and interior of Troup House	80	0 0			
Transfer from Ordinary Account	421	18 8			
Transfer from Choir Screens Donation	11	0 0			
Overdraft at 30 June, 1960	2,842	17 4			
	<u>£4,879</u>	<u>1 0</u>		<u>£4,879</u>	<u>1 0</u>

A further amount of £200—(retention moneys) is payable under the painting contract. When this amount is paid to the contractor the overdraft for painting will increase to £3,042/17/4.

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

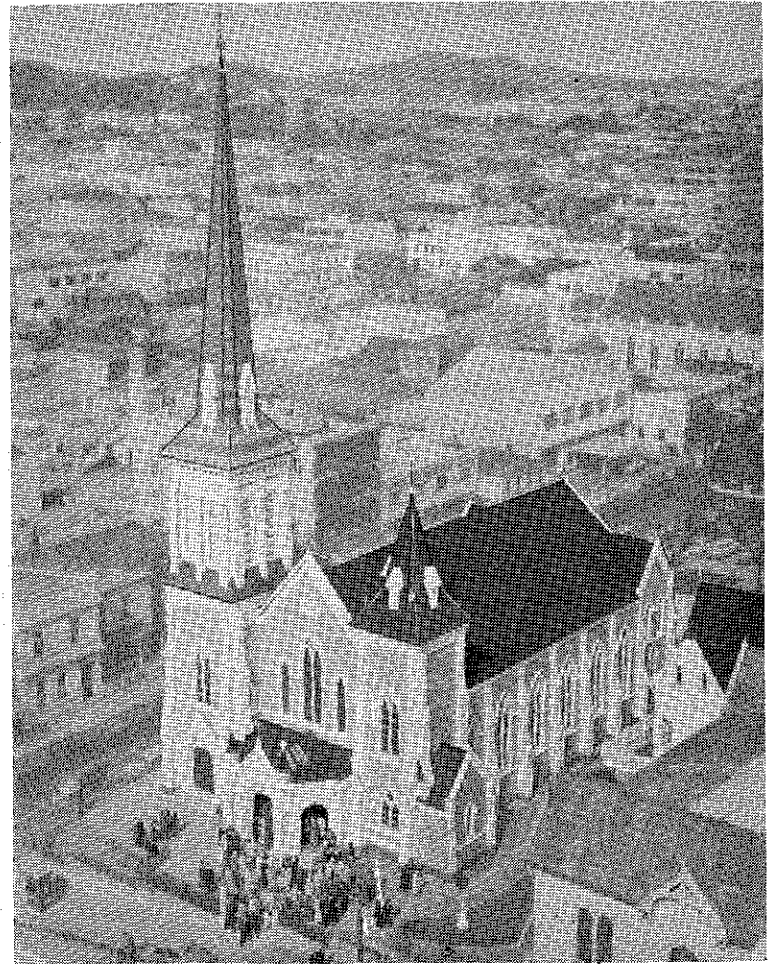
I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30th June, 1960, and in my opinion the foregoing receipts and payments accounts, for General Purposes, Trust Accounts, Missions and Other Purposes, and Painting Fund, correctly show the transactions for the year.

Paremata, 6th August, 1960.

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

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

1960 - 1961



One Hundred and Eighth Report
covering period 1st July 1960 to 30th June 1961
To be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 13th September 1961 at 7-45 p.m.

PASTORAL LETTER

My dear Friends,

The noblest thing Christians can do is to worship God. Worship has been defined as quickening the conscience by the holiness of God, feeding the mind with the truth of God, purging the imagination by the beauty of God, opening the heart to the love of God and devoting the will to the purposes of God. The emotion that most cleanses us from selfishness is adoration. Therefore the opening note to be struck as we present this annual report is that of gratitude and praise to God the Giver of all good things.

"O thou my soul bless God the Lord;
And all that in me is
Be stirred up His Holy Name
To magnify and praise!"

The challenge to be committed Christian men comes to us all. Today when so many are indefinite about the Faith, when social patterns are changing rapidly and there is a mounting concern for the future of young New Zealand, we ought to know where we stand concerning our Faith and Him who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. Gone are the days, we hope for ever, when we were quite happily complacent about our Church in New Zealand and ourselves. The world seems to be shrinking and we are being forced to realise our responsibilities as Christian men and women in relation to our contemporary society, to economic issues of our day as members of a World Christian Revolution.

In the ferment of a fast-moving age our exciting joy and duty is to be committed personally to Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life. Where this is so, we are seeing significant things happening. Students from Indonesia are being brought into the Fellowship. Visitors from other parts of New Zealand and overseas are experiencing the Presence of Christ. In this Church the sense of mission is growing; we are experiencing a hunger for the Word of God and one believes there is felt an urgency for prayer for others.

We have had our quinquennial visitation by the Presbytery of Wellington. Perhaps most important of all, we are beginning to see St. John's playing an increasing role among flat-dwellers, students, Maoris, and people who perforce spend only a short time in the city.

I would like to pay tribute to all who are working so hard, unselfishly and loyally; office-bearers, the gallant groups of women, the Bible Classes and Church members. What a privilege to be in the army of the Living God!

Your friend and minister,

KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN.

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HISTORICAL NOTES

Rev. James 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 Crescent	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
Seventy-fifth Anniversary, present Church building	3rd-5th Dec., 1960

SPECIAL EVENTS	
Free Church of Scotland was petitioned to send a Minister to Wellington 15th Nov., 1851, and Congregation was formally established	17 Nov., 1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School opened in Francis Place	1872
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr. Robert Hopkirk	1874
First Service in Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	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., has its origin in the Class formed by Mr (later Sir) George Troup at St. John's	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith	1904
First Women Managers appointed	1951
Two large windows in the vestibule—a memorial to the women who through 100 years worshipped and served in St. John's—erected	1954

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

	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
Ewen, Dr H. Bayldon, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach	1931
Blake, L. R., 29 Rawhiti Tce., W.1	1933
Fowler, R. B., 48 Homewood Cres., Karori, W.3	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2	1935
MacLeod, D., 43A Parkvale Road, W.3	1935
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., Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt	1942
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.3	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1	1950
Marshall, Hon J. R., 23 Bolton Street	1950
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
Baber, A. J., 38 Waitoa Road, E.2	1960
Dornan, Alford, 19 Crescent, Roseneath	1960
McKenzie, Stuart, 24 Sydney Street East, N.1	1960
McLennan, R. A., 26 Clifton Terrace, C.1	1960
Russell, L. L., Bank of NZ., Lambton Quay, C.1	1960
Van Zweeken, M., 33 Rata Road, E.2	1960

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Austin, B. K.	9 Lyons Crescent, E.5.
Brodie, Miss E. M.	55A Central Terrace, W.1.
Caldow, Keith	23 William Street, E.2.
Carter, Edward	8 Moana Road, W.1.
Chappell, F. C.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.
Chappell, Miss M.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.
Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Edwards, S. R.	109A Te Anau Road, E.2.
Fleming, R. N.	9 Oban Street, N.2.
Hughes, Mrs. P. Gladstone	160 Oriental Parade, C.4.
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, S.W.1.
Johnston, Miss J. S.	33 Central Terrace, W.1.
Kaywood, G. T.	8 Wentworth Street, S.W.1.
Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2.
Martin, D. M. P.	31 Farnham Street, S.W.1.
Oed, Gordon	89 Wilton Road, N.2.
O'Hara, C. R.	100 Webb Street, C.2.
Orr, G. A.	23 Delhi Crescent, N.5.
Paul, Gordon	14 Mowbray Street, N.1.
Robertson, N. G.	167 Karori Road, W.3.
Shiels, R. J.	19 Fernhill Terrace, N.2.
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Scape Terrace, W.3.
Toy, P. D.	459 Broadway, E.4.
Vink, J. W.	2 Rewa Road, E.2.

GENERAL COMMITTEES—1961-62

Property and Finance: A. L. Wall (Convener), J. Hunt (deputy Convener, Property), Miss E. M. Brodie, Messrs L. R. Blake, E. Darroch, H. Glover, N. G. Robertson, F. C. Spratt, N. S. Woods, F. C. Chappell, R. J. Shiel, A. Martin, R. A. McLennan, F. A. Strong, J. W. Vink.

Envelopes: Miss E. M. Brodie (Convener and Secretary), M. Van Zweeken, J. S. Martin, L. Russell, H. B. Smith.

Seat Letting: N. G. Robertson.

Rolls: Dr T. F. Corkill, J. S. Lomas, Mrs P. G. Hughes.

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

Rooms: Miss P. Lees, P.O. Box 1314. Telephone 42-805.

Projector: F. Strong (Convener), G. A. Orr, A. Irvine, Dr H. B. Ewen.

Troup House: Rev J. K. Fairbairn (Chairman), Hon J. R. Marshall, Mrs Hughes, N. S. Woods, N. G. Robertson, P. D. Toy (Secretary).

Outlook: S. R. Edwards, Miss H. D. Clyde. Telephone 26-225.

OFFICERS OF ORGANISATIONS—1961-62

CHOIR

President: The Rev J. K. Fairbairn.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr L. S. Adam, Mus.Bac., 14 Maire St., Eastbourne. Telephone 7062.

Vice-Presidents: Miss E. M. Brodie (Hon.) Miss H. D. Clyde (Life), Mrs R. E. Pumfrey.

Life Members: Mrs Kerry, Miss D. Chappell, Mr and Mrs R. E. Pumfrey, Mr J. S. Lomas.

Secretary: Mrs F. A. Strong, 10 Kio Road, E.2. Telephone 82-181.

P.W.M.U. AND AFTERNOON GUILD

Hon. President: The Minister.

Life Vice-Presidents: Mesdames W. S. Austin, B. Berry, J. W. Wilson, A. P. Smith, A. Purdie and Miss M. Chappell.

President: Mrs N. G. Robertson.

Vice-President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.

Secretary: Miss J. Johnston, 33 Central Tee, W.1. Telephone 26-002.

M.M.B.L.: Miss J. Hanchet. Telephone 87-777.

Harvest Field: Miss D. Chappell. Telephone 89-336.

Evening Guild

Hon. President: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn.

President: Mrs J. H. Long.

Vice-President: Mrs D. Bridge.

Secretary: Mrs D. M. P. Martin, 31 Farnham St., S.W.1. Telephone 86-600.

Sunday School

Superintendent and Secretary: Mr A. J. Baber, 38 Waitoa Rd., E.2. Telephone 82-359.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs F. A. Strong, 10 Kio Rd., E.2. Telephone 82-181.

Senior Young Men's Bible Class

Leader: Mr John Vink, 2 Rewa St., E.2. Telephone 18-913.

Chairman Sunday Afternoon Club: Mr K. W. Carley, 22 Thompson St., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6454M.

Senior Young Women's Class

Leader: Miss E. M. Brodie (acting).

Sub-Leader: Miss Mary Strong, 10 Kio Rd., E.3. Telephone 82-181.

Intermediate Bible Classes

Leader—Boys: Mr Peter Toy, 49 Broadway, E.5. Telephone 17-513.

Leader—Girls: Miss J. Gubbins, 14 Maarama Cres., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6715M.

Junior Bible Classes

Leader—Boys: Mr Barry Austin, 9 Lyons Cres., E.5. Telephone 17-119.

Leader—Girls: Miss J. Gubbins, 14 Maarama Cres., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6715M.

Boys' Brigade

Captain: Mr E. H. Nyberg, Troup House, 176 Willis St. Telephone 58-000/6543.

Lieutenants: Messrs A. Dornan, J. K. Brady.

Warrant Officer: Mr Barry Duncan. **Instructor:** Mr Alan Irvine.

Life Boy Team

Leader in Charge: Miss H. C. Johnston, 7 Lochiel Rd., N.5. Telephone 34-637.

Leaders: Miss A. Button, Miss M. Strong.

Girls' Life Brigade

President: Mrs J. S. Martin.

Captain: Miss A. R. Carley, 22 Thompson St., C.2. Telephone 58-000/6454M.

Cadet Leader: Miss C. Martin.

After-Church Social Hour

Convener: Miss G. A. Hughes, 160 Oriental Pde. Telephone 55-026.

Saturday Night At Eight

Convener: Mrs N. S. Woods, 38 Harrison St., S.W.1. Telephone 86-769.

Secretary: Mrs John Hunt, 24 Krull St. Telephone 87-967.

The Messenger

Editor: Miss M. Clachan, 22 Ohiro Rd., C.2. Telephone 56-434.

Indoor Bowling Club

Patron: The Minister.

President: Mr R. E. Pumfrey.

Club Captain: Mr I. S. Lowman.

Secretary: Miss M. Walker.

Badminton Club

Patron: The Minister.

President: Mr J. H. Long.

Captain: Mr Brian Turner.

BOYS INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

SESSION REPORT

Our last annual report included the following words, "The indications are that the year to come could be a momentous one in the life of St. John's," and although in the mercy of Providence we are unable to see the future, yet decisions have been made in recent months which could change the life of our Church.

There arose out of the examination of our resources a feeling that our buildings after 75 years' use were nearing the end of their career, and before many more years would require to be replaced. The accommodation in our school building has been reorganised to permit of the upper floor and gymnasium being leased for commercial purposes in order to build up a fund for rebuilding. Who knows that many with us today will not see on this splendid site an inspiring edifice that will point upward to nobler and higher things than the accumulation of wealth and the pursuit of pleasure!

On Saturday, 3rd June last, Elders and Managers held a one-day retreat in St. John's and included in the topics for discussion were "A critical review of our stewardship", "An appraisal of the use of ourselves in the service of the Church", "Parish outreach and proposed reorganisation of visiting". Arising out of the discussion of the last topic was a decision to appoint a paid secretary whose duties would include some very necessary relief for the Minister in regard to his correspondence and the keeping of his roll of members up to date. Other clerical duties and typing would be undertaken to assist Church organisations. A special committee is now at work in an endeavour to find suitable accommodation for the secretary in the Church buildings.

A perusal of the annual report of the work of the 30 committees and organisations working in St. John's will bear out the opinion expressed by Presbytery after hearing the report of the committee which examined our work. "Although by New Zealand standards St. John's is a parish with a long history, it is not resting on its past laurels. Instead of bemoaning the diminishing number of permanent residents within the parish boundaries, it has set itself resolutely to minister to the inner city area. Its sense of mission to the city and to the wider work of the Church is most marked."

Members of Session and of the congregation will heartily endorse this further opinion of Presbytery: "In no small measure the forward look so evident in the different Church organisations is due to the vision, drive and industry of the Minister, who is ably supported by his wife."

It is our bounden duty and our privilege therefore to lift him up and his dear ones in the arms of prayer before the Throne of Grace, together with all those who labour for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this place.

By courtesy of the N.Z. University Inter-Varsity Fellowship the services of Dr Masumi Toyotome were placed at the disposal of St. John's for a week's teaching mission during May. This humble and devout Christian was for five years Professor of Christianity at Tokyo University. His exposition of the early chapters of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans was a revelation to the increasing numbers who attended during the week of his mission. His addresses to crowded congregations on the closing Sunday of the mission will long be remembered.

A milestone in the life of the congregation was the 75th anniversary of the use of the Church building. The event was celebrated during the weekend 3rd to 5th December. On Saturday there was an "At Home" for older folk, special services on Sunday and a congregational party on Monday. The functions attracted a large number of past members and many messages from others unable to attend.

During the year 72 members were added to the roll, 34 by profession of faith and 48 by transfer from other organisations.

Removals from the roll by disjunction certificates and by death and purging leave the roll at 455 at the end of the year.

The attendances at the four regular communions were 341, 329, 381, 357. Attendances at the Easter Day communion, on World Communion Day and at the 75th anniversary were 132, 191, and 241.

Many St. John's people will regret the passing recently of Lady Troup, wife of the late Sir George Troup, the founder of the Bible Class movement as we now know it. She ably supported Sir George in all his work in the B.C. Movement and in his public and civic life. Many will regret also the passing of John S. Butler, who was also a stalwart and colleague of Sir George's in his B.C. work. We first hear of him on the 18th June, 1893, when at the age of 17 he joined St. John's B.C. under the leadership of the late Mr. Troup.

To the relatives and friends of these and the others mentioned elsewhere in this report we extend our deepest sympathy.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the last annual meeting one new manager, Mr R. N. Fleming, was elected, and three who retired after the usual three-year term were re-elected. During the year, Mr I. Elder resigned on removal to Wadestown.

During January, 1961, the Board was glad to welcome Mr A. G. McGhee, together with his wife and daughter, following his appointment as Church Officer. The Board expressed thanks to those who had assisted in cleaning, dusting, etc., during the period while there was no Church Officer.

At the main Church entrances from Dixon and Willis Streets, the posts were renewed, gates were repaired and lights were re-fitted. Included towards the cost was an amount of £25 contributed by the Afternoon Guild for the purpose some years ago.

The memorial windows in the front vestibule of the Church were completed.

An investigation into the material resources of the Church, initiated by Session, awakened an awareness of the growing need to make provision for the replacement of Church buildings. Accordingly the Session, Board and congregation approved the establishment of a Building Fund. As an aid in raising moneys for the Fund it was decided to let out the top floor of the S.S. building and the gymnasium for profit. Three tenants were approved. The scheme also involved the re-arrangement of the Sunday School, and for this purpose work was commenced just prior to the end of the Church year on the erection of screens in the S.S. Hall, and the creation of a second large room on the first landing by the removal of partitions between smaller rooms.

Finance: While plate collections showed a small increase over those of the previous year, givings through the Envelope System fell off, mainly through a fall in the number of contributors through members leaving St. John's. Steps to increase interest in the regular giving through the envelope system are to be taken during the coming year.

With the completion of major repairs and the painting of the buildings, it is hoped that maintenance costs will be lower for the next few years. However, with wooden buildings over 75 years old there is always something needing attention. The overdraft for painting was reduced by the amount of £506/12/10, being the proceeds of matured shares in the Metropolitan Building Society and by £865/8/5 transferred from the ordinary Church funds, and now stands at £1,688/16/1.

Our Budget assessment was £1,465 but £1,524/2/4 was paid over to the Church Office, in response to the appeal to give increased contributions.

During the year a donation of £100 was received from a member for general purposes. The Afternoon Guild provided the cost of kitchen

facilities in the main hall; a number of members gave the cost of cushions for pews, while others met the major part of the cost of sealing the grounds.

A team of members performed yeoman work in cleaning down all the woodwork in the front and rear vestibules of the Church and then applying fresh varnish. Members also painted the Fellowship Room, the two kitchens and the stairs at no cost to the Church. Our sincere thanks are due to these people.

During the year advice was received that the late Mrs C. H. K. Taylor bequeathed £400 to St. John's. Some months will probably elapse before the trustees are in a position to pay over the amount. The late Mr B. R. Irvine bequeathed to St. John's for charitable purposes one-sixth of his estate, subject to two life interests. The trustees advise that the value of the estate is contingent on the realisation of the business interests of the late Mr. Irvine.

CHOIR REPORT

July 1st, 1960-June 30th, 1961

The year has ended much as it began in numbers, the roll standing at 27, but with changing personnel the distribution of parts has varied from time to time. Membership in any organisation carries with it responsibilities, and the demands made upon members of a Church choir are not light. If our first concern is to lead the congregation in the service of praise then we must not only come to the services regularly but we must come prepared, and the preparation means constant and concentrated practice.

The festivals of the Church year as they come round call for special music and we have taken our share in the services at Christmas time, at Easter and with the combined Church choirs on Ascension Day. By a round of carol singing and the recording of a programme of carols for broadcasting we tried to share with others something of the joy we have in the Christmas season. At the Easter services we were privileged to have as soloists Miss Jean Curtis and Mr Bruce Chandler, and to them as to our other guest soloists, Miss Christina Young, Messrs Harvey Brown, Frank Malthus and George Metcalfe, we extend our sincere thanks.

In October we took part in the third Festival of Music arranged by the Presbytery and conducted once again by Mr. Malcolm Rickard. At a small gathering which followed we assisted the members of the Women's Fellowship in serving supper.

During February a choir school was conducted in Wellington by two noted authorities on Church music, Dr and Mrs J. F. Williamson, of Princeton, New Jersey. Those of our members who had the opportunity of attending found it an enriching and exhilarating experience.

Three weddings have been of special interest to us during the year. At two, members were present in strength in expression of our good wishes; the third was a golden wedding when the greetings and congratulations of the Choir were extended to one of our life members, Mrs Kerry, and to Mr Kerry, for many years our St. John's organist.

Socially, we gathered on two occasions to bid farewell to members leaving for other parts; we enjoyed the hospitality of the Manse after our evening of carol singing and we made merry with the Sunday School children at their annual picnic.

It is with feelings of regret that we place on record the death of a life member, Mrs F. S. Pope, and we think with gratitude of her faithful service in years gone by.

We realise that in Mr Adam we have not only an able organist and choirmaster but a sincere churchman and friend, and we would express to him our appreciation of the patient and cheerful way in which he has guided and suffered us through another year.

We thank our Minister for his unfailing interest and assure him of our desire to give of our best always in whatever way we may be used to further God's purposes in this place.

P.W.M.U.

In presenting the report of St. John's P.W.M.U. for 1961 we feel that we have been richly blessed in many ways—in living in a land of plenty, of being able to worship as we please, and for all the gifts bestowed by God upon us. We do appreciate our situation and pray that more and more we may be aware of those less fortunate than ourselves—those people who have had no opportunity of hearing the Word of God, the lepers so needy of all we can do for them, and the thousands of God's people who need our help and prayers every day.

This year we have had many opportunities of hearing about the mission fields from speakers at our meetings: Dr Bramwell Cook—on alcoholism; Noel Gibson—on his work as a Crusader in Wellington; Sister Isobel Probert—on P.S.S.A. work; Constable Gray—on work among women and children in the city; Mr. Hart—on the Poona Mission; Miss Blackburn—on Gospel recordings; Rev. Jamieson—who gave us a wonderfully descriptive film on lepers.

In November the P.W.M.U. met at the Manse for a social afternoon. Mrs Hughes gave a talk on the New Hebrides, Miss M. Chappell spoke on Indonesia and Mrs B. Robertson showed an interesting film on the work of Miss Margaret Bear. It was decided to send a further subscription for the Nursing Journal as a Christmas present to her. We have regular communication with Margaret and always enjoy reading her letters. Mr Martin has generously donated £10 as a gift to her.

In Memoriam: We regret the passing of Mrs. W. Taylor, who was a regular attender at P.W.M.U.

M.M.B.L.: Senior Section, 141 subscribers, £36/7/-; Junior Section, 1 subscriber, 2/6. Miss Hanchet reports that in the Senior Section we have lost some subscribers, obviously due to Stewardship—but new members are coming forward. In the Junior Section there has been a setback, but steps are being taken to revive the League in the Sunday School. Overall, the M.M.B.L. has had a heartening increase during the year.

Mission Letters—Mrs Highet has sent out 16 letters.

Harvest Field—Miss Millar has sent out 43 copies.

Stamps and Coupons—Mrs Madden is doing a worthy service here.

Mission Boxes—Miss Dalziel has collected 10 boxes.

Sales Table—Mrs Wilson reports an increase.

Roll—Our Roll is being recorded by Mrs Piper.

Membership—Mrs Stroke reports a slight decrease.

Assembly—Miss J. Johnston attended as delegate.

This year the meetings have been very well attended and the success is largely due to many willing workers—to Mrs McKenzie, Miss Jones, Miss Brown and Mrs Croft for dispensing tea, to Mrs Pumfrey, who always plays the piano, and to Mrs Wilson a very special "Thank you" for her very considerable contribution to the stall.

Finally to our President, Mrs Fairbairn, we would express our thanks for all she has done in taking devotions and conducting the meetings.

AFTERNOON GUILD

The giving of service and friendship has again kept the Guild busily and happily united.

Membership has remained much the same but attendance at meetings has greatly improved.

In Memoriam—Miss Doris Black, Mrs MacKay and Mrs Taylor died

during the year. Each had long connections with St. John's and Mrs Taylor was a very regular and interested member.

Meetings have been stimulating and enjoyable, and we are indebted to the following who have made them so: Mrs Richardson, Mrs A. Harvie, Mrs Dunk, Mr Bolt, Rev. W. Hutchison's address, and beautiful singing by some Indonesian women students at the May meeting made a suitable climax for a very fine year.

In November a Christmas Bring and Buy resulted in £119/9/2 being raised. In February we joined with P.W.M.U. and Evening Guild in a "get-together" evening.

Service within St. John's: The usual catering, preparing and serving suppers has been done for After-Church Social Hour, "Saturday Night at Eight," for Boys' Brigade, and G.L.B. and Life Boys, where members were invited to meet parents.

At the Church Jubilee celebrations, Guild were responsible for the afternoon tea and the programme arrangements at the opening function.

After each Preparatory Communion Service members attend a brief social hour to meet and serve supper to those joining the Church.

The Spring Flower Afternoon, when Guild entertained the S.S. and G.L.B. children and their mothers with concert items and floral competitions, was much appreciated.

We have felt the responsibility of visiting the sick and shut-in folk and those in hospital. Flowers and books have been sent, as well as flowers and greetings which were given at Christmas.

