

Sunday School 100th Anniversary	November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of Church	November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church	3rd-5th December	1960
Y.M.B.C. 75th Jubilee	July	1964

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Free Church of Scotland 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, 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.J.G.W. Aitken, in memory of St.John's B.C.men who fell in the 1914-18 war		1920
Stained glass window 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 Church Hymnary		1937
Choir Gowned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in N.Z.)		1944
First Women Managers appointed		1951
Window facing the vestibule dedicated in remembrance of the devoted women, who, through 100 years, worshipped and served in St.John's		1954
Martin Window dedicated	July	1965

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS:

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

PUBLICATIONS:

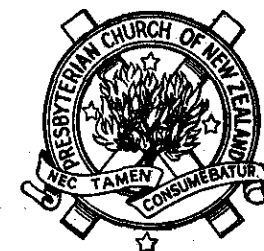
Jubilee Booklet of Diamond Jubilee	1913
Jubilee Booklet of Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Jubilee Booklet of Church Centennial	1953

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1966 - 1967



One Hundred and Fourteenth Report

covering period

1st July 1966 to 30th June 1967

To be presented at the

Annual Congregational Meeting
on Sunday 30th July 1967 at 2 p.m.

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

		Inducted
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
Smith, H.B.,	25 Maida Vale Road, C.4.	1941
Martin, J.S.,	91 Eden Street, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R.E.,	41 Puriri Street, E.4.	1946
Woods, N.S.,	38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Rt. 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,	19a The Crescent, Roseneath, C.4.	1960
McKenzie, Stuart,	15 Hoggard Street, S.W.1.	1960
McLennan, R.A.,	26 Clifton Terrace, C.1.	1960
Van Zweeden, M.,	33 Rata Road, E.2.	1960
Anderson, K.L.,	50 The Parade, Paekakariki.	1962
Keyes, A.W.,	Flat 6D Aston Towers, Abel Smith Street, C.2.	1962
May, H.S.B.	47 Mornington Road, S.W.1.	1962
McLellan, D.,	20 Apuka Street, S.W.1.	1962
Oed, G.V.,	89 Wilton Road, N.2.	1962
Vink, J.W.,	25 Mantell Street, E.5.,	1962
Chappell, F.E.	28 Stoke Street, S.1.	1965
Thomson, J.,	101 Gordon Wilson Flats, C.1.	1965
Garratt, F.,	109 Grafton Road, C.4.	1965
Lowman, I.S.,	65 Alexandra Road, C.4.	1965
MacKenzie, Ken. Senr.,	17 Karepa Street, S.W.1.	1965
Shiels, A.,	19 Fernhill Terrace, N.2.	1965
Arnold, R.D.,	2 Maurice Terrace, C.2.	1966
Aker, F.S.	289 The Terrace, C.2.	1967
Kensit, F.J.	149 Miro Miro Road, Normandale,	1967
Strong, M.,	C/o The Bridge, Vivian Street, C.2.	1967

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

I suppose that as one grows older time seems to pass more quickly. But it is true that when we Christians are fully occupied in our Lord's work, in this Church, we are often aware of the passage of time. So the year has sped and we stand on the threshold of new days.

Jesus once remarked; "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" Assuming that the content of each hour must be filled with loving caring service.

Our Church has had a busy year. The organisations have been outgoing and our youth activities are well led. The women's groups have had their annual meetings and all are performing a fine service in the Church. The A.P.W. is a reminder that we work as a part of a larger family in the Presbytery.

At the same time there is not one of us but is conscious of the many things we ought to have done. We have to remember that human nature always needs the grace of God to change it and the continuance of the Holy Spirit to control and subdue to His will.

We have suffered deeply by the death of some wonderful people. When God calls His saints to their reward we realise vividly how much these folk mean to us all.

It has been heartening to feel a mounting concern among our members and adherents; a concern for the coming closer together of the different branches of His Church; together with a renewed emphasis on the urgency of communication of the Gospel. It is thrilling to see more and more young people attending the Church and being welcomed by our robust Bible Classes.

May this coming year find St. John's even more involved in His world in outgoing service and evangelistic concern.

Your Friend and Minister

Kingsley Fairbairn.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SESSION

CHOIR AND ORGAN: J.W.Vink (convener), R.N.Fleming, K.MacKenzie Senr., R.E.Pumfrey.

YOUTH LIAISON: A.Dorman (convener), K.L.Anderson, J.W.Vink.

TROUP HOUSE: Rev.J.K.Fairbairn, F.E.Chappell, Mrs Hughes, Rt.Hon.J.R. Marshall, N.G.Robertson, J.W.Vink, N.S.Woods

THE KIRK SESSION

An amazing change has occurred in what constitutes our congregation of St.John's. We have been inclined to think of ourselves as having a membership composed of a large student group and a high proportion of elderly and retired folk. Recently Session has revised its ideas on this and here are the figures that emphasise the change. (The figures are for communicants only). Students represent 5% of the congregation. Young people other than students who are in the under 35 age group, many of whom are young marrieds 26%. Those two figures added together make 31% of the congregation to be in the younger age group. Between the 35 and retired people we have 37.8% i.e. working people and married women. The retired or fixed income group comprise 22%. The other 9.2% are people not classified due to insufficient information and these probably are divided proportionally among the above. This knowledge makes us realise that far from being a down town church we are a real family group and as such must nurture and encourage the young people coming to us who will possibly soon move on to new or suburban areas. It is in this role of "The Mother Church" that the Session sees one of its main tasks to lie.

The attendances at the quarterly Communion were: September 305, December 324, March 358, June 278. At Easter 156, World Communion Sunday 189 and Home Communion was taken to several of our elder members and those in Woburn Home.

There were 17 baptisms and our Communicant Roll now stands at 470 there having been 21 admitted by profession of faith and 55 by certificate. 34 disjunctions were issued and 47 names were removed through death and purging of the roll.

Mr Fairbairn has had a particularly busy year because as well as his untiring efforts for us he has been Moderator of Presbytery. His special gift for upholding those in sickness, need or distress

are known to all and both he and Mrs Fairbairn have been an example to each of us in their concern for others.

Miss Margaret Bear, St John's Own Missionary, has continued her work as Tutor Sister in Jagadhri Hospital and we have upheld her in our prayers. We look forward to seeing her shortly when she comes on furlough.

Mr E Darroch, who had been an elder with us since 1942, moved to Hastings. He was a faithful member of Session and before our last Communion together the Minister paid tribute to him and invited him to serve on his right hand.

Mr L.D.Stout, who was also our treasurer, began theological training in Dunedin. The members of his district in Kelburn combined with the Session to say goodbye to him and gave him a cheque towards his books.

Four new elders have been inducted: Messrs.R.D.Arnold, F.S.Aker, F.J.Kensit and M.Strong. Some elders districts have been reorganised and we have tried to bring before the congregation the mutual help that can be derived through the Christian Fellowship of the elder with those in his district; in this, our church magazine "The Messenger", has helped and we thank Miss D Feakins who so ably edited it until April when Miss E Andrews took over this considerable task.

Mr Garratt has continued to lead the Adult Study Group each Sunday morning and this has proved of inestimable value to many.

The combined Lenten Studies were supported by only a small proportion of members but the benefit of sharing with other Communion was realised even though many found the study material disappointing.

An inspiring service was conducted by the British and Foreign Bible Society at which Dr Coggan, the Archbishop of York, brought before us the urgency of constantly revising our Bible reading.

The General Assembly was held within St John's from the 2nd to the 8th of November when over 100 of our members assisted in various ways in ensuring that every facility was available to delegates. The Sunday telecast service was a memorable one.

We receive a message and spiritual uplift from varying sources; the light slanting through the church windows and highlighting the lovely flowers has brought its own thoughts. This must be rewarding to the conveners, the Misses E.M.Brodie and M.I.MacKenzie, and those who have helped them in the care of the church flowers. And sometimes as the choir has sung we have been carried with them into heights unknown. Their selfless devotion to practice and praise under the fine guidance of Mr Ken MacKenzie makes us feel humble.

We have said we are a family and as such we have experienced the joys, the frustrations, the gladness and the sorrows of family life.

Some of our members have been ill and we miss them.

St John's has lost some members by death and we give thanks for their Christian Witness while remembering their dear ones.

IN MEMORIAM - extracted from the minutes of the Kirk Session:

Henry Glover, elder of this church since 1921, died in his 90th. year on the 26th. of May 1967. He rendered to St John's a lifetime of service for which we give thanks to God.

It may be that his early training as a stonemason helped to build into his nature the strength of character and unshakable faith that his whole life testified.

A man of kindly disposition with a quiet humour; his generosity was abundant.

Many were the works he carried out on our behalf and when convener of the property committee he was largely responsible for the change from gas to electricity. He also planned and built the strong room where our records are stored.

He was a keen athlete and on many occasions the youth of our church were entertained at the Glover home

In all his work he was lovingly supported by Mrs Glover and our thoughts are with her and their family.

IN MEMORIAM .. from the minutes of the Women's Association:

On June the 24th. 1967 St. John's Church lost one of its most lovable members. Miss Mary McMillin Chappell was a woman of rare gifts - gifts which were dedicated to the service of her Lord during her long span of years. Strength and tenderness, wisdom and courage, love and sympathy and a delightful sense of humour radiated from her. Her administrative qualities were of a high order and she held many offices both in the church and in community affairs. Her lifelong interest in the Bible Class was honoured by a life membership.

She will be remembered with deep affection by all who knew her for her life was an inspiration.

"For such a life, so dear and great and true,
We thank the Lord of all who deigns to send
Interpreters to show His ways to men."

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Bell, G.R.D.	47 Fraser Avenue, Johnsonville
Brodie, Miss E.M.	143 The Terrace, C.1
Caldow, K.	23 Williams Street, E.2
Clackan, Miss M.C.	22 Ohiro Road, C.2
Clyde, Miss H.D.	90 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Don, J.R.	13 Donking Street, SW.1
Fleming, R.N.	9 Oban Street, N.2
Hughes, Mrs Gladstone	160 Oriental Parade, C.4
Hunt, J.	24 Krull Street, SW.1
Johnston, Miss J.S.	33 Central Terrace, W.1
Jones, P.D.	90 Wexford Road, E.4
Kraft, W.H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Lees, Miss P.	47 Upland Road, W.1
MacKenzie, Miss M.I.	60 Kelburn Parade, W.1
McLeod, G.	C/o Box 498, Wellington
Penney, A.T.	10 Rewa Road, E.2
Piper, Mrs H.W.	31 Bidwell Street, S.1
Roberts, I.	28 Mortimer Terrace, C.2
Robertson, N.G.	169 Karori Road, W.3
Yule, A.C.	C/o Wellington College.

GENERAL COMMITTEES

PROPERTY & FINANCE: J. Hunt (convener), L.R. Blake, F.E. Chappell, R.N. Fleming, S. McKenzie, R.A. McLennan, G.V. Oed, N.G. Robertson, A.L. Wall, N.S. Woods.

ENVELOPES: Miss E.M. Brodie (convener), Mrs Mortimer, Mrs Wall.

ROLLS: Mrs Hughes and R.B. Fowler.

ROOMS: Miss P. Lees, C/O P.S.S.A. and Home number 27.182

NEW BUILDING: J. Hunt (convener), L.R. Blake, R.N. Fleming, A.L. Wall and Mrs H.W. Piper.

(The Session Clerk & Clerk to Board are ex officio members of all committees)

At the last annual meeting four managers who retired at the end of their three year period were re-elected namely: Misses Brodie and Johnston, Messrs, Caldow and Fleming. Messrs, A.T. Penney and I. Roberts were elected as new members. Messrs, A. Cameron and J. Weatherup resigned

on their departure from Wellington and Messrs Aker and Kensit were ordained as elders. Mr L.D. Stout, our treasurer, resigned this position in February on his going to Knox College to undertake theological training. Mr Penney was appointed treasurer in his place. He has been greatly helped in taking over the books by Mr George Robertson whose expert knowledge has been invaluable.

The church officer, Mr C.W. Morgan, resigned in November and was not replaced. The cleaning of the building was let to commercial cleaners and the church cottage was passed over to the Troup House Committee for development as an extension of the young men's hostel.

Work undertaken and completed included the fitting of new church doors and the sealing of the side paths. The southern courtyard was upgraded and sealed by the New Zealand Educational Institute in return for the use they had of it whilst their building was being erected and as a part of a common access to their new premises and our church.

Thanks are due to Mr John Hunt for marking out seven car parking spaces, for taking care of the church grounds and for the many other jobs he has done for us. We thank Mr Fred Chappell and his assistants for repainting the floor of the church, also Mrs Hughes for covering all the Bibles and the Boys' Brigade for painting the ante-room of the hall prior to Assembly.

A contract was let for the painting of the church and buildings. Overdraft facilities were arranged for this; repayment of which has to be made within five years. This work has been delayed by bad weather and is still in progress.

The Presbytery notified their approval of the rebuilding project and commended St John's members "For the courage and foresight shown in embarking on this major scheme". Miss H.D. Clyde was appointed to compile a list of past members who could be approached for assistance in raising a portion of the finance needed for such a building.

A legacy was received from the estate of Mrs Isabella Wilson for the sum of £250 to be used for general purposes.

As the financial year drew to a close it became evident that a special effort was necessary and Mr John Hunt, convener of the Finance committee ably put before us the state of affairs and our members generously rose to the occasion as can be seen in the financial statement.

The meticulous care with which our buildings are maintained by the supervision and help of so many members has preserved what is officially recorded as one of Wellington's historic churches.

THE CHOIR

PRESIDENT: The Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. Ken. MacKenzie, M.Sc.

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Miss H.D. Clyde.

LIFE MEMBERS: Misses E.M. Brodie, D. Chappell, P. Lees, M.I. MacKenzie,

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Strong, Messrs. R.E. Pumfrey and A.L. Wall.

SECRETARY: Mrs. M. Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, N.5. Tel. 37.023

We have had an average membership of 29 with a steady attendance of 25. We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Weatherup, Miss Anne McBride and Mrs Bennie Thomson.

Just before Easter we were grieved to hear of the death of Edward Speirs, for, during his time with us his quiet and friendly manner had endeared him to all. Another link with the choir was broken by the death of Mrs Kerry, once a choir member and wife of a former organist.

Both Christmas and Easter music took the form of meditations. Mr William Austin read most sympathetically the verse for the Christmas one and it is always a pleasure to listen to his reading.

At Assembly time we took our part and the telecast service required a high standard of singing, discipline and effort of practice.

On three occasions we have assisted with the service at Mount Crawford and on New Year's Day their choir paid us a return visit.

At Christmas time we toured around our elderly and shut-in people to sing carols which we also sang at the railway station.

On the 27th of June we led the singing for the funeral service of Miss Mary Chappell and five of our old members joined us to honour her.

Highlights of the year were the picnic and the wedding of our Choirmaster to the Minister's Daughter.

We have many friends who encourage and help and we thank them all; including Miss Lees for her duplicating of words for special occasions which is so important in helping the interest of the congregation, Miss Speirs for her work as librarian and our wardrobe mistresses for keeping us looking so smart. And not the least our Choirmaster and Organist who in spite of our shortcomings carries on with his outstanding ability and good humour.

We are aware that we fall short of what we are trying to achieve but our aim is to serve our Master in song and to His Glory.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TEACHERS: Misses F.Ellis, J.Garratt, G.Higgs, E.Marshall, L.Mumme, T.Trachsel. Messrs. J.Mumme and C.Smith

The Sunday School has enjoyed a successful year with an increase in the number of pupils particularly in the Primary Department.

The Misses L. and N. Button and Glennis Jefferies left when they went touring in Australia. We were sorry to lose their assistance as all had given long and faithful service. We were happy to welcome Miss Elizabeth Marshall as a teacher in the Primary Department.

The principle prizes won were the Hopkirk Memorial Prize: Wendy Noall and Donald Sharp; the R.Bruce Fowler Prize: Giselle Pickard and Maryke Van Zweeken; Scott Memorial Prize: Alan Vink.

Miss Margaret Bear has written thanking us for the money which the children have given for Samuel and which is being used to help him receive a Christian education.

Other projects supported have been the collecting of used stamps and Torch Bearer activities.

The children have taken part in some special services; the Sunday School Anniversary and the Youth Service. They were trained in their singing by Miss Joy Garratt. They have also been present at the baptismal services and helped in the November telecast.

We thank the parents for the help they have given and we have been encouraged by their interest.

THE BIBLE CLASSES

EXECUTIVE: Chairman: Miss Adrienne Woods; Secretary: Miss V.E. Speirs;

Treasurer: Mr H.Baber; Members of Committee: Miss T.Bennet

H.Mortimer; Messrs. A.Milkop, I.Bayliss and Rowan Bilton.

LEADERS: Miss E.Andrews, Mrs J.Ellis, Miss Helen Woods, Mr J.Vink, and Mr John Marshall.

In 1966 we raised £145 by selling tickets for the Ngaio Revue Club's performance of Brigadoon. The £60 profit from this was given to Operation 21.

Other activities included a debate with St Andrew's, a hike and barbecue and a Youth Service taken by members.

The serving of coffee in Troup House Lounge on Sunday evenings has enabled us to welcome new people to the Bible Class and the scavenger hunt and progressive dinner also gave us the opportunity to get to know newcomers. We are grateful to the members of the congregation who fed over forty hungry wanderers.

Among our special efforts is the raising of funds towards the rebuilding scheme and this will be included in next year's report.

A camp at Reikorangi was ably led by the Rev. Ross Pilkinton and the 7 a.m. Prayer Service recently held was well attended.

We were invited to the "Official Opening" of the new Troup House quarters "The Cottage". This commenced with ice skating followed by an excellent dinner.

