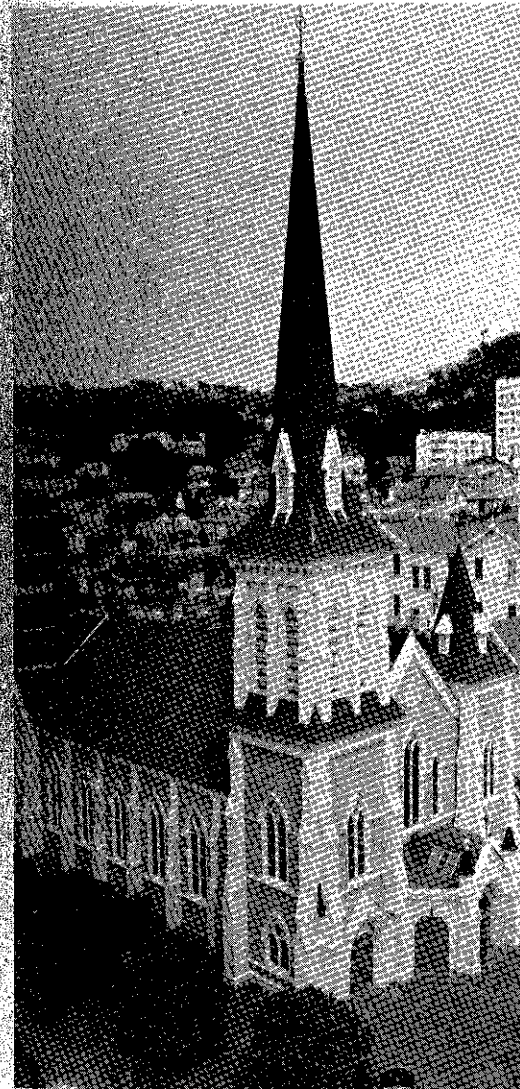


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Willis Street, Wellington.



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ANNUAL REPORT

and

BALANCE SHEET

1974 - 1975

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on

WEDNESDAY, 20th AUGUST, 1975.

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Smith, H.B.	1941
Woods, N.S.	1950
Marshall, Sir John	1950
Dornan, Alford	1960
van Zweeken, M.H.	1960
Keyes, A.W.	1962
McLellan, D.	1962
Oed, G.V.	1962
Vink, J.W.	1962
Chappell, F.E.	1962
Thomson, J.A.	1965
Garratt, F.N.	1965
Lowman, J.S.	1966
Shiels, A.Y.	1966
Arnold, Dr R.D.	1966
Robertson, N.G.	1968
Hunt, John	1968
Harvie, Dr A.H.	1969
Martin, T.G.	1969
The Rev. R.H. McKenzie	1970
Mrs Owen John	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	1972
Malcolm, G.A.	1972
Milkop, A.H.	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	1972
Rush, P.A.	1972
Boyd, Dr John	1974
Ferrier, R.	1974
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Dear Friends,

As Interim-Moderator, it gives me very great pleasure to write this note, especially to thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me during the past six months.

The loss of Mr and Mrs Kinloch at the end of 1974 was a surprise, and parting with them sad, but they went with genuine expressions of gratitude and of good wishes for the future. That they made a tremendous and devoted contribution to the wellbeing and spiritual nurture of the people of St. John's is very evident. We pray that God's rich blessing will be with them and in all they seek to do for our Lord in Tauranga.

A number of things have impressed me in my association with St. John's people. There are many committed people who continue to give wise and efficient leadership to the congregation. Even though there is a wide diversity of views amongst those who are actively involved, it is clearly evident that a wider and deeper loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ prevails, so that the ends of His Kingdom are of highest importance to all concerned.

One of the strongest impressions I have is of the vigour of the various groups. What a pleasure it has been to me to preside over the annual meetings of organisations, to feel the deep, vital fellowship that prevails and welcomes everyone into the Church and its life, to hear the reports of dedicated service being rendered by many people, and to know that, even without the presence of a settled Minister, the parish is a going concern, committed to Christ's service to bring men and women under the influence of His transforming power. In the midst of unsettled and troubled times, the fellowship and service of St. John's remains a dominant power in the City to win people from the darkness of separation from God to the light and joy and peace of reconciliation with Him through Jesus Christ.

I want to pay tribute to those who have helped me in so many ways and whose prayers and friendship have sustained me in the midst of a busy time. To the Session Clerk and his wife I owe a special word of gratitude. They have been a tower of strength and support in their dedicated leadership of the congregation. To the Session and Managers who have sought to fulfil their tasks, I am deeply grateful. To the Choir, to Leaders in a variety of activity, to all who have given their support, I say 'thank you'. To those who have supplied the pulpit, I owe a great deal, both for their help and for the high level of leadership in worship and in preaching that they have maintained.

But what of the future? With the deliberations of the Board of Nomination going quietly ahead, we are hoping for action in the near future, though we can take nothing for granted. Both the parish and Presbytery appointed strong representatives who have entered with ability, insight and concern to the selection of a Minister with the ability, stature and all-round gifts to give the kind of ministry needed by St. John's. Many may wonder at the delay, believing that there are men readily available to come. We must not, however, forget the position of the ministry today, with many vacancies and a shortage of students for training dictating possibilities in selecting the right man. But of course, our chief concern is to find the man of God's choosing. We have tried by prayer and the examination of all the available evidence to find the man we would choose, but then we have sought the mind of God, and then have made our approaches. In God's time, we will bring to you our nomination for consideration, but only when we are able to say to you : this is God's choice; we commend him to you.

In conclusion, may I ask for your prayers, for a continued seeking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that we seek to do together, and above all for the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ to permeate all the life of the parish.

My wife joins me in grateful thanks to you all, and for the warmth of love and friendship which you have shown us.

ARTHUR KITTO

Your Interin-Moderator
and Friend.

Session Report

Session, in presenting this Report on the activities of St. John's Church, Wellington, gives thanks to God for the evidence of His Guiding Hand.

This has been an eventful year, particularly with the resignation of our loved Minister, the Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch, who commenced a Chaplaincy Ministry at the Tauranga Hospital at the beginning of February. The prayers, preaching, kindly approach and pastoral care given to the parish and beyond by Mr Kinloch were of tremendous blessing. Mr. Kinloch's ministry to St. John's was of a very special quality and to Mr and Mrs Kinloch and Kay it was hard to say goodbye. We expressed our thanks at a Congregational Christmas Party and our prayers are with them in their new sphere of service where Mr Kinloch is showing to patients, relatives and friends that Christ can bring comfort, peace and abundant life.

The parish is under the guidance of our Interin-Moderator, the Rev. W.C.A. Kitto, and we thank him for his administrative abilities, his care and concern. With the authority of Presbytery a Board of Nomination was set up to seek a suitable minister for St. John's. The congregational representatives are Mesdames Milkop and Mortimer, Dr. Arnold, Messrs Fleming, Garratt, Martin, Robertson and Woods. Presbytery representatives are the Revs. Best and Yule, Dr. McDowell and Mr. Morrison. Several meetings have been held and at the present time we are waiting to have discussions with a prospective Minister. We trust that before long the Board will be in a position to submit a name to the congregation for confirmation.

Mr. U. Nokise, a student for the Ministry, spent his summer vacation 'in training' period with St. John's and his visits to members and the conducting of services was very much appreciated. We have had the pleasure of welcoming to our pulpit the Rev. John Mabon, Rev. W. Best, Very Rev. Dr. Ian Fraser, Very Rev. S.C. Read and our Interin-Moderator. We give grateful thanks and appreciation for the high standard of their preaching of the Word.

Ten services orientated towards Young People have been held and Session is aware that there is a need for the Youth Group to participate and lead such evangelistic services.

Other special services have been for Queen Margaret and Scots

Spring Flower Sunday, the Rev. John Mpadyei, Business Girls' Assn., Harvest Festival, Wellington East Rotary, the opening of the 'Organ Fund Appeal', and the commissioning of the Rev. Roy McKenzie as General Secretary of The Bible Society of N.Z.. Other special observations were World Communion Service, a Carol Service and special Christmas and New Year Eve Services, Good Friday and an early communion service on Easter Sunday.

A radio broadcast service, in which members of St. Andrews joined us, was held on 1st December 1974. Further broadcasts were cancelled due to the departure of Mr Kinloch and the dismantling of the organ for repair work.

Session has had a number of changes - Messrs. Officer and Bridge resigned when they moved out of the city; Messrs. Oed and Gilmour are on extended overseas study, and Mr. H.B. Smith has been unable to assist due to illness. To retain the strength of Session, Dr. John Boyd, and Messrs. Robin Ferrier, Bruce Hough and Ken Aickin were inducted on 15th December.

The Church Roll shows a small increase of 3 members. 16 were admitted by Profession of Faith and 29 by Certificate from other congregations. Disjunctions and removal by death and the purging of the Roll totalled 42.

For seventeen years Miss Margaret Bear has been 'Our Own Missionary', and Session warmly thanks the APW for their constant concerned interest. Margaret and her work as Tutor Sister at Jagadhri and Ambala Hospitals in India, is commended to your prayers.

Two past members very generously bequeathed generous legacies to St. John's - one for the Organ Appeal - and Miss Millier gave a handsome piano for use in the Church. This gift is in memory of members of her family and is very much appreciated.

We thank our loyal Choir and their Choirmaster, Mr Raymond Wilderspin, for so capably leading our singing, especially during this difficult period while the organ is out of use.

The Tuesday and Thursday Bible Study groups have not continued since Mr Kinloch's departure, but two house groups meet regularly and it is understood that another will be commencing shortly.

Our loved friends Bruce and Anwyl Fowler have continued to attend to the preparation of the weekly intimations, and for this we give them our thanks and grateful appreciation.

During the past year we have been saddened by the loss of many valued friends and faithful members of our congregation. When last year's Report was presented, we were all concerned about Minka Hanskamp and her fellow worker Margaret Morgan who were then held captive in Thailand. After months without news, we were grieved to learn that these Mission Workers had been killed by their captors. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones, and we give thanks for all that their friendship and faith and service has meant to the Church and the community.

A "Vacant" pulpit is a trying experience for any congregation. There has been a tremendous spirit of loyalty and co-operation. Some names have been mentioned in this Report, but this does not exclude all who work quietly behind the scenes in so many ways and Session expresses to them too its grateful thanks.

Session now looks ahead to another year and we pray that God will lead us to do all those things that are important to His Church and His people, and leave aside those things that are of no importance at all.

George Robertson,
Session Clerk.

Board of Managers

The following new managers were appointed at the last Annual Meeting - Messrs. R. Hildreth, D. Mills, G. Turley, and J. Wilson. Resignations were received from Mr. David Beggs, who was our Secretary for two years, moved to Lower Hutt. Miss Marion Fowler to Auckland (Marion faithfully opened and closed the Church during the week); Mr. Michael Hodge to Invercargill, Mr. Andrew Kay to Scotland and shortly we are to lose Mr. Malcolm Steer to Auckland. We express our thanks to them for all they have done for St. John's.

Manse: By means largely of voluntary labour, renovations and substantial interior redecoration has been undertaken in the Manse during the vacancy. This will be completed following consultation with the new Minister and his wife in due course.

Bible Class Rooms: As a result of damage done during neighbouring construction work new spouting and a skylight are to be installed by the contractors. This will also compensate it is hoped, in some measure, for the expected loss of light due to the height of the building recently completed and its proximity to our building.

Buildings Generally: Arising out of revised Government valuations, the value placed on the church land has been increased substantially. This could lead to a proportionate increase in sewerage charges levied by the City Council.

A new comprehensive reinstatement insurance cover has been successfully negotiated to cover the buildings.

A study is in progress at present as to the present use and future of property and buildings owned by the Church, including, incidentally, the Manse.

St. John's Involvement in the Community: A committee chaired by Sir John Marshall is considering this question in depth. It is vital in any ongoing institution, and no less in a church, to reappraise the direction in which one is going and co-ordinate the efforts being made to attain

these objects to the best advantage. God's work (through St. John's congregation) in Wellington must not only be done, and occasionally be seen to be done, but it must be done well and to the best of our collective abilities and resources.

Budget Contributions - Missions: The Board received with pleasure contributions from the following organisations specifically for

Missions - Afternoon Guild :	Birthday Envelopes	\$392.22
	Mission Boxes	88.45
	Scott Trust - Maori	30.00
	" " - General	30.00
	Guild Funds	59.33
		<u>\$600.00</u>
Evening Guild		34.20
Sunday School		80.80
Bible Class		100.00
Youth Group		100.00
		<u>\$915.00</u>

Boys' Institute: The Board of Managers is entitled to nominate six representatives on the Management Committee of the Wellington Boys' Institute. Our Secretary, who is also the Hon. Secretary of the Institute Management Committee, and other representatives report regularly to the Managers on the Institute's activities. The two main features of interest in respect to the Institute are -

- (a) that it is operating at peak capacity, and
- (b) it is faced in the near future with either substantial restructuring of its present premises or their abandonment due to earthquake risk.

Future -

Very soon, parking of motor vehicles on church property will be more strictly policed, following the erection of suitable signs setting forth the consequence of illegal parking.

Secondly, St. John's, along with every other parish, is facing continually increasing costs - budget allocation, stipend, insurances, maintenance. Members are reminded that income-related giving (that is, increases in income result automatically in increases in giving) is one solution to this problem.

Appreciation -

The Board extends its sincere thanks to those who keep the lawns and church surrounds tidy, the buildings in good usable repair, to the ladies who unfailingly provide suppers and meals, and to everyone who helped at all in any way during the year.

A. G. Sherriff.

Choir

The choir continues to be part of the family of St. John's, happily bonded through activities of outreach and fellowship.

We have sung carols at the Railway Station, sung at Saturday at Two, carolled to folk in their own or rest homes, visited and helped at a service at the Wgtn. Prison, assisted at the Kinloch farewell, and presented appropriate music and mediations to mark Christmas and Easter.

We have had meals together on a number of occasions to mark times of happiness and to say farewell to some of our members. Bob Gilmour is working in Los Angeles and Mary Wallace returned to Scotland for her marriage to Andrew Kay. We warmly welcome Renee van Kerkhof, David Ryan and Ian Thomas.

We record our appreciation of the valuable contribution and loyalty to the choir of the Kinloch family. Mrs Kinloch gave meticulous care to our gowns and we miss her and Kay very much, and Mr Kinloch's encouragement and support.

It has been noted with regret that Mr Les Adan, a former organist, passed away after a long illness.

The choir is happy because of the faithfulness of its members who come week by week. This is a discipline but also a privilege. A sincere thank you to our choirmaster Ray for all his time, effort and patience.

And it is God, the head of our family, to whom we offer ourselves and our talents for His service, not the service of man - all praise be unto Him.

Dianne Fraser.

Organ

It is just twelve months since we had "Organ Sunday", and launched our appeal to raise \$14,000 to undertake major repairs to and rebuilding of our organ. Since then we have committed ourselves to a further \$3,000 in order to achieve all the work we felt was necessary and desirable.

Briefly this \$17,000 will be spent on:

- (a) Essential maintenance and cleaning, including the redesign of the console with new drawstops and pistons.
- (b) Improving the tonal scheme - some new ranks of pipes to be added and some obsolete ones discarded. This will make the organ a much more **versatile** instrument while retaining its beautiful 'Lewis' tone.
- (c) Altering the pitch from its slightly sharp tone to what is known as 'standard pitch' so that instruments can readily be tuned to the organ.
- (d) Shifting the console to a position immediately behind the minister giving communication between the organist and choir.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our congregation this money has been raised and it was with great delight that we were able to authorise our organ builders, Messrs George Croft & Son, to go ahead with the complete job. This work is now progressing according to plan and we hope to be using the organ again about October of this year. We do thank you all most sincerely for your support and generosity and for the understanding way in which you are putting up with the inconvenience caused from the lack of organ. It will be a great day when we can have 'Organ Sunday No. 2', and all our inconvenience justified - thank you all.

Mary Mortimer.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.

This has been a busy year of service and fellowship for members of St. John's women's organisations. Some of the special activities have been -

- Housekeeping duties at the Wellington South PSSA
- and supplying weekly baking during September
- Christmas gifts for Te Hopai residents and staff
- Supplying teams during the year to help at the Porirua Hospital Cafeteria
- Folding and inserting Bible Society Bulletins
- Supplying staff at the Cuba Street PSSA Shop and 'Drop In Centre'

Being represented at the APW Conference in Dunedin.

MISSIONS - Our women are kept informed about overseas workers at their monthly meetings, and the congregation by news in the 'Messenger'. Evening Guild members have been very faithful in writing to our missionaries each month.

New Hebrides: In August 1974 the new Hospital buildings at Silinauri, replacing those devastated in the 1972 hurricane, were opened and dedicated. A greeting was sent from St. John's congregation through our Associate Missionary, Sister E. Alexander. An appeal for used linen for Silinauri brought a generous response from the congregation and two work days were held, sorting, mending and packing resulting in two 22lb parcels being sent. Unfortunately, Sister Alexander has had to resign on medical advice and will not be returning to the New Hebrides, so that we will be allocated a new Associate Missionary in the coming year.

India: Some very good slides with accompanying tape were received from Margaret Bear which a number of women were able to enjoy seeing and hearing at a coffee morning at the home of Mrs van Zweeden. Members of Afternoon Guild sent a gift of \$25 to assist a male nurse graduate, Mr Johnson Rose, to do further study for a B.Sc. in nursing.

Christmas gifts - food parcels - were sent to both our missionaries, also a gift in money from Evening Guild and the subscription to the Nursing Journal from Afternoon Guild members for Margaret Bear.

Missions (Continued)

Further missionary interest was stimulated when two hastily arranged evening gatherings were held to greet missionaries on furlough from two other lands. In September at the home of the Misses Mackenzie we were able to meet Miss Ruth Loan again and hear about her work under great difficulties in Sumatra; and in January at the Robertsons we greeted Dr. & Mrs. Carley who spoke of their life and work in New Britain where Keith lectures in O.T. studies at Rarongo Theological College. Some of their beautiful slides were also shown.

Mission Boxes: Mrs. Harris reports a total of \$88.45 - amount down as several contributors left.

Mission Birthday Gift: Miss Mackenzie has 226 names on the Roll and the amount contributed \$392.22.

'Harvest Field': Miss Chappell reports 24 new subscribers bringing the total to 71.

Tea Coupons: Mrs. McMillan thanks all contributors who have saved coupons. Total slightly down, which is accounted for by people now using tea bags which do not contain coupons. However, 2,045 tea coupons and 104 jungle juice coupons were collected - \$23.69.

Stamps: Mrs. Allan reports that with the help and support of so many people who collected, cleaned and sorted, we maintained our high standard and sales realised \$205.15. An extra special thanks goes to Mrs. Wasley who continues to forward her American stamps to us.