Until the Church Officer arrived we continued to take our share of dusting the Church and cleaning the kitchen and Fellowship Room. The cottage, which had been renovated and painted by a valiant group of men, was cleaned and prepared with curtains ready for occupation.

A group of members repaired the worn pew cushions—a tedious and difficult task—and the Guild supplied three cushions for the front pews.

We were pleased to be able to supply from funds and from members' generous donations a steel sink, formica bench and cupboards and Zip water heater for the Sunday School Hall. These facilities have been very much appreciated.

Other Activities: Miss Millar, our P.S.S.A. Auxiliary representative, reports that the mending and darning was done in July and that 70 handkerchiefs and other gifts have been given by members for the children in the Home. Several members have contributed to Deaconess House funds by "1d. a week boxes", and £1 was donated to the Auxiliary to furnish one of the Deaconess's rooms. The Guild visited Deaconess House in April, leaving an overflowing carton of goods for the house pantry and also a £30 cheque towards the furnishings in a guest room. After our visit an anonymous friend wished to be associated with our gift and she gave a like amount.

Gifts of biscuits and card booklets have also been supplied for patients in hospital and at Porirua. Help in the way of cakes during an emergency was given to Kilmarnock. This year our Christmas parcels were again sent to Te Hopai, 48 in all, for staff and patients. Help in serving and supplying goods was given to the P.S.S.A. Stall, G.L.B. and B.B. Stalls at the Town Hall Market Day. A team of collectors helped the Boys' Institute Street Day and good teams packed at CORSO. Much hospitality has been given to newcomers and strangers to our Church and members have willingly given hospitality in their homes to students from overseas and other strangers to the city.

Thanks: We would thank Mr and Mrs Fairbairn for their continuing interest and encouragement in the work of the Guild. Our thanks to our President, Mrs Robertson, are heartfelt and sincere. Her loving

friendship to all has done much to foster the spirit of unity and friendship. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs Wilson, who, through her stall each meeting day, has added the sum of £17/2/6 to our funds; and to Mrs Madden for the fine work she does in many practical ways, and particularly for her work with coupons, which have yielded £6/0/6 for funds. Once again we give thanks to our tea committee—Mrs McKenzie, Miss Brown, Miss Jones and Mrs Crough. In fact, each and every member has contributed generously in giving of their time and talents, and we give thanks to God for the opportunities given to serve Him in this way.

EVENING GUILD

The 1960-61 season closed with a roll of 70. During the year members sent gifts to help stock the Rev. R. D. Elley's new pantry, and to assist the City Deaconess with hospital visitations and hospitality extended at Deaconess House. In conjunction with other Churches we made a donation of £1 towards furnishing a room at Deaconess House and £1 towards the purchase of a Communion set for the Rev. Elley. A further donation was made to help with Mr Elley's work. Equipment for religious instruction in school was sent to the Infant Mistress of Terrace End School, Palmerston North. Contributions totalling £6/11/6 were made to our direct giving scheme by members wishing to use this method. At Christmas we sent gaily wrapped parcels to 17 families with a total of 68 people in the Maori Mission field and cash gifts to Margaret Bear in India and to Mrs Spence-Williams in Thailand.

The Rev. Elley told of his work among the patients at the Porirua Mental Hospital and the inmates of the Arohata Borstal Institution, and the Rev. R. R. Thomas, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, spoke on the Society's work. Guild members saw the urgent need for the purchase of Bibles for Indonesia and £105.0 was collected and given to Mr Thomas for this purpose. One of our members, Mrs Noel Woods, gave an inspiring talk on her return from the Annual Meeting and Conference of the Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches. Mrs M. Johnston, also a member, spoke with authority on mental health. Mrs Wolff, of the Jewish Congregation, gave an extremely interesting talk on the Jewish faith and brought with her a selection of books and articles. Other speakers who were also very generous with their time, materials and equipment were Mr Powery, who exhibited soft furnishings and spoke of interior decorating; Miss Valerie Scott, who showed films demonstrating colour in the home; and Mrs Allan, who gave a demonstration of cooking.

At the 75th birthday celebrations we arranged the Monday evening congregational party. We take our turn at providing supper and assisting at after-Church gatherings and "Saturday Night at Eight".

Letters are written regularly to Margaret Bear and to our two "adopted" Porirua Hospital patients; the Maori Mission Birthday League is well supported, and help was given at the Town Hall Market Day, with two street collections, and with CORSO packing. One Saturday the boys and girls from our children's homes were taken for drives and returned to St. John's for a party tea provided by Miss Millier and served by Guild members. Another enjoyable function was a social evening with the ladies from St. Peter's Anglican Group as our guests. An important part of Evening Guild is the prayer circle which meets on the first Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

We have pleasure in placing on record our deep appreciation of Mrs Annette Long's capable chairmanship of our meetings and thank her for her efforts to widen our interests and activities. To committee members, hostesses, those who have conducted devotions, and all who

have helped in a particularly busy year we express our thanks for tasks cheerfully undertaken.

In closing this report we give thanks to God for the opportunities of service and enjoyment which the Guild affords, and pray that in the coming months we may be enabled to go forward in His strength, and to shed abroad something of His love and help to those in need.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The past year has been a successful one and it is desired to thank all the teachers, parents and friends who have so willingly assisted in the work. Special donations by Mr Wilson and Mr Smith have been greatly appreciated and provided materials and equipment essential for the teaching of the children. We would like to thank Mrs Piper for the invaluable work she did as Secretary.

During the year we said farewell to Miss Pat Lees, who was in charge of the Junior Department for many years. We would say again: "Thank you, Miss Lees, for all you have done for the children. We are sorry to lose you and we wish you all the best in all your other Church activities."

As part of the plan to reorganise and make the best use of Church accommodation the primary school has moved to a lower floor and the junior department has moved to the Church Hall. These changes have proved very successful and have resulted in the Sunday School being brought closer together in worship and teaching. We wish to thank all who have assisted in these changes.

Miss J. Gubbins continues to give tremendous help in teaching the children to sing their hymns, and we thank her for her interest and enthusiasm in this work.

Miss C. Martin, Mrs N. G. Robertson and Miss Gubbins trained and organised the children for this year's anniversary, which was very successful and enjoyed by all.

The ladies of the Evening Guild kindly provided curtains and materials for the decoration of the primary department.

The teaching staff is as follows: Misses D. Archibald, L. Button, D. Murray, A. Button, A. Carley, T. Wakelin, G. Jefferies, N. Button, E. Strong, Sister Jessie Morgan, Mrs B. Thomson, Messrs G. Maruera, C. Smith, L. Brown and K. Bradley.

CRADLE ROLL

We have 64 names on our roll this year. During the past year several of our young couples have moved out of town and joined up with Churches near their new homes, and the babies' names have been taken off our roll. Six children have gone on to Sunday School on reaching the age of four, and 22 new names have been entered on the Cradle Roll.

We wish to thank the Board of Managers who, in April, instituted an annual grant of £5 towards our expenses. On June 6th we held an afternoon for mothers and children, and had a Bring and Buy table to help swell our funds. It was a cold afternoon, which probably accounted for the disappointing numbers, but we spent a very happy time with those who did come, and raised £8 to add to our funds.

At the end of last year we held our party in the Y.M.B.C. room and found it much better for keeping people together than in the Church Hall. We were delighted to have so many mothers and children present. Mr. Vink's puppet show entertained adults as well as children and altogether it was a very happy party.

Our Creche is now well established and committee members and friends take turns to be on duty in the Fellowship Room while the

parents are attending Church. We hope soon to have a room of our own for the purpose.

We are sorry to lose Mrs J. Long from our committee and thank her for all she has done for the Cradle Roll. We welcome Mrs Logan Russell to our ranks and hope she will enjoy working with us as we try to keep contact with the very newest members of the Church.

THE BIBLE CLASSES

During this year the Bible classes have continued to flourish, and, despite certain difficulties, have gained in strength and vitality. The average attendance at Bible Classes on Sundays is now over 80. At the end of last year we were sorry to lose a considerable number of students, but this year we have been pleased to welcome many new members.

The year has seen several changes in leadership of the classes. After Easter Mr. J. W. Vink was welcomed as the leader of the Senior Young Men's Bible Class; we have already appreciated the effects of his guidance. The marriage of Miss M. Wall, and her sudden departure for England later, has deprived the Young Women's Bible Class of her valued leadership. However, Miss M. Strong, the deputy leader, has done much to ensure that the class has continued to thrive, despite the difficulties which the lack of a permanent leader creates. Our heartfelt thanks go to Miss Strong, Mr. Vink, and the other leaders—Miss J. Gubbins (Intermediate and Junior Girls), Mr P. Toy (Intermediate Boys) and Mr B. Austin (Junior Boys)—for all they do for the Bible Classes.

Our Weekend Camp was held at the Boys' Institute Camp, Reikorangi, from March 10th to 12th. The Rev. P. R. Thomas, Dominion Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, led our studies. Mr and Mrs Thomas further contributed to the success of the camp by acting as Camp Parents. Miss V. Woods performed the demanding role of Camp Chairman very efficiently. Last August we held a one-day retreat at Knox Church, Lower Hutt, when the speaker was Rev. R. D. Elley.

Members of St. John's Bible Classes played a prominent part in both Easter Camps. All those who attended either the Girls' Camp at Featherston or the Boys' Camp at Reikorangi found them very enjoyable and stimulating.

We were invited this year to join with the Brooklyn Class at their early morning service on the Bible Class Day of Prayer. Owing to bad weather the service was held in the Brooklyn Church. It was followed by breakfast and study groups on prayer.

St. John's was host class for the 1961 B.C. Competitions. Mr A. Irvine and his assistants organised them very successfully. After a rather hesitant start we finished second—one point behind Khandallah.

We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs N. S. Woods for the continued use of their home for our monthly B.C. teas.

A good proportion of both senior classes attended the Ecumenical Youth Conference held at Lower Hutt after Christmas and found it a most challenging and stimulating experience. As a result of Conference, several inter-denominational youth activities were arranged. A social held at St. John's and a meeting with St. Peter's Young Anglicans were very successful.

Under the chairmanship of Mr B. Turner the B.C. executive fulfils a very useful function in co-ordinating the activities of the classes. During the year several successful socials were held as well as a Guy Fawkes Day party for the children of the Berhampore Children's Home. Mr A. Irvine and Mr J. McKinley attended the Leaders'

Training Course at Feilding during May and found it of great value. The evening service on Youth Sunday in October was conducted by members of the Bible Class.

We are very grateful for the continued interest and support of the Rev. J. K. and Mrs Fairbairn in all our activities. Our thanks go also to the members of the congregation for the interest they have displayed in everything concerning the Bible Classes.

THE ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Club continues to play a part in the wider mission of the Church in Wellington, reaching areas of the community otherwise beyond the sphere of auxiliary organisations. The aim of the Club is to share the fellowship of Christ with non-Church members, and to this end provides equipment for table tennis, padaminton, and billiards, together with magazines and films, and the company of the voluntary helpers. A light meal is provided following a short Gospel message given by a variety of speakers.

The Club operates from 2.15-6.30, and this year, for the first time, its activities were extended throughout the holiday period. The committee is most grateful to the session and managers for the continued provision of the facilities and means to maintain this mission to the young and to the lonely folk of our city, and also to all those who have given their support in prayer, made gifts of food and money and personally entertained our visitors. The assistance of more personnel to extend the work is an urgent requirement of the Club and we invite all who could help in any way to prayerfully consider giving such support.

TROUP HOUSE

Messrs R. H. Pilkington and E. E. Trask left Troup House at the end of last year to continue their studies for the Ministry in Dunedin. We wish them every success. The men at present in residence are Messrs E. H. Nyberg, N. J. Whimp, B. Doig, and R. Rofe, three of whom are studying for the Ministry. St. John's continues to be much indebted to the Troup House residents for their many and varied contributions to the life and work of Bible Classes and congregation.

Last year the Troup House Board of Control consulted with the Young Men's Bible Class as to the completion of the basement room. It was agreed that it should be finished and furnished as a "quiet room" which could be used mainly for reading, writing and study and for quiet meetings with friends, but which could also be used in other ways as the Board of Control might approve. Completion of this room is now proceeding. We are greatly appreciative of the generosity of Mr R. J. Shiels and his assistant, Mr J. Beeforth, who have carried out the work of lining the ceiling without charge. We thank them most warmly, and also those men of the congregation who painted the acoustic tiles for the ceiling and have assisted in other ways.

Other improvements to Troup House have been made during the year. The bath has been replaced by a built-in shower unit and a spin-dry washing machine has been installed in the extra space thus made available. Exterior and interior repainting has been completed.

We learnt of the death of Lady Troup with deep regret, but also with renewed thanksgiving for the great services to St. John's of the late Sir George Troup, Lady Troup and their family, and for the gift that enabled Troup House to be built.

Income for the year ended 30th June, 1961, amounted to £330/19/-. After all expenses had been met and payments made into the reserve

funds for depreciation, repainting, renovations and furnishings, and a donation of £10 made to Church funds, there remained a surplus of £69/2/1 to carry forward. Reserve funds amounted to £513/0/5 on 30th June, 1961. Part of the basement cost will be met from these funds.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

2nd Wellington Company

Our Company continues to exercise a Christian influence upon boys, many of whom might otherwise have little or no connection with the Church. Each weekly parade is opened and closed with devotions and all members are required to attend Bible Class or Sunday School.

Staff: Mr E. H. Nyberg was appointed Captain by the Kirk Session at the beginning of this year. Later Mr Barry Duncan joined as a Warrant Officer and Messrs Brian Helson and Lindsay Bamford as Staff-Sergeants. Mr Alan Irvine has been instructing in Physical Training and Signalling.

Strength: Twelve boys were welcomed into the Company on transfer from The Life Boy Team. With other recruits and members, membership this year has been 27 boys. We appreciate the work done by The Life Boys in preparing them for the senior section of the Movement.

Company Display: The highlight of the past year was our annual demonstration of activities on 19th November. The Inspecting Officer was Rear Admiral P. Phipps, D.S.C., Chief of the Naval Staff. Our Chaplain, Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, presided over the large gathering. Selections were rendered by the Silver Band of The Boys' Institute.

Camp: B.B. members always enjoy the fun and fellowship of camp. During the weekend 26th-28th August, 1960, officers and boys spent a memorable time at their Company Camp at Wainuiomata. Rev. Fairbairn was "one of the boys" and his interest was much appreciated.

Enrolment Service was held on Sunday morning, 16th April. Three boys were promoted to Lance-Corporal—Ian Roberts, Ross Hislop and Peter De la Mare. Rev. Mr. Fairbairn officiated.

Training: Officers attended the annual Course organised by the Battalion, 10th-12th March, the one for N.C.O.s being held during the weekend 19th-20th June.

B.B. Week: This is held annually throughout the Movement from 1st to 8th July, when opportunity is provided for friends of the Company to give financial support. This year the record sum of £111/4/3 was raised and to all who contributed we say a sincere "thank you".

General: The Company entered for the Squad Drill competition of the Battalion and was placed seventh. A new activity this season was "Scripture Knowledge", the classes being conducted by Rev. J. K. Fairbairn. Home visitation by officers and N.C.O.s has been followed up regularly. Again we acknowledge with thanks the assistance of so many good friends, especially the ladies who provided supper at various functions.

We are conscious of the responsibilities involved in Christian Youth leadership and seek to do our part in advancing Christ's Kingdom among boys.

THE LIFE BOYS—2ND WELLINGTON TEAM

Strength: There are 18 boys on the roll and the spirit of enthusiasm is very high. Further efforts will be made next session in regard to recruiting.

Leadership: We were happy to welcome a new Leader this year—

Miss M. Strong—whose assistance is proving most valuable. We now have three leaders and a pianist, making the staff situation the best for some years.

Training: Both Miss Button and Miss Strong attended Training Courses at local and national level and gained much useful experience.

Quarterdeck Service: This annual event of the Wellington Area, held at St. Peter's on 25th September, 1960, was attended by 300 Life Boys. Our team contributed £26 to the extension of the Movement in the Pacific. The total of the Area, amounting to £265/3/9, was received and dedicated at this service.

Team Display: Held on 7th November. This was one of the best yet. Mr R. R. O'Connor, National Airways pilot, was chief guest and presented the awards to the boys. Mr. Noel Woods, a member of Session, was Chairman.

Transfer Ceremony: As is usual, this took place at the first Team meeting of the Session, and 12 boys who had reached the age limit were transferred to the Boys' Brigade Company.

Enrolment Service: This impressive service was held in the Fellowship Room on 23rd April and was attended by parents and friends. Our Team Chaplain, Rev. Fairbairn, conducted the service.

Birthday Party: To celebrate the Team's eleventh year it had a birthday party on 29th May. This was a happy occasion and was attended by a number of friends from the congregation. Mrs Strong very kindly made the cake, which was beautifully iced, showing the Life Boy emblem.

General: One of the happiest events for the Team was a Cowboy Night in the August holidays. Leaders and boys dressed as Cowboys, complete with guns. It concluded round a campfire eating "savs and spuds".

The Leader-in-Charge was present at the promotion in the Company of three ex-Life Boys to the positions of Lance Corporals: Ian Roberts, Peter de la Mare and Ross Hislop. It was a solemn and proud occasion.

Appreciation: The leaders and boys desire to express their thanks to many who have assisted during the year, especially the Chaplain for his friendly way with the boys and the ladies of the Afternoon and Evening Guilds for assisting with suppers.

Conclusion: We humbly acknowledge the guiding hand of the Master in all our affairs, and to Him we render thanks.

8TH WELLINGTON GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

Our numbers since last reporting have unfortunately dropped for various reasons, and the roll stands at 24 girls and 27 cadets. We have therefore not been quite so strong when competing in Battalion competitions and did not hold the Swimming Cup for a further year. Drill competitions have just been completed and although 8th Wellington did very well, gaining third place in the Battalion, we did not go forward to the Divisional finals.

Brigade Week: The congregation, managers and Afternoon and Evening Guilds gave generous and much appreciated support during Brigade Week in June. Donations this year totalled just over £51. Parents and members also gave grand support to our Coffee Evening and stall at "Shangri-La". Prior to Brigade Week, a Church Parade was held when Brigadier Shirley Thompson took the reading.

Officers: Lieut. Martin has resigned from the Company but is still continuing to lead our Cadet section. Miss Martin gained her Lieutenant's commission at the beginning of the year and we miss her help.

Warrant Officer Purdie is now in Christchurch, still doing Brigade work. A training weekend was held in March when three of our Pioneers (Ngaire Button, Sue Williamson and Glennis Jefferies) attended and passed their Lance Corporal examination. Diana Archibald and Patricia Williamson passed their Corporal's test and Yvonne Wakelin passed her Sergeant's test.

Further Activities: Badge subjects studied this year were Bible Knowledge, Home Nursing, Safety (taken by Sergeant Wakelin), P.T., and Sewing. A games evening organised by the Pioneers was held with Brooklyn Company as our guests, a bike ride to Eastbourne, help on our Divisional stall on Market Day and the selling of G.L.B. biscuits have kept the girls busy. We also took part in the foot contingent at the Festival Parade and one of our Pioneers, Corporal Archibald, manned the float. At our Annual Meeting last November all Pioneers formed the Guard of Honour.

Cadets: The Cadet roll now stands at 27, with an average attendance of about 21. At the beginning of the year we were very pleased to welcome Sergeant Wakelin as a Cadet helper. Both Sergeant Wakelin and Corporal Archibald are doing fine work with the girls. At the end of last year we held a most enjoyable Christmas party and display at which the Cadets received the badges that they had earned during the year.

Just after the May holidays the District Cadet Church Parade was held in the Central Baptist Church, which was filled to capacity. Mr Chandler gave an excellent address, which was appreciated by both children and adults. This has been a happy and busy year and we hope that 1962 will prove equally successful.

We specially wish to thank Mrs Martin, Miss N. Morgan, and Mrs Button for help with badge work, Mrs N. G. Robertson, Advisory Committee members, our Minister, and all friends who continue to show support and interest in the work of the 8th Wellington Company, enabling us to fulfil our aim, "To help and encourage girls to become responsible, self-reliant, and useful Christian women".

AFTER-CHURCH SUPPER COMMITTEE

Once again we have enjoyed the fellowship of working together in this group. After-Church social hours have continued through the year and the committee has made a special feature of writing to new communicants and inviting them to attend the first supper following Communion. Many visitors from all parts of New Zealand and from overseas have also been welcomed.

At the evening service on May 7th the Rev. W. P. Temple gave his farewell message to St. John's before his departure for his new charge in Auckland. The social hour which followed will long be remembered as one where old friends parted but ties of Christian fellowship were renewed.

Our thanks are given to Mrs A. P. Smith, who unfailingly supplies the funds necessary for the suppers, and to the members of the Boys' Bible Class who help us so cheerfully in many ways.

The groups have also provided and served the suppers for "Saturday Night at Eight". This work has been greatly helped by the installation of kitchen facilities adjoining the large hall. This was the generous contribution of the members of the Afternoon Guild.

This group provides an excellent avenue for practical service and fellowship.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT"

During yet another year St. John's has made a contribution to community life with its "Saturday Night at Eight" programmes. Month by month there congregates in our hall an audience averaging over

100, mainly elderly folk, from the Darby and Joan Club, the Welfare section of St. John Ambulance, Central Park Hospital, and pensioners from the city area and nearer suburbs. Transport has been provided for patients from Central Park and others who, through age or infirmity, are unable of themselves to attend these evenings.

Attractive home-made suppers supplied by ladies of the congregation have been appreciated almost equally with the varied programmes arranged by organisations and groups within the city.

An innovation during the past year was a programme of original plays with discussion arranged by the Wellington area of the British Drama League. Though individual drama groups have helped us in the past, this was the first occasion on which the Wellington area had arranged the entire programme. We wish to thank most sincerely all who helped to make this evening so successful.

To all who have assisted in any way with the many interesting and entertaining programmes which have been given; to those who have assisted with transport by car or with money; to those many ladies who have helped so generously with supper; to the Church Officer and his wife for their unfailing courtesy and helpfulness; to Mr and Mrs. Fairbairn for their great interest, support and encouragement—to you all and to others who have helped in any way, we say a grateful “thank you” on behalf of all who have enjoyed the hospitality of St. John’s through the past year.

“OUTLOOK” REPORT

During August and September, 1960, a special effort was made to increase the number of subscribers to the General Assembly’s excellent Church paper, “The Outlook”. The aim was “an ‘Outlook’ in every Presbyterian home”, and while that objective has not yet been reached, we are glad to report that the appeal resulted in a definite increase in the number of subscribers. The subscription rate is 20/- a year, and the address, P.O. Box 320, Christchurch.

From time to time news items of general interest regarding St. John’s Church and its people are sent on to the Editor, together with the quarterly copies of our “Messenger”.

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The Club has had another very happy and successful year in all respects. We had the pleasure of visiting other Church Clubs which reciprocated and very pleasant times were spent together.

The Club meets every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in the hall and we would be very happy to see some of our life members occasionally. Members’ play has improved considerably, especially our lady members.

The Club has much pleasure in inviting members of the congregation and their friends to come along any Wednesday night and enjoy a cup of tea, which is served about 9.30 by the ladies.

We said au revoir to Michael Wickerson, our Secretary, on his departure overseas and we are looking forward to his safe return.

We were pleased to be able to hand to the Church Treasurer £20 for general purposes.

We extend a welcome to any men of the Church and thank our Minister for his interest in our activities.

