

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

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	Inducted
BLAKE, J. E.	1933
FOWLER, R.	1933
SMITH, W.	1941
EVANS, D. J.	1941
MARTIN, T. G.	1946
FREDERICK, J.	1946
WOODS, M.	1950
MARSHALL, J.	1950
DORRIS, A.	1950
WORTHINGTON, J.	1950
VAN ZUYLEN, J.	1950
KEYS, W.	1950
MELLEN, J.	1950
OBBS, G.	1950
YOUNG, J.	1950
CHAPMAN, J.	1950
THOMSON, J.	1950
GARRATT, J.	1950
LOWMAN, I. S.	1950
SHIELDS, A.	1950
ARNOLD, R. D.	1950
AKER, F. G.	1950
STRONG, M.	1950
ROBERTSON, N. G.	1950
HUNT, John	1950
BRIDGE, D. J.	1950
Dr. HARRYE, A. H.	1950
MARTIN, T. G.	1950

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This report sees the start of my third year in my privilege of being your Minister. Speaking for myself, and indeed for the Manse family, there is much for which to be thankful. The work is growing and prospering under the Hand of God. This last year has seen a steady growth in the attendance and enthusiasm at the weekly Bible Studies. We are a happy group and there is room for you too, if you can make the effort and join us. The Sunday School has grown in strength under Mr Rollo Arnold and Mrs Arnold and their team of teachers. The Lantern Club has not only transferred the room in which they meet, they have also established a warm fellowship together and it is a pleasure to join them on occasions after the evening service. The Bible Class is flourishing under Mr Garratt and Mr Vink. With the indefatigable energy with which we associate them, the Session Clerk and Mrs Fowler have established the Sunday lunches which are much appreciated by our own folk and many who come as visitors.

Now to go through the entire list of organisations and commend the many who have given yet another year of unselfish service would be out of place here as account is given in the separate reports. So, if your name is not mentioned, you are far from forgotten and I would like you to realise this.

In short, may I commend you ALL for your warmth, enthusiasm and the lovely atmosphere which is felt when we meet for worship or at one of the church organisations. All this is truly the work of God and it is His blessing we have harvested and will, by His grace continue to harvest, as we continue in His free service.

What a fine sight it is to see the choir in strength and what a contribution they make to the worship. Our new organist, Ray Wilderspin, is doing a fine job and we hope he will be long with us.

The financial position has improved and the overdraft almost liquidated: another sign that when God gets the heart the money comes too.

We have added to our number during the year and have welcomed several new Communicants into full membership of St. John's. How lovely it is to see the young people coming forward to confess Christ before the Congregation. And speaking of congregations I have been encouraged and delighted at the considerable turn-out at the several pre-Communion Services.

It might interest you to know the organisations on which I serve as your representative and that of the Presbytery:-

Scots College Board of Governors
The Boys' Institute as Hon. President
Victoria House Women's Hostel Committee
National Society on Alcoholism
International Relations Committee
Inner City Committee
amongst others.

It has been my pleasure to speak to Youth for Christ and at the Baptist Hostel on more than one occasion. The folks at Porirua Hospital enjoy a showing of slides from time to time. Since the last report there have been around thirtyfive weddings in St. John's amongst whom I am glad to record were Barbara and Bruce Kinloch.

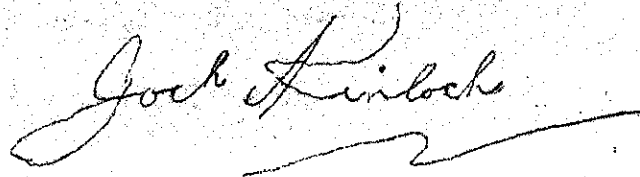
This is beginning to sound like Hebrews 11: 32 so I shall close now with just a final word of thanks and encouragement.

A very big "thank you" for the new heating in the Manse and for the countless little acts of kindness which have made the past year a precious and a memorable one.

And a final word of encouragement. Keep up the good work; there are so many people looking for a word of welcome, a smile and a helping hand, and above all for the good news of the Gospel of God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

I thank God for you all and look forward to another year as

Your Minister and Friend,



The Kirk Session

Our Presbyterian Book of Order states "An Annual Meeting of the Congregation is held to receive a financial report from the Managers for the past year, and also to transact such other business as may be regularly brought before it. At such a meeting the Session also reports, for information, on the spiritual work of the Congregation for the year.

The minutes are embodied in the records of the Session, extract minutes of matters relating to finance being forwarded to the Board of Managers"

So each year we come together to take stock and to share in the joys, the sorrows, the hopes, the mistakes and the inspiration of our work together.

We rejoice in the evidence of new spiritual energy as shown in increased church attendance, in the young people coming forward to profess their faith and in active Bible Study and Prayer Groups

We have been greatly blessed in our Minister whose sincere, practical and thought provoking sermons have benefited each one of us.

Special mention should be made of the Family Services on the first Sunday of each month to which old and young alike look forward.

Both Mr and Mrs Kinloch never spare themselves in their visitation of the sick, the lonely and all in need and in the general hospitality they so generously extend to everyone.

