

BUDGET FOR 1967-68

Receipts (£)

	1967	1968
Balance forward	78	78
Offerings: Envelopes	2379	2400
Plate	550	550
Junior Church and S.S.	30	30
Bible Class	104	102
	3063	3160
Donations	103	50
Fair	212	-
Interest	5	-
Deficit	-	370
	3461	3580

Payments (£)

Salaries etc.			
Stipend	1100	1125	
Allowances	250	275	
Organist	-	100	
Supply	110	25	
	1460	1525	
Direct Expenses			
Youth Church	71	72	
Insurance and rates	128	130	
Heat and Light	60	70	
Cleaning	75	75	
Printing and Advertising	79	120	
Newsletters	82	80	
Phones and Postage	56	60	
Property Repairs	100	200	
New Life School	26	-	
Sundries	22	48	
	697	855	
Indirect Expenses			
Beneficiary fund	124	125	
Presbytery	15	20	
	139	145	
Mission to Kelburn		-	150
Furniture		59	-
Assembly enterprises		890	760
Special Objects		20	10
Share Instalments		116	120
Deposits A/c		2	-
Sundry Creditors		-	7
Balance forward		78	8
		3461	3580
<u>Total:</u>			

KELBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



5 Raroa Road,
Kelburn,
Wellington, W.1.

ANNUAL REPORT

1967

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BOARD OF MANAGERS

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ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMENLINKING COMMITTEE:

President: Mrs. J.E. Stewart Secretary: Mrs. C.J. Seelye

MORNING GROUP:

President: Mrs. J.E. Stewart Secretary: Mrs. R.G. Gibbins

WOMEN'S CLUB:

President: Mrs. G.H. Twigden Secretary: Mrs. M.B. McKenzie

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

President: Mr. A. James Secretary: Mr. D.I. Flude

Club Captain: Mrs. J. Evans

BIBLE CLASSESLeaders:

Junior Girls: Miss Delphine E. Withington

Intermediate: Mr. M.B. McKenzie Senior: Mr. W.A. Poole

Chairman: Mr. P.L. Jones Secretary: Miss Clare M. Carman

Treasurer: Keith Carman

JUNIOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Committee Chairman: Mr. B.M. Hough Secretary: Miss Clare M. Carman

Junior Church:

Teachers: Miss Helen M. Ross, Mrs. M.B. McKenzie, Mr. N.S. McInnes
and Mr. D.M. Stewart.

Primary Department S.S.:

Teachers: Misses Mary E. Seelye and Helen M. Fearnley

CRADLE ROLL SECRETARY: Mrs. G.A. Thomson

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ended 30 June, 1967

To be presented to the Annual Congregational Meeting,
on Wednesday, 23 August, 1967, at 7.45 p.m.

Session acknowledges with thanksgiving and praise the guidance of God through another year's deliberations, and rejoices with the congregation that the Holy Spirit is working in our midst.

When the year began, the Minister and Mrs. Stewart were abroad, and the Rev. R.H. Lane, Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's, was our Interim Moderator. It was typical of Mr. Stewart's consideration for the Parish and its welfare that, although he and Mrs. Stewart arrived home late on a Saturday evening, he resumed his ministry next morning, looking very tired, but giving no indication of that in the quality of worship and preaching. At a largely-attended social gathering later in the week the congregation expressed its welcome home. We are grateful to both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart for sharing with us that evening, and also in many different ways since, the fruits of their trip.

An early highlight was the visit to Kelburn of the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt. Rev. J.M. Bates, with Mrs. Bates, on Thursday, 14 July. The Moderator spoke in the context of a service in Church, and then answered questions concerning Christian issues of the times. A social in the Hall followed.

Our Communicant strength at the end of the year was 187. Five new members were received by profession of faith, and three by transfer from other congregations; 19 certificates of disjunction were issued. An average of 141 persons received the Sacrament at the quarterly Communion Services: 130 in September, 155 in December, 144 in March and 135 in June. The Minister administered the Sacrament of Baptism to eight persons and conducted six marriages and six funerals.

Several esteemed members of long standing left Wellington in the course of the year. We think especially of Mrs. R.H.D. Hall, Mrs. E. Nichol and Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Thomson, thank them for zealous and faithful support over many years, and pray for their continuing health and happiness in reputedly warmer climates.

Mr. W.S. Thomson's resignation in August, 1966, because of his removal, and that of Mr. P. Smethurst in June, 1967, because of illness, were sore blows to Session, of which each was a senior member.

Mr. Thomson was one of the "fathers" of Session, having been ordained in 1937; Mr. Smethurst was ordained in 1953. Moreover, both had been members of the Board of Managers before election to Session: Mr. Thomson for 14 years, Mr. Smethurst for 21 years. Between them, these two gentlemen served for 78 years as office-bearers in this congregation. Session recorded its deep regret at losing their fellowship and counsel, its appreciation of their long and devoted service to the cause of Christ in the community, and the humble gratitude of fellow-members for their steadfast faith and unflagging readiness to assist all manner of Church activities, notably Christian education and the conduct of public worship. Mr. G.W. Dick also has resigned from Session, after a long leave of absence. He was a member for two terms: from 1946 to 1953, and again from 1959; and also served the Parish well as a member of the Board of Managers from 1939. Session received his resignation with regretful reluctance.

At the February meeting, the Session expressed to the Clerk, Mr. J.H. Hall, the congratulations of its members, shared by the Congregation, on his being made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

At the General Assembly, held last year in Wellington, we were represented by the Minister; but seven elders were recognised as associate members of Assembly, and attended many of its meetings. Mr. A.W. Woodford remains our Presbytery elder. It was a very special pleasure on the morning of Assembly Sunday to have in the pulpit one of our own Kelburn old boys now in the Ministry, the Rev. G. Martin Cleland, of Otorohanga. He had a message for us, and we valued the opportunity to renew fellowship with him.

The annual congregational meeting a year ago resolved:

"That Session investigate the possibility of conducting, in association with other Churches in Northland/Kelburn, an ecumenical parishes' survey; and that, should such survey reveal a need to reactivate the Congregational Committee on Stewardship, or to take other similar steps to bring into fellowship all Presbyterians living within the Parish boundaries, Session consider what action may be necessary and desirable, and call on the congregation to help accordingly."

Session's response to this request has moved along two converging lines. Approaches were made to the four other congregations in the area, St. Anne's Anglican, Ward Memorial Methodist, St. St. Vincent de Paul's Roman Catholic and St. Michael and All Angels'

Anglican, inviting them to consider the suggestion, and, if they wished to discuss it, appoint representatives to confer with ours. This all of them did, after expressing general sympathy with the idea. The unofficial inter-denominational committee so constituted has held several meetings, and at its suggestion our five congregations have co-ordinated their rolls to form one master list containing the names of all persons already attached to one of them. The proposal now is to canvass all other people in the two suburbs, according to a plan that will be explained to the Annual Meeting by Messrs. H. Gapes and R.G. Gibbins, our representatives on the committee.

While this has been going on, and in keeping with the spirit of seeking and renewal that increasingly stirs the higher Courts of our Church, Session has spent some time in self-examination, considering the basic beliefs of the Christian Faith, the movement whereby differing branches of the Church are growing toward each other in unity, and the opportunities that exist - or could be made to exist - for carrying the Gospel to the community in which God has placed us.

The Weekend Mission to be held before this report is considered by the congregation is one of the most important outcomes so far of the request made by last annual meeting, and of these discussions in Session. An earlier one - from which, indeed, the idea of the Mission grew - was the sending of a Kelburn team to the New Life School held at Marton last November. This comprised the Minister, Mr. and Mrs. M.B. McKenzie, Miss Joan Andrew and Mr. R.G. Gibbins.