Among the many who have shown their interest and given help we thank especially Mr and Mrs Fairbairn and our Class Leaders.

TROUP HOUSE

COMMITTEE: The Rev. J.K. Fairbairn, Mrs Hughes, Messrs. F.E. Chappell, N.G. Robertson, J.Vink, N.S. Woods and the Rt. Hon. J.R. Marshall.

The extension of the committee's responsibility to include the caretaker's cottage has provided expansion from four residents to a maximum of twelve. Over 120 church members and friends helped in the renovating and equipping of the cottage. Alterations were made to increase toilet facilities and to provide fire protection. This work was paid for from the funds of Troup House as was the new bedding and the gaylene put down on the floors of all main rooms. As can be seen from the financial statement there are still some funds in hand for future requirements.

Present residents are Ian Bayliss (warden), Maurice Ellett, Alex Gosling, John McKinney, Noel Thompson; but undoubtedly next year will see a house full.

The boys would like to thank the many hard workers and generous people who have provided them with such a comfortable home, especially Mr Fred Chappell for his outstanding contribution, and they thank too the Troup House Committee for its impartial administration of their affairs.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

LINKING COMMITTEE: Secretary; Miss Margaret Johnston.
CONVENERS: Miss J. Hanchet (M.M.B.L.), Miss D. Chappell (Harvest Field), Mrs M.S. Mumme (Stamps), Miss E.M. Brodie (Prayer & Study), Mrs R.B. Fowler (Supper Groups), Mrs D. Bridge (Corso), Mrs D.B. Kirkwood (Mission Boxes), Mrs D.H. McMillan (Coupons), Misses E.M. Brodie and M.I. MacKenzie (Flowers), Mesdames A. McArthur and N.W. Roberts, Miss M. Johnston (P.S.S.A.).

Within St. John's A.P.W. are two women's groups. One held in the afternoon the other in the evening. The object of both these groups is the same i.e. to provide an avenue for service, inspiration and fellowship in the work of the Church. And this does not mean purely a parochial limit but embraces the church's mission in the community, in new areas and abroad. Thus in the report of these two groups we find their united efforts have provided an amazing variety and depth of giving.

In St. John's the women have assisted with Church Flowers, Harvest Festival gifts, provided numberless cups of tea for many functions, acted as hostesses when Assembly met, and in fact, wherever a pair of hands was needed some of our St John's ladies could always be found.

Money for Missions has been raised in various ways: £32.5.0 from Mission Boxes, £9.2.9 through tea coupons, £16.1.11 from used stamps, £66.10.0 in M.M.B.L. envelopes.

Missionary interest has been well maintained through contact with our own missionary, Miss Margaret Bear, and by the 46 subscribers to the missionary magazine 'Harvest Field'.

Social Services are always of real concern and through parcels of clothing sent to our Maori workers, assistance with P.S.S.A. street day, special efforts and visits to Deaconess House, Te Hopai and Woburn Homes this interest has been maintained and stimulated.

Community efforts have been remembered with help for Corso in sorting and packing and in the gift of a Pulpit Bible for the Chapel of the recently opened Y.W.C.A.

Four voting delegates from St John's have been among those attending the Wellington Presbyterial of the A.P.W. and Miss J Johnston was our representative at the annual meeting held in Wellington last November.

At a gathering in August 120 St John's Women saw interesting and colourful displays of the many branches of their various works.

The special activities of the two groups now follows:-

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: Mrs J.K. Fairbairn. SECRETARY: Mrs H.W. Piper. TREASURER: Miss H. Wilson. LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs H. Glover, Mrs P.G. Hughes and Miss W. Millar.

The Afternoon Guild maintained a good attendance with a roll of 37. The long and helpful service of Mrs Gladstone Hughes was recognised by electing her a Life Vice President. Miss Clyde was congratulated on her hymn being accepted for publishing by the American Hymn Society.

We were happily entertained by various speakers; Mrs Hume, Mrs Jones, Mrs Judd, Mrs Howe and our own Mrs J.S. Martin, Mrs McArthur, Miss Wix and Mrs Woods.

In May we went to Te Hopai Home to entertain the residents there and at Christmas time we sent presents and cards to them.

The sales table brought in £7.2.2 and an amount of £39.5.9 held in our carpet fund was given towards carpeting "The Cottage".

Acknowledgement is gratefully given for the gifts from the Scott family toward missions, from Mrs Glover for special purposes, and from Mrs A.E. Harris for sending to Margaret Bear.

To our President, Mrs Fairbairn, we express our gratitude for her inspiration and leadership; for both she and her husband have provided that friendship and hospitality which so endears them to us.

EVENING GUILD

PRESIDENT: Mrs N.G. Robertson, SECRETARY: Miss J. Williams.
TREASURER: Mrs J. Don.

With a membership of 58 and an average attendance of 39 we have had a busy, helpful and enjoyable year.

By only having simple suppers we have been able to send £11.5.9 to the Freedom from Hunger Fund. Support has been given to our Mission Budget through thanksgiving envelopes and we have continued to keep contact with Eunice and Yvonne the two Porirua patients.

Correspondence has been maintained with many former members and sick or elderly folk all of whom are especially in our thoughts.

Some of our members meet on the first Thursday of each month for a Prayer Group and we do hope that others will share in this.

Our Christmas project was the sending of gifts to Maori families working in country areas under the Maori Synod.

Again we catered for the Church Annual Meeting and the Life Boys' suppers were our special responsibility.

The varied, bright and inspiring programmes have been in no small measure a reflection of the hard working committee and special thanks are due to Mrs Marilyn King, the retiring vice president for her kind and enthusiastic influence; to Miss Margaret Johnston who since 1962 has diligently looked after the financial affairs of the Guild and is now handing over the books; and to Miss Agnes McCracken whose exceptional ability as secretary has oiled many wheels and whose special gift of delightful humour has brought cheer to many.

In Mrs Betty Robertson, our President, we have a devoted leader who has made the Evening Guild a centre of happy fellowship.

CRADLE ROLL

CONVENER: Miss Jean MacKenzie. Tel. 26.718

Although 15 names have been added since last June the number still stands at 54 as ten children have reached Sunday School age and 5 have moved to other districts.

The Christmas Party was most popular and we were pleased that so many children came with their Mothers to share in the afternoon's enjoyment.

In June the Mothers were invited to morning coffee with the committee and this proved to be a very friendly and happy occasion.

The Creche still serves a useful purpose on Sunday mornings and the committee appreciates the help given there by others who are interested.

BOYS' BRIGADE

CAPTAIN: J.R. Don, Tel. 88.428

The Company numbers 25 boys and officers; 3 of the boys coming up from the Life Boys at the beginning of the session.

Mr Ian Roberts left us to take up a teaching position in the South Island. His influence and help is missed for he was twelve years with the Life Boys and Boy's Brigade.

Cpl. Greenfield and L/Cpl. George passed the N.C.O's proficiency examination and Staff Sergt. Brunton has been promoted to Warrant Officer.

Activities have included a weekend camp in the Akatarawas, a Founders Day parade, field sports and the Battalion drill competition in which our company was placed third in the "B" grade. Six boys attended the summer camp at Wainuiomata.

At the annual display in November we were able to see the company at work and realise the value of a B.B. Company in the centre of Wellington.

LIFE BOYS

LEADER: Miss Heather Tilbury. Tel. 82.484

There has been a steady increase in membership since the recruiting programme at the beginning of the year and the current statistics show a total of 28 boys almost half of whom are new recruits.

Mr Weinberg was our capable Leader-in-charge until he left Wellington. The Misses H Tilbury and M. Nunn and Mr F. Watkinson have continued as loaders and have attended training courses.

Activities have included a team display, a barbeque at Queen Elizabeth Park and the celebration of the Teams 17th birthday. Area competitions in soccer, physical training and missionary knowledge have been fully entered into. The 2nd Wellington was once again the Team to contribute the highest amount towards Life Boy work in the Pacific area, with the amount of £24.11.8.

The leaders and boys appreciate the assistance given by many and thank all who have lent support.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

CAPTAIN: Miss Adrienne Carley, Flat 2, Arran Court.

All aspects of life have been remembered. Three church parades and work toward the Bible knowledge exam have given us spiritual guidance.

We have remembered others by collecting for the Intellectually Handicapped and for Corso and by working for the International Friendship Badge.

A camp at Waikanae, a barbecue, drill competitions, swimming sports and a walk to Pencarrow have helped us keep fit.

Work for Market Day and the 6d Fair in G.B. Week kept us busy and at Parents Night we helped the juniors present a Nativity Play.

JUNIOR BRIGADE

LEADER: Warrant Officer K. George. Tel. 75.520

At the end of 1966 Miss G. Jefferies resigned as leader to go overseas and we were sorry to lose such a capable officer. She was replaced by Miss K. George formerly assistant leader.

We started the year with five girls and have increased to fourteen all of whom are keen, interested and enjoying meeting every Saturday morning from 9.45 a.m. till 11 a.m.

We had expeditions to Mount Kau Kau and the Zoo, where the girls worked for their exploring points. They are also busy making poems and learning Maori action songs to earn activities points.

The help of Captain Carley and the committee ladies has been much appreciated.

INDOOR BOWLS

PRESIDENT: Mr. R. E. Pumfrey. Tel. 17.919

Sickness has hit us rather badly and our membership has fallen off also other members have been overseas and we look forward to their return soon.

We have attended several inter-club functions and other church clubs have visited us and added to the enjoyment of the bowls season. Two teams went to the Wellington district tournament at Queen Margaret and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Our Minister and his Wife come along occasionally and try their hand at getting their bowls close to the jack and we do appreciate their interest; they are always welcome.

More members are needed and will be welcome. There is a coach who will do everything to help you enjoy your bowling.

BADMINTON CLUB

SECRETARY: Mr. Richard Wells. Tel. 52506

Club membership was 16 and a team was entered in the Wellington Inter-club competitions where under the able captaincy of Percy Jones they won the "D" grade section. Several members also played in the "D" grade championships with success.

A visit was made to the Knox Club at Lower Hutt in October and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our membership is steadily increasing and more players will be welcome. They will be sure of enjoyable evenings playing in the hall on Mondays and Fridays.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

ORGANISER: Mrs. N. S. Woods. Tel. 86.769

During the seventeen years of Saturday at Eight many hundreds of men and women have enjoyed the hospitality, fellowship and entertainment offered.

The success of this venture is contributed to by the many who perform so willingly, provide home made suppers and assist with transport and we thank them all.

Mr and Mrs Fairbairn take a real and practical interest in these evenings and rarely fail to attend and give a warm welcome and friendly word to all. Mr Fairbairn's message always underlines the fact that this is Christian Caring and Fellowship reaching out from St John's into the community.

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The accounts which now follow have all been audited - the main account by Mr L. W. Milne, B.Com. A.R.A.N.Z., our honorary auditor.

We express our thanks to Mr Milne and to those others who gave of their time for us.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1967

Receipts

Plate offertories	2103.16.11	
Envelope offertories	<u>3327. 4. 8</u>	5431.11. 7
Special Appeal 1966	44.17. -	
" " 1967	705. 5. -	
Donations:-		
Use of rooms	101.18. 6	
Afternoon Guild	40. -. -	
Evening Guild	20. -. -	
Indoor Bowls Club	20. -. -	
Badminton Club	10. -. -	
Troup House Committee	10. -. -	
From Trust a/c, Legacy	250. -. -	
General	7. 4. 2	
Interest, Lockie Bequest	9. 8. -	
Insurance recovered	54. 3. 1	
Withdrawal from Church Office	<u>425.16. 4</u>	1698.12. 1
Contributions to Budget:-		
Afternoon Guild	200. -. -	
Evening Guild	31. 7. 6	
Bible Class	80. -. -	
Sunday School	41.11. 8	
Miscellaneous	<u>2. -. 10</u>	355. -. -
Contributions for other purposes:-		
Turakina	54.16. 7	
N.C.C.	137.16. 5	
P.S.S.A.	<u>1.10. -</u>	194. 3. -
Overdraft		49. 6.11

£ 7728. 3. 7

Payments

Overdraft brought forward, 1/7/66	491. 1. 8
Rev. J.K. Fairbairn, stipend	1150. -. -
car allowance	200. -. -
exs. allowance	<u>50. -. -</u>
	1400. -. -
Mr. K. MacKenzie	250. -. -
Mr. C.W. Morgan	299. -. -
Pulpit & Organ Supply	50.17. -
Light, Heat & Power	161. 2. 5
Printing & Stationery	130.18. 3
General Repairs	140. 3. 7
Progress Payment, Church Repainting	720. -. -
Provisional Periodic Repainting	128. 4. -
Organ Tuning & Maintenance	39.18. 6
Rent of Manse Site	139.15. -
Rates	247. 8. 9
Telephones	50.11. 4
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	135. -. -
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	16.10. -
Cleaning, Church & Buildings	416. 3. 6
Fire & Earthquake Insurance	305. 4. 3
Annual Report	52. 7. -
Messenger	42.15. -
A .P.W. Fee	10. -. -
Session expenses	14.16. 5
Bank Charges	12. 5. -
Expenses for Manse Site Lease	15.19. 9
Fire Damage 1966	34. 4. -
General Expenses	74.15. 2
Budget	2155. -. -
Turakina	54.16. 7
N.C.C.	137.16. 5
P.S.S.A.	<u>1.10. -</u>
	<u>7728. 3. 7</u>

£ 7728. 3. 7

TRUST ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1967

Receipts		Payments	
Balances 1st July 1966:		Withdrawals:	
Benevolent fund	133. 8. -	Crockery replacement	35. -. -
Centennial Collection	76. 6. 7	Benevolent fund	25. -. -
Chairs for hall	70.12. 8	Shares matured	100. 6. 9
Crockery replacement	51. 3. 5	" "	425.16. 4
Hall rebuilding	4180. 7. 7	Legacy, Mrs Wilson	250. -. -
Hymn Book replace't	340. 9. 5	Meuli Bequest	156.18. 8
Organ renovation	599. 6.10		993. 1. 9
Periodic repainting	825. -. 6		
Church rebuilding	228. 4. -	Balances:	
Endowment fund	8363. 8. 2	Benevolent fund	115. 5.11
Interest, Lockie Beq't	190. -. -	Centennial collection	80. 8. 7
	15058. 7. 2	Chairs for hall	74. 9. 8
Interest:		Crockery replace't	18.16. 5
Benevolent fund	6.17.11	Hall rebuilding	5018.19. 9
Centennial Collection	4. 2. -	Hymn book replace't	359. 3. 5
Chairs for hall	3.17. -	Meuli Bequest	90. 2. 9
Crockery replacement	2.13. -	Organ replacement	632. 6. 2
Hall rebuilding	230.12. 2	Periodical repaint	486.11. -
Hymn book replace't	18.14. -	Church rebuilding	240.15. -
Organ renovation	32.19. 4	Endowment fund	8823. 7.11
Periodic repainting	59.13. 7	Interest, Lockie Beq't	190. -. -
Church rebuilding	12.11. -		16130. 6. 7
Endowment fund	459.19. 9		
Meuli bequest	2.13. 9		
	834.13. 6		
Deposits:			
Periodic repainting	128. -. -		
Mrs Wilson, Legacy	250. -. -		
Meuli Bequest	244. 7. 8		
Hall rebuilding	608. -. -		
	1230. 7. 8		
	£ 17123. 8. 4		£ 17123. 8. 4

AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1966/67

Receipts		Payments	
Bce.@ 30/6/66		Payments:	
Coad Bequest	204.13.10	Pew Cushions	24.17. 4
Samuel	71.19. 8	Samuel	50. -. -
Women's Windows	13.11. 5		
Pew Cushions	24.17. 4	Bce.@ 30/6/67:	
		Coad Bequest	204.13.10
Receipts;		Samuel	53. 4. 8
Samuel	31. 5. -	Windows	13.11. 5
Periodical repaint	100. 6. 9	Period'l repaint	100. 6. 9
	446.14. -		446.14. -

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1967

Receipts		Payments	
Bce.@ 30/6/66	2794. 9. -	Rates	59.11. 3
Rents	778. -. -	Insurance	44. 1. 2
Interest	153. -. -	Electricity	5.15. 2
		Miscellaneous	16. 3. -
		Bce C/fwd.	3615.15. 2
	3725.19. -		3725.19. -

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB ACCOUNTS 1966/67

Receipts		Payments	
B/forward	13. 9	Supper expenses	6.19.10
Subscriptions	10. -. -	Prizes & compet'n	1. 5. 3
Supper subs.	23. 1. 3	Christmas part & Pr'z	1.18. 3
Contributions to:		Christmas supper	1.13. 5
supper & prizes	14. -	Receipt book	4. -
Christmas party	1.18. 3	Secretary exs.	1.11. 8
Interest P.O.S.B.	6. 6	Flowers	12. 3. -
		Church Treasurer	20. -. -
		Bce.@ P.O.S.B.	16. 4. -
		Timing Clock	1.12. 9
	36.13. 9		36.13. 9