Afternoon Guild

Afternoon Guild attendances have been consistently good - roll membership 50.

There have been occasions of joy, one being the 93rd birthday of our Life Vice President, Miss Wyn Millar, and another Mrs Isobel Day, a member of long standing now resident in Wanganui who attained 98 years of age.

We were saddened by the passing of four faithful members -

Mrs. E. Steveens, Miss Jean Hanchet, Miss Margaret Johnston and Miss Irene Wylie, also another friend of the Guild, Miss Emily Jones.

As a memorial to Miss Minka Hanskamp the women of the Church, through the Guild, forwarded \$40 to the work in Thailand under the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

Speakers and topics have ranged over -

A Minister's Kitset; general work of Consumers' Institute; the Novata Farm Project, New Hebrides; Counselling; the Supreme Christmas Gift, and travel ramblings in Italy, Ireland and Japan.

A special morning gathering to capture the spirit of the APW Conference was held with the Young Marrieds and a lunch followed. The mothers were able to go off shopping after lunch and the wee ones were minded by Guild members.

The Guild also arranged work days to pack linen for the New Hebrides, sew and prepare for the Bring and Buy, wrap Christmas presents for all residents and staff at Te Hopai.

The congregation responded generously to an urgent appeal for linen required in Papua, New Guinea.

During the year we farewelled our Minister and Mrs Kinloch, who served us devotedly. We extend to them our best wishes.

Warm appreciation is sincerely expressed to our Session Clerk for his helpful assistance, to the Conveners, the members who led worship, played the piano, served afternoon teas, supplied goods and served on stalls, and to members generally for their loyal support and friendship in so many ways.

Peggy Fair,
Secretary.

Evening Guild

Membership stands at 55 with an average attendance of 35-38.

Committee members continued to make a personal call to each member of their group each month, and have taken their turn to be responsible for the supper and writing of monthly letters. Opening devotions have also been arranged by committee members bringing just that much more fellowship into the group. Biscuits are served at supper and members make a donation to the Freedom from Hunger Fund. An annual 'thank you' offering for the year of fellowship together is given to the Mission Budget.

The McGhee family received Christmas gifts and also gifts were given to PSSA Nikau Street for distribution to those in need.

Our gate stall was one of the most successful held.

Programme planning catered for all tastes, and thanks are given to all who made the evenings so worthwhile. Topics covered a Mission Visit to Fiji and the Youth Group with a sing-a-long. First Aid; Wellington After Care; Interior Decorating; Lady Marshall was our mystery guest at the Christmas meeting when we said farewell to Mr and Mrs Kinloch, and to Miss Marion Fowler; the PSSA Nikau Street work in the city; Problems facing Pacific Islanders as they settle into New Zealand society; and International Air Travel.

We were all saddened with the loss of two of our long standing members - Miss Jean Hanchet, the first Secretary of Evening Guild, and Miss Margaret Johnston, past treasurer.

To our retiring president, Miss Agnes McCracken, we say 'thank you' for three years of organising and arranging our meetings.

We say 'thank you' to Mrs. Janice White for taking over as Treasurer after Mrs Maurine Charlesworth left Wellington. Also thanks to retiring committee members Mia Vink and Ruby McNaught for their help, and we extend best wishes to the incoming committee.

Betty Harris
Secretary.

Young Marrieds

With the start of 1975 a new programme of 'Young Marrieds' was attempted. In the past our activities have been held on an informal and relatively unplanned basis; this resulted in clashes of engagements and at times poor attendances. Meetings were therefore planned for the first Saturday evening of every month and a range of different activities organised.

1975 opened with a dinner in the Fellowship Room. This was well attended and Mr. F. Garratt's address on Christian Marriage was stimulating and greatly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. N. Pryor were our next hosts, and following a 'pizza and pasta' dinner, there was an audio-visual presentation from World Vision.

We then held two social evenings which gave us an opportunity to get to know each other better.

We are always sad when enthusiastic members leave St. John's, and this year has seen several young marrieds leaving Wellington. It is a real pleasure on the other hand to meet new couples and have them come to our evenings. In particular we are very interested in getting to know people new to Wellington who are finding it hard to meet other couples of similar age and interests. We also extend a very warm welcome to engaged couples and were glad to see several new faces this year.

Trixi Milkop.

YOUTH LIAISON COMMITTEE.

The work of the various organisations directly concerned with the youth of our congregation is the concern of this committee of Session. Leaders of the different groups meet together, usually twice in the year to share in Christian fellowship, to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern, especially relating to staff leadership. The last meeting was held prior to the departure of our Minister, when there was a full and frank discussion of the working of the Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship group, Lantern, Boys' Brigade, Badminton, and the Young Marrieds.

We look forward to a further meeting in the near future and we hope it will be practicable to have our new Minister with us.

The splendid service rendered by the leaders of all these groups is readily acknowledged and we know through their efforts Christ's Kingdom is being extended in the hearts and lives of our young people.

On behalf of Session we commend all of these on their loyalty and Christian commitment.

ALF DORNAN (Convener).

Sunday School

At the moment we have approximately 60 children on our Roll. The average attendance is somewhat lower and not surprisingly we find that those children whose parents are at church at the same time, are our most regular attenders.

In November we spent a weekend at the Waikanae camp which was quite a success. Our spiritual leader was Mr. Ken Rout.

As in most cases Sunday School teachers are just appointed without any training, we felt that it would be a good idea to have some professional guidance and we found Miss Anne Green of the Child Evangelism Fellowship prepared to instruct us at our monthly teachers meetings. It was most helpful. Mr. Gordon Sparrow, the leader of the Fellowship, says there will be a course for teachers and prospective teachers in the coming year, and we suggest that anybody interested in teaching should give the course consideration.

The staffing position is quite healthy although there are indications that we may require one or two teachers in the coming year.

Youth Group

BIBLE CLASS:

This last year has been very active and enjoyable. As in the past years we have been fortunate in having Mr. J. Vink and Mrs. Trixie Milkop as leaders. We were sorry to lose Mrs. Stephanie Butel and Miss Wendy Nicholls as leaders at the end of 1974 year, but we were happy to gain Miss Morag Thomson, Ray Patterson and Graham and Robyn McBride as leaders. We would like to thank all the leaders for the time, thought and energy that they have spent on the Bible Class in preparing interesting studies and helping with our other activities.

The studies over the past year have been of material benefit to the members. They have been interesting and varied, both when we have divided into study groups and when we remained together. We are giving money to the Overseas Missionary Fellowship worker who is taking Miss Minka Hanskamp's place.

Combined with the Good News Group, we have had many and varied social functions, including a Ball, a car-rally, a grub crawl, combined meetings with Elizabeth St. Chapel, Christian Life Centre, and the Apostolic Church, and coaching. We would like to thank those people involved in coaching B.C. members for the time and effort they have put into it.

We have also had our separate activities, including a strenuous hike up to Colonial Nob, swimming at Freyberg Pool, and as usual we have formed groups to go to Youth for Christ meetings.

We held our annual camp at Forest Lakes camp site in February and we were fortunate to have the Rev. Cyril Cooze as our speaker. Many members benefited greatly from his ministry.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the many members of the congregation who have taken an interest in the B.C. This has encouraged us greatly. This year has been a very profitable one in every way, and we pray that the Bible Class may continue to worship and have good fellowship together throughout the coming year.

Good News Group

This is under the leadership of a member of Session, Mr. Frank Garratt. The Committee members are Paul Vink, Richard Brader, John Hudson, Robert Anderson, Dale Hunt, and Bronwyn Dalzell. The members' ages are between 17-30 yrs. The average attendance this year has been 55 each Sunday.

Activities: The Group meets with the Bible Class and Lantern Club members at 9.30 a.m. each Sunday morning for united singing, worship, notices, scripture reading, opening mediation and prayer. They then go to their class at 10 a.m. which concludes at 10.45 a.m.

John Crawshaw is constantly in touch with members of the group to find out the subjects and scriptures that the majority desire to study, and these subjects are then taken in subsequent weeks.

The group goes into the 11 a.m. Church Service as a body. The United Youth have been privileged to conduct Youth Services each month of the year and these Services have been very well attended and much appreciated by all.

In addition to Sunday meetings, the Group meet every second Thursday for an evening meal, fellowship, singing, study and prayer. The meeting concludes at 9 p.m. The studies are under the leadership of Janie Lauchlan.

A Youth Camp was held on the weekend of 18-20 April at Ngatiawa Camp Site. The speaker was Mr Frank Garratt and 60 attended.

With the approval of Session, the Group has joined with the Youth of four city churches for united prayer meetings, fellowship and outreach. Joint meetings have been held on Sunday afternoons involving tea, singing and a message. These have been held at Elizabeth St. Chapel, Christian Life Centre, St. John's and Apostolic Church and the next will be at Central Baptist. The young people from these Churches, with City Council approval, commenced a united witness in Cuba Mall, the first meeting being on Friday 25th July. This took the form of two half-hour singing sessions of old well known hymns.

Leaflets with the words of the hymns and a few Gospel texts printed on them were distributed among members of the public, who stood around and quite a few joined in the singing. This united witness rejoices our hearts.

The Group is in very good heart and members are constantly bringing others along.

Lantern

Lantern continues as a part of St. John's Youth Group to provide a time of fellowship for those who have come to the Evening Service. As there are a few 'oncers' Lantern is their only opportunity of meeting the people of St. John's; but on the whole most of us are members of St. John's Youth Group of which Lantern is another branch.

The programme has been of a high standard. Different members of the committee take responsibility to organise this for one month inviting guest speakers and arranging discussions and Bible studies. Among the speakers have been Rev. Best who spoke on "The Role of Young People in St. John's", the Rev. Helen Welch from the Nikau Street Branch of the PSSA. Stemming from her talk some of the young people have agreed to visit this Newtown home on a regular basis. Individual members have led very profitable studies on "Christian Giving", our attitude to "Work", and the use of that precious commodity "Time".

The Prayer and Tea meetings though not held fortnightly as in previous years, since there is often a combined inter-church meeting for tea and fellowship for the young people, are still vitally important and it is hoped that the support for them will continue to grow.

Will you pray that the Lord will guide us and bless our meeting together in His Service.

Boys' Brigade

COMPANY SECTION:

Our Company (2nd Wellington) continues to provide purposeful activity for boys in the church and district.

The Company Section meets on Thursday evenings, opening and closing with devotions. The activity programme includes physical recreation, drill; first-aid, expedition planning, motor mechanics, cooking, Christian education, safety, and model making.

The various Battalion activities have been entered into with enthusiasm. Seven Boys attended the summer camp at Wainuiomata. Competitive events during the year in which our members took part and in some cases gained high places were athletics, swimming, table tennis and handball. Five Boys (three junior and two senior) have been selected to play in the Battalion soccer teams against Auckland in the August School holidays.

We have missed the personal interest of our former Chaplain, the Rev. Kinloch, on his departure to Tauranga.

The support of parents and other friends in the congregation by way of financial contributions and in other directions, has been much appreciated. Our numbers have fluctuated during the season with some 15 on the roll.

We trust the efforts made by the officers will bear fruit in the lives of these young men as they prepare for Christian manhood.

Messrs. Alan Bright and Trevor Hosking, Lieutenants, continue to give valued service. We also thank instructors who come in from time to time to assist. The fine work being done in the Team Section under Miss H.C. Johnston and the officers is highly commended.

A. Dornan (Captain)

TEAM SECTION:

The Boys' Brigade is the main missionary outreach of the Church, catering for a number of Boys who have no church affiliation, but who have been linked up with St. John's Sunday School. The programme is based on Luke 2, v. 52 and our aim is for the Boys to grow up as Jesus did 'in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and Man'. A balance is maintained in all our activities so that the spiritual side of a boy's growth is catered for equally with his physical, social and educational life.

25 years:

As we look back over the team's existence we remember the leadership of others dating back to 1950 and in this order -

Mrs Cath Bridge	Mrs Jocelyn Perry
" Gwenne Smith	Mrs. Andrea Penny
" Margaret Hunt	Mrs. Heather Lloyd
Miss Doreen Bibby	Mr Bob Cuthbertson
" Harriet Johnston	Mr Mark Hanton
Mrs Phyllis Smith	Mr Clive McGovern
Mrs. Mary Irvine	

Currently we have -

Lt. in Charge	Miss Harriet Johnston
Lieutenant	Miss Maryke van Zweeden
"	Mr Graham Turley
Warrant Officer	Mr Graham McBride
"	Miss Karen Vink
"	Mr Robert van Zweeden
Helper	Miss Margaret Arnold

Strength:

There are 36 keen and enthusiastic boys, 8 to 11, on the roll one third of them being Polynesian. They come from as far away as Paparangi, Wadestown, Kilbirnie, Brooklyn as well as the city centre.

Badminton Club

The Season saw membership down to 38 from approximately 60 on the preceding year. Unfortunately a number of stalwart members had shifted residence and were no longer in the area.

Three teams were entered in the Wgtn. Badminton Association competitions. Most of the players were playing one grade above themselves and so results were not good. A good deal of dissatisfaction was also recorded during the year on the manner in which the competition was run.

During the year three social events were organised - dance, not well attended - progressive dinner (cancelled) and the end of year function was well attended and a successful evening was enjoyed.

Juniors: The Junior Club was again successfully held although it would have been pleasing to see membership higher. The Club's thanks are extended to Andrew Kay for his efforts with organising the juniors.

Our thanks are extended to the Church Committee for the use of the hall and for the support and co-operation we have received from them at all times. In conclusion I should like to thank the outgoing secretary, treasurer and committee for all their work and efforts in the preceding year.

Alan Ryan,
Chairman.

Troup House

At the end of 1974 there was almost a complete exodus of residents. Many had successfully completed their course of study, two embarked on marriage and others moved away from Wellington or into flats.

Derek Mills is the present Warden and the occupancy rate has been maintained at 11, although we have been able to accommodate a number of short-term residents.

We wish to record our appreciation of Mr. Neal Fleming's quiet service in carrying out many minor repairs. Upkeep is very costly and there is need for major renewals. Recently replacing the stair carpet, relaying linoleum and plumbing work cost \$1,700, and other costs to/net include electrical repairs and increased insurance costs and rates.

B. Robertson. Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ORDINARY ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1975

RECEIPTS

Offertories, Plate	\$8,563.28	
Envelopes	<u>11,632.38</u>	20,195.66
Donations:		
Use of Rooms	392.00	
General	333.41	
Organ	<u>11,381.72</u>	12,107.13
Interest:		
Bank	36.61	
Endowment Fund	1,450.00	
Lockie Bequest	<u>24.95</u>	1,511.56
Budget Contributions:		
Afternoon Guild	600.00	
Evening Guild	34.20	
Bible Class	100.00	
Youth Group	100.00	
Sunday School	<u>80.80</u>	915.00
Contributions for Others:		
N.C.C.	225.91	
P.S.S.A.	59.71	
Corso	<u>255.13</u>	540.75
Special Purposes Contributions:		
Benevolent Fund (Net)	80.00	
Satz-Projector (last year)	25.00	
Badminton - Hall maintenance	50.00	
Afternoon Guild -		
Hall Furnishing Fund	50.00	
Manse Renovations	<u>150.00</u>	355.00

Carried Forward:

24.

\$35,625.10

PAYMENTS

Minister:

Stipend (7 mths) Rev.D.T.W.Kinloch	\$3,161.62	
Car Allowance	419.62	
Expenses Allowance	<u>116.62</u>	\$3,697.86
Asst. Minister	591.34	
Pulpit Supply	695.62	
Car Allowance	<u>36.04</u>	1,323.00
Organist		750.00
Budget contributions		7,215.00
Light and Heat		188.71
Printing and Paper		628.12
Cleaning and Rubbish		1,181.22
Repairs and Maintenance -		
Organ	219.60	
Tape Recorder	11.00	
Fire Equipment	10.50	
Tuning Piano	9.55	
Chairs	105.00	
Manse	496.83	
Gestetner	14.75	
Windows - Manse	12.00	
Hall	28.00	
Plumbing - Hall	47.00	
General	<u>99.02</u>	1,053.25
Postage and Miscellaneous -		
Evening Post	156.00	
Toilet Paper	33.91	
Moderator's Expenses	3.49	
Manse Phone	104.92	
Accident Comp. Premium	16.66	
Postages	45.00	
Arch. Valuation	100.00	

Carried Forward :

\$16,497.14

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Continued).

Receipts

Brought Forward: \$35,625.10

Other Receipts:

Tape Recorder (Hi Fi)	80.00	
Afternoon Guild for doormat	18.32	
Christmas Cards	<u>140.60</u>	238.92

Legacies:

Dr. Bansgrove	200.00	
Mrs. Margaret Penny (for Organ Fund)	2,000.00	

Balance B/Fwd. 30/6/74 (Cr.) 940.09

" C/Fwd. 30/6/75 (Dr.) 308.46

\$39,312.57

Payments

Brought Forward:

\$16,497.14

A.P.W. Fees	22.00	
Church Functions	51.87	
Bank Fee	<u>50</u>	74.37

Transfers and Donations:

Pres. Church N.Z. Deposits

Hall Furnishing	50.00	
Organ	6,600.00	
Painting	1,860.00	
Legacy	200.00	
Benevolent Fund	80.00	

To Rental A/c.

Manse Capital	1,000.00	
" Interest	652.50	

For Others (see Receipts)

540.75

Ex Church Funds

U.Nokise	15.00	
Cradle Roll	25.00	
Sunday School	<u>100.00</u>	11,123.25

Other Payments:

Insurance Premium	2,720.55	
Rates	627.73	
Organ	7,053.00	
Increment Levy	294.00	
Christmas Cards	94.77	
Fellowship Room doormat (see Receipts)	16.00	
Beneficiary Fund Levy	731.76	
Tape Recorder	80.00	

\$39,312.57

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1975

Receipts

Balances as at 30/6/74 -
Bank of N.Z. 472.25
Church Office 9,698.73
Building Society 1,553.62

Rents 11,724.60
Interest - B.N.Z. 1,802.24
" Pres. Church 11.20
" Manse Loan 758.83
" Building Society 652.50
Insurance refunds 124.94
(reduced loadings) 405.64
Manse Loan repayment 1,000.00

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Payments

Cleaning
Electricity (Net)
Rates
Insurances
Balances 30.6.75 -
B.N.Z. 877.63
Church Office 13714.68
Building Soc. 1051.08
15,643.39
\$16,479.95

Loan from Rental Account for Manse Purchase.

