

Special Events:

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| 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 |
| Communion Plates in memory of Mary Chappell dedicated | 1970 |

Church Newspapers:

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| <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:

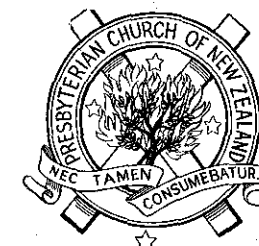
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| Jubilee Booklet of Diamond Jubilee | 1913 |
| Jubilee Booklet of Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee | 1938 |
| Jubilee Booklet of Church Centennial | 1953 |

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Willis Street, Wellington

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on

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The new Prime Minister (Mr Marshall) and wife talking with our Minister and his wife.

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from OUR MINISTER

My Dear Friends,

Many years ago when I was Superintendent of the Umtali Presbyterian Sunday School in Rhodesia we used to sing C.S.S.M. choruses with great joy and gusto. As I sat down in the study to write this letter the words of one of these choruses came to mind, so I looked up the old chorus book and I pass them on to you - here they are:

"God is still on the throne,
And He will remember His own;
Tho' trials may press us and burdens distress us,
He never will leave us alone;
God is still on the throne,
And He will remember His own;
His promise is true, He'll not forget you.
God is still on the throne."

You know, this is a wonderful poem to commit to memory and carry with you in these days, as in any day, for it speaks assurance and it is so POSITIVE. We need something positive - something on which we can depend, and in the love of God in Jesus Christ we have THE most positive of all.

So, as you read these words take them to yourself, you are one of 'God's Fingers' you can't slip out of His hand for He has made you part and parcel of Himself through Christ. Wake in the morning and let your first thought be - "I belong to Christ, thanks be to God." This is to put first things first and then the others fall into place.

There is much talk these days of the vote on the Plan for Union which is coming up shortly. Would you like to know how I feel about it? - well I'll tell you.

My priorities are in this order:-

First and most important I am a Christian.

Second, I am a Protestant by Birth and by persuasion.

Third, I am a Presbyterian - and glad of it.

The REALLY important one is No. 1 - to belong to Christ, and when I concentrate on this, the other two take their subordinate place. So, when the time comes for me to vote, I shall vote as I believe Christ wishes me to, remembering that what I am voting for is not whether the Churches ought to unite, but as we are all called to vote, on whether we wish to unite UNDER THIS PLAN. In short, we are asked to vote for or against this plan for union AND THAT IS ALL AT THIS STAGE. Once this vote is taken the General Assembly will declare to go in, or to remain out, according to the strength of the voting. If they decide to go in then there will be a second vote on the issue whether Communicant Members wish to go into Union and this second occasion will show the dissenting group who wish to stay out or are then willing to abide by the majority vote. So you see there is no use worrying over something that hasn't happened yet.

God is still on the throne.

The Church is His - and you are His.

These two eternal factors are of much more vital importance so keep close to God and know that He is still on the throne.

We give thanks for yet another year together and go forward in His strength wherever He may lead us. The Manse Family thanks you for all you have meant to us.

God bless and prosper us as a family in His Name,

Your Minister and Friend

Jock Kinloch.

OFFICE-BEARERS of St. JOHN'S

THE KIRK SESSION

| | | Inducted |
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| Blake, L.R. | Auckland | 1933 |
| Fowler, R.B. | 48 Homewood Avenue, 5. | 1933 |
| Smith, H.B. | 25 Maida Vale Road, 3. | 1941 |
| Woods, N.S. | 38 Harrison Street, 2. | 1950 |
| Marshall, The Rt. Hon. J.R. | 23 Bolton Street, 1. | 1950 |
| Dornan, Alford, | 19a The Crescent, 3. | 1960 |
| van Zweeken, M.H. | 33 Rata Road, 3. | 1960 |
| Keyes, A.W. | Flat 6D, Aston Towers, 1. | 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 |
| Shiels, A.Y. | 19 Fernhill Terrace, 1. | 1965 |
| Arnold, R.D. | 2 Maurice Terrace, 1. | 1966 |
| Aker, F.S. | 289 The Terrace, 1. | 1967 |
| Strong, M. | 4 Bloomfield Terrace, L.H. | 1967 |
| Robertson, N.G. | 169 Karori Road, 5. | 1968 |
| Hunt, John | 24 Krull Street, 2. | 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 Rev. R.H. McKenzie, | 25 Wilton Road, 1. | 1970 |
| Mrs Owen John | 17a Colway Street, 4. | 1970 |
| Miss E.M. Brodie, | 54a Roxburgh Street, 1. | 1972 |
| Gilmour, R.M. | 70 Mortimer Terrace, 2. | 1972 |
| Irwin, D.R. | 39 Makara Road, 5. | 1972 |
| Malcolm, G.A. | Flat A1 Lincoln Court, 2. | 1972 |
| Milkop, A.H. | 14 Franklyn Road, Tawa. | 1972 |
| Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer, | 55 Madras Street, 4. | 1972 |
| Mrs M.M. Piper, | 31 Bidwell Street, 2. | 1972 |
| Rush, P.A. | 90 Washington Avenue, 2. | 1972 |

This has been a time for thoughtful consideration and decision as we have deliberated on the Plan for Union. Let each and every Member and Adherent give thought, prayer and study to that Plan for Union and, whatever your conception of the ultimate result, **MAKE IT YOUR BOUNDEN RESPONSIBILITY TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AS A PRESBYTERIAN** to vote.

In order to give the Congregation some definite information on the Plan for Union the Very Rev.S.C.Read conducted a special morning service on the 21st of May at 10 a.m. and followed on by answering submitted questions. And printed material giving both sides of the question has been freely distributed.

There are in St.John's, at present, 452 members and the Session sincerely hopes that our returning officer will be able to report one hundred per cent return of votes from this Congregation.

Of our members 49 joined us during the period under review and six of them were by Profession of Faith. 38 names were removed through disjunction or death.

The attendances at the quarterly Communion were: September 375, December 372, March 392 and June 416. In addition to these we joined with St.Andrew's in 8 a.m. Communion, at their Church, on the first Sunday in the months where no other such service was conducted. At the other special Communion Services; Christmas, Easter and World Communion an average of 33 people attended. It was also our pleasure to have the Members of ToCH, of which Mr. Kinloch is Dominion Padre, sharing in the June Communion.

Other special services were the annual Scots and Queen Margaret on 8th.August. The Girls' Brigade on 31st October, when some 800 girls filled the whole downstairs of the Church and the Fire Brigade Band, which had led their march from the Town Hall, played for the hymns. It was also good to have The Rt. Hon.J.R.Marshall and the Mayor, Sir Francis Kitts, reading the Lessons. The use of the church was also granted on the 14th. of February for a service by the National Council of Churches.

During Mr Kinloch's annual leave the Very Rev.S.C.Read gave us good value, as did the Prison Chaplain, the Rev. John Mabon and the Porirua Hospital Chaplain, the Rev.Boyd Glassey.

It was with great pleasure that we received the news that our fellow Elder, Jack Marshall, had become Prime Minister of New Zealand and the Session felt that it would be most suitable to record this with the photograph in this report.

Our Presbytery Elders have been Messrs.N.S.Woods and T.G. Martin, who have served us well and reported faithfully. We are sad to lose the helpful support given by Sister Nessie Morgan as she has moved to Johnsonville. Two other Elders are at present on leave of absence overseas: Messrs R.D.Arnold and Alford Dornan.

Tribute was paid in our last report to the late Rev. J.K. Fairbairn and plans are in hand for a plaque to be placed in the Church.

The Minister has besides leading in Worship, visiting with love, setting an example of conscientious attention to his Ministry found time to lend himself to others. From March 2nd to 4th he was Leader at the Khandallah Family Camp whilst their Minister, the Rev.Don Elley, came to us. He is convener of Presbytery's Student Committee and a member of the International Relations Committee. From 28th to 30th May he was, by invitation, the Speaker at the Retreat held by the Nelson/Blenheim Presbytery. He has also been instrumental in bringing into being our new organisation 'The Young Married's Club' which now has a membership of over thirty people.

Sunday by Sunday we benefit from the thought, wisdom and practical application of his Prayers and Preaching. His talks to the children at Family Services show an originality and brightness which draws out the best in our young.

Both Mr and Mrs Kinloch are regarded with love by all in St.John's for their warmth and outgoing to others and for their selfless service.

It became desirable to lighten the burden which several Elders were bearing, of being asked to visit more Members than could be seen in the time they had available. The Session, therefore, decided to nominate eight additional Elders. They were duly elected by the Congregation and Inducted at a very impressive morning Service on the 28th of May.

The Session has been indeed pleased to welcome them and their names are now to be found in the roll of Members of the Kirk Session.

A Beloved Elder - Jim Martin

Jim joined St. John's in 1909, became a Member of the Bible Class, a Manager in 1932 and an Elder in 1946.

He was a true example of a Christian Gentleman, one always ready to serve His God and His Church. And, Jim had that incisive mind which was so helpful in solving those many problems arising from committees and discussions.

A boy from Fairfield, Dunedin, he came to Wellington to work in the Customs Department where he rose to head position. During this period he also served in both World Wars, and became a Lieut-Colonel, and was awarded both the O.B.E. and the M.B.E.

Jim was a prominent and well loved Mason, a Foundation Member of Empire Lodge and he became Deputy Grandmaster for New Zealand.

He was last present in Church with us at the December Communion Service and he died on the 8th. of May.

Our sympathy has been extended to our beloved Member, Mrs Martin, and their two daughters.

The Rev. Francis Hugh Liffiton

Assistant Minister to Mr Temple during 1954/55 he left us to become the Minister of the Foxton-Shannon Parish, from where he went to the U.S.A.

Hugh was a Bachelor of Arts from Otago and after receiving a Bachelor of Divinity from New York Seminary he studied at Princeton Theological College and was capped Master of Theology.

We had the pleasure of again meeting him in St. John's last August when he was on a visit to his parents, sister and his Wife's family.

During his time with us Hugh did an excellent and mammoth job of calling on our Members and many are the older folk who remember his cheerful visits.

We were sorry to hear of his death on the 24th. of March at the age of 48, and to His Wife, Margaret, His Sons, Bruce and John, and to his other relatives we extend our very deep sympathy.

COMMITTEES OF SESSION

Youth Liaison: A. Dornan (convener), F.N. Garratt, J.W. Vink, and D.R. Irwin.

Troup House: The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch (chairman), Mrs Hughes, Rt. Hon. J.R. Marshall; Messrs. J.W. Vink, N.S. Woods, N.G. Robertson (treasurer), R.B. Fowler (secretary), and the Warden of Troup House.

Choir and Organ: J.W. Vink (convener), R.N. Fleming, Mrs Mortimer.

The Board of Managers

(As at date of this report)

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| Beggs, David M. | 89 Karepa Street, Brooklyn, 2 |
| Burton, Dr. David | 16 Motueka Street, Ngaio, 4 |
| Don, J.R. | 13 Dorking Road, Brooklyn, 2 |
| Fleming, R.N. | 9 Oban Street, Wadestown, 1 |
| Garratt, Ian | 170 Cecil Road, Wadestown, 1 |
| Goss, Murray | 70 Mortimer Terrace, Brooklyn, 2 |
| Hughes, Mrs Gladstone | 160 Oriental Parade, 1. |
| Johnston, Miss J.S. | Flat 4, Evan Park Court, Kilbirnie, 3. |
| Kraft, Wm. H. | 135 Kelburn Parade, 5. |
| Lees, Miss Pat. | 132 Brooklyn Road, 2. |
| MacKenzie, Miss M.I. | 60 Kelburn Parade, 5. |
| Marshall, J.L. | 23 Bolton Street, 1. |
| Owens, C.S. | 40 Wright Street, 2. |
| Parkinson, Neil R. | 96a Quebec Street, Kingston, 2 |
| Penney, A.T. | 10 Rewa Road, Hataitai, 3 |
| Sherriff, A.G. | The Cottage, Troup House, 1. |
| Steer, J.M. | 143 Ruskin Road, Newlands 4. |
| Yule, A.C. | 9 Upland Road, Kelburn, 5. |

The new Managers appointed at the last Annual Meeting were: Messrs. J.L. Marshall, C.S. Owens and A.G. Sherriff. And, toward the end of the church year six Managers were elected to the Session. These were: Miss E.M. Brodie; Mesdames Mortimer and Piper; Messrs Gilmour, Milkop and Rush.

Of the committee changes, Mr Hunt relinquished the convener-ship of the Property Committee because of other work and we take this opportunity of thanking him for many years of hard work on our behalf. He was elected to this committee in 1956, became its convener in 1966 and has always been careful for the welfare of St John's and we know he will continue to be so. We appreciate Bob Gilmour taking on this important position.

Mrs Mortimer gave up her duties with the envelope committee on her election to the Session and we thank her for the way she has efficiently handled this section of Church work. The envelope giving has almost doubled during her period of service and credit for this has been largely due to her efforts in bringing the advantages of this method of giving before our Congregation. Mr Neil Parkinson has accepted this position.

The retaining wall below the Cottage has been repaired and in this Mr Hunt was helped by Troup House boys. Another major work was the re-roofing of the B.C.rooms. Alteration to the vestibule lights has been an advantage and the ramp constructed at the Cottage has been to allow tenants motorcycles to be taken up. The locks on church doors had become worse for wear and their replacement has been authorised. Other essential electrical and maintenance work has been done on church building and the Manse. Seventeen stacking choairs were bought to augment our number.

A bequest of \$200 was received from the estate of the late Mrs Elizabeth Halley and the Board passed this to the P.S.S.A. as in accord with expressed wish.

COMMITTEES:

Property: R.M.Gilmour (convener), D.J.Bridge, J.R.Don, R.N.Fleming, Mrs H.W.Piper, N.G.Robertson and N.S.Woods.
Envelopes: Dr David Burton (convener), Mr Neil Parkinson.
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.

Members of the Session are ex-officio members of the Board of Managers).

THE CHOIR

President: The Rev. D.T.W.Kinloch,
Vice President: Miss E.M.Brodie,
Organist and Choirmaster: Mr.R.J.Wilderspin,
Secretary: Mrs M.W.M.Mortimer,
Treasurer: Miss Ailsa Love,
Life Vice President: Miss H.D.Clyde,
Life Members: Misses E.M.Brodie, D Chappell, P.Lees, M.I.MacKenzie, Mr and Mrs Strong.

We are a small, happy and active group with a great awareness of responsibility for our part in leading the singing and we are fortunate that our Organist and Choirmaster is also always aware of this and his faithful attention to detail is encouraging to us. Our constant cry is for more members and how we wish for enough to be sure of sufficient choristers at each service to be able to sing an anthem. We are grateful to all who on Sunday and at Thursday practice are regular and faithful members. We were sorry to lose Lesley Muir, Peter Bristow, Patsy Wilson and Fiona Robertson but pleased to welcome back Ailsa Love and Vivian Speirs. Our new members are Marian Agnew, Mary Cleaver, Jeanette Daines, Jane Godfrey, Ross Alley and John Bitchener. We are glad to have them and thank them for their interest.

Our usual pattern of programme has been followed with meditations at Christmas and Easter; carols at the Station and to our elderly at Christmas. A visit to the Prison and a return visit when the prisoners entertained us.

Several members took part in the Palm Sunday 'Songs of Praise' programme arranged by the N.B.C. for the TV Service at St.Paul's.

The annual picnic was a happy day and again we appreciated Mr and Mrs Strong's hospitality at their lovely Raumati home.

'Carols for Choirs' edited by Jacques and Willcocks has been added to our library and was used at Christmas.

We look forward to the year ahead keeping in mind St Paul's teaching to "admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord."

ASSOC'N. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

(Secretary of Linking Committee, Mrs D.J.Bridge)

Our Women's Organisations have again had a busy year of service and fellowship, both in our own Congregation and in the wider world of the community.

Works of special interest were:

1. Housekeeping duties at the Wellington South P.S.S.A. and supplying weekly baking and filling the cupboards during September.
2. Supplying staff for the Cuba Street P.S.S.A. shop and for the Street Day.
3. Taking responsibility for special church suppers.
4. Packing clothes at the Corso Rooms.
5. Folding and inserting the Bible Society Bulletin.

Four of our Members serve on Session, four on the Board of Managers and one on an Assembly Committee.

Missions: Regular correspondence maintains a close link with our own Missionary, Sister Margaret Dear, in India, and our Associate Missionary, Sister Elizabeth Sutton, in the New Hebrides.

Good support has been given by both Women's Groups with goods and cash for the A.P.W. Project for aid to the Philippines, and a work day produced many useful articles for this and also hospital linen for Silimaui Health Centre.

We were asked for bed linen, blankets, bandages, etc. for our hospitals in India and New Hebrides and a large amount was sent. The Project for 1972 is for used clothing for men, women and children; also blankets, towels and bed linen are required in the Philippines.

Mrs Allan, the stamp convener, reports that again stamps from St John's and four other parishes have been sold in bulk. Her assessment of St John's contribution is \$103 and thanks are conveyed to all who have collected, cleaned, sorted and counted stamps.

Mrs McMillan again reports an excellent result for the collecting of Tea Coupons and \$27.26 was received for these.

Miss Elsie MacKenzie has 134 names on her roll of the Mission Birthday Gift and they contributed \$195.72.

Miss Dorothy Chappell records 50 subscribers to the Harvest Field

For the P.S.S.A. our Members worked very hard and stocked the delicatessen stall at the Fair in October, and with some help from our Baptist friends, raised \$461.25.

There was the usual generous response from the Congregation and Sunday School for the Harvest Festival. Numerous preserves, groceries, vegetables and \$27.26 were received and given to the P.S.S.A.

A worthwhile work is attended to by our Flower Conveners, Mrs J. Boyd and Mrs I. Kinloch. They are indebted to all who have been so generous donating flowers and time to beautify the Church, and for the Palms, which are greatly appreciated on Palm Sunday.

We have supplied twelve teams to make and serve afternoon tea at Porirua Hospital Cafeteria and our young people have again taken their turn with this worthwhile service.

THE AFTERNOON GUILD

President: Miss E.M. Brodie, Secretary: Mrs D.J. Bridge,
Treasurer: Miss H. Wilson, Vice Presidents: Mesdames Mortimer
and Piper,
Life Vice Presidents: Misses Clyde, Hanchet, J. Johnston, Millar
and Mrs Hughes.

Attendances have been consistently good and the active roll numbers fortyfive.

There have been occasions of joy; one being the 90th birthday of our Life Vice President, Miss Wyn Millar, and another when Mrs Day, a member of long standing, now resident in Wanganui, attained 95 years of age,

Another Life Vice President, Miss Jean Hanchet, has very courageously struggled with a long illness and members rejoice that she has been able to return to her own home.

It is with deep affection that we remember the late Rev. J.K. Fairbairn. His interest in the work of the women was considerable.

Many members also recall the pleasant visits they received during 1954/55 from the Assistant Minister, the Rev. Hugh Liffiton, and we learned with regret of his death.

To Mrs Fairbairn and Aileen, and to Mrs Liffiton and her Family we express our loving sympathy; and we do so also to members who have lost loved ones during the year.

The periods of worship at each meeting have given inspirational guidance and the themes and topics of the monthly afternoons have widened knowledge and interest. We thank all the speakers who gave their time for our entertainment.

On a beautiful spring morning we were also hostesses to the Women of Mrs Owen John's Bible Group from Upper Hutt when over 100 joined us for worship and lunch.