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1966/67

Receipts		Payments	
Brought forward 1/6/66:		Paper for Annual Rpt.	10. -
Women's Assn.	206.15. 6	Secretary Exs.	2. -. -
Less allocations	195. 8. -	Flowers - special fund	2. 7. -
	11. 7. 6	Bus to Kilmarnoch	3.10. -
Carpet Fund	39. 5. 9	Sub for M Bear	3.18. -
Allocated Linking c'ttee		Gift for M. Bear	5. -. -
not availed of	2. -. -	Parcel for M. Bear	1.19. -
Bring & Buy	93.16. 6	Bible, Y.W.C.A.	12. -. -
Sales Table	7. 2. 2	Speaker's exs	5. -
M.M.B.L.	66.10. -	Transfor, carpet fund	39. 5. 9
Mission Boxes	32. 5. -	Friends of Turakina	5. -
Tea Coupons	9. 2. 9	A.P.W. Stamp sales	16. 1.11
Stamps	16. 1.11	Harvest Field	8. 1. -
Collection	1.17. -	Service Project	10. -
Membership Fees	2.14. -	Balance	267. 3. 2
Donation	4. -		
Harvest Field	8. 1. -		
Bank Interest	4.18. 3		
Scott Trust:			
For Maori Missions	25. -. -		
For General Missions	20. -. -		
Donations:			
Bible for Y.W.C.A.	9. -. -		
Special Flowers etc	5. -. -		
For Miss Bear	5. -. -		
Bus fare - Kilmarnoch	3.10. -		
	<u>362.15.10</u>		<u>362.15.10</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 1966/67

Income		EXPENDITURE	
Balance B/fwd.	188.17. 7	Supplies & Prizes	33.19. -
Bank Interest	5. 4. 7	Christmas Party	6.12.10
Interest, bequest fund	8.12. 2	Mid-year party	6. 8. 6
Prize Day Offertory	8. 4. 6	Church Treasurer	72.16. 8
General Offertories	41.11. 8	Balance C/fwd.	163.18. 6
Samuel Offertory	31. 5. -		
	<u>283.15. 6</u>		<u>283.15. 6</u>

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1967

Receipts		Payments	
Balance B/fwd.	23. 3. 2	Allocation 1966 funds:	
Subs. 58 @ 2/6	7. 5. -	Church treasurer	16. -. -
Missions:		Linking committee	2. -. -
Direct giving	29. 4. 6	Prison Chaplain	2. -. -
Donations	1.10. -	Budget (church)	29. 4. 6
Supper collections-		Freedom from Hunger	11. 5. 9
Freed'm from Hunger	12. 3. -	Corso Christmas cards	10.16. -
Corso Christmas cards	10.16. -	Gift Margaret Bear	3. 3. 9
Proceeds Bring & Buy	21.11. -	Contribution to Bible	
Interest P.O.S.B.	6. 5	for Y.W.C.A.	3. -. -
		Supper exs.	1.15. 5
		Secretary exs.	17. 4
		Sundry exs.	1.15. -
		Balance P.O.S.B.-	
		Unallocated	21. 6. 2
		Missions	1.10. -
		Parcel, M Bear	1. 5. 2
	<u>105.19. 1</u>		<u>105.19. 1</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS ACCOUNTS FOR 1966/67

Income		Expenditure	
Balance B/fwd:		Operation 21	145.13. 4
Hopkirk donation	50. -. -	Biscuits	1.10. -
Operation 21	145.13. 4	Young Presb'n sub.	5. 6
General funds	12.10. 7	Flowers	1.10. -
Mission offertories	52.13. 2	Cheque book	10. -
Donation to flowers	1.10. -	Balance:-	
Bank interest	2. 9. 9	Hopkirk donation	50. -. -
		Missions	52.13. 2
		General fund	12.14.10
	<u>264.16.10</u>		<u>264.16.10</u>

2nd. WELLINGTON COMPANY - THE BOY'S BRIGADE - STATEMENT 1966/67

Receipts		Payments	
Balance b/fd 1966:-		B.B. Council:-	
B.B. COUNCIL	38. 5. 9	B.B. Week	34. 12. -
B.B. Week	130. 19. 6	Equipment	23. 9. 6
Uniforms	9. 15. 6	Pacific Offering	2. -. -
Donation A/Guild	2. 2. -	Weekend camp	13. 12. 6
Contra cheque	4. 10. -	Battalion levy	2. 12. 6
P.O.S.B. interest	2. 5. 5	Annual display	11. 10. -
		Bereavements	4. 17. -
		Insurance	11. -
		Contra cheque	4. 10. -
		Stationery	2. 12. 9
		Petty cash & stamps	10. -. -
		Engraving cups	1. 6. 6
		Life Boy equipment	15. -. -
		New footballs	2. 19. 9
		Repairs	2. 10. -
		Cheque book	2. 6
		P.O.S.B. Dec 1967	55. 12. 2
	<u>187. 18. 2</u>		<u>187. 18. 2</u>

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1967

Receipts		Payments	
Balance, P.O.S.B.	29. 11. 8	Church donation	20. -. -
Cash	3. 19. 2	Shuttles	11. 3. 9
Subs & fees	33. -. -	Interclub Court hire	4. 10. -
Interclub fees	6. -. -	Affiliation fees	6. 5. -
Supper takings	5. 18. 1	General	6. 3. -
P.O.S.B. interest	15. 3	Supper exs.	3. 2. -
		Bce at P.O.S.B.	21. 18. 2
		Cash	6. 2. 3
	<u>79. 4. 2</u>		<u>79. 4. 2</u>

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS INSTITUTE "TROUP HOUSE"

Balance Sheet

Sundry creditors	171. 12. 6	Cash at bank	101. 4. 1
Depreciation reserve	711. 4. 10	Deposit, church office	715. -. 1
Repainting reserve	174. 7. 4	Building @ cost	4630. 12. 6
Interior renov'tn res.	211. 16. 8	Furniture @ cost	
Furniture replac't res	351. 4. 5	£1135. 14. 8	
Income & expend a/c	546. 14. 9	Less B.C. carpet donation	
Accumulated funds	<u>4376. 5. 1</u>	£39. 5. 9	<u>1096. 8. 11</u>
	<u>6543. 5. 7</u>		<u>6543. 5. 7</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C. FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1967

Electricity	42. 7. 11	Board	254. 17. 9
Gas	11. 17. 10	Interest received	15. 15. 11
Telephone	25. 1. 10		
W.C.C. Rates	39. 13. -		
Insurance	11. 10. 6		
Sundries	4. 5. 8		
Donation to church	10. -. -		
Deprecation reserve	60. -. -		
Repainting reserve	20. -. -		
Interior renov. res.	20. -. -		
Furniture replac. res.	20. -. -		
Balance	<u>5. 16. 11</u>		
	<u>270. 13. 8</u>		<u>270. 13. 8</u>
Balance 30/6/67	546. 14. 9	Balance 30/6/66	540. 17. 10
	<u>546. 14. 9</u>	Balance brought down	<u>5. 16. 11</u>
			<u>546. 14. 9</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR, STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 66/67

Receipts		Payments	
By bce P.O.S.B.	16. 12. 7	Presentations	5. 3. -
Weekly collections	18. 1. 9	Bce. in P.O.S.B.	30. 1. 10
P.O.S.B. Interest	10. 6		
	<u>35. 4. 10</u>		<u>35. 4. 10</u>
By Balance 30/6/67	30. 1. 10		

IN MEMORIAM

Mr E.J. Blyth
Miss Mary Chappell
Baby Clark
Mr Henry Glover
Mrs C. Sieveuright
Mr Edward Speirs

HISTORIC RECORD

MINISTERS OF ST. JOHN'S:

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)	1868-1903
Very Rev. James Gibb, D.D., (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 Stree	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire 9th May	1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street) Nov.	1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900) 6th December.	1896
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension to Sunday School building (Macdonald Cres.)	1902
St. John's Memorial Hostel for Men	1919-1937
Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road erected	1928
St. John's Bible Class Institute erected "Troup House"	1956
Manse sold, new Manse purchased at 2 Kelburn Pde. 1957	1957
Re-piling of Church completed	1958
Church repainted and interior decorated	1959
The Cottage renovated and made extension of Troup House	1967

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, 3rd to 5th Dec.	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964

Special Events:

Free Church of Scotland 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, 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. J. G. W. Aitken, in memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 war	1920
Stained glass window 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 Church Hymnary	1937
Choir Gowned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in New Zealand)	1944
First Women Managers appointed	1951
Window facing the vestibule dedicated in remembrance of the devoted women, who, through 100 years, worshipped and served in St. John's	1954
Martin Window dedicated, July	1965

Church Newspapers:

<i>The Record</i>	1892-1896
<i>The Torch Bearer</i>	1930-1931
<i>The Review</i>	1936-1938
<i>The Messenger</i>	1941-

Publications:

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1967 - 1968



One Hundred and Fifteenth Report

covering period

1st JULY, 1967, to 30th JUNE, 1968

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on

WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1968, at 7.45 p.m.

Minister:

REV. D. T. W. KINLOCH, The Manse, 2 Kelburn Pde., W.1. Tel. 46-492.

Session Clerk:

R. BRUCE FOWLER, 48 Homewood Avenue, W.3. Telephone 78-777.

Clerk to the Board of Managers:

I. S. LOWMAN, 65 Alexandra Road, C.4. Telephone 81-608.

Church Treasurer:

A. T. PENNEY, 10 Rewa Road, E.2. Telephone 81-591.

Organist and Choirmaster:

ROY TANKERSLEY, Troup House. Telephone 54-261.

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

Inducted

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
Smith, H. B., 25 Maida Vale Road, C.4.	1941
Martin, J. S., 91 Eden Street, S.2.	1946
Pumfrey, R. E., 41 Puriri Street, E.4.	1946
Woods, N. S., 38 Harrison Street, S.W.1.	1950
Marshall, Rt. 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, 19a The Crescent, Roseneath, C.4.	1960
McKenzie, Stuart, 15 Hoggard Street, S.W.1.	1960
Van Zweeden, M., 33 Rata Road, E.2.	1960
Anderson, K. L., 50 The Parade, Paekakariki.	1962
Keyes, A. W., Flat 6D Aston Towers, Abel Smith Street, C.2.	1962
May, H. S. B., 47 Mornington Road, S.W.1.	1962
McLellan, D., 20 Apuka Street, S.W.1.	1962
Oed, G. V., 89 Wilton Road, N.2.	1962
Vink, J. W., 25 Mantell Street, E.5.	1962
Chappell, F. E., 28 Stoke Street, S.1.	1965
Thomson, J., 101 Gordon Wilson Flats, C.1.	1965
Garratt, F., 109 Grafton Road, C.4.	1965
Lowman, I. S., 65 Alexandra Road, C.4.	1965
Shiels, A., 19 Fernhill Terrace, N.2.	1966
Arnold, R. D., 2 Maurice Terrace, C.2.	1967
Aker, F. S., 289 The Terrace, C.2.	1967
Kensit, F. J., 149 Miro Miro Road, Normandale.	1967
Strong, M., C/o The Bridge, Vivian Street, C.2.	1967

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

How lovely to head this 'The Minister's Letter' and to be writing this, my first parish letter, to you all.

My first desire, on behalf of my Wife, myself and Kay, is to thank you all for the warmth of your welcome to us from the very start and for all your kindness in so many ways. All this has resulted in our feeling truly at home in Wellington, in St John's and in the manse.

It is not possible for me to speak knowledgeably about the year which has passed so I shall content myself with speaking about the future. Paul in writing to the people at Philippi said "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Great words, and I would make bold to change the word 'I' for the word 'We', for we are a family in St John's and I have rejoiced in the deep family loyalty so evident amongst you. God has brought us together and that for a purpose - the extension of His Kingdom here in Wellington and He will enable us and equip us for the task.

I have spoken of the love shown to us by you all and how much we have appreciated it. We hear a lot these days about 'Freedom from Hunger' and this is good and a deep concern to us all. Hunger is a scourge that kills millions every year. Hunger for love is an even more terrible and devastating thing which destroys so many human lives. Let us resolve this year to spread abroad the gospel - the good news - of the love of God to all with whom we come into contact. Thus others feeling and knowing our love for them, will be brought to a knowledge of God's love, revealed in Jesus Christ His Son whom He sent to bring us back into friendship with Himself.

Let us press on then together as a family in His service which is perfect freedom, in the assurance that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

God bless, keep and prosper you all,

Your friend and minister,

Jock Kinloch

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SESSION

YOUTH LIAISON: A Dornan (convener), K.L.Anderson, J.W.Vink.

TROUP HOUSE: Rev D.T.W.Kinloch (chairman), F.E.Chappell,
Mrs Hughes, Rt.Hon.J.R.Marshall, N.G.Robertson, J.W.Vink,
N.S.Woods.

CHOIR AND ORGAN: J.W.Vink (convener), R.N.Fleming.

THE KIRK SESSION

In Ecclesiastes we read 'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted;... A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.' And surely these words truly reflect our life in St John's for the past twelve months.

Our happiest event was the arrival of the Kinlochs and the saddest the saying goodbye to the Fairbairns. We rejoiced in the moving and enthusiastic induction service and welcome, on the 27th of June, to our new Minister and his family; and we gave thanks for the ten years of service at the well attended farewell to Mr and Mrs Fairbairn on the 27th of November. On both of these occasions the Mayor, Sir Francis Kitts, shared with our St John's family in their regrets and in their anticipation.

During the vacancy we were encouraged by the help of two fine Interim Moderators, the Rev.G.E.Dallard and the Rev.J.E.Stewart, Mr Dallrd was able to preach for us regularly and his sermons helped considerably in strengthening and binding us together. After this we were grateful to the ministers of Presbytery who in their various ways gave us much material for reflection and we particularly thank the Rev H.S.Scott and the Rev.H.A. Tankersley who led our Communion Services.

Our hearts were saddened in losing some fine members through death and tributes to these people are published in the Messenger. And our hearts were gladdened when at baptismal services eleven little ones were added to our church family.

Another change which brought mixed feelings was the departure of our organist, Mr Ken MacKenzie, and his wife, but we were indeed fortunate to gain a new organist in Mr Roy Tankersley who was already well known to us.

But where would we have been without our choir? Their loyalty and their lead in our services is a contribution which is so important and we can only say a sincere thank you to them.

It has been a time for action; and how hard, cheerfully and willingly so many have carried the load: officebearers, leaders, teachers, flower conveners, gardeners, members of selection committee, tea makers, visitors, encouragers and listeners - we thank them all.

Communion is a time of special inspiration and attendances at the quarterly Communions were: September 299, December 379 (at Mr Fairbairn's last service as minister of St John's), March 295, June 293.

It was a time for us to stocktake too, and as is customary before calling a Minister, we were required to purge the roll and this now stands at 412. Ten members were admitted by Profession of Faith and 42 by certificate from other churches. 57 disjunctions were issued and 53 names were removed through death and the purging of the roll.

Two elders have left us: Mr Ken MacKenzie Senr. and Mr R.A. McLennan, and we thank them for their services so willingly given. In the Session we have felt strongly united in the bond of service to our Master and this bond has been unshaken by the winds of doubt and disturbance around; and thus we will always continue.

'To everything there is a season' the Bible says. Some things in this year have been good, others we may regret, but we bear in mind the words which follow this passage 'Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it.'

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Beggs, D.	89 Karepa Street, SW.1
Bell, G.R.D.	47 Fraser Ave. Johnsonville
Bridge, D.J.	83 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Brodie, Miss E.M.	143 The Terrace, C.1
Caldow, K.	23 Williams Street, E.2
Clachan, Miss M.C.	C/- Pwte Bag, P.S.S.A., Woburn
Clyde, Miss H.D.	90 Kelburn Parade
Cuthbertson, R.	4 Regal Gardens, E.3
Don, J.R.	13 Dorking Street, SW.1
Fleming, R.N.	9 Oban Street, N.2
Hughes, Mrs Gladstone	160 Oriental Parade, C.4
Hunt, J.	24 Krull Street, SW.1
Johnston, Miss J.S.	29 Kilbirnie Road, E.2
Kraft, W.H.	135 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Lees, Miss P.	47 Upland Road, W.1
MacKenzie, Miss M.I.	60 Kelburn Parade, W.1
Milkop, A.	43 Plunket Street, W.1
Penney, A.T.	10 Rewa Road, E.2
Piper, Mrs H.W.	31 Bidwell Street, S.1
Roberts, I.	28 Mortimer Terrace, C.2
Robertson, N.G.	169 Karori Road, W.3
Yule, A.C.	50 Moorhouse Street, N.2.

COMMITTEES

PROPERTY & FINANCE: J.Hunt (convener), L.R.Blake, F.E.Chappell,

R.N.Fleming, S.McKenzie, N.G.Robertson, A.L.Wall, N.S.Woods.

ENVELOPES: G.R.D.Bell (convener), Mrs Mortimer, Mrs Wall.

ROLLS: Mrs Hughes and R.B.Fowler

ROOMS: Miss P Lees, Home No.27.182; Business No.52.205

NEW BUILDING: J.Hunt (convener), L.R.Blake, R.N.Fleming, A.L.Wall
and Mrs H.W.Piper.

(The Session Clerk and Clerk to the Board of Managers are
ex-officio members of all committees)

Changes on the Board have been the election of four new Managers: Messrs. D Beggs, D.J.Bridge, R Cuthbertson, and A Milkop; the resignation of Mr P.D.Jones and the appointment of Mr G Bell as envelope convener in place of Miss E.M.Brodie who had served in this capacity for a number of years.

The painting of the church and other buildings has been almost completed and the spire has also been painted on this occasion

Normal maintenance was carried out as necessary and much of this was done on a voluntary basis by church members; a special tribute is due to Mr F.E.Chappell for his major contribution in caring for the grounds.

The roof of the manse was damaged on two occasions and required repairs to the tiles. On the first, a tree being felled for the erection of flats on the property behind fell on the roof; and on the other, damage was sustained in a hurricane force storm on the 10th of April. The cross on the church steeple also suffered fracture in this violent storm.

Following the departure of Mr Fairbairn in December the manse was let for a period and when our new Minister accepted the Call we set to work to completely redecorate it. Two rooms were repapered and the others painted. New carpet was laid in the study and one bedroom and new linoleum was put down in the kitchen and servery. We were glad to have most of the work done by our volunteer members; over thirty of whom shared in this. We also greatly appreciated the generosity of Messrs.Douglas and Brian Smith in donating a new washing machine.