Balance owing 1.7.74
Less Refund 1974-75
Balance owing 30.6.75:

\$9,000.00
1,000.00
\$8,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1975

Account	Balance 30.6.74	Interest	Balance 30.6.75
Benevolent	267.73	20.00	367.73
Centennial	245.00	19.00	264.00
Chairs	228.00	18.00	246.00
Hymn Books	1,052.00	77.00	1,129.00
Church Rebuilding	735.96	54.00	789.96
General Reserve	2,471.38	225.55	2,896.93
New Hall Furnishing	314.31	24.00	388.31
H.I.F.I.	214.25	17.00	151.25
All Sundry Trusts	5,528.63	454.55	6,233.18
Hall Rebuilding -			
Special	9,960.91	722.17	10,683.08
General	6,686.46	484.77	7,171.23
Organ	3,639.17	657.57	10,896.74
Endowment	20,000.00	1,450.00	20,000.00
Lockie Bequest	380.00	24.95	380.00
Repainting	7,912.24	626.08	10,398.32
	54,107.41	4,420.09	65,762.55

Receipts
Interest as above : 4,420.09
From Ordinary Account -
 To Organ 6,300.00
 " 300.00
Repaint. 1,860.00
Hall Furn. 50.00
Benevolent 80.00
Gen.Res.
(Legacy) 200.00
8,790.00

67,317.50

Payments
To Ordinary Account:
From Endowment 1,450.00
Lockie Int. 24.95
Ex H.I.F.I. 80.00

\$67,317.50

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ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1974/75

Receipts

B/Fwd. 1.6.74	\$1,192.65
Less	
Allocated at Annual Meeting 1974:	
Church Mission Budget	600.00
Organ Repair Fund	100.00
Hall Furnishing Fund	50.00
Team Section B.B.	25.00
Typewriter - Minister	143.10
Doornat Fellowship Room	25.00
Margaret Bear	20.00
Estelle Alexander	10.00
Minka Hanskamp	20.00
St. Columba Church, Havelock North - flood damage	25.00
Maori Synod - Meeting House at Ohope	50.00
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	\$124.55
Mission Birthday Gift	392.22
Sales Table	15.72
Collections	6.60
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	\$539.09

Payments

Hunter Family Appeal	\$10.00
N.Z. Council for Christian Education	1.00
Pulpit Fall	25.00
Society for promotion of Community Standards - sub.	8.00
Cheque Book	1.00
Margaret Bear - (Allocated \$20, additional \$5 donated, towards scholarship for trainee male nurse)	5.00
"Nursing Mirror" - 2 yr. sub.	39.65
A.P.W. - Special Fund	1.00
Used Stamps	205.15
Secretary's expenses	5.00
"Friends of Turakina"	1.50
PSSA in memory of Miss M. Johnston	5.00
Contribution to delegate's expenses APW Conference	20.00
Flowers	2.00
Corso - Sponsorship A/c.	
Fee for Indian girl	39.00
Cont. to Leprosy Mission	79.00
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	\$447.30

	\$539.09
Donations	15.60
Tea Coupons	23.69
Membership Fees	7.00
Scott Trust -	
Maori Missions	\$30.00
General	30.00
Bring & Buy	247.70
Mission Boxes	88.45
P.O.S.B. Interest	13.68
Used Stamps	205.15
Miscellaneous	71
Sale of household rags etc.	6.64
Balance Church Sponsorship	
A/c. for Indian girl	20.98
Donation to Sponsorship A/c.	10.00
Contributions to Leper Mission	79.00
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	1,317.69

Allocated not availed of:

16.68

\$1,334.37

\$447.30

Cash in Bank

887.07

\$1,334.37

Hannah Wilson,
Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct:
Marilyn D. King,
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1974 season.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance P.O.S.B. 1.3.74	\$206.06	Shuttles	\$110.80
Subscriptions	208.00	Interclub court hire	42.00
Supper and shuttle fees	69.63	Affiliation fees	105.10
Club Championship fees	14.40	Church Hall donation	150.00
Interclub fees	30.00	Stationery and postages	8.88
Surplus on social functions	130.36	Sundry	20.85
Interest	8.29	Advertising	-
			<u>\$437.63</u>
		Balance P.O.S.B. at 28.2.1975	<u>229.11</u>
	<u>\$666.74</u>		<u>\$666.74</u>

Lyn Henry. Hon. Treasurer

R.A. Oakly, ACA
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31.3.75

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Bal. 1.4.74	\$122.05	To Donation - Organ	\$50.00
General Fund } POSB		Beggs (Wgtn.) Ltd.	
Gown Fund } POSB	10.00	- Anthem Music	62.10
Cash in Hand	3.68	Expenses -	
	<u>\$135.73</u>	Flowers	1.75
Donations	12.00	Choir Tea	7.00
Weekly Collections	15.84	Gifts	<u>21.50</u>
" Organ Fund		Organ Fund	66.86
Collections	66.86		
P.O.S.B. Interest	<u>1.89</u>		
			<u>\$209.21</u>
	<u>\$232.32</u>	Blc. in P.O.S.B.	<u>*23.11</u>
			<u>\$232.32</u>

Fiona Robertson, Hon. Treasurer

N.G. Robertson,
Hon. Auditor.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE - 2nd Wellington Company -
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 30.6.75.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Cash, POSB, BBHQ.		Equipment/Uniforms	138.74
July '74	173.17	Christmas Cards	70.00
B.B. Week	315.38	Stationery	4.50
Subscriptions	35.00	Craft Material	32.18
Christmas Cards	76.00	Jug-a-Lug	705.00
Uniforms	13.60	National Contribution	70.00
Pennants	7.50	Soccer Balls	15.44
Jug-a-Lug	526.00	Battalion Levy	20.00
POSB Interest	8.00	Awards/Prizes	23.94
Donation	10.00	Pacific work	<u>30.00</u>
			1,109.80
		Cash, POSB, BBHQ.	<u>54.85</u>
	<u>1,164.65</u>		<u>1,164.65</u>

TEAM SECTION

Donation -		Handcraft Material	19.60
Women's Assn.	30.00	Outings/Prizes	9.00
Anonymous	1.00	Uniforms	55.00
Subscriptions	118.00	National Contribution	100.00
Uniforms	<u>43.00</u>	Administration	<u>8.40</u>
	<u>192.00</u>		<u>192.00</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

Balance B/Fwd.		Prizes	52.23
1.7.74	6.76	Leaders' Material	70.22
Int.on Bequests	22.96	Contributions to	
Bank Interest	45	Missions	80.80
Grants from Church	100.00	Balance 30.6.75	<u>7.72</u>
Offering - Missions	<u>60.80</u>		
	<u>\$210.97</u>		<u>\$210.97</u>

E.R. Brader, Hon. Treasurer

D.W. Mills.
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st May, 1975

Bal. B/Fwd. from 1974	\$131.41	Allocation of Funds, 1974	
POSB Interest to		- St. Johns Organ Fund	
31.3.75	1.79		\$70.00
Direct Giving	49.50	Direct Giving	52.00
Subscriptions		Linking Committee	
(33 @ 30c.)	9.90	Expenses	5.00
Sale of Lemons	7.55	Payment to	
Library Proceeds	2.85	'After Care Assn.'	14.00
Donations	4.00	Gift - Miss M. Bear	9.36
Further Proceeds from		- Mrs Kinloch	6.15
Stall, 1974	65	Secretary's Expenses	1.50
Freedom from Hunger	10.58	Donation -	
Collection for		Overseas Missionary	
'After Care Assn.'	14.00	Fellowship	20.00
Bring and Buy Stall	100.61	Freedom from Hunger	
		- Biscuits	2.90
		Corso	10.00
		Balance, P.O.S.B.	141.93
	<u>\$332.84</u>		<u>\$332.84</u>

Janice White,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th June, 1975

Trans. from B.N.Z.	\$342.66	Arohata Gift	8.08
Held a/c. Exorcist	139.00	Song Books	32.40
Offerings	716.03	Newsprint	12.00
Books	58.00	Books	34.91
Ngatiawa Camp	387.38	Ngatiawa Camp	387.38
Tauranga Visit	1,075.71	Tauranga Visit	885.23
Palmerston North Visit	40.00	Christian Centre	
Ball	147.00	(Paln. Nth)	40.00
Interest -		K. McKenzie (Ball)	72.00
Wgtn. Savings Bank	4.57	Advertising	10.32
Prs. Church N.Z.	9.00	Cheque Books	1.02
		Bass Guitar	60.00
		St. John's Church -	
		Missions	100.00
		General Fund	50.00
		Underground Evangelism	100.00
		Wycliffe Bible Trans-	
		lators (James Family)	100.00
		Overseas Missionary	
		Fellowship -	
		M. Hanskamp Memorial	200.00
		Marian Gill	100.00
		Balances -	
		Wgtn. Savings Bk.	217.01
		P.C.N.Z.	509.00
	<u>\$2919.35</u>		<u>\$2,919.35</u>

E.R. Brader,
Hon. Treasurer.

D.W. Mills,
Hon. Auditor.

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:

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:

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

Publications:

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mr Frederick Aker

Mr William Austin

Mrs Annie Dagger

Mrs Edith Gourley MBE

Miss Margaret Johnston

Mrs Valme Kibblewhite

Mrs Emily Leyland

Miss Ella Norrie

Mrs Margaret Penny

Mrs Doris Smith

Mrs Evelyn Spratt

~~Miss~~ Evelyn Steevens

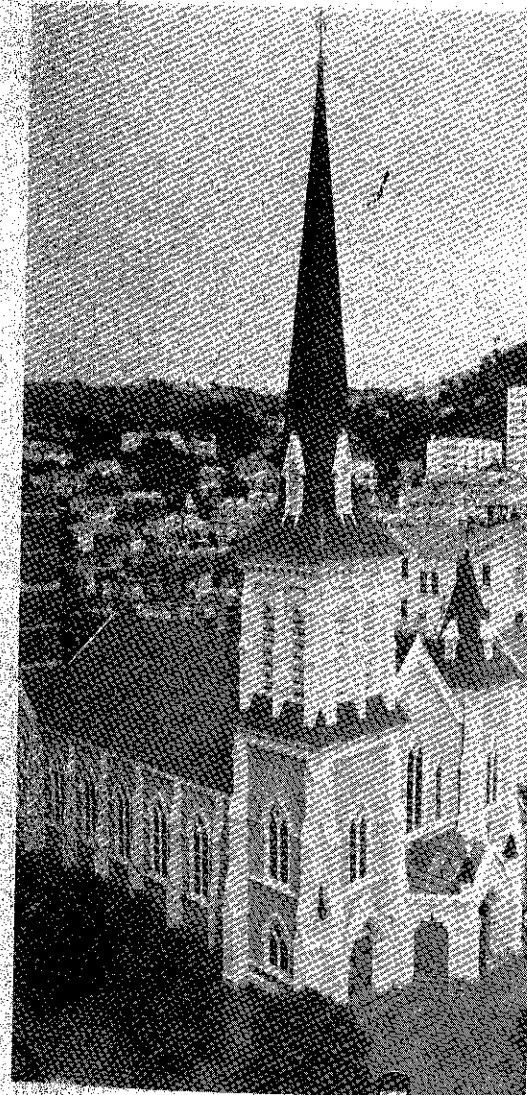
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1975.

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	1968-1975
St. John's Own Missionaries:	
Very Rev. George H. McNeur, of Chinese Mission Field (Moderator in 1926)	1913-1940
Sister Margaret O. Bear, India.	1958-
Deaconesses:	
Miss Lillian Lang	1905-1907
Miss Mabel Cartwright	1909-1911
Miss Norah Dick	1912-1915
Miss Nessie Morgan	1945-1948 and 1951-1959
Buildings:	
First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church", 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
Repling 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

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington.



ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTYTHIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

1975 - 1976

To be presented at the
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on

WEDNESDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1976.

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Mr. R. Brader	768-118
Dr. David Burton	784-648
Mr. Bill Clark	717-767
Mr. John Crawshaw	824-037
Mr. Jim Don	
Mr. Jim Espie	
Miss Kath George	
Mr. Paul Haggett	
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Mrs. Marilyn King	
Mr. Bill Kraft	
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Mr. Alistair Sherriff	
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Committees:

Finance:	J. West (convener), R. Brader, A. Milkop.	
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	Miss M. Arnold	Mr W. Moore
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	Miss R. Middleton	Mr P. Varley
		Miss M. van Zweeden
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Company Section:	Mr J. West, 98 Upland Road, 5.	757-563
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Troup House:	The Minister (Chairman), Mrs Hughes, Sir John Marshall, Messrs J.W. Vink, N.S. Woods, K. Aickin (Treasurer), Mrs G. Robertson (Secretary), and Derek Mills (Warden of Troup House).	
Organ:	Mrs Mortimer (convener), Mrs M. Hunt Messrs M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin.	
Youth Liaison:	D.M. Steedman (convener), F.N. Garratt, J.W. Vink, B. Arnold, M.H. van Zweeden, J. West, G. McBride, R. Patterson.	
Choir:	Miss P. Brodie, Miss D. Fraser, Mr M. Leitch.	

Dear friends at St. John's,

Thank you from all of us at the manse for helping us so quickly to become part of our congregation. Your warm welcome to us, and all the work done at the manse as expression of this, made us feel very much accepted. We want to thank you for this.

Now together in these reports we look at the life of our church and ask for your continued help and support in the whole life of St. John's. I hope you will find in the reports evidence of a manysided sharing in the Church's mission, but I would hope that it would challenge us to think what more we could be doing with the resources which are ours.

Have you ever thought that the symbol of the Christian faith - a cross - is a plus sign. Its a positive sign of giving in the service of God - after the example of Jesus Christ who died on a cross. At the end of the report when you have read of the organisation, and studied the finances, and with the † that leaves an open question. What can we add to this for the glory of God?

And I want to ask you to share in the partnership of the Church with me. Here are some ways I ask for special help -

Will you make it a priority in your Sunday to share in worship as the centre of our congregational life.

Please pray for your church.

Can you visit someone who needs help or encouragement, and remember there are times when we all need help?

Can you visit newcomers and help them to know they really belong? And will you see that strangers and visitors at worship are made to feel at home? This is one job I can't do much about but you can.

Will you take a real interest in some of our senior members who are not able to join as actively in the church as they would like.

Will you think of how you can do something † to strengthen the witness of your church as you read now the picture of our congregational life.

And may God bless you all.

Yours, *David Steedman*

SESSION

St. John's Session presents this 123rd Annual Report and in so doing gives thanks to God for the evidence of His Guiding Hand.

It gave us great pleasure to welcome to St. John's on 5th February 1976 our Minister, the Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A., B.D., Mrs. Steedman and their daughter Fiona. We have been encouraged by Mr. Steedman's leadership in worship, the delivery of the Word of God with great sincerity and power, his visiting of the members of the congregation and his interest in all the activities of St. John's. The manse is a warm friendly home and we say thank you to Mrs. Steedman and Fiona for sharing with us their musical talents.

Thirteen months was a long period to be a "vacant parish" and Session sincerely appreciates all that has been so freely given in terms of worship, service and giving. There was strong co-operation between all organisations and members, and our Interim-Moderator, the Rev. W.C.A. Kitto, is warmly thanked for his administrative capabilities and for his kindly interest and care in all aspects of our parish life.

We were privileged to have as guest preacher for three months - November-January - the Rev. Dr. L.K. Anderson, a retired missionary who worked for many years in the Camerouns, Africa, and had occupied positions with the Board of Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson endeared themselves to us. A stimulating ministry plus a vital interest in us all - they were indeed a 'bonus', and we are much richer for knowing them. They are back in Florida enjoying the warm weather which eluded them for most of their stay in Wellington.

Other preachers who have encouraged and inspired us were the Rev. John Mabon, the Rev. W. Best, the Very Rev. S.C. Read, Dr. Duane T. Gish, Mr. Chris Marshall, the Rev. M.

Jackson Campbell, Dr. Nambudripad, Prof. E.M. Blaiklock, the Rev. Cecil Marshall, Mr. Ian Grant and Mr. John Cunningham of the New Hebrides.

Special services were held for Spring Flower Sunday, Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges, St. Andrew's Day, Re-dedication of the organ, Harvest Thanksgiving and Dedication of Youth Workers. A pre-recorded service was held for a Sunday evening radio broadcast.

The Communion Roll stands at 403, a decrease of 20 during the year. There have been 32 new members (6 by Profession of Faith), and 52 disjunctions whose names have been removed through death, transfer, travel overseas or purging of the Roll. The average attendance at quarterly Communion was 352. Special Communion services were held at Easter and on 5th October for World Communion.

It is very heartwarming on Sunday morning when just on 11 o'clock the doors open and in flow the young folk. Their regular attendance at morning worship strengthens the close association and support which members of a family give to one another. The services orientated towards youth have primarily been based on the need to make a firm stand for Christ. Sunday School children now attend the first part of the morning service twice each month.

The major renovations and improvements to the organ were completed in February, and the capabilities of the instrument are giving joy. It was very cold and inconvenient for the choir sitting in the gallery during the rebuilding programme, and there was a reticence in the congregational singing when the piano was first used. Gradually this was overcome and was in no small way due to the fine leadership of our organist and choirmaster, Mr. Raymond Wilderspin, and the faithfulness of choir members. The Youth Music Group are a delight and their assistance was very much appreciated.

Session records with deep regret the passing of Mr. Fred Chappell, a much loved member of our congregation and a devoted elder. Fred had a life long association with St. John's and his deep, abiding faith in God shone forth. Many have been enriched by his work and witness in this parish and in the wider sphere of his influence.

Session would express to all who have suffered bereavement during the year our most sincere sympathy and our prayers that they may experience the full love of God our Father.

Mr. Trevor Martin, an elder since 1969, was transferred to Auckland. He was very willing to undertake any task, and his visiting and business acumen were valued.

To retain the effective strength of Session, six new elders were inducted - Mrs. Betty Arnold, Messrs. Alan Darroch, Ian Garratt, Graham McEride, Ray Patterson and John West.

We are very ably represented at Presbytery by our Elders, Messrs. John Hunt and Andre Milkop.

Session has resumed the practice of placing white cloths on the pews for the quarterly communion services, and we thank the Afternoon Guild for its gracious gift of the embroidered white pulpit fall which adds to the beauty of the Church on Communion Sundays and other special occasions.

During the year St. John's received legacies from the estates of three past members. These were the late Miss Margaret Johnston, James Smillie and Miss Melvyn L. Wilson. Gifts such as these are deeply appreciated and we wish to express our appreciation of the action of these people in making these provisions in their Wills.

St. Paul's Letter to Ephesians is at present being studied by 65-70 members meeting in six house groups throughout the parish. Session proposes to arrange further short-term studies, and commends them to the congregation and friends.

May this coming year open doors of opportunity. May we come closer together through worship, prayer and study, gradually building wider and stronger foundations for the next phase of our witness together as a congregation.

George Robertson,
Session Clerk.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The following new managers were appointed to the Board last Annual Meeting - Messrs. Alleway, Crawshaw, Haggett, Leitch, J. West and I. West, Mesdames Harris and King and Miss George. During the year a resignation was regretfully received from Mr. Graham Turley who had moved. Rev. Steedman was welcomed as our new chairman and we appreciate his guidance to the Board.