The Guild's special projects were:-

A team of helpers to 'Busy Fingers' - a worthwhile community project giving assistance to the physically handicapped.

Some of our Members arranged the display of linen in the Church vestibule one Sunday. This was in support of the Indian Project and the Congregation contributed \$97.

An afternoon of entertainment was taken to Kilmarnock and Christmas gifts were sent to residents and staff of Te Hopai Home.

A cavalcade of cars went on a 'Leap Day Outing' to the P.S. S.A. Children's Home and Hostel for Maori Girls at Berhampore.

Mending and sewing was done on four occasions by very willing helpers.

This has been another year of generous giving and once again we record the generosity of the Scott Family and thank them for their gift of \$60 for Mission Work.

On our Sales Day in September the cakes and jams brought in \$118 and on this same day a 'boutique' clothing sale was held in the Manager's Room and the proceeds from this are shown in the financial statement as 'sale of apparel'. A further \$110 was received from the stall at the church gate in March.

The sales tables at our monthly meetings are arranged by Mesds. Roberts and Button and with the special one at Christmas the results amounted to \$65.30.

A gift of \$100 was received from Miss Clyde to establish a Trust Fund for Hall Furnishings and the Guild added \$50 to this.

At the 1971 Annual Meeting \$100 was allocated for our Missionaries. Margaret Bear was given an electric fan for her classroom, Elizabeth Sutton a foot-operated suction machine and Iris Woods in Papua will receive educational aids.

Further gifts from the Guild were: \$425 to the Budget, \$100 to Corso, \$12 subscription for a nursing journal for Margaret Bear and postages were shared with the Evening Guild for parcels to Margaret and Elizabeth.

We record our appreciation for the source of inspiration received through the Sunday Services and the mid-week Bible Studies and the Minister's ready assistance at our meetings. Mr and Mrs Kinloch extend warm hospitality and show a deep concern for each member and interest in the work of the Guild.

The wisdom and fine leadership of our President, Miss Brodie, together with the many visits she makes to the sick are greatly appreciated.

THE EVENING GUILD

President: Miss Agnes McCracken, Secretary: Mrs Jim Thomson,
Treasurer: Miss M. Fowler.

Our membership stands at 53 with an average attendance of 34. Each month group leaders make personal calls and in turn do the flowers, serve supper and are responsible for the letters to Sister Margaret Bear, Miss Minka Hanskamp, Miss Ruth Loan, Miss Elizabeth Sutton and to Yvonne in Porirua Hospital.

The leading in Devotions by various Members ties the bond of happy fellowship together. A simple supper is still continued and Members make a contribution to the Freedom from Hunger Fund.

Opportunity is given to contribute to the Mission Budget through direct giving envelopes which are received and dedicated at the Annual Meeting.

We continue to send Christmas parcels to families of the Maori Synod, also to the McGhee family. And we held a cake and produce stall on 19th May; the proceeds amounted to \$30.18.

Grateful thanks are extended to our President, Mrs B Harris, for her fine choice of speakers and entertainment. We offer our thanks, too, to our speakers and all involved in the entertainment side who made the evenings inspiring and happy.

We were sorry to lose Sister Nessie Morgan, and thank her for her playing of our hymns whilst with us. A big thank you to Mrs Kinloch for filling the place at the piano.

To our outgoing President, Betty Harris we say a big thank you from us all for four years of office and for the many extras so willingly done on our behalf.

We thank, too, the outgoing Committee members, Mrs McMillan and Miss Corlett for the interest they have taken in our affairs, and our sincere and loving thanks to our Minister and his Wife for their interest and assistance throughout another year

THE CRADLE ROLL

Convener: Mrs. A.M. van Zweeden.

We have twenty children on the roll and our committee members conscientiously keep in touch, particularly at birthday time. Some like Maryann Faye Roberts, at Pukeokahu only get a rare call and that when some member of St. John's takes a ride there.

The creche is working smoothly but is not being much used at present and we would like to see more babies there during the morning service.

Our Christmas celebrations were most pleasant and we sincerely thank the ladies of the congregation who give continual help.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr.M.H. van Zweeden, Teachers: Messrs.D.Butel and M.Yates (Intermediate Dept.), Mrs P.Klaassen and Mr.R. McKenzie (Junior Dept.), Misses J.Garratt, J.Nichol and M.van Zweeden (Primary Dept.), Mrs R.Dunning and S.Butel (Kindergarten Dept.)

Lessons have followed the same pattern as last year with approximately forthfive children attending regularly and we have had the Family Services on the first Sunday of each month when Mr Kinloch has given most interesting and impressive addresses.

Two teachers left and volunteers came forward to fill these vacancies. It is most encouraging to see how the younger generation; boys and girls from the Bible Class, are prepared to shoulder their responsibilities and move into active service.. At the present time several boys and girls are assisting teachers with the lessons and they should be able to take over if and when required.

One of the highlights was a weekend at the Waikanae Christian Holiday Camp where Miss Kay Denham, a youth evangelist, had the full attention of the forty children. Her way of presenting Jesus was most convincing and real. Many thanks to the parents who made cars available for the transport to and from camp.

It is interesting to note how much musical talent is to be found among the boys and girls and the enthusiasm shown in sharing their gifts with the others.

The prize giving service was held in December when the excellent results of the work were apparent as the children performed in memory work and in singing. The Hopkirk Prize was presented to Colleen Hunt and the Anne Scott Prize to Ronnie Vink.

THE BIBLE CLASS

Chairman: Paul Vink, Secretary: Dayle Hunt, Treasurer: John Herzog, Social Convener: Morag Thomson, Members: Kay Kinloch, Wendy Nicholls, Maryke van Zweeden, Grant Alleyway.

Our Leaders have been Messrs. F.N. Garratt, J.S. Vink, Bruce Dunning, Mr and Mrs Andre Milkop. Also, one of our seniors, Morag Thomson, has led a group recently. We sincerely thank these people for the time, thought and energy given to preparing studies and helping with other activities e.g. Youth Services and Camps.

Studies, both in groups and combined, have been interesting and varied. Several visiting missionaries and speakers have come to talk to us.

The 'Good News' Youth Services, run jointly by the Bible Class and Lantern, have helped to form closer liaison between these two groups. They have been well attended and a success.

Social functions, including dinner drives, attendances at Y.F.C. rallies, a hike to Butterfly Creek, a jaunt at 6.30 a.m. one Sunday morning to Central Park for a study before coming to breakfast at St. John's. Besides an outing to the skating rink we have entertained at Saturday at Two and Te Hopai Home.

There have been two camps; the first a 'mini-camp' at which we slept in tents at Paraparaumu Motor Camp. The speaker at this was Ian Garratt. The second camp was at Ngatiawa over a weekend and here the speaker was Ces Marshall. We thank especially Andre and Trixie Milkop for being Camp Mum and Dad and also for running the 'mini-camp'. Their work has been greatly appreciated.

Membership is still increasing, although more slowly than last year, with a total of 47; most being younger members.

We thank the many people who have had us to their homes and those who have provided transport on Sunday and for special occasions. Also, to the Minister and Officebearers for their interest in the Bible Class and its activities.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

COMPANY SECTION:

Captain: Mr D.M. Beggs, Lieutenant: Mr Allan Bright, Warrant Officer: Mr Keith Taylor.

We may be small in numbers but we do our best to make up for this with extra enthusiasm and by taking part in most Wellington Battalion events we have tried to keep our name to the fore.

Eight lively lads attended the Battalion Christmas Camp at Wainuiomata and practically all members were at our own Company Camp at Paraparaumu, one of the highlights of which was the cooking competition on the last day.

We point out with great pride that we reached the finals in both the soccer competition and the junior section of the handball competition run by the Battalion: we couldn't quite make the finals in the table tennis as was done last year.

Two overnight hikes were held in March. The first in glorious weather finishing with a two-hour effort for cooking lunch. For some the menu was fried carrots, fried sausages, fried potato chips, fried bread, fried ... etc. and consequently was adjudged simply delicious. For the second hike the Capital City turned on pouring rain all night and the venture was salvaged only by the kind offer of a church hall to sleep in. The next day was a marked improvement and even included some breaks in the drizzle - good practice for cooking over open fires.

The usual range of badge classes has been offered and one of these saw a successful completion of some hammocks. One current activity, a new one for the Company, is cycle maintenance.

B.B. week last year was a very successful effort with two boys managing to raise better than \$20 each.

We finish by thanking all who have contributed to our support either financially or in any other way.

B.B. TEAM SECTION

Acting Lieutenant in Charge: Miss Harriet Johnston.

Boys like action, doing, variety, laughing, a challenge, security and all of these are offered to the eight to eleven year old Boy in the Team Section. The aim is to see that the Boys are directed towards the way Jesus grew up as stated in St. Luke, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man".

The Badge system, called the Achievement Scheme, is based on this verse. Achievements may be gained in the Spiritual, Physical, Educational and Social Sections. The highest award is the Gold Badge; Geoffrey Burch and Stephen Woolley gained it in the 1971 session.

Our numbers have increased to 20 boys and twelve of these are new. Leadership is still a matter for concern as no Lieutenant-in-Charge has so far been appointed. Mr Bill Clark is a Lieutenant, Miss Inder and Mr McBride are helpers.

In addition to badge work the Boys participate in handicrafts, marching, physical activities and games. Four attended the Senior Boy Day in October and most attended the annual Quarterdeck Service for the Battalion at Central Baptist last September when over 300 Boys were present. Although not winning the Soccer competition we did well. One Boy gained second prize for second year boys in a Battalion Competition on the life of St. Paul.

There is no doubt that there is still a good supply of Boys available in the neighbourhood but it would be unwise to expand much further without stable leadership.

It is encouraging to note that 14 of our Boys are now members of St. John's Sunday School, although few of their parents are church members.

The work of our B.B. in St. John's is truly a missionary job and it is a privilege to lead these Boys towards the Kingdom.

THE LANTERN

The Lantern has continued as our Sunday-night-after-church-young-people-coffee-gathering. Despite unavoidable difficulties, resulting from floating membership, activities have included a barbecue and a camp at Ohariu Valley to supplement regular Sunday get-togethers. The camp atmosphere was somewhat marred by divisions in Christian doctrine.

In the near future, important social events will be the Ruapehu ski trip, at the end of July, and a car 'Mystery tour'. Also, a Lantern organised Youth Service is being arranged for September and later a visit to Arohata.

Last year a successful fancy-dress progressive dinner was held and \$25 was raised and was donated toward the sponsoring of the Indian girl who is also being supported by the Bible Study Group.

Ken Aicken has recently been elected chairman, Bruce Cumming and Ross Milner share responsibility for the secretary/treasurer-ship. In addition, Graeme and Robyn McBride, Alison McPhail and Judy Beazer are committee members.

Our past members, Murray Goss and Robert Gilmour have retained interest in the group as advisory organisers. We thank, too, Liz van Ruyssevelt and Janet Forbes and the others who made coffee.

The future aim is to involve all interested in Lantern in organisational responsibility and so provide for fellowship of St John's Youth.

TROUP HOUSE

The combined flats of Troup House and The Cottage have continued to function smoothly, accommodating four and eight young men respectively. Of these five returned in 1972: Roger Goss, Ross Milner, Bruce Cumming, Glen Hadden and Alastair Sherriff. The latter acting as Warden and Liaison Officer between the boys and the committee of control.

The following new members arrived with the start of the Varsity year: Neil Thorburn and Peter Condliffe, both from Waipukerau and studying for B.C.A., 'Jock' Sutherland, from Alton, is studying for a B.A., Rennie Davies, from Hamilton, is starting his LL.B., Ross Cleland, Dunedin is an Insurance Clerk doing a part-time varsity study for a B.C.A. David Ryan, from Napier, continues his association with St. John's and an LL.B., Ray Patterson, from Mt. Roskill, is gathering material for his M.A. Thesis in history.

With the completion of the gibraltar board lining, and the painting of it, conditions generally in the Cottage have improved and in particular with fire safety.

We wish to thank the committee for the dinner they put on to meet us all and for the continued interest and hospitality of them all.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Led by the Minister and held in The Manse

Both the Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. and the Thursday at 9.45 a.m. groups have shown an increase in the number attending. On the most recent Tuesday we had 26 present and the average for Thursday is around 12.

Studies have been: The Sermon on the Mount, Study for Advent, Jeremiah, Philipians and now Isaiah.

On Tuesday evenings the group comprises a wide age range and the discussion is always animated.

We study for an hour, then have coffee. Fellowship is enjoyed during supper and friendships are made as some give lifts home to others who have no transport.

Members have contributed to help pay for the maintenance of a young Indian Orphan Girl and this costs nearly \$80 a year. The Lantern Club also gave \$25 toward this project.

This group is open to anyone and everyone regardless of Church membership, so if you are interested do come along to one or other of the Groups and we will welcome you.

BADMINTON

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Club President | Doug Webb |
| Club Captain | Richard Wells |
| Club Vice Captain | David Chew |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Rod Oakly |

The 1971 club season was the most successful for several years with fortysix members joining. Good attendances were maintained throughout with a general improvement in the standard of play.

Two teams were entered in the Wellington Badminton Association interclub competitions with the "C" grade team gaining first equal placing with Ariki Badminton Club.

In addition to the annual exchange visit with St. Giles' Badminton Club, an exchange visit was made with St. Andrew's Club and the Northland Club visited us on 14th August. This opportunity for members to meet and play against other players was appreciated by us all.

The Club also held a Progressive Dinner on 17th. July which was attended by fortytwo members and friends. The profit of \$60 was contributed to the Wellington Badminton Association for extensions to the Badminton Hall.

Club Championships were run during August and September with a Sports and Social Evening being held on the final night of Friday 1st. October

The Club now meets for play in St. John's Hall on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and on Friday at 7 p.m.

We were pleased to be able to give a donation, from our funds, to the Church, of \$90 at the end of June.

| | <u>Receipts</u> | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Offertories, Plate | 5615.22 | |
| Envelopes | <u>10229.75</u> | 15844.97 |
| Donations: | | |
| Use of Rooms | 220.50 | |
| Organ Fees | 69.05 | |
| General | <u>391.00</u> | 680.55 |
| Interest: | | |
| Bank | 29.36 | |
| Endowment Fund | 1050.00 | |
| Lockie Bequest | <u>22.50</u> | 1101.86 |
| Budget Contributions: | | |
| Afternoon Guild | 450.00 | |
| Evening Guild | 42.00 | |
| Bible Class | 70.00 | |
| Sunday School | <u>94.56</u> | 656.56 |
| Contributions for Others: | | |
| Bible Society | 8.00 | |
| Indian Linen | 96.60 | |
| Moderator's Appeal | 65.67 | |
| N.C.C. Christmas Offertory | 120.77 | |
| P.S.S.A. | 27.26 | |
| Jansen/Cook Present | 12.00 | |
| S.C.M. | <u>17.50</u> | 347.80 |
| Carried Forward | | 18631.74 |

| | <u>Payments</u> | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| The Rev.D.T.W.Kinloch, Stipend | 3536.88 | |
| Car Allowance | 552.48 | |
| Expenses Allowance | <u>199.92</u> | 4289.28 |
| Pulpit Supply | 102.40 | |
| Organist | 599.94 | |
| Relief Organist | <u>28.93</u> | 731.27 |
| Budget | | 6500.00 |
| Light and Heat | | 148.65 |
| Printing and Paper | | 247.66 |
| Rates | | 346.42 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | | |
| Manse | 241.64 | |
| Church and Sunday School | 485.76 | |
| Cottage support wall | 197.54 | |
| Organ | 125.10 | |
| Replacement Chairs | 34.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | <u>18.03</u> | 1102.07 |
| Manse Site Rent | | 274.00 |
| Cleaning and Rubbish Removal | | 1036.16 |
| Insurances | | 585.16 |
| Beneficiary Fund (Church contribution) | | 467.77 |
| A.P.W. Fees | | 18.20 |
| Increment Levy | | <u>176.40</u> |
| Carried forward | | 15923.04 |

Receipts

Brought Forward

18631.74

Special Purpose Donations:

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Hopkirk Timber | 100.00 | |
| Beneficiary Fund | 77.00 | |
| Fairbairn Plaque | 57.50 | |
| Miscellaneous | 10.00 | |
| Afternoon Guild for heater | 50.00 | |
| " " " lock repairs | 100.00 | |
| " " " hall furn. | 25.00 | 419.50 |

Balances from Organisations which
have ceased to operate:

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Drana Club | 46.73 | |
| Tennis Club | 9.25 | |
| Intermediate B.C. | 37 | |
| Indoor Bowls Club | 14.71 | 71.06 |

Halley Legacy 200.00

Insurance Refund for Repairs
paid for by cash 14.23

Bank balance b/fd. 1.7.71 1405.58

\$20742.11Payments

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Presbytery Levy | 73.59 |
| Session Expenses | 38.42 |
| Advertising | 105.20 |
| Telephones | 87.38 |
| Benevolent Fund Payment | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 31.78 |
| Donations for Others (see Receipts) | 347.80 |

Donations from Church Funds:

| | | |
|---|-------|--------|
| W.C.C. Education | 25.00 | |
| Girls' Brigade Service ($\frac{1}{2}$ Offer'y) | 70.58 | |
| Cradle Roll | 20.00 | |
| Sunday School Expenses | 25.00 | 140.58 |

Halley Legacy to P.S.S.A. 200.00

Church Office Deposits as per
Trust Account 3105.73

Bank Balances C/fd.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| For Fairbairn Plaque | 57.00 | |
| " Heater from Afternoon Guild | 50.00 | |
| " Locks " " " | 100.00 | |
| " Hall Furnishings " " | 25.00 | |
| From General Funds | 446.09 | 678.59 |

\$20742.11

\$17075.95

16536.88

1815.59

14572.40

148.89

Balances at 30.6.72

Sundry expenses

Plumbing repairs

Insurance

Rates

Cleaning

Payments

18.38

27.00

170.15

191.04

132.50

\$17075.95

1008.07

132.26

865.00

10.81

1409.04

14658.84

1299.33

13107.40

252.11

Building Socy.

Church Office

Bank

Interest:

Rents

Building Socy.

Church Office

Bank of N.Z.