The Communion Roll stands at 430. There have been fiftythree new members; ten being by Profession of Faith: with thirtythree disjunctions whose names were removed from the roll through death or transfer. There were ten baptisms.

Three of our Elders have left. Mr Ken Anderson returned to England. Mr Kensit, who has been ill for some time, is unable to drive his car to St John's and has joined a nearby church. Mr Guthbertson has returned to his old church.

Mr Noel Woods received a C.B.E. from the Queen at the Investiture held at the Town Hall, for his service in the labour field and to the community; not the least of which has been his fine contribution in Church Affairs.

Mr Garratt and Mr Thomson have taken services for us on the occasions when Mr Kinloch had to be away and this was a good contribution which we appreciated.

Our Elders representing us at Presbytery have been Messrs. Rollo Arnold and Frank Garratt and Sister Nessie Morgan also represents us on the Maori Liaison Committee.

Special Services held were: in August the Scots and Queen Margaret; in November Mr Greenslade preached during the visit of the Methodist Conference. On November 16th Doug Stout was licensed. We also had services attended by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Band, Toc H, the Bible Society, the Rev. Henry Hahn, the Pacific Islanders and we have joined with St Andrew's for 8 a.m. Communion.

On the 28th of February a one-day retreat was held, attended by Elders, Managers and Leaders of all our Groups. The guest speaker was Mr Norman Perry. His theme 'Renewal'. This retreat was worthwhile for although no decisions are ever made by such a group the effect of sharing thoughts and ideas acts like a pebble thrown into the pond.

Session spent considerable time considering the various remits sent down from the General Assembly, and has forwarded their replies and opinions at the request of Presbytery, concerning such diverse topics as the age of retirement for ministers; certain aspects of the plan for union and the composition of Assembly representation.

Under the lead of Mr Arnold the Sunday School has strengthened and it is with regret that we lose him as Superintendent because he is working on a thesis and must devote time to this. He has been more than generous with his time, thought and the preparation he has given to this work and the Sunday School has been well launched into the New Curriculum of the Christian Education Department.

New ventures have been established of the 'Lantern', a group for young people, and the provision of dinners after the morning service. Both are providing valuable centres of fellowship for our own members and for visitors.

Roy Tankersley, our organist, left to further his studies in Christchurch. He was an enthusiastic and devoted musician who pointed out to us the need to establish an organ maintenance fund and he himself organised several recitals to establish this

We were most fortunate in securing Ray Wilderspin to replace Roy and both his playing and conducting of the Choir are very much appreciated.

The congregational life has been encouraged by the friendly atmosphere of all groups and by joint ventures shared: by the bonds that unite us in our sorrow at the death of some very fine members, our concern for the sick among our number and our joy in the engagements, weddings and births that all go to make up that very real fellowship of the family of St John's.

COMMITTEES OF SESSION

Youth Liaison: A. Dornan (convener), F.N. Garratt, 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 Board of Managers

COMMITTEES

Property: J. Hunt (convener), D.J. Bridge, F.E. Chappell, J.R. Don, R.N. Fleming, R. Gilmour, S. McKenzie, Mrs H.W. Piper, N.G. Robertson, 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)

Beggs, David	89 Karepa Street, Brooklyn, 2
Brodie, Miss E.M.	54 Roxburgh Street, Mt. Victoria, 1.
Burton, Dr. David	16 Motueka Street, Ngaio, 4
Clachan, Miss M.C.	No. 5 Flat, P.S.S.A. Private Bag, Woburn.
De Vries, John A.	36 Bruce Avenue, Brooklyn, 2
Don, J.R.	13 Dorking Road, Brooklyn, 2
Fleming, R.N.	9 Oban Street, Wadestown, 1.
Garratt, Ian	170 Cecil Road, Wadestown, 1.
Gilmour, Robert	The Cottage, Troup House, 176 Willis Street,
Goss, Murray	The Cottage, Troup House, 176 Willis Street,
Hughes, Mrs Gladstone	160 Oriental Parade, 1.
Johnston, Miss J.S.	Flat 4, Evan Park Court, 29 Kilbirnie Rd. 3
Kraft, Wm. H.	135 Kelburn Parade, 5.
Lees, Miss P.	Central Park Flats 132, 21 Brooklyn Rd. 2.
MacKenzie, Miss M.I.	60 Kelburn Parade, 5.
Milkop, A.H.	14 Franklyn Road, Tawa.
Mortimer, Mrs M	55 Madras Street, Khandallah, 1.
Penney, A.T.	10 Rewa Road, Hataitai, 3.
Piper, Mrs H.W.	31 Bidwell Street, 2.
Roberts, Ian	C/- 28 Mortimer Terrace, 2.
Roberts, Wm.	213 Cuba Street, 1.

New Managers appointed at the Annual Meeting were Messrs. H. Baber, J.A. de Vries, R. Gilmour, M. Goss, J.L. Morrison, W. Roberts.