Manse: During the last financial year the renovations and refurbishings of the Manse, begun in early 1975, were completed by voluntary labour of various members of the congregation. Extensive repainting, papering, electrical rewiring, carpeting and spring cleaning was achieved at a cost to the congregation of \$4,546.00. Included in these works was the installation of a shower unit. The Board thanks those members of the congregation who assisted in this work and also those who assisted financially to this work. The recent quinquennial visitation committee expressed congratulations to the congregation through the Board for the condition of the manse.

Organ: As members are all aware each Sunday service, 1975-1976 has seen the completion of the overhauling, renovation and extensions to the organ in the Church. Costing in total \$19,416.58, this major enterprise undertaken by the Board with the complete co-operation of the congregation has updated the instrument to one of the finest in the city and we can all be proud of this achievement. Not only will the organ continue to be used so well to give glory to God, but also increasingly to give pleasure to members of the congregation and public alike in afternoon and evening recitals. Again, the Board expresses its thanks and praise to God for all who contributed so generously to the Organ Fund Appeal.

Plant and Property Generally: The Board has recently reviewed and considerably improved fire protection equipment in the old hall building, by the introduction of fire doors (which should remain closed at all times), crash doors, exit sign posting, more extinguishers and presently an internal alarm system.

Specifications are in the process of preparation for another painting of the exterior of the Church.

Parking controls have been instituted in the grounds by the Board with, it is hoped, some degree of success.

Due to a bequest by the late Mr. Fred Chappell and with the assistance of the Wellington City Corporation Parks and Reserves Department, the Board is pleased to report that the garden area in front of the Church has been improved and will eventually become an attractive pebble garden.

Consultations are continuing with Inner City Churches and Presbytery about possible alternative future redevelopment of the old hall site.

Finance: During the past year the Board has faced unprecedented increased costs, e.g. insurance premiums up 14% approx., Assembly Enterprises Budget up 15-20% (up again next year 28%), sewage levy rates up 550% (\$250 - \$1,380).

As a Board we are continually conscious of these increases, and all expenditure is under review.

St. John's Association: In an attempt to publicize the diverse and numerous avenues of christian outreach available to members in the community, the St. John's Association was formed.

A second equally important reason for the Association's formation was to provide opportunity for members of the congregation of all ages and both sexes to mix and meet each other. The Association's executive are to be commended for their success in carrying out these aims.

ROBERT NEAL FLEMING.

On 22nd August, 1975, one of the Church's best loved and most active members died - Robert Neal Fleming. Neal was associated with St. John's for over forty years and more latterly served faithfully as our Treasurer. It is fitting for us to pay tribute to Neal for all he did and meant to us and appropriate recognition of this is to be recorded in the Annual Report of the Board.

Conclusion: The Board extends its appreciation and thanks to those of the congregation who provide flowers for the Church, supper for pre-communion services, who prepare the weekly intimations, who care for and keep tidy the grounds and buildings and to those who are responsible for the recording and distribution of services to those unable to attend church.

A.G. Sherriff,
Clerk of the Board.

ORGAN COMMITTEE.

This time last year we were struggling along with Sunday services to the piano, and the choir in the Eastern gallery - now it all seems a long time ago and the joy of worshipping with the newly built organ is tremendous. The choir, returned to its normal position, is benefitting greatly from the new position of the console - it is indeed a great help for the choirmaster to see his choir and vice versa.

As you will remember the organ was sufficiently finished to be "playable" in time for the December communion. The organ builders suffered extreme frustrations at the non-delivery of parts and pipes from overseas and a considerable amount of equipment was eventually air freighted. These delays, of course, increased costs for the organ builders and for us, and our final bill for extras, increases in wages and inflation was \$3,065. The completed organ was finally handed over to us on 16th January and our service of praise and dedication was on 28th March. Since then a series of recitals has been very much enjoyed - organ, instrumental and choral; the versatility of the rebuilt organ being fully demonstrated.

The organ committee is very satisfied with the work done and truly grateful to so many St. John's members and friends. We undertook a tremendous task and in the space of two years the finance has been raised, the organ completely rebuilt and paid for, and we have an instrument of great beauty and versatility of which we can be very proud.

7. Mary Mortimer, Convener.

CHOIR.

It has been another happy and interesting year. In August and December, choir members participated in the choir festivals at the Cathedral. As Christmas approached a large group of all ages again sang at the Railway Station; visited the shut-ins and sick; and shared in the Rev. J. Mabon's last service at the prison.

Appropriate music was rendered at both Christmas and Easter.

We said farewell to Vivian Spiers who was married in December and now living in Auckland. Alison Clouston, after a fleeting stay also left to be married and we had a farewell evening at the Manse for her.

It was a very special and happy occasion when the choir shared in the marriage service of Fiona Robertson and Ian Thomas. Prior to their wedding, over an evening meal at the home of Ailsa Salt, the choir saw a selection of Fiona's Hong Kong slides.

Engagement news always brings excitement and for Renee van Kerkhof and Robert Gilmour, and David Ryan and Maxine Heinz we pray every blessing as they prepare for their respective marriages later in the year.

It is lovely to have our ranks strengthened by Mrs. Steedman and Fiona. It is encouraging too, to have the presence of our minister at our practices every now and again. A warm welcome too to Margaret Bickerstaff.

Our annual picnic was held at Te Horo and we had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Choir members shared the sorrow of all St. John's family in the death of two who were deeply interested in the music of our worship and warm supporters of choir and organ. Members were in attendance and sang at the funeral services of Mr Neal Fleming in August and Mr Fred Chappell in December.

The choir is closely knit together by helping to lead in the services of worship. I am very conscious of the disciplined loyalty of members and to each one a very sincere thank you. I would like to thank Ray Wilderspin too for his untiring efforts week by week. His rendering of the organ is an inspiration

to all. The warm support of interested friends is greatly appreciated.

As we face another year may we remember that it is more blessed to give than receive. As Christ said, "Give to others and God will give to you; you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands - all that you can hold."

Dianne Fraser, Choir Secretary.

CRADLE ROLL.

Total on Roll : 24.

The Cradle Roll's most visible function continues to be the running of the Sunday morning creche. Less obvious, however, is the committee's continuing care for all the children on the Roll or associated with the church in other ways.

Last year the Cradle Roll combined with the Sunday School for a Christmas service followed by lunch for the children and their families. This was a very successful function and we hope it will be able to continue.

We also ran a mid-winter coffee morning, and help out with various activities run through the Linking Committee.

We are pleased to welcome our new Minister and his wife and are very appreciative of the interest and help already shown. And we would like to record our warm thanks to all the people who regularly and willingly help with the Creche.

Vera Burton, Convener.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The women's organisations in St. John's have had a busy year of service and have continued the task of uniting all women in fellowship. The Linking Committee has held four meetings during the year when plans were made for various functions and activities, some of which were -

Arranging teas for the Church Annual Meeting and

St. John's Association, afternoon teas for 'Saturday at Two', and supper for the Induction Service.

Supplying teams of workers to help at the Porirua Hospital

Canteen, "Busy Fingers", the Cuba St. PSSA Shop and Lounge.

Providing Christmas gifts for the residents and staff at Te Hopai Home, and for Nikau Street.

Mrs. Doreen Woods represented St. John's at the APW Annual Conference held in Auckland in April.

MISSIONS - An effort has been made to spread Missionary information among the men of the congregation through Session and the Board of Managers. The women are faithful in their interest and care and write each month to our overseas workers.

A new photographic brochure is soon to be available from the Joint Board of Presbyterian/Methodist Overseas Mission, and will be freely available to anyone to bring us up to date with who's who and where".

New Hebrides: It was good to have the opportunity to meet in person our new Associate Missionaries, John and Barbara Cunningham, as they passed through Wellington en route to New Hebrides for a further 3 year term. The congregation had opportunity to meet and hear John speak at the Evening Service on May 16th and Barbara attended the Evening Guild and spoke about her nursing experience before her marriage and her continuing interests in home and church life in Vila. The Cunninghams have 2 children, Patricia (2 yrs) and Neville born in N.Z. in December 1975.

India: Jubilee celebrations for the School of Nursing at Philadelphia Hospital were held in May. Sister Margaret Bear is now carrying out the dual responsibility of Tutor Sister and Nursing Superintendent - both very full and demanding jobs. She hopes to be able to take furlough in Oct. 1976. Christmas gifts were sent to her, the subscription to the Nursing Journal renewed, and Afternoon Guild sent a further \$25 to assist male nurse, Johnston Rose, while studying for his BSc in nursing.

Water for Women: This project, under the sponsorship of the APW in 1975, was supported by the whole congregation, highlighted by a poster display. A retiring offering at both services on Oct. 5th received \$209.50 plus a donation of \$100.

A.P.W. Project for this year is to raise funds for rebuilding at Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital in India. Plans are being made to interest all our members in this also.

Our thanks go to the members of the congregation who support Missions through the following ways -

Mission Birthday Gift: Miss MacKenzie advises that the amount contributed was \$425.30.

Mission Boxes: Mrs. Harris reports a total of \$79.12.

Stamps: Mrs. Allan thanks all who collected, cleaned and sorted during the year and advises that the total realised was \$198.

Tea Coupons: These produced \$28.56 from 2,275 coupons. Mrs. McMillan thanks all who contributed.

'Harvest Field': Mrs. McKay reports that there are 64 subscribers.

PSSA Auxiliary: Mrs. Roberts, our representative, reports that the main activities were the holding of a Street Day and a Fair in the Town Hall. The Opportunity Shop continues to be an excellent and much appreciated source of revenue.

Church Flowers: The Flower Conveners and members of the Flower Roster have each week provided and arranged the flowers in the Church and this has been appreciated by all. Our thanks go to Miss Maimie Abbott for all her help while Flower Convener, but who is not now able to carry on this work.

Josie Williams,

Secretary.

AFTERNOON GUILD.

The Afternoon Guild gives thanks that they have been ministered to with devotion and dedication. Our interim-moderator Mr. Kitto, and minister for three months Dr. Anderson, both showed interest in the work of the Guild, and we wish particularly to place on record our appreciation of the way in which Mrs. Kitto and Mrs. Anderson joined with us so warmly, in all our activities.

We shared in welcoming the new manse family and as a Guild we met Mrs. Steedman at a social afternoon at the end of February at the Manse for all women of the congregation when we heard of the idiosyncrasies of the several Manses which had been home to both the minister and his wife.

Speakers and topics were - Mrs. Frances Porter, Early N.Z. Missionaries; Mrs. McKenzie, Social Work in Port of Spain Hospitals; Mrs. Owen John, Overseas Travel in the Girl Guild Movement; Mrs. Beach, Making a Family Tree; Mrs. Anderson, Three African Women; Mr. Steedman, Bringing Christianity to the New Hebrides; Mrs. Robb, Mosques and Minarets.

At the Communion Service in March the new pulpit fall, a gift to the Church from the Afternoon Guild was unveiled by Mrs. Noyle Brown who had embroidered it very beautifully. The emblem, an Iona Cross surmounted by a Crown, had been designed by Mrs. Kinloch but transference to Tauranga had prevented her from finishing it herself. We are most appreciative of Mrs. Brown's ready agreement to work it, and for her exquisite embroidery.

So many people have contributed to the success of the year's activities that it is almost impossible to mention them all. We wish to express our warm appreciation to,
those who have taken our devotions and our speakers;
the tea conveners who never fail to produce a welcome 'cuppa';
those who visit hospitals and homes;
those members who support the activities of the Guild with regular attendance and generous assistance.

Greta Cone, Secretary.

Membership stands at 53, with an average attendance of 34 - 37.

Throughout the year committee members have made personal phone calls to the members of their groups, and they have taken their turn to be in charge of the supper arrangements and the writing of the monthly letters. Opening devotions have been taken by various members of the Guild, making this part of our meeting just a little more varied. We continue to have only biscuits for supper and put a small donation in the Freedom from Hunger Fund.

The opportunity for all to say thank you for the year's fellowship in this church group is given by means of Direct Giving to the Mission Budget.

At Christmas time we sent parcels to the four McGhie children and also gifts for distribution from PSSA Nikau Street.

Our gate stall brought us the sum of just over \$90 - thank you to all who supported us.

Our very sincere thanks go to Mrs. Em Thomson, our President, for the varied programme and we sincerely thank all who contributed to make our evenings so enjoyable -

Titles of the evenings programmes - "Yoga exercises and keeping fit the body we have been given", "Highlights of a trip to the Holy Land", Bible Society, Senior Citizens' Choir, 'Caring for other people's children around the world'; Duke of Edinburgh Award Commonwealth Expedition - Hong Kong, New Hebrides, Spinners and Weavers.

Mrs. Shirley Brown left us to go to live in Auckland and although only with us a short time Shirley was a very good Committee member.

We say thank you to Miss Margaret Krebs for her faithful work as a Committee member over the years.

Betty Harris, Secretary.

Y O U T H G R O U P .

"GOOD NEWS"

The 'GOOD NEWS GROUP' is comprised of those members of St. John's Youth Group who are of University age and above. It meets along with the Bible Class section every Sunday morning for fellowship and study, and this period is looked forward to and enjoyed by all. The group has approximately 70 members. The committee members are John Crawshaw (Chairman), Tina Calcutt (Secretary), Robert Anderson, Grant Alleway, Matthew Benge, Derek Mills, Morag Thomson.

Fellowship and Studies: Studies this year have been led by Mr. Frank Garratt (a member of Session), Derek Mills, Murray Thomson, Alan Vink and the Rev. David Steedman, on such widely diverse topics as the Battle between God and Satan through the Ages, Epistle of John, The Word, God's calling and Environmental Influences.

On alternate Thursday evenings, members meet for fellowship, prayer, bible study and ministry. Topics considered this year have been on Spiritual Gifts led by Mr. Ian Garratt and Sense Knowledge compared with Revelation Knowledge led by Alan Vink.

Two small retreats have been held at Te Horo and a group attended the Transdenominational Easter Convention at Palmerston North.

The annual camp at Forest Lakes in March was attended by 80 members, the main speaker being the Rev. Frank Rigg of Auckland, assisted by Mr. Brian Caughley of Intercessors for N.Z. This was a very satisfying weekend spiritually and it was rich in fellowship.

Youth Services: Alan and Paul Vink have arranged several youth services during the year, the preachers being the Revs. David Steedman, Cecil Marshall and Ross Pilkinton and Mr. Ian Grant. The March service was a welcome to students. Teas have been held before the evening youth services, followed by a coffee hour. The group arranged a luncheon for the congregation after the morning youth service and there were 120 very happy diners.

Our Music: Auditions for the Music Group were held in May and it now has 9 singers and 4 musicians. They practise every Tuesday and participate at the Youth Services and assist at other Churches. They recently led a complete service at Marsden College.

Social Activities: A very pleasant barbeque at Te Horo was enjoyed at the end of last year. 90 members moved around the suburbs one Saturday night in June enjoying a delicious progressive dinner. We all gathered at the Manse for coffee and concluded the evening with a good singsong. We sincerely thank our hostesses. Other activities have included a cricket match against the Waimiomata Prothern, a games evening, a car rally and a ski trip to Ruapehu, all being well attended and very much enjoyed.

Finance: Our financial resources have been greatly blessed. Many members tithe their incomes and have discovered the miracles of God's goodness and bounty. It has given joy to have had part in the responsibility of distributing the monies received. Major areas of giving have been -

St. John's Presbyterian Church	\$300
Miss Marion Gill, Overseas Missionary Fellowship	\$220
Mr. & Mrs. James, Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$220
Intercessors for New Zealand	\$100
The Bible Society in New Zealand	\$1,000

The Bible Society money has been directed to a project in the New Hebrides which we have made our concern - namely the translation of the scripture into three languages, reaching about 66,000 people. We pray that God will continue to bless us and those whom we support in this way.

The group has had an active and useful year. Many members are aware of the need for and the power of prayer and have been praying for the group and its members, the congregation of St. John's and the country. Members continue to grow in their relationships with the Lord and with each other. As the need for prayer and for fellowship with the Lord and each other is felt and acted upon, the need to be reaching out and as a redeemed community, to be demonstrating to the world a viable and exciting alternative to its lifestyle is being felt, it is hoped that this will be increasingly part of our lives, as individuals, as a group and as a congregation.

BIBLE CLASS

This year our Bible Class leaders have been Mrs. Trixie Milkop, Mr. Grahame McBride, Mr. Ray Patterson and Mr. John Vink. Mrs. Robyn McBride gave up her position of Bible Class leader and we congratulate Grahame and Robyn on the birth of their son. We thank our leaders for all the time and thought they have spent planning and leading our activities. Such dedication is of a very great value to our church as a whole.

The Bible Class has corresponded with a missionary who is with the OMF - Miss Brenda Holten who is in Thailand in the small village of Pattani and we sent some money towards her work. It is to be hoped that in the future the B.C. will keep up such a correspondence as the devotion with which Miss Holten works is an example to us all.

We have approximately 25 members and we have had several games evenings at various peoples homes and one at the Friendship Centre. A trip was made to Te Hopai Home and this was enjoyed by young and old alike. Other functions have included a Cake and Love Poem evening, and a trip to Wilton's Bush. A difference on our calendar this year has been the early morning swims at Freyberg Pool on Sunday mornings before Bible Class. We have combined with the 'Good News Group' on several occasions for games evenings, a progressive dinner, a congregational dinner and a car rally.

The annual camp was held at Forest Lakes Camp north of Otaki. Our speaker was Mr. Ian Garratt. It was attended by approximately 45 members and their friends. Although perhaps the camp was smaller than in other years, everyone was aware of the friendly and warm atmosphere.

We thank Trixie and Andre Milkop who have so willingly and faithfully been our camp cooks once again. We are spoilt by the such high standard of food which they always prepare for us. Thanks too must go to Derek Mills who also cooked and to the leaders and others who offered assistance and support at the camp. We had a very successful Camp Reunion at our B.C. rooms and it was good to see so many people come along.

We thank our leaders for the support, encouragement and help they have given us. We thank all those who have shown an interest in our group throughout the year. Thanks are due to the Minister for his interest in the Bible Class as a group, to the Church for the use of rooms and facilities and to all those who have had the group in their homes on various occasions.

This year has been a profitable one in many ways and we have enjoyed our Bible Class.

Linda Shaw, Secretary.

"LANTERN".

The Lantern meets after the evening service to welcome newcomers, providing a time for us to get to know each other better. We aim to strengthen our understanding and practice of Christianity through Bible Studies, discussions and the messages of visiting speakers. A new idea, introduced this year, which we hope to do monthly, has been a discussion on the evening's sermon and the notetakers present in the evening service have no doubt attracted the Minister's attention. The Prayer Meeting and Tea is no longer held fortnightly but the need has been superseded to some extent by the Church Bible Studies.