Five infra-red heaters were installed in the church to improve winter comfort. This was made possible by two donations given anonymously. And we also record our thanks for a donation of eighty dollars from Messrs Hopkirk Timbers Ltd.

Financially this has been a year of consolidation and we hope to continue on these lines. The bulk of our income is provided by those members of the congregation who subscribe to the envelope scheme. This is evident when we observe that the amount from envelopes totals \$6635 against \$3741 from plate offerings and that only 129 of our members belong to the envelope scheme. Let us ask ourselves who is bearing the responsibility of Christian Stewardship and once again we urge all Communicant Members to join in this method of giving.

Ordinary expenditure continued and the vacancy created some special items. The supply by ministers produced some excess funds; one minister was given stated supply, but of the others only a few accepted remuneration. Offsetting this there has been the money required for removal expenses and renovation of the manse as shown in the financial statement. The special appeal towards this brought in \$415.40. We have paid \$3546 towards the painting of the church and the Hall Rebuilding Fund has been added to by \$1876.58 from tenants rental and donations.

Our contribution to the Presbyterian Church Budget (Missionary Outreach etc.) of \$4120 has been fully paid.

We say thank you to all those people who have given so well and so generously.

THE CHOIR

PRESIDENT: The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch.

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr Roy Tankersley.

SECRETARY: Mrs M. Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, N.5, Tel. 27.023

TREASURER: Miss V Speirs, 31 Oban Street, N.2

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Miss H.D. Clyde.

LIFE MEMBERS: Misses E.M. Brodie, D. Chappell, P. Lees, M.I. MacKenzie, Mr and Mrs F.A. Strong, Messrs R.E. Pumfrey and A.L. Wall.

The farewell gathering to Mr and Mrs Fairbairn and his final service were moving and heartfelt. It is on these occasions that choirs sing at their best and we all felt that we wanted to show our appreciation of his concern for us during his years at St. John's.

During the months of the vacancy we have had our moments; sometimes the choir could be seen at the 'ready' with mouths open and lungs filled for an 'amen' or 'Lord's Prayer' only to be beaten at the post by the spoken word! Some confusion has occurred with standing and sitting because the movements of visiting ministers were not always obvious. However, now these small differences will be things of the past as we set forth on this new era with our new Minister. We take our part in most warmly welcoming the Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch, Mrs Kinloch and Kay to St. John's.

In December we said goodbye to Dr Kenneth MacKenzie, our organist, when he left for England. His friendliness and sense of humour, together with his wide variety of musical talent had endeared him to us all.

Once again, we were most fortunate in having in our midst an organist and choirmaster capable, willing and able to take over, and we do welcome Mr Roy Tankersley. His musical knowledge and capabilities are great and we are lucky to have him. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Shelnegrove as a choir member and deputy organist. We have greatly appreciated her playing for services when needed.

Our average membership has been 26 which is three less than last year and as is usual with our choir we rely very much on the student members.

The two major works, at Christmas and Easter, were both meditations and Mr William Austin gave the readings on both occasions. We are grateful to him for his beautiful reading adds much to the service. Mrs Margaret Hunt and Mr Peter Hurd were the soloists for the Easter music and we thank them.

We took part in the Wellington Presbytery Church Music Committee's choir concerts in September at Kent Terrace and Wadestown. And as usual we have been out to Mt Crawford prison several times to help the chaplain with his Sunday service. We sang carols at the railway station before Christmas and joined in the combined carols by candlelight on the Friday before Christmas.

In March we provided a programme of variety for Saturday Night at Eight which caused much laughter and the fun was enjoyed by both entertainers and entertained.

A supper after choir practice was held in The Cottage lounge in November to say goodbye to Mr Ian Fairbairn. Dr and Mrs MacKenzie were farewelled at the home of Mr and Mrs Woods. Presentations were made to each of them. A very welcome and hard earned tea was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Fowler after our carol singing. Before the choir concert at Wadestown we enjoyed tea at the home of our secretary. Another highlight was the annual picnic at the home of Mr and Mrs Strong at Raumati.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks two gifts to our library; Miss Helen Clyde gave us copies of two of her Christmas carols and Mr Wall provided a new hymn book for the organ.

Mr Tankersley has had several pieces of sheet music done for us including some interesting new introits. Our thanks are also due to Miss Vivian Speirs for her work as librarian. As ever, we are grateful to Miss MacKenzie and Miss Lees for their work as wardrobe mistresses

The past twelve months have seen great changes in our church; it is not often that a church loses minister and organist at the same time and this led to extra responsibilities for many. The choir has maintained its friendly atmosphere and has been able to give the lead that the congregation seeks in Sunday Worship. And now, our new Minister is with us and we face the future with confidence. We are getting to know each other and feel we can go forward as a team with God's help to greater efforts.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

LINKING COMMITTEE: Secretary: Miss Margaret Johnston.

CONVENERS: Miss J.Hanchet (M.M.B.L.), Miss D.Chappell (Harvest Field),

Mrs M.G.Allan (Stamps), Miss E.M.Brodie (Prayer and Study),

Mrs R.B.Fowler (Supper Groups), Mrs D.J.Bridge (Corso),

Mrs D.B.Kirkwood (Mission Boxes), Mrs D.H.McMillan (Coupons),

Misses E.M.Brodie and M.I.MacKenzie (Flowers), Mesdames

A.McArthur and N.W.Roberts, Miss M Johnston (P.S.S.A.)

The Linking Committee is a group of representatives of any activity concerning the women of the church. It is purely a liaison to allow discussion of matters of common interest or endeavour and has no executive powers. These remain in the individual groups of the association. However, it proves a valuable link to ensure coordination of effort.

Miss M.Johnston represented the St.John's women at the A.P.W. conference in Christchurch and Sister Nessie Morgan attended the retreat at Hamilton.

Set out now is a brief account of the service which has been common to all women of our church; and in some cases this has included the men.

CORSO: The sorting and packing following the annual clothes drive was well supported and members, both male and female, have taken their turn in providing a small group for packing on the first Tuesday of each month. Knitting, mending and sewing has also been done.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE: \$136.35 was received from 135 subscribers showing a small increase over last year's figures. Two special contributions are worthy of mention. One young man gave a substantial amount to celebrate his engagement and a young woman gave an extra amount on reaching her 21st birthday

MISSIONS: \$67.34 was received from mission boxes. \$46.81 and \$18.59 were received from stamps and coupons respectively. These amounts going towards our Missionary Budget.

Sister Margaret Bear has been regularly remembered with letters and small parcels. Her short furlough occurred in September and a congregational evening entitled 'Beyond our Shores' was the highlight. Hosts and hostesses in the courts of India, Papua, Hongkong, Indonesia, and New Hebrides served supper and guests were able to view items concerning our overseas missions and also to hear something of Sister Margaret's work in Jagadhri Hospital. The 46 subscribers to the Harvest Field are also able to keep in touch by their reading of this Missionary Bulletin. Parcels of clothing were sent to the Maori Mission Station at Kawerau and support was given to the Jullundar bookshop appeal.

P.S.S.A. Support was given with the street day collection, the Fair at the Town Hall and our Church Harvest Festival. In September we replenished the pantry at Deaconess House.

HOSPITALITY AND HELP: This had been generously supplied at after church social hours, Saturday Night at Eight and following the pre-Communion Services. Members have shared in visiting the sick and the ones who are shut-in and this has involved extra work during the vacancy. Several have assisted with the creche on Sunday morning and many have taken their turn with church flowers.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Noteworthy efforts were the decorating of the hall and providing special suppers for Mr Fairbairn's farewell and Mr Kinloch's induction. The special features in the reports of the main organisations within St John's A.P.W. now follow:-

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. PRESIDENT: Mrs D.T.W. Kinloch. PRESIDENT: Mrs P.G. Hughes.
SECRETARY: Mrs E.J. Elliott. TREASURER: Miss H. Wilson.
LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS: Miss H.D. Clyde, Mrs P.G. Hughes, Miss J. Johnston
and Miss W. Millar.

In November we said goodbye to Mrs Fairbairn who had served us so devotedly as President and Lady of the Manse.

Our roll now numbers thirtysix and we have maintained a good average attendance. We hold our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month and when necessary we have another on the second Tuesday for special occasions such as visits to Te Hopai, Woburn and Kilmarnoch.

Our speakers have entertained, informed and inspired us with subjects ranging from Deaconess Work to the East Asian Council of Churches.

Special efforts have been a 'Bring and Buy' which netted \$166.79. The monthly sales table brought in \$15.82 and this enabled us to send Christmas gifts and cards to the residents and staff of Te Hopai; to give financial help to the flower conveners, also the Boy's Brigade and Girl's Brigade. This also provided an extra contribution toward the church budget. Acknowledgement with appreciation is made for the contribution of \$90 from the Scott Trust for Mission Work of the church.

Some of our members have done little extra jobs such as mending hymn books and painting the cloakroom adjoining the Fellowship Room.

The companionship which prevails in this group and their readiness to co-operate in any scheme is enjoyed by all who attend.

EVENING GUILD

PRESIDENT: Mrs J.R. Harris. SECRETARY: Miss J. Williams.
TREASURER: Mrs J.R. Don.

Our membership during the year was sixtytwo and the average attendance was forty. Most of our meetings have concluded with a simple supper which enabled members to contribute to the Freedom from Hunger Fund and this totalled \$17.73.

The thanksgiving envelopes at the 1967 annual meeting provided \$62.75 towards the church mission budget and a further \$9.75 was added following the sale of candles at a delightful evening spent at Mr Vink's candle factory. A successful 'Bring and Buy' in June brought in \$105.77

Our special concerns have been: keeping in touch with two patients in Porirua Hospital; sending Christmas gifts to families working in country areas under the Maori Synod; sending parcels to St John's students who are at Knox Theological College and helping with the end of year functions for the Boy's and Girl's Brigades.

Our part in serving lunch at the church annual meeting helped to introduce a new venture and proved the value of fostering the 'Family Spirit' in a congregation.

We also ran a 'Put and Purchase' table at each of our meetings and this enabled us to donate \$20.03 towards the Hall Rebuilding Fund.

Titles of some of the themes at the various meetings may give some idea of the enjoyment and variety we have experienced e.g. 'Service and pleasure in work and in leisure'; 'On an April Evening' 'Women around the world'; and the 'Cruise of the St John's Evening Star'.

The success of this group has in no small measure been due to the leadership of Mrs Robertson who has concluded her term of office as president. She has given a tremendous amount of time and thought to Evening Guild matters and has endeared herself to us all by her sound chairmanship, wise judgement and warm gracious personality.

Whether we live alone in a room, a flat, a hotel or share the life of a family we have found love and understanding in our Evening Guild fellowship.

CRADLE ROLL

CONVENER: Miss Jean MacKenzie. Tel.26.718

There are fortysix children on our roll; of whom ten have been added during the year. Of our previous number three left Wellington and some reached Sunday School age.

As usual the Christmas party was a popular occasion and we welcomed to it many small children with their mothers and friends. Earlier in the year a number of the mothers had morning coffee together.

The help given by members of the congregation in the running of the creche has been appreciated and each Sunday morning the children have enjoyed playing with the toys which were recently given by our friends in the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr A.J.Baber, Tel.82.359

We have had a successful year and maintained a roll of approximately sixty pupils and a full teaching staff who have given dedicated service.

An enjoyable Christmas party was held and our thanks are due to Mrs Mumme, Mrs Piper, Mrs Baber and the parents for their generous assistance.

At the prize giving the children happily and effectively performed their plays. The principal prizes were awarded as follows: Hopkirk Memorial - Patricia Rainbird; R. Bruce Fowler - Robert VanZweeden and the Annie Scott Memorial - Paul Vink.

We thank Miss Faye Ellis for her work in caring for the Primary Department prior to her going to Australia. Miss Robin Rollet has taken charge of this department and we welcome her.

The children have supported the collecting of stamps for the "Torch-bearer" and the "Samuel" offering. We sincerely thank the parents for the support they have given through their children in these projects.

THE BIBLE CLASSES

EXECUTIVE: Chairman: Miss Dale Kerr, Secretary: Miss Robin Rollet,
Treasurer: Mr Hugh Baber

LEADERS: Misses E Andrews, Trixie Bennett, Helen Woods; Messrs J.H. Vink and John Marshall.

We spent considerable time raising money for the Hall Rebuilding Fund and our major efforts for this were the sponsoring of the Ngaio Revue Club's production of "Bells are Ringing" and the making of wall plaques. These latter were a great success and we found that sales were unlimited.

Of special services in which we took part there were two in the Church and two at Porirua Hospital. A Day of Prayer service was held one early morning and this was followed by a breakfast to which we invited other Bible Classes.

It was with real regret that we said goodbye to the Fairbairns because they always showed their interest in us and we held an end of year dinner, at which they were our guests.

1968 began with much activity and a special effort to contact and befriend newcomers to Wellington. Letters of welcome were sent to the city hostels with programmes of our activities for the following months. These included ice skating, a cinema evening, a barbecue and an entertainment for the children at the Berhampore Home. This all resulted in an increase of membership.

A working bee in February made the Bible Class Lounge more attractive and we now use this for after church coffee to which we invite any newcomers.

Members of Kent Terrace, St Andrew's and Brooklyn Bible Classes were invited to our Class Camp at Ngatiawa where Mr Frank Garratt was the Camp Speaker. Mr and Mrs Guy Jansen were Camp Parents. We were grateful to them for their help in making this event a success.

There are many others to whom we owe thanks for their help and interest and we particularly thank our leaders and all those members of the congregation who have provided hospitality for us and have actively shown their interest in the Class.

BOYS' BRIGADE

CAPTAIN: Mr J.R.Don, Tel.88.428

The Company numbers 28 boys and officers; six recruits having been transferred from the Team Section in February. The assistance of two instructors from outside enables us to hold a variety of classes.

The highest award of the Brigade, the Queen's Badge, was presented to Sgt.M.Greenfield and Cpl.M.George at the annual display in November. Opportunity was also taken to farewell the Chaplain and our senior boy presented Mr Fairbairn with a gift on behalf of the Company.

Messrs Cuthbertson and Don represented us at the annual B.B. Council at Massey College where the principal discussions included the development of closer links between Church and Company, and the introduction of the Achievement Scheme for the Team Section.

Fourteen members participated in a sponsored trek from Upper Hutt to the Basin Reserve to raise funds for improvements at the Battalion Camp site at Wainuiomata. A number of our boys attended the summer camp there and plans are in hand for another in September.

The Captain and Officers thank all who gave so generously during B.B.Week, when \$212 was raised, and we also congratulate the junior hand ball team for reaching the finals of the Battalion Competition. These will be played in July.

THE TEAM SECTION: Leader in charge: Mr R Cuthbertson, Tel.72.430

We are no longer known as Life Boys and have become the 2nd. Wellington Team Section of the B.B. Our first official appearance under the new name was at an Enrolment Service held in the Church in April. We now have four leaders and twenty boys after promoting six boys to the B.B.

Of the important events: we mention that our team reached the semi-final of the seven-a-side football; we attended the Quarter Deck Service at Wesley and were for the third time running credited with handing in the largest donation for the Pacific Appeal. We had great fun on a team fishing trip to Evans Bay and made a good catch.

Other functions included the official visit of the Area Training Supervisor, National Colouring competition, Indoor Olympic Games Night, National Bible competition and the Team's Birthday Party.

It is always good to see and have the support of so many parents and friends on our invitation evenings and we thank the ministers who have conducted devotions for us, the members of the Evening Guild who have fed us and all who have assisted with training our boys.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

CAPTAIN: Miss Adrienne Carley Tel.40.413

Another busy eventful year has passed and we have thirteen girls on the roll.

Badge work has included: swimming, canework, first aid, Bible knowledge, temperance and cooking. And our thanks go to all who gave their time for teaching the girls.

We were delighted to have a visit from Mr Temple who took devotions on our opening night of this year.

Swimming sports in March were a district function in which we took part and two Company hikes have been held; one to Mt Kau Kau and the other to Butterfly Creek. After our 20th birthday party the girls entertained elderly folk with carols and we also helped with Corso collecting and the sale of Health Stamps.

At our Church Parade Karen Millican read the lesson and the colour party was formed by Wendy, Karen, Christine and Lucy.

Our thanks are due to Miss Speirs for running the Company during last year. She is a most able Officer. Our committee: Mesdames McMillan, Harris and Smith have been very helpful. To them and to the ladies who gave time and goods for our stall during Brigade Week we say thank you for this and for the help which is always so willingly given.

8th WELLINGTON COMPANY JUNIOR BRIGADERS:

Leader: Miss Katherine George Tel. 75.520

The past year has brought great changes to the Junior Section of the Girls' Brigade with a new system of awards called the "J Star"

SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT

and a new uniform featuring a junior navy A line pinafore and red bow tie.

The roll stands at nine girls with seven regular attenders and Cpl. Lyn Henderson from the 4th Wellington Company who has been our helper. She is doing a good job with the nine year olds.

We have been to many interesting places: the Art Gallery, Museum, the Gardens and Central Park. The first term closed with a surprise outing to Johnsonville which ended with an afternoon at the Leader's home.

The juniors are now working on an item for the 8th Wellington's 21st Birthday Party.

We thank Misses Carley and Speirs and the committee ladies for all the help they have given us.

TROUP HOUSE

SECRETARY: Mr R Bruce Fowler Tel 78.777

The addition of The Cottage has proved the success we expected and we now have a total of ten young men in residence.

This project is intended to help young men coming to Wellington by providing a Christian home and the only stipulation made is that they attend our Church or Bible Class.

The rental is low and the non-profit making nature of this venture is evident as shown in the Troup House account.

The senior resident is Mr Noel Thompson. He acts as warden and has carried out this job well.