So, as the year ends, the lines of action are coming to meet. The parish survey is likely to be one of our first congregational efforts after the Mission; and from the Mission itself the Holy Spirit may be expected to direct our steps to other missionary projects: some domestic to our own congregation, some requiring us to work with fellow-Christians of other denominations.

In this connection we rejoice that our Minister continues to serve as Chairman of the N.C.C. Joint Commission on Church Union, a national body; and that the five co-operating Churches have this year solemnly committed themselves to seek a basis of union and ways to common action. As a congregation, we associated ourselves with this Act of Commitment in special thanksgiving at the morning service on Whitsunday.

The second part of the Churches' declaration is the more immediately realisable, and for the time being the more important at congregational level. The road to union may be long and tortuous; but ways to common action that will assist and demonstrate Christian

unity lie open before us, and run straight ahead. The parishes' survey to be made in Kelburn and Northland is one of them.

The world-wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was again inaugurated locally by a joint week-night service in the Northland Community Hall, at which the congregation was led in shared prayer by Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian clergy in turn. The attendance of Presbyterian worshippers could have been larger.

Combined services with Kelburn Anglicans were held in St. Michael and All Angels' Church on Wednesday evenings in Lent, the Vicar and our Minister sharing the addresses. Again, the number of our members attending was small. About once a quarter we joined the Methodist and Anglican congregations in Northland, which now regularly worship together on Sunday evenings. On the evening of World Communion Sunday, as is customary, we worshipped and took the Sacrament with the Northland Methodist congregation: this year in their church.

Family services continue to be held every six weeks or thereabouts, and usually are well attended. Junior Church now worships with the adult congregation for the early part of the morning service on Communion Sunday as on other Sundays, and senior scholars return later in the morning to observe the Communion Service itself, after their teachers have explained its meaning.

Again we have been very ably served by Junior Church and Primary Sunday School teachers, and by Bible Class leaders; and Session is grateful for the painstaking care with which they are helping to build the Church of the future. Several have resigned in the course of the year: Mrs. J.G. Caughley (Bible Class and formerly Sunday School), Misses Jenneth Ferguson (B.C.), Janet Collow, Mary McLauchlan and Fay Heppleston (Junior Church) and Christine Riley (Primary Sunday School). To all of these, our heartfelt thanks for fine service; but especially so to Mrs. Caughley, whose devotion and professional skill have been gladly given over many years to the Christian training of our young people.

Special commendation is due to those senior Bible Class members whose enthusiasm, organising ability and qualities of leadership among their fellows have contributed so largely to the smooth running of their affairs, and to the success of co-operative enterprises undertaken with other classes. The time and effort that seniors have devoted to suggesting and directing junior Bible Class activities is particularly appreciated.

One practical way of showing gratitude to teachers and leaders

would be to offer to help them: either by relieving when needed, or by accepting appointment to the regular Youth Staff as rolls expand or vacancies arise. We shall need a new teacher in the Junior Church next year. The Minister is always glad to talk with persons who are, or will be available for such work; or you may mention your interest to any member of Session.

Session regrets its failure to fill the post of organist and choirmaster, left vacant when Mr. Gwyn Jones received another appointment in March, 1966; consequently we have had no regular choir this year. Every effort is being made to find a successor. Meanwhile, we are fortunate to have Mr. Henry Perkins, a member of the Kent Terrace congregation, as frequent relieving organist. To him, and to three of our own members, Mrs. E.A. Lambert, Mrs. J.S. Murray and Mr. G.A. Thomson, who have played when Mr. Perkins cannot be here, we are much indebted. Until her marriage and removal from the Parish, Miss Susan Spidy continued the training and leadership of the Junior Choir. Miss Mary McLauchlan and Mr. John Jones raised and trained a special choir for Christmas services. Our thanks to these three young people also.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart gives regular religious instruction each week to pupils in the Northland and Kelburn schools.

Once again our women, organised through the Association of Presbyterian Women, have contributed notably to the welfare and advancement of the congregation. All of them deserve our warmest thanks; but especially members of the Linking Committee, officers of the several women's organisations, and the conveners of special service committees such as P.S.S.A., visiting the sick, caring for the welfare of hospital patients, supplying and arranging church flowers, organising catering, attending to the Communion linen, and seeing to the distribution of the Newsletter. As instances, Mrs. G.C. Riley, who has moved from the Parish since last annual meeting, tended the linen personally for five years; and Miss C.B. Stowell has given more than eight years to the service of patients in Porirua Hospital by her organising of our Parish's welfare activities on their behalf.

A very fine joint effort by the women was the highly successful Spring Fair, which raised more than £210 for Church funds.

We acknowledge our thanks to visiting preachers, to Presbytery, and this year especially to the General Assembly, for leadership and direction in stressful times: particularly its Message to the Church issued last November.

May God accept our praise and shape our lives to His service.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: LINKING COMMITTEE

At a meeting chaired by Mr. Stewart, at a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 21 September, 1966, the following officers were appointed: President: Mrs. E.A. Lambert; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. F.J. Hanson and Mrs. J.E. Stewart; Secretary: Mrs. C.J. Seelye; Conveners: Prayer and Study, Mrs. J.H. Hall; Parish and Community, Mrs. T.O.D. Beveridge; Stepping Stones, Mrs. M.B. McKenzie; Catering, Mrs. R.A. Carman.

Other committee members were Mrs. R.G. Gibbins, secretary of the Afternoon Group; Mrs. G.A. Thomson and Mrs. R.S. Vause, president and secretary of the Women's Club, and Mrs. J. Littler representing the Junior Church. Five committee meetings have been held during the year.

Kelburn has been represented at most Presbyterian meetings, and voting delegates were Mesdames Beck, Gibbins, Stewart and Seelye.

During the past year, two evening congregational functions have been organised, a Welcome Home Social to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart in August and a Christmas Party in December. The committee helped to organise the two Sunday School parties in December, the Cradle Roll mothers and children being included in the invitation to the Junior Party.

A most successful Spring Fair was held in October and the proceeds of £211 were handed to the Board of Managers to be used to augment general church funds.

Mrs. Beveridge attended a series of Parish and Community meetings organised by the Wellington Presbyterian, and we specially thank her for her important ministry of visiting the sick and elderly. To Mrs. M.B. McKenzie, we express our thanks for the work she is doing with the Stepping Stones Organisation, and to Mrs. J.H. Hall who has been our Prayer and Study Convener over many years. Special thanks, too, to the Catering Convener, Mrs. Carman, for her excellent organisation of the necessary refreshments at all congregational gatherings.

Opportunity was taken in April to thank Mrs. G.C. Riley for her services as Linen Convener for over five years, and to offer all best wishes as the family moved to Khandallah. And to Mrs. Lambert, our retiring president, we record our sincere appreciation of her able guidance and leadership over the past two years.

By meeting regularly at two-monthly intervals, and getting

regular reports of all groups, the Linking Committee endeavours to co-ordinate all women's work within the congregation and to promote a spirit of unity, as well as a sense of fellowship within the Presbyterian and an interest in the national endeavours of the Association of Presbyterian Women.

AFTERNOON GROUP

At the second annual meeting of the Afternoon Group held on Wednesday, 7 September, 1966, the following officers were elected:- President: Mrs. J.E. Stewart; Vice-President: Mrs. H. Gapes; Secretary: Mrs. R.G. Gibbins; Treasurer: Mrs. P. Smethurst; Field Work and Stamps Secretary: Mrs. J.H. Hall; P.S.S.A. Representative: Mrs. F.J. Hanson (power to co-opt); Harvest Field Secretary: Mrs. J.C. Beck. Five meetings have been held since September, with an average attendance of 13.