BADMINTON CLUB

The present session of the Badminton Club is one of the best for some years. There are over 30 members and attendances have reached 27 on the one evening. Ladder competition is keen—separate ladders

being for Junior Ladies, Senior Ladies, Junior Men, Senior Men. Competition for the titles of Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles will commence soon. This year in the Club is one of consolidation. Next year it is hoped we may again enter for Inter-Club Competition.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss J. Bruce

Mr. J. Bruce

Mrs MacKay

Miss Murray

Mr B. R. Irvine

Mrs C. H. R. Taylor

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount held 1 July, 1960 for After-noon Guild o/a Gates					25	0	0
Plate Collections	1,708	13	6				
Envelope Collections	3,455	4	5				
Pew Rents	35	10	0				
				5,199	7	11	
Donations—							
General				105	0	0	
Use of Rooms				213	15	6	
Kitchen Facilities in Hall				142	17	7	
Pew Cushions				67	18	0	
Sealing Grounds				47	8	3	
Painting Fellowship Room, etc.				17	11	9	
Troup House Committee				10	0	0	
Upkeep of Pianos				3	0	0	
Organ Practice Fees				10	3	0	
Interest on Lockie Bequest				6	2	9	
Miscellaneous					5	6	
Withdrawals from Trust Funds—							
Centennial Collection				248	9	0	
Crockery Fund				9	10	0	
Contributions Towards Budget—							
P.W.M.U.	170	0	0				
Y.M.B.C.	36	16	3				
Y.W.B.C.	48	10	0				
Sunday School	57	9	1				
Miscellaneous	11	7	0				
				324	2	4	

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
Rev. J. K. Fairbairn:				
Stipend	900	0	0	
Car Allowance	200	0	0	
Mr L. S. Adam, Organist	225	0	0	
Mr A. G. McGhee, Church Officer	241	10	0	598
Caretaking Fees	51	15	0	
Pulpit and Organ Supply	39	18	0	
Light, Heat and Power	163	11	9	
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	206	4	9	
General Repairs	224	9	11	
Renewal Gate Posts, etc.	273	9	10	
Sealing Grounds	79	13	3	207 52
Painting Fellowship Room, etc.	17	11	9	
Kitchen Facilities in Hall	142	17	7	
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	115	0	0	
Hymn Book Trust Account	12	0	0	
Organ Tuning	25	16	8	
Rates, Manse and Cottage	149	19	9	
Rent, Manse Site	63	0	0	
Telephones, Manse and Cottage	36	8	9	
Assessments:				
Wellington Presbytery	18	0	0	
Beneficiary Fund	76	10	0	
Insurances:				
Fire	113	5	6	16
Earthquake and War Damage	52	19	10	
Accident and Sickness	15	3	11	
St. John's "Messenger"	49	15	0	

Other Contributions for—				
P.S.S.A.	66	0	0	
National Council of Churches	106	10	6	
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	20	4	10	
British and Foreign Bible Society	10	0	0	
	202	15	4	
Collections Dr. Toyotome's Mission	55	6	10	

Young Worshippers' League Prizes	13	17	11	
Bruce Fowler Prize	1	13	6	
Valuation Fees for Insurance	45	3	0	
Expenses, 75th Anniversary of Church	37	13	9	
Interest on Overdraft	51	9	10	
Pew Cushions	76	3	11	
Memorial Windows in Vestibule	43	2	5	
Light Globes	14	3	6	
Projector Repairs	14	5	6	
Door Mat	19	11	8	
Church Officer's Sundries	13	14	11	
Borer Treatment	12	0	0	
Crockery	9	10	0	
Donations	14	6	0	
Rubbish Removal	7	10	0	
Extend Street Crossing	6	0	0	
Social Expenses	5	19	5	
Miscellaneous Expenses	25	14	3	
Bible Class Sunday Afternoon Club	20	0	0	
Sunday School	50	0	0	
Transfer to Painting Account	865	8	5	
Budget Assessment (Assessment £1,465)	1,524	2	4	
P.S.S.A.	91	0	0	
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	35	4	10	
National Council of Churches	106	10	6	
British and Foreign Bible Society	20	0	0	
N.Z. Alliance	5	0	0	
Expenses, Dr. Toyotome Mission	15	5	7	
Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions	40	1	3	
Amount held at 30 June, 1961 for S.C.M. Chaplain's Fund	10	0	0	

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1961**

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances, 1 July, 1960—				Withdrawals—			
Benevolent Fund	189	5	6	Benevolent Fund	12	17	6
Centennial Collection	295	9	3	Centennial Collection	248	9	0
Chairs for Hall	156	16	2	Crockery Replacement Fund	9	10	0
Crockery Replacement Fund	71	15	3	Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	506	12	10
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	290	17	9				777 9 4
Organ Renovation Fund	193	9	0	Balances, 30 June, 1961—			
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	732	15	10	Benevolent Fund	184	13	7
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	171	14	6	Centennial Collection	59	18	9
Endowment Fund	6,293	6	10	Chairs for Hall	163	13	5
Interest in E. J. Lockie Bequest	190	0	0	Crockery Replacement Fund	65	8	0
			8,585 10 1	Hymn Book Replacement Fund	311	12	8
Interest—				Organ Renovations Fund	201	18	4
Benevolent Fund	8	5	7	Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	373	8	3
Centennial Collection	12	18	6	St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	179	4	8
Chairs for Hall	6	17	3	Endowment Fund	6,568	13	7
Crockery Replacement Fund	3	2	9	Interest in E. J. Lockie Bequest	190	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	8	14	11				8,298 11 3
Organ Renovation Fund	8	9	4				
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	32	5	3				
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	7	10	2				
Endowment Fund	275	6	9				
			363 10 6				
Receipts—							
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0				

Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	115 0 0	127 0 0
		£9,076 0 7

£9,076 0 7

**SUNDRY AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES
DURING YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1961**

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances held 1 July, 1960—				Payments—			
Women's Memorial Window	33	14	3	From Coad Bequest for Y.W.B.C.			235 0 0
Hopkirk Family Gift	36	6	6	Balances held 30 June, 1961—			
Choir Screens	6	5	0	Women's Memorial Windows	33	14	3
Coad Estate for Bible Classes	272	10	11	Hopkirk Family Gift	36	6	6
			348 16 8	Choir Screens	6	5	0
Receipts—				Coad Bequest:			
Coad Estate for Bible Classes			332 12 3	Y.M.B.C.	302	11	7
				Y.W.B.C.	67	11	7
			£681 8 11				446 8 11
							£681 8 11

PAINTING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 1961

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Amount from Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	506	12 10	Overdraft at 1 July, 1960	2,842	17 4
Transfer from Ordinary Account	865	8 5	Final Payment, including extras, on Painting Contract	218	0 0
Overdraft at 30 June, 1961	1,688	16 1			
	<u>£3,060</u>	<u>17 4</u>		<u>£3,060</u>	<u>17 4</u>

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

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30 June, 1961, and I consider that the foregoing Receipts and Payments Accounts correctly show the transactions for the year.

Paremata,
2 August, 1961.

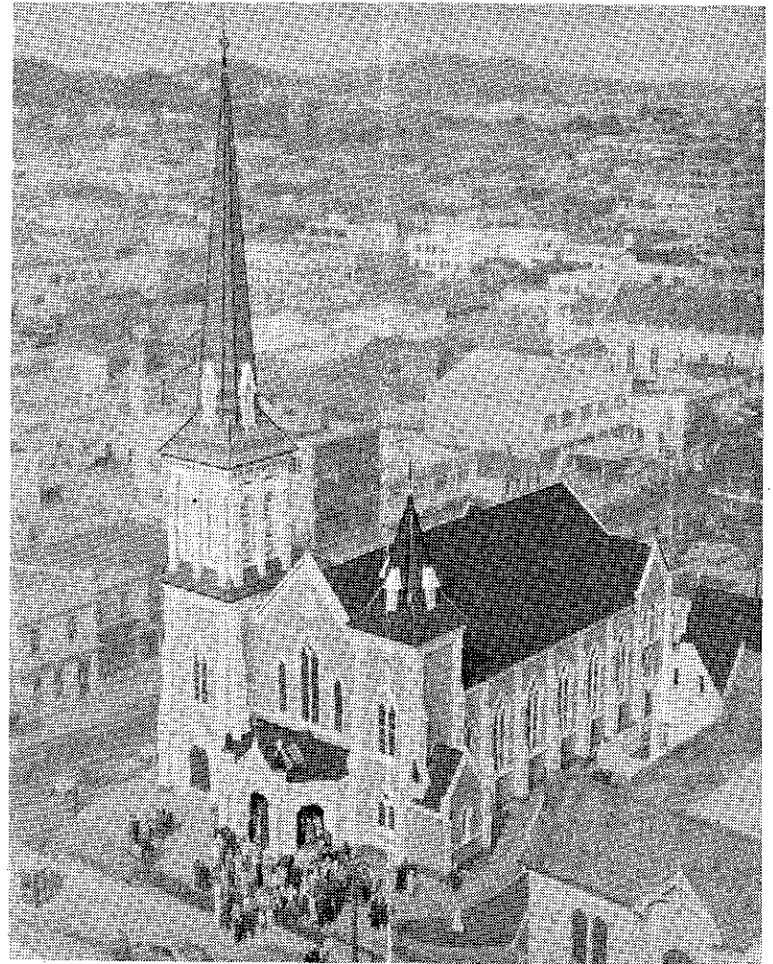
L. W. MILNE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

St. John's Church

WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON

ANNUAL REPORT 1961-62



One Hundred and Ninth Report

covering the period 1st July 1961 to 30th June 1962
to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 29th August 1962, at 7.45 p.m.

HISTORICAL NOTES

MINISTERS OF ST. JOHN'S:

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)	1954-1955
Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.	1957-

BUILDINGS:

First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
Second Church opened (accommodation 600), "St. John's"	12th Dec., 1875
First Manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street)	Nov., 1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900)	6th Dec., 1885
Young Men's Bible Class room opened	1896
Extension Sunday School building (Macdonald Crescent)	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 at 2 Kelburn Parade	1957
Repiling of Church completed	1958
Church repainted and interior decorated	1959

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
Seventy-fifth Anniversary, present Church building	3rd-5th Dec., 1960

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, Francis Place	1872
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr Robert Hopkirk	1874
First Service at Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910 and Church Hymnary	1937
Choir founded (First of Presbyterian Choirs in N.Z.)	1944
Bible Class Movement, now established in other denominations throughout N.Z., had its origin in the Class formed by Sir George Froup. He conceived the idea from his connection with Robert Whyte's Bible Class at Regent Square, London	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
First Women Managers appointed	1951
Two large windows in the vestibule installed as a memorial to the women who through 100 years worshipped and served in St. John's	1954

PUBLICATIONS:

Jubilee Booklets of Diamond Jubilee	1913
Jubilee Booklets of Church Centennial	1953
Jubilee Booklets of 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-

BOYS INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

St. John's Representatives: Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, Messrs K. L. Anderson, A. Dornan, W. Kraft, D. M. P. Martin, G. McLeod, P. Toy.

PASTORAL LETTER

My dear Friends,

Perhaps the response God desires from His children most of all is profound gratitude. In presenting another year's report we are full of thankfulness; first of all for all He is to those who put their trust in Him. He is our Father in Heaven, our Saviour, the Christ who has redeemed us, the Lord whom we acknowledge as Sovereign over our minds and wills and our present strength who in the Holy Spirit enable us to live from day to day with purpose and inward peace. We are grateful for the Church, His Body, in whom we are privileged to be members; for the fellowship of praying and sharing of caring service for the constant disturbance of His Spirit challenging us to greater tasks in expanding horizons. We are grateful for all God has done for us and is doing in and through us.

As we think over the past year, we know we have dismally fallen short of God's glory and of our own expectations. Many of us planned to make a bold experiment in deepening the spiritual life of our congregation by formation of prayer groups throughout the area. However, there have been signs of progress and in some areas much has been achieved. We have pleasure in announcing that a new lead is now appointed for our Senior Young Women's Bible Class. The Bible Class strength is steadily increasing. Attendances at church show a quiet though strongly upward trend. The Sunday Afternoon Church now in its fifth year, is proving of real value and attendances have risen from 30 to 60 or more, many of whom are young Maoris. The Ki Session is increasing its strength in order to cope with the involved existing situation in which our church—strategically placed at the centre of our city—must give a strong witness by the proclamation of God's redemptive activity. We are aware of the rising tide of prayer, a deepening sense of urgency and the outward look in missionary work beginning in our parish.

As we look ahead we realise the General Assembly is due to begin at St. John's Church on November 6th of this year. A good deal is to be done and we will require many willing hands. Many of us are looking forward to the future when the building of St. John's may be used more widely as a permanent home of the General Assembly. Some have visions of the large wooden structure of the hall being replaced with a multi-storied building in permanent materials, which conceivably may be used for the work of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

I shall be, in all probability, away from St. John's for six months next year, when the pulpit will be occupied by the Very Rev. J. L. Gray, B.A. During this time I am confident the congregation will be splendidly served by one of our Church's best loved ministers.

It is fitting to say how thrilled I am to see our new friends who join the congregation, playing their full part in the life and work of St. John's. Our Church is fortunate in having a grand body of reliable helpers—men and women who most devotedly serve one another and the "stranger within the gates".

May God's blessing of comfort and peace fill the hearts of all who throughout the year have suffered the loss of dear ones!

Your sincere friend and minister,

KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN

Minister: Rev. J. KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN, M.B.E., B.A., The Manse,
2 Kelburn Parade, W.1. Telephone 46-492.
Session Clerk: R. BRUCE FOWLER, 48 Homewood Avenue, Karori,
W.3. Telephone 78-777.
Clerk to the Board of Managers: I. S. LOWMAN, 65 Alexander Road,
E.2. Telephone 81-608.
Church Treasurer: N. G. ROBERTSON, 167 Karori Road, W.3. Tele-
phone 78-118.
Organist and Choirmaster: L. S. ADAM, Mus.Bac., 14 Maire Street,
Eastbourne. Telephone 7062.
Church Secretary: J. A. ORR, St. John's Church Office. Telephone
51-391.
Church Officer: A. G. MacGHEE, St. John's Church. Telephone 51-391.

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, Mr Justice F. C., 69 Pitt Street, N.2	1928
Ewen, Dr H. Bayldon, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach	1931
Blake, L. R., 29 Rawhiti Terrace, W.1	1933
Fowler, R. B., 48 Homewood Avenue, W.3	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2	1935
MacLeod, D., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3	1935
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, W.1	1941
Duthie, W., 185 Onepu Road, E.3	1941
Lomas, J. S., 12 Springfield Terrace, W.1	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, C.4	1941
Orr, John A., 23 Delhi Crescent, N.5	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, C.4	1942
Stockbridge, H., Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt	1942
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Stret, S.2	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham Street, C.4	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, E.3	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 23 Bolton Street	1950
Long, J. H. H., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3	1956
Page, T., A. & N.Z. Bank, Lambton Quay, C.1	1956
Wall, A. L., 98 Khandallah Road, N.5	1956
Baber, A. J., 38 Waitoa Road, E.2	1960
Dornan, Alford, 19 Crescent, Roseneath	1960
McKenzie, Stuart, 24 Sydney Street East, N.1	1960
McLennan, R. A., 26 Clifton Terrace, C.1	1960
Russell, L. L., Bank of N.Z. Lambton Quay, C.1	1960
Van Zweden, M., 33 Rata Road, E.2	1960
Anderson, K. L., Flat 5, Austin Court, 136 Austin Street	1962
May, H. S. B., 47 Mornington Road, S.W.1	1962
McLellan, D., 20 Apuka Street, S.W.1	1962
Martin, D. M. P., 31 Farnham Street, S.W.1	1962
Oed, G., 89 Wilton Road, N.2	1962
Stout, L. D., 2 Staunton Avenue	1962
Vink, J. W., 2 Rewa Road, E.2	1962
Doig, B. T., c/o Troup House	1962
Keyes, A. W., 6 Strathavon Road, E.4	1962

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Austin, B. K.	9 Lyons Crescent, E.5
Brodie, Miss E. M.	55a Central Terrace, W.1
Caldow, Keith	23 William Street, E.2
Carter, Edward	8 Moana Road, W.1
Chappell, F. C.	28 Stoke Street, S.1

Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade W.1
Fleming, R. N.	9 Oban Street, N.2
Highet, Mrs D.	1 Carlton Gore Road, C.4
Hughes, Mrs P. Gladston	160 Oriental Parade, C.4
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, S.W.1
Johnston, Miss J. S.	33 Central Terrace, W.1
Kaywood, G. T.	8 Wentworth Street, S.W.1
Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2
Nyberg, E. H.	28 Mortimer Terrace, C.2
O'Hara, C. R.	100 Webb Street, C.2
Orr, G. A.	23 Delhi Crescent, N.5
Piper, Mrs F. M.	31 Bidwell Street, S.1
Robertson, N. G.	167 Karori Road, W.3
Rush, Paul	22 Todman Street, S.W.1
Shiels, R. J.	19 Fernhill Terrace, N.2
Stevenson, I. D.	5 Scapa Terrace, W.3
Toy, P. D.	459 Broadway, E.4
Turner, Brian	77b Todman Street, S.W.1

GENERAL COMMITTEES—1962-63

Property and Finance: N. G. Robertson (convener), J. Hunt (deputy convener, property), A. L. Wall, L. R. Blake, W. Duthie, R. N. Fleming, G. Oed, H. Glover, N. S. Woods, F. C. Chappell, R. J. Sheil, R. A. McLennan, F. A. Strong, S. McKenzie, and Mr Justice Spratt.
Envelopes: Miss E. M. Brodie (convener), M. Van Zweeden and R. N. Fleming (treasurers).
Seat Letting: N. G. Robertson.
Rolls: Dr T. F. Corkill, J. S. Lomas, Mrs P. G. Hughes.
Choir: J. S. Lomas (convener), R. E. Pumfrey, F. A. Strong, A. L. Wall.
Rooms: Miss P. Lees, P.O. Box 1314. Telephone 42-805.
Projector: F. A. Strong (convener), G. A. Orr, Dr H. B. Ewen.
Troup House: Rev. J. K. Fairbairn (chairman), Hon J. R. Marshall, Mrs Hughes, N. S. Woods, N. G. Robertson, P. D. Toy (secretary).
Outlook: Mrs N. G. Robertson, Paul Rush.
Flower Committee: Mesdames J. K. Fairbairn and F. M. Piper.

OFFICERS OF ORGANISATIONS—1962-63

Choir:
President: The Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.
Organist and Choirmaster: Mr L. S. Adam, Mus.Bac.
Vice-presidents: Miss E. M. Brodie (Hon.), Miss H. D. Clyde (life), Mrs M. E. Pumfrey (life).
Life members: Mrs Kerry, Miss D. Chappell, Mr and Mrs Pumfrey, Mr Lomas.
Secretary: Mrs F. A. Strong, 10 Kio Road, E.2. Tel. 82-181.
P.W.M.U. and Afternoon Guild:
Patron: The Minister.
Life Vice-presidents: Mesdames W. S. Austin, B. Berry, J. W. Wilson, A. P. Smith, A. Purdie, and Miss M. Chappell.
President: Mrs N. G. Robertson.
Vice-presidents: Mrs J. K. Fairbairn and Mrs D. Hight.
Secretary: Miss J. Johnston, 33 Central Terrace. Tel. 26-002.
Maori Mission Birthday League: Miss J. Hanchet. Tel. 87-777.
Harvest Field: Miss D. Chappell. Tel. 89-336.
Evening Guild:
President: Miss E. M. Brodie.
Treasurer: Miss M. Johnston.
Secretary: Mrs D. M. P. Martin, 31 Farnham Street, S.W.1.
Committee: Sister Nessie Morgan, Mesdames Barnaby, Irvine Anderson, Bridge, Piper, Button, and Miss J. Fullarton.

Sunday School: Superintendent and secretary: Mr A. J. Baber. Tel. 82-359.

Cradle Roll:

Superintendent: Mrs F. A. Strong.
Committee: Mesdames N. G. Robertson, H. W. Piper, M. van Zweeden, L. Russell, Misses D. Chappell, C. Dalziel, J. Hanchet, E. MacKenzie, J. MacKenzie.

After-Church Social Hour: Miss A. Hughes (convener), Misses M. Johnston, Dalziel, McCracken, D. Bibby, N. Wilson, Mesdames Spence Williams and Pumfrey.

"The Messenger": Editor: Miss M. Clachan, 22 Ohiro Road, C.2. Tel. 56-434.

Senior Y.M.B.C.: Leader: Mr J. W. Vink, 2 Rewa Road. Tel. 18-913.

Senior Y.W.B.C.:

Leader: Miss Anwyl Hughes, 160 Oriental Parade, C.4. Tel. 55-026.
Sub-leader: Miss Mary Strong, 10 Kio Road, E.2. 82-181.

Intermediate Y.W.B.C. Miss J. Gubbins, 14 Maarama Crescent, C.2.

Intermediate Y.M.B.C.: Mr Peter Troy, 459 Broadway, E.4.

Junior B.C.: Girls' leader: Mrs T. R. Cooke. Boys' leader: Mr Dick Spence.

Boys' Brigade:

Captain: E. H. Nyberg.
Lieutenants: Brian Turner, Mervyn Aitken, Barry Duncan.
Physical training instructor: Eric Scott.

Life Boy Team:

Leader-in-charge: Miss H. C. Johnston, Tel 34-637.
Leaders: Misses A. Button, M. Strong, Mr B. Duncan.
Pianist: Miss H. Tilbury.

Girls' Life Brigade:

Leaders: Misses N. J. Kelly and J. M. Wilson.
Assistant leaders: Misses Jan Bakalich and M. Ritchie.

Saturday Night at Eight: Mrs N. S. Woods. Tel 86-769.

Indoor Bowling Club:

Patron: The Minister.
President: Mr R. E. Pumfrey.

Badminton Club:

President: J. Long.
Secretary-treasurer: Heather Tilbury.
Club captain: Brian Turner.
Vice-captain: Harriet Johnston.

Tennis Club: Captain: Brian Turner.

SESSION REPORT

In replying to a recent questionnaire from Assembly, your Session was caused to consider whether our congregation is an effective instrument for evangelism today. We were humbled, and very grateful to the workers of St. John's, when we took time to consider what was taking place within our own congregation.

We would be less than loyal if we did not put on record some at least of what we know. There is the work of the Cradle Roll people, the Sunday School staff, and the Bible Classes together with their Sunday Afternoon Club for girls and youths off the streets; the conscientious home-visiting by the Girls' and Boys' Brigade leaders; the work our women's organisations are doing, such as writing to all new members and arranging to meet them before Church, and taking them under the wing of members appointed to look after them; the most efficient editing of the "Messenger"; the close relationship our women have with the Indonesians in our midst; the "Saturday Night at 8" with its entertainment for elderly folk and flat dwellers; the effectual aware-

ness of the needs of the growing student community. And, not the least the desire always alive in our people to do more for Christ's kingdom on earth. These people are certainly effective instruments and seized with the importance of the issue of evangelism.

Of our Minister: we all know that he is doing an excellent job. He does not spare himself either in his preaching, his visiting, or his efforts to help those in need. By so doing he is setting an example to his people of St. John's which they have felt bound to follow in such ways as they are able. We are glad that he was honoured by being invited by the Chinese Consul to visit Taiwan, and that he also took the opportunity to visit the mission at Hong Kong.

To the Minister's wife we say "Thank you" for the able way in which she helps and sustains him and for the graciousness she shows to so many in welcoming them to the manse.

During the year 29 members were added to the roll by profession of faith and 70 by certificate from other churches, making a total of 99. Removals from the roll by death or by disjunction were 64, and the roll now stands at 490.

To the relatives and friends of those who have been bereaved during the year we extend our deepest sympathy.

The attendances at the quarterly Communion services were 303, 389, 381, 454. On World Communion Day 178 partook of Communion, and 77 did so at the special Christmas Eve service. At the Easter service 104 were served with the Sacraments.

At the end of November Mr J. A. Orr retired from the position of Session Clerk and a minute expressing appreciation of his work was presented to him. He had held this office since 1958 and had served in many ways. He is a life member of the Bible Class and was a leader there. He has been clerk to the Board of Managers, convener of the Rooms Committee and has served on Presbytery for some 18 years. We greatly appreciate the work he is now doing for us in setting up the Church secretarial office.

And last, but certainly not least, we extend our thanks to the Flower Committee and the friends who have supplied and decorated our church each Sunday with nicely arranged flowers. This is a service which adds to the beauty of worship.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the last annual meeting eight new managers were elected and three who retired after the usual three-year term were re-elected. The new managers were Mesdames D. Highet and F. M. Piper, Messrs K. L. Anderson, A. W. Keyes, E. H. Nyberg, P. A. Rush, L. D. Stout, and B. Turner. During the year the resignations of Miss Mary Chappell and Mr Sam Edwards were received with regret.

The year ending 30th June 1962 may be considered to have marked the end of another era in St. John's Church history with the resignation of Mr A. L. Wall from the position of chairman of the Finance and Property Committee. The Church has been greatly blessed by the fact that on his retirement from business Mr Wall chose to develop his outstanding ability and energy to the reconditioning of the church and the other buildings. The task he set out to do has been accomplished. Today the church fabric is tidy and in good condition. The financial position is sound and we all will join in wishing Mr and Mrs Wall many more happy years of retirement.

The Church is fortunate that Mr N. G. Robertson has accepted nomination as successor to Mr Wall and, with the able assistance of Mrs Robertson, will continue to give an outstanding contribution to the life and management of St. John's.

Essential property maintenance has been carried out and the re-arrangement due to our letting of the top floor of the Sunday School building has been completed. The manse exterior was painted and some rooms renovated.

Although the envelope offertory total showed a decrease, the overall givings were up on last year, and we are grateful to the congregation for their generosity.

Our Assembly Budget assessment, for the wider work of the Church, was £1,616, and we paid to the General Treasurer the sum of £1,634/4/6 for

Substantial donations were received during the year. Two of £300 each were applied in reduction of the painting account overdraft. A legacy from the estate of the late Mrs C. H. K. Taylor was also used in this way. A donation of £100 has been used to refurnish and reline in hardboard, the vestry. Mr Gray, who painted the church two years ago, undertook to revarnish the woodwork and paint the vestry free of charge, and James Smith donated the lifting and relaying of the carpet.

The Hopkirk family gave us £50 in July 1961 and a similar amount in June this year. Part of this has been used to provide new pew cushions and the Sunday School received £26/6/6 towards their equipment.

Several other donations towards the cost of pew cushions have been received and the whole of the centre block has been covered, together with a part of the side pews. Old cushions are now in use on the remainder of the side pews.

We have three tenants in the rooms made available for commercial purposes. The annual rents from these is £695. Costs amounting to £663 were incurred in the necessary alterations and to adapt the remaining rooms for Sunday School and the Young Women's Bible Classes. The City Council required new switchboards and a complete rewiring of the rooms let, and additional insurance was required.