The exterior of the building was painted along with the rest of the church buildings and a reasonable sum has been set aside for maintenance and replacements.

ORGANISERS: Mr and Mrs McArthur Tel. 35.432

After seventeen years Mrs Woods has decided to lay aside this work to which she has devoted herself. We say a very sincere "thank you" to her for all she has done to bring so much joy and happiness to those whose lives she has touched.

Mr and Mrs McArthur have taken over the organising and the cheerful way in which they have accepted this responsibility is yet another example of Christian Spirit.

In an endeavour to provide sufficient cars to enable us to transport those who, because of age or infirmity, would otherwise be unable to join in this fellowship we sent out a circular to members of the church, who own cars, asking for their help.

Just a mention of the very appetizing home style suppers provided by St John's women. They write success to all the functions.

To all who have helped to make Saturday Night at Eight a warm and welcoming fellowship we say thank you.

INDOOR BOWLS

SECRETARY: Miss C. Coker Tel. 55.335

We spent some enjoyable evenings in the company of members from other church clubs and we participated in the Presbyterian Indoor Bowls Tournament at Queen Margaret College where we did well. Also, we attended the World Communion Week evening of bowls.

At our final evening of 1967 prizes were presented to the winners of the evening's competitions. This occasion was a success and terminated with a Christmas supper.

The 1968 season opened with smaller numbers and so a programme of evenings with competitions was arranged to stimulate interest. We are pleased that attendance is now much better.

A surprise visit by the Mayor, Sir Francis Kitts, was a highlight of the year.

All members thank our President, Mr Pumfrey, for his practical assistance and extend an invitation to anyone interested to attend.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ORDINARY ACCOUNTS FOR

YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1968

	Receipts	
Plate offertories	3746.65	
Envelope offertories	6637.25	10383.90
Special Appeal 1967	128.30	
" " 1968	415.40	
Donations:-		
Use of rooms	385.10	
Evening Guild	100.00	
Bank Interest	41.03	
Indoor Bowls Club	24.00	
Badminton Club	40.00	
Manse Rent	352.86	
Organ Practice	32.52	
Troup House for Painting	75.00	
Muli Bequest for Painting	189.57	
Matured Building Soc. Shares	402.51	
Memorial Windows	27.14	
General	12.48	
Interest, Lockie Bequest	19.01	2244.92
Contributions to Budget:-		
Afternoon Guild	400.00	
Bible Class	208.08	
Samuel Collections	144.37	
Evening Guild	50.00	
Sunday School	69.90	
Margaret Bear	9.75	882.10
Contributions for Other Purposes:-		
P.S.S.A.	22.20	22.20
		13533.12
Overdraft		1951.84

£15484.96

	Payments	
Overdraft brought forward		98.69
Rev. J.K. Fairbairn, stipend	1206.44	=====
car allowance	200.00	
exs. allowance	50.00	1456.44
Ken MacKenzie		249.96
Roy Tankersley		291.62
Rev. G.E. Dallard		427.24
Pulpit Supply		178.00
Light, heating and power		133.54
Printing and stationery		324.29
Repairs and maintenance		317.16
Manse Renovations		594.98
Progress Payments, Repainting		3564.00
Provision for Periodic Repainting		240.00
Organ Tuning and Maintenance		82.63
Rent of Manse Site		274.00
Rates		367.06
Manse Phone		42.69
Beneficiary Fund		258.75
Increment Levy		117.50
General Expenses		61.58
Cleaning Church and Buildings		1279.75
Fire and Earthquake Insurance		436.16
A.P.W. Fee		25.50
Session Expenses		79.75
Removal Expenses		280.00
Recoverable Manse Expenses		58.47
Cradle Roll		10.00
Budget		4120.00
P.S.S.A.		115.20
		15386.27
Overdraft Brought Down		98.69

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TRUST ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th June 1968

RECEIPTS		Payments	
Balances at 1st July 1967:		Withdrawals:-	
Benevolent fund	230.59	Shares matured	201.83
Centennial collection	160.86	Meuli Bequest	189.57
Chairs for hall	148.97		391.40
Crockery replacement	37.64		
Hall rebuilding	10037.98	Balances:-	
Hymn book replacement	718.34	Benevolent fund	243.56
Meuli Bequest	180.28	Centennial collection	169.92
Organ renovations	1264.62	Chairs for hall	157.37
Periodical repaint	973.10	Crockery replace't	39.76
Church rebuilding	481.50	Hall rebuilding	10602.55
Endowment fund	17546.79	Hymn book replace't	758.74
Interest, Lockie Bequest	380.00	Organ renovation	11335.75
	<u>\$32260.67</u>	Church rebuilding	508.58
		Endowment fund	18639.42
		Interest, Lockie Beq.	380.00
		General fund	5.90
		Painters deposit	50.00
		Prov. periodic repaint	1098.12
			<u>33987.67</u>

Interest:	
Benevolent fund	12.97
Centennial collection	9.06
Chairs for hall	8.40
Crockery replacement	2.12
Hall rebuilding	564.57
Hymn book replacement	40.40
Meuli bequest	9.29
Organ renovation	71.13
Periodical repaint	86.85
Church rebuild	27.08
Endowment fund	992.63
General fund	5.90
	<u>1830.40</u>

Deposits:	
Prov. periodic repaint	240.00
Painters deposit	50.00
	<u>290.00</u>

\$34381.07
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AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1968

Receipts		Payments	
Balance at 30.6.67:		Samuel	144.37
Coad Bequest	409.38	Windows	27.14
Samuel	106.47	Periodic repaint	200.68
Windows	27.14	N.C.C.	39.05
Periodic repaint	200.68		<u>411.24</u>
	<u>743.67</u>		
Receipts:		Balances:	
Samuel	37.90	Coad Bequest	409.38
Building fund, from		Building fund	20.03
Evening Guild	20.03		<u>429.41</u>
N.C.C.	39.05		
	<u>96.98</u>		
	<u>\$840.65</u>		<u>\$840.65</u>

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1968

Receipts		Payments	
Balance at 30.6.67	7231.52	Rates	112.47
Rents	1826.58	Insurance	90.00
Interest	331.50	Electricity	4.06
		Purchase Building	
		Socy Shares	399.69
		Cleaning costs	160.00
			<u>766.22</u>
		Balance carried forward:-	
		Bank of N.Z.	2395.98
		Church Office	6227.40
	<u>\$9389.60</u>		<u>\$9389.60</u>

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1967/68

Receipts		Payments	
B/fd. 1.6.67	\$267. 3.2	Floral tributes	9.03
Less allocated at		Gift to speakers	50
Annual Meeting	\$253. 8.0	Sec'y Imprest a/c	6.00
	13.15.2 = 27.52	Nursing Mirror for	
Bring and Buy	166.79	Miss M Bear	7.80
Sales table	15.82	Delegate exs. A.P.W.	5.00
M.M.B.L.	136.35	Gift, Mrs Fairbairn	10.00
Tea coupons	18.59	Harvest Field	16.10
Stamps	46.81	Blind for F. Room	3.00
Donations	2.60	Paint for Cloak Rm.	2.20
Offertory	2.25	Service project	1.00
Gift for Mrs Fairbairn	5.50	Friends of Turakina	50
Scott Trust, Maori Missions	50.00	Sale of stamps	46.81
" " Gen'l Missions	40.00		107.94
Harvest Field subs.	16.10	Cash in Bank	502.28
P.O.S.B. interest	7.25		
Sec'y Imprest a/c unused	1.50		
Membership fees	5.80		
Mission boxes	67.34		
	\$610.22		\$610.22

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1967/68

Receipts		Payments	
B/fd, Unallocated	42.62	Allocation 1967 funds:	
Missions	3.00	Church Treasurer	40.00
M. Bear fund	2.51	Linking Committee	4.00
	48.13	Gift, Secretary	1.25
Subs. 52 @ 30c	15.60	Direct giving	62.75
Direct giving	62.75	Free'dm from Hunger	17.73
F.F.H. collections	17.73	Building fund	20.03
Put and Purchase	20.03	Supper exs. Milk	48
Sale of meat	1.80	Pest, Maori parcels	1.57
Bring and Buy	105.77	Secretary's exs.	1.30
P.O.S.B. Interest	85	Mission work	9.75
Sale of candles	9.75	Bce. at P.O.S.B.	123.55
	\$282.41		\$282.41

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 1967/68

Receipts		Payments	
Balance B/forward	327.85	Supplies & prizes	69.84
Bank interest	10.20	Christmas party	17.94
Interest from Bequests	18.04	Church Treasurer:-	
Prize giving offering		General offering	69.90
and donations	17.94	Samuel offering	37.90
General offering	69.90	Balance C/forward	286.25
Samuel offering	37.90		
	\$481.83		\$481.83

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS ACCOUNTS 1967

Receipts		Payments	
Balance B/forward:-		1967 Camp expenses	188.57
General funds	25.48	General expenses	39.59
Missions	105.32	Production costs of	
Hopkirk donatn	100.00	Bells are Ringing	104.00
	230.80	Missions (1966/67)	160.00
Missions	177.54	B & F Bible Society	5.18
General Income	58.42	Donation to Ngatiawa	7.29
B & F Bible Society	5.18	Bce. as at 31.12.67:-	
Camp receipts	188.57	Missions	122.86
Building fund:-		General fd.	44.31
Sale of tickets re		Building "	340.84
Bells are Ringing	157.52	Hopkirk Dn	100.00
General donations	287.32		608.01
Residue of Intermediate			
Boy's fund for Ngatiawa			
Camp site	7.29		
	\$1112.64		\$1112.64

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS INSTITUTE "TROUP HOUSE"
Balance Sheet at 30th. June 1968

Depreciation reserve	1613.88	Cash at Bank	451.54
Repainting reserve	331.73	Deposit, Church office	1054.79
Interior renov'n res.	483.00	Building at cost	9280.47
Furniture replac.res	778.49	Furniture at cost	2286.15
Income & expendit.	1113.34		
Accumulated funds	8752.51		
	<u>\$13072.95</u>		<u>\$13072.95</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C. FOR YEAR ENDING 30th.JUNE 1968

Electricity	346.45	Board	1149.96
Gas	38.42	Interest	3.73
Telephones	94.51		
Rates	280.89		
Insurance	28.03		
Repairs & mainten'ce	14.45		
Sundry exs.	11.08		
Depreciation reserve	160.00		
Repainting reserve	50.00		
Interior renov.res.	50.00		
Furniture replace.res.	60.00		
Bce:C/down	19.86		
	<u>1153.69</u>		<u>1153.69</u>
Balance 30.6.68	1113.34	Balance 30.6.67	1093.48
	<u>\$1113.34</u>	Balance down	19.86
			<u>\$1113.34</u>

SECOND WELLINGTON COMPANY - THE BOYS' BRIGADE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT MAY 31st 1968

Receipts		Payments	
Balance b/forward	111.22	B.B.Council	133.44
B.B.Week	211.87	B.B.Week (30%)	67.30
Donations	16.03	Battalion Levy	4.75
St.John's Afternoon Guild	4.20	Annual display	4.35
Uniforms	17.93	Equipment	69.42
Interest in P.O.S.B.	3.66	Presentations	32.00
Team Section, Pacific		Pacific Offering	26.00
Offering Fund	22.00	General	7.25
		Bce in P.O.S.B.	42.40
	<u>\$386.91</u>		<u>\$386.91</u>

EIGHTH WELLINGTON COMPANY - THE GIRLS' BRIGADE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30th JUNE 1968

Receipts		Payments	
Balance b/forward	87.77	Annual fee to H.Q.	31.00
Weekly collections	23.12	Regional Subscription	8.10
Donations	10.40	District fee	1.00
G.B.Week	34.39	Donations	7.00
P.O.S.B.Interest	1.73	Girls' Magazine	3.27
		Table cloth & crest	5.84
		New Uniforms	49.31
		Badges & badge material	4.18
		Petty cash	6.55
		Stationery	1.90
		Postages	42
		Breakup prizes	1.98
		Breakup expenses	8.91
		Bce at 30.6.68	27.95
	<u>\$157.41</u>		<u>\$157.41</u>

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1967/68

Receipts		Payments	
Bce.B/forward	60.18	New hymn books	7.97
Weekly collections	28.53	New introit books	1.08
Donation, Miss Chappell	4.00	Music duplicating	6.33
Donation, Feilding Church		Picnic expenses	3.60
for loan of music	4.60	Library supplies	58
P.O.S.B. interest	1.72	Secretary expenses	40
		Presentations	12.43
		Bce @ P.O.S.B.	66.64
	<u>\$99.03</u>		<u>\$99.03</u>
Bce. C/forward	<u>66.64</u>		

ST. JOHNS INDOOR BOWLS CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT 1967/68

Receipts		Payments	
Bce.B/forward	5.08	Christmas party supper	6.27
Weekly collections:-		Christmas party prizes	2.44
(July to Oct. 67)	7.93	Supper exs (Jly-Oct)	3.56
(Mch to June 68)	5.70	(Mch-June)	2.91
		Prizes, St Giles	1.00
		Bce C/forward	2.53
	<u>\$18.71</u>		<u>\$18.71</u>
Bce. C/forward	2.53		

GENERAL ACCOUNT 1967.68

Receipts		Payments	
Bce B/forward	1.63	Secretary exs.	2.97
Late sub.	1.00	St. John's Treasurer	24.00
Subs. 13 @ \$1	13.00	Bce @ P.O.S.B.	3.95
Half weekly collection	15.00		
P.O.S.B. interest	29		
	<u>\$30.92</u>		<u>\$30.92</u>
Bce. C/forward	3.95		

BADMINTON CLUB

Our Club membership for this season has been twentysix which is an increase of ten members on the previous season.

We entered two teams in the Wellington Inter-club Competitions and they were well placed.

We made a visit to St Giles in April and Knox, Lower Hutt came to us for an evening in September. Both of these fixtures were a success.

The start of the 1968 season saw a large turnover in membership and we will welcome new members. Anyone joining us will be assured of enjoyable evenings when we meet in the hall on Mondays and Fridays.

Our Club President is Mr Jack Long, phone 78.781. The Secretary is Mr Richard Wells, phone 52.506 and the Club Captain Mr David Beggs, phone 53.943

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts		Payments	
Bce. B/forward:-		Shuttles	56.40
P.O.S.B.	43.82	Inter-club court hire	36.75
Cash	12.22	Church donation	20.00
Subscriptions	86.00	Affiliation & entry fee	21.50
Inter-club fees	57.30	Lighting	11.90
Casuals	17.75	General	11.08
Suppers.	7.09	Bce.@ P.O.S.B.	68.03
P.O.S.B. interest	1.48		
	<u>\$225.66</u>		<u>\$225.66</u>
Bce.B/forward	68.03		

The accounts set out in the preceding pages have all been audited - the main account by Mr L.W.Milne B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., our honorary auditor.

We express our thanks to Mr Milne and to those others who gave of their time for us.

The Treasurer, Mr A.T.Penney, has asked that particular thanks be expressed to Mr N.G.Robertson for his expert help in our financial affairs.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs Robert Fleming	16. 7.67	Miss I Latham	16. 7.67
Mr N.R.Lightbody	20. 8.67	Mrs E Goodwin	17. 9.67
Mrs H Glover	31.10.67	Mrs W.V.Clark	20.10.67
Mrs L.R.Blake	12.12.67	Mr Bill Glover	5. 1.68
Miss A Beaton	8. 2.68	Mr W McKenzie	27. 2.68
Mrs I.E.Armstrong	13. 6.68	Mrs J.S.Lomas	5. 7.68
Miss Ida Muir	8.7.68		

HISTORIC RECORD

Ministers of St. John's:

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)	1868-1903
Very Rev. James Gibb, D.D. (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.	1957-1968
Rev. D. T. W. Kinloch	1968-

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-

Deaconesses:

Miss Lillian Lang.	1905-1907
Miss Mabel Cartwright.	1909-1911
Miss Norah Dick.	1912-1915
Miss Nessie Morgan.	1945-1948 and 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, "Troup House"	1956
Manse sold, new Manse purchased at 2 Kelburn Parade	1957
Repiling of Church completed	1958
Church repainted and interior decorated	1959
The Cottage renovated and made extension of Troup House	1967

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

The minutes of St John's Annual Congregational Meeting held in the Hall at 2 p.m. on Sunday 30th July 1967.

A personal written invitation had been issued to each church member to bring their lunch and come to the Hall after morning Service.

The ladies of the Evening Guild had prepared hot soup and tea. Spare lunches were available for anyone unable to bring their own and this service was readily availed of. 108 people, including a number of families, sat down to lunch after which we sang some hymns until ready for the meeting to commence.

Three members of the Bible Class constituted the meeting with prayer after which apologies were called for and those of 25 of our members were sustained.

By this time several other people had arrived making the total attendance over 150 Mr Fairbairn then addressed the gathering as chairman and called on Mr Garratt to present the report on behalf of the Kirk Session.

Mr Garratt first referred to our Minister's wonderful gift for pastoral work, his ability to make people feel at home here and his work throughout the year, not only as Moderator of Presbytery but in visiting many and taking Home Communion to the older members, those in hospital and at Woburn Home. Mr Garratt also drew attention to the new format of the annual report and emphasised that by having it cyclostyled instead of printed, as in past years, we had saved some \$100 which could be used for the work of God in other ways. He remarked on the rising average number of youth in this church which was making it more virile and he also pointed out that we had felt the benefit from the work being shared by our four new elders.. The Editor of the Messenger, Miss Evelyn Andrews, was thanked for her work as was the Staff of the Sunday School. Mr Garratt pointed out that it was easier to bring a child to Christ than an adult whose ways were already formed and he commended the leaders of the Bible Class, stressing the fact that those who taught must spend considerable time each week in Bible study and preparation in order to be able to give out to those in their care. In commenting on the Women's work he read the first two paragraphs of the A.P.W. report "Within St. John's A.P.W. are two women's groups. One held in the afternoon the other in the evening. The object of both being to provide an avenue for service, inspiration and fellowship in the work of the church... in these two groups we find their united efforts have provided an amazing variety and depth of giving. They assisted with church flowers, Harvest Festival gifts, provided numberless cups of tea for many functions, acted as hostesses when Assembly met, and wherever a pair of hands was needed some of our St John's ladies could always be found". Mr Garratt also paid tribute to all the other organisations which, he said, proved that the church catered for the whole man, body, soul and spirit.