In October, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Thomson, who have left Kelburn to live at Paraparaumu, were invited to the meeting, and members were able to express their appreciation of the many years of loyal membership of Mrs. Thomson and of the interest and support Mr. Thomson has shown at all times.

In November, Mrs. George Thomson, our representative at the third Annual Meeting of Presbyterian Women, shared with us her impression of the meetings she attended. The conference being held in Wellington on this occasion, several members were able to attend meetings.

Business meetings were held in March and April. In April it was agreed to change the time of meeting from 2 p.m. to 10 a.m., the Afternoon Group thus becoming the Morning Group. In May, Miss Patricia Hislop spoke of her work as Warden at Victoria House university hostel. On this occasion we were pleased to welcome to our meeting the ladies of St. Ninian's, Karori, St. Anne's Anglican and the Northland Methodist Churches.

In addition to our own meetings, we were invited to join with other groups, and several members attended at St. Michael's, Kelburn, to hear a talk on India, and at Northland Methodist to hear a talk given by a member of the Samaritan Service. Both these meetings were held in October, and in May we were invited to St. Ninian's, Karori, when the speaker was Sister Beryl Palmer, Assistant Matron at "Woburn". In October a successful Fair was held in Kelburn to raise money for Church purposes, and this received our support. Also in October, assistance was given on the two "Presbyterian" days for CORSO clothes packing. During the Assembly and national annual meetings in November,

Kelburn ladies helped with morning teas and suppers, and in March we were called on to help with tea and supper at the Presbyterial leadership training day and the Stepping Stones meeting. In December, a Christmas party was arranged for all ladies of the congregation when musical items by Mrs. Graham, a recitation by Mrs. Hirst and a play-reading by Mesdames Littler, Oed and Pledger were enjoyed.

Mrs. J.H. Hall, our Field Work Secretary, reports that two cartons of good used clothing were sent to the Maori pastorate at Taupo. A considerable amount of used linen has been collected for the Jagadhri Hospital appeal and will be despatched in time for shipping in August. As Stamp Secretary, Mrs. Hall reports that £10. 6. 9 was received from the sale of used stamps.

Mrs. F.J. Hanson, our representative on the Ladies' Auxiliary of the PSSA, has kept us informed on all social service activities. Help was given with the PSSA cake stall at the Jaycee Market day in October and with supper for the PSSA annual meeting. Boxes containing clothing and suitable gifts have been sent to Porirua Hospital and Deaconess House during the year.

Mrs. J.C. Beck, Harvest Field Secretary, reports that there are 49 subscribers to the magazine.

Finally, we extend our thanks to guest speakers for their interesting contributions to our meetings; to the special secretaries for their devotion to their duties; and to all those ladies of the congregation who have so willingly supported our various projects. To our President, Mrs. Stewart, we express our appreciation for her leadership and guidance.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Women's Club was held on 21 September, 1966, at a Coffee Morning held in the Sunday School Hall. The following officers were elected:- President: Mrs. G.A. Thomson; Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. I.M. Vause; Committee: Mrs. Twigden, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Nott, Mrs. Rigarsford, Mrs. Lumsden and Mrs. P. Thompson. This committee took over from an Interim Committee which had been appointed from the A.P.A., as the Women's Club had gone into recess.

The Interim Committee had held two successful Coffee Mornings, and it was decided at the A.G.M. that the Coffee Mornings would be continued. Several more have been held at approximately 6-8 weeks interval, with a longer break over the Christmas period. It is felt that they have been worthwhile, as quite a good attendance has been recorded at each one.

Two donations have been made to the A.P.A. from our funds, from money received from the Coffee Mornings.

At the Spring Fair held in October, the Women's Club were responsible for the Sweet Stall, and the response from everyone was most gratifying. Our thanks to all concerned.

Apart from these activities, the Club has had a quiet time, and it will be left to the incoming committee to decide its policy for the coming year.

PORIRUA PATIENTS ADOPTION SCHEME

It is now seven years since the Adoption Scheme was started in Kelburn. Three patients at Porirua, as well as two patients who were transferred to Lake Alice, receive letters and parcels regularly. One of these is taken out at least once a month, and his birthday is remembered and celebrated in a special way. His relatives in England are sent regular reports about him. This man had not been out for fifteen years until a member of Kelburn Church adopted him.

At Christmas a carton of suitable gifts is sent by the congregation to Porirua Hospital.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

The senior group has continued to meet after church on Sunday evenings. Although the group is small the year's programme has been varied and has included discussions and films.

Frequent meetings have been held with a similar group of young people from St. Michael's Anglican Church. The topics discussed at these gatherings has ranged from The Resurrection to the statement of the Joint Commission on Church Union. The films shown included "Martin Luther" and "The Long March".

BIBLE CLASSES

This has not been a successful year of Bible Class activity. It would appear that Kelburn is following the general decline of the movement evident throughout the country.

The numbers attending have steadily dropped to approximately sixteen a week. It is difficult to point to any one reason for this drop in attendance, but there are several significant factors which should be considered:

1. Adequate suitable leaders.
2. Satisfactory study material.

3. Insufficient seniors able to carry out the general administration of the B.C.

Thanks go to all the leaders of the classes for their time and patience. Our special thanks to Mrs. Caughley, who retired at the end of last calendar year. She was an extremely popular leader.

Club: This was held on a regular basis until the end of the year. Our thanks to M. Lambert and the parents who came to help and made this a success.

Barbecue: Despite the weather the barbecue held at Kaitoke was an enjoyable occasion.

Retreat: Two camps were held, one in February and a combined camp with Ngaio Bible Class in June. Both were at Ngatiawa and, despite small attendances, were rewarding.

It would seem that over the last year the Bible Class has failed in its efforts to attract young people to the Church; as the Church enters into a new year we pray for God's guidance in our own classes and the Bible Class Movement throughout New Zealand.

JUNIOR CHURCH AND PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last year has been quite an eventful one for the Junior Church and Primary Sunday School, with a number of changes and new developments.

Our teachers seem to have been very mobile; only Miss Mary Seelye, Miss Helen Ross and Mr. Neil McInnes remain from last year. We were sorry to farewell Miss Janet Collow and Miss Christine Riley, who had both given much appreciated service to the Church. Miss Mary McLauchlan and Miss Fay Heppleston also taught for a while, and we are grateful for their help. This year we have been pleased to welcome Mrs. M.B. McKenzie, Miss Helen Fearnley and Mr. David Stewart as teachers, and Miss Clare Carman as committee secretary. We thank relieving teachers, the elders on duty and the Junior Church Committee, especially Mr. Hough, for their continued help and encouragement. We have a roll of 59, of whom 23 are in the Primary Department and 36 in the Junior Church (which is divided into four classes).

The most important new developments are the children's attending the opening exercises of Communion Service, and the setting up of a display-board in the front porch of the Church: both designed to encourage the children to feel themselves to be - as they are - a full and vital part of the congregation. Also, we have experimented musically with Negro spirituals and folksongs, which seem to be more

meaningful and enjoyable to the children than most of the traditional "children's hymns". Thanks to Mr. Hanson's very real assistance, we now meet in much more comfortable and attractive surroundings.

We have continued some traditions, however, and early in December held our two Christmas parties as usual. These were well attended, and the children enjoyed them. In conjunction with this, we have continued to support "our child" in Hong Kong, and quite a number of letters have been exchanged. Films on Hong Kong and other countries were screened at various times during the year, as we feel it is important for the children to see Christianity in a wider context than the local parish.