Balance at 1.7.71

Receipts

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1972

Trust account for year ending 30th. June 1972

| Receipts | | Interest | Payments |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fund Balances 1.7.71 | | 1971/72 | Fund Balances 30.6.72 |
| Benevolent | 226.70 | 17.65 | 262.35 |
| Centennial | 202.00 | 13.00 | 215.00 |
| Chair | 187.00 | 13.00 | 200.00 |
| Crockery | 10.10 | .90 | 11.00 |
| Hall Rebuilding | 13467.93 | 875.00 | 14342.93 |
| Hymn Books | 864.00 | 56.00 | 920.00 |
| Organ Renovation | 2102.08 | 136.64 | 2488.72* |
| Church Rebuilding | 604.15 | 39.27 | 643.42 |
| Endowment | 20000.00 | 1300.00 | 20000.00* |
| Lockie Bequest | 380.00 | 22.50 | 380.00 |
| Repainting | 1372.82 | 152.98 | 3417.80 |
| General Reserve | 212.51 | 54.14 | 1413.38 |
| Hall furnishings | 150.00 | 10.00 | 160.00 |
| | 39779.29 | 2691.08 | 44454.60 |
| Interest on above | 2691.08 | Withdrawals to Ordinary | |
| Donations to Benef'y | | Account from | |
| Fund | 67.00 | Endowment F. Interest | 1050.00 |
| Provision for | | Lockie F. Interest | 22.50 |
| Repainting | 1892.00 | Benef. Fund | 49.00 |
| General reserve | 1046.73 | | |
| Hopkirk Donation to | | | |
| Reserve | 100.00 | | |
| | \$45576.10 | | \$45576.10 |

*\$250 from Endowment interest to Organ Renovation Fund

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1971/2

| Receipts | | Payments | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Bce. from 1971 | 59.78 | Allocation, 1971 Funds: | |
| P.O.S.B. interest | 61 | Church Budget \$35 | |
| Direct Giving | 25.40 | Mission Fund \$10 | 45.00 |
| Subscriptions (41) | 12.30 | Direct Giving | 25.40 |
| Collections: | | A.P.W. Project | 1.00 |
| Books for Students | 5.10 | Book Token, R. Rollet | 2.50 |
| N.Z. Found'n for Blind | 11.30 | Donations: | |
| Multiple Sclerosis Soc'y | 11.00 | Found'n for Blind | 11.30 |
| New Hebrides parcel | 4.30 | Sclerosis Soc'y | 11.00 |
| Donation | 2.00 | Post on parcel | 4.30 |
| Freedom from Hunger | 9.87 | Flowers, sick member | 4.40 |
| Bring & Buy Stall | 31.18 | Maori Mission parcel | 2.00 |
| | | 1/2 parcel, M. Bear | 2.69 |
| | | Gift to M. Bear | 9.00 |
| | | Freedom from Hunger | 9.87 |
| | | Secretary's exs. | 2.94 |
| | | Bce at P.O.S.B. | 41.44 |
| | | | <u>\$172.84</u> |
| M. Fowler, Hon Treasurer | | | |
| Gordon V. Oed Auditor | | | |
| | | | <u>\$172.84</u> |

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS ACCOUNTS 1971/2

| Receipts | | Payments | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bce. as at 30.6.71: | | Missions | 122.96 |
| Missions | 101.57 | Stationery | 6.82 |
| Coad Bequest | 112.77 | Camp bus | 64.00 |
| General Fund | 37.39 | Miscellaneous | 3.90 |
| Year's Income: | | Bce. at 30.6.72 | |
| Offerings | 180.08 | Missions | 158.69 |
| Camp fees | 48.41 | Coad Bequest | 112.77 |
| Mini-camp profit | 17.44 | General fund | 35.49 |
| Interest | 6.97 | | |
| | <u>\$504.63</u> | | <u>\$504.63</u> |

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ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1971/2

| Receipts | | Payments | |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| B/fd. 1.6.71 | 727.88 | Trust Fund, Hall Furnishings | 100.00 |
| Less allocated at Annual meeting: | | Magazine for M. Bear | 12.00 |
| To Missions for specific needs of Misses Bear, | | P.S.S.A. Member's Donation | 2.50 |
| Sutton and Woods | 100.00 | P.S.S.A., Proceeds of Bring & Buy | 50.00 |
| For Trust Fund, Hall | | Parcel to M. Bear | 2.69 |
| Furnishings | 50.00 | Friends of Turakina | 1.50 |
| To Corso, E. Pakistan | 100.00 | Flower Vase (from amount over | |
| To Church Budget | 425.00 | subscribed for Miss Ward's flowers) | 5.75 |
| Set aside for Bibles | 50.00 | A.P.W. special aid fund | 1.00 |
| | <u>725.00</u> | A.P.W. used stamps | 103.00 |
| Mission Birthday Gift | 195.72 | Balance in Bank | 854.93 |
| Sales Table | 65.30 | | |
| Collections | 5.10 | | |
| Donations | 21.40 | | |
| Tea Coupons | 27.24 | | |
| Membership Fees | 7.40 | | |
| Scott Trust | 60.00 | | |
| Bring & Buy (2 sales) | 215.75 | | |
| Mission Boxes | 61.10 | | |
| P.O.S.B. Interest | 12.73 | | |
| Used Stamps | 103.00 | | |
| Oversubscribed, flowers (Miss Ward) | 5.75 | | |
| Miss Clyde for Hall Furnishings | 100.00 | | |
| Sale of Apparel | 200.00 | | |
| Amt. for Bibles not used | 50.00 | | |
| | <u>\$1133.37</u> | | |

H. Wilson
Hon Treasurer.

\$1133.37

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 1971/2

| Receipts | | Payments | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bce. 1.7.71 | 14.45 | Supplies | 20.75 |
| Interest on bequests | 20.09 | Prizes | 26.53 |
| Bank interest | 55 | Cheque book | 50 |
| Grant from Church Funds | 25.00 | Contribution to | |
| Offerings for Missions | 94.56 | Budget | 94.56 |
| | | Bce. 30.6.72 | 12.31 |
| | <u>\$154.65</u> | | <u>\$154.65</u> |

N.G. Robertson, Hon Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR ACCOUNTS 1971/2

| Receipts | | Payments | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Bce. 30.6.71, General | 73.99 | Christmas Carol | |
| " Gown Fund | 10.00 | Books | 44.60 |
| Weekly collection | 25.12 | Social expenses | 4.00 |
| Donations | 8.00 | Bce. General fund | 60.56 |
| P.O.S.B. interest | 2.05 | Gown Fund | 10.00 |
| | <u>\$119.16</u> | | <u>\$119.16</u> |
| Bce. P.O.S.B. 31.5.72 | | | |
| General fund | 60.56 | A.F. Love, Hon Treasurer | |
| Gown fund | 10.00 | E.M. Brodie, Auditor | |
| | <u>\$70.56</u> | | |

BOYS' BRIGADE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1.7.71 - 30.6.72

| P.O.S.B. balance 1.7.71 | \$175.50 | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Receipts | | Payments | |
| Subscriptions and | | Uniforms | 41.36 |
| Uniform Repayments | 42.10 | Awards | 20.00 |
| Donations & B.B. Week | 205.05 | Equipment | 20.03 |
| P.O.S.B. Interest | 7.43 | Team expenses | 26.72 |
| | | Hqrs & Batt'n Levy | 57.50 |
| | | Insurance, Equip't | 2.45 |
| | <u>\$254.58</u> | | <u>\$168.06</u> |
| Excess of receipts over payments | \$86.52 | | |
| Balance in P.O.S.B. at 30.6.72 | \$262.02 | | |

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

Balance Sheet as at 30th. June 1972

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Depreciation Reserve | 3275.73 | Cash at Bank | 235.93 |
| Repainting Reserve | 435.83 | Deposit, St Church | |
| Interior Renov'n Reserve | 593.82 | Office | 1692.39 |
| Furniture Replace Res. | 737.82 | Building at cost | 10694.35 |
| Income & Expend. a/c. | 1207.62 | Furniture at cost | 2380.66 |
| Accumulated Funds | 8752.51 | | |
| | <u>\$15003.33</u> | | <u>\$15003.33</u> |

Income & Expenditure A/C. for year ending 30th. June 1972

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Electricity | 471.76 | Board | 1575.75 |
| Gas | 49.19 | Interest | 16.59 |
| Telephone | 139.75 | Donation | 10.00 |
| Rates | 379.86 | | |
| Insurance | 28.64 | | |
| Donation to Church | 20.00 | | |
| General Repairs | 74.96 | | |
| Sundries | 13.40 | | |
| Depreciation Reserve | 400.00 | | |
| Balance down | 24.78 | | |
| | <u>\$1602.34</u> | | <u>\$1602.34</u> |
| Balance 30.6.72 | \$1207.62 | Balance 30.6.71 | 1182.84 |
| | | Balance down | 24.78 |
| | <u>\$1207.62</u> | | <u>\$1207.62</u> |

N.G. Robertson, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S SPONSORSHIP FUND 1972

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| To Balance 30.5.71 | 51.01 | By Fee - 2.11.71 | 39.00 |
| Donation 6. 8.71 | 12.00 | " 13.6.72 | 39.00 |
| " 21.10.71 | 10.00 | | |
| " 7.12.71 | 13.00 | Balance | 31.52 |
| " 30. 3.72 | 22.00 | | |
| Interest | 1.51 | | |
| | <u>\$109.52</u> | | <u>\$109.52</u> |

K. Bridge, Hon Treas.

Audited & correct: N.G. Robertson

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

| 1970 | | 1971 |
|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$ | | \$ |
| 69 | Balance at P.O.S.B. | 11.51 |
| | <u>Plus Receipts from</u> | |
| 164 | Subscriptions | 252.00 |
| 20 | Shuttle and Casual Fees | 66.80 |
| | Supper | 35.20 |
| 9 | Less expenses | 15.73 |
| 16 | Interclub Fees | 32.00 |
| | Fund Raising: | |
| | Progressive Dinner | 90.00 |
| | End of Season Function | 9.00 |
| | | 99.00 |
| 175 | Less expenses | 39.00 |
| | Miscellaneous | 2.20 |
| 2 | Interest to 31.3.71 | 2.07 |
| | | 434.54 |
| | | <u>\$446.05</u> |
| | <u>Less Payments:</u> | |
| | Advertising | 3.70 |
| | Wellington Badminton Association | |
| 36 | Affiliation Fees | 60.00 |
| 165 | Fund raising proceeds | 60.00 |
| 13 | Interclub court hire | 32.00 |
| 15 | Donation | --- |
| 40 | Church Donation | 50.00 |
| 150 | Shuttles | 92.26 |
| 11 | Stationery | 1.46 |
| 13 | General | 12.35 |
| | | 311.77 |
| | | <u>\$134.28</u> |
| 12 | Balance at P.O.S.B. 15.3.72 | |

HISTORIC RECORD

Ministers of St. John's:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| The Rev. John Moir. | 1853-1867 |
| The Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902) | 1868-1903 |
| The Very Rev. James Gibb, D.D. (Moderator in 1901) | 1903-1926 |
| The Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A. | 1927-1939 |
| The Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A. | 1940-1947 |
| The Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D. | 1948-1957 |
| The Rev. F. H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant) | 1954-1955 |
| The Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A. | 1957-1968 |
| The Rev. D. T. W. Kinloch | 1968- |

St. John's Own Missionaries:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| The 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 |
| Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November | 1953 |
| Centennial Jubilee of Church, November | 1953 |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington

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1972-1973



One Hundred and Twentieth Report

covering period

1st July, 1972 to 30th June, 1973

to be presented at the

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on

Wednesday, 12th September, 1973

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OFFICE BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S

KIRK SESSION

| | | <i>Inducted</i> |
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| FOWLER, R. B. | 48 Homewood Avenue, 5 | 1933 |
| SMITH, H. B. | 25 Maida Vale Road, 3 | 1941 |
| WOODS, N. S. | 38 Harrison Street, 2 | 1950 |
| MARSHALL, RT. HON. J. R. | 22 Fitzroy Street, 1 | 1950 |
| DORNAN, ALFORD | 19a The Crescent, 3 | 1960 |
| VAN ZWEEDEEN, M. H. | 33 Rata Road, 3 | 1960 |
| KEYES, A. W. | Flat 6D, Aston Towers, 1 | 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 |
| SHIELS, A. Y. | 19 Fernhill Terrace, 1 | 1965 |
| ARNOLD, DR. R. D. | 2 Maurice Terrace, 1 | 1966 |
| STRONG, M. | 12 Jessie Street, Petone | 1967 |
| ROBERTSON, N. G. | 169 Karori Road, 5 | 1968 |
| HUNT, JOHN | 24 Krull Street, 2 | 1968 |
| BRIDGE, D. J. | 83 Kelburn Parade, 5 | 1968 |
| HARVIE, DR. A. H. | 1 Palm Grove, Belmont | 1969 |
| MARTIN, T. G. | 6 Lower Watt Street, 1 | 1969 |
| THE REV. R. H. MCKENZIE | 4 Maple Grove, 2 | 1970 |
| MRS OWEN JOHN | 17a Colway Street, 4 | 1970 |
| MISS E. M. BRODIE | No. 98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3 | 1972 |
| GILMOUR, R. M. | 70 Mortimer Terrace, 2 | 1972 |
| IRWIN, D. R. | 39 Makara Road, 5 | 1972 |
| MALCOLM, G. A. | 30 Ngatoto Street, 4 | 1972 |
| MILKOP, A. H. | 14 Franklyn Road, Tawa | 1972 |
| MRS M. W. M. MORTIMER | 55 Madras Street, 4 | 1972 |
| MRS M. M. PIPER | 31 Bidwell Street, 2 | 1972 |
| RUSH, P. A. | 90 Washington Avenue, 2 | 1972 |
| OFFICER, C. T. | 73 Breaker Bay Road, 3 | 1973 |

Committees of Session

Youth Liaison: A. Dornan (convener), F.N. Garratt, J.W. Vink, and D.R. Irwin.

Troup House: The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch (chairman), Mrs Hughes, Rt. Hon. J.R. Marshall; Messrs. J.W. Vink, N.S. Woods, N.G. Robertson (treasurer), R.B. Fowler (secretary), and Rennie Davies (warden of Troup House).

Choir and Organ: Mrs Mortimer (convener), Messrs. R.N. Fleming and Robert Gilmour.

Although the visits of our two earlier Ministers did not strictly occur within the period of this report it would be old news if kept until the next annual meeting.

To meet the Very Rev. Dr. Blanchard and the Rev. W.P. Temple again and to listen to their preaching has given pleasure to many, particularly their old friends. And it has certainly given a thrill to these men to be so well remembered and to be invited back to the pulpit of St. John's.

Others who have helped out with most acceptable preaching during the Minister's holiday period have been the Very Rev. Stan Read, the Rev. John Mabon and Mrs Owen John.

There are in St. John's some 440 Members on the official roll. Nine joined by Profession of Faith during the year, fortyfive joined by transfer from other churches. Of those removed; eight teen received disjunction certificates and fortyeight were taken off through death or purging of the roll because they could not be traced when the Elder made his visit. It would be of help, for the purpose of our records, if those leaving, e.g. students finishing their course or training would let us know instead of just disappearing and causing their Communion card to be returned marked 'gone, no address'.

We received the results of our vote on the 'Plan for Union' from Presbytery in September and were told that 150 of our Members had voted in favour and 217 against.

The Session gave consideration and replies to the various Remits sent down from the Assembly. Among these were 'Forms of Marriage Services', 'Boards of Nomination', Grace and Response'.

Our opinions in answer to such questions are preserved in our minutes and our replies should carry weight when the appropriate committee of Assembly reconsiders these matters.

St John's was represented at the Memorial Service to the Rev. Edward H. Moody, of the Bible Society, at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street.

The attendances at the quarterly Communion were: September 358, December 360, March 366 and June 420. In addition we joined with St. Andrew's for 8 a.m. Communion on months when no other such service was being held, and on the 6th. August the people of St. Andrew's came to us for this 8 a.m. Service and remained for breakfast.

Special Communion were held at Easter, Christmas and on the 1st. October for World Communion Sunday and about forty Members attended on each occasion. It was also a pleasure to have the members of ToCH, of which Mr Kinloch is Dominion Padre, joining with us in the June Communion whilst here for their annual conference.

Other special services were the Scots and Queen Margaret, Bible Sunday and our evening Youth Services. Our Minister preached on the alternative occasions of these and others who gave good measure were the Rev. David Cohen, the Rev Ross Pilkinton and our Mr Frank Garratt.

We acceded to the wish of Presbytery on the 3rd. of December and closed our Church for the evening so that the Town Hall Service could be attended and the Moderator's address listened to. And on the 12th. of November we joined with St. Andrew's for a T.V. Service. Their people worshipped with us for a broadcast on the 27th. May.

Services for which the Session granted the use of the Church were: the Memorial Service for the Founder of ToCH, Tubby Clayton, and we supplied orders of service for this. And on Saturday the 16th of June the Rev. Jeffrey Bingham of the Bible Institute, Adelaide, addressed a meeting and our Elder, Mr Frank Garratt took care of this. Also, a recital was given in August by the Trentham Children's Choir and our former Elder, Mr Ray Dell, looked after our interests on this occasion.

We had the pleasure of welcoming representatives of the Girls' Brigade on the 21st of January. Some of whom came from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Africa, Nigeria and the Solomon Islands. Other special services were the Harvest Thanksgiving, Spring Flower Sunday, at which Miss Clyde's 'Conservation Hymn' was sung. Special items were the singing by the Wellington East Girl's Choir, a talk by Mr Delaney of the Leper Mission and the Pacific Islander's Choir on the 5th of November.

Mr N.S. Woods, having served for two years on Presbytery, felt he should allow another Elder to gain this experience. Messrs. T.G. Martin and P.A. Rush are our present representatives there.

Mrs Owen Johns was asked to be our Elder for the Assembly being held in Palmerston North and she made her report at a Sunday Service.

It was our pleasure to welcome the Arnold Family back from sabbatical leave and Dr. Arnold has now undertaken the visiting of that part of Kelburn district previously attended by Mr Aker who to our regret has found it necessary to resign because of pressure of work

Mr Colin Truesdale Officer who came to us as an Elder from Point Chevalier, Auckland, was inducted to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Aker's resignation and he has agreed to care for Members now living at Maungaraki and Upper Hutt.

Pressure of other work has caused Mr Vink to relinquish the convenership of the Choir committee and we thank him for the study and oversight he gave to this. We are grateful to Mrs Mortimer for accepting this position and to Mr Robert Gilmour for joining this important committee.

Our Senior Elder, Mr Les Blake, died at the Lady Allum Home in Auckland and his Funeral Service was held in St. John's. A memorial minute will be found in this report.

Vandals have been a nuisance during this period and we hope to have the replacements caused by their depredations in the near future. We are grateful to Miss Marion Fowler for her good work in opening the Church in the morning and closing it again in the evening on each weekday.

Our thanks are due to the Afternoon Guild for the gift of new Bibles and to the Minister for the copies of Psalms for our responsive reading

Miss Helen Clyde prepared and most generously provided a brochure, giving information on our Church, which can be handed to the many visitors who express their interest and these, too, have been supplied to the hotels where guests enquire about Presbyterian services.

Our own Choir has been most loyal and has rendered many pleasing anthems. The regular attendance of their Members at both services is very greatly appreciated and we do thank them and their Choirmaster, Mr Raymond Wilderspin, for so capably leading our singing.

It is with pleasure that we can record that one of our young members, Mr John Bitchener, has been accepted as a Student for the Ministry. He is at present residing at Weir House and attending Victoria College.

The plaque in Memory of the Rev. Kingsley Fairbairn, which was contributed to by his family and his friends in St. John's, was presented by his Son-in-law, Dr. Ken McKenzie, in the presence of Mrs Fairbairn and Aileen with other of their friends. It was dedicated by Mr Kinloch at the morning Service on the 10th. of September

In February Mr Kinloch expressed a desire to visit his relatives in the Old Country and Session was very pleased to support this wish. He puts in so much energy and gives such conscientious attention to every aspect of his work that the chance to provide him with some time for refreshment was gladly grasped. As this report is prepared we look forward to the return of our well beloved Minister with his well thought out sermons and kindly approach. Both he and Mrs Kinloch are well loved by us all and our thanks go to them both and to Kay for so much generous hospitality at the Manse.

A most pleasing feature of our services has been the attendance of the Youth Group. Their ability to function so willingly and harmoniously in the worship and the work of this branch of Christ's Church is something to gladden the hearts of us all.

LESLIE ROWLAND BLAKE

This tribute was delivered by the Very Rev. S.C. Read at the funeral service held in St. Johns on June 28th 1973.

Revelation 14: 13 "Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ; they rest from their labours, for they take with them the record of their deeds."