At 30th June the rental account was overdrawn by £145. This should be recouped by September next.

The overdraft in the painting account was reduced to £561 and, as mentioned above, £700 came from donations and a legacy; whilst £397 was from congregational funds.

Following the serious damage to Kent Terrace Church by fire, members of St. John's donated £128/7/- towards their restoration fund.

The National Council of Churches' Christmas appeal received £108/11/- from our members, and the recent offertory for the "Freedom from Hunger" Campaign enabled us to donate to CORSO the sum of £221/11/2.

CHOIR REPORT

This has been a busy year for the Choir. The latter part of 1961 was filled, as in the previous three years, with practices for the Festival which took place in October. Most of our members took part and enjoyed meeting and working with other choirs in the Wellington district.

At the Carol Service on 16th December, Miss Jean Curtis and Mr Frank Malthus were guest soloists. To them we are grateful, as also to other soloists who sang at services in school holidays when the choir was depleted—Mrs Hunt and Messrs Grant Dickson and Bruce Chandler. On 19th December B.C. members and friends joined us in a round of carol-singing when we tried to share the spirit of Christmas with members of our congregation who were unable to attend the Church services. It was a happy evening, delightfully rounded off with supper at the home of the Chappell family.

During the year we have gathered for several social occasions. In September we spent a happy evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Strong to bid farewell to Frances and Sam Edwards, and after our final practice for the year we all enjoyed a jolly Christmas party in the Fellowship Room. For our picnic in February we foregathered for a day of swimming, tennis and happy fellowship in the sunshine of Raumati Beach. At the end of March we all met for supper after choir practice to say goodbye to Miss Stevenson, who was returning to Ireland.

At our last annual meeting we decided to use the £50 given by Mr Wallace as the nucleus of a fund to buy new gowns, at the same time voting £25 from our choir account to the same fund, and in March this year we held a Jumble Sale for the same object. Our sincere thanks go to all who gave goods for the sale, and also to those who helped so willingly. We are deeply grateful, too, to the many who have given donations to the fund, which has now reached the sum of £182/6/10. The material for the gowns has been ordered from overseas and we hope to have them for Assembly in November.

Work began on the Easter Cantata at our first choir practice this year. Mrs Margaret Hunt and Mr Frank Malthus joined us for the performance of "The Darkest Hour" on Palm Sunday, and delighted everyone with their fine interpretation of the solo parts. For the Ascension Day service members of Kent Terrace and Kelburn choirs joined us, with Mr Jones of Kelburn at the organ and Mr Adam conducting. We are working now for this year's Festival, as well as keeping up our preparation of anthems and introits week by week.

Our roll has dropped to 24 this year, but we are a very happy, united group under the leadership of our well-loved choirmaster. His unfailing patience and enthusiasm are an example to us all. We offer warm thanks to him for his cheerful guidance throughout another year, and also to our minister for his interest in our work and for his appreciation of our humble efforts to assist in the worship of God in this His Temple.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S P.W.M.U. AND AFTERNOON GUILD

The Executive presents this report with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of sharing in His service through another year. At the 1961 annual meeting it was decided that the one executive committee should manage the affairs of both organisations, but that each should carry on with its own work, meeting as usual on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

In Memoriam: Our records for the year contain minutes of appreciation for the loyal and ardent work of the following—Lady Troup, Miss Martha Ralston, Mrs G. H. Scott, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Williams, Mrs Bell, and Miss Dickson.

They are commemorated for their Christian faith and great service to St. John's organisations and to the wider undertakings of the Church. We express our deep sympathy with the relatives of those called to Higher Service and also to those members who have lost loved ones.

Membership: There have been good attendances, the average being about 40. We have welcomed back from overseas visits several members, and are also glad to welcome new members to our midst.

We are missing Miss M. Brown, one of our busiest and most faithful members, who has served in St. John's for 38 years and who is now residing in Masterton.

P.W.M.U.

The monthly meetings have widened our knowledge and interest in the work of the Home Ministry Committee, the Maori Women's Welfare League and the proceedings of the annual P.W.M.U. Conference. Overseas interest was focused upon the needs of Hong Kong, the Tongoa Training Institute in the New Hebrides, the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and the leprosy colony at Chaingma, Thailand.

We are grateful to all those who have helped to make the missionary work so real to us.

M.M.B.L.: Senior section, 129 subscribers, gave £36/4/6; junior section, 11 subscribers, gave £1/11/9, plus a donation from funds of £1. Total: £38/16/3. This represents an increase over last year of £2/9/3.

During the year the Bible Classes have interested themselves in the M.M.B.L. and from this source 24 new members have been recruited.

The League has been revived in the Sunday School and thanks are due to Miss Morgan and Mrs Thomson for their efforts in this direction.

Mission Boxes: Eighteen mission boxes yielded £12/10/3.

"Harvest Fields": During the year Miss W. Millar, who for 21 years has so faithfully acted as "Harvest Field" Secretary, resigned. We thank her for her good and willing service. Miss D. Chappell was appointed in her place. There have been 12 new subscribers—a total of 52.

Field Work: A parcel of linen was sent to the New Hebrides and three large cartons of clothing to Turangi Mission Station. A parcel of knitted goods for a babies' hospital in Hong Kong was given to CORSO for transmission.

Stamps: More stamps than ever before have been collected, but there is a real need for more helpers to clean and sort.

St. John's Own Missionary: The subscription to "The Nurses' Journal" was again sent to Miss Margaret Bear as a Christmas gift and members continue to write to her monthly. We are always pleased to receive her interesting letters.

P.A. Meetings are regularly attended and St. John's have shared in the devotions and the serving of afternoon tea.

Associate Members: Mrs Highet either delivers or posts 16 missionary letters to these members and also takes the "Messenger" and keeps them in touch with matters of interest in St. John's. These visits are appreciated and we thank Mrs Highet for this service on our behalf.

In August we enjoyed the fellowship of St. Andrew's P.W.M.U. when we joined them to hear the fine address given by Mrs P. Thomas.

AFTERNOON GUILD

The programme of activities and interest have been varied. We thank the following who contributed to give us information and entertainment: Mrs Cocker, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Falla, Mr and Mrs Worboys, the Kilbirnie Salvation Army Drama Club, Mrs Bowe, Mrs Hunt and Miss Clyde.

A most enjoyable social afternoon was held at the manse and everyone appreciated the hospitality of our minister and Mrs Fairbairn.

Our year opened with "In Orbit Round the World" when six members gave intensely interesting and at times highly diverting accounts of their travels overseas.

The annual Bring and Buy was held in August and was a very happy and successful afternoon.

Two Korean nurses visiting Wellington were entertained at a luncheon in the Fellowship Room, to which the CORSO Committee and other overseas visitors were invited.

Activities within St. John's: Suppers have been supplied and served at after-Church social hours, "Saturday Night at Eight", Life Boys, G.L.B., and B.B.; and members have attended their social gatherings to show our interest. Church flowers were arranged in August, September and May by members, who also assisted with Harvest Festival decorations; a grant was made to the Church flower conveners to help when it is necessary to purchase flowers. Flowers were delivered to the sick and shut-in folk of St. John's at Christmas time. There have been a number of sick members who have been visited, either in hospital or in their homes. Also newcomers to the Church and overseas visitors have been visited and given hospitality. A "sew and mend" day was held to repair the Church hymn books and Communion linen. Three dozen cups and saucers were given to the Church cupboard. A Zip heater was bought for the Fellowship Room and blinds bought and fitted over the Fellowship Room door. Guild members helped the choir with their jumble sale held in aid of their new robes.

P.S.S.A.: Miss Dalziel and Miss Miller continue to represent us on Auxiliary. The Grand Fair last October occupied many of our members. Besides supplying over 200 cakes and much for the other stalls, St.

John's staffed the jams and pickles stall. We have also filled tins with biscuits and sweets for hospital patients and made small scrap books for Porirua. Several of our members have been to Deaconess House to "stand in" when Deaconesses have been in need of such assistance. Before the Girls' Hostel opened a team of Guild members went up to make beds and generally get the Hostel ready. Members also helped with the preserving of Harvest Thanksgiving produce. Christmas seals were sold for P.S.S.A. funds and £1/17/10 was received from the "Id. boxes".

CORSO: The usual packing and sorting at the woolstore was assisted by a good team from St. John's, and now a team helps at CORSO headquarters on the third Tuesday of each month.

To show our keen appreciation of the loss suffered by our Kent Terrace friends following their disastrous fire, the Guild contributed to the managers the cost of the circulars, envelopes and postage in connection with the special collection.

Thanks: We would express to our retiring treasurer, Mrs Highet, our sincere thanks for the many years she has given to her exacting task, so wholeheartedly undertaken.

Mrs Corkill and Mrs Hughes have asked to be relieved from the committee, and we must accept their decisions with regret, but we would assure them of our heartfelt thanks for all they have helped to do throughout the years to make our organisation what it is.

To Mrs McKenzie and her hardworking and happy band of helpers, we give our very grateful thanks.

Our president, Mrs Robertson, who in her opening devotions gives us very real help and inspiration as well as loyal friendship and leadership, has our loving gratitude.

To our minister and to Mrs Fairbairn we extend our thanks for their hospitality and continuing understanding and interest.

We gratefully acknowledge all the loving and quiet service given by so many, and as we move forward into another year may we all have a fuller understanding of the Church's mission at home and overseas. We humbly seek God's blessing on all our future efforts.

EVENING GUILD

Meetings are held on the third Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The roll stands at 69, with an average attendance of 44.

Our major work for others was the sending of Christmas gifts to the 16 families of the Maori Synod staff, in all 32 adults and 42 children. CORSO packing in September is one of our regular "extra-mural" activities and in October a special effort was made to support the P.S.S.A. Fair in every way possible, including donations of produce and handwork and helping on the stalls. Letters are written regularly to Miss Margaret Bear, our missionary in Jagadhri, and to two Porirua Hospital patients in whom we take a special interest. One Saturday in July we arranged a social evening to entertain the young men and women Indonesian students in Wellington. Our good wishes go with them as they return to their homeland and we look forward to meeting those who come to take their places.

Coming as it does at a busy time, the arranging of the catering, decorations and programme for the Christmas congregational party is a considerable undertaking, and this year our president and her small band of very willing workers spent many hours in preparation for the happy function which followed. We gratefully acknowledge the work they did on our behalf in the name of the Evening Guild.

The Prayer Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month, and endeavours to uphold in prayer those whose needs are brought to their notice. It is also continuing in the study of the Gospel of St. Luke.

We have been enriched by the thought-provoking talks we have heard from those who have spoken to us during the year. Mr Davies, of the Prisoners' Aid Society, spoke of the work among prisoners and their families. Sister Frances Ogilvie told of Christian converts she had known in Canton and Hong Kong. Sister Noel Ogilvie, of Deaconess House, spoke of her work among women and girls in our city. Mrs J. C. Dakin told us of some of her experiences in Uganda. Members of the women's groups from Kelburn Presbyterian, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, and Wesley Churches joined us at our October meeting to hear Miss Mellanby, a former member of the British Prisons Commission and Superintendent of Borstals and women's prisons in U.K., speak about her work in the Borstal institutions in Britain. Miss Margaret Reid of the Council for Christian Education, spoke of the International Women's Conference on Religious Education she attended in U.S.A. Mrs Spence-Williams, of our congregation, told us of her work in a leprosy hospital colony in Thailand. These people all spoke entertainingly on their subjects, but it did not disguise the golden thread of dedicated Christianity binding them to their less fortunate fellow men and women. We sincerely thank them for the time they spent and the thoughts they left with us.

In July we enjoyed a social evening as the guests of our neighbours, the St. Peter's ladies.

Our March meeting took the form of a very happy informal gathering at the manse and we extend our thanks to Mr and Mrs Fairbairn for their hospitality.

We should like to thank those who have led us in devotions and those retiring from the committee for their willing help.

Above all we do most sincerely place on record our very deep gratitude to our president, Mrs Long, as she concludes her term of office. Mrs Long has given a tremendous amount of time and thought to Evening Guild matters and has endeared herself to us all with her sound chairmanship, wise judgment and warm and gracious personality. We are indeed fortunate that such leaders are raised among us. Whether we live alone or share the life of a family, hostel or other institution, may we all find love and understanding in our Evening Guild fellowship as we go forward into another year, offering our work as a service to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The past year has seen a number of changes in the Sunday School particularly as regards accommodation. With the giving up of the top floor and the re-locating of the various departments of the Sunday School, especially in the Church Hall, we have been able to improve our teaching methods. Thanks to the able assistance of Miss J. Gubbins and Miss N. Morgan, the children are given regular training in the singing of hymns and choruses. Likewise we have been able to introduce Bible memory work for the junior and intermediate departments as a whole, and the children have made very satisfactory progress in learning the Sermon on the Mount. Our thanks are also due to the Board of Managers for making a sum of over £26 available from the Hopkirk Bequest for the purchase of Bibles, biblical story books and equipment for class expression work.

The primary department under the expert supervision of Mrs B. Thomson has also enjoyed its change of classroom and desire to thank all those who have assisted in the painting, decorating and equipping of the department. We would like to compliment Mrs Thomson on the excellent play, "Noah's Ark", that she and many willing helpers staged for the primary department; this production was outstanding and was thoroughly enjoyed by both the children and two large audiences. Our sincere thanks are also due to Mrs N. G. Robinson and Mrs I. D. Stevenson for invaluable help with and direction of the Sunday School Anniversary play "Jesus Then and Now".

CRADLE ROLL

Our roll stands at 62. Eight children have reached the age of four during the year and their names have been handed on to the Sunday School. Twenty-nine new names have been entered on our roll.

At a meeting recently our committee decided not to hold an afternoon tea in June this year as so few parents and children can come out in the colder weather. Our Christmas party at the end of last year was a very happy affair. We were delighted to have so many present and we hope to have even more this year on 24th November.

The crèche continues to function, thanks to the ladies who are willing to forgo their own attendance at church in order to be on duty. We are happy to have the use of the new Troup House parlour for the crèche and are grateful for our own cupboard there, in which to keep our toys and books.

THE BIBLE CLASSES

The Bible Classes have been well attended and at our combined opening we often have about 100 present.

Whilst we were very sorry to lose several valued members at the end of last year, the new year brought us many welcome new people.

We are glad to report that the classes will now all have qualified leaders. Miss Anwyl Hughes has accepted the leadership of the senior women's class, Mrs T. R. Cooke is leading the junior girls, and Mr Dick Spence the junior boys. Miss Mary Strong has done a great job as sub-leader of the senior women, as have our other leaders, Miss J. Gubbins, Mr John Vink and Mr Peter Toy. We know that all these people have the cause of Christ in their hearts, and the Bible Classes are indeed grateful to them for giving of their time, energy and many talents.

Our congratulations go to Mr Barry Austin on his being accepted as a student for the ministry. We were sorry to lose him as leader of the junior boys but realise that his studies are a full-time job. We thank him for his leadership.

Our weekend camp, held at the Boys' Institute camp at Reikorangi from 23rd to 25th March, was attended by over 70 people and proved to be most helpful and stimulating. The Rev. I. Reid was our chief speaker. Mr and Mrs Garratt were very acceptable camp parents.

A one-day retreat was held at Raumati Church in September and several members of our class also attended the Summer conference at Hamilton which they found to be a challenging experience.

The Easter camps at Kaitoke and Reikorangi were enjoyable and of benefit to those who attended them.

We thank Mr and Mrs Woods for their generous hospitality to us and the continued use of their home for the monthly Bible Class teas.

The executive of the Bible Class is chaired by Mr Brian Turner, and this co-ordinates the activities of the classes. Some successful socials have been held; also the traditional Guy Fawkes party at the Berhampore Children's Home. The evening service on Youth Sunday was conducted by members from the Bible Class.

We very greatly appreciate Mr Fairbairn's guidance, interest and support of all our work, especially his leading of the studies in the senior women's class.

Our thanks go also to the members of the congregation, who we know have a personal concern for all that we seek to do.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The club, which aims at presenting Christianity to those outside the Church, has seen another year of striving to cater for the urgent needs of the less fortunate Wellingtonians.

Team Display: This was held on 9th October when Mr W. L. Turley, Battalion Vice-President, was chief guest. Dr T. F. Corkill presided over a large gathering of parents and friends. Life Boy Olympics was the title of the display and boys competed with enthusiasm in all the events.

Transfer Ceremony: This took place at the first Team meeting of the year when six boys who had reached the age limit were transferred to the Company.

Summer Programme: This was a new venture and except for Christmas and New Year the Team continued to meet each Monday in Nairn Park for sports and games.

Enrolment Service: This impressive service was held in the Fellowship Room on 15th April at 3 p.m. Despite a very wet day there was a fair attendance of parents and friends. Our Team Chaplain, Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, conducted the service and the Brigade Secretary, Mr Dornan, presented the membership cards.

Birthday Party: This happy event on 28th May took the form of a Pirates' Night. All boys and leaders were dressed as pirates, and games and competitions had a pirate flavour. Mrs Strong very kindly made the birthday cake and the Evening Guild took charge of supper arrangements.

Appreciation: The leaders and boys wish to thank those who assisted during the year, especially the Chaplain, with his understanding of the boy, and the Afternoon and Evening Guilds for assisting with suppers.

Conclusion: We humbly acknowledge the guiding hand of the Master in this important work, and to Him we render thanks.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

Our Company gained third place in the drill competition in July, and a Parents' Night was held in November and proved a great success. We also gained first place in the finals of the backstroke and breast-stroke events at the Divisional Swimming Sports.

Our Captain, Miss Adrienne Carley, left in April for a tour of England and we joined with the Ladies' Advisory Committee in her farewell.

The Company is at present being led by two Australian visiting officers, Misses N. J. Kelly and J. M. Wilson, and we are grateful to them and also appreciate the new ideas and methods they have brought us to add interest and so bring new members.

Miss Jan Bakalich, of St. John's, has passed her officer's examination and Miss Margaret Ritchie is undergoing instruction. These two will be able to take over the Company when the Australians leave us in December.

We wish to thank Mr Peter Toy and others who have helped with our badge work, e.g., popsticks, handyman, rug making, toy making, plastic jewellery and stencilling. A special thank you goes to Miss J. Gubbins for teaching the girls Scottish dancing.

All except two, who were ill, spent the weekend of 20th-22nd July at the G.L.B. camp, Te Karaka, Waikanae, and had a wonderful time.

Misses Y. Wakelin and D. Archibald have been looking after the Cadets with the help of Misses N. Button and G. Jefferies. This section now has a roll of 26 and all are keen and well behaved.

AFTER-CHURCH SUPPERS

On the fourth Sunday of each month St. John's Fellowship room is crowded following the evening service. This is the time for the after-Church supper, and there can be little doubt that this meeting together is of value in our Church life.

Our minister warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers, but each Church member has a responsibility, too, in this time of fellowship.

During the year Miss Hanchet, who was on the committee of the group for over 20 years and was for many years convener, resigned. We would record our gratitude for her years of splendid service.

New members of the committee are Mrs Spence Williams and Miss McCracken.

Mrs A. P. Smith continues to provide the finance necessary for the running of the supper and, although unable to attend, always takes a keen interest in St. John's activities.

The congregation strongly supports these suppers and our thanks are due to the many people who have helped by bringing and serving supper, providing musical items, and welcoming newcomers to our midst.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT"

The past year has, we believe, provided further evidence of the value of this experiment in friendship. Many are the elderly and lonely folk who at these evenings find pleasure in the company of others, as well as in the entertainment and supper provided for them.

There is much good will among organisations in the city to these programmes, and to those which have helped the committee wishes to record its grateful thanks, not only for assistance with entertainment, but also for very courteous co-operation—to Kindergarten Mothers' Clubs from Johnsonville, Ngaio and Berhampore, the Wellington Orphans' Club, the British Drama League (Wellington Area), Wellington East Girls' College, Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club, and many individuals and smaller groups from outside and inside St. John's.

It is with gratitude, too, that we record our appreciation to the women of the congregation, for their assistance in the provision and serving of much appreciated suppers; to Mr and Mrs MacGhee for willing assistance; to the small band of office-bearers who provide transport every month for patients from Central Park Hospital and for others who through age or infirmity could not otherwise attend these evenings.

To Mr and Mrs Fairbairn we wish, too, to express our sincere appreciation for their unfailing support and encouragement for this service which St. John's is giving to some of the less fortunate members of our community.

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

We have much pleasure in reporting another very successful season, both socially and financially. Socially the club has been an outstanding success and members would not miss our Tuesday night gatherings in the large hall. If a member is absent someone always asks after them, for we do enjoy a happy time together. Our visits to other Church clubs and their visits to us have been a source of great enjoyment to all, and we always look forward to these get-togethers during the year. All members are playing very well and improving all the time, especially our ladies. New members who have not played before are doing fine and are always glad of the helpful advice given by the more experienced players. One of our ladies was recognised in this year's Honours List and we are proud of having Mrs Gourlay with us. Over the years she has done a tremendous amount of good work in her own quiet way for the many organisations with which she has been associated. Our club finances were such that we were able to increase our donation to the Church funds and we handed £25 to the Treasurer, and we also made a donation of £10 to the Choir Robing Fund. The committee have much pleasure in inviting Church members to come along and join our happy Tuesday evenings together, and a special welcome awaits new members of St. John's who wish to get to know fellow members and to participate in a friendly and Christian gathering.

BADMINTON CLUB

The number of members and their enthusiasm this year are such that for the first time in a number of years a team has been entered in the inter-club competition, so far competing successfully in the D grade. Club play is now on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons, as well as Friday evenings, and it is hoped to begin ladder matches and championship competitions shortly.