Once again the committee initiated the St. John's Ski Trip to Mt. Ruapehu which is to be held on the last weekend of July. This promises to be just as much fun as ever with perhaps more snow than usual if Wellington's snowfall is any indication.

The committee has undergone some changes and we are pleased to welcome new members. We have valued Ray Patterson's leadership over the past two years and thank Katherine George for her work as secretary.

Malcolm Leitch, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At present there are approximately sixty boys and girls on the Sunday School Roll which is fairly consistent with that of last year. The difference with previous years is that there are more children in the intermediate class than usual and, at the moment, the children are overall evenly divided over all classes.

Unfortunately, we saw several teachers leave during the year but it is good to report that we had little difficulty in finding new teachers. The aim is to have two teachers to every class so that the children receive as much individual attention as possible. The background of the children attending Sunday School varies widely and some children do require special attention.

As in previous years, teachers' meetings were held which always work beneficially both to teachers as well as to the children.

One of the highlights of the year was our Christmas party when all parents were invited for lunch together with the children. It was very well attended indeed, which made it a happy affair. It always is encouraging when parents do show interest in the activities of the Sunday School.

YOUNG MARRIEDS,

The Young Marrieds' Group has had a difficult year through lack of support. The monthly creche days for shopping have been discontinued as only three mothers were using it.

We have, however, been able to hold lunches on the first Sunday of each month. Also we ran a Dine and Dance in early July which was enjoyed by all who attended. The profits, amounting to over \$100, went to the Missions.

"SATURDAY AT TWO".

This is going very well. Last year it functioned from June to December, then recommenced in April 1976. It was tremendous to welcome so many familiar faces as well as some new ones.

A committee, formed to share the workload, organise a varied programme to ensure that every second Saturday afternoon there is a great time of fellowship, films, singing and entertainment, which is enjoyed by all.

To those folk who so willingly give up their time to supply afternoon tea, provide entertainment, accompany the singing, work the projector or participate in some other way, a sincere thank you. These are the factors that contribute to making this outreach such a worthwhile and successful venture.

Come and bring a friend,
Come and find a friend,
Come and BE a friend.

Dianne Fraser,
Co-ordinator.

"TROUP HOUSE".

A happy home has been provided for several young men this year including a number of short-term residents. All have been actively involved in the life of the congregation - four are Managers.

There are now a few vacancies. Two boys were recently married, another is to leave soon prior to his marriage and a student has given up his studies and returned to his home town.

The Committee would like to see more applications for residence from students. The rental is low and non-profit making, but the sharp rise in rates, insurances and electricity will mean an increase in the tariff for the coming year. We advertised this year in a leaflet sent out by the Vocational Guidance Department. Several enquiries were made but they sought full boarding facilities.

Our senior resident, Derek Mills, is the Warden and the Committee sincerely thanks him for the excellent overall care he exercises.

"ST. JOHN'S ASSOCIATION."

The Association was formed this year following a recommendation made by a committee chaired by Sir John Marshall and set up to assess St. John's involvement in community service. The objectives are to encourage extended participation by members of the congregation in the many activities already engaged in and to look for further means of serving Christ's people - particularly those in need.

Sir John chaired the inaugural meeting and introduced the Hon Hugh Templeton who spoke on the need for the Church to play its full part in community service. Over 100 members attended and enjoyed an excellent meal after which several people spoke about ongoing work and the requirement for more helpers. Ken Aickin (Convener), Ruth McKenzie, Janice McCallum, Robin Ferrier, David Ryan, Alistair Sherriff and the Minister and Session Clerk (ex officio) were elected to the Association Committee.

Dean Hurst spoke to the Association on another occasion on the work of the Samaritans in Wellington, and impressed with his account of the job being done and the need for support of his organisation.

People who have agreed to assist volunteers from the congregation link up with community needs are:

Aickin (879.254)	All-small jobs
Dusty Arnold (842.060)	Care and Craft Centre, Cuba St.
Jill Mathews (848.952)	Meals on Wheels
Robin Ferrier (721.985)	Hospitality and Friendship for overseas students.
Mrs Kelly (721.985)	Cuba Street Lounge

It is intended that members of the Association meet about three times per year to report on progress of work and enjoy fellowship together.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

COMPANY SECTION: Capt. John West.

Our Company (2nd Wellington) while having a rather "sketchy" start to the year, does at this time continue to provide a purposeful and practical activity for 16 senior boys in the central city area. While I appreciate the involvement of these boys, I would like to see a greater percentage of boys of church families from St. John's being integrated into the Boys Brigade.

The Company section meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. with devotions at both the openings and closing of the evenings' activities. The activity programme includes drill instruction, First Aid, Safety, expedition, planning, wild-life and nature study, cooking, model making, Christian Education and Physical Recreation. The evenings are planned and supervised and every endeavour is made to ensure that the boys are trained and taught the objects of the Boys' Brigade.

The various Battalion activities have been entered into with enthusiasm and have attended B.B. camps at Wainuiomata. Competition events during the year in which our boys took part while not being over successful, nevertheless entered into with enthusiasm with a degree of Christian sportsmanship. Three senior boys have been selected to play in Battalion Soccer teams in Christchurch the first week in September.

I have appreciated greatly the valued support of our minister, David Steedman, as Chaplain of the Company and his continued interest and backing has been a source of strength and encouragement to all of us involved in the work, also I cannot stress too greatly my grateful thanks for the support of parents and many friends by way of financial contributions and in other directions.

From Christchurch Bruce Skidmore was a welcome addition to our officer strength, while Alan Bright and Bill Clarke continue to give valuable services and in particular Bill Nisbett who travels wide distances to instruct the boys in drill, and feel confident that the efforts made by the officers will bring forth much fruit in the lives of these young men as they prepare for Christian manhood.

BOYS' BRIGADE (CONTINUED):

TEAM SECTION:

This vital section covering the formative years in a boy growing up, continues to flourish under the capable hands and planning of Miss H. Johnston who at this moment is on a visit to her Scottish homeland. They continue to instruct in a manner that a true balance is maintained in all the activities so that the spiritual side of a boy's growth is catered for equally with his physical, social and educational life.

Strength: As 15 boys reached the age limit for the Team Section we were required to do some recruiting in schools for new Boys. We have 11 recruits - 2 boys have moved on and there is a total of 26 boys on the Roll. This year we have boys from Rosemeath, Wilton, Wadestown, Brooklyn and the city area.

<u>Leadership:</u>	It. in Charge	Miss Harriet Johnston
	Lieutenants	Miss Maryke van Zweden
		Mr Graham Turley
	Warrant Officer	Miss Margaret Arnold
	Helpers	Miss Iona Littlejohn
		Mr Rodger Littlejohn

Team Section Display: This was one of the best the Team has had and contained Maori and Samoan items, tumbling, pyramids and singing.

Church Parade: The boys sang choruses in church and received awards on the same day as the Sunday School prizegiving, which presented a one-ness to the congregation.

Battalion Activities: The Boys entered every possible competition and took part in the Pacific Service, Senior Boy Day and a Rally.

7-A-Side Soccer: Out of 28 entries the boys won and were presented with a leather soccer ball.

Team Section (Continued):

The Saturday Club: Meets every second Saturday in the afternoon for games during the winter months. The purpose is to give our city boys something to do when pictures are unsuitable.

The B.B. Film in which the Boys took part is now complete and has been shown around the country.

Luke 2, verse 52 tells us that Jesus increased in Wisdom and Stature and in favour with God and Man. Our weekly programme and badge system are based on this verse. It caters for the academic, the practical boy as well as the sportsman. All our activities are short, sharp, clear and crisp and these lead to having good discipline.

Appreciation is recorded for donations from the women's organisations and other church members which have gone towards boys' uniforms.

Your Prayers are needed, and would be appreciated, for the Boys and the Officers.

BADMINTON CLUB

I am pleased to report that the membership and activities of the Club have improved this year, and a very successful season is being enjoyed by members. We would still be pleased to see the membership a little higher than the 25 as it stands at this stage. If any member of the Church would like to play, they would be most welcome.

It is proposed next year, with the help of Mr. R. Ferrier, to organise a junior club. We would welcome any inquiries regarding this and hope this will be of service to the younger members.

It was decided once again not to be an affiliated Club, but instead has arranged its own inter-club competition play, and this has proved to be most successful and given a number of new players an insight into competitive play. Club Champs to be played on 28th Sept onwards.

We now play 2 - 4th Tuesdays in the month.

Our thanks to the Church Committee for their help and co-operation, and we look forward to the increased membership within the congregation.

Thanks to the Club Secretary, Miss Margaret Smart, our Treasurer, Miss Lynn Henry, and to our Club Captain Miss Nancy Pollock.

Allan Ryan (Club Chairman).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CHURCH ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1976

RECEIPTS

<u>Congregational Giving - Plate</u>		\$8,904.59	
	Envelopes	<u>13,593.47</u>	22,498.06
<u>Donations:</u>	Use of Rooms	580.00	
	General	377.00	
	Organ	897.61	
	Manse	<u>2,583.00</u>	4,437.61
<u>Interest:</u>	Bank of N.Z.	64.23	
	Endowment	1,450.00	
	Lockie Bequest	<u>26.34</u>	1,540.57
South British Guardian Trust -			
	Legacy - L.R. Blake		9,895.93
Church Office -			
	General Reserve		2,850.00
	Organ Renovation		<u>11,178.63</u>
<u>Budget Contributions:</u>			
	Afternoon Guild	750.00	
	Evening Guild	38.80	
	Youth Group	100.00	
	Sunday School	<u>91.14</u>	979.94
<u>Contributions for Others:</u>			
	N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	324.30	
	P.S.S.A.	<u>10.00</u>	
		334.30	
<u>Special Purposes Contributions:</u>			
	G.H. Scott Trust	80.00	
A.P.W.	"Water for Women"	<u>209.50</u>	623.80
24.	Carried Forward:		<u>\$54,004.54</u>

PAYMENTS

<u>Minister:</u>			
	Stipend (5 months) Rev.D.M. Steedman	\$2,468.03	
	Car Allowance	346.45	
	Expenses Allowance	<u>125.00</u>	\$2,939.48
	Pulpit Supply	522.00	
	Pulpit Supply Expenses	<u>234.97</u>	756.97
	Organist - R. Wilderspin		738.13
	Budget Contributions		8,583.30
	Lighting and Heating		241.84
	Printing and Stationery		767.30
	Cleaning and Refuse Collection		<u>1,186.77</u>
Repairs and Maintenance -			
	Church	24.33	
	Manse	50.94	
	Film Projector	36.00	
	Tape Recorder	11.25	
	Amplifier System	6.50	
	Piano Repairs and Tuning	36.35	
	Organ motor overhaul	228.00	
	Windows - Church Hall	34.40	
	Heaters - Church Hall	74.27	
	Plumbing - General	20.00	
	Fire Extinguisher	114.70	
	Bible Class Hall Roof (Net)	<u>69.71</u>	696.45
	Manse Renovation		4,545.67
	Organ Renovation		<u>12,363.58</u>
Miscellaneous Payments -			
	Communion Wine	30.84	
	Fire Equipment Service Fee	12.30	
	Postages	19.00	
	Expenses - Interim Moderator	130.58	
	Toilet Paper	23.55	
	Tape Cassettes	79.26	
	A.P.W. Presbyterian Fees	22.00	
	Presbytery Expenses	147.00	
	Manse Telephone Rental	<u>129.00</u>	593.53
25.	Carried Forward:		<u>33,413.02</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Continued)

Receipts

Brought Forward:

Special Purposes Contributions (Cont'd):

\$54,004.54

Benevolent Fund		30.80
"Saturday at Two" -		
Hall Furnishing Fund	\$11.80	
Afternoon Guild -		
Amplifier System	100.00	
Hall Furnishing Fund	50.00	161.80
Ludhiana Medical College		10.00
Mission Outreach - Youth		46.00

Legacies:

Margaret Johnston	1,000.00	
James Smillie	1,000.00	
Melvyn L. Wilson	100.00	2,100.00

Balance Carried Forward: 30/6/76

757.89

Payments

Brought Forward:

\$33,413.02

Equipment -

Extension Ladder	\$33.58
Church Hall Heaters	21.90
Fire Doors Equipment	99.62
Parking Signs	188.00

343.10

Transfers and Donations

Church Office Deposits -

Hall Furnishing	50.00
Painting Provision	1,860.00
L.R. Blake Legacy	9,895.93
Benevolent Fund	30.80

To Rental Account

Manse Loan Capital	1,000.00
Manse Loan Interest	580.00

For Others (As per Receipts)

623.80

Ex Church Funds

Sister Margaret Bear	50.00
Cradle Roll	25.00
Sunday School	150.00
Boys' Brigade	30.00

14,295.53

Other Payments:

Church Notices - Press	175.12
Travelling Expenses - Minister	84.00
Manse Valuation Report	65.00
Removal Expenses	726.00
Rates - W.C.C.	2,054.59
Gift - Dr. Anderson	600.00
Gift - Rev. W. Kitto	1,000.00
Beneficiary Fund Levy	837.00
Seniority Allowance	528.75
Fire Insurance Premium	2,660.73
Sundry Small Accounts	19.73

Balance Brought Forward 1.7.75

\$56,802.57

308.46

\$57,111.03

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1976

Receipts		Payments	
Balances as at 30/6/75 -	\$877.63	Cleaning	150.11
Bank of N.Z.	13,714.68	Electricity (Net)	17.15
Church Office	1,051.08	Rates	293.80
Investment Society	15,643.39	Insurance	315.65
Tenants Rents	1,693.18	Repairs - Plumbing	67.35
Interest - B.M.Z.	26.55		
Church Office	984.34	Balances 30/6/76 -	\$844.06
Manse Loan	580.00	B.N.Z.	2,499.94
Investment Society	81.58	Church Office	16,279.02
Manse Loan Repayment	1,000.00	Investment Society	386.02
			19,164.98
			\$20,009.04

Loan From Rental Account for Manse Purchase

Balance owing 1.7.75	\$8,000.00
Less refund 1975/1976	1,000.00
Balance owing 30.6.76:	\$7,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976.

Account	Balance 30.6.75	Interest	Balance 30.6.76
Benevolent	367.73	41.09	378.02
Centennial	264.00	29.50	293.50
Chairs	246.00	27.49	273.49
Hymn Books	1,129.00	126.14	1,255.14
Church Rebuilding	789.96	88.26	878.22
General Reserve	2,896.93	5.24	52.17
New Hall Furnishing	388.31	43.39	481.70
Hi-Fi	151.25	16.90	168.15
All Sundry Trusts	\$6,233.18	378.01	3,780.39
Hall Rebuilding -			
Special	10,683.08	908.06	11,591.14
General	7,171.23	519.91	7,691.14
Organ	10,896.74	281.89	-
Endowment	20,000.00	1,450.00	20,000.00
Lockie Bequest	380.00	26.34	380.00
Repainting Prov.	10,398.32	801.65	13,059.97
Blake Legacy *	-	239.15	10,984.40
(* in addition shares held at Market Value \$18,768.94 as at 5th November 1975)			
	\$65,762.55	4,605.01	67,487.04
Receipts		Payments	
Interest as above :	\$4,605.01	To General Account -	
From General Account -		From Benevolent	30.80
New Hall Furn.	50.00	General Reserve	2,850.00
Repainting Prov.	1,860.00	Organ	11,178.63
Blake Legacy	10,745.25	Endowment	1,450.00
	12,655.25	Lockie Int.	26.34
	\$83,022.81		\$83,022.81

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1975/76

Receipts

B/Fwd. 1.6.75	\$887.07
<u>Less</u>	
Allocated at Annual Meeting 1975:	
Church Mission Budget	600.00
Hall Furnishing Fund	50.00
Manse Refurnishing	150.00
Team Section B.B.	25.00
Margaret Bear	20.00
Silimaui Health Centre, Tongoa (to include \$10 allocated to Miss Alexander 1974, but not used)	20.00
	<u>\$22.07</u>
Mission Birthday Gift	425.30
Sales Table	14.41
Collections	10.87
Tea Coupons	28.56
Membership Fees	7.80
Donations	22.00
Birthday gift donation for Indian girl	2.00
Cleaning at Maupuia	130.00
A.P.W. Water for Women Appeal	309.50
	<u>\$972.51</u>

Payments

A.P.W. -	
Special Aid Fund	\$1.00
Used Stamps	198.00
Porirua Island Church	10.00
"Water for Women" Appeal	309.50
Corso - Sponsorship	
Birthday gift to Indian girl (donated)	2.00
Part cost of parcel to Miss Bear	5.00
Secretary's Expenses	5.00
Gifts for Speakers	4.00
Church Treasurer -	
Manse Renovations (\$75 Evening Guild \$75 Afternoon Guild)	150.00
Contribution to delegate's expenses APW Conference, Auckland	20.00
Margaret Bear (allocated \$20 towards scholarship for trainee male nurse - increased by \$5)	5.00
Further material for Communion Pulpit Fall	20.00
	<u>\$729.50</u>

B/Fwd.

\$972.51

Scott Trust -	
Maori Missions	\$40
General "	<u>\$40</u>
"Bring and Buys"	474.89
Mission Boxes	79.12
P.O.S.B. Interest	12.65
Used Stamps	198.00
Contributions to Leper Mission	93.50
	<u>\$1,910.67</u>

B/Fwd.

\$729.50

Donation to Cradle Roll	\$80.00
" After Church Suppers	10.00
Cleaning Expenses (from cheque for \$130 received for work at Maupuia)	40.00
Contributions to Leper Mission	93.50
	<u>\$863.00</u>
Cash in P.O.S.B.	1,047.67
	<u>\$1,910.67</u>

M.M. PIPER,
Hon Treasurer

Audited and found correct:
M.D. KING,
Hon. Auditor

"TROUP HOUSE" INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

Repairs and Maintenance	\$83.79	Board	\$2,969.40
Electricity	419.10	Interest	195.43
Gas	69.71	Toll receipts	82.85
Rates	488.49		
Telephone	299.75		
Interior Renovations	1,102.50	Excess expenditure over	
Insurance	274.36	Income o/d	240.02
Transfers to Reserves:			
Deprec. Reserve	500.00		
Repainting Reserve	100.00		
Interior renovation			
Reserve	150.00		
	<u>\$3,487.70</u>		<u>\$3,487.70</u>
Balance b/d.	240.02		
Balance 30.6.76	1,049.11	Balance 30.6.75	1,289.13
	<u>\$1,289.13</u>		<u>\$1,289.13</u>

K.B. AICKIN
Hon. Treasurer

G. OED
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31.3.76

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance at P.O.S.B.		RSCM	\$12.00 (1)
1.4.75	\$23.11	Flowers	1.00
Donations	22.00 (1)	Cash on hand	2.29
Weekly collections	24.79	Balance at POSB	
		31.3.76	54.61
	<u>\$69.90</u>		<u>\$69.90</u>

(1) Payment to RSCM for 1975, of \$6.00, was made as a donation to the choir.