In effect this writer is saying: "When you leave this earth, all that you can take with you is yourself and your character. If you come to the end of your life united with Christ, then you will take with you a character tried and tested, a character which has something of the reflection of Christ in it, because you lived with him. And if you take with you to the world beyond a character like that, you are to be congratulated.

Not only do people take a character record with them, but they leave one behind in the memories of those who were their companions on life's way.

For most of us Les Blake has been out of circulation for a year or so but this congregation is a tribute to the fact that his record is not forgotten. That record shows a worthy character built over a long life. We come with our varied memories of him. Some think of him as a father and brother, some knew him best in the world of business, some played golf with him, some looked up to him as a Worshipful Brother in his Lodge, some recall his long service to this congregation. All were honoured by his friendship.

However valuable a person's contribution to outside interests may be, it should be stressed that his work is his life, in the sense that through it he finds reality and fulfilment. During most of his working life Les served the firm of Joseph Nathan Ltd, rising to the position of Joint Managing Director. He was well known and highly respected among his business associates and in particular the hardware fraternity. His colleagues speak of his prodigious memory - a business and personal asset. It is said that he could be pig-headed - a common failing which we have little difficulty in attributing to other people. His standard of integrity sometimes landed him in trouble.

At the time of his death he was senior elder in this

congregation, an office to which he was ordained 40 years ago. For periods he acted as Session Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent. His church interests extended beyond this congregation. For 23 years he served on the committee of the National Church which was concerned with the provision of a ministry in manpower and plant for those who claimed to be Presbyterian people. His term included a post-war period of unprecedented expansion. He was said to err on the side of caution but this can be a corrective to unreflecting enthusiasm. He served on the Board of the Church Property Trustees for 20 years and took his turn as chairman. He brought his business insights and personal qualities into the service of the Church. All denominations have reason to be thankful for laymen like him.

His devotion to his wife during her last illness was typical of the quality of his home life. To their distress his friends noticed that he was unable to adjust to the years of loneliness which remained. Yet the Christian Hope assures us that they are united again where all is light and all is love.

Beyond what he did in so many spheres of life, we chiefly think of him as the human-hearted man we knew, interested in our interests, the sharer of our frailties and the helper of our faith.

I am sure he would have often prayed the kind of prayer I saw on a Christmas card many years ago. It runs like this:

"God give me faith and confidence,
And grace to keep my courage high,
God give me lots of commonsense
And please, a twinkle in my eye.

The Board of Managers

(As at date of this report)

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| Aickin, Ken | Horokiwi Road, Petone | <i>M. Littel</i> <i>E. George</i> <i>M. King</i> <i>West</i> <i>Hagggett</i> |
| Beggs, David M. | 89 Karepa Street, 2. | |
| Brader, Richard | P.O.Box 1290 | |
| Burton, Dr. David | 16 Motueka Street, Ngairo, 4 | |
| Clark, a.w. | 258 Ohiro Road, 2 | |
| Don, j.r. | 13 Dorking Road, 2. | |
| Dunning, D.B. | 40a Connaught Terrace, 2. | |
| Espie, Jim | 68 Totara Crescent, Ir. Hutt | |
| Ferrier, R.J. | 57 Wadestown Road, 1. | |
| Fleming, R.N. | 9 Lennel Road, 1. | |
| Fowler, Miss M. | 13 Boston Terrace, 1. | |
| Garratt, Ian | 170 Cecil Road, 1. | |
| Hughes, Mrs Gladstone | 160 Oriental Parade, 1. | |
| Johnston, Miss J.S. | Flat 4, Evan Park Court, 3. | |
| Key, Andrew | 30 Crawford Road, 3. | |
| Kraft, W.H. | 135 Kelburn Parade, 5. | |
| Lees, Miss Pat | 132 Brooklyn Road, 2. | |
| MacKenzie, Miss M.I. | 60 Kelburn Parade, 5. | |
| Marshall, J.L. | 22 Fitzroy Street, 1. | |
| Parkinson, N.R. | 13 Greer Greer Crescent, Tawa | |
| Perney, A.T. | 49 Majoribank Street, 1. | |
| Reid, W.R. | Newtown Park Flats, 2. | |
| Ryan, David | Troup House, Willis Street, 1. | |
| Sherriff, A.G. | 72 Derwent Street, 2. | |
| Steen, I.M. | / Ruskin Road, Newlands | |
| Wright, Andrew | Custodians House, Kelburn Park, 5. | |
| Yule, A.C. | 9 Upland Road, 5 | |

COMMITTEES:

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| <u>Property:</u> | R.M. Gilmour (convener), D.J. Bridge, J.R. Don, R.N. Fleming, Mrs Piper, N.G. Robertson, N.S. Woods. |
| <u>Envelopes:</u> | Dr. David Burton (convener), N.R. Parkinson |
| <u>Rolls:</u> | Mrs Hughes and R.B. Fowler |
| <u>Historical Records:</u> | Miss H.D. Clyde, 90 Kelburn Parade. |
| <u>Rooms:</u> | Mrs R.J. Ferrier, phone 44.477 |
| <u>Projector:</u> | D.J. Bridge and R.N. Fleming |

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

Quite a large number of new members were appointed this year bringing the Board back to full strength. These were Andrew Kay, Bruce Dunning, John Managh, Robert Ferrion, Ross Coliello, David Ryan, Jim Erpie, W.R. Reid, Ken Aickin, Andrew Wright, Richard Brader, Bill Clark and Miss Marion Fowler.

Numbers were reduced slightly by the departure of Murray Goss and Ross Coliello on trips to Canada and by the return of Mr Owens to the U.S.A.

A bout of ill health forced Miss Pat Lees to relinquish her position as Rooms Convenor; a responsibility she has carried out in a most satisfactory manner for many years. Malcolm Steer has now shouldered the responsibility for keeping the grounds in a presentable state.

The most significant change in Office Bearers was the resignation, after 14 years, of Mr Ian Lowman as Clerk of the Board of Managers. To quote from the minute of appreciation for his services "... His unfailing courtesy and tact have won him the respect of his fellow members and contributed materially to the harmony of the meetings and the effective transaction of business. ... We thank you, Ian, for a work well done knowing that you are a man to be depended on, one always prepared to serve our Church with quiet reverence and devoted service."

A number of instances of damage to the church buildings and contents led to questioning the advisability of leaving the church open during the week. In an attempt to reduce these risks Miss Fowler has been opening the church doors in the morning and closing them before dark each day during the week. Our thanks go to her for this service.

During the year approval was given to purchase the land on which the manse stands. This is proceeding.

A number of generous donations were received. Among these were \$1000 and \$500 from the estates of James Smylie and Harriet Sims, \$100 from the Hopkirk family, and some Hi-Fi equipment. Sale of part of the latter enabled the purchase of a new cassette tape recorder which is being

used to record the Sunday Services. Mr Paul Rush is taking the recordings to shut-ins and is willing to include any more people who would be interested in hearing them.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Proverbs tells us 'Keep hold of instruction, do not let her go, guard her for she is your life' and this year both groups have directed their study to a large extent on Genesis with a break for Christmas and Easter Meditations. Combined average attendance for both groups is thirty.

Fellowship and coffee is enjoyed and this is a great opportunity for getting to know each other.

M. Varalakshmi, our Indian orphan girl still keeps in touch with us and through the generous giving of members we are still able to pay for her maintenance.

These groups are open to all who are eager to learn more of the wonderful treasures of God's Word - regardless of membership - and discussion is always friendly and animated. You will be very welcome at the Manse Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 9.45 a.m.

SATURDAY AT TWO

Both men and women participate in this happy 'get-together' every second Saturday afternoon in the Fellowship Room. Average attendance is thirty.

We are indebted to Miss Young of the National Film Library who so kindly arranges a programme of first class colour films for us - these consist of: - travel, animal and bird kingdoms, history, industry, art and objects of beauty from all over the world and others.

Through members generous giving we are able to give a donation to a worthy cause. Afternoon tea is enjoyed and any who would care to join this warm fellowship will be most welcome.

THE CHOIR

The choir seems to be a happy family that meets regularly for practice on Thursdays and twice for services on Sundays. The fact that it is only occasionally that there are insufficient members present at Sunday services to render the anthem speaks for itself and makes us realise how fortunate we are that our members are so conscientious with respect to their attendance and that our organist and choirmaster spurs us on with his enthusiasm.

Our membership and attendance fluctuate very considerably due to term holidays. We have 25 on the roll but we are always on the look out for new members - especially men. New members we have welcomed this year are Diane Fraser, Margaret Leitch, Joan Dillon, Jackie Masemann, Maryan Street, Wayne Wallis and Margaret Mackay and Bill Roberts. Congratulations to Malcolm Leitch in gaining his Mus. Bac.

The year has passed with its usual activities - we sang carols at the Station at Christmas time, and our annual round of carols to the elderly and shut in of our own congregation, finishing with a most welcome supper at Mr and Mrs Fowler's. Christmas and Easter were marked with appropriate meditations and our thanks to Mrs Hunt for helping us once again. St Andrews' joined us for a broadcast service in May and we joined St Andrews in November for a television service. At the invitation of the Rev. Evans of Plimmerton we supported our minister when he conducted a Lenten Service in that Parish. We took part in the N.Z.B.C. programme of Easter Music televised in The Cathedral; and a big number of our members enjoyed our annual picnic at the home of Mr and Mrs Strong at Raumati.

Once again we are most indebted to Mrs Kinloch and Miss Lees for their constant attention to the gowns, which always look so well cared for.

We say a special thank you to our minister and our choir-master who have encouraged and inspired us in our service of praise and thanksgiving.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Secretary of Linking Committee, Miss J. Williams

This has again been a busy year of service, and fellowship for members of St. John's Women's Organisations.

Efforts of special interest have been :

1. Taking responsibility for the After Church and Pre-Communion suppers.
2. Housekeeping duties at the Wellington South P.S.S.A. and supplying weekly baking and filling the cupboards during September.
3. Supplying staff at the Cuba Street P.S.S.A. shop and for the Street Day.
4. Folding and inserting Bible Society Bulletins.
5. Supplying six teams during the year to make and serve afternoon tea at the Porirua Hospital Cafeteria. Help was given for this by the Lantern group.
6. Assistance at "Busy Fingers" Newtown, an occupational Centre for the physically disabled.

MISSIONS: The Women's Organisations have kept in close touch with our overseas workers, Sister Margaret Bear, in India and Sister Elizabeth Sutton in New Hebrides. Correspondence has also been maintained with Miss Minka Hanskamp in Thailand, working under the New Zealand Leprosy Mission.

Afternoon Guild maintains a subscription for Margaret Bear to the English Nurses Journal and also sent a gift of \$40 which she used for furniture in the Nurses' Hostel. Evening Guild sent a Christmas Gift of money for her personal use.

During the year two large parcels of hospital linen and baby clothing were sent to Silimaui Health Centre and also a gift of \$40.

MISSION BOXES: Miss McNaught reports that \$73.74 was given by 24 members of the Congregation using these.

MISSION BIRTHDAY GIFT: Miss E. MacKenzie reports that there are 200 on the roll and the amount contributed was \$275.30

A.P.W. PROJECT: St. John's response to this appeal for relief in the Philippines was a very large quantity of linen,

quilts etc., and 203 articles of clothing.

TEA COUPONS: Mrs McMillan thanks all contributors of these; 2,700 tea coupons have sold, amounting to \$28.63.

STAMPS: The Secretary, Mrs M.Allan, reports that stamps from St.John's and four other parishes have once again been sold in bulk. St.John's contribution has been assessed at \$230.32, which is far in excess of previous years. Thanks to all who have helped in collecting, cleaning, sorting and counting, both individually and at a most successful Work Day.

HARVEST FIELD: Miss D Chappell reports that there are 50 subscribers, and included in this number are some men subscribers.

CHURCH FLOWERS: The Flower Conveners, together with their willing helpers, have supplied and arranged the flowers each Sunday and this has been a joy to all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: There was a fine display of vegetables preserves and groceries for this service, donated by the Congregation, also an amount of \$18.58 was received.

As we move into a new year of service we ask that God will fulfill in us His Holy Purpose, and to Him we give praise and thanks.

THE AFTERNOON GUILD

President: Miss E.M. Brodie Secretary: Mrs D.J. Bridge
Treasurer: Miss H. Wilson Vice Presidents: Mesdames
Mortimer and Piper

Life Vice Presidents: Misses Clyde, Hanchet, J. Johnston,
Millar and Mrs Hughes.

Our roll numbers 45 and we have maintained a good average attendance.

During the year we were saddened to hear of the passing of Mesdames Darroch, Stroak and Spratt. Until illness or a move from Wellington prevented, they were active members of the Guild. We extend our sympathy to their loved ones.

Our speakers have been:

The Rev. Margaret Reid - Development and Work of Council for
Christian Education.
Brigadier Norman - Missing Persons Bureau of Salvation
Army
Mrs Joyce Lake - P.S.S.A. Opportunity Shop
Miss K. Craig - Early District Nursing among the Maoris
The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch - Christmas Worship, with Readings by
members.
The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch - Easter Meditation, Soloist Mrs.M.Hunt.
Miss Fiona Robertson - V.S.A. Teaching in British Solomon
Islands.
Sister Lita Hawe - Camden, New Jersey, City of Crisis and
Challenge.

The Guild has given its full support to all the activities in which women of the Church worked together and as well held three activity days. These gave members opportunity for fellowship, while preparing goods for the stalls held, sorting stamps and mending for the P.S.S.A. Shop.

They also sent Christmas gifts and individual greetings to the residents and staff of Te Hopai Home.

Again our members have given generously and our Treasurer reports a healthy credit balance. We thank the Scott Family Trust which again gave \$60 towards the Mission Budget.

A Sale in November was very successful and raised the sum of \$270.60 and Sales Tables at meetings, arranged by Mesdames Roberts and Button brought in \$16.18.

No report would be complete without a sincere appreciation to our Minister, for inspiration through his sermons, through the Bible Study groups and to both he and Mrs Kinloch for their warm hospitality and loving concern for all and their never failing interest in the work of the Guild.

To our President, Miss Brodie, we give thanks for her wise and gracious leadership, which does much to make our meetings the warm and friendly occasions they are.

Thanks also to our Session Clerk and his wife, to those who contributed their time and talents, pianists, afternoon tea helpers, suppliers of transport, those who brought, served and brought on the stalls, and to members generally for support and

friendship in so many ways.

THE EVENING GUILD

President : Miss Agnes McCracken Secretary :
Treasurer : Mrs Charlesworth. Mrs Jim Thomson

Membership stands at 54. The honorary members list is six and they attend occasionally. Monthly meetings have been well attended.

Committee Leaders still continue to make personal calls to their members, do the flowers, serve the supper, and are responsible for the monthly letters.

Devotions are led by various members. Suppers still remain simple, members making a contribution to Freedom from Hunger Fund. Members give towards the Mission Budget through Direct Giving Envelopes.

It was decided to change the Christmas Project this year and our gifts were sent to Wellington South P.S.S.A., Nikau Street. The McGhie children received Christmas gifts from us.

Evening Guild Cake Stall held May 11th at St. John's Church gates raised the sum of \$80.30.

We thank our President for the well thought up monthly programme, especially on the entertainment side.

Programmes for 1972/73:

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| <u>July</u> | Miss Beryl Stewart - Visit to Jerusalem at Christmas. |
| <u>August</u> | Fun Evening of Quiz and Quotations. |
| <u>September</u> | Small Sewing Group, along with friendly chatter. |
| <u>October</u> | Miss Ford from the Correspondence School. |
| <u>November</u> | Gay Christmas Fayre, and Soloist Mrs. Hunt. |
| <u>March</u> | Sister Olive Saunders, speaker - followed by enjoyable Scottish play. |
| <u>April</u> | Mrs Betty Arnold - Interesting overseas trip and slides. |
| <u>May</u> | The Rev.J. Mabon - Mt.Crawford Prison Chaplain. |

Our grateful thanks to our retiring Treasurer, Miss Marion Fowler, and to outgoing Committee members who have all done their jobs so ably.

THE BIBLE CLASS

Chairman: Bill Moore, Secretary: Joanne Diggle, Treasurer:
Mrs. Trixie Milkop, Social Convener: David Bates, Junior
Committee Member: Colleen Hunt, Committee Members: Yvonne
Klaassen, Karen Vink, Karen Smith.

This has been an active and enjoyable year for the Bible Class. Our leaders were Mr Vink, André and Trixie Milkop, Bruce Dunning, Robyn McBride and Morag Thomson. We would very much like to thank all these people.

Studies have been interesting and varied. Speakers and missionaries have come along and we have also had some very interesting films shown.

Although the prayer meetings in the mornings have lapsed they are once more resuming as it is felt that they are of particular importance. With the introduction of the Youth Programme in the morning there has been a greater feeling of unity among all the groups. In conjunction with this there have been Saturday night programmes.

Our social functions this year have included a progressive dinner, group attendances at Y.F.C. and skating. We have also entertained at the Te Hopai Old People's Home.

The camp we had this year was at Forest Lakes, Otaki. The speaker was Mr F Garratt and we give our special thanks to Mr ad and Mrs Klaassen and Mrs Vink for being camp cooks.