The choir, augmented by an orchestra, rendered a setting of Psalm 150 from the 20th Century Folk Mass. This was appreciated as was their further unaccompanied item.

Mr Fairbairn then called on Mr Hunt to move the adoption of the financial statement following which Mr Ponney, as treasurer, gave an explanation of the main accounts and answered some questions. He thanked those who had so generously supported the special appeal with special thanks to Mr Robertson for his help in making up the books of a/cs.

Mr Lowman moved the re-election to the Board of Managers: Mrs Piper, Messrs Don, Yule, Robertson and the election of Messrs D Boggs, D Bridge, R Cuthbertson, and A Milkop. Mr Baber seconded and it was agreed. The new managers were introduced to the meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to all who had shared in the preparation and success of the meeting; particularly the Chairman for his guidance and Mrs Robertson for her organising and assistance.

Mr Fairbairn introduced our Guest Speaker, the Rev Douglas Watt of Eastbourne, who gave us an inspiring and helpful forward looking address. He told of the occasion on which the Archbishop of York, Dr Coggan, preached in the Auckland Cathedral and how he stressed that no matter how full the building or how beautiful all that was of little value unless it was a centre of worship and evangelism. Mr Watt said this applied to St John's and we needed to renew ourselves for God's work. He closed by quoting the Prayer of Renewal.

'God is calling His Church to a deeper devotion to Himself. Lord renew Thy Church beginning with me.

God is calling His Church to a more active fellowship in Him. Lord renew Thy Church beginning with me.

God is calling His Church to a better understanding of His will for all mankind. Lord renew Thy Church beginning with me.

God is calling His Church to a more selfless and outward looking service. Lord renew Thy Church beginning with me.

God is calling His Church to more sacrificial giving for His Kingdom. Lord renew Thy Church beginning with me.

God is calling each member of the Church to a personal commitment to the Saviour. Lord renew Thy Church beginning with me

R. Bruce Fowler
Session Clerk

Read and confirmed

Moderator.

Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of Church, November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3rd to 5th Dec.	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964

Special Events:

Free Church of Scotland 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, 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. J. G. W. Aitken, in memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 war	1920
Stained glass window 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 Church Hymnary	1937
Choir Gowned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in New Zealand)	1944
First Women Managers appointed	1951
Window facing the vestibule dedicated in remembrance of the devoted women, who, through 100 years, worshipped and served in St. John's	1954
Martin Window dedicated, July	1965

Church Newspapers:

<i>The Record</i>	1892-1896
<i>The Torch Bearer</i>	1930-1931
<i>The Review</i>	1936-1938
<i>The Messenger</i>	1941-

Publications:

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1968-1969



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to be presented at the

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on

SUNDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1969.

Minister:

REV. D. T. W. KINLOCH, The Manor, 2 Kelburn Parade, S. Tel. 43492.

Session Clerk:

R. BRUCE FOWLER, 48 Homewood Avenue, S. Tel. 768777.

Clark to the Board of Managers:

I. S. LOWMAN, 65 Alexandra Road, S. Tel. 861608.

Church Treasurer:

A. T. PENNEY, 10 Ruwa Road, S. Tel. 891591.

Organist and Choirmaster:

ROY TANKERSLEY, Mus. B., L.R.S.M., 104 Collins Avenue, Linden.

OFFICE BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S
KIRK SESSION

Inducted

BLAKE, L.R.	29 Rawhiti Terrace, 5.	1933
FOWLER, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5.	1933
SMITH, H.B.	25 Maids Vale Road, 3.	1941
MARTIN, J.S.	91 Eden Street, 2.	1946
PUMFREY, R.E.	41 Puriri Street, 3.	1946
WOODS, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2.	1950
MARSHALL, Rt. Hon. J.R.	23 Bolton Street, 1.	1950
DORNAN, Alford.	19a The Crescent, 3.	1960
MCKENZIE, Stuart.	15 Hoggard Street, 2.	1960
Van ZWEDEN, M.	35 Rata Road, 3.	1960
ANDERSON, K.L.	50 The Parade, Paekakariki.	1962
KEYES, A.W.	Flat 6D, Aston Towers, Abel Smith Street.	1962
McLELLAN, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2.	1962
OED, G.V.	89 Wilton Road, 1.	1962
VINK, J.W.	25 Mantell Street, 3.	1962
CHAPPELL, F.E.	28 Stoke Street, 2.	1965
THOMSON, J.A.	101 Gordon Wilson Flats, 1.	1965
GARRATT, F.N.	109 Grafton Road, 3.	1965
LOWMAN, I.S.	65 Alexandra Road, 3.	1965
SHIELDS, A.	19 Fernhill Terrace, 1.	1965
ARNOLD, R.D.	2 Maurice Terrace, 1.	1966
AKER, F.S.	289 The Terrace, 1.	1967
KENSIT, F.J.	149 Miro Miro Road, Normandale.	1967
STRONG, M.	c/o The Bridge, Vivian Street, 1.	1967
ROBERTSON, N.G.	169 Karori Road, 5.	1968
HUNT, John	24 Krull Street, 2.	1968
CUTHBERTSON, R.	4 Regal Gardens, 3.	1968
BRIDGE, D.J.	83 Kelburn Parade, 5.	1968
Dr. HARVIE, A.H.	1 Palm Grove, Belmont.	1969
MARTIN, T.G.	6 Lower Watt Street, 1.	1969

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

How the time flies! It hardly seems possible that it is over a year since we began our joint ministry; and yet it is so.

This full and detailed report of the work of the congregation during the past year makes it unnecessary for me to dwell on the details of our life together. I would simply say that the reports all speak of faithful work and willing service on the part of many people. In this connection I would take this opportunity of thanking many of you for help, advice and encouragement given.

We hear quite a lot today of the way in which the Church is going downhill. In some quarters it is popular to dwell on the declining numbers attending Sunday worship, the decrease in giving throughout the churches and so on. I am sure we are called upon to note such tendencies; to check and see if they apply to our situation and to take action if this is so. There is little to commend a false optimism but surely less still to commend an introverted pessimism. Jesus Christ is still the King and Head of the Church - still our King and Head and this we can and do rejoice. The Kingdom in which we are called to have place and part stands and grows for ever, and we with Paul press on confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. For we are ALL partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence unto the end.

During the year some of our dear members have 'gone to be with Christ which is far better' and we are reminded that there are two St. John's families, one here and the other there. Our loss is their gain but oh! the anticipation of that blessed meeting in God's appointed time. How good to know that all our times are in His hand. New members have joined and we welcome them into the heart of the family. And so we press on together consolidating what we have and reaching out into new ventures in the Inner City and remembering that we are accountable to God and not to men.

'It was never loving that emptied the heart,
Nor giving that emptied the purse.'

In this spirit, the spirit of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, we look forward to another blessed year of joyful service.

Thank you for your love, loyalty and service I shall do my best to match it with mine.

Your friend and minister,

JOCK KINLOCH.

COMMITTEES OF SESSION

YOUTH LIAISON: A.Dornan (convener), R.D.Arnold, Noel Thomson, J.W.Vink

TROUP HOUSE: Rev.D.T.W.Kinloch (chairman), F.E.Chappell, Mrs P.G.Hughes, Rt.Hon J.R.Marshall, J.W.Vink, N.S.Woods, N.G.Robertson (treasurer), R.B.Fowler (secretary)

CHOIR AND ORGAN: J.W.Vink (convener), R.N.Fleming and Mrs Mary Mortimer.

The Kirk Session

If we were to search for one word to describe the work of St.John's over the past twelve months we would have a hard task - Faithfulness, Generosity, Fellowship, Worship or Service might be some of the words that would pour into our minds. But perhaps the most apt is the term 'Renewal'. For 116 years the congregation has grappled with problems of Christian Education, Social Service, Membership, Finance, Personal Commitment, Attendance, the 'Role of the Church', and these ever recurring subjects appear as regularly as the changes of the seasons as the years unfold.

And so it is good that in this first year of Mr Kinloch's Ministry we have been lifted up and renewed in our attitude and ability to face the future with the joy and conviction of the Gospel Message. As we have worshipped together we have surely

felt the presence of God with us in the very moving prayers and in the thoughtful and refreshing pulpit messages. We are fortunate in such a Minister who never spares himself in visiting the sick, sad and lonely, and whose warm interest in each one of us is an encouragement and a spur.

Mrs Kinloch has made herself a friend to all and the Manse must rate as one of the most used homes in Wellington.

This spirit of renewal is evident in certain aspects of our life together; Bible Study Groups are continuing weekly for directed periods. A promising Young Adults Group is taking root. Saturday at Two has been launched and monthly Family Services have provided a different approach to our united worship as a family.

The Communion Roll stands at 410: there have been 55 new members (10 by Profession of Faith), with 57 disjunctions whose names were removed through death, transfer or purging of the roll. There were 10 baptisms.

Attendances at the quarterly Communion Services were: September 283, December 332, March 338, June 314 and at Easter 83. There are also a number of older members to whom the Minister takes Communion in their homes.

Session has added to its numbers and these names may be read in the list of the Kirk Session. We were most glad to welcome them at a fine service of Ordination and Induction. It is also good to announce that Sister Nessie Morgan has been invited to resume the seat on Session which she occupied when our Deaconess

One of our Elders, Mr Rollo Arnold, has most capably taken up the work of Sunday School Superintendent and Mr John Vink continues to co-ordinate the work of the Bible Classes with devotion and untiring interest. Mr Frank Garratt guides the leaders of the Junior Bible Class Section and his help is most valuable.

Mr Harold May resigned from the Session on going to live at Tawa and we thank him for his years of service with us.

Two of our much loved Elders have died and tributes to them are included in this report

An important date was the visit of our Moderator, the Rt.Rev.E.G. Jansen, who enlightened us on some of the Mission Work in the New Hebrides. Other visiting Ministers have been the Very Rev Dr Grant

of Salisbury, Rhodesia and the Very Rev. Graeme Bucknall of Melbourne who also conducted a seminar on 'Work of the Inner City' which some session members attended. During Mr Kinloch's holiday the Rev. George Dallard reported on Upsala and another Minister whose leading of our worship was appreciated was the Rev Ross Pilkinton.

The congregation naturally remembers with affection those who have left us for other spheres, and so, it was with appreciation they received the gift of a Bible from our past Minister, the Rev. Kingsley Fairbairn, and their thoughts, too, go to Miss Robyn Rollett and Mr. Ian Bayliss in their first year of theological studies in Dunedin.

The Choir and Organist have again given us selfless service and Mr Tankersley has told us of the need to provide for the renovation of the organ and a special fund has been recommended for this.

Every member of the congregation has helped in some way; by prayer by attendance, by encouragement: special mention though is needed for those quiet workers the Flower Conveners who always add beauty to our worship.

Possibly the spirit of renewal we spoke of earlier was specially evident in the moving and inspiring T.V. Service in June. As a congregation we were uplifted to witness in sincerity and it is in this spirit we look to the year that lies ahead.

IN MEMORIAM - extracted from the minutes of the Kirk Session:

Arthur Leslie Wall was a greatly respected member of this Session whose kindness to all combined with his known business ability made him a valuable member.

Mr Wall was a native of Birmingham. He came to New Zealand in 1921 and lived for a period at Lower Hutt. On moving to Seatoun in 1931 he joined St John's where his business ability was soon recognised and he was appointed to the Board of Managers in 1932 and made a member of the finance committee. In 1954 he became the convener followed by a similar posting to the property committee the next year and he was their chairman until ill health forced him to relinquish active work.

Whilst he led these two committees he was chiefly responsible for arranging the repiling, repairing, extensive renovations and repainting of the church buildings; the strengthening of the spire and the refurbishing of the church interior

The fact that the church possesses the fine manse at Kelburn Parade is due to his tireless negotiation which resulted in the successful conclusion of the sale of the former manse and the purchase of the new property without additional cost to the church.

The amount of preparation which Mr Wall put in prior to Board and committee meetings was a lesson to all who shared with him. Nothing was left to chance and he always inspired our confidence in whatever project he was handling.

The congregation of St John's elected Mr Wall to the Kirk Session in 1956 and, there too, he was a regular and helpful member; always taking part and carrying out his share of duty.

Mr Wall was on the Board of Governors of Scots College and was their chairman for over ten years.

He had a great interest in music, he was a member of the choir and in recognition of his work and interest they honoured him with Life Membership in 1960

Mr Wall was a leader of men. His kindly personality, hospitality and wise judgement has truly inspired and guided his fellows in this place. He will be greatly missed

IN MEMORIAM: A Tribute to Mr. F. Campbell Spratt, Q.C.
who died on the 21st of July 1969

We will miss that courteous, dignified, kindly figure; for he was a part of the very heart of St John's; yet we rejoice in the fortyone years that he gave in devoted service and witness both as an Elder of the Church and as a sincere and committed Christian in the business life of Wellington.

Born at Auckland Mr Spratt was educated at Christ's College and Canterbury University where he graduated LL.B. He practised law in Christchurch and Hawera and in 1927 came to Wellington where he became partner in a well known law firm. His legal career was a distinguished one: he had a wide experience in Maori Land Claims, wrote several books on Company Law and his opinion was sought by the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand in points of Church Law and his signature appears in our Book of Order.

In September 1961 Mr Spratt was admitted to the Inner Bar of the Supreme Court and the words of Mr Justice McGregor underline the regard in which he was held "We all feel you well merit the honour

that has been conferred on you. For very many years you have been a leader of the Wellington and the New Zealand Bar and you are now receiving the recognised precedence which has been your real position in the eyes of the court.

You have spent many years in arduous and valuable work in the councils of your profession, as president of your society and on the rules committee and other committees of the society. We are now delighted that you have taken silk".

Mr Spratt was sworn in as a Judge and sat for the first time in chambers on the 6th of October 1961

His interests were wide. He was Chairman of the N.Z.Alliance and appeared on their behalf before the Royal Commission on Licensing in 1945. He was President of Wellington Rotary in 1938/39. Deputy chairman of the Fresh Waters Advisory Council, Member of the Acclimatisation Society and of the National Road Association. In all these spheres his Christian principles were a profound influence.

Mr Spratt was always quietly thoughtful for others; he spent many hours visiting the sick and lonely; he unobtrusively helped many who needed the advice which he was most fitted to give; he was a devoted husband and father who always put himself last.

He had a deep sense of the reverence of worship and we will hold always our picture of him taking his part with dignity in a Communion Service; standing quietly in his particular pew singing from memory the words of the Hymn he loved 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise' or waiting in the church vestibule to give us that special smile that illumined and revealed the humanity of his character.

IN MEMORIAM:

Miss M. Urquhart	15th. September 1968
Mr. W.O.Wilkinson	10th. November 1968
Mrs Mary Scott	20th. February 1969
Mrs Ada C.Caldow	2nd. June 1969

The Board of Managers

Beggs, David	89 Karepa Street, Brooklyn, 2
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COMMITTEES

PROPERTY: J.Hunt (convener), D.J.Bridge, F.E.Chappell, R.N.Fleming, G.C.Hughes, S McKenzie, Mrs H.W.Piper, N.G.Robertson, Noel Thompson, N.S.Woods.

ENVELOPES: Dr.David Burton (convener), Mrs Mortimer and Mrs Wall

ROLLS: Mrs Hughes and R.B.Fowler

HISTORICAL RECORDS: Miss H.D.Clyde, 90 Kelburn Parade, 5.

ROOMS: Miss P Lees, Home Tel.552.363; Business 555.809

PROJECTOR: Messrs. D.J.Bridge and R.N.Fleming

(The Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Managers are ex-officio members of all committees)

The Managers elected at the last Annual Meeting were, Mrs Mary Mortimer, Dr David Burton, Messrs. Ian Brown, Ian Garratt, Geof. Hughes, Ronald Lorgelly, and Noel Thompson.

Miss Helen Clyde, a Manager since 1953, resigned through ill health and the letter of appreciation sent to her thanked her for her 15 years of loyal and devoted service in her work for St. John's and particularly her meticulous care of the valuable historical records she had assembled which are so useful for reference.

Mr G.R.D. Bell moved to Tawa and resigned as convener of the envelope committee; Dr Burton was appointed in his stead.

Messrs. R.N. Fleming and D.J. Bridge were appointed the committee in charge of the church projector and Messrs David Beggs and G.C. Hughes agreed to act as St John's representatives on the Boys' Institute

The grounds have been maintained in excellent order by Mr Fred. Chappell, helped by Mr Stuart McKenzie, Mr G.C. Hughes and others. Normal maintainance was carried out as required and for much of this Messrs Fleming, Hunt and Robertson had oversight and spearheaded the volunteer work. Special works undertaken comprised the resurfacing of paths, renewal of water mains and the making provision for a vehicular entrance from Dixon Street. All this was helped by an anonymous donation of \$500.

The floor of the church was repainted, bracket lights were refitted in the choir gallery and a shelf fitted in the pulpit for the Minister's books: all without cost to church funds.