(2) Interest for year ended 31.3.76 of \$1.16 was not received until 7 May 1976.

M. Leith-Hon. Treasurer. 32.

D.W. Mills, Hon. Auditor.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE - 2nd Wellington Company -
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 30.6.76.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Cash, P.O.S.B., B.B. H.Qtrs.		Arts and Crafts	3.74
July 1975	\$54.85	Battalion Fees	35.25
B.B. Week	257.42	National Contribution	70.00
Subscriptions	44.00	Pacific Offering	20.00
Donations	10.00	Awards and Prizes	18.60
Christmas Cards	77.50	Presentation	2.97
Jug-a-Lug	80.63	Christmas Cards	75.00
P.O.S.B. Interest	5.43	Uniform/Equipment	173.43
Uniform Payments	25.40	P.O.S.B. - B.B. H.Qtrs.	
		30.6.76	156.24
	<u>\$555.23</u>		<u>\$555.23</u>
<u>TEAM SECTION.</u>			
Subscriptions	\$102.00	Handcraft Materials	17.30
Uniform Payments	114.23	Parties and Outings	30.33
Donations	169.00	National Contribution	100.00
		Postages	12.37
		Uniform/Equipment	197.84
		Prizes and Stationery	16.06
		Cash on Hand	11.33
	<u>\$385.23</u>		<u>\$385.23</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1976

Balance 1.7.75	7.72	Cheque Book	50
Interest on Bequests	27.88	Prizes	50.49
Bank Interest	82	Leaders/students	
Grants from Church	150.00	material	94.96
Offerings for Missions	91.14	End of year party	19.80
		Contribution to Missions	
			91.14
		Balance 30.6.76	20.67
	<u>\$277.56</u>		<u>\$277.56</u>

E.R. BRADER
Hon. Treasurer

A.W. VINK
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH EVENING GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 31.5.76

B/Fwd. from 1975	\$141.93	Allocation of Funds 1975 -	
Direct Giving	34.20	St. John's Church Boys' Brigade	
Subscriptions (30 @ 30c.)	9.00		50.00
Donations	7.90	Samaritans	50.00
Lemons	85	Direct Giving	34.20
Freedom from Hunger	16.60	Gifts - Mr & Mrs Fowler	8.50
Sales Table	18.94	Miss McCracken	5.00
Part Proceeds		Miss Bear	10.48
Bring & Buy for Manse Fund	75.00	Receipt Book and Cards	55
Bring & Buy 14.5.76	92.65	Serviettes and Paper Plates	1.84
		Dishcloth, mop and liquid	1.14
		Donation -	
		Prs. Island Church	10.00
		Manse Furnishings	75.00
		Linking Committee -	
		Tea, Sugar etc.	5.00
		Conference Exps. -	
		Mrs. Woods	20.00
		Freedom from Hunger -	
		Biscuits	3.70
		Corso	13.00
		Balance P.O.S.B.	106.66 *
		Cash in Hand	2.00
	<u>397.07</u>		<u>\$397.07</u>

JANICE WHITE,
Hon. Treasurer.

GORDON OED
Hon. Auditor.

* P.O.S.B. Interest on next year's statement.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30.6.76

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balances 1/7/75:		St. John's Church	300.00
Wgtn. Savings Bank	217.01	P.C.N.Z. (Gepsultra Project)	150.00
P.C.N.Z.	509.06	Underground Evangelism	100.00
Offerings	1,894.09	Flowers - J. Tooley	10.00
Donations	659.00	Books	117.54
Books	121.00	Forest Lakes Camp	561.09
Forest Lakes Camp	494.50	Christian Centre:	
Easter: Palmerston Nth.	20.00	Palmerston Nth.	30.00
Interest: W.S.B.	11.13	Bible Society:	
P.C.N.Z.	36.91	General	100.00
		New Hebrides Project	1000.00
		O.M.F. (Marian Gill)	220.00
		Wycliffe Bible Trans-	
		lators (James family)	220.00
		Intercessors for N.Z.	100.00
		Balances:	
		W.S.B.	508.10
		P.C.N.Z.	545.97
	<u>\$3,962.70</u>		<u>\$3,962.70</u>

E.R. BRADER,
Hon. Treasurer

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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BIBLE CLASS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
To Balance as at 30.6.75 -		Missions	100.00
Missions	\$270.63	Annual General Meeting Exes.	16.00
Coad Bequest	63.90	Friendship Centre Hire	5.00
General Fund	<u>30.43</u>	Brenda Holton - O.M.F.	41.54
Offerings	364.96	Church books	2.00
Camp Fees	174.34	Camp -	
Deposit refund	345.92	Deposits	30.00
Interest	30.00	Camp Hire	133.15
	8.98	Groceries	116.43
		Donations, prizes etc.	<u>59.94</u>
			339.52
		By Balance at 30.6.76 :	
		Missions	303.43
		Coad Bequest	63.90
		General Fund	<u>52.81</u>
			420.14
	<u>\$924.20</u>		<u>\$924.20</u>

T.A. Milkop,
Hon. Treasurer

C. Atchison,
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
Very Rev. Dr 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	1968-1975
Rev. D.M. Steedman, M.A., B.D.	1976 -

St. John's Own Missionaries:

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

Deaconesses:

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

Buildings:

First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church", 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:

Diamond Jubilee of Church, November	1913
Women's Association Golden Jubilee, August	1937
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee, October	1942

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

Special Events:

Free Church of Scotland petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was formally established, 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
Woman Elder first appointed in St John's	1970

Church Newspapers:

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

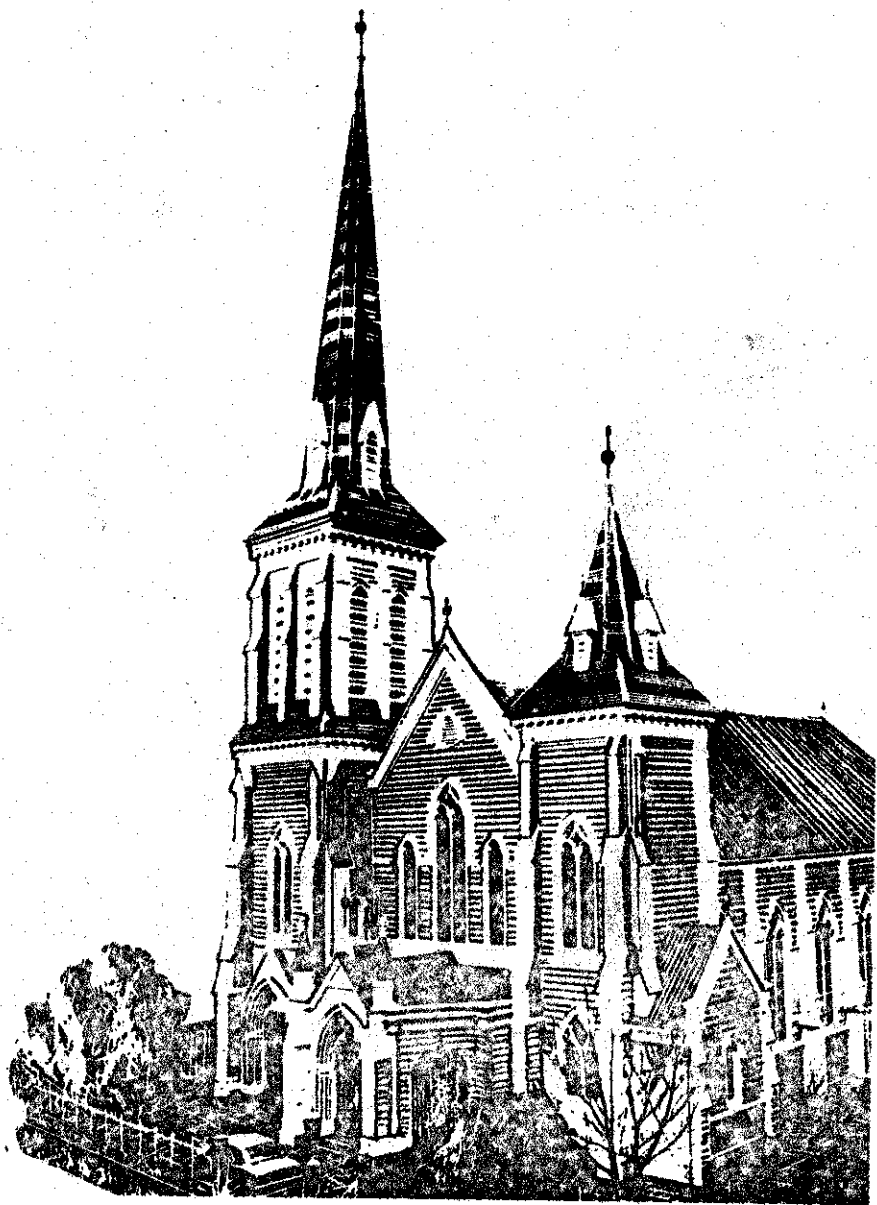
Publications:

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs Abbie
 Mrs M.G. Anderson
 Miss N. Bell
 Mr F.E. Chappell M.M.
 Mr R.M. Fleming
 Mr E.S. Gale
 Mrs D. Harvie
 Miss M. Mills
 Mr W.R. Reid
 Mr G.J. Stevens

**ANNUAL REPORT
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
1976 - 1977**



To be presented
at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, 31st. August, 1977

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Minister: The Rev. David M. Steadman, M.A., B.D., 728-294
2 Kelburn Parade

Session Clerk: Mr N.G. Robertson, 180 Karori Road, 768-118

Clerk to the Board of Managers: Mr A.G. Sherriff, 31 Dunrobin Drive, 737-777

Treasurer: Mr J.K. West, 98 Upland Road, 757-565

Organist & Choirmaster: Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 11 Armour Ave., 847-325

KIRK SESSION

		Inducted
Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	1933
Smith, H.B.	25 Maide Vale Road, 3	1941
Wood, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall, Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1	1950
Dornan, Alford	68 Trelliswick Crescent, 4	1960
van Zueden, M.H.	33 Rata Road, 3	1960
Keyes, A.W.	9d Wharehau Apartments, 1	1962
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Oed, G.V.	89 Wilton Road, 1	1962
Vink, J.W.	25 Mantel Street, 3	1962
Thomson, J.A.	89 Dixon Street Flats, 1	1965
Garrett, F.N.	109 Grafton 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
Harvie, Dr. A.H.	1 Palm Grove, Belmont	1969
The Rev. R.H. McKenzie	4 Maple Grove, 2	1970
Mrs Owen John	80 Uatiti Crescent, Lower Hutt	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norrish Street, Wilton	1972
Malcolm, G.A.	30 Ngahoro Street, 4	1972
Milkop, A.H.	14 Franklin 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
Boyd, Dr. John	8 Lower Watt Street, Wadestown 1	1974
Ferrier, R.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Hough, B.M.	97 Groslick Terrace, 5	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
West, John	98 Upland Road, 5	1975
Mrs B. Arnold	2 Maurice Terrace, 1	1975
Darroch, Alan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Garratt, Ian	170 Cecil Road, 1	1975
Patterson, Ray	16 Robertson Street, 2	1975

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mr Richard Brader
Dr David Burton
Mr Bill Clark
Mr John Crawshaw
Mr Jim Don
Mr Cecil Duff
Mr Jim Espie
Mr Paul Haggett
Mrs Betty Harris
Miss Jessie Johnston
Mrs Marilyn King
Mr Bill Kraft
Miss Pat Lees
Mr Malcolm Leitch

Miss Janice McCallum
Miss Mary MacKenzie
Mr John L. Marshall
Mr Derek Mills
Mr Neil Parkinson
Mr William Roberts
Mr David Ryan
Miss Ailsa Salt
Mr Alistair Sherriff
Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mr Andrew Wright
Mr Wayne Wallis
Mr John Wilson
Mr Sandy Yule

COMMITTEES -

FINANCE:

J. West (Convener), R. Brader,
A. Milkop

PROPERTY:

J. Hunt (Convener), J.R. Don,
N.S. Woods and Mrs Piper

NEW BUILDING:

J.L. Marshall (Convener),
N. Prior (Secretary), N.S. Wood,
A.H. Milkop, J. Hunt, Mesdames
Mortimer and Piper

ENVELOPE

SECRETARIES:

Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats,
Nairn St. 843.783
N. Parkinson, 13 Greer Street
Tawa TWA 7.756

ROLLS:

Mrs B. Robertson,
169 Karori Road, 5 768.118

HISTORICAL

RECORDS:

Miss Mary MacKenzie,
60 Kelburn Parade, 5 759.718

LETTING OF ROOMS:

Mrs Marilyn King,
5 Vennell St., Vogelstown 898.898

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

CHURCH FLOWERS:

Mrs Hazel Poulton, 23 Hurman Street, Karori 768.600
Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun 886.180

WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING:

Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., Karori 768.777

ASSN. OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

<u>Linking Committee</u>	Miss J. Williams	
<u>Secretary:</u>	20 Maarama Crescent, 1	846.728
<u>Afternoon Guild:</u>	Mrs N.S. Woods,	
<u>President:</u>	38 Harrison St., 2	845.351
<u>Secretary:</u>	Vacant.	
<u>Evening Guild</u>	Mrs J. Thomson,	843.252
<u>President:</u>	89 Dixon St. Flats	
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs B. Harris,	859.162
	29 Mortimer Terrace	

<u>CRADLE ROLL CONVENER</u> (Acting)		
Mrs Eileen Rush, 90 Washington Avenue, 2		894.345

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL - SUPERINTENDENT</u>		
Mr M. H. van Zweeden, 33 Rata Road, 3		861.351

<u>BOYS' BRIGADE</u>		
<u>Company Section:</u>	Vacant	
<u>Team Section:</u>	Miss Harriet Johnston	722.774
	213 The Terrace	

<u>ST. JOHN'S ASSOCIATION:</u>		
<u>Secretary:</u>	Miss Janice McCallum	
	Skyway Flats, Rangitane St.	883.506

<u>"SATURDAY AT TWO"</u>		
Miss Diane Fraser, Flat 2, 31 Oban St.		726.120

<u>"MESSENGER"</u>		
Miss Jeanne Carr,	62 Dixon St. Flats	726.714

<u>BADMINTON CLUB</u>		
<u>Club Capt.</u>	C.C. Wilson	
	Flat 2, 201 Derwent St.	836.279

<u>SESSION COMMITTEES:</u>		
<u>Troup House:</u>	The Minister (convener), Mrs Hughes,	
	Sir John Marshall, Messrs J.W. Vink,	
	N.S. Woods, K. Aickin (Treas.)	
	Mrs G Robertson (Sec.) Derek Mills (Warren)	

<u>Organ:</u>	Mrs Mortimer (convener), Mrs M. Hunt, Messrs. M. Leitch
	and R. Wilderspin.

<u>Youth Liaison:</u>	J.W. Vink (convener), the Minister, M.H. van Zweeden
	R. Patterson, R. Gilmour, I. Garratt,
	A. Dornan, Miss H. Johnston.

<u>Choir:</u>	Miss P. Brodie, Miss D. Fraser, Mr. M. Leitch
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Dear fellow members at St. John's,

Greetings to you all from the manse as you receive the annual report. Thank you for your loyalty and service to the witness of Christ in this place, and thank you for your love and understanding for us at the manse.

In the last Bible Society Newsletter I found an interesting parable of the life of the Church. There was a story of the translation of the Bible into Bislama, which, as far as I know, seems rather a grand word for "pidgin". I was on the little island of Tagoa, just off Santo, when the local missionary and some of the village elders were working on the New Testament. I brought home with me duplicated copies of the first gospels in pidgin.

"GUD NYUS BILONG JISAS KRAIS JON I RAITEM"

Now the New Testament has been completed and work has started on the Old. In February of this year three young coconut trees were planted on Santo island to mark the start of this work. The translation team of three New Hebrideans and an Australian hope to complete their task before the coconuts on the trees ripen - probably in five to six years time. The work is being done in the town of Luganville on the island of Santo at a centre called Kokonas (coconut tree) because it's there these trees were planted.

I see this as a parable of the ongoing work of the Church to declare the good news belonging to Jesus Christ. We remember that John wrote this good news years ago, and I pray that St. John's may continue to proclaim it.

And it's not just starting that matters, but keeping on faithfully day after day over the years. Five or six years to do one task - its a bit daunting. But that's what life in the Church is all about - keeping on doing our own tasks within the fellowship that make the gospel living within the life of the community. The pidgin Bible is widely read in the New Hebrides where the news is given in three languages - English, French and pidgin because there is no New Hebridean which is common to the whole group.

Can you spare time for a prayer for the Church today that it may be faithful in bringing the gospel into the life of the community in terms they can readily understand? Faithful is a key word to me in the gospels about Christian discipleship. It comes often in our Lord's teaching - not greatness but faithfulness to the tasks He gives to us.

And how significant it is to plant a coconut tree. When I conducted communion in the New Hebrides, I asked one of the students to get me some green coconuts for communion (and also for ourselves for drinking). We used coconut milk for there was no grape juice available. We used the commonest thing in the group to speak of God's love in that special service, and that remains the good news of the gospel - God's love in the common things of our everyday life to lead us in the way that will bring peace and harmony to all men. Will you pray for those who spread this good news and for St. John's that we may all work together in loyalty to Christ to continue the task set before us.

May God's blessing be with you all.

Yours

David Steedman

SESSION

The 124th Annual Report of St. John's Church is presented with grateful hearts that God has given us a gospel of promise through which we come to share in His life.

Session records with appreciation the ministry of David Steedman - his preaching, teaching and counselling. As he has got to know us better so our demands on his pastoral time grow, some are routine, but many are health, relational or faith problems. The manse has an ever open door and we thank Elaine and Fiona for their generous hospitality. Session urges all members to be diligent in upholding the Steedman family in prayer.

We have had a number of visitors who have led us in worship, and we thank three past Moderators - the Very Revs. Dr. Ian Breward, S.C. Read and Dr. Ian Fraser, and the Revs. J.V. Brook, J. Evans, R.W. Fowler, A.G. Horwell, A. Kitto, D.T.W. Kinloch, R. McKenzie, David Manuel, B. Ong, L. Reid and Dr. Paulik.

We had three services broadcast on radio, the first on 4th July remembering the American BiCentennial, a prerecorded service for Boxing Day evening and a Youth Service when a number of choirs participated and the preacher was Ian Grant of Youth for Christ.

In September a morning service was televised and the Rev. David Manuel from India was the preacher. One purpose of this service was to present to the viewer the meaning of "worship".

Special Communion services were held at Easter and World Communion Sunday. It was also a pleasure to have the members of Toc H joining with us in the June Communion.

Other special services were the Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges, Scots Societies, Spring Flower and Harvest Sundays, and several Youth and Family Services.