In conclusion, we, the staff, wish to thank all who have helped us over the past year. However, and further, there is still a tendency to regard the Junior Church as something apart from "the Church", and this can lead to an apparent lack of interest and concern which is unjustifiable. The bringing of these children to a true understanding of the Christian Faith can be fully realised only when all of us are prepared to take up the responsibility we accept at each baptism. Only then will we really be able to look forward to the coming year in full confidence that our Junior Church is giving our children the best education the Church can give.

INDOOR BOWLS

The Club is now in full swing, having a membership of 16. As usual, we shall be holding varied competitions; but our competition bowls differ a little from the usual bowls club's competitions. We do talk, perhaps gossip, and sometimes even argue! - all in good fun, though.

Why not come along and enjoy yourselves with us for an evening? You'd be very welcome.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers humbly acknowledges the Divine Guidance which has directed its efforts during the past year. The Board thanks Session, the various organisations within the Church and the congregation for their help and co-operation throughout the year. Special thanks are due to our auditor, Miss M.M. Hutchison, for her services and advice in the financial sphere.

The congregational picnic did not eventuate this year, as it was felt that the demand was not great. Should members of the congregation press for this or some suitable similar activity, the Board will be only too happy to consider the matter.

As the numbers attending our monthly meetings have been rather small, we would ask all our friends in the congregation to consider how best they can serve our Church. There are various duties to perform which do not entail a great deal of time, and we would ask members and adherents to consider making themselves available. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, and door duty on a roster system falls on only one month in six.

May the joy and fellowship which we all have had this past year be further enriched by the addition of new members.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Regular working parties have maintained the grounds in good order, and the service so willingly given is acknowledged with appreciation. A grounds work-team of our young men, under the leadership of Mr. David Stewart, was formed recently, and promises to be an additional help in the future.

The installation of electric infra-red strip heaters in the Primary Sunday School, the main Hall and classrooms has been completed, and appears to be most satisfactory.

The installation of new shades has been partly made, and we await delivery of the balance to complete the change-over, which is expected to improve the general lighting.

The room at the rear of the Church has been converted into a "Crying Room", to enable parents with restless young children to share in services without feeling that their families may be disturbing other worshippers. The room was renovated and wired for sound, and a double-pane window installed.

now completed The fitting of a stainless steel washbasin in each of the Church toilets, and the construction of a porch at the back of the Manse, have been approved and contracts placed. It is hoped to have this work completed fairly promptly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There seems little to say of the year just finished. The trends of the past seven years have continued and have caused deep anxiety among the members of this Committee and also among members of the Board as a whole. The ordinary revenues again failed to reach the target of £3,600, and the Finance Committee is budgeting for a substantial deficit in 1967-68.

Such was the concern of our ladies that in the Spring of 1966

they promoted a Fair in aid of our steadily weakening finances. The income from this amounted to £212, a highly successful result, and the Finance Committee congratulates all who gave assistance. Without this £212 we would not have been able to meet our expenditure commitments, despite a number of extremely generous cash donations.

In recent years there has been a considerable reduction in the total of Envelope System offerings, resulting from a loss of contributors who have died or left the district. The problem of the budget deficit would largely disappear if the number of contributors under the Envelope System could be restored, and the Committee therefore earnestly appeals to all members and adherents to assist.

Points of Interest:

1. No special capital expenditure of great magnitude was undertaken in the past year. Nevertheless new heaters for the halls (costing £60 to purchase and install) and a new rear window for the Church (£25) were provided out of revenue. The Property Committee intends to renew the electric light fittings in the Church early in the 1967-68 year.
2. £208 was received, being proceeds of two lots of building society shares matured. Because of the indications of diminished interest in the proposed installation of new toilets in the main hall, the Finance Committee paid the £208 into the Deposits Account without allocating it to any particular scheme.
3. We paid a total of £218 (£226 in 1965-66) towards special objects, half of it to the Turakina Maori Girls College. Details -

(To nearest £)

	<u>Congregational Subscriptions</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>Total 1966-7</u>	<u>Total 1965-6</u>
P.S.S.A.	24	5	30	25
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	67	-	67	102
B. & F. Bible Society	1	4	5	19
Turakina Appeal	106	-	106	8
Student Christian Movement	-	5	5	5
N.Z. Council Christian Education	-	5	5	5
Other	-	-	-	61
Totals	198	20	218	226

4. The General Treasurer advised us during the year of increased cover becoming available for certain property insurances without increases in costs. The Finance Committee has followed up this advice, and our cover has been increased and a small saving in premiums has been achieved.
5. Nine groups, each of 4 "B" Shares in the Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Society are currently being subscribed, and the accrued interest and bonuses for 1966-67 totalled £30. The maturity dates of the groups are now estimated to be: December of 1968, 1969, and 1970 (2 groups); June and September 1971; June and December 1972; March 1974.
6. With respect to our Deposit and Trust Accounts, there has been no withdrawal and no transfer of the funds held on 30 June last year. £210 has been paid into the Deposits Account, and a total of £168 has been received in interest.

<u>Trust Accounts</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>Present Balance</u>
Johns Memorial Trust	1.17. 0	35.10. 7
McLeod Memorial Trust	3. 0. 5	57.19. 6
<u>Total:</u>	<u>£4.17. 5</u>	<u>£93.10. 1</u>
<u>Deposits Accounts</u>		
Rowden Bequest	18.13. 9	350.13. 9
A.M. Lambert Bequest	3. 9. 4	65. 0. 4
McDougall Senior Bequest	3. 8. 8	64. 8. 8
Pipe Organ Fund	33. 4. 7	623. 9. 5
Painting and Maintenance Fund	10.13. 9	200.11. 4
Transfer Expenses Fund	3.18. 6	73.12. 9
Boys' Brigade Fund	4.16. 4	90. 8. 0
Equipment Replacement Fund	10. 3. 8	191. 0.11
Church Renovation Fund	20.10.11	385. 9.10
Projector Equipment Fund	1. 4.11	23. 6.11
Hall Facilities	57.17.3	210. 0. 0
Unallocated		
<u>Total:</u>	<u>£163. 1. 7</u>	<u>£3269.18. 1</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
For Year Ended 30 June, 1967

GENERAL ACCOUNT

<u>Receipts (£)</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Balance from last year	78	29
Offerings	2829	(3169)
Envelopes 2379		2603
Plates 550		566
Donations	103	38
Fair	212	N11
Interest ex ANZ Bank	5	4
Deposits A/c Withdrawal	N11	600
	<u>3327</u>	<u>3840</u>
<u>Payments (£)</u>		
Salaries etc.	1460	1394
Direct expenses (last year £600 ex Deposits A/c for painting)	697	1408
Indirect expenses	139	144
Purchase of furniture	59	22
Purchase of shares	116	113
	<u>2471</u>	<u>3081</u>
<u>Balance to Special Accounts</u>	<u>856</u>	<u>759</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

<u>Receipts (£)</u>		
Balance from above	856	759
Shares matured	208	100
Interest and bonus on shares	30	29
Deposits A/c Interest	168	147
Special Purpose	198	174
Offerings for Assembly Enterprises	134	(161)
Bible Class 104		123
Youth Church 30		58
Gifts and Legacies	N11	256
	<u>1594</u>	<u>1626</u>

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

<u>Payments (£)</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Deposits Account	378	553
Shares	30	29
Special Purpose	218	226
Assembly Enterprises	<u>890</u>	<u>740</u>
	1516	1543
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Balance to next year</u>	78	78