Two legacies were received, one of \$400 from the estate of Miss Ida Muir; in memory of her sister Mrs Elizabeth Woodman and her daughter Elsie. The other of \$200 from the estate of Mr A.L. Wall. This latter amount was used in part to purchase a tape recorder so that services could be recorded and replayed to members confined in their homes.

A new typewriter was purchased with the donations given by the Afternoon Guild, Choir and the Hopkirk Family. The Afternoon, Evening Guild and Bible Class also made donations to the budget. A tea wagon was received and the Minister gave towels and a motor mower which was sold and the proceeds placed in church funds.

To assist the work of the Sunday School and other organisations four trestle tables were ordered. The Afternoon Guild have paid for another two; the Evening Guild for one, bringing the total to seven.

The Fellowship Room kitchen has been renovated, the floor repaired and tiled, the walls and cupboards painted. This was made possible

by monies made available through the Guilds as a result of the congregational effort with the Church and Charity Fair together with a generous donation of \$50 from an anonymous giver. Details of these accounts will be available in the organisations statements for next year.

An almost new gas stove was given for use in the kitchen by the Gas Company because we have undertaken a further community concern in 'Saturday at Two' and this has already been used there and proved most valuable.

A special congregational effort in August was organised by the women for the Church and Charity Fair at the Town Hall and as a result \$262 was raised. \$100 of this was given to the Presbyterian Social Service Association (P.S.S.A.) as a donation towards their work from our congregation; thus making the total direct cash congregational amount \$123.06.

An appeal was made in May to help meet current financial commitments and our budget assesment toward Mission Outreach and Evangelism, of \$4140, was fully paid. We closed the year with an overdraft of \$1347.91 which was a slight improvement on last year.

Many members have given sacrificially and worked very hard to ensure that the church continues to witness effectively in the City of Wellington. We thank all these people sincerely but know that their reward is in the assistance they give in their particular way for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

The Choir

PRESIDENT: The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch.

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr Roy Tankersley, Mus.B., L.R.S.M.

TREASURER: Miss Ailsa Love, C/- Baptist Hostel, Boulcott Street.

SECRETARY: Mrs M Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, Khandallah,

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Miss H.D. Clyde. Phone 797.023

LIFE MEMBERS: Misses E.M. Brodie, D. Chappell, P Lees, M.I. MacKenzie,

Mr and Mrs F.A. Strong and Mr Pumfrey.

Our average membership has been twentytwo and we have welcomed some new members. There was the usual round of goodbyes to say at the end of last year. Two members; Trixie Bennett and Adrienne Woods have married. Robyn Rollett has gone to Deaconess House, in Dunedin for training; Evelyn Andrews left for a visit to her family

in England. John McKinney has gone on an overseas working holiday before entering Knox College. Dale Kerr and Hugh Baber find their studies require them to give full time. To all these who have been such faithful members we say thank you.

At a social evening in November we honoured one of our Life Members, Mr Pumfrey, who has been an active member of the choir for forty years; for ten of which he was treasurer. Our prayers are continually with him and we do pray that he will soon be well enough to return home from hospital.

Miss Clyde suffered a long illness during the year and we rejoice in the wonderful recovery she has made. We congratulate her on having her Christmas Hymn, set to music by Dr C.A. Gibson of Dunedin, included in a new Hymnal for Children "Songs for Worship" and published by the Joint Board of Christian Education of Australia and New Zealand. This hymnal is now being used by our own Sunday School.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr Leslie Wall. He was an active member of the Choir from 1935 to 1962 and his fine bass voice was a great asset in the service of praise which he loved so well. When his health precluded his being a regular singer he continued his real interest and encouragement in many ways and Choir Members enjoyed much hospitality in the home of Mr and Mrs Wall and their daughter Mrs Mortimer. The Choir was present and led the singing at Mr Wall's funeral service.

Choral works this year have been Christmas and Easter works, At Christmas we did Nine Lessons and Carols and at Easter J.S. Bach's St Luke Passion. On both occasions we were most grateful to Mrs Margaret Hunt for her help as soloist, and at Easter also Messrs, Bruce Chandler and Barry Mohr for their solo work, and Mr William Austin for his narration.

We took part in the Wellington Presbytery's Church Music Committee combined choir services and we sang at the weddings of Adrienne Woods and Glennis Jefferies

We have been to Mt. Crawford to help the chaplain with his Sunday Service; we took our turn at the Wellington Railway Station with a carol programme and just before Christmas did our annual Cook's tour singing to our elderly and shut-in members

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Our picnic was again held at the home of Mr and Mrs Strong and we are always grateful for their hospitality.

Mr Tankersley has supplied quite a number of photostated sheets of music for which we are most grateful and we say a big thank you to him for this and all his work with us. He must often be disappointed with our standard of singing but we do our best to "watch me" - "lift it" - "mark the important beat" and all the other things he would like us to remember and we do hope that under his guidance our service in leading the worship of praise is of benefit to all.

Ass'n. Presbyterian Women

LINKING COMMITTEE: Mrs D.J. Bridge (secretary), together with the Presidents, Vice-presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Women's Groups. Also the following Conveners:-

CONVENERS: Miss J Hanchet (M.M.B.L.), Miss D Chappell (Harvest Field), Mrs Allan (Stamps), Miss E.M. Brodie (Prayer & Study), Mrs Fowler (Supper Groups), Mrs Kirkwood (Mission Boxes), Mrs McMillan (Coupons), Mrs Bridge (Corso), Misses E.M. Brodie and M.I. MacKenzie (Flowers), Mrs Van Zweeden (Creche), Mesdames McArthur, Roberts and Miss M Johnston (P.S.S.A.)

All the women in the parish of St John's are invited to share in the activities arranged by the Afternoon and Evening Groups. For various reasons many women are unable to do so, but are willing to give assistance with specific efforts. Although Christian women do most of the work in many voluntary community projects, it is still most important that they should be part of the family life of their church, and so the Linking Committee endeavours to unite the women of the congregation in ensuring co-ordination of effort and to keep an informed and alive interest in our Church's work here in New Zealand and overseas.

Appreciative thanks are given to Miss Margaret Johnston who was the Secretary of the Linking Committee for four years. Mrs Kath. Bridge now replaces her.

Mrs Elliott represented St John's at the A.P.W. National Annual meeting in Auckland and very ably reported on the remits and the recommendations.

Many fields of service have been supported by the organised groups which embrace all women of the congregation, and indeed many of the men too.

Noteworthy efforts have been:-

To the P.S.S.A. \$100 from the St John's Stall at the Church and Charity Fair in the Town Hall

House keeping duties at Deaconess House and during September supplying the weekly baking, replenishing the grocery cupboard and supplying other items.

Attending Auxiliary Meetings and assisting with the P.S.S.A. street day. Helping staff the Cuba Street shop which is a new and worthwhile venture.

Community Services:-

Hospitality generously supplied at Saturday Night at Eight and to a Presbyterian party for disturbed patients at Porirua Hospital.

Nearly forty of our men and women spent several hours one day in February, at Bible House, assisting the distribution of a British and Foreign Bible Society news-sheet.

Missions:-

Twentysix Mission Boxes brought in \$66.03 and 1,775 tea coupons realised \$19.50. Practical interest in the work of the Maori Mission is shown by 138 birthday subscribers. An increase of three members and the total contribution was \$140.40 (last year \$135.95). There are 46 subscribers to the 'Harvest Field', the A.P.W.'s. monthly magazine. These amounts have contributed to the church budget.

The women of St John's have supported generously every missionary project sponsored by the A.P.W. and used stamps realized \$68.79.

Our first care is for 'Our Own Missionary' Sister Margaret Bear. In 1968 changes took place in hospital work in the Punjab which is now named Maryana. The hospital at Jagadhri, where Margaret has worked was combined with the Philadelphia Hospital at Ambala, some fifty miles away, and she was appointed Director of Nursing Training at both hospitals and she now resides at Ambala.

A 5 cent appeal for Turakina Maori Girls' College brought in \$8 and \$3 was donated for Bandung Hospital

An appeal for used linen for Jagadhri Hospital brought a response of 52 sheets, 35 pillowcases and two towels. A large number of used spectacles were given for the Rev.A.L.Scarlet's appeal from Papua.

A continuing interest is shown in the work of CORSO. A group from St John's sort clothing once a month and a much larger team helps at the annual clothes drive.

To mark the Presbyterian Church's Overseas Missions Centenary on the 4th of May a display was arranged in the vestibule illustrating the outreach of the New Zealand Church in many services in many countries. An illuminated globe pointed up the challenge of "The whole world for Christ".

Afternoon Women's Ass'n

This has been a year of growing further together in love and fellowship of Christ and in the review of this year's work an outstanding contribution to the programme has been made by our Minister and his Wife. A city church extracts a tremendous contribution of service from its Minister. He has entered the homes bringing friendship, sympathy and comfort and his pulpit ministry and the weekly Bible Studies, held at the Manse, have consistently pointed to the need for greater dedication of Christian men and women.

On two occasions Mr Kinloch shared his skill as a photographer, firstly when he illustrated his talk on hospital chaplaincy and then when members enjoyed his beautiful scenic views of around New Zealand. There was an African atmosphere in the Fellowship Room of display, flowers and recipes, when Mrs Kinloch described her travels after she returned from a holiday visit to Rhodesia.

Miss Frances Ogilvie told of a visit to the New Hebrides. Mrs Patchett, the recently appointed Wellington area secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave word portraits of workers who carry the Scriptures to different corners of the world. Mrs Garratt invited members to her home to view many landscape paintings of early New Zealand.

Special projects undertaken were: providing an afternoon's entertainment and donating Christmas gifts for the staff and residents at Te Hopai.

Several members knitted jerseys for the Mission to Lepers, and others knitted and provided clothing for the family of four children who have recently been enfolded into St John's care. Members also paid the fare for the two eldest girls to come to Wellington for the May school holidays

There were two work days when hymn books were mended, stamps sorted, general cleaning of kitchen and Fellowship Room and a huge pile of mending completed for the P.S.S.A. shop. We also catered for the 21st birthday of the Girls' Brigade.

Mrs Hughes, our President, has conducted our meetings with graciousness and encouraged us all.. Her friendship and understanding are sincerely appreciated.

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE:

PRESIDENT: Mrs Gladstone Hughes, SECRETARY: Mrs N.G. Robertson,
TREASURER: Miss H Wilson, VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs H.W. Piper and Miss J Johnston.

LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs P.G. Hughes, Misses W. Millar, H.D. Clyde and Miss J Johnston.

Evening Guild

PRESIDENT: Mrs B.D. Harris, SECRETARY: Miss J Williams,
TREASURER: Mrs J Don.

Our membership for the year was 61 with an average attendance of 43 and we forwarded \$16.60 to Corso from our supper collections.

We sent Christmas gifts to the Maori families working in country places under the Maori Synod and we continued to send cards and gifts to the two patients, Eunice and Yvonne, in Porirua Hospital and to visit them. During May we received the sad news that Eunice had died.

Monthly letters have been written to Sister Margaret Bear, Sister Margaret McKenzie, Miss Hanskamp and Mrs Spence-Williams.

A book token was sent to Miss Robyn Rollett, who is training as a Deaconess. We also sent parcels to the St John's students in Dunedin and we assisted with end of year functions for the Brigades and for the Girls' Brigade 21st birthday party.

A Bring and Buy was held in May and the proceeds amounted to \$63.40

We are most grateful to our President, Mrs Batty Harris, for the time and thought she has devoted to Evening Guild and for her choice of speakers; the varied programme has provided stimulation, inspiration and fellowship. We express, too, our appreciation to our Minister and to Mrs Kinloch for their interest and assistance.

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.

Cradle Roll

CONVENOR: Mrs Van Zweeden

There are forty children on the roll and we were able to welcome eight new babies into the Church this year.

The Christmas party was a very happy occasion, as usual, with the babies, toddlers and their mothers.

The cold and wet weather did not interfere with the mid-winter coffee morning. This was well attended and it was lovely to meet all the mothers, children and new babies again. Mr Kinloch had a word for us all and he told the mothers about the responsibility of bringing up their children in the faith and that there was a bookstall with the most wonderful books for mothers to read to their children and for older children to read themselves.

Very much appreciated is the help from members of the congregation with the creche on Sunday mornings.

Mothers bring your babies to the creche and so give yourselves a chance to enjoy your Sunday service.

The Sunday School

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. R. D. Arnold Phone 553.078
TEACHERS: Sister Nessie Morgan, Mesdames Arnold and Rush; Misses G Baxter, J Garratt, E Marshall, H Mortimer, A McPhail; Messrs. K. Aickin, D Butel and R McKenzie.

While men have landed on the moon activity has been no less energetic in St John's Sunday School with the reorganisation of the Junior Department into 'Team Teaching' and using the new books on Life in New Testament Times; the introduction of the new syllabus and the purchase of new equipment; such as the Bible Atlas for the Intermediate Department to provide Bible background. We have also encouraged the recruiting of new boys and girls by the pupils.

A delightful message was brought to the congregation by the whole Sunday School at Christmas when Miss Mumme led the children and at this service prizes were presented; including the Hopark Bible which was won by Dale Hunt. The Anne Scott prize went to Anne Arnold.

A gift, of Songs for Worship, was begun with a donation of six books and a music copy from Miss Helen Clyde. The Afternoon Guild added to this with sufficient books for the whole school. This has enabled Sister Nessie and Miss Garratt to teach the children new songs two of which have already been sung in church.

The children worship with the congregation for Family Service on the first Sunday each month and on the last Sunday for the opening. On other Sundays Mr Arnold gives an opening talk. These have been on the geography of Palestine and on the emblems and people of the Church e.g. the Burning Bush and what is an Elder? This serves to help the children feel a part of the whole congregation.

Material comfort for the Sunday School has been thoughtfully cared for and the congregation, through the Managers, has provided blackout curtains for films to be used, heaters to add warmth and tables for easier working.

The enthusiasm and devotion of all the teachers under the skilled guidance of Mr Arnold is an example of service which will indeed reap a rich reward.

The Bible Classes

EXECUTIVE: Chairman: Donald Sharp, Secretary: Alan Vink, Treasurer: Miss L Treffers, Social convener: Miss M. Van Zweeden.

Mr John Vink has led the Senior Class and was helped by Miss Andrews until she left for her trip to England. The Intermediate Classes are now led by Miss Treffers and Mr Ian Roberts; these meet at 11 a.m. separately from the Seniors and they are ably guided by Mr F. Garratt.

No special fund raising activities have been held this year and we have concentrated on more social interests. Our Youth Day of Prayer was held in July, preceded by breakfast and a Youth Service was held.

The District Committee tea was held in our rooms where the Rev. Margaret Reid spoke. We were pleased to have other Wellington Bible Classes with us for this.

Members have visited the Te Hopai Home, the British Sailors Society, Porirua Hospital and the Berhampore Children's Home. These have all been of benefit to show us ways of acting out our faith in Wellington.

The Bible Class has held a dance-social, a progressive dinner and two very enjoyable teas at the Garratt's and the Wood's.

Our end of year service was held in the Church and we later had lunch at the Manse. These contacts with private homes are especially valuable to a shifting Bible Class population and are very much appreciated.

We combined with other Bible Classes for a camp at which Mr Ken Wright was the speaker.

The redecorating of our rooms has been the first stage of our Five Circle Plan which also involves the evening services and coffee hours with a central theme. Many outside young people attended the one on 'Christian Marriage' and our thanks go to Mr Vink for the success of this,

There are many people to whom we owe thanks for their encouragement and help; particularly the Kinlochs, who have always been available for help, discussion and friendship. We thank, too, our leaders and the friends who have shown an active interest in the Bible Class

The Boy's Brigade

CAPTAIN: Mr David Beggs,

Phone 554.547

The Company has paraded each Thursday at 7 p.m. for a programme that always includes devotions, drill and P.T. plus special badge classes for expedition, first aid, fencing, cooking, Scripture knowledge, household maintenance and wayfaring.

Mr Jim Don resigned after four years of hard work as Captain and we have missed him. Part-time instructors have been quite readily available but there is a scarcity of full-time officers.

A combined camp was held with the 4th Wellington Company of St Giles, Kilbirnie, at the permanent camp site at Wainuiomata. Mr A.H. Milkop was the cook.

Extra activities so far have included a barbecue at Red Rocks, two hikes, entries in the Wellington Battalion swimming, athletics and table tennis competitions (with only moderate success), a trip to Porirua to see a film of the last B.B. trek and to hear the Rev. Tepa Falatoese; the B.B. organiser in the Pacific, and a parents night.

We thank each of the instructors who have helped us, the A.P.W. for their assistance at our annual display, and all who gave so generously for B.B. Week.

Team Section

Leader in Charge: Mr R Cuthbertson,

Phone 872.430

The Team started off with eighteen boys and went into a complete new concept of training using the New Achievement Scheme.

Once again we reached the semi-finals of the seven-a-side football at Tawa and we attended the Quarter Deck Service at Central Baptist where we were credited with handing in the largest donation for the Pacific Offering. An amount of \$76.

Some of the Team members were picked for B.B. national publicity posters and we were pleased to have so many parents and friends at our display evening to make this a success.

One member of our Team gained the third prize in the Battalion Bible Quiz.

Mr G White left us to go with Volunteer Service Abroad and in his place we welcomed Miss M Kirk and Mr K Aickin. Miss Tilbury and Messrs Cuthbertson, Hanton and McGovern attended the officers training course at Waikanae.

We thank the ladies of the Guild, parents and many friends who have worked behind the scenes to make this past year's work successful.

The Girls' Brigade

CAPTAIN: Miss Adrienne Carley

Phone 40.413

We have a new Junior Leader in Miss Patricia Hale who takes the juniors at 10.45 a.m. on Saturdays. Pat replaces Kath George whom we sincerely thank for her work with us. We now have nine girls.