A Presbytery Quinquennial Visitation Committee met Session and Managers. They inspected all the buildings and studied aspects of our parish life. Their report has given Session several action points to follow up.

Session held a Retreat at Eastbourne, and members welcomed this opportunity to study together and to share with frankness and understanding their common concerns - the role of the elder in visiting, communication, caring and fellowship. Further studies and discussions will follow on from this Retreat.

At the beginning of November we had the pleasure of a short visit by St. John's Own Missionary, Miss Margaret Bear. Miss Bear spoke on her work at the Philadelphia Hospital in Ambala, North India. She is now Nursing Superintendent and also in charge of nursing training.

During the year the amplifying system in the Church deteriorated and a new system has been installed. Many voluntary man-hours on the wiring helped to keep costs down, and now that some teething troubles have been overcome, there is much better coverage. Provision has been made for recording services on tapes which can be taken to those who are unable to attend regular worship.

Christian education is a vital ministry of the Church to equip people of all ages to live as Christians in the world today, and Session thanks the young people for their vestibule bookstall. Three short courses of Bible study

have been held - Apos, Lenten studies and Moses.

About 90 folk, a good cross-section of all ages, attended the Congregational Camp held at Forest Lakes, Otaki, early in March. The study for the weekend was on Jonah and the Prodigal Son.

Membership has remained constant at 403. 5 were added by profession of faith and 31 by transfer and resolution of Session. We lost 36 by transfer and death. There were 8 baptisms.

In a congregation gathered from many parts of the city and suburbs, it is often difficult for members to have a feeling of togetherness and belonging. To strengthen this feeling a Saturday afternoon picnic was held at Day's Bay and another very happy occasion was the congregational birthday party held at the end of November.

Mr Ian Lowman resigned from Session pending his retirement to Tauranga at the end of March. Ian had been a member of St. John's since his Bible Class days, 40 years ago. We will remember with affection our fellowship with him. Mr Robin Ferrier has leave of absence as he is overseas on sabbatical leave from his university post. Mr Frank Garratt was also on leave of absence from Session as at the end of June 1977.

There is much faithful, efficient and necessary work done in the organisational side of the Church life by so many. Session records with appreciation this tremendous contribution to the life and work of the parish, and in particular the skilled musicianship and devotion of our organist and choirmaster, Mr. Ray Wilderspin.

We affirm our faith in God our Father, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord and the Holy Spirit our comforter and friend.

George Robertson, Session Clerk.

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The Linking Committee comprises representatives of those organisations in the congregation which involve women: the Afternoon and Evening Guilds, Choir, Youth Group, Cradle Roll, Saturday at Two and Flower Conveners. It is in fact, the APW of St. John's, and its activities are the concern of all women.

P.S.S.A. AUXILIARY: This year there was no Fair or Street Day for the Auxiliary to work for, but an opportunity was given for representatives to view the various activities of the Assn., and gain a clearer picture of its functions. Special thanks are due to the ladies of the congregation who have worked so diligently at the Opportunity Shop - at present a great source of revenue - and at the adjacent Lounge.

MISSION: Correspondence is maintained with our 'own' and 'associate' missionaries by the Women's Organisations. Anyone interested in the wider mission overseas may obtain a copy of the monthly magazine "Beyond our Shores" (free) from the Missions Convener, Miss Pearl Brodie.

India: In November, we had the pleasure of again meeting Margaret Bear, on furlough. She visited the Sunday School, Youth Group and Session. At a lunch open to everyone, gifts for herself and her work were presented from the women's organisations.

Ludhiana: The building appeal has been supported by individuals and organisations, including "Saturday at Two". The amount donated by St. John's to the end of May is \$629.84.

New Hebrides: Three parcels of dried fruit etc., children's toys and Christmas gifts were sent.

Oresua High School: A donation of \$10 for tools for the woodwork instructor was sent by the Afternoon Guild.

Tonga: In response to an appeal from a school in Tonga, four text books were given by a member of the congregation.

MISSION BOXES: Yielded \$75.47.

MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE: 198 members contributed \$417.90.

STAMPS: St. John's raised \$102 from the sale of used stamps. We are indebted to Mrs Allan, convener, and all who assist her in cleaning and sorting; also Mrs Wasley, U.S.A., who continues to send parcels of used overseas stamps.

TEA COUPONS: We thank Mrs MacMillan for collecting and selling 1,401 coupons for a total of \$16.96.

"Harvest Field" There are only 65 subscribers to this very fine monthly magazine.

FLOWERS: Beautiful flowers continue to be a feature of worship at St. John's. The thanks of the congregation are due to the flower conveners, Mrs Hazel Poulton and Mrs Noyle Brown, and their roster of capable and willing assistants.

A.P.W. REGIONAL CONFERENCE: St. John's was fortunate to be represented at this Conference held in Porirua in April, by Mrs Elaine Steedman and Mrs Noyle Brown.

The Linking Committee also accepts responsibility as required from time to time, for catering for any special function, as for example, afternoon tea for the Indonesian visitors to our Church, morning tea for the T.V. crew for our televised service, etc.

In November a successful "Trash and Treasure" sale netted over \$900.

Afternoon Guild

With humility and in gratitude for God's guidance, the Afternoon Guild has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report for the year 1976-77. Our activities this year have been varied and interesting, as evidenced by topics discussed at our meetings -

The history and dedicated service of Wellington Free Ambulance - Major Stanley, Director. Mrs. Stanley and Miss S. Farmer provided a delightful musical programme.
Christian Education - Mrs Beth Johnston
"Raratonga Today" - the Rev. Arthur Kitto

Manager's

The Board welcomed Miss Janice McCallum and Mr Cecil Duff as new members following the last Annual Meeting. Unfortunately during the past twelve months resignations have regretfully been received from Mrs Hughes, Messrs Grant Alleway and Ian West. Mrs Hughes served on the Board for many years and recognition of this was made at the Annual Meeting.

Manse: Ever since the December floods our Minister and his family have suffered from chronic and worsening rising damp. This has been caused by the inadequacy of drainage at the bottom end of Kelburn Parade. Very recently the City Council has begun to remedy this by the provision of further stormwater outlets and we trust this proves efficacious.

Organ: Since the overhauling, renovation and extension to our organ, members have appreciated an improvement. Further, the organ committee has arranged a number of public recitals which have enabled many more to enjoy the qualities of the organ.

Repainting: We have had the entire exterior of the Church (including the steeple) repainted. This was essential maintenance and the finish achieved has proven most satisfactory. The contract price, subject to variations and escalations was \$16,471.00. In this financial year \$7,960.00 has been paid to the contractor. At 30 June 1977 there was \$8,507.43 in the Painting Account which will almost cover the balance owing under the contract.

Sunday School Building and Redevelopment: The Board is acutely aware of the deteriorating condition of the Sunday School Hall. Either a considerable amount of money will need to be expended on renovation soon, or complete redevelopment will be necessary. For some years the Board's Redevelopment Committee has endeavoured

to elicit assistance and/or co-operation from Presbytery and adjacent congregations in its considerations of site development.

The Board has now commissioned a preliminary development feasibility study from a consultant. This has just come to hand and we will be considering the alternatives open to the congregation for the best utilization of the premises and site subject to the financial limitations we face.

Finance: It was reported at the last Annual General Meeting that all expenditure was under review. The Board has through the past year been conscious of increasing expenditure - it has had discussions with the General Secretary and General Treasurer, and with Presbytery as to budget expenditure and allocations. For the first time in some years we did not meet our budget allocation of \$10,800 (28% increase on 1975-76 allocation). We contributed \$8,400 from congregational funds and \$1,592.00 from donations from organisations and members. Our allocation for the following year is \$10,075.00

General: During the year the parish had a quinquennial visitation from Presbytery. This committee urged upon us to continue our planning for the long term future of the Sunday School building. The committee was impressed with what we had done in this area already and in general with the exercising of our trusteeship of the assets for which we are for the time being responsible.

In particular the visitation committee was impressed with "the large amount of voluntary labour given in general maintenance of the building".

The Board recognises and expresses its appreciation for the work of those in the congregation who:

- Provide weekly intimations
- Arrange the flowers
- Care for the grounds
- Record and distribute services
- Launder each week the hand-towels

The Board especially thanks those members of its Property Sub-Committee (co-ordinated by Mr Ian West and latterly Mr Hunt) for their constant and excellent upkeep of plant and property in their spare time.

A.G. SHERRIFF,
Clerk.

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MISSION BOXES: Yielded \$75.47.

MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE: 198 members contributed \$417.90.

STAMPS: St. John's raised \$102 from the sale of used stamps. We are indebted to Mrs Allan, convener, and all who assist her in cleaning and sorting; also Mrs Wasley, U.S.A., who continues to send parcels of used overseas stamps.

TEA COUPONS: We thank Mrs MacMillan for collecting and selling 1,401 coupons for a total of \$16.96.

"Harvest Field" There are only 65 subscribers to this very fine monthly magazine.

FLOWERS: Beautiful flowers continue to be a feature of worship at St. John's. The thanks of the congregation are due to the flower conveners, Mrs Hazel Poulton and Mrs Noyle Brown, and their roster of capable and willing assistants.

A.P.W. REGIONAL CONFERENCE: St. John's was fortunate to be represented at this Conference held in Porirua in April, by Mrs Elaine Steedman and Mrs Noyle Brown.

The Linking Committee also accepts responsibility as required from time to time, for catering for any special function, as for example, afternoon tea for the Indonesian visitors to our Church, morning tea for the T.V. crew for our televised service, etc.

In November a successful "Trash and Treasure" sale netted over \$900.

Afternoon Guild

With humility and in gratitude for God's guidance, the Afternoon Guild has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report for the year 1976-77. Our activities this year have been varied and interesting, as evidenced by topics discussed at our meetings -

The history and dedicated service of Wellington Free Ambulance - Major Stanley, Director. Mrs. Stanley and Miss S. Farmer provided a delightful musical programme. Christian Education - Mrs Beth Johnston "Raratonga Today" - the Rev. Arthur Kitto

Afternoon Guild (Continued)

Highlights on an overseas trip - Mrs Ruth McKenzie
 Mediaeval nativity play produced by Mrs Wendy Bengé
 Antarctica from the air - Mrs Noyle Brown
 Christian life and concern - the Minister
 Conference delegates
 Domiciliary Care Assn. - Sister Cooper

VISIT TO THE NEW TE HOPAI HOME Mrs Margaret Hunt and her daughters Dayle and Colleen gave a delightful entertainment and Guild members served afternoon tea. Miss Brodie represented the Guild at the official opening of the new buildings by His Excellency, Sir Denis Blundell.

In February all women were invited to a mystery bus tour and in spite of rain, had a delightful afternoon at the beautiful garden and home of Mr. and Mrs Marshall, Stokes Valley.

We thank most sincerely and pay tribute to so many who help to make our Afternoon Guild run so smoothly and happily. To Mr and Mrs Steedman we say a particular thank you for their continuing interest and support, and to Mrs Steedman for help at the piano. To our tea ladies and stall holders and the conveners of all committees - so many who in their own specific way add to the work and fellowship - very many thanks indeed.

Doreen Woods, President.

EVENING GUILD

The 41st Annual Report shows 43 members and 12 Honary Members and over the year an average attendance at monthly meetings of 35.

Committee members personally advise members of meetings etc. and take their turn at making and serving supper, writing monthly letters and arranging devotions.

The Christmas project was well supported - presents to the four McGhie children at Wanganui and small gifts

Evening Guild (Continued)

for distribution by the P.S.S.A. Workers.

The gate stall held in May gave a return of \$78 and next year more consideration will be given to this method of fund raising.

At the annual meeting members give an offering to the Mission Budget. This is a 'thank you' for the year's fellowship in this church group.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs Em Thomson for her efforts in making the meetings both varied and interesting. It is hoped that the membership will increase in the coming year.

The programme -

An evening at the Manse where Mrs Steedman told members of the history and her own trip to Iona.

The Rev. Dick Fowler, P.S.S.A. Counsellor, - his work in Wellington and past experiences in Australia.

Mr Arthur Helm - his travels in South America.

Mending Church Hymn Books and members entertaining with a play and musical items.

A fun night to close the 1976 session.

Cake icing - Sharon Cross

Mrs Noyle Brown - Church Embroideries,

And a Social Worker from Porirua Hospital -

Agnes McCracken and Edith Charteris were given good wishes for a safe and happy overseas trip and it was thrilling to see Edith's name in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

A thank you to Betty George for her worthwhile contribution as a committee member.

In conclusion a thank you to those members who have attended so faithfully throughout the year and thanks to God for His guidance. We ask God's blessing on the group for the year to come.

Betty Harris,
 Secretary.

CRADLE ROLL

This year we have had under our care 26 children.

Our main function is continuing care of all those children under 4 on the Cradle Roll or otherwise associated with the Church. The most obvious aspect of this care is the Sunday morning creche, and we are very grateful to all the people who willingly and cheerfully help with this.

Our Christmas Service is probably the time when the congregation is most aware of the babies and toddlers in their midst. This year once again we successfully combined with the Sunday School and Team Section of the Boys' Brigade for the service which was followed by lunch for all the children and their families.

We are very appreciative of the interest and support of Mr and Mrs Steedman and their presence at functions such as the mid-winter coffee morning. I would also like to record my personal thanks to the committee for their continuing work with the children.

Vera Burton, Convener.

TROUP HOUSE

Eleven boys are in residence and there is already an application for the next vacancy.

There has been heavy expenditure on maintenance during the year replacing some of the beds and flooring. Troup House is gleaming - the boys are excellent housekeepers and their rooms have been freshened up with new paint and curtains.

The cottage though is like a sponge and maintenance on it is becoming very costly.

The boys are very co-operative in helping with extra jobs for the women's groups - they often help getting chairs and tables ready in the large hall. This is very much appreciated.

Betty Robertson, Secretary.

CHOIR

The year has been one of continuing activity with regular practices and faithful attendances at both services. Christmas and Easter were marked with appropriate music and we sang carols at the Railway Station and to many of our senior and sick members of the congregation.

The television service was a highlight of the year and certainly a great witness. The choir also helped lead two radio broadcast services. We appreciated the assistance given to us by those who cannot join our regular choir ranks.

It was a wonderful experience for the members who shared in the massed choir on Communion Night at the General Assembly.

It was with regret we accepted the resignation of Miss Mary MacKenzie and we would like to place on record our appreciation for many years of loyal and dedicated service, also our thanks for much hospitality in her home. We miss her and wish her God's richest blessing.

We welcome new members - Mrs Teutscher, Lydna McIntosh, Linda Shaw, Alison Neale, Stephen Young and Eion Cameron. It is good to have Mrs MacKay back with us. We thank those who have left for their contribution, especially remembering Clive McGovern now working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil.

Fun, food and fellowship - the choir picnic at Te Horo.

Members shared in the wedding service of Robert and Renee Gilmour. The following Saturday David and Maxine Ryan were married - another happy day. We all enjoyed the tea held at the Manse for these two couples.

The Choir is self-supporting and has added to its library a book of anthems, "Sing a New Song", a set of plastic folders for binding sheet music and we are adding new songs from time to time. We thank Mrs Mortimer who has the task of keeping these up to date.

The choir is a happy band because of the loyal contribution of individuals. A special word of thanks to Ray for his patient and untiring leadership and a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Steedman and the Session Clerk for their interest, support and encouragement.

We ponder on the words of the Psalmist: "Sing to the Lord, all the world: Worship the Lord with joy:" Dianne Fraser, Sec.

Saturday at Two

This year 'Saturday at Two' has gone with a swing. The folk really enjoy the programme provided every second Saturday afternoon. It is good to see the new faces as well as the faces we know so well.

To all who contribute - be it providing entertainment, supplying afternoon tea, or participating in some other way - very many thanks. It is indeed appreciated.

This past year some of our folk shared in the Parish Picnic and had a great time.

The group, who have a voluntary contribution system, this year paid the annual subscription of \$25 for hire of films from the National Film Library, thus enabling all organisations of St. John's to use the service. They also gave \$48 to Ludhiana Hospital Appeal.

To the members of the committee who work so hard behind the scenes my personal thanks.

Come and bring a friend
Come and find a friend
Come and be a friend

Dianne Fraser,
Co-ordinator.

Sunday School

The past year has seen quite a few teachers resign for various reasons. Fortunately, new teachers have made themselves available and they certainly are doing excellent work.

The rolls stand at 60 boys and girls of whom approximately 40-45 attend depending on the weather and whether parents come along. As in every year, one of the main problems facing teachers is that a number of children attending Sunday School have no "church" background at all. To make a lesson interesting for every child in the class when bible knowledge varies greatly is not always easy. The monthly teachers' meetings are most helpful to discuss such and other matters. In general it has been a successful year showing good results in all classes and a satisfactory response from the children.

Instead of the usual prize-giving ceremony at the end of the year, it was decided, with Session's approval, to hand a bible to every boy or girl leaving the intermediate class to moving on to the Bible Class. This was a success and so was the end-of-year lunch attended by a great number of parents.

The teachers who resigned were: Mrs. M. Haggett, Mrs. L. Parkinson, Mrs. B. Arnold and Miss M. Arnold. Also Messrs. D. Mills, P. Varley and W. Moore. This is an excellent opportunity to say a "thank you" for all the work done by those teachers. It certainly is appreciated.

Teachers are:
Superintendent - Mr. M.H. van Zweeden
Teachers - Mrs E. Rush, Miss G. Schroder, Miss R. Middleton,
Miss M. van Zweeden.
Messrs. Peter Aranyi and Gary Maher

BOYS' BRIGADE

TEAM SECTION

What is a Boy? "He is Truth with dirt on his face, Beauty with a cut on his finger, Wisdom with chewing gum in his hair and the Hope of the future with a frog in his pocket."

We have 27 Boys in the 8-11 age group just like that!! They are an interesting, lively and enthusiastic bunch of guys always ready to enter wholeheartedly into all that is going on. They are different from most other Team Sections because they are such a cosmopolitan group of boys.

Leadership: Miss Janet Thomson, Miss Meredith Etuata, Mr Roger Littlejohn, Mr Donald Robertson, Mr Alister Falconer, and myself as Lieutenant in Charge.

Activities: We have taken part in all the Battalion activities: Senior Boy Day, Soccer, Rally, Achievement Scheme Competitions, and we won the Sack Soccer competition.

Badge System: Is based on St. Luke 2 v. 52, and is called the Achievement Scheme. The highest award in the Team Section is the Gold Badge which means obtaining 56 achievements over a 3 yr. period. Those who gained this badge in 1976 were -

Joseph Schuster, Stephen Nicholls, Allan Tiatia, Kingi Newton, and Christopher Pritchard.

'The Sleep In' when the Boys were allowed to sleep in the Church Hall over night was the highlight of the year.

The Saturday Club: The Boys meet in the Church Hall every second Saturday during the winter months for table tennis and small games.