BALANCE SHEET
As at 30 June, 1967

	<u>1967 (£)</u>	<u>1966 (£)</u>
<u>Liabilities and Church Funds</u>		
Sundry Creditors	8	52
Deposit and Trust Funds	3363	2985
Accumulated Funds	3475	3538
Plus Overprovision of Creditors 1966	+ 47	
Less Excess Expenditure over Revenue 1967	- <u>105</u>	- 63
Revaluation Reserve	<u>17000</u>	<u>17000</u>
<u>Totals:</u>	<u>23788</u>	<u>23512</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Accounts	3348	
Presbyterian Church	3270	2897
ANZ Bank Ltd	78	78
Presbyterian Church of NZ (Trusts)	94	89
Building Society Shares	344	406
Furniture	1159	
Last Year	1200	1303
Plus Purchases	+ 59	+ 22
Less Depreciation	- 100	- 125
Pipe Organ and Pianos (Valuation)	1143	1143
Land and Buildings (Valuation)	<u>17700</u>	<u>17700</u>
<u>Totals:</u>	<u>23788</u>	<u>23512</u>
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Kelburn Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30 June, 1967, and obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Receipts and Payments Account are correct and give a true and fair view of the transactions of the Church for the year ended 30 June, 1967, and its position at that date.

Margaret M. Hutchison, A.R.A.N.Z.

4 August, 1967

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

	1968	1967
<u>Liabilities and Church Funds</u>		
Sundry Creditors	0	16
Deposit and Trust Accounts	6815	6727
Accumulated Funds	6913	6833
Balance last year	6833	6949
Excess Provisions	0	+ 94
Transfer from Income and		
Expenditure A/c	+ 80	-210
Revaluation Reserve	36450	34000
	<u>50178</u>	<u>47576</u>

Assets

Bank Accounts	6678	6696
Presbyterian Church	6617	6540
A. & N.Z. Bank	61	156
Trust Accounts		
at Presbyterian Church	198	187
Building Society Shares	967	689
Furniture	2200	2319
Balance last year	2319	2400
Purchases	+ 73	+119
Depreciation	-191	-200
Pipe Organ (at Valuation)	2285	2285
Land and Buildings (at Valuation)	37850	35400
	<u>50178</u>	<u>47576</u>

W.A. POOLE - Hon. Treasurer

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7th August, 1968

KELBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



5 Raroa Road,
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Treasurer: Mr W.A. Poole 1 St. Michael's Cres., W.I. 27-370
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KIRK SESSION

Mesdames E.A. Lambert and J.W. Littler, Messrs I.M. Cleland, H. Gapes, R.G. Gibbins (Session Clerk), J.H. Hall, B.M. Hough (Rolls Clerk), J.W. Jones, C.R. Lane, A. McDougall, E. McKenzie, M.B. McKenzie, H.A. Pledger, W.A. Poole, F.D. Robertson, R.M. Ross, Professor C.J. Seelye, Messrs G.A. Thomson, H. Williamson and A.W. Woodford.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mesdames R.A. Carman, C.R. Lane and P. Smethurst, Miss Joan Andrew, Messrs R.A. Bell, D.A. Binnie, J.G. Caughley, D.I. Flude, A. James, P. Jones, B.J. Krause, M.G. Lambert, N.S. McInnes, A.I. Robertson (Secretary), P.A. Stewart, Dr A. Szakats and Lt.Col. S.B. Wallace.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMENLINKING COMMITTEE:

President: Mrs. J.E. Stewart Secretary: Mrs. R.G. Gibbins

MORNING GROUP:

President: Mrs. J.E. Stewart Secretary: Mrs. R.D. Lumsden

WOMEN'S CLUB:

President: Mrs. W.J.R. Norr Secretary: Mrs. M.B. McKenzie

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

President: Mr. A. James Secretary: Mr. D.I. Flude

Club Captain: Mr. M. Christiansen

BIBLE CLASSESLeaders:

Junior Girls: Miss D. Withington Seniors: Mr. W.A. Poole
 Junior Boys: Mr. M.B. McKenzie
 Intermediate: Miss P. Grover

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr. H.A. Pledger Secretary: Miss Clare Carman

Teachers:

Senior Sunday School: Miss Jenny Robinson, Messrs. N.S. McInnes,
 D. Stewart and M. Stewart.
 Primary Department: Miss Helen Fearnley (Leader) and
 Miss Clare Carman.

CRADLE ROLL SECRETARY: Mrs. A.P. Thomson

CHOIRMASTER: Mr. A. Roseveare

SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ended 30th June, 1968

To be presented to the Annual Congregational Meeting,
 on Wednesday, 21st August, 1968, at 7.45 p.m.

In humility, and deeply thankful for the abundant blessings that God has bestowed upon our parish throughout its lifetime, the Kirk Session presents this SIXTIETH Annual Report. As we look to our Heavenly Father in gratitude for what has been accomplished here in His name; in the year just ended and in all years preceding; may we give ourselves gladly to be used by Him in the duties and privileges of continuing service.

Although the period with which these pages deal ended on 30th June, it cannot be reviewed adequately unless notice be taken at the outset of a very important change that has befallen our congregation since then. At its meeting this month, the Presbytery of Wellington received the Reverend Mr. Stewart's resignation from the charge of Kelburn, consequent on his having been appointed full-time Secretary to the Joint Commission on Church Union.

For several years we have rejoiced in the valuable formative work that our Minister was called to undertake for the wider Church when he was elected Chairman of the Joint Commission; and, because of the personal link, we have watched with particular pleasure the Commission's success in drawing the negotiating churches into closer and more active co-operation, and in demonstrating before the world the essential basic unity of Christian belief.

Mr. Stewart's term as chairman expired at the end of June; but he had no sooner begun to enjoy relief from the heavy extra burdens that such a demanding office puts upon a parish minister when the larger participating churches of the J.C.C.U. (the Presbyterian among them) paid him the high compliment of urging that he agree to become a candidate for the executive post of secretary, about to be established. The outcomes have been that Mr. Stewart was persuaded, and in due course appointed, and that in October our pulpit will be vacant.

Session learned of these developments with mixed feelings, sore regret that Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and their family will be leaving us,

widespread gratitude for the quality and scope of their leadership and companionship while they have been here; and, in the wider view, rich satisfaction that the massive ecumenical venture so promisingly begun is to retain the benefit of its initial human oversight as God leads it forward toward greater successes for His Kingdom.

This year has been marked by unusual stirrings and questionings in all branches of the Church in almost every country. The non-Christian community is more aware of the Gospel of Christ, and of the strivings of His disciples, than ever before this century; and, to meet the world's challenges, we Christians are being forced to examine and test our belief with unaccustomed industry and intensity. God is asking us to work at our Faith, in order that we may understand it better, and thereby become fitter instruments for His use in spreading it.

Under the wise and helpful guidance of our Minister, we are bestirring ourselves to this task. The Parish Mission in August, a Session Retreat in April, the changed time of morning service, a series of special musical offerings, joint worship with neighbouring congregations of other denominations, Easter Day communion, the election of our first women elders, Sunday evening discussion-services and latterly the revived stewardship campaign, are examples of outreach in the adult congregation. Bible Class camps and retreats, interclass and interdenominational social and athletic gatherings, Parents' Day in Junior Church and Sunday School and the regular displays of pupils' art work in the front vestibule of the church indicate corresponding vigour in those fields. And now that the Association of Presbyterian Women has settled into its new form of organisation, opportunities are presenting themselves in the several women's groups to mingle discussion of the Faith with the good works that are its fruit.

Session had a happy and infrequent experience in September when their colleagues congratulated its "twin fathers", Messrs. R.M. Ross and A. McDougall, on completing 30 years as elders in Kelburn.