TENNIS CLUB

There was renewed interest in the Tennis Club during the past season. About 10-15 players turned up each Saturday afternoon and a keenness was very evident. This promises well for the approaching 1962-3 season, when entry into the local inter-Church competition is anticipated. The court and its surrounds require constant attention but we hope that this season some of the trouble with flooding will be remedied. Our grateful thanks go to all those who prepared the court, supplied afternoon teas and above all joined in the fellowship, one with another. Without this spirit of friendship a club such as this could not function. We look forward to a successful season.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Martha Ralston
Mrs M. W. Duthie
Mrs G. H. Scott
Miss R. S. Dickson
Mrs J. G. Roberts
Miss Gohl
Miss M. A. Heath
Miss Irons
Mrs Williams
Mrs Bell
Mr Chas. Sievwright
Mr Graham Maruera

SUNDY AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1962

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balances, 1 July 1961:		Payments:	
Women's Memorial Windows	33 14 3	Coad Bequest—Y.M.B.C.	50 17 5
Choir Screens	6 5 0	Vestry Returnings	101 17 3
Coad Bequest:			152 14 8
Y.M.B.C.	302 11 7	Balances, 30 June 1962:	
Y.W.B.C.	67 11 7	Women's Memorial Windows	33 14 3
	410 2 5	Choir Screens	6 5 0
Receipts:		Coad Bequest:	260 6 8
Coad Bequest:		Y.M.B.C.	69 12 7
Y.M.B.C.	8 12 6	Y.W.B.C.	50 0 0
Y.W.B.C.	2 1 0	Hopkirk Family Gift (1962)	7 2 9
Hopkirk Family Gift (1962)	50 0 0	Vestry Returnings	427 1 3
Vestry Returnings	109 0 0		
	169 13 6		
	<u>£579 15 11</u>		<u>£579 15 11</u>

PAINTING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1962

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Legacy, Mrs Taylor	400 0 0	Overdraft at 1 July 1961	1,688 16 1
Donations	330 0 0		
Transfer from Ordinary Accounts	397 1 2		
Overdraft at 30 June 1962	561 14 11		
	<u>£1,688 16 1</u>		<u>£1,688 16 1</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1962

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts held 1 July 1961 for:							
S.C.M. Chaplains' Fund					10	0	0
Hopkirk Family Gift					36	6	6
Plate Collections		1,902	10	5			
Envelope Collections		3,333	14	10			
Pew Rents		36	0	0			
					5,272	5	3
Donations:							
General					154	2	0
Use of Rooms					180	13	6
Troup House Committee					10	0	0
Pew Cushions					78	5	9
Hopkirk Family (1961)					50	0	0
Organ Practice Fees					13	0	6
Interest on Lockie Bequest					7	11	7
Repayment of Loan					3	0	0
Withdrawal from Crockery Fund					20	12	6
Contributions towards Budget:							
P.W.M.U.		139	0	0			
Evening Guild					6	14	0
Y.M.B.C.		58	0	0			
Y.W.B.C.		51	2	6			
Sunday School		59	8	0			
					314	4	6
Other Contributions for:							
Freedom from Hunger		221	11	2			
Kent Terrace Church		128	7	0			
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal		108	11	0			
P.S.S.A.		11	0	0			
Porirua Chapel		9	0	1			
					478	9	3

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
Rev. J. K. Fairbairn:				
Stipend		950	0	0
Car Allowance		200	0	0
Mr L. S. Adam, Organist		225	0	0
Mr A. G. MacGhee, Church Officer		598	0	0
Pulpit and Organ Supply		54	1	0
Light, Heat and Power		181	9	11
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.		198	11	11
General Repairs		75	7	8
Fire Hose Repairs		28	17	4
Repainting Manse		228	0	0
Interior Renovations, Manse		49	10	0
Iron Railings, Willis Street		20	0	0
Borer Treatment		12	0	0
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.		119	0	0
Hymn Book Trust Account		12	0	0
Organ Tuning		22	4	6
Rates, Manse and Cottage		153	4	0
Rent, Manse Site		63	0	0
Telephone, Manse and Cottage		41	16	2
Beneficiary Fund Assessment		80	15	0
Insurances:				
Fire		103	5	2
Earthquake and War Damage		48	11	6
Accident and Sickness		19	0	6
Pew Cushions		149	9	7
St. John's "Messenger"		51	16	8
Interest on Overdraft		38	18	9
Office Cabinets		26	0	0
Office Desk and Chair		24	9	0
Typewriter		20	12	6

	62	61	60
Altar	1902	1709	1650
Env.	3334	3455	3774
P.R.	36	35	37
	<u>5272</u>	<u>5199</u>	<u>5461</u>
Manse	314	324	279
	<u>1616</u>	<u>1465</u>	<u>1441</u>
	<u>1639</u>	<u>1524</u>	<u>1500</u>
Pew Cushions	78.5.9	60.0.0	6.15.0
Donations	138.5.9		
Extnd.	149.9.7		145.0.9

Grant to Choir for new Robes	25	0	0
Crockery	20	12	6
Bible Class Sunday Afternoon Club	20	0	0
Loan, Church Officer	20	0	0
Light Globes	14	19	3
Social Expenses	13	13	9
Donations	11	6	0
Church Officer, Sundries	8	1	11
Nylon Ropes	7	5	0
Communion Glasses	6	0	0
Rubbish Removal	5	14	0
Bruce Fowler Prize	1	10	0
Sunday School	60	0	0
Sunday School Equipment	26	6	6
Miscellaneous Expenses	13	6	4
Transfer to Painting Account	397	1	2
Budget Assessment (Assessment £1,616)	1,634	4	6
P.S.S.A.	41	0	0
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	15	0	0
British and Foreign Bible Society	10	0	0
S.C.M. Chaplain's Fund	10	0	0
N.Z. Alliance	5	0	0
Freedom from Hunger	221	11	2
Kent Terrace Church	128	7	0
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	108	11	0
Porirua Chapel	9	0	1
	<u>£6,628</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

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

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ments and accounts are a true record of the transactions

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1962

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RENTAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1962

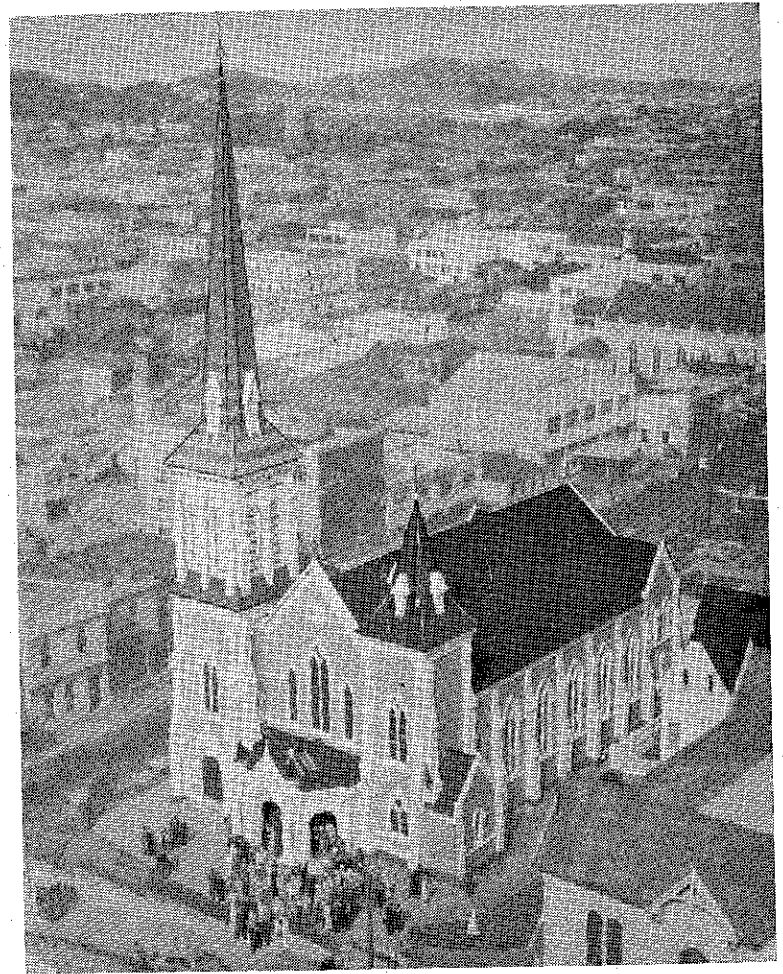
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ANNUAL REPORT 1962-63



One Hundred and Tenth Report

covering the period 1st July 1962 to 30th June 1963
to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 25th September, 1963, at 7.45 p.m.

PASTORAL LETTER

My dear People,

What an interesting year we have just passed through! I am sure that every one of us has experienced the Guiding Hand of our Heavenly Father not only in the life of our Church but in our personal lives. It is a salutary experience to know that the progress and witness of this Church is entirely dependent on Him. All we have to do is obey and follow His leading. For no man is indispensable. We are all expendable. Our Church has been greatly blessed in having had the talent of two splendid ministers in the Very Rev. J. L. Gray and the Rev. John Murray and the wise guidance of the Rev. H. S. Scott. We are grateful to them and the whole Church is the richer for their services. So it is fine to learn that our St. John's is in good heart. I have been made aware of this fact by the congregation attending well—by the spirit of prayer and devotion—by the robust witness of our young folk—by the obvious emphasis being maintained in outgoing mission and stewardship. No one reading this report can help but be aware of the spirit that pulses through our congregational life.

What a wonderful reception our family received upon our arrival at Wellington after the most delightful six months' holiday overseas! We were touched by the kindness of so many and the warmth of your welcome. We feel that the tumultuous experiences of our journeying in many lands constitute a solemn challenge. We have been given much, so must we share widely. We feel not only is it our joy to share with you all in pulpit, in your homes, in the organisations, but it is our high duty and we do so want to give you as we have been given. Indeed it is only by giving that we retain, and the only way of keeping fresh in our minds all our colourful, exciting days is to share as fully and deeply as we are able.

As we return, however, one is saddened by the thought that some faithful, fine members are no longer with us; but we give thanks for their witness and devotion. Especially do we think of the noble life of unselfish service of our late Senior Elder, Mr Alex Martin. We thank God that in His wisdom He is adding to His Church regularly—and we trust our new members will find most warm fellowship among us.

One of the real abiding convictions given us, is that folk are truly hungry for the things of God. One saw frequently instances of men eager to hear what God is saying today—for His Word to be relevant to today's great issues. On board ship, in the U.K., on the continent folk are always ready to listen to God's Word. There have been many voices promising all manner of material goods but these are strident promises that do not satisfy. Only in God revealed in His Son Jesus Christ can men find direction, peace, and joy.

Great events are taking place throughout the world, and with great events come tremendous challenges. Will the Church—you and I—be sufficiently clear and awake to accept these challenges? So, in the name of God, let our faith and courage watch the hour.

God's blessing be with you all.

Your friend and Minister,

KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN.

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Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3	1921
Spratt, F. C., Q.C., 69 Pitt Street, N.2	1928
Ewen, Dr H. Bayldon, "Sunbrake", Arawa St., Raumati Beach	1931
Blake, L. R., 29 Rawhiti Terrace, W.1	1933
Fowler, R. B., 48 Homewood Avenue, W.3	1933
Corkill, Dr T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2	1935
MacLeod, D., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3	1935
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, W.1	1941
Duthie, W., 185 Onepu Road, E.3	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, C.4	1941
Orr, J. A., 23 Delhi Crescent, N.5	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, C.4	1942
Stockbridge, H., 47 Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt	1942
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, S.2	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 117a Brougham Street, C.4	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, E.3	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 23 Bolton Street, C.1	1950
Wall, A. L., 55 Madras Street, N.5	1956
Baber, A. J., 38 Waitoa Road, E.2	1960
Dornan, Alford, 19 The Crescent, Roseneath, C.4	1960
McKenzie, Stuart, 112 Upland Road, W.1	1960
McLennan, R. A., 26 Clifton Terrace, C.1	1960
Russell, L. L., c/o Bank of New Zealand	1960
Van Zweeken, M., 33 Rata Road, E.2	1960
Doig, B. T., Troup House	1962
Anderson, K. L., Flat 5, Austin Court, 136 Austin Street	1962
Keyes, A. W., 6 Strathavon Road, E.4	1962
May, H. S. B., 47 Mornington Road, S.W.1	1962
McLellan, D., 20 Apuka Street, S.W.1	1962
Martin, D. M. P., Holland House, Buckle Street	1962
Oed, G., 89 Wilton Road, N.2	1962
Stout, L. D., 1 Staunton Avenue	1962
Vink, J. W., 25 Mantell Street, E.5	1962

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Carter, Edward	8 Moana Road, W.1
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Hughes, Mrs P. Gladstone	160 Oriental Parade, C.4
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, S.W.1
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Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2
McLeod, G.	42a Kelburn Parade, W.1
Nyberg, E. H.	28 Mortimer Terrace, C.2
O'Hara, C. R.	100 Webb Street, C.2
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Piper, Mrs H. W.	31 Bidwell Street, S.1
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SESSION REPORT

In presenting this, the one hundred and tenth annual report of our congregation, we cannot point to any one period of the year and say—"This was a time of momentous decision", or "This was an occasion for special celebration". Yet as we read through all the many and varied accounts, we realise that the year has been one of steady progress and endeavour. Evidence of this is shown by our Church roll, which now stands at a total membership of 519. Seventy-two members joined and of these, thirty-two did so by Profession of Faith. Attendances at the quarterly Communion Services were 421, 398, 420 and 418. On World Communion Sunday 182 took Communion and at Easter 186 were served with the Sacraments.

The work of session has been greatly helped by the addition of the nine elders elected in August 1962, and the new scheme of Parish Oversight has commenced with the reallocation of elders' districts. It is hoped that in the year ahead the work of caring for Presbyterians within our Church boundary will be extended.

During the year we have received encouragement, comfort and inspiration from the message expounded from the pulpit. For, as well

as our own minister, we have been privileged to sit under several powerful preachers of the Gospel. Among these were Pastor Niemoller, who held a week of Bible study in September; the Right Rev. Malcolm Wilson, M.A.; and the Very Rev. S. C. Francis, B.A., who preached on Assembly Sunday; also the Very Rev. J. L. Gray, B.A., and the Rev. John S. Murray, M.A., University Chaplain.

Three events of note were the meeting of the General Assembly in our church during November, the presence of the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson, as a serving elder at the December Communion, and the appointment of one of our elders, Mr D. Stout, to assist the Rev. Tom Hawea by acting as a session member in the newly formed Wellington Maori Church.

Our Minister and his wife and family have been overseas for six months of this year, and they have been greatly missed, for, in Mr Fairbairn, with his boundless energy and his wonderful ability to comfort and guide, we are indeed fortunate, and in Mrs Fairbairn we have a loyal and gracious lady of the manse. Now that they have returned from their healthful and happy holiday in the U.K. we can look forward with every confidence to the year ahead.

We are also grateful to Mr Fairbairn for arranging such excellent supply during his absence. Mention has already been made of the outstanding preaching of the Very Rev. J. L. Gray, who has been with us for five months. We also record his friendliness and interest in all our doings, and this has been greatly appreciated, especially as we realise that we have not been entitled to such extensive service. Mrs Gray, too, went the second mile in her entertaining of so many and in her kindness to us all.

The Rev. H. S. Scott, M.A., who was appointed moderator for St. John's during the period of Mr Fairbairn's absence, has been a most efficient and helpful guide, and he has seen that the services of the Church have kept running smoothly.

Two senior members of session, Mr Alex Martin and Mr Jack Lomas, died during the year. Both of these men gave sterling service and suitable minutes to their memory were placed on record. To their relatives and friends, and to others who have lost dear ones, we extend our deepest sympathy.

The ever-changing population of a city Church makes the contacting of members a difficult task. Thirty-five disjunction certificates were issued this year and in addition to the 72 new members mentioned above, there were 33 baptisms, three of these being adults.

The accuracy of our records would be greatly facilitated if those members who changed their address or intended to leave the district wrote the relevant information on a piece of paper addressed to the session clerk, and placed it in the offertory plate.

All who read this report must be struck by the amount of work being done by a band of workers who give so willingly, cheerfully, ungrudgingly and voluntarily of their talents.

To our women's organisations especially, we owe a very great debt, and their faithful work has brought, as their reports show, very excellent results.

The Choir, with their nice new and bright gowns, have again served us well.

The Bible Classes, Brigades and recreational clubs have given a fine witness, and a report such as this could not contain a eulogy worthy of the thought and effort they have contributed to the work of the Church, all of which is beyond their daily task.

Through the Church "Messenger", which is distributed quarterly, the congregation is kept in touch with news and activities, and session owes a special debt to Miss M. C. Clachan, who so ably carries out the duty of Editor.

We are again grateful to Mrs Fairbairn, Mrs Piper, and their many helpers who have added to the beauty and dignity of our Church services with such lovely flowers.

This report would not be complete without special mention of the work of Mr J. A. Orr, who has voluntarily carried out the duties of part-time Church Secretary. His printing of the intimations each week, and the letters and business matters he has dealt with, have been a valuable contribution.

We look back over the past twelve months, but such a review should only serve to make us look ahead. Thus we can correct our mistakes, renew our endeavours and be inspired with a clearer vision of the service we may give.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Revenue from plate offerings and from envelope contributions increased by £600 to £5,866. Thanks to these generous givings, our painting overdraft has now been repaid and our Church is again out of debt.

During the year a considerable amount of repair work was done around the buildings and they are in good order. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that most of the buildings are nearly eighty years old and will need steady maintenance to keep them in good order.

Much of the work was carried out early in the year in order to have things ready for the meeting of General Assembly, and a new toilet was built adjacent to the Y.M.B.C. rooms.

Contributions by organisations towards the Assembly Budget assessment of £1,550 totalled £310 and this amount, together with £1,320 from congregational funds, making a total of £1,630, was paid to the General Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z.

Rents from the letting of rooms on the top floor of the Sunday School building totalled £821. The net accumulated rent, after paying expenses and current charges such as insurance and rates, was £548, of which £500 was placed on deposit with the Church Office. Two new tenants signed contracts, namely, the Deer Stalkers' Association of N.Z. and the Wellington branch of the Deer Stalkers' Association.

During the past few months some thought has been given to the replacement of the Sunday School building by a substantial concrete one. During the year a donation of £750 was received to commence a fund for this purpose.

The black bituminous paint which was applied to the roofs in 1960 now has the previous coat of red paint showing through. Discussions have been held with a paint manufacturer and a trial strip of new paint shows promise of giving a good covering. Much work will be necessary to clean the iron before the new paint is applied. The iron on the Church appears to be sound but on the Sunday School roof some areas are rusting and may need replacing. It is proposed to call tenders for repainting the roofs next February.

At the last annual meeting five new managers were elected, namely, Miss Clachan, Messrs John Baber, T. R. Cooke, I. Keyes and G. McLeod. Six managers who retired at the usual three-year period were re-elected, these being Mrs Hughes, Miss Clyde, Messrs F. Chappell, John Hunt, W. Kraft, and G. Orr. During the year Mr Cooke resigned on moving to Trentham and Mr Ian Keyes was granted leave of absence to undertake research work in the U.S.A.

CHOIR REPORT

Our numbers have fluctuated slightly throughout the year but at present we have 27 members. Membership in a Church choir is very demanding as practice involves not only the preparation of work for each Sunday, but a great deal of extra work for special services, as well as the steady practice of hymns and anthems chosen for the Festival each year. It is unfortunate that some of our members cannot attend choir practice because they are involved in other activities, but we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr Adam, who gives up his own time to take them for an extra practice in order that we may have a full choir at Sunday services.

St. John's and Kelburn provided the small choir for the Festival last year. The work kept us very busy but we enjoyed it thoroughly, and also the fellowship with members of another choir at tea after Sunday afternoon practices. We took our part, too, in the special services during Assembly, and assisted in serving supper after the Festival performance. We had little time after Assembly to practise for our Christmas service, but we managed to learn some new carols and revise others for the Carol Service on December 16th. Our final choir practice on December 13th was rounded off with a Christmas party in the Fellowship Room, and on December 18th we visited some shut-in members of the congregation to sing the well-loved Christmas hymns. This evening ended very happily at the home of Miss MacKenzie where we were entertained to supper.

This past year has held much sadness for our small group. During November we learnt with deep sorrow of the death of Mr J. S. Lomas, a loved and most faithful member of the choir, who was made a life member two years ago in recognition of his long service. In March we were present at the funeral of Mr A. Martin, who was always a generous friend to the choir and who showed a very keen interest in all our doings. A further sad loss was sustained by the choir in the sudden passing of Mrs Pumfrey in June this year. Although she retired from active service nine years ago, she continued to take a keen interest in our activities and was always happy to attend our social functions. She was made a life member in 1954 and had been an honorary vice-president since 1955. Her friendship and support will be greatly missed by us all.

The performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" on April 7th was the culmination of concentrated practice from the beginning of the year. We are indebted to Frank Malthus and George Metcalfe, who rendered the solo parts so beautifully. We are grateful, too, to Mrs Margaret Hunt for her singing at the broadcast service during the May holidays when many of our members were away.

The year has seen the completion of our efforts for new gowns. We record our thanks to those ladies of the congregation who helped us with necessary alterations and adjustments, and special thanks to Mrs Adam, who made all the collars and cuffs. The belts for the men's gowns had to be specially made and were a gift from Mr F. Strong. We had hoped to have our new gowns for Assembly, but that was not possible, and they were ready eventually for May 5th when Mr Gray held a short dedication service before Church.

We are very grateful to Mrs Strong for so ably attending to our library which has increased this year. The Presbytery's Committee on Church Music recommended the purchase of a new anthem book for which they were prepared to give a two-thirds subsidy. We decided to take advantage of this generous offer and ordered 32 copies. Mr Wall suggested that we should ask the Board of Managers for more hymn books since the Committee on Church Music would pay half the cost. We are very grateful for these as at times we have been short of hymn books. All new books have now been covered and added to our library. We thank Mrs Mortimer for repairing and covering our Introit books, which were badly in need of attention, and Mr Shiels for his gift of a beautiful board for names and book numbers of choir members.

Once again we give warm thanks to our loved choirmaster for his leadership through another year. The happy unity of such a group as a Church choir must have its origin in the friendly and understanding attitude of the choirmaster. We appreciate the fact that he leads us in prayer at the beginning and end of our weekly practices, and we look forward to another year with him to guide us in our services of praise.

Meeting for prayer before each service establishes a bond between minister and choir, and during Mr Fairbairn's absence this happy relationship has been maintained by Mr Gray. We thank both Mr and Mrs Gray for their friendly interest and support during their stay at St. John's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year we have initiated a Sunday School Club which meets on Friday evenings in the Bible Class hall. This provides an opportunity for the children to learn their plays and songs for the anniversary and prizegiving functions. It also promotes Bible verse-speaking and knowledge, and generally enables the children to learn to express themselves in word and action and in games and other expression work and furthers their formal Sunday morning lessons. We thank parents who have allowed their children to attend on Friday evenings and ask for the support of parents whose children have not so far come along, because a good attendance is necessary to make this Club successful. The time available on Sunday to teach the children to know and love Jesus Christ is limited and extra learning they can gain will be of great value to them.

During the year Mrs Thomson arranged with our missionary in India, Miss Margaret Bear, for the children to make a special offering to support a small Indian boy named Samuel. The response has been good and the Church treasurer has been forwarding the money to Miss Bear. The children are asked to earn the offerings they give by doing special or extra duties at home so that they will learn to work for Christ according to their capabilities. Parents are asked to help teach the children in this direction.

For the expression work which is done in individual classes we would be grateful for more tables if any parents or friends have a surplus, and we thank Mrs N. S. Woods for the one she has already given.

The anniversary was celebrated by a Choral Service in which the junior and intermediate pupils occupied the choir stalls, and at the prizegiving Mrs Thomson's department entertained with a Christmas play.

The picnic was held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, in delightful sunny weather. It was an enjoyable day and we thank those who helped to make it so.

The number and standard of teachers has been well maintained and we express our sincere appreciation to them, and especially to Sister Nessie Morgan, who retired after being in charge of the intermediate department. Also to Miss J. Gubbins, who gives valuable assistance in teaching the children to worship in song.

THE BIBLE CLASSES

We give heartfelt thanks to all those who have led us throughout the year, and also to our executive members, who have given much time to the successful running of the Class.

There have been many changes in the leadership of the various classes and we are grateful for the service given by the following people: Mrs T. R. Cooke, Mrs R. B. Fowler, Miss J. Gubbins, Miss Ann Abel and Mr D. Spence. New leaders who are already giving good measure are Mrs F. Garratt, senior Y.W.B.C.; Miss L. Mangnall, intermediate girls; Mrs C. Ellis, junior girls; and Mr R. McDowell, junior boys.

For some months this year the leader of the senior Y.M.B.C., Mr J. Vink, was overseas, and during this time Mr F. Garratt led the Class most ably.

As will be seen from this report, we have had a year full of activity in many spheres. We took part in all the functions organised by the Wellington District Committee, and some of these were the Fair, to raise funds for the Reikorangi camp site; the Competitions; the indoor sports and swimming and the seven-a-side rugby.

This year we had the first mixed Easter Camp in the Wellington district, and this was a real success. An annual Class Camp was also held at Paraparaumu.

During the year we had two days set aside especially for prayer. One

was in November and the other in April and we were led respectively by Mr E. Clark and Sister Nessie Morgan. There have been three prayer meetings held regularly and these take place on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m. and on Sundays at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. These have proved a source of blessing and inspiration.

While the General Assembly was being held at St. John's we received visits from many past members of our Class, including two Moderators. We were treated to interesting reminiscences of their B.C. days and we could see in their lives and works the results of upholding the B.C. motto, "Be Strong in the Lord".

In November, B.C. members conducted the morning service in Church and Mr Russell Rofe preached the sermon. He was congratulated by the minister on having just attained his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Mrs J. L. Gray gave us a worth-while talk during Missions Month on our "Missionary Task in Indonesia". We were particularly interested in this because the Class had contributed £100 to missions last year.

We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Woods for the use of their home for our monthly B.C. teas as this is a time which brings our folk together informally.

There are also monthly fellowship evenings held in the homes of members of the congregation, and our thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Strong for commencing these.

There is a coffee hour after Church each Sunday for the purpose of contacting the young folk who attend the Service, and this has proved successful. We are always on the look-out for new members.

This verse from 1st John sums up the task and calling of the B.C. of this Church: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

CRADLE ROLL

We have a record number of 74 children on our roll this year. Twenty-nine new names have been entered, and six were transferred to the Sunday School.

We tried having an afternoon tea with Bring and Buy table at the beginning of May this year, but the response from the mothers was very disappointing. The Christmas Party in November was very well attended and all enjoyed a happy time. Our committee is glad to welcome Mrs J. Vink as a member, and we are all very grateful to those Evening Guild members who are helping us with the crèche. We have bought new toys and books for the crèche with some of the proceeds from our Bring and Buy and now have plenty with which to keep our little charges occupied.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The purpose of the Club is to present the claims of Christ to some of those in our city who otherwise do not come in contact with the Gospel message.

From 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. every Sunday, the hall is open, with facilities provided for table tennis, badminton, billiards, cards, reading, games and films. A light meal is also provided, before which a short Gospel message is given, usually by a Church or Bible Class member.

The membership continues to consist mainly of young Maori people and we also see many others who come with a variety of needs.

The committee wishes to thank all those who have supported the Club by prayer, gifts, and by direct assistance.

We feel that this work is an important part of the Church's mission and we ask for your full support in prayer, and we invite any folk who may be interested to come and experience the joy and privilege of serving God in the Club.

**SISTER MARGARET BEAR
OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, JAGADHRI, PUNJAB, INDIA**

Sister Bear did her general and maternity training at Greenlane Hospital, Auckland, and her Plunket training at Karitane, Dunedin. She also did research work as an assistant at Queen Mary Hospital, Dunedin. In 1958, while on the staff at Karitane Hospital, Melrose, she was a member of St. John's congregation. It was during this time that she decided to offer herself for missionary work and was accepted by the Presbyterian Overseas Missions Committee for service in India. At our Church annual meeting in September 1958, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Miss Bear as St. John's "own" missionary.



Sister Bear has worked at the Christian Hospital, Jagadhri, and latterly been sister-in-charge. She has been responsible for the training of young Indian nurses and had experience also in running a leprosy clinic. To further this experience she spent some weeks this year at the Purulia Leprosy Home and Hospital in West Bengal.

Early this year she passed her final language examinations. She is due to return to New Zealand on furlough in December. Sister Bear's home is in Manurewa, but during her furlough next year she intends to take a post-graduate course in Wellington, so St. John's members will have an opportunity of getting to know her.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
ST. JOHN'S P.W.M.U. AND AFTERNOON GUILD**

The year under review has been a momentous one in the history of the P.W.M.U. and women's organisations of our Presbyterian Church. The Dominion vote of P.W.M.U., Auxiliary and Fellowship was more than two-thirds in favour of merging these groups. Our own branch voted decidedly in favour.