Three Managers resigned on leaving Wellington: Messrs. H. Baber, I. Brown, and J.L. Morrison. Mr Keith Caldwell, who had been first appointed to the Board in May 1960 and had been a faithful steward and regular attender, died on the 4th. of November 1969.

The property has been maintained in good order and condition and thanks for this are due to the Property Committee and those who accepted responsibility for keeping the grounds tidy.

Items of work carried out were the erection of two notice boards in the vestibule, the complete renovation of the piano in the Fellowship Room, the repair of the projector and the church amplifier system.

We had some generous anonymous donors and this enabled us to carry out two major projects. Firstly: the Fellowship Room was painted and this with the recently redecorated kitchen has made conditions for working and meeting warm, friendly and refreshing. Secondly: the cushioning of the pews on the lower level of the

level of the Church was completed by the donation of the final twentyeight cushions. Messrs. James Smith Ltd. also helped in this contribution by a generous discount. This addition to the beauty of the interior helps create that spirit of worship which is engendered as we walk into St John's.

The Manse also received attention by the installation of insulation and additional heating. Arrangements are currently under way for the painting of the Manse in some months time.

As an act of outreach the Board undertook the preparation of publicity material for distribution among the nearby hotels and motels so that guests may be kept informed of our Services and other church activities.

No special appeal has been necessary because the regular giving especially from the envelope contributors, the accrued interest from the endowment fund and the generosity of our women's organisations have enabled us to close the year's accounts with the small overdraft of \$20.53

The Choir

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

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER: Mr Ray Wilderspin

SECRETARY: Mrs M Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, Khandallah

TREASURER: Miss Patsy Wilson

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Miss H.D. Clyde

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

Mr Roy Tankersley was farewelled as our organist and choir-master in December. He had been with us for two years and during that time we learned much new music and his different approach to church music was interesting. We thank him and wish him and his Wife every success in their future.

During January Mrs Snelgrove and Mr Wilderspin supplied for us and he has now been appointed our Church Organist. We thank him for the very easy way in which he has taken his place among

us and with unobtrusive efficiency has set about his task of organist and choirmaster and for his worshipful attitude to his task.

Towards the end of last year our membership was discouraging but as 1970 has gone on we are building up in numbers and this is most encouraging.

We do appreciate the faithful and regular attendance given by our choir members so many of whom are 'twicers' and this fact, together with regular attendance at choir practice, gives a much greater stability to our work and makes for greater efficiency in our important task of leading the worship each Sunday.

We are blessed by life members who take an interest in us: Miss Clyde and Miss Chappell, both regular worshippers, are always aware of our activities and show an active interest. Mr and Mrs Strong welcome us annually for our picnic, very often attend our annual meeting, and it was a joy to see them worshipping with us on the night of our Easter music; and, of course, Mr Pumfrey's interest never wavers and throughout his long time in hospital he loved to hear of our doings and our carol singing to him last Christmas was an immense happiness to him. How lovely to see him in Church occasionally.

Christmas and Easter were marked with appropriate meditations, with singing and readings. In September we sang the choral work written by Mr Tankersley "Four Meditations on the Life of Christ".

We assisted at three weddings: Miss Faye Ellis to Mr Ian Roberts, Miss Barbara Kinloch to Mr Tony Harrison and Miss Helen Woods to Mr Zane Kidd.

Of our special occasions we sang to assist the prison chaplain at one of his services and we sang carols both at the railway station and to our elderly and shut-in members. After carols we had tea at the home of our secretary and in June choir practice turned into social when we said farewell to Mr Noel Thompson at the home of the Misses MacKenzie. We are sorry to lose Noel. He has been with us for three years and we thank him for his loyal and friendly support.

To Mr and Mrs Kinloch as they go untiringly about their work of leading and serving the St John's family we owe a very deep debt of gratitude.

Assocn 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 E Ward (M.B.G.), 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 Zwoeden (Creche), Mrs Roberts and Miss M Johnston (P.S.S.A.).

All the women's organisations have had a busy year and have continued the task of uniting our women in fellowship through service in the family of the church and beyond.

Mrs Kinloch represented St John's at the A.P.W. meeting in Dunedin and gave a very able report on the remits and recommendations on her return.

There have been many efforts of special interest including:- Running three stalls at the P.S.S.A. Fair in the Town Hall: the White Elephant, Candle and Bookstall, housekeeping duty at Deaconess House and supplying weekly baking and replenishing for their cupboard during September. Attending Auxiliary meetings and supplying sales staff at the Cuba Street shop. We have also supplied and arranged food for the Congregational Lunch and for the Pacific Islanders' Service. The After-Church and Pre-Communion suppers have also been our responsibility.

A large group met in the Fellowship Room to assist with the distribution of newsletters for the Bible Society and several of our church families accepted the responsibility of billeting the McGhee children during the Christmas holidays and their birthdays are remembered with a parcel.

Both of our organisations have kept in touch with our Own Missionary, Sister Margaret Bear, in India. Different members write each month and for Christmas we sent a tape recording of our Christmas Family Service.

The Mission Boxes brought in \$66.50 and the Tea Coupons raised \$21.78. These amounts were contributed to the church budget.