A request by last annual congregational meeting that Session consider the election of women elders was taken up at once. As Session was already then below normal strength, it was decided to arrange for an early election of new members. After deliberation and due process, Mesdames E.A. Lambert and J.W. Littler and Messrs. J.W. Jones and H.A. Pledger were elected at a congregational meeting

in December. The first-named three were ordained and, with Mr. Pledger, inducted on the first Sunday in March. We welcome all these new members, generally as strengthening the government of the parish, and for added special reasons: Mrs. Littler and Mrs. Lambert because they are our first women elders: Mr. Jones as a representative of the younger Church, and Mr. Pledger on his return to the Session table. He was a member some years ago, before his profession took him away from Wellington, and while away he was associated with the Hauraki Plains Session.

In the Spring, after four years as Presbytery elder, Mr. Woodford was succeeded by Professor Seelye. At the end of the year Mr. Gibbins succeeded Mr. Hall as Session Clerk; and Mr. Hough took over from Mr. Gibbins as Roll Clerk.

Communicant membership at the end of the year was 180 compared with 187 in June 1967. An average of 136 persons received the Sacrament at the quarterly Communion Services: 147 in September, 139 in December, 133 in March and 126 in June. The average for the previous year was 141 persons. The Minister administered the Sacrament of Baptism to 5 children and conducted 9 weddings and 9 funerals.

We mourn the loss by death in the course of the year of Mrs. A. Darby, Mrs. E.R. Oed and Mrs. M. Caldwell, and expressed our condolences with relatives.

After the testing of congregational opinion by poll at the end of the preceding parish year, and experiment with 10.00 a.m. in the early weeks of this year, 1967-68, the time of morning worship was fixed at 10.30 from Sunday, 20th August, and so continues. The half-hour earlier seems to have won general acceptance; but it crowds the work of the Bible Classes (which meet at 9.45) and has not noticeably increased the church attendance of Bible Class members.

The drift away from Wellington in retirement has again depleted our ranks of stalwart supporters: Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Hanson left for Masterton in September, but this year there is regain to offset against loss: Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Reed returned to our roll. The Rev. John S. Murray, N.C.C. Chaplain to Victoria University and the Wellington Teachers' College, who was a member of Session while holding that appointment, was called to Knox Church, Christchurch, and inducted in November. We were honoured that he preached in Kelburn on his last Sunday morning in Wellington.

A Minister's Question Box was instituted in the early part of the year as a means of raising questions that parishioners wish discussed from the pulpit. Fewer inquirers than might be expected have taken advantage of this opportunity.

A reciprocal arrangement for shared Communion was made with the Northland Methodist Church on World Communion Sunday. Each of us held a morning Communion service to which members of the other were invited; so that both congregations participated in each service. On a Sunday evening in March, at the invitation of the Karori Church Council, we worshipped in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Karori, when the preacher was the Rev. Alan Brash. The combined inaugural service in Kelburn-Northland of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held this year in our Church, when for the first time a Roman Catholic priest led worship there. Every Sunday evening between Christmas and the end of January, the Northland Anglicans and Methodists worshipped with us, the three clergymen sharing the services.

We learned with pleasure and some excitement at last annual meeting that Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Roseveare and family were returning to Wellington. In December Mr. Roseveare organised a Service of Lessons and Carols, over the holidays he acted as organist, at the beginning of February he was appointed organist and choirmaster (with effect back to the New Year), and since then has re-established the choir as a leading factor in regular worship and a growing source of extra musical contributions for special occasions. We are most grateful, alike to him and to members, old and new, of the choir for these advances; and welcome also Mrs. Roseveare and their family to our fellowship.

At the end of April we received quinquennial visitation from a committee of Presbytery, which held the usual meetings with Minister, Session and Board of Managers, and reported back to Presbytery. In the absence of the Convener (Rev. J.C. England) one of the lay members of the Visitation Committee, Mr. J.M. Tanner, has reported to the congregation since the end of the year, conveying Presbytery's findings. Session has already considered these.

Christmas, Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving and the periodic Family Services have been well attended all year. Gifts to the PSSA on the occasion of Harvest Thanksgiving were larger and more numerous than for some years. Attendances at morning service generally have been encouraging; and evening the congregations, although small by

comparison with 10 or a dozen years ago, usually include a pleasing proportion of younger worshippers. A series of seven winter discussion-services, led by the Minister, but in a less formal setting than is customary on Sunday evenings, did not attract extra worshippers but proved most successful in the extent to which those attending took part in discussion of the theme "Christian Faith Today".

Four young people who had been receiving instruction from the Minister made public profession of their faith at the morning service on 30th June, and were received into the full membership of the Church.

At the behest of Presbytery and General Assembly, Session has considered and where appropriate commented on papers referred to it about Christian Education, Liquor and Alcoholism, Race Relations, Pentecostalism and Recruiting of Candidates for the Ministry and Deaconess Order. The Joint Commission's "Proposed Outline of Church Government" was examined in detail and a long report with queries comment and recommendations made to Presbytery.

We extend our thanks to the Missioners, Rev. R. Byers and Mr. P. Beere, and to Rev. Charles Naylor for his musical assistance; to Preachers, Revs. Jennings, Easton, Cable and Cree, Messrs. Gardyne, Pledger and Telford; to the relieving organists, Mesdames Lambert and Murray, Mr. Thomson and especially to Mr. Perkins who played such a willing and important part in our services during the time we were without a regular organist; to Bible Class Leaders and Sunday School teachers; Women's Conveners and Groups; Board of Managers, especially the hard working conveners; and to those who have devoted their time and ability in support of the various activities and organisations connected with our Church.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - LINKING COMMITTEE

At the meeting held on Wednesday, 28th June, 1967, the following officers were elected:- President: Mrs. J.E. Stewart; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. E.A. Lambert and Mrs. F.J. Hanson; Secretary: Mrs. C.J. Seelye; Conveners: Parish and Community, Mrs. T.O.D. Beveridge; Stepping Stones, Mrs. M.B. McKenzie; Catering, Mrs. R.A. Carman; Linen, Mrs. E. McKenzie.

Other members of the committee were Mrs. H. Gapes and Mrs. R.G. Gibbins representing the Morning Group, Mrs. Twigden - Coffee Group, Mrs. J. Littler - Sunday School, Mrs. J.H. Hall - P.S.S.A., Mrs. G.A. Thomson - Cradle Roll, Mrs. G.E. Scott - Church Flowers.

Four committee meetings have been held during the year, and Kelburn has been represented at all Presbyterial meetings.

The Committee organised the Mission Buffet Dinner on 5th August, catering for 150, and has supervised arrangements for two Parish lunches on Sundays November 19th and March 24th. These have proved very successful and give the congregation a chance to meet and talk together over a meal.

The two Christmas Sunday School parties on December 9th were catered for. The Cradle Roll mothers and children were included in the invitation to the Junior Party in the morning.

Corso packing has continued over the year and helpers were at the Winter Show Building in October, and at the rooms in April.

We were sorry to say good-bye to our Vice-President, Mrs. Hanson, in September when she left to live in Masterton after giving many years of gracious service in Kelburn; also to Mrs. Twigden who moved to Auckland in December and who gave valuable leadership to the Coffee Group.

We express our appreciation to all the members of this committee who as very able conveners and representatives, they help in the co-ordination of all women's work in the parish.

MORNING GROUP

Eight meetings of the Morning Group have been held during the year with an average attendance of 15.