Much of the early work of the 1962 session centred around Assembly and the P.W.M.U. Conference. Working bees were held to prepare rooms and mend Communion linen. A team of St. John's women was on duty each day of Assembly and another at St. Andrew's for Conference.

The inspiration of Assembly and Conference and the working with the women from other Churches did much to help the feeling of fellowship and unity.

We remember with loving appreciation Mrs Pumfrey, who had been an active member for over 30 years. Among her other works she served on the mothers' meeting committee, the M.M.B.L., and the Church supper committee. For many years she was pianist for the P.W.M.U. and Guild. We will greatly miss her music and bright, friendly personality.

Another active member was Mrs Guppy, who is sadly missed. Other associate members with long connection with St. John's who have passed on are Miss Kersley and Miss McLeod.

The late Mr Alex Martin, our senior elder, was a very great friend to the women's associations and through the years gave practical and generous support.

To the relatives of these friends and to those of our members who have lost dear ones, we extend our very sincere sympathy.

We extend congratulations to Mr and Mrs Henry Glover upon the diamond jubilee of their wedding, and to Mrs Wilson on attaining her 90th birthday.

We were pleased to welcome new friends and our membership is now 53.

P.W.M.U.

We thank most sincerely the speakers, artists and all those who helped make our meetings interesting and inspiring. Among these were Dr and Mrs Ewen, Sister Margaret Reid, Mrs Watson, Miss G. Patterson and Sister Kahukura. Also Mrs Gray, to whom we gave a welcome afternoon when she spoke on her visit to Indonesia.

There are 49 subscribers to the "Harvest Field" and 36 to the "Indian News".

St. John's own missionary is written to each month and subscription to the nurses' journal paid for as a Christmas gift. Her letters are read with interest.

A St. John's B.C. member was given £10 towards his expenses when he went as a volunteer worker to the New Hebrides.

Associate members are kept informed by visit, mission letters and the "Messenger".

Several members attend the monthly P.A. meeting and our branch led the devotions in September and were responsible for the afternoon tea in March.

We also joined with the women of the Presbytery in March at Communion service, which was followed by a social hour, where a presentation was made to Sister Noel Ogilvie on her retirement as City Deaconess.

Through the P.A., we have shown a practical interest in the work of the Rev. Tom Hawea and his family, also that of Sister Kahukura, in their work among the Maoris of the city.

We were honoured to have Mrs Hight appointed as a Vice-President of the Wellington P.A.

We regretfully said goodbye to Mrs Howe, who moved to Petone, and record our appreciation of her years of service as stamp convener. Miss Kate Dalziel and Miss Helen Clyde deserve our thanks for taking over this office and as Presbyterian women throughout New Zealand have, this year, raised £2,764, from used stamps, to assist mission projects, this work merits special commendation.

We thank Miss D. Chappell, delegate, and Mrs Wilson, associate delegate, for representing our P.W.M.U. Branch at Conference.

GUILD

During June a bus-load of members visited "Kilmarnock" to provide afternoon tea and entertainment for the residents.

Brooklyn, Kent Terrace and St. Andrew's P.W.M.U.s and Guilds visited us in July to hear Mr Fairbairn's talk on his visit to Hong Kong and Taiwan.

In the August holidays our Sunday School children and those from the Salvation Army were entertained at afternoon tea and with pictures.

Our September speaker was Mr Gladstone Hill, who spoke of his experiences of 77 years.

The Bring and Buy in October brought in £45 during a happy afternoon of fellowship.

For the end of year gathering the P.W.M.U. and Guild were the guests of Mr and Mrs Fairbairn at the Manse. Members brought Christmas gifts for the Te Hopai home.

In February the Guild invited women of the congregation to a farewell morning tea for Mrs Fairbairn, when she was presented with an appropriate gift.

During March a special "Freedom from Hunger" programme was presented by Mrs Robertson, who showed the need for help for Algeria by comparing our usual meals with the meagre one on which millions subsist.

Mrs Carter was our speaker for the March meeting and the Rev. R. D. Elley in May, when he was given goods for the Hospital Chapel Fund.

Many sick and lonely folk and those in homes and hospitals have been visited, and some taken for drives, others for shopping, or to hospital for treatment.

At Christmas flowers were taken to a number of people whose names were supplied by the Minister.

Help financially and in kind has been given to the Girls' Life Brigade, to the Cadets, the Boys' Brigade and the Life Boys.

Guild members were able to help the flower conveners on a number of occasions with flowers or finance.

Help with the Church fabric was given by donating £27 towards cost of pew cushions and £30 was handed to the Church Treasurer towards providing the servery between the kitchen and the fellowship room.

Our representatives regularly attend P.S.S.A. and Auxiliary meetings, and we had a team of helpers for the Street Day. Christmas gifts were sent through deaconesses, and when Deaconess House was short-staffed, help was given.

This year a special effort was made with preserves for Harvest Thanksgiving, and Christmas seals to the value of £10 were sold by members.

We are represented on CORSO by Mrs Baber and her team, who give generously of their time. There have been 25 blankets made for the Algerian project.

Morning and afternoon teas were served to the National Council of Churches' conference, the Life Boys' leadership conference, and to the Council of Christian Education conference. We also assisted at the Presbytery's lunch to the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

The Guild had pleasure in supporting the St. James' Church Fair.

The tea conveners and helpers, once again, deserve our gratitude for all their work, not only for our meetings, but for the extra work done so cheerfully and well during the year.

Our members, one and all, are thanked for their loyalty, generosity, and willing help, without which the many tasks of the year could not have been accomplished.

To our Minister and Mrs Fairbairn we extend our gratitude for all they continue to give us in friendship and guidance. We rejoice with them in their happy holiday.

The Very Rev. and Mrs Gray have endeared themselves to us by their sincere and friendly interest and we give thanks for the inspiration received from our Church services.

To Mrs Robertson, our retiring president, we find it difficult to express adequate thanks. Her leadership in devotions and in all our

work has meant a great deal to us. No call for aid, when needed, was ever refused. She has given a truly wonderful service.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD

This year we welcomed a former president back into office and are pleased to report on the year's work under the leadership of Miss Brodie.

The roll stands at 66, with an average attendance of 40.

It was decided again that the major work for others should be the sending of Christmas gifts to the families of the Maori Synod staff to help remind them that they are not forgotten by those in the cities. Grateful letters of thanks would seem to indicate that this is a worthwhile project.

Help has been given with CORSO packing and collecting and some are making patchwork blankets for despatch to Algeria. At the first meeting after the holiday recess there was unanimous feeling that instead of the usual supper, a cup of tea and a plain biscuit only should be provided, and members asked at each meeting to make a contribution to the Freedom from Hunger Fund. This is now being done, with gratifying results. By arrangement two members waited on Session to discuss the matter of the Church actively associating itself with the Freedom from Hunger campaign.

In preparation for Assembly, members helped to clean and polish furniture and fittings throughout the buildings and to mend the older Communion linen which had to be brought into use. Help was also given to prepare and serve the morning teas during Assembly week and to serve supper after the Choir Festival.

A donation of groceries was made to the Deaconess House pantry, help was given to support the St. James' Church Fair, and sweets and sweets boxes were made for the Bible Class District Fair.

Each month a letter is written to Miss Margaret Bear in Jagadhri and at Christmas a gift of £2 is sent but, typically, one learns that it is not upon herself that this money is spent. Monthly letters are also written to two friendless patients in Porirua Hospital and from time to time they are visited. They are remembered at Christmas by cards and small gifts.

In April, a social was held at the home of Mrs N. Woods to say farewell to the immediate past president, Mrs J. Long, on her disjunction. A presentation was made to Mrs Long as a token of gratitude for her years of service and devotion to Evening Guild and to wish her well as she goes to worship and work in St. Ninian's parish.

An informal evening with a trading table to augment funds took the place of the usual September meeting. The March meeting, the first for 1963, was held at the home of the Misses Johnston, a social function with the minimum of business. It is felt that in the ordinary way there is often no opportunity at meetings for members to intermingle and that these informal gatherings held now and again have great value.

Speakers have been Constable Thompson, of the Women's Division of the N.Z. Police, who spoke about modern methods of preventing juvenile delinquency, and Miss Betty Lowndes, who gave a most interesting account of her work at the Tangoa Training Institute in the New Hebrides. There was a good response to Miss Lowndes's appeal for cotton garments made to suitable patterns which she explained were needed for the people there. Mrs Bellingham, of the Gas Co., gave a demonstration of cooking, and the Rev. Tom Hawea told with quiet sincerity of his plans for his work among the Maori people in Wellington. Our minister, Mr Fairbairn, speaking at the November meeting, took a study from the Scriptures, a fitting theme to leave with us as we concluded for the holiday period. Miss Quintrell spoke of the training and work of an N.A.C. air hostess. We should like to record our gratitude to these speakers for the thought and time they gave for our enjoyment and enrichment.

Evening Guild's programme is necessarily flexible as the demands made on it are many and varied, and a conscientious endeavour is made to meet these calls and to help those whose needs are brought to our notice. With this in mind, a prayer and study group meets every month on the first Tuesday evening. It is felt that Guild can be the more powerful if built around a nucleus of prayer, and it would therefore be encouraging to have larger attendances at these meetings.

The measure of success of an organisation depends undoubtedly upon the qualifications and dedication of its leaders, and Evening Guild would like to express its sincere thanks to the president, Miss Brodie, for her sterling service during the year and to the committee for their generous co-operation. One should perhaps point out that the personnel of the executive has changed very little over several years and members are urged to think prayerfully on the matter of accepting nomination for office next year, thus relieving those who have carried the responsibility so willingly for so long.

As we go forward into another year we pray for God's gracious guidance in all our undertakings that we may be not only hearers but doers of the Word.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

The bond of fellowship formed at these happy evenings is well worth the efforts of the groups of women who provide and serve suppers on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Work has been made easier this year by the building of a servery and shelves between the Fellowship Room and the kitchen, although the increasing numbers present often make for a tight squash. But perhaps this adds to the warmth of the occasion!

Once more Mrs A. P. Smith has provided the funds necessary for the running expenses and we thank her for this continued help.

In the death of Mrs Pumfrey we lost one of our valued committee members, and we record our gratitude for her long interest and help in this group.

Committee members continue to write to all new Church members inviting them to the suppers, and we feel that these evenings are one way of welcoming the stranger in our midst.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—2ND WELLINGTON COMPANY

In reviewing another year in the service of boyhood, we acknowledge with thanks our gratitude to the wide circle of friends who have encouraged and supported us in so many ways.

We are grateful for the valuable assistance given us by Mr Mervyn Aitken and Mr Barry Duncan, who are unable to be with us this year, and thank Mr Brian Turner and Mr Alan Irvine for their continued service to the boys.

Our roll strength is 31 boys, an increase on the number of boys on the roll at the same period last year. Four boys were transferred from the Life Boys to the Company.

On Saturday, 24th November, the Church hall was filled with parents and friends for the annual display of activities. Mr Logan Russell, a member of Session, presided, and the inspection was carried out by Mr K. A. Anderson, Dominion Headquarters Commissioner for Scouts.

The annual Company camp was held at the Salvation Army camp site at Akatarawa, which was a wonderful experience.

On Sunday, 31st March, the annual enrolment service was conducted by the Rev. John S. Murray. Four boys were promoted—Ian Roberts and Ross Hislop to Sergeant, Barry Manley to Corporal, and Peter Harris to Lance-Corporal.

One Officer and the five N.C.O.s attended a course for leadership at Wainuiomata.

We thank all those who gave donations to enable the Company to raise £66 during B.B. Week.

Our weekly parades on Thursday evenings commence and conclude with devotions. Activities include drill, wayfaring, scripture knowledge, first aid, fencing, printing, and physical training.

We in the 2nd Wellington Company seek to do our part in presenting the challenge of the Christian life to the boys in St. John's parish, and appreciate the interest shown by members of the congregation, and particularly the Session.

The year 1963 is a big year in the Boys' Brigade, due to the celebrating of its 80th anniversary.

THE LIFE BOYS—2ND WELLINGTON TEAM

In presenting this outline of the work of the Life Boys we humbly acknowledge divine guidance in all our affairs.

There has been steady progress and achievement in many directions, but we realise there is still much to be done as we seek to achieve our object: "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among young boys and the training of a body of suitable recruits for The Boys' Brigade."

Our statistical returns at 31st May 1963 showed a membership of seven juniors, five intermediates, and three seniors. Of these, seven are Presbyterian, one Anglican, two Brethren, three Chinese Anglican, one Salvation Army and one Methodist. Four boys have moved out of the district but have been transferred to other Teams. At the beginning of the Session five boys who had reached the age limit were transferred to the Boys' Brigade Company.

Miss H. Tilbury, previously Team pianist, was appointed a leader at the beginning of 1963. Mr B. Duncan, after two years' loyal and efficient service, was regrettably transferred to Gisborne in March, where he is already doing good work in 6th Gisborne Team. Mr Duncan has not yet been replaced in the Team and there is, therefore, a shortage of one male leader. Miss J. Law was welcomed as the Team pianist at the beginning of the year.

Leaders have attended training courses at a local and national level to further equip themselves for this work.

In order to fully understand the boys, their homes are visited at least twice a year.

The four-square Seal system has continued to be used, whereby a boy works for his Group rather than himself. Seals completed during the last year have been:

Juniors: Physical Activities, Bible Knowledge, Collector's, Courtesy.

Intermediate: Physical Activities, Bible Heroes, Nature Study, Safety Training.

Senior: Athletics, Missionary, Reading, Local Knowledge.

At the annual Quarterdeck Service, when over 300 Life Boys were present at St. John's, this Team gave £20 13s. 6d. towards the extension of the Movement in the Pacific. The usual Hallowe'en party took place in October. The Team again had a summer programme and met each Monday during the school holidays for outside activities. Team outings included a "sausage sizzle" at Eastbourne. The Team Enrolment Service was held in April and it was gratifying to see seven new boys in uniform. The Team celebrated its 13th birthday in June of this year, when Hataitai Methodist Team (15th) was invited.

The leaders and boys wish to express their appreciation to the ladies of the Church and others who have assisted in many ways during the year.

As we pass another milestone in the Christian leadership of boys, we believe the four-square system is well suited to the needs of the 8- to 11-year-olds today and that as later they are promoted to The Boys' Brigade, the twin pillars of religion and discipline will have a vital part to play in the development of Christian manhood.

Kelly and Wilson, from Australia, who were in charge last year, returned home in January. The Company benefited much from their guidance during their time with us.

The membership of the Company has not made any increase during the year. However, plans are being made to introduce a recruiting programme which we hope will yield results in the new year.

Badge work being undertaken by the girls this year included crafts work, knot tying, hygiene, Bible knowledge, temperance and Maori arts. We are grateful for the help and instruction provided by various members of the Church.

We are particularly grateful to Mr K. McKenzie, who had led our devotions each month during Mr Fairbairn's absence.

On 10th February a Church Parade and Enrolment Service was held, and this was conducted by our Chaplain, the Rev. J. K. Fairbairn. Captain Bakalich and Lt. Ritchie received their commissions.

In February a combined evening was held with the 4th Wellington Company in St. John's hall. During the evening slides were shown, accompanied by a very interesting talk, on the Jubilee Camps which were held at Lincoln College, Christchurch, during the Christmas holidays.

In May, a "biscuit drive" was held throughout New Zealand. Girls and officers spent a good deal of time selling these biscuits, and as a result £53 was forwarded to National Headquarters. Our thanks to all those organisations and members of the congregation who helped with this drive by buying biscuits.

Our annual swimming sports were held at the Boys' Institute Baths. This proved to be a very successful event and was well attended by parents.

G.L.B. Week was held from the 8th to 15th June this year. The sum of £27 was raised and we appreciated the support of parents and friends who contributed towards this sum.

The drill competitions for the Second Battalion of the Wellington Division were held in St. John's hall on 3rd July. These were well attended by parents and there was keen competition among the girls of the various Companies competing.

The annual camp was held this year at the Girls' Life Brigade Training Centre, Te Karaka, Waikanae. The Pioneer girls cooked for the camp and managed it very well. Both officers and girls enjoyed the weekend and benefited much from the fellowship together.

During the year we have appreciated the advice and guidance of the members of our Advisory Committee and thank them for their practical interest in this work.

Cadet Section:

The Cadet Section is still without a permanent Cadet Leader. Miss D. Archibald is acting in this capacity and doing very well. The Section is making very good progress.

Cadets commenced on 23rd March with a roll call of three. Over the months this has now built up to 14 Cadets.

The badge work done this year has included a model farm, waste-paper tins made from Christmas Cards, oven cloths, and french knitting. The Cadets work very well and they are all very keen.

Earlier this year they were taken on an outing to the Museum and all very much enjoyed this.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE

This League provides an opportunity to make a special contribution to the mission projects of the Church. An envelope is issued at a date near the member's birthday. This is filled and placed in the offertory

we are grateful for their practical interest.

Miss Jean Hanchet, the secretary, is always pleased to enrol new members.

"SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT"

Once more "Saturday Night at Eight" is happy to report another successful year of entertainment for lonely and elderly folk, pensioners, and others living in rooms and apartments. To the many who have given of time and talent to provide programmes, to the many ladies of St. John's who have made and served delicious suppers, to those who have made cars available to transport folk who would otherwise have been unable to share in these evenings, to all of these we offer our grateful thanks.

To Mr and Mrs Fairbairn, and to Mr and Mrs Gray, we say "thank you" for the personal touch they brought to these evenings, and their interest and encouragement.

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Once again it is a pleasure to report that St. John's Indoor Bowls Club has enjoyed a very successful season, both socially and financially. We were happy to welcome further new members, who soon became infected with the same spirit of friendliness which has always prevailed in the club. Our visits to other Church clubs and their return games with us proved as enjoyable as in the past, and those evenings spent together brought the Christian fellowship closer to everyone who participated. In the absence of our Patron, the Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, and Mrs Fairbairn overseas, we had pleasure in welcoming to our club the Very Rev. J. L. Gray and Mrs Gray. There was one sad note during the year in the passing of Mrs Pumfrey, who was a life member of the club, and had always been one of its staunchest supporters. The club extends to Mr Pumfrey the sincerest sympathy in his sad loss. The club's finances again allowed us to donate the sum of £30 towards the Church funds. In all, the Indoor Bowls Club is still proving to be a source of much enjoyment to all who belong to it, and a very warm welcome awaits any who may care to join.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club had a most encouraging season. Our first entry in the inter-Church competition was successful and we tied for the Stanton Shield, awarded for the most successful club in the Association championships. Miss Judy Tilbury won the ladies' singles and, with her sister Heather, the doubles also. Other members played well, too.

Although the club consists of a few regulars, we are always on the look-out for new players, and with the 1963-64 season approaching, we would like to see others coming forward to support this club.

BADMINTON CLUB

After a very successful season in 1962 this club is once more in the middle of an exciting season. We were fourth in the D Grade competition and this year are one of the leading teams. Mr Barry Duncan won the men's D Grade singles championship, and others of our members had reasonable success. This season some of us have ventured into competition in the Hutt Valley C Grade championships and Len Know has won the singles. He also won the doubles when partnered by Brian Turner.

An enjoyable evening was spent at St. Giles' Club, and these visits to and by other clubs are being encouraged.

This club plays each Friday and Monday (except the third Monday of the month) and we extend a warm welcome to any folk who may be interested in this game.

TROUP HOUSE

This is a small hostel at St. John's built from money left by the late Sir George Troup. Here there is accommodation for four young men whose qualifications for entrance are that they will be active in Church work and are in special need of board.

The present occupants are four divinity students: Barry Doig, Russell Rofe, Lionel Brown and John McKinley.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Margaret Irons
Mr Arthur Chappell
Mr John McGregor
Mrs E. K. Olliver
Mr Alexander Martin
Mrs William H. Guppy
Mr D. W. Virtue
Miss Mary McLeod
Mr D. R. Harris
Mr John W. MacDonald
Mr David Mortimer
Mr John Shand Lomas
Miss Kersley
Mrs R. E. Pumfrey
Mrs T. B. Strong

SUNDY AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1963

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances, 1 July 1962:					
Choir Screens	6	5 0	Choir Screens	6	5 0
Coad Bequest:			Coad Bequest:		
Y.M.B.C.	260	6 8	Y.M.B.C.	115	0 0
Y.W.B.C.	69	12 7	Hopkirk Gift	27	15 0
Hopkirk Gift	50	0 0	Sunday School for Samuel	20	0 0
Vestry Refurnishings	7	2 9	Vestry Refurnishings	7	2 9
Women's Memorial Windows	33	14 3	Women's Memorial Windows	20	2 10
		427 1 3			196 5 7
Receipts:			Balances, 30 June 1963:		
Coad Bequest:			Coad Bequest:		
Y.M.B.C.	6	13 0	Y.M.B.C.	151	19 8
Y.W.B.C.	2	2 0	Y.W.B.C.	71	14 7
Sunday School for Samuel	34	15 1	Hopkirk Gift	22	5 0
		43 10 1	Sunday School for Samuel	14	15 1
			Women's Memorial Windows	13	11 5
		£470 11 4			274 5 9
					£470 11 4

PAINTING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1963

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Transfer from Vestry Refurnishings	2	13 0	Overdraft at 1 July 1962		
Transfer from Ordinary Account	559	1 11			
		£561 14 11			561 14 11
					£561 14 11

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Social Expenses	16	1	5
B.C. Sunday Afternoon Club	12	10	6
Donations	11	6	0
Light Globes	8	15	6
Choir Hymn Books	....	....	....	7	7	0
Plants for Grounds	....	....	....	5	0	0
R. B. Fowler Prize	....	....	....	1	11	6
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	19	3	0
Presentation, Mrs Fairbairn	....	....	....	100	0	0
Sunday School	....	....	....	60	0	0
Hymn Books	....	....	....	77	15	0
New Toilet	....	....	....	154	7	6
Alter Toilet	....	....	....	22	18	0
Kitchen Servery	....	....	....	70	15	0
Transfer to Painting Account	....	....	....	559	1	11
Budget Assessment (£1,550)	....	....	....	1,630	10	7
P.S.S.A.	....	....	....	40	10	0
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	....	....	....	15	0	0
British and Foreign Bible Society	....	....	....	10	0	0
N.Z. Alliance	....	....	....	10	0	0
Pastor Niemoller Mission	....	....	....	59	2	10
National Council of Churches	....	....	....	121	3	11
Freedom from Hunger	....	....	....	5	10	0
St. James' Church	....	....	....	34	1	1
Assembly Arrangements Committee	....	....	....	120	18	3
London Missionary Society	6	13	0
Balance carried forward 30 June 1963	30	19	5
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				£6,880	13	6

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30 June 1963, and in my opinion the above statements and accounts are a true record of transactions for the period.