Our special thanks go to Miss Jean Hanchet who is retiring from the Secretaryship of the Maori Mission Birthday League after twenty-six years of efficient faithful service. Members now total 135 and the contributions amounted to \$143.25 for the year.

The name has now been changed to Mission Birthday Gift.

Loving thoughts have gone to our Stamp Secretary, Mrs Mary Allan, who received serious injuries in a car accident, and we are glad to hear that she is making progress toward recovery. We are grateful to Mr Allan who has continued the work and the amount raised is approximately \$70.00.

Miss Dorothy Chappell, our 'Harvest Field' secretary reports four new subscribers bringing the total to fifty.

The Flower Conveners thank all who have assisted in the flower arrangements both in the Church and for various functions. A flower fund has been built up by donations from bridal parties who ask the conveners to arrange their wedding flowers. This has helped to make us independent of church funds.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service brought a generous response with bottled fruit and groceries and those who gave in cash donated \$20.00 in the pumpkin.

The special work project set by the A.P.W. this year was 'Quilts for Korea' and the St John's yeoman effort produced 108 quilts. At a special ceremony in Wellington, Mrs Grant, the Dominion President of A.P.W. received them and commended the efforts of all branches. The total sent in was 20,000 quilts.

Afternoon Women's Assoc'n

Our monthly meetings have been rich in fellowship and there has been an increase in membership which is now forty-four. There has been a keen readiness to co-operate in any extra activity.

On several occasions Mr Kinloch has added inspiration to our meetings with helpful meditations which have stressed the need to be renewed and refreshed daily in prayer. We are thankful for all that our Minister and his Wife so willingly do: their hospitality, their visiting and their full support in all the various undertakings

Members have appreciated and enjoyed meeting and working in the freshly painted Fellowship Room and the redecorated kitchen to which the Guild contributed \$80.00 toward the cost.

A wide variety of speakers gave us information on such subjects as New Hebridean Mission Work; the daily life of a Missionary's Wife in Tokyo and hospital administration in New Guinea. There were other topics which widened our horizons as well as giving enjoyment.

Sewing days were held in homes to stitch blankets for Korea and on two occasions members gathered in the Fellowship Room to prepare for the pre-Christmas 'Bring and Buy' and to pack boxes of sweets for the residents and staff of Te Hopai Home. In May we visited there to serve afternoon tea and provide entertainment.

A stall was held at the Church gate on a very damp August morning and \$30.00 from the proceeds were allocated to the White Elephant P.S.S.A. stall. The 'bring and buy' in November was a busy and profitable day.

Our balance sheet reveals an increase in all giving and the generosity of members and so many other men and women has been outstanding because many calls have been made for stalls and the P.S.S.A. Fair. The monthly trading stall arranged by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Button amounted to \$20.91. The Afternoon Guild were able to help financially with a few projects other than those mentioned in this report. Among these we gave \$10.00 to the Sunday School for new hymn books; \$36.00 toward new trestle tables and \$20.00 to the Centennial Thanksgiving Gift for Onesua High School.

Special thanks go to our treasurer, Miss H Wilson, whose meticulous book keeping is an example to each of us. We were sad when she met with an accident just before the annual meeting and were impressed to find all her accounts in perfect order.

To our retiring President, Mrs Hughes, we express our gratitude. She has served the Guild as President for three terms, giving in all sixteen and a half years of Leadership. Her wide knowledge of Missions and Church affairs and her gift of friendship have all added to the happy fellowship in the Guild. We thank her for the gracious thought and interest she has given to each one of us.

As we move into another year let us place at the top of our priorities the grateful, reverent worship of God.

Evening Guild

The membership for the year was sixtytwo and the average attendance throughout was fortyone.

Most meetings concluded with a simple supper; members being asked to make a contribution to the Freedom from Hunger Fund. This has enabled us to send \$10.04 to Corso.

We have written monthly letters to Sister Margaret Bear, Sister Margaret McKenzie, Miss Minka Hanskamp, Miss Ruth Loan and to Yvonne in Porirua Hospital.

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

We also sent parcels to the St John's students in Dunedin and every recipient replied with a sincere 'thank you' to our members for their kindness.

In May the 'Bring and Buy' proceeds amounted to \$51.54.

Our programmes have been varied and included speakers on Mission Work in Sumatra, the Bible Society, work among leprosy sufferers and we also had some social evenings.

We thank members for their loyal support in all Guild activities and a special thank you to Mrs Don, our retiring treasurer, who has looked after our financial affairs for the last three years.

To our President, Mrs Betty Harris, we express our sincere and grateful thanks for the time and thought she so willingly gives in carrying out her duties.

Our appreciation goes to Mr and Mrs Kinloch for their continuing interest and assistance throughout all the year.

As we go forward we pray that God may guide us in the planning of our activities, leading us into new fields of service.

EXECUTIVE OF AFTERNOON GUILD: President: Miss E.M. Brodie,
Secretary: Mrs N.G. Robertson, Treasurer: Miss H Wilson,
Vice Presidents: Mesdames Piper & Mortimer, Life Vice Presidents:
Mrs P.G. Hughes; Misses Clyde, Hanchet, J. Johnston and Millar.