There are many people to whom we owe our thanks for their help and interest. All those who have provided transport to the Class every Sunday morning, Mr Fowler for printing our notices, the minister and all of the members of the Congregation for taking an interest in our Class and its activities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ORDINARY ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th. JUNE 1973

| <u>Receipts</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Offertories, Plate | 5028.04 | |
| Envelopes | <u>10831.38</u> | 16859.42 |
| Donations: | | |
| Use of Rooms | 350.80 | |
| General | <u>307.85</u> | 658.65 |
| Interest: | | |
| Bank | 16.39 | |
| Endowment Fund | 1380.00 | |
| Lockie Bequest | <u>22.39</u> | 1418.78 |
| Budget Contributions: | | |
| Afternoon Guild | 500.00 | |
| Evening Guild | 57.70 | |
| Bible Class | 50.00 | |
| Sunday School | <u>89.26</u> | 696.96 |
| Contributions for Others: | | |
| N.C.C. | 133.80 | |
| P.S.S.A. | <u>18.58</u> | 152.38 |
| Carried forward | | 19786.19 |

| <u>Payments</u> | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| The Rev.D.T.W.Kinloch, Stipend | 4107.48 | |
| Car Allowance | 552.48 | |
| Expenses Allowance | <u>199.92</u> | 4859.88 |
| Pulpit Supply | 35.28 | |
| Organist | 600.00 | |
| Relief Organist | <u>34.62</u> | 679.90 |
| Budget | | 5220.00 |
| Light and Heat | | 162.26 |
| Printing and Paper | | 372.20 |
| Rates | | 419.65 |
| Repairs and maintenance: | | |
| Manse | 162.40 | |
| Church | 118.99 | |
| Organ | 180.10 | |
| S.S. Tables | 52.17 | |
| Cups | 31.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | <u>20.69</u> | 565.35 |
| Manse Site Rent | | 274.00 |
| Cleaning and Rubbish Removal | | 1044.16 |
| Fire Insurances | | 1395.76 |
| Beneficiary Fund | | <u>504.09</u> |
| Carried forward | | 15497.25 |

15 665.65
 124.23
 15549.42

Receipts

| | | |
|--|--------|-------------------|
| Brought forward | | 19786.19 |
| Special Purpose Donations: | | |
| Hi-Fi | 124.00 | |
| Part cost Typhoon (replace Manse Wastemaster) | 42.50 | |
| Beneficiary Fund | 10.00 | |
| Nativity Scene | 10.00 | |
| Afternoon Guild hall furn. | 50.00 | |
| Historical Booklet | 53.50 | |
| Troup House | 20.00 | |
| (towards cost of Valuation) | | 310.00 |
| Other Receipts: | | |
| Minister's Travel Gift | 427.00 | |
| Donation Hopkirk Timbers | 100.00 | |
| Sim's Legacy | 500.00 | |
| Refund Damages (Ashely Ardrey) | 22.86 | 1049.86 |
| Bank Balance B/fd. 1.7.72 | | 678.59 |
| | | <u>\$21824.64</u> |

Payments

| | | |
|---|--------|-------------------|
| Brought forward | | 15497.25 |
| A.P.W. Fees | | 17.00 |
| Increment Levy | | 271.20 |
| Presbytery Levy | | 82.50 |
| Session Expenses | | 84.16 |
| Advertising | | 122.54 |
| Telephones | | 84.60 |
| Travelling Expenses Supply Minister | | 300.70 |
| New Heater for Fellowship Room | | 47.40 |
| Architects Valuation Fee | | 192.00 |
| New Tape Recorder Ex Hi-Fi | | 110.75 |
| Salary in Advance to Minister (net) | | 647.42 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | 61.32 |
| Donations for Others (see Receipts) | | 152.38 |
| Minister's Travel Fund | | 427.00 |
| Donations from Church Funds: | | |
| Sunday School | 75.00 | |
| Cradle Roll | 20.00 | |
| Church Education | 25.00 | 120.00 |
| Church Office Deposits as per Trust Account | | 2819.00 |
| Historical Booklets | | 53.50 |
| Contribution to Fairbairn Plate | | 57.50 |
| Bank Balance C/fd. 30.6.73 | | |
| Afternoon Guild for Locks | 100.00 | |
| Hi-Fi Fund Bce. | 13.25 | |
| General Fund | 563.17 | 676.42 |
| | | <u>\$21824.64</u> |

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1973

| <u>Receipts</u> | | <u>Payments</u> | |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| Balance at 30.6.72 | | Cleaning | 135.00 |
| Bank of N.Z. | 148.89 | Rates | 232.29 |
| Church Office | 14572.40 | Repairs to door | 68.75 |
| Building Soc. | 1815.59 | Insurances | 369.77 |
| | | Architects Fees | 53.00 |
| Rents | | Public Area | 5.00 |
| | | Lighting | 863.31 |
| Interest: | | Balances at 30.6.73 | |
| Bank | 5.14 | Bank of N.Z. | 381.28 |
| Church Office | 1037.00 | Church Office | 16424.45 |
| Building Soc. | 166.12 | Building Soc. | 1926.66 |
| Net Electric-ity | 02 | | 18732.39 |
| | | | \$19596.20 |

TRUST ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1973

| <u>Receipts</u> | | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Payments</u> |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Fund Balances 30.6.72 | | 1972/73 | Fund Balances 30.6.73 |
| Benevolent | 262.35 | 18.10 | 290.45 |
| Centennial | 215.00 | 14.00 | 229.00 |
| Chairs | 200.00 | 13.00 | 213.00 |
| Crockery | 11.00 | - | 11.00 |
| Hall Rebuilding | | | |
| Special Account | 8708.39 | 600.88 | 9309.27 |
| Hall Rebuilding | | | |
| General Account | 5634.54 | 403.00 | 6249.46 |
| Hymn Books | 920.00 | 64.00 | 984.00 |
| Organ Renovation | 2488.72 | 171.00 | 2909.72 |
| Church Rebuilding | 643.42 | 44.40 | 687.82 |
| Endowment | 20000.00 | 1380.00 | 20000.00 |
| Lockie Bequest | 380.00 | 22.39 | 380.00 |
| Repainting | 3417.80 | 296.76 | 5598.56 |
| General Reserve | 1413.38 | 97.00 | 2110.38 |
| Hall Furnishing | 160.00 | 12.31 | 247.31 |
| | 44454.60 | \$3136.84 | 49219.97 |
| Interest on above | 3136.84 | Withdrawals | |
| Clachan Bequest | | to Ordinary | |
| To Hall Rebuild. | | Account | |
| General Account | | Endw. Fund | |
| \$200 + Interest | 211.92 | Interest | 1130.00 |
| Ex. Ordinary Account | | Lockie Beq. | |
| Don. to Benef' Fund | 10.00 | Interest | 22.39 |
| Hopkirk Donation to | | Withdrawal to | |
| Reserve | 100.00 | Organ | |
| Sims Legacy to Resv. | 500.00 | Account | 250.00 |
| Part Endw. Interest to | | | |
| Organ Renov. Fund | 250.00 | | |
| Provision for | | | |
| Painting | 1884.00 | | |
| For Hall Furnishings | 75.00 | | |
| | \$50622.36 | | \$50622.36 |

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1972/73

Receipts

Bal. from 1972
P.O.S.B. Interest
Direct Giving
Subscriptions (38)
Sale - Lemons
Sale - Jelly
Proceeds "Christmas Fayre"
Donations
Library proceeds
Freedom from Hunger
Bring & Buy Stall

Payments

41.44 Allocation 1972 Funds
.62 St. John's
32.50 Gen. Fund
11.40 Mission Fund
1.15 Direct Giving
1.15 Sub. APW. Special Aid Fund
4.40 Parcel to sick member
6.09 Christmas Gift Miss Bear
7.15 Freedom from Hunger:
14.22 Biscuits
83.61 Corso
Balance P.O.S.B.
Held for Direct
Giving 1973
Unallocated

\$203.7350
111.07 111.57
\$203.73

M. Fowler Hon. Treasurer
G.V.Oed Auditor

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR ACCOUNTS 1972/73

Receipts

Balance 30/6/72
General Fund
Gown Fund
Donations
Weekly Collections
P.O.S.B. Interest

Payments

60.56 Picnic Expenses
10.00 Balance 30/6/73 in
10.00 P.O.S.B.
23.39 General Fund
2.24 Gown Fund
Bal. P.O.S.B. 30/6/73
\$106.19
\$103.27

F. Robertson Hon. Treasurer
N.G. Robertson Hon. Auditor.

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ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1972/73

Receipts

B/fwd. 1/6/72 854.93
Allocated at General Meeting
Church Mission Budget 450.00
Replacement Church Locks 100.00
Missions for specific needs
Miss Bear \$40
Miss Sutton \$40 80.00
Heater - Fellowship Room 50.00
Hall Furnishing Trust Fund 25.00
P.S.S.A. Carpet Fund 50.00
Turakina Appeal 25.00
Towels- Church buildings 10.00 790.00
Includes \$50 allocated Bibles '71 64.93
Mission Birthday Gift 275.30
Sales Table 16.18
Collections 10.22
Donations 10.80
Tea Coupons 28.63
Membership Fees 8.40
Scott Trust Missions 60.00
Bring and Buy (2) 387.19
Mission Boxes 73.74
P.O.S.B. Interest 12.94
Sale of ranga 2.10
Used stamps 230.32
Contribution to Leper Appeal 51.50
\$1232.25

Payments

Two Minute Books 3.95
N.Z. Council of Christian Education
Donation \$4
Friends of Council \$1 5.00
Bibles for Church (part of
allocation at 1971 Meeting) 39.00
Secretary's expenses
(Imprest A/c) 5.00
Contribution to Delegates
expenses APW. Annual Meeting 10.00
Subscription to Nursing Mirror
for Miss Bear 16.20
Friends of Turakina 1.50
A.P.W. Special Aid Fund 1.00
Used Stamps 230.32
Contribution to Leprosy
Mission 51.50
363.47
Cash in Bank 868.78
(Includes \$11, portion of
allocation for Bibles,
1971 allocation)
H. WILSON
HON. TREASURER.
\$1232.25

Hall Furnishing Trust Fund Lodged this account \$175. Interest accrued \$11.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS ACCOUNTS 1972/73

| Income | | Expenditure | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance 30/6/72 | | Missions | 70.00 |
| Missions | 158.69 | Food | 8.25 |
| Coad Bequest | 112.77 | Coloured Lights | 30.00 |
| General Fund | 35.49 | Film Screening | 6.00 |
| | 306.95 | Song Books | 8.00 |
| Offerings | 216.27 | Scripture Union books | 41.80 |
| Profit from Walk Rally | 1.78 | Donations-Missionaries | 18.45 |
| | | | |
| <u>Camp</u> | | <u>Camp</u> | |
| Profit Senior Camp | 30.00 | Camp fees | 106.50 |
| Camp Fees | 285.99 | Groceries | 93.07 |
| Refund | 20.00 | Bus | 82.00 |
| Interest | 9.14 | Bal. 30/6/73 | 281.57 |
| | | Missions | 230.71 |
| | | Coad Bequest | 82.77 |
| | | General Fund | 62.58 |
| | | | 376.06 |
| | <u>\$840.13</u> | | <u>\$840.13</u> |

T.A. Milkop Hon. Treasurer
N.G. Robertson Hon. Auditor

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 1972/73

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Bal. forward 1/7/72 | 12.31 | Supplies | 59.85 |
| Interest on bequests | 21.32 | Prizes | 25.44 |
| Bank Interest | .54 | End of year function | 8.76 |
| Grants Church Funds | 75.00 | Contribution to | |
| Offerings for Missions | 89.26 | Budget | 89.26 |
| | | Balance 30/6/73 | 15.12 |
| | <u>\$198.43</u> | | <u>\$198.43</u> |

N.G. Robertson Hon. Treasurer
R.N. Fleming Hon. Auditor

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

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 1973

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Depreciation Reserve | 3741.68 | Cash in Bank | 318.49 |
| Repainting Reserve | 448.16 | Deposit Church Office | 1809.16 |
| Interior Renov'n Reserve | 610.65 | Buildings at cost | 10694.35 |
| Furniture Replace Res. | 759.48 | Furniture at cost | 2380.66 |
| Income & Expenditure | 1210.18 | | |
| Accumulated Funds | 8752.51 | | |
| Board in advance | 180.00 | | |
| | <u>15702.66</u> | | <u>15702.66</u> |

Income & Expenditure Account - 30th June 1973

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Electricity | 480.26 | Board | 1782.00 |
| Gas | 66.60 | Bank Interest | 12.52 |
| Telephones | 139.32 | Donation | 8.00 |
| General repairs | 61.52 | | |
| Paint | 21.97 | | |
| Cleaning | 40.00 | | |
| Valuation fee | 20.00 | | |
| Rates | 450.80 | | |
| Insurances | 103.45 | | |
| Laundry | 7.00 | | |
| Sundries | 9.04 | | |
| Transfer Depron. Reserve | 400.00 | | |
| Balance carried down | 2.56 | | |
| | <u>\$1802.52</u> | | <u>\$1802.52</u> |

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance 30/6/73 | 1210.18 | Balance 30/6/72 | 1207.72 |
| | | Balance b/down | 2.56 |
| | <u>\$1210.18</u> | | <u>\$1210.18</u> |

N.G. Robertson Hon. Treasurer
R.N. Fleming Hon. Auditor

ST. JOHN'S SPONSORSHIP FUND

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| To Balance 30/5/72 | 31.52 | By Fee 19/12/72 | 39.00 |
| Donation 4/7/72 | 20.00 | " 8/5/73 | 39.00 |
| " 21/7/72 | 25.00 | " Balance | 66.09 |
| " 2/8/72 | 10.00 | 30/6/73 | |
| " 8/12/72 | 25.50 | | |
| Interest 31/3/73 | 2.07 | | |
| Donation 29/6/73 | 30.00 | | |
| | <u>\$144.09</u> | | <u>\$144.09</u> |

K. Bridge Hon. Treasurer 27 N.G. Robertson Hon. Auditor

2nd WELLINGTON TEAM SECTION OF BOY'S BRIGADE

Leader: Miss Harriet Johnston

The Boys come from as far as Seatoun, Paparangi, Wadestown and Brooklyn as well as from the city centre and Kelburn. They are a lively bunch, full of enthusiasm. Of St John's families we have Neil MacLellan, Colin McLellan, Gordon McLellan, John Arnold, Alan Wright, David Mackay, Kevin Rush. There are 26 Boys on the roll whose ages range from 8 to 11.

The Leadership is under the control of Miss H.C. Johnston who has the assistance of Mr Bill Clark and Miss Marayka Van Zweeden. Mr Graham McBride has also been with us for some 18 months but leaves for the U.K. at the end of August. Mr Robert Baird, Brigade Assistant Secretary has joined us for a few months as a Lieutenant. There is room for one male Christian young man who is very keen on physical activities.

The boys did well in the 7 a-side soccer competition of the Battalion. At the annual Church parade last September when about 300 Boys were present our Boys gave \$101 towards the extension of the B.B. in the Pacific Islands. This was the most given by any Team Section. In the local Achievement scheme Competition when over 300 Boys participated, Raymond Wallace was awarded 2nd prize for third year Boys. We have had many outings including a twelve mile hike for senior Boys, walks and cooking meals outside, roller skating and picnics. Our weekly meetings are based on St. Luke 2 verse 52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and Man". Our badge system, called the Achievement Scheme, is therefore, four square in that it relates to this verse as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| Wisdom | - | Educational Achievements |
| Stature | - | Physical Achievements |
| Favour with God | - | Spiritual Achievements |
| Favour with Man | - | Social Achievements |

The badges are graded into age groups. During the winter months the Boys have met in the hall for games every second Saturday. The reason for this has been to meet the need of the city Boys who have sport in the morning but have little to occupy their time in the afternoon. They play table-tennis,

chess, dominoes, ludo as well as the larger noisy games.

The appreciation of the Officers is recorded to all who have assisted the Boys in any way throughout the year.

THE LANTERN

Chairman: Bruce Dunning.

"Lantern" has continued to extend an after evening service fellowship. As in the past this has been a rather nebulous association but it appears that this is being strengthened as members are getting to know one another better.

We have been inspired by some tremendous messages from a number of speakers and on other nights have had discussions and films.

Social Outings have ranged from Table Tennis and a Roller Skating evening to Fellowship meetings. A Barbeque farewell was arranged for Murray Goss, now in Canada.

Many young people are eagerly participating in services at Archata Girl's Borstal approximately every six weeks.

The Lantern Retreat at Riversdale early in 1973 attracted 15 people who throughout the weekend really enjoyed each others company and were able to ponder Christian things together.

"One in the Spirit" was the theme of this year's Senior Camp. Mr Garratt, one of our elders was the speaker.

A fortnightly tea has been arranged at 5.30p.m. on Sundays so we are able to meet for Prayer and get to know each other. A Bookstall with a wide range of Christian books should be in operation in the near future in the Church.

Our special thanks go to Margaret Borland who diligently prepares coffee with a smile. To Graham McBride for his valuable assistance in co-ordinating the Youth activities.

CRADLE ROLL

Convener: Mrs D.W. Burton

There are at present 22 children on the Cradle Roll, including a large number of new babies who have ensured that the Sunday morning creche is being well used. We have also had good attendances at the Christmas Service and the mid-winter coffee morning.

We have obtained a set of Nativity figures for use in the Church at Christmas. These are much appreciated and we are grateful to those members of the Congregation who donated generously towards it. We would also like to express our thanks to the Afternoon Guild for making possible the purchase of sturdy toys for the creche and to the ladies of the Congregation for their willing help with the creche.

Finally the committee would like to record its thanks to Mrs van Zweeden who, as Convener since 1968, has given so freely of her time and energy to ensure the smooth running of the Cradle Roll.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr M.H. van Zweeden

Teachers: Messrs D. Butel (Intermediate Department), Mrs P. Klaassen and Mr G. Alleway (Junior Department), Misses J. Garrett, J. Nichol, M. van Zweeden and Mr A. Vink (Primary Department), Mrs R. Dunning, Misses K. Kennedy and P. Nichol (Kindergarten Department).

Attendance during the past twelve months has been most satisfactory. On an average we have had between 50 - 60 children on the roll most of whom turned up faithfully despite the fact that quite a few parents do not seem to attend church.

The teachers' position has been excellent and we welcomed Grant Alleway and Alan Vink as new teachers. Mrs Butel has left us for a while to look after her baby. We wish to thank her for all the work she has done for her class during the past few years. The monthly teachers' meetings have been of great benefit.

Not only did teachers get to know each other better but also had the opportunity to discuss the various aspects of teaching and how to make the lessons more interesting for the children. In November the children had a marvellous time at the Waikanae Christian Holiday Camp where the message was brought in a simple and effective way.

The prize giving service was held in December and the Hopkirk prize was presented to Rona Thomson and the Anne Scott prize to Colleen Hunt.

BOYS BRIGADE - COMPANY SECTION

Captain: David Beggs

Lieutenant: Alan Bright

The Company has again taken a very active part in all Wellington Battalion events. These included the Christmas camp and the handball, table tennis, swimming, soccer and athletics competitions. Success was varied but included getting to the finals in the soccer and intermediate handball and one broken arm from Christmas Camp.

At 15, numbers are still well below the optimum for a smooth running company but at least we have very few passengers. The fact that 14 boys have registered for the International Camp at Hastings this Christmas bears this out. This must be one of the best percentage representations of any Company in New Zealand and each boy will have to find about \$40 to be able to attend. Speaking of money, four boys raised better than \$20 each during this year's B.B. Week. The best of these was again L/Cpl Garry Ball who has topped our list in each of the last four years. We thank those who have contributed financially to our support.

Also, special thanks are due to our minister who has come regularly each fortnight to take our opening devotions. We thank him for spending so much time on such a small number.

GOOD NEWS GROUP

Chairman: Wendy Nicholls

Secretary: John Herzog

Social Convener: Alan Vink

The need for another group separate from Bible Class and Lantern arose when in 1972 the senior members of the Bible Class felt that we should split up because there was such an age difference between the senior and junior members. Therefore a new group was formed called 'Good News' to cover people from ages 18 - 24. Its aims are much the same as those of the Bible Class; that is: to encourage young people to come to know Christ and to grow in the Christian faith.

This year an emphasis has been placed on Bible studies which we have every Sunday. Also, every two weeks we have a study on Thursday night at a private home. On this evening we either have a visiting speaker or else one of us prepares a message. This year we are being led by Mr Garratt.

We have also taken part in many enjoyable social functions, many of which have been combined with Bible Class and Lantern.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' GROUP

Convener: Trixie Milkop

The Young Marrieds' Group was formed two years ago to provide fellowship for young married Christian couples and families. The group welcomes especially, those coming to Wellington for the first time.

A dinner, a coffee and dessert evening, fondue supper, picnic at Staglands and house warmings have been some of the activities enjoyed by the Young Marrieds. We also run a creche on the first Tuesday of each month to allow mothers to do some shopping and arrange hairdressing and other appointments.

We have farewelled Ross and Janet Colello and John and Margaret Managh and have welcomed several new members. There is a membership at present of 12 couples.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Club has enjoyed the most successful season in its history. Membership totalled 66 in 1972 and 52 in 1973 and its two teams playing in the Wellington Badminton Association's C and D Grade Competitions, attained first equal and second respectively.

The high standard achieved last year was due mainly to an intensive coaching programme for both beginners and experienced players. Visits were exchanged with St. Giles and Northland Clubs. These continue to be most enjoyable evenings.