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

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1963

		RECEIPTS			
Balances, 1 July 1962:		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Benevolent Fund	....	180	10	3	
Centennial Collection	....	62	12	9	
Chairs for Hall	....	171	0	8	
Crockery Replacement Fund	....	47	14	5	
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	....	333	0	0	
Organ Renovation Fund	....	211	0	1	
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	....	520	17	3	
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	....	187	6	0	
Endowment Fund	....	6,864	5	5	
Interest in E. J. Lockie Bequest	....	190	0	0	
		8,768 6 10			
Interest:					
Benevolent Fund	....	8	16	0	
Centennial Collection	....	3	1	4	
Chairs for Hall	....	8	6	8	
Crockery Replacement Fund	....	2	6	7	
Hall Rebuilding Fund	....	9	2	8	
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	....	14	7	9	
Organ Renovation Fund	....	10	5	9	
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	....	40	7	1	
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	....	9	2	8	
Endowment Fund	....	334	12	8	
		440 9 2			
Receipts:					
Hall Rebuilding Fund	....	750	0	0	
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	....	12	0	0	
Organ Renovation Fund	....	6	5	0	
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	....	137	0	0	
		905 5 0			
		£10,114 1 0			

		PAYMENTS			
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Withdrawals:					
Benevolent Fund	....	30	8	1	
Crockery Replacement Fund	....	6	0	0	
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	....	77	15	0	
		114 3 1			
Balances, 30 June 1963:					
Benevolent Fund	....	158	18	2	
Centennial Collection	....	63	14	1	
Chairs for Hall	....	179	7	4	
Crockery Replacement Fund	....	44	1	0	
Hall Rebuilding Fund	....	759	2	8	
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	....	281	12	9	
Organ Renovation Fund	....	227	10	10	
Provision for Periodic Repaint- ing, etc.	....	698	4	4	
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund	....	196	8	8	
Endowment Fund	....	7,198	18	1	
Interest in E. J. Lockie Bequest	....	190	0	0	
		9,999 17 11			
		£10,114 1 0			

RENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1963

		RECEIPTS			
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Rents	....	821	0	10	
Interest	....	1	12	5	
		£822 13 3			

		PAYMENTS			
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Overdraft at 1 July 1962	....	145	9	6	
Rates	....	36	8	2	
Insurance	....	51	12	0	
Electricity (net)	....	1	2	6	
Carpentry Work	....	35	10	0	
Repairs	....	3	12	6	
Balance, 30 June 1963	....	548	18	7	
		£822 13 3			

HISTORICAL NOTES

RS OF ST. JOHN'S:

n Moir	1853-1867
v. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)	1868-1903
v. James Gibb, D.D. (Moderator in 1901)	1903-1926
R. Blanchard, B.A.	1927-1939
Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	1940-1947
r. P. Temple, M.A. B.D.	1948-1957
H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant)	1954-1955
Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.	1957-

'S OWN MISSIONARIES:

v. George H. McNeur, of Chinese Mission Field ator in 1926)	1913-1940
argaret O. Bear, Jagadhri, India	1958-

ASSES:

lian Lang	1905-1907
bel Cartwright	1909-1911
rah Dick	1912-1915
ssie Morgan	1945-1948 & 1951-59

IS:

hurch opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street erian Church"	31st August 1856
hurch opened (accommodation 600), "St. John's"	12th December 1875
inse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
hurch destroyed by fire	9th May 1884
School building opened (Dixon Street)	November 1884
Church opened (accommodation 900)	6th December 1885
en's Bible Class Room opened	1896
to Sunday School building (Macdonald Crescent)	1902
's Memorial Hostel for Men	1919-1937
's Wai-te-ata Road erected	1928
's Bible Class Institute erected	1956
ld, new Manse purchased at 2 Kelburn Parade	1957
of Church completed	1958
epainted and interior decorated	1959

is:

Jubilee of Church	November 1913
Association Golden Jubilee	August 1937
Golden Jubilee	1938
Golden Jubilee	October 1942
al Jubilee of Church	November 1953
School 100th Anniversary	November 1953
ifth Anniversary of present Church building	3rd-5th Dec., 1960

EVENTS:

rch of Scotland was petitioned to send Minister to gton, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was established	17th November 1853
School opened	1853
branch Sunday School, Francis Place	1872
started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr Hopkirk	1874
vice at Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1879
Organ installed	1886
ss movement started by Sir George Troup	1888
started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
glass windows at south end, given by the Hon. W. Aitken, in memory of St. John's B.C. men who the 1914-18 war	1920
glass windows at north end dedicated to the memory Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, first layman Moderator, 1917	1923
Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Hymnary	1937
wned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in N.Z.)	1944
men managers appointed	1951
(in relief) facing the vestibule dedicated in remem- of the devoted women who, through 100 years, wor- and served in St. John's	1954

IONS:

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

NEWSPAPERS:

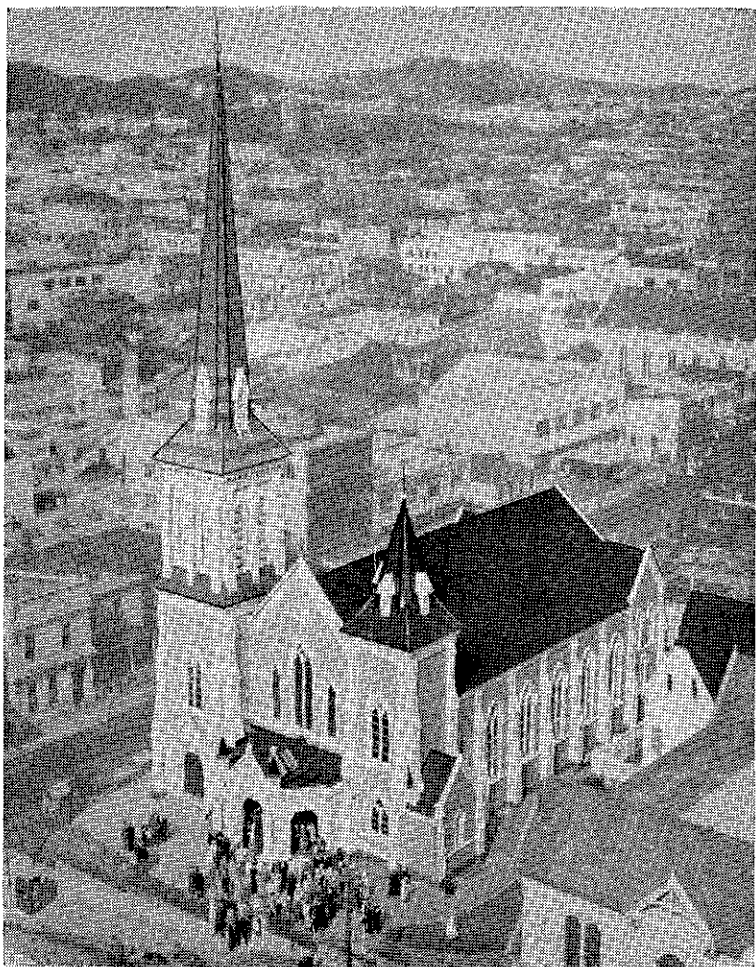
cord"	1892-1896
ch Bearer"	1930-1931
view"	1936-1938
essenger"	1941-

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ANNUAL REPORT 1963-64



"Serene she stands amid the city streets"

One Hundred and Eleventh Report

covering the period 1st July 1963 to 30th June 1964
to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, 16th September, 1964, at 7.45 p.m.

PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

What a moving thing it is to contemplate that our beloved St. John's has been witnessing to the Sovereignty of Almighty God for 111 years! The story of the Church is closely linked with the growth of the City. We have seen many changes during this long period. The Church grew and became strong when the City was developing. Many great names stand out as we read of those early days and of men who were prominent both in our Church and in the affairs of State. And today men of all walks of life continue to witness. There was a time when it was thought that with the rapid development of the suburban areas the life of St. John's would decrease. However, it is noticeable that more people are returning to the centre of the City and the life of our Church is still vigorous. This annual report shows that St. John's remains strong and alive.

If there has been any good done through the past year it is because through faith in God and in His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ we have been guided.

These are stirring days in which we live. The winds of change are blowing. From many countries come challenging provoking ideas. New emphasis is being placed on honesty in our Christian thinking and speaking. In so far as these voices are stirring us to look afresh at ourselves in relation to our Lord and His Kingdom among men, there can be real value for us all. There must be big changes in the Church. We must as committed Christians be prepared to be reformed by the Holy Spirit—to make our bold ventures of faith—to develop new techniques—but never to tamper with the Gospel! We have no new Gospel to proclaim save the old, old story of that "wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin—the old, old story, Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

Throughout the year just past we regret many failures and disappointments. So often plans that seem to be promising well have had to be altered; visions splendid have faded and sometimes our faith has burned low. However, we have learned even in our failures valuable lessons. It is when our utter reliance is upon Christ, when we are forced to realise the futility of our own unaided wisdom that God has, as it were, enough room to move in. It is not just new resolutions, fresh courage, novel up-to-date "plant" and machinery we need but a vivid experience of Pentecostal power followed by obedience.

I believe that there are wonderful days ahead of us. God has given us a rich tradition of service and mission. If our faith and courage can match these days of opportunity, if individually and as a fellowship of caring concern we are true "Stewards of the mysteries of God", the best days are yet to be!

As we go forward into another year we are both saddened and thrilled. Saddened because so many dear friends are no longer with us, having been called to their Reward in our Father's House. Thrilled in that year by year our St. John's family is being added to. We give most warm welcome to all new friends and trust you will all feel yourselves at home among us.

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

Your friend and Minister,

KINGSLEY FAIRBAIRN.

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Hon. Church Secretary: J. A. Orr, St. John's Church Office, Telephone 51-391.
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Church Officer: A. G. McGhee, St. John's Church. Telephone 51-391.

OFFICE-BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S KIRK SESSION

	Inducted
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3.	1921
Spratt, F. C., Q.C., 69 Pitt Street, N.2.	1928
Blake, L. R., 29 Rawhiti Terrace, W.1.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 48 Homewood Avenue, W.3.	1933
MacLeod, D., 43a Parkvale Road, W.3.	1935
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, W.1.	1941
Duthie, W., 185 Onepu Road, E.3.	1941
Smith, H. B., 25 Maids Vale Road, C.4.	1941
Orr, J. A., 23 Delhi Crescent, N.5.	1941
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, C.4.	1942
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 41 Puriri Street, E.4.	1946
Strong, F. A., 10 Kio Road, E.3.	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Hon. J. R., 23 Bolton Street, C.1.	1950
Wall, A. L., 55 Madras Street, N.5.	1951
Baber, A. J., 38 Waitoa Road, E.2.	1960
Dornan, Alford, 19 The Crescent, Roseneath, C.4.	1960
McKenzie, Stuart, 112 Upland Road, W.1.	1960
McLennan, R. A., 26 Clifton Terrace, C.1.	1960
Van Zweeden, M., 33 Rata Road, E.2.	1960
Doig, B. T., Troup House.	1962
Anderson, K. L., 50 The Parade, Paekakariki.	1962
Keyes, A. W., 6 Strathavon Road, E.4.	1962
May, H. S. B., 47 Morningson Road, S.W. 1.	1962
McLellan, D., 20 Apuka Street, S.W.1.	1962
Martin, D. M. P., Holland House, Buckle Street.	1962
Oed, G., 89 Wilton Road, N.2.	1962
Stout, L. D., 1 Staunton Avenue.	1962
Vink, J. W., 25 Mantell Street, E.5.	1962

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Austin, B. K.	3 Lyons Crescent, E5
Brodie, Miss E. M.	143 The Terrace, C.1
Caldow, Keith.	23 William Street, E.2
Carter, Edward.	8 Moana Road, W.1
Chappell, F. C.	28 Stoke Street, S.1
Clachan, Miss M. C.	22 Ohiro Road, C.2
Clyde, Miss H. D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Fleming, R. N.	9 Oban Street, N.2
Hughes, Mrs. P. Gladstone.	160 Oriental Parade, C.4
Hunt, John.	24 Krull Street, S.W.1

Johnston, Miss J. S.	33 Central Terrace, W.1
Keys, Ian.	6 Strathavon Road, E.4
Kraft, W. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Lowman, I. S.	65 Alexander Road, E.2
McLeod, G.	42a Kelburn Parade, W.1
Nyberg, E. H.	28 Mortimer Terrace, C.2
Piper, Mrs. H. W.	31 Bidwell Street, S.1
Robertson, N. G.	167 Karori Road, W.3
Rush, Paul.	22 Todman Street, S.W.1
Shiels, R. J.	19 Fernhill Terrace, N.2
Toy, P. D.	459 Broadway, E.4

GENERAL COMMITTEES—1964-65

Property and Finance: N. G. Robertson (convener), John Hunt (deputy convener), A. L. Wall, L. R. Blake, R. N. Fleming, G. Oed, H. Glover, N. S. Woods, F. C. Chappell, R. J. Shiels, R. A. McLennan, F. A. Strong, S. McKenzie, L. D. Stout.
Envelopes: Miss E. M. Brodie (convener), M. Van Zweeden and R. N. Fleming.
Seat Letting: N. G. Robertson.
Rolls: Mrs. P. G. Hughes, R. B. Fowler.
Choir: R. N. Fleming, R. E. Pumfrey, F. A. Strong, A. L. Wall.
Rooms: Miss P. Lees, P.O. Box 1314, Tel. 42-805 (Business), 27-182 (Private).
Projector: F. A. Strong (convener).
Troup House: Rev. J. K. Fairbairn (chairman), Hon. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. Hughes, N. S. Woods, R. McDowell, N. G. Robertson, B. Austin (secretary).
Church Flowers: Mrs. J. K. Fairbairn, Mrs. H. W. Piper.
 (The Session Clerk and Clerk to Board are ex officio members of all committees).
Boys' Institute Representatives: Rev. J. K. Fairbairn, Messrs K. L. Anderson, A. Dornan, W. Kraft, D. M. P. Martin, G. McLeod, H. B. Smith, K. McKenzie.

OFFICERS OF ORGANISATIONS—1964-65

Choir:
 President: The Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.
 Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. L. S. Adam, Mus.Bac.
 Life Vice-President: Miss H. D. Clyde.
 Life Members: Misses E. M. Brodie, D. Chappell, Pat Lees, Mary McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strong, Messrs. R. E. Pumfrey and A. L. Wall.
 Secretary: Mrs. M. Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, N.5. Tel. 37-023.
 Treasurer: Mr. R. E. Pumfrey.
 Library: Mrs. K. McKenzie.
 Wardrobe: Misses D. Chappell and P. Lees.
Sunday School:
 Superintendent: Mr. A. J. Baber, 38 Waitoa Road, E.2.
 Teachers: Misses A. Button, L. Button, N. Button, J. Garratt, G. Higgs, G. Jeffries, L. Neilson, Messrs. L. Brown, C. Smith and L. D. Stout.
Bible Classes:
 Executive: Chairman, Mr. R. McDowell; Secretary, Miss J. Talley; Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Baber; Social Convener, Miss S. Leer; Committee, Misses G. Austin and J. Garratt, Messrs. Murray Jansen, A. Marshall, Ian Roberts and the Class Leaders.
 Senior Y.M.B.C.: Mr. John Vink, 25 Mantell Street, E.5.

Senior Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. F. Garratt, 109 Grafton Road, C.4.
Intermediate and Junior: Boys' Leader, Mr. R. McDowell; Girls' Leader, Mrs. C. Ellis.

After Church Social Hour:

Convener: Mrs. R. B. Fowler.
Committee: Misses D. Bibby, K. Dalziel, M. Johnston, A. McCracken, H. Wilson, and Mrs. Button.

Association of Presbyterian Women:

Linking Committee Secretary: Mrs. D. M. P. Martin, Holland House, Buckle Street, S.1. Tel. 47-000 ext. 822.

St. John's Women's Association: President, Mrs. N. G. Robertson; Life Vice-Presidents, Mesdames W. S. Austin, Glover, Wilson, Misses Chappell and Millar; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Fairbairn and Miss J. Johnston; Secretary, Mrs. W. Piper, 31 Bidwell Street, Tel. 51-325; Minute Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Strong; Treasurer, Miss H. Wilson; Harvest Field, Miss D. Chappell; M.M.B.L., Miss J. Hanchet.

Evening Guild: President, Miss E. M. Brodie; Secretary, Miss A. McCracken; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Johnston, 24 Kelburn Parade, W.1., Tel. 43-113.

Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs. F. A. Strong, 10 Kio Road, E.2., Tel. 82-181.

Boys' Brigade Captain: Mr. E. H. Nyberg.

Girls' Life Brigade Captain: Miss Pat Green.

Life Boy Team Leader: Mrs. C. Ellis.

Cadet Section of G.L.B.: Miss D. Archibald.

Saturday Night at Eight: Mrs. N. S. Woods. Telephone 86-769.

Indoor Bowls: Mr. R. E. Pumfrey. Telephone 17-919.

Badminton Club: Mr. Percy Jones, 37 Overtoun Terrace C.4.

Tennis Club: President: Mr. Jack Long, 43a Parkvale Road, W3.

THE KIRK SESSION

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has in a little over a century earned for itself a proud tradition of which St. John's can claim quite a share, and as we of the Kirk Session present this record of another year of endeavour we express our sincere thanks to you all for a job well done.

Mr. N. G. Robertson retires after 21 years from the treasurership of which he has made such a success. We cannot let the occasion pass without placing on record our appreciation of his outstanding ability and most conscientious attention to our properties and finances. We are indeed glad that he has agreed to continue as convener of the Finance and Property Committee.

We thank our fellow elder, Mr. L. D. Stout, for accepting the treasurership and are sure that he will fill the position ably.

It is always a blow when we lose such fine elders as Dr. Corkill and Mr. Logan Russell. Minutes of appreciation which expressed the high regard we have for them and our wishes for their future happiness were presented.

Our Minister continues to do a great work as pastor and counsellor and evidence of this frequently reaches us in the appreciation of the many who have received benefit. The esteem in which he is held is very high and we were able to express some of our regard and affection for him when at the commencement of the morning Service on the 21st June Mr. Blake, on behalf of the many who had subscribed towards it, presented him with a beautiful gown, cassock and cummerbund, procured from Edinburgh. The wife of our senior elder, Mrs. Glover, placed the gown on his shoulders and Mr. Fairbairn thanked the congregation with some well chosen words.

The presence of our own missionary, Miss Margaret Bear, is a pleasure to which we had looked forward and we have enjoyed listening

to her and hearing of the splendid work of our missionaries in the Church in Ind'a. Whilst on furlough Miss Bear has been taking a post-graduate course in nursing and we appreciate the time she has given us in spite of her extensive studies.

The scheme which is now in hand for putting by funds for the rebuilding of the hall block is a credit to the foresight and good sense of those responsible and the managers' report on this deserves your attention.

In September we said good-bye to the Very Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Gray, who had given us sterling worth whilst holding the fort for our own Minister. We are grateful to them for the splendid and loyal way they helped to maintain us during Mr. Fairbairn's absence overseas.

The Governor-General and Lady Fergusson again honoured us by attending a morning service at which His Excellency read the Lessons.

Session has been gratified to receive the information that our women's organisations have decided to affiliate with the Association of Presbyterian Women and we realise that as a part of the Presbyterian Church this was the proper course to adopt. The work our women do and the fellowship they offer is one of the greatest assets our Church can possibly have. We recognise this and extend to them our thanks and good wishes.

The new Sunday morning Senior Bible Study Group is another branch of activity which has our goodwill as do all our workers throughout the whole of this our beloved Church.

Among those to whom we pay tribute "In Memoriam" special mention has to be made of Dr. Bayldon Ewen, who, as an elder since 1933 and a Session Clerk for some years, gave of his best and by his own gifts of music and photography, so often entertained with the graciousness that won him the love of so many. To his widow and to the loved ones of all who have died during this year we extend our sympathy.

The attendances at the regular quarterly Communion were: September 378, December 387, March 408 and June 368. At Easter 155 were served with the Sacraments following a week of special Services and on World Communion Sunday 216 shared in the Service. In addition home Communion has been taken to the sick and elderly each quarter.

Our Minister took with him a team of five to a New Life School at Feilding House and we hope that the outcome of this will stimulate afresh the enthusiasm we already have for the work of this Church as it serves the community in which it is placed.

Our Choir deserves special thanks for the way in which they help to maintain the effectiveness of our worship with dignity and sanctity. We share with them regret at the impending retirement of Mr. Adam, whose leadership has been the happiest they have known.

Miss M. C. Clachan continues to edit the "Messenger" and exercise her gift for extracting and then recounting the interesting and pertinent information. Her work is of great value.

Mr. Orr has given another useful year as honorary Church Secretary and we realise the extent of his work and appreciate this.

To our Flower Convencers, Mesdames Fairbairn and Piper, we can say that the time they give to arranging for the lovely flowers which grace the Church is well worth while and gives added beauty to our worship.

As is continually happening, our numbers have again fluctuated and the statistics supplied for insertion in the Blue Book show that we received 99 new members, 33 of whom joined by Profession of Faith and 66 came from other districts. Ninety-seven disjunctions were issued to those who moved away and 14 of our congregation died. This leaves the total roll at 501. If members will supply their new address when joining, moving or leaving, it greatly helps the accurate keeping of the records which we are duty bound to supply.

The work of the Minister, officer bearers and organisations is of great importance but as we think of the small arduous, often unnoticed tasks performed quietly by so many, such as the cleaning of the Memorial Windows, the mending of hymn books and Bibles and the repair of linen, and as we see the quiet kindnesses in help extended to the sick and support to those in need we realise that the effectiveness of any Church really depends on the endeavour and witness of the individual member. So we resolve to extend our efforts in the year ahead.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The support of the work of the Presbyterian Church in every sphere, in the new housing areas, overseas missions and youth work, must always be the first call on any congregation after their Minister has been provided for. This year St. John's budget assessment was £1935 and this was more than met by a total contribution of £1955. Of this £1620 was provided from congregational funds and a further £335 from extra amounts given by our organisations. The managers recognise that these additional amounts are often an extra giving on the part of some members and record their appreciation.

Other amounts contributed were £300 to the National Council of Churches' Christmas Appeal and £206 to a special appeal for the P.S.S.A.

In the last annual report mention was made of the age of our buildings and a committee has been formed comprising Messrs. Blake, Fleming, Hunt, Lightbody, and Van Zweeden to investigate the best method of implementing a building scheme. To the £750 donated for this purpose last year further gifts of £600 and £100 have been made, so that with interest the rebuilding fund now stands at £1504. Allied to this is a further £1222 which has come from an amount given to the Wellington Presbytery for purposes which cannot now be given effect to. Presbytery has handed the money to the Church Property Trustees to hold towards our hall rebuilding as this is the project most nearly in line with the original object. We appreciate this contribution.

All our rooms on the top floor were let during the year and the annual revenue is now £896. The surplus on the year's working was £714 and a total of £1243 is now held. This fund is also for the eventual rebuilding of the hall block.

Maintenance work on the buildings was carried out as necessary and included the painting of the roofs at a cost of £622. Four hundred and fifteen pounds of this was charged to our fund for periodic repainting and the remainder to ordinary funds. This amount plus the additional budget assessment of £300 made a big strain on our resources. Nevertheless, we finished the year with a small surplus of £6 as compared with last year's surplus of £31. The corridor of the upper floor was also painted and the cost of this met from the tenants' rent account.

Additional property provision included cushions at a cost of £34 while the expense of installing improved lighting and heating was £167. The choir gave £45 towards this, the Hopkirk family £50 and other contributions totalled £40, leaving a net cost to Church funds of £32.

Twenty-four additional Bibles were placed in the pews and eighty new chairs were supplied for the hall. The badminton club, with some financial backing from Church funds, installed fluorescent lighting in the hall.

Apart from special appeals revenue for all Church projects came from plate collections, envelope contributions and pew rents, which totalled £5471 as compared with £5866 for the previous year. Plate offerings fell by about £170 and envelopes by about £220. It would seem that further drive for contributors to the envelope system is warranted.

At the last annual meeting nine managers, who retired at the end of their three-year period, were re-elected, namely: Misses Brodie and Johnston, Messrs. Austin, Caldwell, Fleming, Kaywood, Shiels and Toy. During the year Messrs. J. Baber, C. O'Hara and B. Turner resigned when they left Wellington. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. P. Toy, who is working at the mission in Papua.

Many of our congregation, both men and women, have spent considerable time on the repair, cleaning and maintenance of Church property, but special mention must be made of Mr. John Hunt, who, as deputy convener of the Property Committee, has worked tirelessly and who also led a team of voluntary workers in painting some of the roof.

After twenty-one years Mr. N. G. Robertson has resigned the position of treasurer. This is one of the most exacting voluntary offices of the Church and he has given service of a very high order. An accountant of exceptional ability, Mr. Robertson, in his quiet thorough way, has guided the Church finances with diplomacy and skill during years of very changing economic conditions and the sound position of the business affairs of St. John's today is sufficient record of the outstanding contribution of his service.

THE CHOIR

Our main choral works have been the Christmas Cantata and the Passion Music. The Christmas music was "The Nativity" by Thiman and our soloists were Mrs. Margaret Hunt and Mr. Bruce Chandler. The Passion music was a meditation constructed by Mr. Adam around the sixteenth century poem "The Sacrifice," by George Herbert. The narrator was Mr. William Austin and the soloists Mrs. Alice Graham and Mr. George Metcalf. We are most grateful to our visitors for their assistance and contribution so willingly given.

In October we took part in the Festival of Music arranged by the Wellington Presbytery Committee on Church Music. A lot of hard work went into the preparation and once again our choir felt the thrill of joining with other choirs in the Town Hall.

Both sorrows and joys have been shared in with the congregation. We led the singing at the funeral of Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, a beloved past Session Clerk, who was always an appreciative supporter of the choir. Before her departure overseas Mrs. H. Bayldon Ewen presented the choir with a cheque for £20 in memory of her husband.

We sang at the wedding of Mary Strong to Alan Irvine, and what a joy it was to be able to make music for one who has served the choir so faithfully and well. On the same day another choir member, Margaret Ritchie, was married in Dunedin to David MacKay.

We have twice assisted the Chaplain to the men's prison with his Service on Sunday afternoon and at Christmas we visited Central Park Hospital.

Two very enjoyable social evenings were held, one at Miss Brodie's for Miss Mary Strong and the other to say farewell to Miss Mary MacKenzie prior to her trip overseas, and this was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wall.

The choir picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Strong at Raumati and the Christmas party took the form of a supper after our last practice for the year.

Our library of music is in very good condition and we are grateful to our librarian for her constant attention to the well-being of our books.

We look back on another happy year of fellowship and work as a choir under the able leadership of our beloved choirmaster. In him we all have a friend to whom each individual member is an entity and we have appreciated all he has done for us.

To our Minister and his wife we say thank you for your interest and help. Your friendship and understanding is greatly valued.

The services of Mr. Ken McKenzie, junr., as assistant organist, are very much appreciated. He is always most willing to help and this is of great value to the Choir and to the Church.

Once again we are indebted to Miss Lees for the work she does duplicating the orders of service for our special presentations so that the congregation can follow the music with understanding.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is our policy to encourage the older pupils to take a part in the running of the Sunday School and each Sunday morning a senior pupil takes the prayer at the combined opening and others take up the offering. Mr. Cliff Smith is encouraging his Forms I and II pupils to lead the morning Lesson and most of them are really keen to do this.