EXECUTIVE OF EVENING GUILD: President: Mrs B.D. Harris,
Secretary: Miss J Willams, Treasurer: Miss M Fowler.

Cradle Roll

CONVENER: Mrs Van Zweeden

We celebrated our 60th Anniversary on our mid-winter coffee morning. It was a very happy gathering and, although our roll has this year dropped to twentytwo, except for one or two flu' cases all the mothers and babies were there to enjoy the party with us.

The past conveners and helpers were also invited and after Mr Kinloch had opened with devotions Mrs Van Zweeden welcomed everybody and Mrs Kinloch presented the retiring members of the committee with sprays.

The committee members who were honoured after many years of service were: Misses Elsie & Jean MacKenzie and Dorothy Chappell who had been conveners. Misses Dalziel and Hanchet had long been committee members.

A nicely decorated birthday cake was cut by Miss Dorothy Chappell and our oldest church member Miss Wyn Millar.

We now have a new committee which includes several younger Mothers and we look forward to a very happy association with them.

The creche opens in the Fellowship Room every Sunday to look after very small children and babies so that their parents may attend the morning service.

The Sunday School

We have had a happy year of Christian Fellowship, Worship and Learning. Our roll has settled at around sixty with an average attendance of about thirtyseven.

Our pattern was continued of joining the congregation for a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month; with a Church

parade for opening worship on the last Sunday of the month.

For our Anniversary Service on the 7th of December we occupied the choir stalls and shared some of our new songs in worship with the congregation and with Sister Nessie teaching the congregation our round 'Good News'. The presentation of prizes followed and Miss Helen Clyde carried out this duty most graciously. The Hopkirk prize was won by Ian McLellan and the Anne Scott prize by Margaret Arnold.

The Managers have continued to care for our every physical need and we are also grateful to Murray Goss and his team who set up and put away the chairs used for the Sunday School Assembly. The visits by members of Session have also been appreciated.

We thank those teachers who have retired for their work with us: Miss E Marshall, Sister Nessie, Mrs R Arnold, Miss L Mumme and Mr K Aikin.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE: Superintendent: Mr R.D. Arnold,
Teachers: Miss G Baxter and Mr D Butel (Intermediate Dept.)
Miss Helen Mortimer and Mr Rod McKenzie (Junior Dept.)
Misses J Garratt and A McPhail, Mr M Yates (Primary Dept.)
Mesdames Rush and Butel (Kindergarten Department)

The Bible Class

Miss L Treffers and Mr Ian Roberts, under the guidance of Mr Frank Garratt, have led the Bible Class until Mr Roberts left on teacher transfer and Miss Treffers left to marry. Mr Vink stepped in and together with Mr Garratt they are leading the Bible Class at present.

Attendances at the beginning of the year were not promising, with only nine members, but today the regular roll is at fifteen and increasing. Over the past few weeks each member has been making an individual effort to increase our numbers.

Members took part in a youth service earlier in the year and this was a success. Several more have been planned with visiting singing groups to take part.

We have held a dance-social, a progressive dinner combined with all attending the Youth for Christ rallies in the Town

Hall and several very enjoyable teas at Van Zweeden's, the Vinks and the Parkinsons.

Curtains are now ready to be put up in our rooms and this will make them more attractive and useful. The rooms are not only enjoyed by the Bible Class but also by all those who attend the Sunday Evening Lantern gatherings which are organised by the Young Adult Group.

We owe thanks to many for their encouragement and help, and in particular Mr Kinloch who took a series of lessons for us last year. We thank, too, our leaders and friends who have shown an active interest in the Class.

Because of our small number we will just have an informal annual general meeting this year; preceding the Bible Class on Sunday the 9th of August.

THE BIBLE CLASS EXECUTIVE: Donald Sharp (chairman), Alan Vink (secretary), Miss L Treffers (treasurer), Miss M Van Zweeden (social convener).

The LANTERN

The "Lantern" was started in February to provide the Young Adults of St John's with a place to meet for fellowship, discussions and the like, and to enable them to get to know each other. Also to welcome young newcomers and visitors into the family of St John's.

Other activities: social as well as service; such as, visiting young people in hospital, are also included in our group.

Youth services, a barbeque and a ski trip have been undertaken and much enjoyed.

The "Lantern" is now on its feet and settled down well over the winter with an average attendance on Sunday evenings of about twenty people.

We look forward to further consolidation and expansion, both in numbers and in activities, in the coming year.

The Boys' Brigade

COMPANY SECTION

Membership has declined over the last twelve months and our average is from twelve to fifteen boys but there are not so many older boys.

There have been a number of comings and goings in staff. Trevor Hosking and Gerald Hampton have left. They were two good general hands. Alan Bright has joined and in him we have gained an enthusiastic and capable P.T. instructor.

Badge classes have included First Aid, Fencing, Expedition, Wildlife, Arts and Crafts. The lack of numbers in the various groups sometimes makes it difficult to justify using outside instructors.