The Wellington Badminton Association has levied each affiliated club in the past two years to raise funds for extensions to Badminton Hall. Our Club was levied \$3 per member. Our policy has been to raise the funds to meet these levies from social events at which all members may participate. In 1972 we held a Progressive Dinner, Mystery Tour and an End of Season Dinner and Dance.

We express our thanks for the extensive use of the hall which we enjoy, and have donated \$90 towards the hall.

The Session Clerk thanks Mesdames G.V. Oed, H.S. Gray and M. Fowler and Misses V. Speirs and J. Williams who completed the typing of this report and Mr Robert Gilmour who organised the team to put it together.

N MEMORIAM

MRS E. DARROCH

LADY GILLIES

MRS P. LEITCH

THE REV. G.L. NUMMY

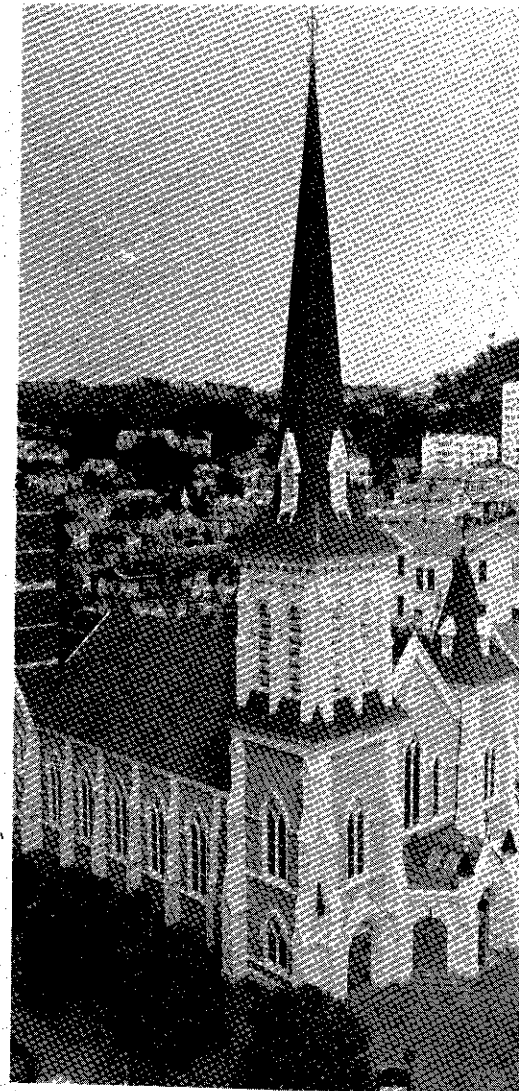
MRS H. SPRATT

MRS A.V. STROAK

The Presbyterian Church of N.Z.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington.



ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTYFIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

and

BALANCE SHEET

1973 - 1974

To be presented at the
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on

WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1974.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

| | | |
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| Minister | The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch, The Manse, 2 Kelburn Parade. | 46-492 |
| Session Clerk | Mr N.G. Robertson, 169 Karori Road, Wellington 5. | 768-118 |
| Clerk to the Board of Managers | Mr David Beggs, 83 Wyndrum Avenue, Lower Hutt. | |
| Treasurer | Mr R.N. Fleming, 9 Lennel Road, Wellington 1. | 40-195 |
| Organist & Choirmaster | Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 11 Armour Avenue, Wellington 1. | 557-325 |

KIRK SESSION

| | | Inducted |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Fowler, R.B. | 48 Homewood Avenue, 5. | 1933 |
| Smith, H.B. | 25 Maida Vale Road, 3. | 1941 |
| Woods, N.S. | 38 Harrison Street, 2. | 1950 |
| Marshall, Rt. Hon. J.R. | 22 Fitzroy Street, 1. | 1950 |
| Dorman, Alford | 19a The Crescent, 3. | 1960 |
| van Zweeken, M.H. | 33 Rata Road, 3. | 1960 |
| Keyes, A.W. | 6d Aston Towers, 1. | 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 |
| Shiels, A.Y. | 19 Fernhill Terrace, 1. | 1965 |
| Arnold, Dr R.D. | 2 Maurice Terrace, 1. | 1966 |
| Robertson, N.G. | 169 Karori Road, 5. | 1968 |
| Hunt, John | 24 Krull Street, 2. | 1968 |
| Bridge, D.J. | 83 Kelburn Parade, 5. | 1968 |
| Harvie, Dr A.H. | 1 Palm Grove, Belmont | 1969 |
| Martin, T.G. | 6 Lower Watt Street, 1. | 1969 |
| The Rev. R.H. McKenzie | 4 Maple Grove, 2. | 1970 |
| Mrs Owen John | 8D Wai iti Crescent, Lower Hutt. | 1970 |
| Miss E.M. Brodie | 98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3. | 1972 |
| Gilmour, R.M. | 70 Mortimer Terrace, 2. | 1972 |
| Malcolm, G.A. | 30 Ngatoto Street, 4. | 1972 |
| Milkop, A.H. | 14 Franklyn Road, Tawa | 1972 |
| Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer | 55 Madras Street, 4. | 1972 |
| Mrs M.M. Piper | 31 Bidwill Street, 2. | 1972 |
| Rush, P.A. | 90 Washington Avenue, 2. | 1972 |
| Officer, C.T. | 68 Brunswick Street, Lower Hutt. | 1973 |

Board of Managers

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Mr Ken Aickin | Mr Bill Kraft |
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| Dr David Burton | Mr Neil Parkinson |
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| Mr Jim Don | Mr W.R. Reid |
| Mr Jim Espie | Mr William Roberts |
| Mr Robin Ferrier | Miss Fiona Robertson |
| Mr Neal Fleming | Mr David Ryan |
| Miss Marion Fowler | Miss Ailsa Salt |
| Mr Michael Hodge | Mr Alistair Sherriff |
| Mrs Gladstone Hughes | Mr Malcolm Steer |
| Miss Jessie Johnston | Mr Andrew Wright |
| Mr Andrew Kay | Mr Wayne Wallis |

Committees:

| | | |
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| Property: | J. Hunt (acting convener), D.J. Bridge, J.R. Don, R.N. Fleming, N.S. Woods and Mrs Piper. | |
| Building: | J. Hunt (convener), N. Prior (Secretary), N.S. Woods, A.H. Milkop, A. Kay, R.N. Fleming, Mesdames Mortimer and Piper. | |
| Envelope Secretaries: | Dr Burton (convener), 16 Motueka Street, 4. N. Parkinson, 13 Greer Street, Tawa. | 792-649 TWA7-756 |
| Rolls: | C.T. Officer (resigning September) Mrs Gladstone Hughes, 160 Oriental Parade. | 555-490 |
| Historical Records: | Miss H.D. Clyde, 90 Kelburn Parade, 5. | 759-225 |
| Letting of Church Rooms: | Mrs R.J. Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Road, 1. | 44-477 |
| Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board are ex-officio members of all committees. | | |

Church Flowers:

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| Dr Jean Boyd, 8 Lower Watt Street, 1. | 41-351 |
| Miss Maimie Abbott, 32 Majoribank Street. | 558-596 |

Weekly Intimations and Miscellaneous Typing, Duplicating:

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| Mr & Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Avenue, 5. | 768-777 |
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Association of Presbyterian Women:

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| Linking Committee Secretary: Miss J. Williams, 20 Maarama Crescent, 1. | 556-728 |
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Afternoon Guild:

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| Pres. Elect (March 1975) Mrs N.S. Woods, 38 Harrison Street, 2. | 896-769 |
| Secretary Mrs D.J. Bridge, 83 Kelburn Parade, 5. | 759-113 |

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| Evening Guild: | | |
| Pres. | Miss A. McCracken, 9 Lancaster Street, 5. | 766-456 |
| Secretary | Mrs B. Harris, 29 Mortimer Terrace, 2. | 59-162 |
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| Cradle Roll Convener: | | |
| | Mrs D. Burton, 16 Motueka Street, 4. | 792-649 |
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| Sunday School | | |
| Superintendent: | Mr M.H. van Zweeden, 33 Rata Road, 3. | 861-351 |
| Staff: | Mr D. Butel | Mrs Laughlan |
| | Mrs P. Klaassen | Mrs Garratt |
| | Miss K. Smith | Miss K. Kinloch |
| | Mr G. Alleway | Miss P. Nicholls |
| | Miss M. van Zweeden | |
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| Youth Groups – Bible Classes, Young People and Lantern. | | |
| Co-ordinator: | Mr Alan Vink, 25 Mantell Street, 3. | 886-913 |
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| Boys' Brigade | | |
| Company Section: | Capt. Alford Dornan, 19a The Crescent, 3. | 552-181 |
| Team Section: | Miss Harriett Johnston, 213 The Terrace, 1. | 47-430 |
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| 'Young Marrieds' | | |
| | Mrs Trixie Milkop, 14 Franklyn Road, Tawa. | TWA8627 |
| | | |
| 'Saturday at Two' | | |
| | The Rev. & Mrs Kinloch, The Manse. | 46-492 |
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| 'Messenger' | | |
| Editor: | Miss F. Robertson, 169 Karori Road, 5. | 768-118 |
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| Badminton Club | | |
| Club Captain: | David Beggs, 83 Wyndrum Avenue, Lower Hutt. | |
| Secretary: | Sandy Stevens, 50 Mortimer Terrace. | 559-177 |
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| Session Committees | | |
| Troup House: | The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch (Chairman), Mrs Hughes, Rt. Hon. J.R. Marshall, Messrs J.W. Vink, N.S. Woods, K. Aickin (Treasurer), Mrs G. Robertson (Secretary), and Rennie Davies (Warden of Troup House). | |
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| Choir and Organ: | Mrs Mortimer (convener), Messrs R.N. Fleming and Robert Gilmour. | |
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| Youth Liaison: | A. Dornan (convener), F.N. Garratt, J.W. Vink and M.H. van Zweeden. | |

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

In June of this year I entered into my seventh year as your minister and at times I can hardly believe the time has gone so swiftly. However, one thing I do know, and that is that the past six years have been for me six rich and varied years working together with you as the St. Johns family. One has only to call in at any morning service to see that we ARE a family. Especially so now that the young people are such grand and regular attenders at the morning service Sunday by Sunday. I believe too, that the sense of family is strengthening witness the social evening we enjoyed together as a family on Saturday 29th June. Organized by the young people it was a complete and marked success.

The reports which follow are, taken together, an account of the life, witness and outreach of the congregation during the year under review. We are one part of the Body of Christ - His instrument for Christ is the Head of His Church and our commission is but to witness to Him as we are and where we are. How true it is that 'Church begins early on Monday morning' when the members go to live in Spirit of the Living Christ in the home, the office, the shop and wherever they may be. AND HE GOES WITH US. He is the Head of the Church at all times and everywhere; the Head of the Body and of each member; your Head and mine. That is the confidence that enables us to witness, that we are 'co-workers together with Him', each moment of each day.

One of the most gratifying signs noticed in this past year is the larger congregations, particularly in the morning. May I take this opportunity to invite any who come to worship and who are not members of St. Johns to contact me with a view to coming in to the full membership of St. Johns. We want you; we need you, and we surely do welcome you. Give me a ring at the manse and I'll arrange for you to come and have a chat at

the manse over a cup of coffeeor tea, if you prefer!

Finally - on behalf of my wife, Kay and myself, may I again thank you all for your thoughtfulness and kindness to us in so many ways. We appreciate this and it is not taken for granted. So - away we go into another year in His service which alone is freedom.

When in Scotland last year I came across this Celtic blessing.

I give it to you all with sincerity -

"May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm on your face;
The rain fall soft upon your fields (gardens),
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the Palm of His Hand."

Jack Kinloch

Your minister and friend,

Session Report

Session, in presenting this the one hundred and twentyfirst annual report for St. John's, gives thanks to God for the year that has passed.

Firstly our beloved Minister, the Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch, has given the Lord he loves so well another year of dedicated service. He gives not only his interest but his very real personal concern to every facet of parish life. We have been privileged to hear the message so clearly expounded week by week, from the pulpit. The prayers and preaching are an inspiration to all who attend the services. Besides the weekly services our Minister is always ready to be with the sick, and to those in special need he brings the comfort of the Gospel. To Mrs. Kinloch we are also greatly indebted for the gracious interest she also takes in all activities of the congregation. We pray that Mr. and Mrs. Kinloch and Kay may be strengthened in their work and service.

The visits of the Very Rev. Dr. Blanchard and the Rev. W.P. Temple at the beginning of the year under review gave great pleasure to all and we very greatly enjoyed their company. Many former members joined with us in the services conducted by our visitors and we appreciated their interest in our Church.

During the year Family Services and Youth Services have been held regularly and it is a pleasure to see so many attending these services. The young people of our congregation are to be commended for the way in which they take so active a part in the Youth Services and for bringing along so many of their friends. The fellowship at these services is obviously real.

Following a sudden illness Mr. R.B. Fowler resigned as Session Clerk. Mr. Fowler had been Session Clerk for nearly 12 years and his fine and 'indefatigable' service has been remarkable. He was a tower of strength to Minister, church member and stranger, and his knowledge of Church law and procedures has been invaluable to the Courts of the Church.

At a morning service Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were presented with a beautifully hand-tooled leather bound photograph album. This album contained a copy of the Minute of Appreciation of the services given by Bruce Fowler, signatures of members, and a series of large coloured photographs which depict various aspects of St. John's congregational life.

Session accepted with regret two resignations and expressed their appreciation of their services so conscientiously given. Mr. Larry Strong moved to Hamilton and Mr. Doug Irwin transferred to a teaching position in Tauranga.

Mr. Fred Chappell had a lengthy stay in hospital and we all rejoice in his good recovery, but Session has relieved him of all visiting duties.

Mr. Alfred Keyes has undertaken the duty of being in attendance at all weddings and funerals.

Mr. Colin Officer was appointed Rolls Clerk and he has rearranged the Elders' districts. The revised districts should make it easier for Elders to concentrate their work in specified areas.

There were 44 additions to the Roll, while disjunctions totalled 64, to leave a total of 420 members as at 30th June, 1974. It is obvious, however, that we have many people worshipping with us regularly who are not on the Church Roll. The average attendance at the quarterly Communion Services was 384. Approximately 40 members and visitors attended the World Communion Service in October 1973 and 80 attended the early Communion Service held on Easter Sunday.

On 6/7 October 1973 we had the pleasure of a visit by our Own Missionary Miss Margaret Bear while home on furlough. Miss Bear told those present of the work she is doing at Ambala in Northern India. Another visitor on 9th June, 1974, was the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt. Rev. G. McKenzie. Several other parishes joined us at the evening service and at least 350 attended. Mr. U. Nokise, a student for the Ministry led the morning service of worship on 19th May and members were very impressed with his ability. Other visitors included members of Toc H, British Sailors' Society, Featherston Union Sunday School, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A and the combined Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges' annual service.

Session now meets for a light evening meal and then proceeds into business. This has greatly enriched the fellowship between fellow elders and has enabled more time to be spent in discussion, in particular, the remits sent down by the 1973 General Assembly, at which Mrs. Mortimer very ably represented St. John's. Subjects discussed have included The Church and Pentecostalism, The Holy Spirit and Charismatic Renewal of the Church, The Lord's Supper and Baptised Children, Infant Baptism and Services of Dedication, The Church and Community Health, The Care of the Aged, Forms of Marriage, and Race Relations. To bring the Communion Table more into focus on Communion Sundays, Session decided by a majority vote to no longer cover the pews with white cloths.

Several generous gifts have been given to St. John's during the year - a gift from the Bible Society of a large print edition of T.E.V. New Testament "Good News for Modern Man"; a new pulpit fall; refurbishing of the Pulpit Chairs and a Communion Table "throw over" to cover the Elements, also a generous "thank offering" from Mr. and Mrs. Irwin.

In April Minka Hanscamp and a fellow nurse Miss Margaret Morgan were abducted from their leprosy clinic in Thailand. The family of St. John's shares with loving concern in the anxiety of her sister, Mrs. van Zweeden, her mother in Holland and other members of the family. As this report goes to print news has come through that their health is not good. The Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship asks for prayer that God will replenish their hearts daily that they may be strengthened in this weary time of inactivity.

During the past year we have been saddened by the passing of not a few friends and loved ones and fellow members of St. John's. We give thanks for their faithful Christian life and their influence and our remembrance and friendship goes out to all who have suffered deep personal loss in this way.

Session places on record its deep appreciation of the devoted service given by so many of our members in all aspects of the congregational life. We pray that our Church may grow from strength to strength stronger in the challenge which He has put to us and always remembering the words of the Psalmist -

"The Lord is my light and my Salvation;
of whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?"

Board of Managers

The late Leslie Blake, an elder of St. John's for 40 years, provided most generously in his Will for the work of the Presbyterian Church. A very substantial share in this is given specifically for youth and community service work at St. John's. It will be some time before all assets of the estate are sold and the actual value of the bequest will depend on prices at time of sale, but a figure in excess of \$40,000 is possible.

A building in permanent materials on the site of the present hall is mentioned in the Will, and with this in mind the Building Committee was re-formed and set about considering various alternatives. When St. Andrew's pulpit became vacant it was thought prudent to discuss with St. Andrew's Session the possibility of combined action in the central city area. This is proceeding.

Two other major financial matters concern the manse land, purchase of which has now been finalised, and the organ. The organ sub-committee did a lot of preliminary work and now George Croft & Son have been asked to carry out repairs and improvements to the organ costing \$8,000 - \$14,000. This is a two-stage plan, the second part of which will be done only if enough money can be raised over the next few months.

Three members of the Board (J. Don, N. Parkinson, and M. Steer) were elected for a further 3-year term and eight new members appointed (Misses A. Salt and F. Robertson, and Messrs G. Atchison, A. Darroch, M. Hodge, R. Patterson, W. Roberts and W. Wallis). The only loss, a significant one, during the year was that of Bruce Dunning. This willing worker is now in Christchurch.

Mention should be made of the work put in by other special-purposes sub-committees formed during the year to deal with such things as Insurance, Tenants' rents, and Donations.

We must record our thanks to Bob Gilmour for all the work he did, much of it single-handed, as Property Committee convener and also to John Hunt for allowing his arm to be temporarily twisted as replacement following Bob's departure to Australia.

Board meetings this year have been preceded by a 5.30 p.m. tea and if this has not resulted in the expected earlier finishing times it has certainly given members a good opportunity for fellowship with one another.

Bible Studies

While the Thursday morning studies continued as in previous years a change was made in the Tuesday time of meeting from 7.30 p.m. to lunchtime.

This year the Thursday group has met in the Manse at 9.45 to study Genesis. Worthwhile study and fellowship has resulted while our numbers remain around the 10 mark each week. There is a great warmth in this group and room for others who might like to consider coming along. Remember... the Manse 9.45 a.m. each Thursday.

The Tuesday group now meets in the vestry of the Church at 12.20 and 1.20 p.m. - two groups for the two lunchtimes. As with the evening group this is a younger fellowship in the main. Coffee is provided (or milk if you prefer) in the Fellowship room any time from midday and then we have half-an-hour of study and all go off smartly back to work. The process is repeated at 1.20 p.m. Membership varies in number but we are about 18 over the two groups. This year we have studied the latter chapters of Matthew and are now studying John - a chapter each week. Again there is a great friendship round the Word, and again there is room for you if you come.

Choir

Another year of happy activity with the choir is to be reported - not a very large, but a very faithful membership, most of whom are prepared to be twicers and thus ensuring continuing leading of services of worship Sunday by Sunday.