The anniversary was in the form of a Choral Service. Parents and friends who attended the prize-giving and promotion afternoon were entertained with short plays by the various classes.

Miss Margaret Bear, St. John's Missionary in India, showed slides and gave a most interesting talk about Samuel, his family and his village. The children have been making special donations towards Samuel's upkeep and so were pleased to hear about him.

Lessons for standards 2 and 4 and form I and II have been based on the Scripture Union handbook. These encourage additional Bible reading and the puzzles based on these give many of our children the incentive to do extra study at home.

Our picnic had to be postponed twice and so we held a games afternoon in the hall instead.

Both the Christmas party, at which all the children were in fancy dress, and the mid-winter one were a success.

Mr. Cliff Smith, back from his trip overseas, is in charge of the Intermediate Department and we also welcome Miss Linda Neilson to our staff.

It was with deep regret that we said farewell to Mrs. Thompson, who resigned as leader of the Primary Department. She had been a most conscientious and devoted worker and was dearly loved by all the children.

We were also sorry to lose Miss M. Baber (now Mrs. P. Jones), Misses D. Richardson, E. Strong, and D. Archibald. And we thank them for faithful service.

THE BIBLE CLASSES

This is the first report of the Bible Classes as set up under the new constitution.

Spiritual stimulation was gained from a retreat led by the Rev. van de Velde; a day of prayer led by Sister Nessie Morgan and one by Mr. Arthur Wallis. Our camp was held at Reikorangi under the chairmanship of Mr. K. McKenzie with Mr. Ken Anderson as speaker and Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle as camp parents. Also included in the programme was a youth service in St. John's, a visit from the "Teen Team" from America, and a talk from Dr. A. Gih.

Many of the Kirk Session have attended our meetings and liaison has been maintained through their youth conveners and by elders attending the class opening each month.

We have been actively concerned with the affairs of St. John's and among other things have provided for coffee evenings after Church and until recently the Sunday Afternoon Club. A congregational Christmas party was organised in conjunction with the Evening Guild. We have held several socials and barbecues, also once a month Fellowship evenings were held in the homes of members of the congregation. We are again grateful to Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Woods for the monthly Sunday

teas at their home, and also thank Mr. and Mrs. Alan Irvine, whose hospitality has done much to facilitate the running of the class.

We shared in the affairs of the District Committee and participated in the Easter camps, indoor sports and competitions. The classes are still working towards the £200 allocated as our share for a well equipped camp site at Ngatiawa.

Mention of the dedicated work by one of our class members, Peter Toy, must be made. He is at present working in Papua at the Mission Station at Saroa and we always look forward to hearing from him.

We have made an effort to recruit new members for the class by visiting student and other hostels and extending hospitality.

Our thanks go to our Class Leaders for the time and thought they have put into guiding the classes and we recognise the interest and help of many members of the congregation.

AFTERNOON GUILD AND P.W.M.U.

This is the 77th annual report of the St. John's Women's Association and included is the 59th and last annual report of the P.W.M.U.

The roll numbers 45 and we have had many changes; Mrs. Corkill, a vice-president and committee member for many years, is very much missed. We have lost through death three honorary vice-presidents—Mrs. Berry, Mrs. A. P. Smith and Mrs. Purdie. Others who died during the year, Miss Jean Fullarton, Miss Alice Anderson and Mrs. Sybil McSwain, are fondly remembered. We express our sympathy to the relatives of these well loved friends.

Our meetings have been interesting and we are grateful to the following speakers who gave their time and knowledge to entertain and inform us: The Rev. and Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Clinton Johnston, Mrs. Kitchingham, Miss Terriss, Mr. and Mrs. V. Ward, Dr. Ian Fraser, Mr. Russell Rofe, and Mr. Waghorn.

Mrs. Highet has ably led us during her year as President. She served as treasurer for 13 years and, besides occupying many other positions on the committee, has always given her best and in full measure.

Our Minister and Mrs. Fairbairn show a deep and real concern for our work and we are grateful for their generous hospitality.

Members who deserve special mention for their enthusiastic service are Miss Hanchet, our minute secretary; Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. McMillan, our tea conveners; and Mrs. Wilson, our beloved and active senior member whose special sales table realised £21/10/- this year.

Activities of the P.W.M.U. were varied. Collecting and sorting of stamps and tea coupons, distribution of Harvest Field and Indian news, visiting of associate members and sick folk has kept us busy. Miss Margaret Bear, our own missionary, was welcomed back at a lunch party and we are enjoying getting to know her afresh. We joined with other branches at a reception to Lady Fergusson, held at Kent Terrace in June, and we took our turn as hostesses at the final P.A. meeting. In August we gave morning and afternoon teas for a two-day conference of forty delegates of the N.C.C. Council on Overseas Missions. Twenty pounds were given for Dr. Gray's hospital at Bandung, Indonesia, and we supported the Maori Synod sale held at St. Andrew's. Mr. Peter Toy, a member for the Bible Class, was given a monetary gift before he left to do voluntary mission work in Papua. The Scott Trust most generously allocated £45 to our mission budget this year and we thank them for this as we remember the ever active interest which Mrs. G. H. Scott had in missionary enterprises.

Members have been kept busy with Guild work. Practical and financial help was given at the special evenings with the Life Boys, the B.B., and G.L.B., and the Harvest Thanksgiving Service was well supported both by decorating with gifts and afterwards delivering them. We joined with other branches in providing and delivering Christmas gifts, in selling Christmas seals and donating articles for the stall which

the Rev. Elley runs for the Porirua Hospital Chapel Fund. Fifty-three blankets were made for Algeria and a team led by Mrs. Barber continued to regularly pack for CORSO. Help was given in providing suppers for Saturday Night at Eight and the After Church Social Hour. In October a team helped to collect for the Boys' Institute. The P.S.S.A. Fair kept us busy for months, for we were in charge of the produce stall as well as providing sewing and baking. Liaison with the P.S.S.A. was maintained by our representatives, Miss K. Dalziel, Miss J. Hanchet and Miss Millar. Miss Millar has resigned after 21 years on the Auxiliary and we record our tribute to her. In giving these years of really vital interest to the work she has kept our members informed and interested.

We give thanks for a year of activity, interest and service, remembering all who have worked so faithfully, and especially those who have served so devotedly in the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union.

THE EVENING GUILD

Evening Guild presents its 28th annual report at a time when changes are being implemented in the women's organisations of the Church following the establishment of the Association of Presbyterian Women.

Our roll now stands at 64 with an average attendance of 36. New members are always welcome and we are pleased to have our own missionary, Miss Margaret Bear, with us this year.

Our major work for others was sending Christmas gifts to the Maori families working in country places under the Maori Synod and we were also pleased to support the Maori Church sale of work at St. Andrew's.

Members have helped to collect and pack for CORSO, to manage the produce stall at the P.S.S.A. Fair in the Town Hall, to collect for the Boys' Institute on its street day and to make blankets for Algeria. In September a large carton of pantry items was sent to Deaconess House.

At our meetings we continue to have a simple supper and make a contribution to the Freedom from Hunger Fund. This year £10/3/6 from this source was forwarded to CORSO.

An opportunity is given to all, and especially to those who do not contribute to the Missions Budget through other channels, to do so through our direct giving freewill envelopes, which are received and dedicated at the annual meeting.

We were grateful to the Bible Class for undertaking to arrange the congregational Christmas social and were glad to take the responsibility of the supper arrangements. The flowers and supper for the Church annual meeting were also our care.

Towards the end of the summer recess the president and committee held an evening to meet new and unite old members in informal fellowship. This was well attended and we enjoyed an exchange of holiday anecdotes, films, and solos by Mrs. Margaret Hunt.

In September there was a record attendance to welcome home Mrs. Fairbairn, who told us some of her most memorable experiences on her trip to Britain and the Continent.

We are the richer for the Prayer Circle and the effectiveness of our work is largely dependent upon this basis of prayer within our Guild.

Our gratitude goes to all who gave time and thought for our enjoyment and edification: Sister Kahukura told of the work she is doing among the Maori people in Wellington; Major Knowles, of the Army Department, who is attached to United Nations, showed films and talked on the Middle East countries; Miss Sumbaya, a trained theologian, spoke of her work in Sumatra; and Mrs. J. L. Gray told of new trends in Java. Miss P. Morrison spoke of her three years' work in Geneva with the World Y.W.C.A.; and Sister Margaret Reid took for her theme "We belong to Asia".

In September we were grieved by the death of Miss Jean Fullarton, whose service to the Guild was greatly appreciated. Another staunch supporter, Mrs. Sybil McSwain, who died recently, will be greatly missed for her friendly personality. We remember, too, Mrs. M. N. Austin, whom we held in affection.

To our President, Miss Brodie, we express our sincere thanks for her capable leadership and devotion to all Guild matters. Also to the members of committee for their willing co-operation and to each and every member for their loyal support.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE

The folk who enjoy making a special contribution in recognition of their own birthday have this year given £52/4/- which is an increase of £5/4/-. Of this total amount the Bible Classes subscribed £11/16/- and the Sunday School £1/8/6. This is a worth-while cause and Miss Hanchet is always pleased to enrol those who would like to join.

At present membership numbers 152.

CRADLE ROLL

Our roll is down to 52 this year. There have been only 14 baptisms during the twelve months and 14 names have been taken off the roll as the children have turned four. Also a number of families have moved away from the city.

Our Christmas party at the end of November was a great success. Forty children and their mothers came and enjoyed their party thoroughly. The highlight of the afternoon was the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree. In May this year we invited our mothers and children to afternoon tea and were delighted to have so many attend. Thirty children were present on that occasion, including our three pairs of twins.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. L. Russell from our committee when her husband was transferred to Hamilton towards the end of last year. We have missed very much Misses Jean and Elsie Mackenzie, on holiday overseas, and hope to have them back with us next year. We are happy to have Mrs. D. Martin on our committee.

Once again our thanks go to those ladies of the congregation who help with the creche. There is such a good list this year that each person will have only three or four turns, which is quite a record. We thank also the Board of Managers for their donation of £5 towards our expenses.

THE BOYS BRIGADE—2nd WELLINGTON COMPANY

We are grateful to the wide circle of friends who have encouraged and supported us in so many ways, especially Messrs. Brian Turner and Alan Irvine, who were unable to join us this year. And we thank, too, Messrs. Ian Roberts and A. Grant for their service to the boys.

Our roll strength is 16 and the Company is in good heart. Plans to extend its outreach and recruit more boys to our ranks are in hand.

On Saturday, 9th November, the hall was filled with parents and friends for the annual display of activities. The inspecting officer was Mr. D. Meiklejohn, of the Boys' Institute. He was the first King's Man in New Zealand in the Boys' Brigade.

Our congratulations went to Ian Roberts and Ross Hislop on their attaining Queen's Badges, thus adding honour to our Company by qualifying for the highest award in the Boys' Brigade.

The annual Company camp was held at the Salvation Army site at Akatarawa and this was a wonderful experience.

Peter Harris was promoted to the rank of Corporal at the Sunday enrolment service.

During B.B. week we received £30 and we thank those people who gave so generously.

Our weekly parades are held each Thursday evening. These open with devotions and are followed by drill and other activities.

THE LIFE BOYS

We have a very enthusiastic team of 25 boys and are fortunate in having four dedicated leaders.

Three boys were promoted to the Boys' Brigade when they reached the required age and our enrolment service was conducted by Mr. Fairbairn during morning worship on the 12th April.

We held a birthday party on the 12th June to celebrate the team's fourteenth year. Mrs. Button made us a beautiful birthday cake and the Evening Guild helped with supper. Mrs. Fairbairn presented the prizes for best fancy dress and both parents and boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The boys successfully concluded their educational, spiritual and social seal work and now aim to compete in the Area Figure Marching Competitions. We had a film evening, a team concert and a games evening. The boys also gave donations to support their own full-time missionary.

We give special thanks to the Women's Associations, the B.B. and to our Chaplain for his encouragement and friendship.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE—8th WELLINGTON COMPANY

Captain Jan Bakalich and Lieut. McKay relinquished leadership of the Company at the close of 1963. Corporals Glennis Jefferies and Ngaire Button ran the team for the first term of 1964 until the Kirk Session appointed Captain Pat Green.

One of our girls passed for her Bible knowledge badge with 100 per cent. and other subjects studied by the company were Safety, Floral Art and Rhythmic Ball work.

We held a display and presentation of awards in December and early in the year the girls enjoyed an outing to Butterfly Creek. We also combined with the Brooklyn and Morningside Companies for a weekend camp at Elsdon.

Our Minister has conducted devotions and we thank him for this important service. The Advisory Committee and all others who have helped us receive our appreciation.

CADET SECTION OF THE G.L.B.

Three new girls have joined, making our roll sixteen and the average attendance each Saturday morning has been twelve. We lost two of our number when they moved from Wellington.

The cadets have been making a model house out of match boxes and coloured paper, also stick figures from pipe cleaners and wool, for their "A" certificate.

Their next project is for their collecting badge, in which they collect six each of animal pictures, leaves, flowers and pictures of food. These are then pasted in their exercise book for marking.

The £2/2/- donated by the Afternoon Guild was very much appreciated.

The Cadet Council was attended by the leader and information received on how to run concerts and other functions.

An outing to the Museum and War Memorial was undertaken and the cadets were shown places and things of interest.

The Captain of the G.L.B. held an inspection and found the company in good heart and their uniforms in good order.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

We are pleased to report that we have been able to bring pleasure into many lives when evenings of entertainment, followed by supper, are held monthly. At the request of our audience we began in March, when Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn showed slides of their trip overseas.

Many organisations and individuals outside the congregation, as well as within it, have provided entertainment.

Opportunity was taken at the October meeting to extend good wishes, as she travelled overseas, to Miss Mary MacKenzie, who has been our supper convener for some years.

Saturday Night at Eight wishes to express appreciation to Miss K. Dalziel, who is now in charge of supper arrangements, and to Mr. Ellis, our M.C.

We try to make this series known through the Darby and Joan and Senior Citizens' clubs and various smaller groups but because of their loneliness and isolation it is difficult to contact many of the very people for whom these evenings are arranged. The most effective publicity will always come from those who are regular attenders.

On behalf of those who enjoy and appreciate the hospitality of St. John's the committee expresses its gratitude—To the teams of ladies who have supplied and served supper, to all those who have contributed towards programmes, to those who so generously use their cars to transport the elderly and infirm, to others who have helped in many ways, and in particular to our Minister and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn have won the affection of Saturday Night at Eighters by their unfailing interest and encouragement.

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Another year of outstanding success is reported of the above club, very successful socially. It is one of several ways of getting together and for new church members meeting other members of the church and knowing them by name, for we meet in the large hall every Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m., play until 9.45 and then have a cup of tea before going to our homes.

We visit other church clubs, it is another way of meeting the members of other churches, we have a happy evening together, the ladies of the host club put on an extra special supper. Our minister and his lady have honoured us with their presence when we have visited other clubs.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and if you have not played before all our members will help you get proficient, there is a certain amount of skill in the game, but the main objective is to have a happy evening, and meet each other.

Visits to St. Giles Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Anglican Church and the Baptist Church, Boulcott Street, have been very happy evenings and they come and pay us a return visit.

It would give us a lot of pleasure to welcome more male members of the church, so men, it's up to you to come along.

We were able to hand the sum of £25 to the Church Treasurer as a donation to the budget.

ST. JOHN'S TENNIS CLUB

Another tennis season has passed and with it memories of the official opening by Mr. Fairbairn when the first ball was hit across the net. Since then Saturday afternoons saw players enjoying their games in fun and fellowship with one another.

Although membership was disappointingly low, those who formed the nucleus of the Club were able to enter a keen team in the Wellington Inter-Church Tennis Competition with pleasing results.

Lack of sufficient funds prevented the topdressing of the court—a matter which is becoming increasingly urgent—but it was of satisfaction

to the Club to see the completion by the Council of a drain bordering the court. This drain now prevents silt from covering part of the court; an occurrence which did nothing to improve the surface. Our accounts are at present being reviewed by the Valuation Department with a mind to reducing the rates levied.

On the whole the season was an enjoyable one and it is hoped that the coming season will bring with it fresh enthusiasm and a drive to build up the resources of the club.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club finished last season well. The interclub team played off for the "D" grade championship and although this game was lost it was felt that the experience was beneficial.

The evenings spent with the St. Giles Club and Knox, Lower Hutt, Club added to the fellowship enjoyed.

We were very pleased to have our new lighting installed. It has improved the playing conditions considerably and we feel sure that the other groups using the hall will appreciate our efforts in this direction. We wish to express thanks to Percy Jones for voluntarily undertaking the installing of the new fluorescent fittings.

We were sorry to lose our Club Captain, Brian Turner, who did much to build up and maintain the standard of the club over recent years. We were pleased to congratulate him on his engagement to Jenny Warin, another of our star players, who has moved on to Palmerston North.

Percy Jones has taken over the captaincy of the club and is working well to keep the standard up. We are glad to have Jack Long as our President once again.

TROUP HOUSE

During the year the Troup House Committee of Control decided to make the basement room available for meetings of session and of committees of St. John's organisations. The main purpose of the room nevertheless continues to be that of providing a quiet, nicely furnished room where small groups of people, particularly young folk, can get together for a chat. Committees wishing to use the room are to book it through the Church Rooms Convener (Miss Lees) and the Bible Classes have priority of use unless the room has been firmly booked.

The young men in residence this year are Messrs Barry Doig, Lionel Brown, Bob McDowell, and Merv. Aitken.

The accounts showed a surplus of some £25 on the year's workings after payment and reserves for painting, re-furnishing and depreciation.

We again record our appreciation of the part played by Troup House men in the activities of Church and Bible Classes.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Henry Bayldon Ewen	Mrs. Agnes Gendall
Miss Jean Fulkarton	Mr. Austin Woodall
Mr. Jack Haisman	Mr. Keith Reid
Mrs L. Y. Berry	Miss Alice Anderson
Mrs. A. M. Cameron	Mrs. Archie Purdie
Mr. Henry S. Hart	Mrs. Sybil McSwain
Mrs. A. P. Smith	Mrs. A. G. Macdonald
Miss Mildred Martin	Mr. Angus McSwain
Mr. A. M. Dickson	Mrs. M. N. Austin.

MINISTERS OF ST. JOHN'S:

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)	1868-1903
Very Rev. James Gibb (Moderator in 1901)	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)	1954-1955
Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.	1957-

ST. JOHN'S OWN MISSIONARIES:

Very Rev. George H. McNeur, of Chinese Mission Field (Moderator in 1926)	1913-1940
Sister Margaret O. Bear, Jagadhri, India	1958-

DEACONESSSES:

Miss Lillian Lang	1905-1907
Miss Mabel Cartwright	1909-1911
Miss Norah Dick	1912-1915
Miss Nessie Morgan	1945-1948 & 1951-1959

BUILDINGS:

First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church"	31st August 1856
Second Church opened (accommodation 600), "St. John's"	12th December 1875
First Manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire	9th May 1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street)	November 1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900)	6th December 1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension to Sunday School building (Macdonald Crescent)	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 at 2 Kelburn Parade	1957
Repiling of Church completed	1958
Church repainted and interior decorated	1959

JUBILEES:

Diamond Jubilee of Church	November 1913
Women's Association Golden Jubilee	August 1937
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee	October 1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary	November 1953
Centennial Jubilee of Church	November 1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church building	3rd-5th Dec. 1960

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Free Church of Scotland was petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was formally established	17th November 1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook branch Sunday School, Francis Place	1872
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James's, under Mr. Robert Hopkirk	1874
First Service at Wadestown by Rev. James Paterson	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Bible Class movement started by Sir George Troup	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith	1904
Stained glass windows at south end, given by the Hon. G. W. J. Aitken, in memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 war	1920
Stained glass windows at north end dedicated to the memory of the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, first layman Moderator, 1917	1923
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Choir Hymnary	1937
Choir Gowned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in N.Z.)	1944
First women managers appointed	1951
Window (in relief) facing the vestibule dedicated in remembrance of the devoted women who, through 100 years, worshipped and served in St. John's	1954

PUBLICATIONS:

Jubilee Booklets of Diamond Jubilee	1913
Jubilee Booklets of Church Centennial	1953
Jubilee Booklets of 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-

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1964

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1 July, 1963				30	19	5
Plate Collections	1935	3	2			
Envelope Collections	3509	13	5			
Pew Rents	26	0	0			
				5470	16	7
Donations—						
General				64	0	0
Use of Rooms				123	19	6
Choir Lighting and Heating				135	10	0
Troup House Committee				10	0	0
Interest on Lockie Bequest				7	8	11
Interest, Bank of New Zealand				13	16	3
Miscellaneous Receipts				16	6	
16 Troup House Committee A/c., Paint- ing Roof				30	7	6
Withdrawals from Trust Funds:						
Chairs for Hall				120	0	0
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.				414	19	9
Contributions Towards Budget:						
P.W.M.U.	145	7	0			
Afternoon Guild	4	13	0			
Evening Guild	17	13	6			
Bible Classes	100	0	0			
Sunday School	57	3	1			
Miscellaneous	10	11	0			
				335	7	7
Other Contributions for:						
National Council of Churches						
Christmas Appeal	300	7	5			
P.S.S.A.—						
General	2	10	0			

Manses for Hospital Chaplaincy, etc.	206	11	8
Mission to Lepers	10	0	
	509	19	1

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PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
Rev. J. K. Fairbairn—			
Stipend	863	6	8
Car Allowance	164	8	11
Mr. L. S. Adam, Organist	250	0	0
Mr. A. G. McGhee, Church Officer	649	0	0
Rev. J. L. Gray, Supply	160	0	0
Pulpit and Organ Supply	39	18	0
Light, Heat and Power	216	18	0
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	228	2	11
General Repairs	26	9	0
Painting of Roof of Buildings	621	16	11
Plumbing Repairs	63	7	3
Fire Escape—Cottage	8	6	0
Contribution towards cost of Fluorescent Lights in Hall	23	0	0
Borer Treatment	12	0	0
Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc.	138	0	0
Hymn Book Replacement Fund	12	0	0
Organ Tuning and Maintenance	54	15	0
Rates, Manse and Cottage	185	10	11
Rent, Manse site	63	0	0
Telephones, Manse, Church and Cottage	44	1	2
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	89	5	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	17	10	0
Fire Insurance	127	15	8
Earthquake and War Damage Insurance	61	5	6
Accident and Sickness Insurance	20	7	2
Chairs for Hall	120	0	0
St. John's "Messenger"	52	5	0
Choir Lighting and Heating	167	3	0
Bible Class Sunday Club	25	0	0
Minister's Typing	21	2	6

Social Expenses	15	9	0
Repairs to Pianos	12	15	0
Church Officer Sundries	12	0	5
Part Cost Cushions for Choir	11	10	0
Donation to Rev. Scott—Acting Moderator	10	10	0
Bibles for Pews	9	12	0
Check Fire Hose	8	0	0
Lawnmower	8	0	0
Rubbish Removal	7	10	0
Cloth for Communion Table	6	17	6
Communion Wine	4	16	0
R. B. Fowler Prize	1	18	3
Miscellaneous Expenses	15	4	6
Sunday School	60	0	0
Donations to Organisations	11	6	0
Budget Assessment (£1935)	1955	7	7
P.S.S.A.—			
General	32	10	0
Manses for Hospital Chaplains, etc.	206	11	8
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	15	0	0
British and Foreign Bible Society	10	0	0
N.Z. Alliance	10	0	0
Students Christian Movement	10	0	0
Mission to Lepers	10	0	0
National Council of Churches	300	7	5
Balance forward, 30 June, 1964	6	11	2

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N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Treasurer.
18 July, 1964.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Church for the year ended 30 June, 1964, and in my opinion the above statement of receipts and payments and the attached accounts are a true record of transactions for the period.

Paremata,
5 August, 1964.

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

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RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance, 1 July, 1963	548	18 7	Rates (net)	36	15 4
Rents	863	19 8	Insurance	51	12 0
Interest	.....	40	5 0	Painting Corridor	.....	78	0 0
				Commission on Letting	.....	10	8 0
				Miscellaneous Expenses	.....	10	18 6
				Electricity (net)	.....	2	2 0
				Balance, 30 June, 1964	.....	1263	7 5
		£1453	3 3			£1453	3 3

SUNDRY AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1964

RECEIPTS

£ s. d. £ s. d.

Balances held 1 July, 1963:

Coad Bequest—

Y.M.B.C. 151 19 8

Y.W.B.C. 71 14 7

Hopkirk Gift 22 5 0

Sunday School for Samuel 14 15 1

Women's Memorial Windows 13 11 5

274 5 9

Receipts:

Coad Bequest—

Y.M.B.C. 4 11 0

Y.W.B.C. 2 3 0

Sunday School for Samuel 41 3 7

47 17 7

£322 3 4

PAYMENTS

£ s. d. £ s. d.

Payments:

Hopkirk Gift—

Part Cost Cushions for Choir 22 5 0

Balances held 30 June, 1964:

Coad Bequest—

Y.M.B.C. 156 10 8

Y.W.B.C. 73 17 7

Sunday School for Samuel 55 18 8

Women's Memorial Windows 13 11 5

299 18 4

£322 3 4