A valiant attempt was made at holding a weekend Company Camp under canvas last October but after a day of torrential rain we packed up and left for home and dry clothing.

A working party of older boys spent a day wielding gorse slashers at the Battalion's Wainuiomata Camp Site. Some of their energy was also expended around the new caretaker's house which was built from the result of the TREK from Upper Hutt in which most of our boys also took part.

We thank each of those who have shown an interest in our activities, whether financially as in B.B. Week or in other ways.

THE TEAM SECTION

Since our last report we have dropped a little in numbers and have at present eleven boys on the roll with two Lieutenants and one helper.

At the beginning of the session we were pleased to promote six boys into the Company Section which left us with six boys and we built up to the present number.

We have been unlucky in losing a number of officers. After a great effort and tremendous dedication we lost Miss Heather Tilbury and Mr Bob Cuthbertson. Miss Harriett Johnston then took up the Leadership until she went overseas.

On behalf of the Officers and boys of the Company Team Section I would like to thank those Officers for their outstanding service

to the Movement. We have missed them.

However, we still have a happy core of Leaders. Mr Bill Clark has been assisting while study has prevented Clive McGovern from taking his usual place and we thank Bill for his generous offer.

The highlight of the year was, of course, the B.B. Trek in which all our boys finished within the first thirty. With one of our boys finishing third in his age.

Although we have not, for a variety of reasons, taken a more active part in the wider field of Battalion activities, we still have a very enthusiastic group of boys attending regularly to participate in the achievement scheme, which is proving interesting and fruitful.

We would like to thank the Sunday School for the job they do in complementing our Monday nights work; and indeed to all those who have assisted in any way the Team Section throughout the past year.

If you know of any boy between eight and twelve years and who would like to join the Team Section please tell him that we meet in the Hall at 6.30 p.m. every Monday.

CAPTAIN OF THE COMPANY SECTION: Mr David Beggs

LEADER IN CHARGE OF THE TEAM SECTION: Mr Mark Hanton

8th Wellington Girl's Brigade

Our numbers have dropped in both Brigade and Junior Sections due mainly to girls moving out of town and in the Juniors to the change of meeting day from Saturday morning to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The total membership is now eleven but we are endeavouring to build up again

Miss Lillian Mumme now takes the younger group and they have been aiming for awards in cooking, knitting, music, skipping and rhythmic movement. This is a happy little group and each member works hard.

Brigaders have had a varied year with a camp at the end of 1969, a play and a gym display for our final night, a walk to Red Rocks to see the seals, a walk to Johnson's Hill one very misty afternoon after church and a visit to the theatre by the seniors to see a Shakespearian play.

As a break from badge work we have had two evening meals: one cooked by a Chinese woman and the other by an Indian woman: two delicious meals.

1970's badge work has enveloped Feminine Charm with demonstrations of make-up and hair care, Basketwork, Bush Life and Sister Nessie spoke to us on Maori Mission Work. Miss Patterson gave a talk on Indian Missionary Work.

We intend to do Campers and My Friend the Aged to complete a cycle.

The Girls have supported Corso by door to door collecting this term and a stall is to be held on the 4th of September in an endeavour to boost regional funds.

At a recent parents meeting Mrs Papp very generously donated a treadle sewing machine to the Company so that girls will be able to do sewing on Company Nights. We thank the Papp family sincerely.

Our thanks also go to Miss Mumme, who so ably takes the Juniors, and Miss Constable who helps in the Brigader Section. To Mrs McMillan also we give our thanks for her willing support.

CAPTAIN OF THE 8th. WELLINGTON COMPANY: Miss A Carley

Saturday at Two

Saturday at Two started in June of last year to provide a meeting place for lonely elderly folk and we meet every second Saturday in the Fellowship Room. The attendance hovers around twenty, amongst whom we have some loyal folk who come in rain or shine, for there is a warm friendliness and a welcome afternoon tea.

We run the Club on simple lines. There is no actual membership, no fees, no office-bearers. The people insist on putting a coin into the saucer at every meeting and this money has been used to effect an overhaul of the church cine projector which cost \$19. We also hope to make a contribution for the use of the room and the electricity. The balance will be used for a Christmas party complete with cake; as we did last year.

The programme consists largely of showing interesting films which we get from the office of the British High Commission. They have lent us many fine and instructive films, as has also the National Film Library. At times the Minister has shown some of his slides and for variety we have been indebted to the Hurt family and their friends for musical afternoons which are always much appreciated. Mr and Mrs Hunt together with Mr and Mrs Bridge help my husband and myself with the running of the Club and we are grateful to them for their kindness on several occasions.

We have devotions at each meeting and when there are weddings at the Church the Club forms an interested spectator group from their vantage-point in the Fellowship Room. The numbers are not large but the Club is established and there is room for any who would like to share in our friendly atmosphere at Saturday-at-Two.

CONVENERS OF SATURDAY AT TWO: The Rev. and Mrs Kinloch

Badminton Club

Last season the membership stood at thirtytwo, slightly down on the previous year. Club nights were not as well attended especially towards the end.