Membership:

As always our membership fluctuates greatly - we have 25 on the roll and average attendance is about 15. Our greatest need is men, and much more could be done by the choir if we had more strength in the male sections. We were sorry to say farewell to Miss Margaret Leitch and Miss Joan Dillon, and we miss Robert Gilmour while he is overseas. We warmly welcome Misses Reed, Hunter, Thomson, McKay, Wallace and Littlejohn and are very pleased to have them with us. Miss Janice Adams from U.S.A. was a very keen and helpful member for several months during her stay in Wellington on a working holiday.

Activities:

Our usual activities have been carried out during the year - carols at the Station, carols to our elderly and shut-ins, concluding with a well earned tea at Miss MacKenzie's home; Christmas and Easter were marked with appropriate music and meditations; we have been to the prison to assist the Chaplain with his evening service.

Unfortunately our annual picnic and visit to Mr and Mrs Strong at Raumati had to be cancelled because of weather, instead the lunch was eaten at Mrs Mortimer's and then we went to see the film "The Bible".

We have, this year, become affiliated to the Royal Schools of Church Music. This keeps us in touch with new developments in Church music and new publications and gives us the right to attend choir schools. It should prove of interest and value to us.

Library:

A new anthem book "Anthems for Choirs" edited by Francis Jackson has just been added to the Library. This contains many new and interesting anthems and we look forward to getting to know them. A working bee has been held to mend covers and attend to the music. Thanks to our Librarian, Bill Roberts, for his attention to the books.

Gowns:

These, as usual, are in very good order, thanks to the continued vigilance of our wardrobe mistresses Mrs Kinloch and Miss Lees. New collars are being made to replace the originals which are showing signs of wear.

General:

Once again, as a choir, we have such a lot to be thankful for. At our last annual meeting one of our members remarked that joining the choir was the surest and quickest way of getting to know the Church family and this is evident from the happy way we all work and play together. We have a wide range of ages and representatives from all the Church groups, and our non active life members take a very great interest in all activities. We are most blessed in a happy working relationship, and thank all who do so much to make it that way, especially our minister and his wife; Mr and Mrs. Fowler; and our organist and choir-master whose continued outgoing friendliness and ability encourages us to do our best. At this point in time we would like to pay particular tribute to Mr and Mrs Fowler, who during the years of Mr Fowler's position of Session Clerk always encouraged and enthused us. We know that this encouragement and enthusiasm will remain even though ill health has meant that he is no longer Session Clerk.

As this report is being written we are about to take part in fund raising for our organ. It is a beautiful instrument and we only hope that as a choir we will be able to do our part to raise the necessary finance to restore it to its original quality. Music is such an intrinsic part of our Church worship and we are fortunate to have such an organ. Its original building meant sacrifice on the part of the St. John's members at the time, men and women who had vision, and we trust we will be worthy of their sacrifices and that our efforts will be a significant contribution towards this meaningful project and measure up to the work of those early builders.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The women's organisations in St. John's have had a busy year.

Three members attended the A.P.W. Conference at Lower Hutt in April.

Noteworthy efforts have been:

Housekeeping duties at Wellington South P.S.S.A., and during November supplying the weekly baking and replenishing grocery cupboards.

Supplying staff at the Cuba St. PSSA shop.

Running the Delicatessen Stall at PSSA Fair.

Folding and inserting Bible Society Bulletins.

Taking responsibility for Pre-Communion suppers, and a Congregational Tea for Margaret Bear.

Supplying teams during the year to make and serve afternoon tea at the Porirua Hospital Cafeteria.

Assistance at "Stepping Stones".

Supplying and wrapping Christmas Gifts for Te Hopai residents and staff.

Reinforcing books for Polynesian's APW Book Project.

Missions:

Keeping in touch: Each month letters are written to Sister M. Bear in India, Sister E. Alexandra in Tonga, Miss M. Hansham in Thailand, and a patient in Porirua Hospital, and news of overseas workers given at Meetings.

St. John's Own Missionary: Sister M. Bear visited us in October and was warmly welcomed by the congregation at a Buffet Meal. She spoke of her work in India, tutoring in Jagadhri and Ambala Hospitals. It was pleasing to have a good attendance of young people and Margaret was greatly encouraged by their interest, enthusiasm and participation in the Sunday morning service at which she also spoke. Wide publicity was given to her work in an N.Z.B.C. interview which was broadcast over the National "Faith and Works" programme. She was given a gift of money by St. John's women to purchase a new tape recorder on her return journey.

A new Associate Missionary: Sister Estelle Alexander who replaced Sister Elizabeth Sutton at Silimaui Health Centre in New Hebrides. She has been working under great difficulties due to destruction by hurricane.

Members linked with St. Ninian's and enjoyed meeting Mrs. Rea, wife of a Cabinet Minister in the new self government Assembly in Papua New Guinea. Mrs. Rea chatted about her country and her involvement in the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Papua-New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

MISSION BOXES: Miss McNaught reports that \$127.27 was given by 25 donors.

Mission Birthday Gift: Miss E. MacKenzie reports that there are 220 members on the role, and they gave \$336.78.

Tea Coupons: 2,830 tea coupons were sold and raised \$34.01. Mrs. McMillan thanks all who collected these.

Stamps: \$207.30 this year. A grand effort by all who have collected, cleaned, sorted and sold. Mrs. Allan, our Secretary, reports that through our encouragement five other groups have now formed their own interest group. Our accumulation of foreign stamps over the last year or so have brought our total up as we have now been able to dispose of them to a very satisfactory buyer.

'Harvest Field': Miss D. Chappell reported that at the end of the year there were 46 women and 2 men subscribers. (Miss Chappell has resigned from this post which she has held for many years - thank you Miss Chappell).

Church Flowers: The Flower Conveners and members of the Flower Roster have each week provided and arranged the flowers in the Church, which has been very much appreciated by all.

Afternoon Guild

The roll numbers 46 and the average attendance at meetings has been maintained.

During the year we were saddened to hear of the passing of Miss C. Dalziel, a valued member for many years, who had supported all activities until ill-health prevented her attendance.

In March, at the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Kinloch, we held our opening meeting for the year - a social afternoon - at the Manse. A very happy occasion and Miss N. Morgan told us of her recent visit to the Holy Land.

We farewelled Mrs Owens and Mrs Wasley, two American friends, who with their husbands, had been members of St. John's and had thoroughly identified themselves with all the activities of the Guild. We thank Mr and Mrs Owens for their generous monetary gift and Mrs Wasley for the subscription to "Concern", the magazine of the United Presbyterian of America, and also for used stamps which she donated.

Our speakers have covered a wide range of topics - "The Dead Sea Scrolls", Chaplain's work at Wellington Prison, Favourite Hymns, Traveller's Tales, Report on Assembly, "The Significance of Lent", Conference Highlights and a discussion of Assembly Subjects.

Two successful Street Days were held and a member generously donated six trays for use at Church functions etc.

We record our appreciation of Mr and Mrs Fowles's helpful interest in our Guild during their long term of office. We welcome our new Session Clerk, Mr. N.G. Robertson, and assure him of our prayerful support as he commences his term of service.

To our President, Miss Brodie, whose resignation we sadly accept, we offer grateful thanks for her gracious leadership and for all she has meant to us through her years of office. Her gifts of friendliness and consecrated service have made the Guild a centre of fellowship among the women of our Church.

We thank our Minister and Mrs Kinloch for all they have done for us through another year. Mr Kinloch has given inspiration through his service and the Bible Study groups and with Mrs. Kinloch, has given warm hospitality and a caring concern to all. We thank them for their continuing interest in the work of the Guild.

Thanks also to pianists, tea helpers, transporters, those who helped stock, staff and buy from our stalls.

Evening Guild

Membership is 56, with 5 honorary members. The personal phone calls, the provision of flowers, together with the leading of devotions by various members, have all helped to make the Guild happy, inspiring and friendly.

Supper contributions have enabled us to make a small donation to "Freedom from Hunger", and our annual 'Direct Giving' offering is given to the Mission Budget.

The 'Bring and Buy' was most successful and our library continues to be popular. Produce donated by members readily sells.

We thank our speakers - the Very Rev. Dr. Blanchard, Sgt. Workman 'Youth Aid', Sister N. Morgan and Mrs. Woodall 'Travelling Overseas', Mrs Pitcher 'Metrics', the Rev. Bichan 'A Porirua Parish' 'Fun, Fashion and Food', 'Down Memory Lane' and a cooking demonstration provided evenings of entertainment and relaxation.

We regret the passing of two loyal members - Bennie Thomson and Kate Dalziel.

We extend sincere thanks to our pianists, Mrs. Kinloch and Sister Nessie Morgan. To our President, we express our sincere and grateful thanks for the time and thought she so willingly gives in carrying out her duties. We also thank our retiring Vice-Pres., Mrs. Betty Harris, and our Secretary, Mrs. Thomson, who have both carried out their duties with such enthusiasm.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kinloch for their interest and support during the year.

Sponsorship

HAVE YOU HEARD OF MUSOOR VARALAKSHMI?

Musoor was born on 15th October, 1959, in India. Both her parents died when she was still very young and Musoor and her sister went to live with their grandmother. The grandmother found it increasingly difficult to care for the girls so they were admitted to the Guild of Service Home in Anantapua, in September 1968. St. John's adopted her soon after through the Sponsorship Scheme under the aegis of CORSO, and, mainly through collections at the Bible Studies and donations, have paid for her annual expenses - \$78 p.a.

Musoor is working well at school, her best subjects being science and social studies. Her hobbies and interests are music, stories, flowers and stamp collecting.

How about writing to her C/o The Guild of Service Home, 13. Anantapua, Andra Pradesh, India?

Saturday-at-Two

The year is going well despite the occasional power cut which prevented us from having our film show. On these occasions we had a great time with quizzes and a session where each member for five minutes spoke about her life history. Afternoon tea followed and we began and ended with brief devotions. On one of the days when we had a power cut our dear and most versatile friends Mr and Mrs Fowler came along and showed us how to work with cane. Each member was given a small cane tray to make and we had great fun together. None managed to finish her tray but these were taken away and completed by Mr and Mrs Fowler and two weeks later each was presented with her tray beautifully completed. This was most appreciated by the old folks and we thank Mr and Mrs Fowler for their generosity.

We have had many fine films through the courtesy and help of the National Film Unit. We would also like to thank those who have come from time to time to help with the tea and not least Mr Martin for returning the films each week. The Club meets every 2nd Saturday from March through November and we have about 30 or so each time. Anyone wishing to come along will be made most welcome.

Come, and bring a friend:
Come, and find a friend:
Come, and be a friend.

YOUTH LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee has been operating since 1965 for the purpose of providing a direct link between the Session and the various organisations involved with youth, to take a personal interest in the work of the various groups, to ensure as far as practicable that the leadership is adequate, to encourage leaders in their work, and generally to create a 'family spirit' amongst the leaders who carry out such a vital part in the life and mission of the Church.

Normally, two meetings are held each year. One in the early part to discuss the respective programmes, to consider the staff situation and related matters, to co-ordinate the various activities and to seek ways of working more closely together in our common purpose of extending Christ's Kingdom amongst our young people.

The second meeting is held towards the end of the year when we review the work done, discuss problems and plan for the future. Reports are presented by the respective leaders of the Sunday School, Bible Classes, Boys' Brigade, Lantern, Youth Group, Young Marrieds and Badminton.

In this way we maintain a close liaison and are able to encourage one another and find fresh inspiration to continue in the service of Christ and His Church.

Cradle Roll

This year there are 28 children on the Cradle Roll.

Our most noticeable activity continues to be the running of the creche during the Sunday morning service. This has been increasingly well patronised with as many as 15 children some mornings. We are very grateful to the ladies of the congregation for their continued help with this as we believe it is a valuable service allowing parents with young children to attend church together. We are going to have more helpers on duty at 'peak times'. A father assisted one morning and was enormously popular - any other fathers willing to help at busy times?

Our Christmas Service and mid-winter coffee morning are also well attended and very much enjoyed.

Sunday School

The Sunday School has had a fairly smooth year with a regular attendance of between 35 - 40 children out of a roll of sixty children. The difference between roll and regular attenders lies in the fact that quite a few children are sent to Sunday School and parents do not attend church.

The teacher position has been most satisfactory and it is gratifying to see the interest shown by some of the members of the Bible Class. At the moment we have two teachers for virtually every class.

The aim of the teachers has been to make the children aware of Jesus Christ and the Bible and if one considers that a number of children come from homes where the Bible remains a closed book, if there is a Bible, then one will appreciate that it is not always easy.

As in previous years the monthly teachers' meetings have been a real blessing, not only for the children but also for the teachers. During the year the children went for a picnic which was a great success.

Young Marrieds

This group has had several meetings during the year and members have enjoyed the opportunity for the social activities where they have been able to get to know each other much better.

Recently the Thursday Creche and Badminton Group have been meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month and members are able to leave their children while they shop, keep appointments or play badminton.

Members are looking into ways of extending the scope of their activities.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is composed of young people in the 13 to 30 age group, and it meets every Sunday from 9.45 a.m. to 10 to 11. This time is taken up with the opening service which involves singing, prayer and a short talk by one of the members. After this time of fellowship the Youth Group splits up into several study groups.

The last year has seen a real growth in fellowship and in numbers. The tremendous feeling of Christian love and praise has been a real inspiration to all those taking part. There are also weekly prayer groups which take place before the main session, and also before the Youth Services and other outreach work.

Apart from these regular Sunday morning study groups there have been regular Youth Services which have enabled many of the members to share with the rest of the Church. Also several of the members have been taking services out at Arohata Girls' Hostel, and the group has also gone to Mt. Crawford Prison to help in the services there.

There have been a number of social activities and in particular the Congregational Social, which was provided as an opportunity for a 'getting to know you' for the St. John's family. Other activities have included several 'clean-ups' and 'painting sprees' in the Bible Class rooms, and a couple of sports evenings plus the 'locusts' sprees' on progressive dinners.

We thank God that He has led during this year; for the fellowship that we can enjoy and for helping us in difficult times. We know we cannot go forward in our own strength and that "it is no longer I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me."

Lantern

Another year has passed in 'Lantern'. We do not say this gloomily but thankfully, for we have much to thank the Lord for. One of the best things that has happened has been a growing unity between the people who are involved. This points to the power of prayer. The fellowship teas, including a prayer meeting have been and continue to be the source of our strengthened fellowship. These are held fortnightly and we co-ordinate them with prayer support for Arohata visits and Youth Services.

The Sunday evening programme has been of a high standard and has contained a fair variety: visiting speakers (including Ministers, Missionaries, Evangelists); Bible discussions led by the young people; and rousing singing. A retreat was held earlier in this year at Mr. and Mrs. Robertson's cottage at Te Horo. Two teams of helpers have served afternoon tea at the Porirua Hospital Cafeteria. As regards the social side of things, the ski-trip last year was enjoyed by all. This has come to be something of an annual event and it is sure to continue as long as the snow lasts.

At the end of last year we were very sorry to part with Bruce and Robyn Dunning whose leadership was greatly valued. We thank the Lord for the time they were with us and that the Lord is with us enabling us to continue our part in the work and life of St. John's

Troup House

A very happy group of 11 boys is in residence this year. All residents must reapply each year and applications for 1975 will now be received for consideration. Conditions of entry include regular Church attendance.

Cost of board is now \$7.50 for a single room and \$6.50 per week for a share room with two beds. The boys look after themselves and share expenses. All equipment provided.

Very regretfully the Committee received Mr. Fowler's resignation as Secretary. We thank him for his valued services, his guidance and the many acts of practical kindness shown to the boys by both Mr and Mrs. Fowler.

Boys' Brigade

Our Company (2nd Wellington) continues to exercise an effective influence on the lives of Boys in both the Team and Company Sections, numbers this year being on the 50 mark. In a sense we are a 'missionary arm' of the Church as many of these Boys come from 'non-church' homes. The Christian message is made clear every week during the opening and closing devotions taken by the Officers (including our Chaplain, the Rev. Kinloch) Mr. Kinloch gives us much encouragement by his keen personal interest.

At the end of last year, Mr David Beggs retired as Captain, having faithfully served in this capacity for several years.

TEAM SECTION:

A Boy as been described as 'truth with dirt on its face, beauty with a cut on its finger, wisdom with chewing gum in its hair, and the hope of the future with a frog in its pocket'. We have 27 of them and we are pleased that one third are Polynesian The Boys come from Brooklyn, Wadestown, Kelburn, City centre and Paparangi.

We are now fully staffed with an officer in charge of each age group.

Saturday Club: In addition to the normal Monday evening meeting, the Boys meet in the Hall every second Saturday during the winter months for table tennis, darts, chess and games.

Awards: At the end of last session six Boys were presented with their Gold Achievement Badge - the highest award in the Team Section. For this, a Boy must have fiftysix achievements and have at least 2 years' service. The scheme is based on Luke 2: 52. Activities: The team took part in all possible Battalion activities and did particularly well in soccer competition coming 3rd out of 33 entries. A third prize was gained out of 100 entries in a Battalion achievement scheme competition based on the life of Samuel Marsden. Outside activities included hiking, making meals out of doors, picnics and sports.

Happy Discipline and a well organised programme are the main features of the weekly meeting and these plus a 'Jesus Christ love' for the Boys keep them enthusiastic.

The Boys' Brigade (Continued)

The interest by Officers and Boys in our Pacific work was shown by the splendid sum of \$178 being contributed personally - the highest of any Team in the Wellington District.

The Officers consider it a privilege to serve the Master in this great Movement of the Boys' Brigade, and especially at St. John's.

THE COMPANY SECTION:

We were happy to welcome back a former Officer, Mr. Trevor Hosking, who served in the company a few years ago. We could do with at least one more Officer to help with the programme.

For the 11 members who attended the great international camp at Hastings with about 1,000 others from nine countries, this was a truly wonderful experience.

During the summer months, five week-end camps were much enjoyed by the various groups. One of these was an adventurous trip to the Marlborough Sounds with bicycles as the mode of transport. Athletics and swimming tests were held in February. Battalion events provided lots of purposeful competition - swimming sports, table tennis, soccer, athletics, handball and drill.

Our N.C.O. Garry Bell, was promoted to Corporal. He gained high marks in the Battalion N.C.O. proficiency certificate examination.

Activities during our weekly parade include physical recreation, drill, classes in craft work, motor mechanics and cooking, gymnastics.

Our numbers have fluctuated between 18 and 22 Boys but we feel there has been a steady improvement in interest and discipline. Visitation of Boys' homes by the Officers has been an important part of our service.

On behalf of all members in both the Team and Company Sections we convey thanks to the many good friends who support us financially and in other ways.

Badminton Club

The club had another very successful season with a great deal of good competitive and enjoyable badminton being played.

The club had three teams entered in the Wellington Badminton Assn's competitions, one Men's Only, one C Grade and one D Grade. Although we did not enjoy success in any of the competitions, a number of good games were played and enjoyed.

A feature of the season was the commencement of a Junior Club under the direction of Bob McFarlane who did a sterling job and the Club's thanks are due to him for his efforts. The Club had a membership of nine, but it is disappointing to note that the Juniors are desperately short of players this year and may have to go into recess unless more interest can be found.

The Club Championships resulted in David Beggs winning the Men's singles and Rosemary Wells the ladies' singles.

During the season home and away games were held with the St. Giles' Club and two enjoyable evenings resulted.

Two successful fund raising functions were held and at the second function the club prizes were presented.