A comprehensive programme was provided and visitors included Mrs. Woods who spoke on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; Mrs. Mawson of St. Ninian's who represented Kelburn at the National Annual Meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Women; Mrs. I.W. McKenzie of Khandallah who gave an illustrated talk on the time she and her husband had spent during their year of voluntary service in the New Hebrides and Mrs. J.W. Gellatly of St. Ninian's who gave some interesting insights into a holiday spent in Spain. Other meetings have included business sessions and a visit to "Kilmarnock" when we were able to take afternoon tea to the residents and enjoy a musical programme with them.

In August the Group met at Mrs. Gapes's home for a sewing bee for the P.S.S.A. Fair and again in September at Mrs. John West's home. A further sewing bee was held after the October meeting.

In September a special afternoon meeting was held to farewell Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Hanson who have now left Kelburn to live in Masterton. In expressing the regret the Group felt in losing Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Stewart referred to her qualities of cheerfulness, concern and compassion and to the great service she had rendered to the Church in the various activities with which Mrs. Hanson had identified herself, particularly her long association with the PSSA as our Church's representative on the Ladies' Auxiliary.

In December an afternoon Christmas Party was organised for all the ladies of the congregation.

In addition to our own meetings we were invited to join with St. Anne's Mothers Union in June to hear a talk on the Samaritan Service and to hear the Rev. Lonsdale of the British and Foreign Bible Society when he spoke at the September meeting of St. Michael's Young Wives Group.

Members have continued knitting for lepers and a parcel of scarves and jerseys was despatched to the Mission to Lepers early this year. Quilts and small pants and skirts have been sewn for the children of Vietnam and will be sent through Corso at an early date.

Mrs. J.H. Hall, our Field Work secretary, reports that a parcel of good used clothing has been sent to the Maori pastorate at Te Teko.

As Stamp Secretary, Mrs. Hall also reports that an amount of \$18.25 was received from the sale of used stamps.

Mrs. J.C. Beck, Harvest Field secretary, reports that there are 45 subscribers to the magazine.

Since October when Mrs. Hanson left for Masterton, Mrs. J.H. Hall has been our representative on the Ladies' Auxiliary of the PSSA and has kept us informed on all social service activities. Assistance was given at the PSSA Fair held in the Town Hall in October and a gift box and articles of clothing have been sent to Porirua Hospital and Deaconess House during the year. Several pairs of pyjamas and knitted jerseys have been made for the Children's Home at Berhampore with material and wool supplied by the PSSA.

In conclusion we wish to thank all who have helped and supported us during the year, the guest speakers for their interesting contributions to our meetings; the special secretaries for their loyalty to their duties and to our President, Mrs. Stewart we express our appreciation of her hospitality, enthusiasm and thoughtful leadership.

WOMEN'S CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting of the Women's Club the following officers were elected:- President: Mrs. Twigden; Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. M.B. McKenzie; Committee: Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. A. Robertson, Mrs. J. Blake, Mrs. Hirst, Mrs. G. Thomson and Mrs. K. Rigarlsford.

During the year five coffee mornings have been held. Attendance at these mornings has been a little lower this year, mainly due to the wet weather we feel. However, because of the fellowship experienced it is felt that they have been well worth while.

We were very sorry to lose our President Mrs. Twigden at the end of last year, especially under such tragic circumstances. We extend our thanks to her and our best wishes to her and her family in Auckland.

From money received at our coffee mornings we have been able to give donations to the A.P.W. Linking Committee. This will be used for buying flowers for sick folk of the congregation.

The club was responsible for supplying the dessert at the Church dinner held in August and we thank all those who helped.

The club has helped with the A.P.W. Corso project this year.

We would like to thank all those who have helped and supported us in our activities throughout the year.

CHOIR

The current year has marked the re-establishment of the Choir which has met weekly on Thursday evenings and has led the worship at either the morning or evening services. The highlights of the choir's 1968 programme so far have been the two special Choral Services, "From Lowly Manger to Empty Cross" on 7th April (Palm Sunday) and 14th July when the evening service took the form of a rendering of the music on Handel and his contemporaries by solos, group items, anthems and hymn studies.

Future plans include a choral service in October arranged around the theme "Praise Through the Years" and a Musical and Dramatic Tableau as our Christmas offering in December.

The roll at present stands at 15. Although attendance has been regular and enthusiastic, new members would be welcomed in all sections.

The choir records its sincere thanks to all who have supported it by messages of appreciation and to our Minister for his help and encouragement at all times. It prays that under divine guidance it may continue to offer a worthy service of praise.

BIBLE CLASSES

We have had over the past year an attendance each Sunday morning of anything between 5 and 20 of a roll of 30.

The classes were drawn up as follows:- Junior - 3rd and 4th Forms - Girls 10, Boys 0; Intermediate - 5th and 6th Forms Combined 11; Senior - Upper 6th and above Combined - 9.

We have much appreciated the help of our three teachers, Miss D. Withington (Junior), Miss P. Grover (Intermediate) and Mr. W. Poole (Senior). Our thanks also go to Mr. Hall for his talk one morning on the controversy of Prof. Geering. It was most interesting and enlightening.

Our activities this year have been a Barbecue held at Wainui beach. We had an attendance of 50 and this was held in November on a very windy Saturday night from 5 to 8 p.m. We built a fire of some driftwood and roasted some sausages. A dance held on December 9th. Although we had a loss of \$4.50 the dance was enjoyed by everyone. A progressive dinner held on Saturday, 6th April. For the success of this thanks must be extended to Mrs. Kirkham, Miss Withington, Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Krause for volunteering their homes for this function. It was most enjoyable and made a gain of \$6.00. A second dance held on 29th June and this was a great success both socially and financially, making \$40. The Bible Class also participated in various collections for Corso etc. during the year. All were attended fully.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There have been a number of changes in teachers over the past year unfortunately. We are sorry to see Mrs. J. Littler, Misses H. Ross, M. Seelye and S. Davenport leave but are pleased to be able to welcome Misses J. Robinson, C. Carman and Mr. M. Stewart as teachers. We have on the roll 57 of whom 19 are in the Primary Department and 38 in the Junior Church.

A number of letters have been exchanged with "our child" in Hong Kong and there has been continued support for him by the children. The films shown throughout the year have been a great help in teaching the children about Christianity.

Two Christmas parties were held and were enjoyed by all who attended.

The Committee and staff wish to thank all those people who have helped us over this last year. The year, on the whole, has passed well and we hope that this will continue next year.

The 1968-69 year will be administered differently. It was decided by Session that it would revert to the previous system of having the Sunday School headed by a Superintendent. Following on from this Mr. A. Pledger was appointed superintendent and the Junior Church Committee was disbanded as from 1st July, 1968.

PORIRUA ADOPTION SCHEME

Kelburn members continue to keep in touch with 4 patients, 1 less than last year because of the death of one of the two transferred to Lake Alice. Letters are written, parcels sent, and where possible patients are visited or taken out.

One adoptor takes her patient out once a month, gives him a birthday party with a cake, keeps his relatives in England informed regarding his conditions, and recently had as her guest an Australian relative who came to visit him.

I should like to thank all those who are helping in this way to bring happiness to those lonely people.

As two of the present adoptors find they are unable to continue at present, Miss C.B. Stowell will be pleased to hear from any others who are able to help in this worthwhile work.

CRADLE ROLL

Cradle Roll numbers have dropped sharply this year due to families leaving the district and a greater number of children than usual becoming four years old. The total roll will probably drop to 9 in July.

The usual Cradle Roll party was held in early December and was well attended by mothers and children. Our thanks go to those who helped make this function so enjoyable.

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

The Club once again is having a successful season, with a membership of sixteen. We have paid visits to St. Andrew's and St. Michael's, each evening being an outstanding success.