Players from St Giles joined us in the hall on the 11th July, and although their number was small we all enjoyed the competition and the excellent supper provided by the ladies.

A team was entered in "C" grade of the Wellington Association Interclub Competitions but met with little success. However, to date this season the Club team has won all fixtures. The only other church club being represented is St. Giles, Kilbirnie.

Anyone interested in playing badminton will be most welcome in the hall on Mondays and Fridays.

SECRETARY: Mr Richard Wells - Telephone 556.455

TROUP HOUSE

This residence comprises "The Cottage" with room for eight and the original Troup House which accomodates four. The aim is to provide a Christian home for young men working or studying in the city and this has certainly been achieved with the fine group we have in occupation for they have enriched the family life of our church.

Amongst them two are Managers, two take the Team Section of our Boy's Brigade, most are active in the 'Lantern' and all are willing and helpful in numerous activities.

The carpet on the stairs and on the upstairs landing has been renewed, both washing machines have been completely overhauled, some additional cutlery was purchased to replace some lost and all this has added to their comfort.

Members of the committee spring clean, launder the blankets and generally check the equipment, during the Christmas vacation, to ensure that all is satisfactory.

Several applications have already been received for 1971 and conditions of entry include regular Church attendance.

The boys look after themselves and share housekeeping expenses. The cost of their board is \$3.75 for a single room and \$3.25 for a share room of two beds. This includes heating, lighting and power for cooking. All household equipment is supplied except sheets, pillowcases and towels.

SUNDAY DINNERS

The third Sunday in September 1969 saw the commencement of this experiment.

The purpose of the venture was to provide a meal for both members and visitors who might find this a convenience and also to have a centre of fellowship.

The Managers advanced \$25 towards cutlery and crockery and in a very short time it was evident that this project was worthwhile.

Following the Christmas holiday break the service was begun again in March and will continue until November.

This is not intended as a profit making concern and the 45 cents charged for the meal, with half price for children, usually covers costs. It is hoped to have a small amount over; probably about \$10 for the year and this will be used to buy more cutlery. The \$25 lent by the Board of Managers has been repaid mainly from donations from wedding fees.

The average number coming is thirty and there is always a friendly and cheerful atmosphere.

There have been visitors from Canada, U.S.A., Australia and many parts of New Zealand as well as a wide cross section of our own congregation. Some of the overseas visitors have written from their homes expressing their thanks.

We have found this dining together interesting and enjoyable

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATES

Due to the earlier publication of the Annual Report this year, and to enable the Elders to deliver it when calling, the Auditor's Certificate has not been waited for in each case. Any slight adjustments that may occur, by request of the Auditor, will be notified later.

The main accounts are being audited by Mr G.C. Hughes. The Sunday School and Troup House accounts have been 'Examined and Found Correct' by Mr. R.N. Fleming. The Evening Guild statement is marked 'Audited and Certified Correct' by Mr. G.V. Oed. The Choir statement is certified 'Examined' by Miss E.M. Brodie. Mr N.G. Robertson audited the Afternoon Guild accounts and also the Sponsorship Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ORDINARY ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1970

	<u>Receipts</u>	
Offertories, Plate	4210.03	
Envelopes	<u>6970.81</u>	11180.84
Donations:-		
Use of rooms	224.70	
Pew Rents	4.00	
Organ Practice	98.38	
General	270.57	
Piano Repair	52.50	
New Tables	54.00	
Projector Repair	15.34	
Troup House	20.00	
Hopkirk Family for Manse Heating	<u>100.00</u>	839.49
Bank Interest	40.75	
Endowment Fund Income	364.29	
Lockie Bequest Interest	39.30	
Saturday at Two	<u>10.00</u>	953.34
Budget contributions:-		
Afternoon Guild	400.00	
Evening Guild	65.40	
Bible Class	60.00	
Sunday School	<u>90.00</u>	615.40
Contributions for other purposes:-		
Onesua	113.50	
S. Pacific College	110.00	
N.C.C.	134.41	
Bible Society	147.60	
P.S.S.A.	<u>20.80</u>	526.31
Donation, Evening Guild for Manse repaint	20.00	20.00
Overdraft		20.53
		<u>\$14156.91</u>

	<u>Payments</u>	
The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch, Stipend	2676.24	
Car Allowance	409.24	
Expenses Allowance	<u>200.00</u>	3285.48
Organist		495.43
Supply Fees		142.00
Heat and Light		143.63
Printing & Stationery		326.25
Maintenance		89.50
Manse Site Rent		274.00
Organ Maintenance		85.80
Cleaning		1329.00
Provision for Repainting		150.00
Budget		3620.00
Manse Telephone		66.64
Session Expenses		60.22
Increment Levy		102.50
Beneficiary Fund		361.26
Presbytery Expenses		34.50
Repair & Tune Piano		85.25
Eight folding Tables		156.41
Rates		275.24
Insurance		435.63
Manse Heaters & Insulation		351.70
P.S.S.A.		20.80
N.C.C.		134.41
Sunday School Supplies		70.00
Onesua High School		113.50
Bible Society		147.60
Pacific Islands College		110.00
A.P.W.		16.00
Money for Manse Repaint Retained		20.00
Transfer to Organ Fund		250.00
Misc. expenses		56.25
Overdraft at 1.7.69		<u>1347.91</u>
		<u>\$14156.91</u>