Conclusion: A Boy is a priority and not a pest and it is a privilege to work with the Boys of St. John's and lead them gently towards the Kingdom of God.

Harriet Johnston,
Lieut-in-charge.

COMPANY SECTION

Strength: 6 Boys were transferred from the Team Section and there are 3 new Boys but only 1 from last year. That doesn't mean that with 10 Boys only that it is a weak company. These few Boys are keen and enthusiastic and are very smart in appearance.

Leadership: Robert Gibbison and Christopher Arcus and myself as Administrator.

Drill: Has been taken weekly by the Battalion Adjutant, Mr Nisbett, who is bringing the standard up to a good level.

Class Work: During the first session the Boys studied Christian Education under the instruction of the Minister, Ray Patterson and Derek Mills. After 12 weeks the Boys sat a test and gained a certificate. During the first session the Boys also participated in Arts and Crafts and made two very nice cane baskets under my instruction. This session the Boys have started Cycle Maintenance with Chris Arcus and Knots with Robert Gibbison. Every week they also have Physical Recreation.

Outside Activities: Have so far been limited but they are about to enter a Handball competition and have had a friendly game with the 23rd Company (Wilton). The Boys also come to the Hall once a fortnight on Saturday afternoons for table tennis. They were invited to the Bible Class Social and 7 of them were present. I felt that they contributed something to the evening with their presence.

The Object of the Boys' Brigade is the same as when the Movement first started in 1883: "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness." The Movement is built on the twin pillars of Religion and Discipline - what better organisation could we have than this for our young people. We need your prayers.

Harriet Johnston

Bible Class

As in past years our Bible Class Leaders have been Mrs Trixie Milkop, Mr Grahame McBride, Mr Ray Patterson and Mr John Vink. Our leaders have been a tremendous help to us and we are at all times grateful for their support and time they spend with us. We have recently said goodbye to Grahame, who, with his family, is off to Hamilton. Thank you Grahame for your work. Lucky Hamilton!

Bible Class attendances have varied from week to week but we have approximately 15-20 people who attend each Sunday morning, when we have a time of fellowship with the Good News Group before splitting up.

Our social functions this year have been varied and have included several evenings, a bar-b-que and outings to YFC concerts.

Our collection money has gone to several areas - the Missions, the Ludhiana Hospital and our OMF Missionary, and of course we have contributed to the Church, including the redecoration of the Bible Class kitchen.

This year our camp was again at Forest Lakes and our speaker was the Rev. Cyril Cooze. As the costs of such a camp have risen considerably we decided to subsidize our camp fees and so we had a car washing day which was very successful in raising over \$80. Thank you all who helped us in this venture.

In conclusion, thank you to you all, on behalf of the Bible Class, for supporting our group and showing your interest in our activities. Thanks too, to the Minister and the Elders for the use of rooms and facilities. We do appreciate it.

May God be with the Bible Class in the year to come.

Linda Shaw,
Secretary.

GOOD NEWS

The Good News Group is proof that young people desire to meet together and worship Jesus Christ providing they can do so in a manner which is meaningful to them. The group has an attendance of about 60 - except in 'varsity vacations - with ages mainly between 18-25, but with a few people twice our age which shows that the way in which we worship is not just relevant to young people.

In the past year we have benefitted from the leadership of Mr Frank and Mr Ian Garratt. Their studies have included: Battle of the Ages - a study over seven weeks covering the spiritual battle between God and Satan; Repentance; Authority of the Apostle Paul's writings; the Christian Mind. Other studies have included Law v Grace (Dr Boyd), the place of the conscience (G. McBride) and studies of Colossians and John's Epistles.

The camp at Forest Lakes was attended by over 100 people. The speakers were Marcus Arden and the Rev. Bert Tweedie. A number of people gave commitments to Christ and come into a deeper understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. The camp, as usual, is a way of drawing new members to the group.

The social side of the group's activities has included: square dance, car rally, games evening, old time dance as well as the meeting of groups over meals etc. - which are a vital part of fellowship.

Derek Mills.

LANTERN

Lantern has had a variety of activities during the past year. July saw the annual ski trip to Ruapehu.

During the latter part of 1976 we spent many hours practising for a service on December 5th. This involved most of the group in singing, dancing and other aspects of the service,

In March this year a meeting was called of all those interested to discuss the purpose of Lantern and whether it should continue. The enthusiasm to continue Lantern was such that a new committee: Jeanette Daines, Raewyn Forbes and Mike Horvat was elected. Our first project was to revamp the Lantern Rooms - we cleaned and repainted the walls and chairs and set up a library.

Lantern has continued to grow in the last few months. We really appreciate the Young People's monthly teas at the Manse. It's been tremendous to meet together in a home.

Lantern has continued to grow in the last few months. As well as our after-church fellowship, we have organised several group outings: Y.F.C., Ballet, and the Cliff Richard Concert. We have also taken part in some of the evening services.

We have been really excited by the number of new people who have come along and who have become involved in both activities and organisation.

It has been proposed that lunches take place on a regular basis to provide a time for prayer and discussion. We are looking forward to these lunches in the next few months.

Jeanette Daines.

St John's Association^{23.}

The Association has had a particularly busy year and participated in many social and welfare activities in the community.

The Association has met on three occasions and the meetings were addressed by Mr Hugh Templeton, Dean Hurst and Captain David Miller (Salvation Army) respectively. The Committee has met at frequent intervals to ensure that the work has been on-going in the following areas:

PSSA Lounge, Cuba Street: Mrs Kelly has acted as the link person and the Lounge has been open from 10 a.m. to 4 P.m. Tues. to Friday. Hostesses have been available during these times to assist the large number of lonely elderly and sometimes solo-parents who have come to the Lounge for companionship. Any visitor to the Lounge who appears to require counselling is directed to a suitable counsellor who is readily available. There continues to be a shortage of hostesses.

Craft and Care Centre: Mrs Betty Arnold is the link person for this work and groups meet on Mondays from 10am-1.30p.m. in the 'Lounge' in Cuba St. The average attendance is 17 although there are 20 guests on the roll. Members of the Assn. assist with driving, catering and craft work.

The aim of the Craft and Care Centre is to take an interest in and provide craft work for those who are in need, such as the elderly and lonely. Social workers at both Wellington and Porirua Hospitals refer people to the Centre. Other churches and organisations are involved in assisting. Due to demand it is likely that another Centre will be established in the near future.

Hospitality to Overseas Students: This was initiated by Dr. R. Ferrier who saw a need to extend friendship to university students from overseas. It is obvious that some students, particularly those from Asia had much difficulty in adjusting to a new culture. Extending an invitation to these students and welcoming them into our homes was seen to be a way in which St John's could provide assistance.

Odd Jobs: Ken Aickin has been the organiser for the variety of small jobs for which some people require assistance. It has been a successful venture, although there is always a need for helpers to ensure that all requests receive attention.

St. John's Association (continued)

Friends at Court: As a result of an address at an Association meeting by Captain David Miller of Salvation Army, who provides support for those involved in Court cases, an inaugural meeting to establish a "Friends at Court" group in Wellington has been arranged.

St. John's Church Anniversary: This was celebrated with a "Burns Night" last November. The large number who attended found it a most successful and enjoyable evening.

Fellowship Lunches: Four were held during the winter months with an average attendance of 45. These were organised by Mr David Ryan who has kindly agreed to continue these lunches this year.

Meals on Wheels: Several people are assisting with the delivery of meals on wheels.

Linking Committee: The St. John's Association Committee wish to express their appreciation to the Linking Committee who arrange meals for the Association meetings.

Special thanks are extended to the link people and to all those who have so generously given their time to help St. John's Church to further extend its helping hand into the community.

Janice McCallum,
Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

MISS H. EDMONDSON

MRS. J. HOUGH

MRS. H. MARTIN

MRS. L. PIRIE

MISS P. PLAYER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1977

RECEIPTS

<u>Congregational giving</u> - Plate	\$10,351.13	
Envelopes	<u>15,036.77</u>	\$25,387.90
<u>Donations:</u> Use of Rooms	529.90	
General	1,831.60	
Organ	<u>239.15</u>	2,600.65
<u>Interest:</u> Bank of N.Z.	60.00	
Endowment Fund	2,000.00	
Lockie Bequest	<u>25.87</u>	2,085.87
Wellington City Corpn. - Refund rates:		1,320.70
<u>Budget Contributions:</u>		
Afternoon Guild	800.00	
Evening Guild	57.10	
Youth Group	100.00	
Bible Class	115.00	
Anonymous	425.00	
Sunday School	<u>95.10</u>	1,592.20
<u>Contributions for others:</u>		
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	248.50	
P.S.S.A. Harvest	<u>75.34</u>	323.84
<u>Special Purposes Contributions:</u>		
Amplifier System	1,537.00	
Ludhiana Hospital	1,730.09	
Hall Furnishing	50.00	
St. John's Boys' Brigade	<u>130.00</u>	3,447.09

C/Forward:

\$36,758.25PAYMENTS

Stipend - the Rev. D.M. Steedman	\$6,962.36	
Car Allowance	997.44	
Expenses Allowance	<u>300.00</u>	\$8,259.80
Pulpit Supply		90.00
Organist - R. Wilderspin		750.00
Lighting and Heating		422.73
Cleaning and Refuse Disposal		1,276.79
Printing and Stationery		236.60
Budget Contributions		9,992.20
Church Notices - press		214.26
W.C.C. - Rates		981.24
Telephone rental - Manse		144.20
<u>Property - Equipment:</u>		
Exterior church sign	\$75.00	
Fire protection equip. - hall	457.33	
Main hall heaters	80.72	
Public Address System (Church)	1,933.23	
Light fittings - Manse	37.00	
Organ Electrical Lighting etc.	<u>337.60</u>	2,920.88
<u>Property - Repairs & Maintenance:</u>		
Church Building - Spouting	1,557.00	
Hall Fire Alarms	8.54	
Sewerage & Drainage	566.03	
Electrical - Church lights	32.50	
Organ Tuning & Maintenance	262.40	
Piano Tuning / Recording equipment	54.75	
General repairs and tools	131.49	
Window repairs	42.20	
Gestetner Repairs	<u>26.54</u>	2,681.45
<u>Miscellaneous Payments:</u>		
A.P.W. Presbyterial fees	22.00	
General expenses - Minister	9.50	
Postages & Bank Charges	17.40	
Presbytery Expenses 76/77	211.50	
Legal Fees - Manse	88.00	
Accident Compensation Levy	<u>24.82</u>	373.22

C/Forward

\$28,343.37

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Continued):

Brought Forward: \$36,758.25

Church Repainting Account:

Donation: Afternoon Guild 480.00
 General donations 50.00
 Ex Church Office 7,960.00

Stewart Meyer Ltd. (Painters)

- Bond Deposit 500.00 \$8,990.00

Miscellaneous

Sale of chairs 45.00
 Loan ex No. 2 Account 1,609.89

Balance Carried Forward 30/6/77 1,625.37

\$49,028.51

Brought Forward

\$28,343.37

Painting Contract:

Progress Payments 1 & 2

\$7,960.00

Transfers & Donations:Church Office Deposits

Hall Furnishing 61.80
 Painting Provision 2,390.00
 Ludhiana Hospital 1,168.85

To Rental Account:

Manse Loan Capital 1,000.00
 Manse Loan Interest 560.00

Special Purposes:

Ludhiana Appeal 571.24

Ex Church Funds:

Cradle Roll 25.00
 Sunday School 100.00

For others (see receipts)323.84 6,200.73Other Payments:

Beneficiary Fund Levy 922.20
 Seniority Allowance 564.20
 Fire Insurance Premium 2,663.12
 Presentation Bibles 7.11

4,156.63

Balance brought forward 30/6/76

757.89

Loan Repaid ex - No. 2 Account

1,609.89

\$49,028.51

ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1976/77

Receipts:

B/Fwd. 1.6.66	\$1047.67
Less Allocated at 1976 Annual Meeting -	
Church Mission Budget	\$750.00
Hall Furnishing Fund	50.00
Church Amplifier System	100.00
Team Section B.B.	30.00
Boys' Brigade	20.00
Margaret Bear	25.00
Ludhiana Hosp. Appeal	20.00
Tools for Onesua	10.00
	<u>1,005.00</u>
Mission Birthday Gifts	42.67
Scott Trust - Maori Mission	417.90
General Mission	20.00
Mission Boxes	20.00
Tea Coupons	75.47
Sales Table	16.96
Collections	16.56
Membership Fees	10.90
Donations	5.80
"Fair" - Trash & Treasure	3.10
Bring & Buy	918.84
A.P.W. Ludhiana Appeal	154.50
New Hebrides Parcel Donation	609.84
Coach Fare to Stokes Valley	3.00
P.O.S.B. Interest	44.50
Used Stamps	17.52
Contributions to Leper Mission	102.00
	<u>115.00</u>
	<u>\$2,594.56</u>
M.M. Piper, Treasurer	

Payments

A.P.W. -	
Ludhiana Hosp. Appeal	629.84
1976 Annual Meeting	20.00
	<u>\$609.84</u>
Used Stamps	102.00
Sub-soc. for promotion	
community standards	5.00
" - Friends of Turakina	3.00
Secretary's Expenses	10.00
Trav. Expenses of Speaker	2.00
Parcel to New Hebrides for	
Mrs Cunningham	8.70
Coach fare to Stokes Valley	48.00
Delegates' Fees to A.P.W.	
Conference	35.00
P.O.S.B. Cheque Book	50
Contributions to Leper	
Mission	115.00
	<u>939.04</u>
Cash in P.O.S.B.	\$1,655.52
	<u>\$2,594.56</u>
M.D. King, Hon Auditor.	

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1977

Receipts

Balances as at 30/6/76 -	
Bank of N.Z.	\$2,499.94
Church Office	16,279.02
Investment Society	386.02
	<u>19,164.98</u>
Tenants' rents	2,160.55
Interest Bank N.Z.	20.73
Manse Loan	560.00
Church Office	1,202.66
Manse Loan repayment	1,000.00
Loan No. 1 repayment	1,609.89
	<u>\$25,718.81</u>

Payments

Cleaning	\$153.00
Electricity (net)	9.15
Rates	897.18
Insurance	404.52
Loan No. 1 Account	1,609.89
	<u>\$3,073.74</u>
Balances 30/6/77 -	
Bank of N.Z.	1,607.48
	<u>1,609.89</u>
	<u>3,217.37</u>
Investment	
Society	386.02
Church Office	
	<u>19,041.68</u>
	<u>\$25,718.81</u>

Loan From Rental Account for Manse Purchase.

Balance owing 30 June 1976	\$7,000.00
Less	
Repayment 1976	1,000.00
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Balance owing 30 June, 1977	

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1977

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.6.76</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.6.77</u>
Benevolent	378.02	31.70	401.22
Centennial	293.50	25.17	318.67
Chairs	273.49	23.46	296.95
Hymn Books	1,255.14	107.64	1,362.78
Church Rebuilding	878.22	75.32	953.54
General Reserve	52.17	4.47	56.64
New Hall Furnishing	481.70	40.69	584.19
Hi-Fi	168.15	14.42	182.57
All Sundry Trusts	3,780.39	322.87	4,156.56
Hall Rebuilding -			
Special	11,591.14	1,159.11	12,750.25
General	7,691.14	615.29	8,306.43
Endowment	20,000.00	2,000.00	20,000.00
Lockie Bequest	380.00	25.87	380.00
Repainting prov.	13,059.97	1,017.46	8,507.43
Blake Legacy*	10,984.40	625.36	18,822.79
*(in addition shares held at market value \$18,768.94 as at 5th November 1975)			
	<u>\$67,487.04</u>	<u>5,765.96</u>	<u>72,923.46</u>

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Interest as above:	\$5,765.96	To General Account:	
From General Account -		From Benevolent	33.50
New Hall Furnishings	\$61.80	Endowment	2,000.00
Repainting Prov.	2,390.00	Lockie Int.	25.87
Benevolent Fund	25.00	Painting Prov.	7,960.00
Blake Estate	<u>7,213.03</u>		
	<u>\$82,942.83</u>		<u>82,942.83</u>

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30.6.77

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balances 1.7.76 -		St. John's Church	
P.C.N.Z.	\$545.97	General Funds	450.00
Wgtn. Savings Bk.	508.10	P.C.N.Z. - Ludhiana	400.00
Offerings	3,952.08	David Manuel	500.00
Books	84.00	Bible Soc. - New Hebrides	
Donations	465.10	1,500.00	
Dances	101.85	Intercessors for NZ	400.00
Teas	5.30	Wycliffe Bible Translators -	
Forest Lakes Camp	215.00	James family	300.00
Interest -		Clive McGovern	100.00
P.C.N.Z.	43.68	Overseas Missionary F.	75.00
W.S.B.	26.37	Scripture Union	50.00
		Wgtn. Y.F.C.	150.00
		Christian Advance	
		Ministries	50.00
		Underground Evangelism	200.00
		T.S.C.F.	100.00
		B.M.M.F. (Bruce	
		Nicholls)	100.00
		Forest Lakes Camp	279.75
		Duplicating	10.10
		Boys Institute	10.00
		Car Rally	7.00
		Amplifier	200.00
		Books	68.77
		Cups	42.00
		Child Sponsor	50.00
		Cheque Book	50
		Balances - P.C.N.Z.	589.65
		W.S.B.	314.68
	<u>\$5,947.45</u>		<u>\$5,947.45</u>

E.R. BRADER,
Hon. Treasurer

A.W. VINK,
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS INSTITUTE (TROUP HOUSE)Income and Expenditure Account 30.6.77

<u>Payments:</u>		<u>Receipts:</u>	
Insurance	\$274.36	Board	\$3,685.50
Gas and Power	726.53	Interest	233.63
Telephone	276.53		
Maintenance	1,465.98		
Warden's Fee (2 years)	100.00		
Bank Fee	1.25		
Rates	423.98		
To Depreciation Res.	200.50		
" Repainting Res.	250.00		
" Rencvation Res.	200.00		
	<u>\$3,919.13</u>		<u>\$3,919.13</u>

K.B. AICKIN
Hon. Treasurer

P.A. RUSH
Hon. Auditor.

It has not been practicable to publish all the Accounts.
Session has also received audited accounts from -
Sunday School, Bible Class, Evening Guild
The Choir, and the Badminton Club.
All Treasurers are sincerely thanked for their
diligent stewardship.

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
Very Rev. Dr 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	1968-1975
Rev. D.M. Steedman, M.A., B.D.	1976 -

St. John's Own Missionaries:

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

Deaconesses:

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

Buildings:

First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church", 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:

Diamond Jubilee of Church, November	1913
Women's Association Golden Jubilee, August	1937
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee, October	1942

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

Special Events:

Free Church of Scotland petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was formally established, 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
Woman Elder first appointed in St John's	1970

Church Newspapers:

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

Publications:

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