With many comings and goings we still have a membership of fifteen on the Brigade roll. Miss Lillian Mumme continues helping and adding new ideas to vary our programme.

The 21st Birthday party was well attended and enjoyed and the rhythmic movement competitions were entered giving new scope to competition work. This, together with an enjoyable combined camp, carol singing, barbeque, a 'Mystery Trip' to Picton and the end of year evening kept us busily occupied. We unfortunately had to farewell our Lieutenant of two years standing to release her to another Company. Miss Speirs was an enthusiastic and capable officer and we thank her for her help.

We have been busy with IHC collecting, swimming sports, cake icing, making modern coathangers, floral art, painting to music, square dancing with Alan Irvine, travellers (an informal evening), candle making, learning texts from St John and an outing to the pictures for a 'Special Activity' group. Car cleaning, a street stall and individual collecting produced a satisfactory sum for Girls' Brigade Week. Over \$60 was raised and these activities concluded a full church year 'In His Service'

Troup House

WARDEN: Mark Hanton,

Phone 558.303

Troup House and its extension 'The Cottage' provides a home for twelve young men and most of them play a live, helpful and friendly part in the life of the congregation. Two are Sunday School teachers; two are officers in the Boys' Brigade; one is in the Choir and one is active in the Young Adults Group of the Bible Class. Besides this two gave much practical help in the painting of the kitchen of the Fellowship Room; one gave time and did poster work for the Mission display; one painted a part of the Fellowship Room and two ring the Church Bell on Sunday. They are all cheerful and co-operative and thus the hard work that many of the congregation put in to equip the cottage and make it comfortable for the boys is rewarded.

The purchase of an electric clothes drier and some extra blankets added to their comfort and both sections were given their annual spring clean in December.

Over the holiday period the committee were pleased to have the cottage used for a short while. An old Troup House boy, Murray Jansen and his best man were able to stay prior to his marriage to Adrienne Woods. Mr and Mrs Guy Jansen and Nicola were also able to stay in The Cottage for this event. The Rev. Ross Pilkinton with his Wife and family then followed when they were on transfer from Opunake to his new position as Secretary to the Scripture Union

Saturday at Two

LAUNCHING COMMITTEE: Convener: The Rev D.T.W.Kinloch,
Session Representatives: Mr.Bridge (treasurer), and Mr Hunt.
Afternoon Guild - Mrs Robertson. Evening Guild - Mrs Fowler.

The change of word in the title from '8' to '2' denotes the change in form of this group. Recently it had been found that

attendances at the evening function were declining and the need appeared to be for an afternoon gathering. This was started in June and will continue at fortnightly intervals.

As this is a new venture it is too soon to define the exact nature of Saturday at Two but already it seems to be providing fellowship and interest to some of the lonely and alone and an oasis of friendship in the city's quiet weekend.

Badminton Club

SECRETARY: Mr Richard Wells

Phone 556.455

Last season we experienced the highest club membership for many years, 34 players having joined the Club by the end of the season.

Once again we entered a team in 'C' Grade of the Wellington competitions providing an opportunity for our players to meet those of other clubs.

St Giles visited us in June and all present enjoyed a very entertaining and exhausting evening. An excellent supper by the ladies was most favourably received.

Sixteen members attended an invitation tournament at the Badminton Hall in May. This proved to be very exciting badminton with players from several countries taking part.

The season closed on Friday the 27th of September.

This year we have suffered a drop in membership even though several new members have come forward. David Beggs is coaching some boys from the Boys' Brigade and should you be interested we will be pleased to have you along in the hall on any Monday or Friday evening.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ORDINARY ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1969

	Receipts	
Offertories, Plate	4322.00	
Envelopes	6514.00	10836.00
Special Appeal	641.98	
Donations:-		
Use of Rooms	377.70	
Hopkirk Timbers	180.00	
Troup House	20.00	
Badminton Club	30.00	
Pew Rents	28.00	
Anon. for Paving	500.00	
Sale of Motormower	50.00	
Organ Practice	69.50	
Legacy, A.L.Wall	200.00	
Bank Interest	25.32	
Matured Shares for Repaint.	450.27	
General	64.00	
Recovered Manse Exs.	58.47	2695.24
Budget Contributions:-		
Afternoon Guild	400.00	
Evening Guild	136.00	
Sunday School	90.00	
Bible Class	80.00	706.00
Contributions for Other Purposes:-		
N.C.C.	163.70	
P.S.S.A.	123.06	
Corso	41.00	327.76
		14565.00
Overdraft		1347.91

\$15912.91

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church and in my opinion the above statement and the Trust & Rental a/cs correctly show the position as at 30th June 1969.

Paramata 5th August 1969 L.W.Milne, B.Com., A.C.A.

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	Payments	
Overdraft brought forward		1951.84
Rev.D.T.W.Kinloch, Stipend	2676.24	
Car Allowance	390.48	
Expense Allowance	199.92	3266.64
Organist, R Tankersley		499.92
Supply Donations		104.00
Heating and Lighting		161.15
Printing and Stationery		277.97
General Maintenance		216.94
Manse Site Rent		274.00
Organ Maintenance		82.80
Insurance		455.31
Rates		395.37
Cleaning		1315.20
Provision for Periodic Repainting		226.00
Final Payment, Church Repainting		576.80
Manse Phone		80.42
Session Expenses		45.60
Increment Levy		103.00
Beneficiary Fund Assessment		275.76
Interest, Coad Bequest		25.12
Cradle Roll		10.00
Saturday at Two		10.00
Typewriter		78.00
Taperecorder		89.99
Presbytery Expenses		34.50
A.P.W. Fees		23.50
New Water Mains		286.20
Repairing Paths		492.00
Valuation Fee		21.00
Budget		4140.00
Sundry Expenses		32.78
Cheque Books and Stamp Duty		33.34
N.C.C.		163.70
P.S.S.A.		123.06
Corso		41.00
		<u>\$15912.91</u>

TRUST ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1969

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balances at 1st July 1968:-		Withdrawals:-	
Benevolent Fund	243.56	Hymn Books	33.70
Centennial Collection	169.92	Period'l Repaint	450.27
Chairs for Hall	157.37	Painters Deposit	50.00
Crockery Replacement	39.76	General	5.90
Hall Rebuilding	10602.55	Crockery	33.06
Hymn Book Replacement	758.74	Benevolent Fund	17.00
Organ Renovation	1335.75		589.93
Church Rebuilding	508.58		
Endowment Fund	18639.42		
Interest in Lockie Beq.	380.00		
General Fund	5.90	Balances:	
Painters Deposit	50.00	Benevolent Fund	250.56
Period'l Repainting	1098.12	Centennial Coll'n	179.70
	33989.67	Chairs	166.40
		Crockery	8.99
Interest:		Hall Rebuilding	11987.84
Benevolent Fund	14.00	Hymn Books	768.70
Centennial Collection	9.78	Organ Renova'tn	1412.56
Chairs for Hall	9.03	Church Rebuild'g	537.82
Crockery Replacement	2.29	Endowment Fund	19711.19
Hall Rebuilding	615.26	Interest, Lockie	
Hymn Book Replacement	43.66	Bequest	380.00
Organ Renovation	76.81	Period'l Repaint	967.46
Period'l Repaint	93.62		36371.23
Church Rebuilding	29.24		
Endowment Fund	1071.77		
	1965.46		
Deposits:			
Benevolent Fund	10.00		
Period'l Repainting	226.00		
Hall Reb'l. from E.Guild	20.03		
" " " B.Class	350.00		
" " " Miss			
Muir, Legacy	400.00		
	1006.93		
	<u>\$36961.16</u>		<u>\$36961.16</u>

AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1969

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance at 30.6.68:-		Coad Bequest to Bible Class	
Coad Bequest	409.38	Church Office B/forward	434.50
Building Fund	20.03		20.03
	429.41		
Interest on Coad			
Bequest	25.12		
	<u>\$454.53</u>		<u>\$454.53</u>

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1969

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance at 30.6.68:-		Rates	
Bank of N.Z.	2395.98	Insurance	114.11
Church Office	6227.40	Windows	110.00
Bldg. Society		Electricity	27.00
Shares	399.69	Cleaning	39.65
	9023.07		96.00
Profit on Bldg.			386.76
Soc. Shares		Bank of N.Z.	
1967/68	16.47	Church Office	2282.92
1968/69	40.70	Building Society Shares	8085.47
Rents	1869.70		552.86
Interest	358.07		
	<u>\$11308.01</u>		<u>\$11308.01</u>

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1968/69

Receipts		Payments	
B/forward 1.6.68	\$502.28	"Nursing Mirror" for	
Less allocated at		Miss M Bear	8.58
Annual Meeting	486.00	Delegate's Exs. to	
		A.P.W. A/Meeting	5.00
Bring and Buy	160.30	Contribution to Exs.	
Sales Table	6.13	Triennial Conf'ce	5.00
Donations & Collections	2.15	"Friends of Turakina"	1.50
Part proceeds Church &		Special Assistance	
Charity Fair	81.00	Fund	6.00
P.O.S.B. Interest	8.07	A.P.W. 5c. Appeal	5.50
Membership Fees	6.00	Harvest Field	16.10
Maori Mission Birthday Lg.	140.40	Service Project	1.00
Tea Coupons	19.50	Stamps	68.79
Scott Trust, Maori Miss'n	50.00	Cash in Bank	574.78
" General Missions	40.00		
Mission Boxes	66.03		
Special Assistance Fund	6.00		
Harvest Field Subs.	16.10		
A.P.W. Appeal, Turakina	5.50		
Stamps	68.79		
	<u>\$692.25</u>		<u>\$692.25</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 1968/69

Receipts		Payments	
Bce. B/forward	286.25	Supplies & Prizes	210.89
Bank Interest	8.51	Christmas Party Exs.	17.86
Interest on Bequests	18.45	Cheque Book	50
Donation	2.20	Offertories paid to	
Sunday School Offertories	90.00	Church Treasurer	90.00
		Bce. at 30.6.69	86.16
	<u>\$405.41</u>		<u>\$405.41</u>

N.G. Robertson, A.C.A.
Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct:
R.N. Fleming 16.7.69

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1968/69

Receipts		Payments	
Balance B/Forward from 1968:-	121.04	Allocation 1968 Funds:-	
Unallocated		Church Budget	100.00
Sister Bear, Parcel Fund	2.51	Donation, Immanuel	
		Hospital, Mattress	3.00
Direct Giving		Delegate, Miss Margt.	
Subs. (1967 2 @ 30c)		Johnston	5.00
(1968 56 @ 30c)		Sister Bear, Parcel	7.51
Freedom from Hunger		Direct Giving	50.00
Share, Church & Charity Fair		Freedom from Hunger	165.51
Turakina 5cent Appeal		Sister Bear, Gift	19.04
Put & Purchase, for Bldg. Fund		Turakina 5c. Appeal	6.15
Refund, M Bear Parcel		Supper exs. (tea, sugar, etc)	2.50
Bring & Buy		Delegates Exs.	1.61
Interest, P.O.S.B.		Mrs Elliott	
		Sister N Morgan	5.00
		Post, Maori Parcels	10.00
		Speakers Gift	1.20
		Balance, P.O.S.B.:-	1.00
		Put & Purchase (Bldg. Fund)	2.00
		Secretary's Exs.	98
		Unallocated	155.50
			<u>158.48</u>
			<u>\$365.49</u>

Margaret G. Don,
Hon. Treasurer

Duly audited and found correct according to the books and
records of the St John's Evening Guild
G.C. Hughes
Hon. Auditor

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS INSTITUTE "TROUP HOUSE"

Balance Sheet at 30th. June 1969

Board paid in advance	27.50	Cash at Bank	536.70
Depreciation Reserve	2023.14	Deposit, Church Office	1532.69
Repainting Reserve	399.76	Building at Cost	9280.47
Interior Renov'n Res	544.73	Furniture at Cost	2380.66
Furniture Replac Res	847.37		
Income & Expend a/c	1135.51		
Accumulated Funds	8752.51		
	<u>\$13730.52</u>		<u>\$13730.52</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C. FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1969

Electricity	528.50	Board	1685.03
Gas	63.67	Interest	9.19
Telephones	125.10	Donation	2.00
Rates	280.90		
Insurance	26.43		
Repairs & Replace'ts	81.02		
Donation to Church	20.00		
Laundry	15.00		
Sundries	3.34		
Depreciation Reserve	370.00		
Repainting Reserve	60.00		
Interior Renov'n Res	50.00		
Furniture Replac Res	50.00		
Balance C/down	22.17		
	<u>\$1696.22</u>		<u>\$1696.22</u>
Balance at 30.6.69	1135.51	Balance 30.6.68	1113.34
	<u>\$1135.51</u>	Balance B/down	22.17
			<u>\$1135.51</u>

N.G. Robertson, A.C.A.
Hon. Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St John's Bible Class Institute (Troup House) for the year ending 30th June 1969 and in my opinion the above accounts and balance sheet are correct statements.

L.W. Milne, B.Com., A.C.A.

Paramata, 15th July 1969

Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the year ending 30th June 1969

Receipts		Payments	
Balance at 30.6.68	66.64	Flowers	2.50
Weekly collections	29.62	Donation, Church	
Donations:-		Typewriter	20.00
Miss Mills	2.00	Presentations	16.70
Organist's Services	10.00	Hymn Sheets	50.94
Wedding, Miss Jefferies	5.00	Bce. @ 30.6.69	24.41
P.O.S.B. Interest	1.29		
	<u>\$114.55</u>		<u>\$114.55</u>

Checked and found correct:

E.M. Brodie 10.7.69

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts		Payments	
P.O.S.B. Bce. B/forward	68.03	Shuttles	94.30
Subscriptions	134.00	Church Donation	40.00
Inter-Club Fees	14.00	Affiliation & Ent.	
Supper Receipts	23.20	Fees	19.50
Casuals	5.30	General	17.32
P.O.S.B. Interest	1.74	Supper Exs.	12.33
		Interclub	
		Court Hire	12.25
		Hall Lighting	8.40
		P.O.S.B. Bce	42.17
	<u>\$246.27</u>		<u>\$246.27</u>

SECOND WELLINGTON COMPANY - THE BOYS' BRIGADE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31st MAY 1969

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Bce. B/forward 1968	42.40	B.B.Council	89.43
General	16.00	Weekend Camp	10.00
B.B.Week	225.41	Insurance	4.40
Donations	6.00	B.B.Week	64.80
Weekend Camp	17.26	Band Equipment	4.00
P.O.S.B. Interest	2.38	Annual Display	5.80
		Wgtn. Battalion	1.00
		General	37.85
		P.O.S.B. 31.5.69	92.17
	<u>\$309.45</u>		<u>\$309.45</u>

D.M.Beggs, Captain

Audited and found correct:
N.G.Robertson.

EIGHTH WELLINGTON COMPANY - THE GIRLS' BRIGADE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30th JUNE 1969

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	
Hqrs.Annual Fee	24.00	Balance	18.84
Regional Subs.	6.00	Uniforms 12.52	
Handwork equipment	2.96	<u>22.29</u>	34.81
Badges	3.90	Collections	11.80
Roll-books	23	Misc. Repayments	1.98
Uniforms	13.71	Brigade Week:	
Material	21.28	Stall	29.14
Paper	1.50	Car Cleaning	10.80
Postage	50	Gilr's Collections	17.93
Texts	40		
Balance	<u>50.82</u>		
	<u>\$125.30</u>		<u>\$125.30</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS ACCOUNTS TO 31.12.68

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance from 1967 periods:		Missions (1967/68)	208.08
General Funds	44.31	Camp Deposit (1969)	15.00
Missions	122.86	General Expenses	56.63
Building Fund	340.84	Coad Bequest	80.09
Hopkirk Donat'n	<u>100.00</u>	Corso	3.15
Missions	608.01	By Balances at 31.12.68	
General Income	168.27	Missions	83.05
Camp Profit	59.97	General Funds	46.70
Interest (Building Fund)	14.05	Building Funds	347.19
Coad & Other bequest	6.35	Coad & Other	
(Including Interest)	540.03	Bequests incl.	
Corso	<u>3.15</u>	Hopkirk Donat'n	<u>559.94</u>
	<u>\$1399.83</u>		<u>1036.88</u>
			<u>\$1399.83</u>

Hugh Baber

Hon Treasurer

The above account has been checked against the records of the Bible
Class and found correct subject to confirmation of amounts held by the Church
Office

A.J.Baber

20th April 1969

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FUND FOR SPECIAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE 1968/69

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Collection at Church		Shoes	6.55
December 29th 1968	31.70	Underclothes	4.09
Donation	5.00	Bathing Suit	4.75
"	1.00	Pocket Money to	
"	2.00	Hostesses	4.40
"	3.00	Wool for Cardigans	16.60
		Christmas & Birthday	
		Gifts	5.00
		Postages	1.31
			<u>\$42.70</u>
			<u>\$42.70</u>

HISTORIC RECORD

Ministers of St. John's:

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)	1868-1903
Very Rev. James Gibb, D.D. (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.	1957-1968
Rev. D. T. W. Kinloch	1968-

St. John's Own Missionaries:

Very Rev. George H. McNeur, of Chinese Mission Field (Moderator in 1926)	1913-1940
Sister Margaret O. Bear, India.	1958-

Deaconesses:

Miss Lillian Lang.	1905-1907
Miss Mabel Cartwright.	1909-1911
Miss Norah Dick.	1912-1915
Miss Nessie Morgan.	1945-1948 and 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, "Troup House"	1956
Manse sold, new Manse purchased at 2 Kelburn Parade	1957
Repiling of Church completed	1958
Church repainted and interior decorated	1959
The Cottage renovated and made extension of Troup House	1967

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