TRUST ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1970

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Balances at 1st July 1969:-	Withdrawals:-
Benevolent Fund 250.56	Benevolent Fund 15.00
Centennial Collection 179.70	Endowment Fund <u>864.29</u>
Chairs for Hall 166.40	\$879.29
Crockery Replacement 8.99	
Hall Rebuilding 11987.84	Balances:-
Hymn Book Replacement 768.70	Benevolent Fund 250.22
Organ Renovation 1412.56	Centennial Fund 190.00
Church Rebuilding 537.82	Chair Fund 176.00
Endowment Fund 19711.19	Crockery Fund 9.52
Interest in Lockie Beq. 380.00	Hall Fund 12672.00
Provision for Repair <u>943.46</u>	Hymn Book Fund 815.00
\$36347.22	Organ Fund 1745.19
	Church Rebuilding 569.28
Interest:-	Endowment Fund 20000.00
Benevolent Fund 14.66	Lockie Bequest 380.00
Centennial 10.30	Provision for repair <u>1187.56</u>
Chairs 9.60	\$37994.77
Crockery 53	
Hall 679.16	
Hymn Books 46.30	
Organ 82.63	
Church Rebuilding 31.46	
Endowment Fund 1153.10	
Provision for Repainting <u>94.10</u>	
\$2121.84	
Deposits:-	
Hall Reb. from E. Guild 5.00	
Organ Fund 250.00	
Provision for Repair <u>150.00</u>	
\$405.00	
<u>\$38874.06</u>	<u>\$38874.06</u>

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1970

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Balance at 1.7.69:	Cleaning 102.00
Bank of N.Z. 2282.92	Rates 279.64
Church Office 8085.47	Insurance 150.00
Bldg. Society <u>576.86</u>	Misc. <u>3.17</u>
Shares 10945.25	534.81
Rents 2010.38	11889.54
Sundry Receipts 13.82	Deposit, Church Office 462.31
Interest 492.20	Deposit, Bank of N.Z. <u>631.81</u>
Interest, Shares <u>56.82</u>	12983.66
2573.22	

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1969/70

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
B/forward 1.6.69	\$574.78	Subscription	
Less allocated at		"Nursing Mirror for	
Annual Meeting	556.00	Miss M Bear	\$10.70
Part of allocation not		Onesua High School	
now required	30.00	Appeal	20.00
Bring & Buy - Aug	102.40	P.S.S.A.	30.00
" " Nov	215.47	Service Project, A.P.W.	1.00
Sales Table	20.98	Used Stamps	70.00
Donations & Collections	7.13	"Harvest Field"	17.50
Membership Fees	7.20	Contribution delegates	
Half surplus from Church		exs. National Meeting	10.00
Annual Meeting Lunch	1.85	Secretary's expenses	3.00
Harvest Field subs.	17.50	"Friends of Turakina"	1.50
P.O.S.B. interest	8.34	Cash in Bank	612.55
Mission Birthday Gift	143.25		
Mission Boxes	66.57		
Tea Coupons	21.78		
Stamps - A.P.W.	70.00		
Scott Trust - Maori Miss'n	25.00		
" " General	20.00		
	<u>\$776.25</u>		<u>\$776.25</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 1969/70

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
B/forward 1.7.69	86.16	Supplies & material	
Bank interest	3.21	for New Curriculum	133.25
Interest on bequests	18.87	Prizes	18.90
Grants from Church Funds	70.00	Christmas party	15.30
Sunday School Collections	90.00	Collections paid to	
		Church Treasurer	90.00
		General expenses	3.53
		Balance 30.6.1970	7.26
	<u>\$268.24</u>		<u>\$268.24</u>

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1969/70

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance B/forward from 1969	158.48	Allocation of 1969 funds:	
Direct Giving	36.00	Church Budget	100.00
Donations	2.85	Repairs, kitchen	20.00
Bazaar	5.15	Cost of table	18.00
Half Profit, Lunch Annual Meeting	1.85	Sister Bear, parcel	10.79
Put and Purchase	5.00	Direct Giving	36.00
Subscriptions (49)	14.40	Delegates exs. to Assembly	10.00
Freedom from Hunger	12.13	Supper expenses	99
Bring and Buy Stall	51.54	Freedom from Hunger, biscuits	2.09
Rev. Jamieson, Leper Secy,	9.04	" " Corso	10.04
Mrs Desmond Smith, Bible Socy,		Secretary's expenses	1.00
Contribution	22.50	Balance, P.O.S.B.	78.49
		Rev. Jamieson, Leper Secy.	
		Contribution	9.04
		Mrs Desmond Smith, Bible	
		Soc'y. Contribution	22.50
			<u>\$318.94</u>