Financially the Club finished the season with a small surplus after donating \$90.00 to the Church funds.

The Club is very appreciative of the assistance given to it by the Church, and this has enabled members to greatly enjoy their games.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ORDINARY ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th June, 1974

Receipts.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Offertories, Plate | 7,898.02 | |
| Envelopes | <u>11,250.90</u> | 19,148.92 |
| Donations: | | |
| Use of Rooms | 388.00 | |
| General | <u>525.00</u> | 913.00 |
| Interest: | | |
| Bank | 17.52 | |
| Endowment | 1,400.00 | |
| Lockie Bequest | <u>23.48</u> | 1,441.00 |
| Budget Contributions: | | |
| Afternoon Guild | 600.00 | |
| Evening Guild | 52.00 | |
| Bible Class | 100.00 | |
| Sunday School | <u>76.40</u> | 828.40 |
| Contributions for Others: | | |
| N.C.C. | 107.90 | |
| P.S.S.A. | <u>11.01</u> | 118.91 |
| Special Purposes Contributions: | | |
| Samuel Fund | 6.00 | |
| Benevolent Fund | 80.00 | |
| Afternoon Guild - | | |
| Hall Furnishing Fund | 50.00 | |
| Typewriter | 143.10 | |
| Organ Fund | 150.00 | |
| Evening Guild - Organ Fund | 70.00 | |
| Other - " " | 5.00 | |
| Hi-Fi Fund | 300.00 | |
| Pulpit Fall | <u>43.00</u> | 847.10 |

Carried Forward:

23,297.33

22.

Payments

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|
| The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch, | Stipend | 4,537.47 | |
| | Car Allowance | 657.37 | |
| | Expenses Allowance | <u>199.92</u> | 5,394.76 |
| Pulpit Supply | | | 216.00 |
| Organist | | 600.00 | |
| Relief Organist | | <u>80.78</u> | 680.78 |
| Budget | | | 6,430.00 |
| Light and Heat | | | 154.58 |
| Printing and Paper | | | 188.18 |
| Repairs and Maintenance - | | | |
| Organ | | 293.50 | |
| Piano | | 9.55 | |
| Pulpit Fall (see Receipts) | | 42.99 | |
| Brass Plate (" ") | | 31.50 | |
| Locks | | 441.86 | |
| Electric lamps | | 108.48 | |
| Fire Extinguishers | | 10.50 | |
| S.S. Windows | | 12.00 | |
| Plumbing: | | | |
| Church | | 7.50 | |
| Manse | | 10.20 | |
| Bible Class | | 7.00 | |
| Sunday School | | <u>12.00</u> | 987.08 |
| Cleaning and Rubbish | | | 1,138.42 |
| Postage and Miscellaneous - | | | |
| Evening Post | | 155.11 | |
| Telephones | | 87.70 | |
| Session Expenses | | 42.38 | |
| Rail Fare - Miss Bear | | 36.00 | |
| Sundries | | <u>30.43</u> | 351.62 |

Carried Forward

15,541.42

23

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)Receipts

Brought Forward

23,297.33

Other Receipts:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Organ Fees | 22.35 |
| Hopkirk Timbers | 150.00 |
| From Crockery Reserve | |
| (part cost 1972/73 purchase) | 11.81 |
| From Benevolent Fund (Net) | 43.05 |
| Insurance - Repairs Brass Plate | 21.50 |
| Repayment - Advance to Minister | 647.42 |

896.13

Bank Balance B/fwd. 1.7.73

676.42

\$24,869.88

24.

Payments.

Brought Forward:

15,541.42

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| A.P.W. Fees | 22.00 |
| Presbytery Levy | 88.42 |
| Accident Compensation Levy | <u>13.81</u> |

124.23

Transfers and Donations:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Church Office Deposits (as per | |
| Trust A/c.) | 2,805.25 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Donations for Others (See Receipts) | 118.91 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Rental A/c. (Part Repayment Manse | |
| A/c.) | 1056.50 |

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|----------------------------|--------|
| " " (Int. Manse Loan A/c.) | 528.00 |
|----------------------------|--------|

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|------------------|-------|
| B.B. Course Fees | 35.00 |
|------------------|-------|

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Benevolent Fund Payments | 123.05 |
|--------------------------|--------|

Donations from Church Funds -

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Boys' Inst. \$25 | Wgtn. Chaplaincy |
|------------------|------------------|

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|----------------|------------|
| Cradle Roll 25 | Trust \$50 |
|----------------|------------|

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|------------|---------------|
| Samuel 100 | Bible Soc. 50 |
|------------|---------------|

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|--------------|-------------|
| S. School 70 | F.I.S.H. 40 |
|--------------|-------------|

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|-------------|-----------|
| Girls' B.B. | Toc H. 40 |
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| $\frac{1}{2}$ collect'n 53.95 | PSSA 40 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Missions Leper 25 | B.B. (N.Z.) 30 |
|-------------------|----------------|

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|--------------|-----------|
| Leper Man 25 | Christian |
|--------------|-----------|

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| | Education 25 |
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| \$323.95 | \$275 | <u>598.95</u> |
|----------|-------|---------------|

5,265.66

Other Payments:

| | |
|------------|-------|
| Manse Rent | 68.50 |
|------------|-------|

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|------------|----------|
| Insurances | 1,024.28 |
|------------|----------|

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|-------|--------|
| Rates | 475.46 |
|-------|--------|

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|----------------|--------|
| Increment Levy | 264.00 |
|----------------|--------|

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Beneficiary Fund Levy | 605.99 |
|-----------------------|--------|

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|---------------------|--------|
| Fowler Presentation | 293.15 |
|---------------------|--------|

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| Tape Recorder (Ex Hi-Fi Fund) | 99.00 |
|-------------------------------|-------|

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|--------------------|-------|
| Lens for Projector | 25.00 |
|--------------------|-------|

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| Typewriter for Minister (see Receipts) | <u>143.10</u> |
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2,998.48

Bank Balance Carried Forward 30.6.74

25.

\$23,929.79\$24,869.88

TRUST ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1974

| Receipts | Payments |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Balances at 30.6.73 - | |
| B.N.Z. 381.28 | Cleaning 141.32 |
| Church Office 16,424.45 | Rates 262.50 |
| Building Soc. 1,926.66 | Lino Repairs 387.50 |
| 13,732.39 | Insurances 404.13 |
| Rents 1,821.52 | Cheque Books 2.17 |
| Bank Interest 6.47 | Repairs 8.50 |
| Church Office Interest 662.00 | |
| Manse A/c. Interest 528.00 | Balances 30.6.74 - |
| Building Soc. Interest 173.24 | B.N.Z. 472.25 |
| Net Electricity 7.10 | Church Office 9,698.73 |
| Manse loan Repayments 56.50 | Building Soc. 1,553.62 |
| " " 1,000.00 | * Manse loan 10,056.50 |
| | 21,781.10 |
| | \$22,987.22 |

* NOTE

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Manse Loan | \$10,056.50 |
| Less Repayments | 1,056.50 |
| 30.6.74 Net | \$2,000.00 |

| TRUST ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 1974 | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fund Balances 30.6.73 | | Interest | Fund Balances 30.6.74 |
| Benevolent | 290.45 | 20.33 | 267.73 |
| Centennial | 229.00 | 16.00 | 245.00 |
| Chairs | 213.00 | 15.00 | 228.00 |
| Crockery | 11.00 | 0.81 | Nil |
| Hall Rebuilding - | | | |
| Special | 9309.27 | 651.64 | 9960.91 |
| General | 6249.46 | 437.00 | 6686.46 |
| Hymn Books | 984.00 | 68.00 | 1052.00 |
| Organ | 2909.72 | 204.45 | 3639.17 |
| Church Rebuilding | 687.82 | 48.14 | 735.96 |
| Endowment | 20000.00 | 1400.00 | 20000.00 |
| Lockie Bequest | 380.00 | 23.48 | 380.00 |
| Repainting | 5598.56 | 447.68 | 7912.24 |
| General Reserve | 2110.38 | 211.00 | 2471.38 |
| Hall Furnishing | 247.31 | 17.00 | 314.31 |
| Hi-Fi | | | 214.25 |
| | 49219.97 | 3560.53 | 54107.41 |
| Receipts | | Payments | |
| Interest | 3560.53 | Withdrawn to | |
| From Ordinary Account - | | Ordinary A/c. | |
| Organ | 225.00 | From Benevolent Fund | 43.05 |
| | 300.00 | " Endw. Interest - | |
| Painting | 1866.00 | Rental Int. | 528.00 |
| Hopkirk to | | Organ A/c. | 300.00 |
| Gen. Res. | 150.00 | Ord. A/c. | 572.00 |
| Hall Furn. | 50.00 | | 1400.00 |
| Hi-Fi | 214.25 | " Lockie Interest | 23.48 |
| | 2805.25 | " Crockery A/c. | 11.81 |
| | <u>\$55585.75</u> | | <u>\$55585.75</u> |

ST. JOHN'S BAWINTON CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1973 SEASON

Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Balance start of season | 189.96 |
| Subscriptions | 322.00 |
| Less Levy Inc. | 45.00 |
| Supper and Shuttle fees | 277.00 |
| Club Championships | 50.50 |
| Surplus on fund raising | 12.90 |
| Interest | 74.61 |
| | 6.66 |

Payments

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Shuttles | 178.15 |
| Supper expenses | 10.00 |
| Interclub court hire | 22.80 |
| Advertising for members | 19.25 |
| Maintenance equipment | 17.20 |
| Postage | 1.47 |
| Church Hall Donation | 90.00 |
| W.B.A. Affiliation fee | 66.70 |
| Balance P.O.S.B. at close of season | 206.06 |

\$611.63

\$611.63

THE BOYS' BRIGADE 2nd Wellington Company -
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 30/6/74

Receipts

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Cash, PSB., BBHQ. July 73 | 268.09 |
| B.B. Week | 301.10 |
| Christmas Cards | 119.00 |
| Subscriptions | 45.00 |
| Uniform Payments | 42.43 |
| P.O.S.B. Interest | 7.84 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 5.75 |
| Team Section | 43.12 |
| Christmas Camp | 415.50 |
| | 979.74 |

Payments

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Uniforms | 172.33 |
| Christmas Cards | 164.50 |
| Equipment | 99.03 |
| B.B. HQ. Levy | 96.00 |
| Awards, Prizes | 46.24 |
| Stationery, | |
| Training Books | 39.11 |
| Battalion Levy | 19.00 |
| Insurance | 2.45 |
| Christmas Camp | 431.00 |
| Other | 5.00 |
| Cash, PSB, BBHQ. | 1,074.66 |
| | 173.17 |

\$1,247.83

\$1,247.83

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1973/74

Receipts

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| B/Fwd. 1/6/73 | 868.78 |
| Allocated at Annual Meeting | |
| Church Mission Budget | \$500 |
| Hall Furnishing Trust Fund | 50 |
| Organ Appeal | 50 |
| Material for Pulpit Fall | 50 |
| Miss Margaret Bear | 50 |
| B.B. Team Section | 25 |
| Turakina College Common Room | 25 |
| Teapot | 20 |
| Mat for Fellowship Room | 10 |
| A.P.W. Book Project | 25 |
| | 805.00 |
| Mission Birthday Gift | \$63.78 |
| Sales Table | 336.78 |
| Collections | 11.64 |
| Donations | 8.23 |
| Tea Coupons | 68.00 |
| Membership Fees | 34.01 |
| Scott Trust - Missions | 6.60 |
| Bring and Buy (2) | 60.00 |
| Mission Boxes | 493.01 |
| P.O.S.B. Interest | 128.27 |
| Used Stamps | 18.48 |
| Contributions to Leprosy Mission | 207.30 |
| Allocated but not yet availed of: | 85.22 |
| Material for Pulpit Fall, Tea Pot, | |
| Mat for Fellowship Room | 80.00 |
| | \$1,601.32 |

Payments

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Bibles for Church (1971 Alln.) | \$11.00 |
| A.P.W. Book Project (donations) | 10.70 |
| Cradle Roll (Creche) | 50.00 |
| Gifts and Flowers | 6.95 |
| Churches' Education Commission | |
| - Subscription | \$1.00 |
| - Donation | 4.00 |
| | 5.00 |
| Society Promotion Community | |
| Standards: Subs. '73 & '73 | 8.00 |
| Friends of Turakina | 1.50 |
| A.P.W. Special Aid Fund | 1.00 |
| Contribution to delegates | |
| expenses APW Conference | 20.00 |
| A.P.W. Stamps (Used) | 207.30 |
| Linking Committee - | |
| Secretary's expenses | 2.00 |
| Contributions to Leprosy Mission | 85.22 |
| | \$408.67 |
| Cash in Bank: | \$1,192.65 |

\$1,601.32

H. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer

C. Officer, Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED
31st May, 1974

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bal. fwd. from 1973 | 111.57 | Allocation of funds 1973 - | |
| P.O.S.B. Int. 1973 | 64 | St. John's | 50.00 |
| P.O.S.B. Int. 1974 | 1.26 | Wgtn, A.P.W. | |
| Direct Giving | 39.70 | Polynesian Project | |
| Subscriptions (37) | 11.10 | | 20.00 |
| Sale - lemons | 1.40 | Direct Giving | 70.00 |
| " - leeks | 10 | Christmas Gift - M. Bear | 37.70 |
| Donations | 3.04 | Secretary's Expenses | 8.66 |
| Library Proceeds | 5.95 | (Cards and Stamps) | 2.09 |
| Freedom from Hunger | 14.25 | Gift - Dr. Blanchard | 4.50 |
| Bring & Buy Stall | 95.20 | Cups | 15.60 |
| | | Freedom from Hunger - | |
| | | Biscuits | 2.09 |
| | | To Corso | 12.16 |
| | | | 14.25 |
| | | Balance P.O.S.B. - | |
| | | Held for Direct | |
| | | Giving 1974 | 2.50 |
| | | Unallocated | 128.91 |
| | | | 131.41 |
| | <u>\$284.21</u> | | <u>\$284.21</u> |
| | | M.L. Charlesworth, Hon. Treasurer | |
| | | Gordon Oed, Hon. Auditor. | |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31.3.1974

| <u>Receipts</u> | | <u>Payments</u> | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bal. 30.6.73 - | | Royal Society Church | |
| General Fund | 93.27 | Music | \$6.00 |
| Gown Account | 10.00 | Cash in hand | 3.68 |
| Donations | 16.50 | P.O.S.B. | 132.05 |
| Weekly Collections | 18.96 | | |
| P.O.S.B. Interest | 3.00 | | |
| | <u>\$141.73</u> | | <u>\$141.73</u> |
| | | F.M. Robertson, Hon. Treasurer | |
| | | N.G. Robertson, Hon. Auditor | |
| | | 30. | |

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1974

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance 1.7.73 - | | Missions | 50.00 |
| Missions | 230.71 | Hall Redecoration | 11.91 |
| Coad Bequest | 82.77 | Book Tokens | 13.00 |
| General Fund | 62.58 | Gain's Christian | |
| | 376.06 | Outreach | 9.00 |
| Offerings & Donations | 172.96 | Underground Evangelism | 132.20 |
| Progressive Dinner | 9.00 | Food - Sundry | 3.00 |
| Camp: | | Balance 30.6.74 - | |
| Fees | 282.00 | Missions | 211.97 |
| Less | | Coad Bequest | 70.86 |
| Groceries | 95.99 | General Fund | 132.32 |
| Hire Bus | 59.50 | | 415.15 |
| Hire Camp | 55.70 | | |
| Petrol Pte. Cars | 5.00 | | |
| | 65.81 | | |
| Interest | 10.43 | | |
| | <u>\$634.26</u> | | <u>\$634.26</u> |
| | | Trixie Milkop, Hon. Treasurer | |
| | | Cunny Atchison, " Auditor | |

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1974

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance b/fwd. 1.7.73 | 15.12 | Supplies & teaching | |
| Interest on Bequests | 22.63 | aids | 60.17 |
| Bank Interest | 0.58 | Prizes | 35.04 |
| Grants from Church | 70.00 | End of year function | |
| Offerings for Missions | 76.40 | and picnic | 6.36 |
| | | Contribution to Missions | 76.40 |
| | | Balance 30.6.74 | 6.76 |
| | <u>\$184.73</u> | | <u>\$184.73</u> |
| | | N.G. Robertson, Hon. Treasurer | |
| | | R.N. Fleming, Hon. Auditor | |

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

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1974

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Board in Advance | 373.00 | Cash in Bank | 1410.96 |
| Depreciation Reserve | 4226.08 | Deposit Church Office | 1935.80 |
| Repainting Reserve | 457.56 | Buildings at cost | 10,694.35 |
| Interior Renov'n Res. | 625.72 | Furniture at cost | 2380.66 |
| Furniture Repl'ment Res. | 776.78 | Sundry Debtors | 40.00 |
| Income & Expenditure | 1250.12 | | |
| Accumulated Funds | 8752.51 | | |
| | <u>\$16461.77</u> | | <u>\$16461.77</u> |

Income & Expenditure Account - 30th June 1974

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Electricity | 366.93 | Board | 1983.09 |
| Gas | 46.21 | Interest | 19.32 |
| Telephones | 145.66 | | |
| Rates | 468.98 | | |
| Insurances | 103.45 | | |
| Donation to Church | 20.00 | | |
| General Repairs | 12.50 | | |
| Overhaul fire extings. | 26.35 | | |
| Sundry expenses | 22.39 | | |
| Transfers to Reserves - | | | |
| Depreciation | 400.00 | | |
| Interior Renov'ns | 210.00 | | |
| Furniture Repl'ment | 140.00 | | |
| Balance carried down | 39.94 | | |
| | <u>\$2002.41</u> | | <u>\$2002.41</u> |
| Balance 30/6/74 | 1250.12 | Balance 1/7/73 | 1210.18 |
| | | Balance b/down | 39.94 |
| | <u>\$1250.12</u> | | <u>\$1250.12</u> |

N.G. Robertson, Hon. Treasurer
R.N. Fleming, Hon. Auditor

ST. JOHN'S SPONSORSHIP FUND.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| To Balance 30/6/73 | 66.09 | By Fee 5/12/73 | 39.00 |
| Donation 13/9/73 | 20.00 | " 9/5/74 | 39.00 |
| " 7/12/73 | 16.85 | Balance 30/6/74 | 26.83 |
| Interest 31/3/74 | 1.89 | | |
| | <u>\$104.83</u> | | <u>\$104.83</u> |

K. Bridge, Hon. Treasurer. N.G. Robertson, Hon. Auditor

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:

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

Deaconesses:

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| Miss Lillian Lang | 1905-1907 |
| Miss Mabel Cartwright | 1909-1911 |
| Miss Norah Dick | 1912-1915 |
| Miss Nessie Morgan | 1945-1948 and 1951-1959 |

Buildings:

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| First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church", 31 August | 1856 |
| Second Church opened (accommodation 600), "St. John's," 12 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:

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| 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 |

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

Special Events:

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| Free Church of Scotland petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was formally established, 17 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 |
| Communion Plates in memory of Mary Chappell dedicated | 1970 |

Church Newspapers:

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| <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:

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

IN MEMORIAM

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| Mrs Bennie Thomson |
| Miss Catherine Dalziel |
| Andrew Smith |
| Mr Frank Petrie |
| Dr W.S.V. Bransgrove |
| Miss Irene Wylie |
| Mr T.W. Dallow |
| Miss Melvyn Wilson |
| Miss Jane Hanchet |