On the 24th August we will be taking part in the annual tournament between the Presbyterian Indoor Bowls Clubs of the Wellington District. We will be endeavouring to bring back the shield to Kelburn.

If any member of the Church would like an easy night of relaxation come along for a roll-up. You're very welcome.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

For the year ended 30th June, 1968, members of the Board were: Mesdames R.A. Carman, E.M. Lambert, C.R. Lane, P. Smethurst; Miss J. Andrew; Messrs R.A. Bell, J.G. Caughley, D.I. Flude, A. James, R.D. Keall, B.J. Krause, M. Lambert, A.I. Robertson, P.A. Stewart, A. Szakats, S.B. Wallace. Conveners: Finance - W.A. Poole, Property - E. McKenzie.

The Board of Managers humbly acknowledges the Divine Guidance which has directed its efforts during the past year.

We would record our sincere appreciation for the services of Mr. R.D. Keall who has left the district.

The Board thanks Session, the various organisations within the Church and the congregation for their help and co-operation. Special thanks are due to our auditor, Miss M.M. Hutchison, for her services and advice throughout the year.

Church friends are invited to consider offering their services for a term on the Board of Managers.

May the joy and fellowship which we all have had this past year be further enriched by the addition of new members.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Church grounds have been maintained in reasonable order. Continued wet weather over the winter period has prevented regular gardening activities.

The Committee and Executive comprises: Mrs. R.A. Carman, Messrs R.A. Bell, H. Gapes, C.R. Lane, E. McKenzie, Bruce McKenzie, W.A. Poole, D. Robertson, R.M. Ross, D. Stewart, Lt.Col. S.B. Wallace.

Storm Damage - Replacement of a large number of roof and ridge tiles was necessary but owing to the delay in securing tilers some wallpapers in the manse were damaged with rainwater and paint-

work in the small church hall was discoloured. A major portion of the cost of repairs will be borne by the Insurance Company. This work, along with any other maintenance items will be carried out when the Manse is vacated.

Repiling of the Manse building is essential owing to subsidence. This work is now under way.

Church improvements comprise the conversion of the Interior door at the back of the church to a sliding type to overcome the awkwardness of admitting parishioners to the main body of the church. The stairwell is to be floored and work is to proceed shortly.

Garage: This building was off level and has been placed on concrete base piles and adequately stayed. It will thus be permanently secure.

Civil defence: An approach was made by the Wellington City Corporation to use the church building as an auxiliary first aid centre should an emergency arise and permission was sought to install a cabinet containing first aid equipment. This has been approved.

Thanks: The committee wishes to thank all those who have performed voluntary work over the past year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financially the year was almost as bad as had been forecast at the last Annual General Meeting.

While income was somewhat higher than had been forecast, and expenses were reduced to the greatest practicable extent it was not possible to meet the full amount of our assessment for the Budget of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand without making a special financial appeal late in June.

This appeal took the form of a "Golden Offering", and it was generously supported by the congregation. The proceeds of the "Golden Offering" amounted to \$662, and we were thus able to meet the full amount of the assessment.

It does not seem to be possible to prune our expenses significantly without making some major sacrifice of our activities. In the General Account the expenses are listed under several main headings, viz..

Salaries, etc: These are set in relation to Assembly's scales of both stipends and expenses, and in relation to the long-standing practices of this congregation.

Direct Expenses: Our control over these is not great as many of them, such as insurance and rates, are in the nature of fixed charges while others, such as Sunday School expenses cannot be sacrificed. Heavy property repairs can be financed by drawing on our reserves in the Deposits Account, and this will be done to meet the cost of re-piling the Manse.

Indirect Expenses: These are levies placed on us respectively by the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand for the employers' contribution to the superannuation scheme, and by Presbytery for its expenses.

Purchases of Assets: This has had to be curtailed, but it is justifiable to finance heavy expenditure on necessary items from reserves.

Transfers: Only two of these are now significant - one is the assessment for which the "Golden Offering" was necessary, while the other is a temporary investment which enlarges our income and which it would be most unwise to curtail.

Except for the Mission to Kelburn, held in August last year, at a cost of \$284 which will not recur, these expenses are either not reducible or else reducible only by major sacrifices. We must expect the future to contain these expenses at the present or possibly at higher levels.

We are involved in heavy expenditure for deferred maintenance of the property just now. It is, of course, proper to finance this expenditure from reserves, and we have done this last year and expect to do so again this year.

The "Building Improvement" was the addition of a new porch at the rear of the Manse. The cost was \$360. It was met principally from a legacy received from the Estate of the late Marjorie Cameron King. We have been most appreciative of this generous gift, and we think that improvement to the Manse was a worthwhile use of it.

Our buildings were re-valued during the year, and they are shown in the Balance Sheet at the new valuation of \$37,850.

Compared with the previous year most of our ordinary income items were only a little changed, but, overall, a small improvement

can be detected.

Income from:	1968	1967
Offerings: Envelopes	\$4769	\$4759
Plate	1221	1099
Sunday School	64	60
Bible Class	192	208
for Special Purposes	305	396
Building Society Shares	63	61
Deposits Account Interest	366	336
Bank Interest	4	11
<u>Total of Ordinary Items</u>	<u>\$6984</u>	<u>\$6930</u>
Golden Offering	662	
Fair		423
<u>Grand Totals</u>	<u>\$7646</u>	<u>\$7353</u>

This table highlights the great importance of the special items in the last two years. Without them we would not have been able to meet our commitments.

Looking forward to the end of the current year, we can see a repetition of this state of affairs. Our assessment from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has, however, been materially reduced - by \$200. This should reduce our difficulties. Nevertheless some special fund-raising activity must be given a high order of priority in our calendar for 1968-69 if we are to meet the full sum of our commitments.

for the Finance Committee,

W.A. Poole
Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1969 Budget	(1) GENERAL ACCOUNT	1968	1967
	RECEIPTS:		
(60)	Balance from last year	156	156
(4800)	Offerings	5990	5857
(1100)	through the Envelope System	4769	4759
*(760)	through the Plate	1221	1099
(100)	Fair	0	423
	Donations	165	206
(840)	Interest from A & NZ Bank	4	11
(200)	Deposits Account withdrawals	588	0
	Matured Shares	-	-
(7860)		<u>6905</u>	<u>6654</u>
	PAYMENTS:		
(2420)	Salaries, etc.	3170	2920
(450)	Stipend	2347	2200
(100)	Car Allowance	450	400
(250)	Expenses Allowances	100	100
(80)	Organist	220	220
	Supply	53	0
(144)	Direct Expenses	2104	1393
(280)	Youth Church	147	142
(120)	Insurance and Rates	267	257
(150)	Heat & Light	80	121
(200)	Cleaning	150	150
(160)	Printing and Advertising	203	154
(120)	Newsletters	156	163
(96)	Telephones & Postages	109	113
	Sundries	88	43
	Mission to Kelburn	284	0
	New Life School	0	51
(1120)	Property Repairs (was \$719 less \$100 recovered from Insurance)	619	199
(275)	Indirect Expenses	248	278
(40)	Beneficiary Fund Contribution	248	248
	Presbytery Expenses	0	30
	Assets Purchased	433	119
(400)	Furniture	73	119
	Building Improvement	360	0
	Transfers to Deposits Account	0	4
(1140)	Transfers to Other Accounts	874	1783
(240)	Assembly Enterprises	658	1512
	Building Society Shares	216	232
	Special Objects	0	40
(75)	Sundry Creditors	16	0
(7860)	Balance to next year	<u>61</u>	<u>156</u>
		<u>6905</u>	<u>6654</u>

* Special

