

Kelburn Presbyterian Church



Thirty-eighth ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending
June 30, 1946

To be presented at the
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7.30 p.m.

FOREWORD

DEAR Friends.—A careful reading of the reports of the work achieved this year by the various organisations of the congregation should bring to all a feeling of gratitude and hopefulness. It has certainly been a year of steady progress; the life of the congregation has been one of prosperity and peace. The leaders of the various organisations can well take courage in the knowledge that "their labours have not been in vain in the Lord." When we think of the life and work of the congregation like ours, with its six hundred or more folk in some way connected with us, it is the collective efforts of all that count in the long run. Devoted leaders we certainly have, but their efforts would be of little avail were it not for a large band of quiet and unobtrusive workers whose names often remain unknown to the majority of the congregation. A church in some ways resembles an orchestra of which someone has said, "In every orchestra there are long rows of men and women known as the second fiddles. The role assigned to them is monotonous and uninteresting—they are simply the supporting members of the orchestra. When the first fiddles are performing the spectacular trills and racing like the wind through successions of notes that create the melody, the second fiddles sit there hour after hour grinding out the background, filling in the chords. And yet they have a share in the music, they are the real part of the orchestra; if they withdrew the concert would be spoiled." And it is like that with the work of the congregation. While there are a few who have to assume the leadership, there is the larger number who, though unknown, perform an indispensable service. To them we owe a great debt for their service and prayers and generosity.

To me as minister of the congregation, there are four things in these reports that fill me with hope for the future. First, almost all of our young men who were connected with this church in the pre-war days and who served overseas, have returned to their places in the church. Not only so, but a great number of them have taken up positions of responsibility as leaders or managers. The congregation stands to gain greatly both from their deepened spiritual experiences and the broader sympathies which their travels have brought them. Secondly, the youth work has grown both in numbers and in loyalty and enthusiasm to the church. Thirdly, there has been an increase of missionary interest as evidenced by large gifts to missions. Finally, the ordinary givings have shown this year a considerable increase. These things are, I believe, but the visible signs of God's Spirit working in our midst.

To you all for the friendship you have given and the forbearance you have shown—Mrs. Pellow and I extend our sincerest thanks.

W. J. PELLOW.

Annual Report

KIRK SESSION.

THE Session, in presenting its 38th Annual Reports, offers thanks and praise to Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon the Congregation during the past year.

The attendance at the evening Diet of Worship has shown a marked improvement. This was particularly noticeable during the month of January, a period in which the Services are not usually well attended. The attendances at the morning services have been well maintained.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in October, to coincide with the world-wide Ecumenical Communion, and in December, March and June. The attendances were: October 187, December 183, March 168, June 188. The average of 180 is an improvement on last year's figure of 172. Fifteen new members were added to the roll of Communicants, 13 by certificate from other Congregations, and two by profession of faith. Twenty-four names were removed from the roll, 21 by disfunction, and three by death. The roll now stands at 249, a net decrease of nine for the year.

The Minister has conducted 21 baptisms.

The Session extends its sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. H. T. Johns, Mr. S. E. Lambert, and Mr. D. G. Porte, who have been called to Higher Service. Mr. Lambert was inducted to membership of the Session on 28th May, 1916, and Mr. Porte was inducted on 13th July, 1930. Both Elders rendered sterling service to the Congregation during their terms of office.

Messrs. G. W. Dick, C. G. Green, and H. Valentine, having been elected to the office of Elder by the Congregation, were ordained and inducted on 26th May, 1946. Mr. Green has since been transferred to Surva for a period, and Session has granted him leave of absence.

At a Congregational meeting, held on 30th June, the following Managers, who retired in rotation, were re-elected for a further period of three years:—Messrs. F. R. Andrew, R. A. Ewing, J. J. Hollinger, and L. A. Lowe. Messrs. Falconer, C. C. Kenward, A. Miles, D. Ross, J. Robb, and C. J. Seelye were elected for a similar period to replace Messrs. L. C. Dunn, G. B. Edwards, and H. McDougall, who had resigned from the Board, and Messrs. G. W. Dick, C. G. Green, and H. Valentine, who had been elected to the Session. Messrs. R. Seward, H. Walls and Young were elected for a period of three years as additional managers.

Mr. S. E. Lambert again represented the Session on Presbytery until his death, and his place was filled by Mr. G. Thompson.

The Children's Christmas Carol Service was held in December as usual, and the Orphanage Gift Sunday was observed in March. The usual Family Services held on Sundays immediately preceding Communion Sundays, have been continued, and the Session is pleased with the good attendance at these Services.

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Mrs. Singleton and Miss Davidson are co-opted members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. G. W. Dick, H. Gapes, L. B. Mushet, H. Valentine, and P. Smethurst (Convener).

The Youth work continues to show healthy growth in all departments. The Cradle Roll has a membership of 55; both departments of the Sunday School are in good condition, as are the rolls of the Bible Classes. A Brownie pack has commenced activities under the leadership of Miss B. Hall. The whole of the work among the youth of the Congregation is now on a much more satisfactory footing, and Session extends its sincere thanks to all leaders and teachers.

The Congregation last year, by a large majority, declared its approval of the proposal to alter the constitution of the Church to permit of the admission of women to the Eldership. In view of the wide divergence of opinion over the whole Church, as shown by the returns from Congregations, the General Assembly has agreed not to take any further action in the meantime.

Religious instruction in the Northland and Kelburn Primary Schools has been continued by the Minister and by Mrs. W. M. Singleton. The mid-week services have been continued.

A religious pageant was produced by Mrs. Rollings during the year, and Session expresses its thanks to the producer and to those who took part.

Mr. Stoupe, because of his return to Auckland, was obliged to relinquish the position of Organist. The Session was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. A. J. Crisp, who commenced duties as Organist and Choirmaster at the beginning of February. Session hopes that more members of the Congregation will assist the musical side of the services of worship by joining the Choir. Sincere thanks are due to Mrs. L. G. MacMillan, Mr. S. W. Thomson and Mr. F. Moore for their services as supply Organists.

Session again extends its deep appreciation to the numerous workers in the Congregation who in season and out of season render devoted service to the cause of Christ in the Congregation, and again records its thanks to Miss Davidson for her continued generosity in providing and arranging the flowers for the Sunday Services.

When the last report was written the end of the World War was imminent. The men of the Congregation who have returned have been welcomed home by the Congregation at a social, but Session would again express its pleasure at their safe return.

To our Minister and his wife the Session expresses its sincere appreciation of their labours. The Congregation and the Cause it represents are served devotedly by both, who render sterling services in all the Congregation's activities.

P.W.M.U.

THE Kelburn Branch of the P.W.M.U. presents its Annual Report for the year ending June 30th., 1946, and it will be seen by the progress reported that our prayers have been truly answered, and we humbly thank Our Heavenly Father, for His Guidance, and seek a renewal of His Blessings in the coming year's work.

All branches of our activities show marked progress, due not only to those who have held Office, but to every member, whose generous co-operation, has helped to this end.

MEMBERSHIP.—We regret the passing of our beloved member, Mrs. Johns, whose devotion to the cause of Missions was an inspiration to us all; also Mrs. Conway, one of our Associate Members, and to all who suffered bereavement, we extend sincere sympathy.

We have 38 financial members, three less than last year, but we hope to alter this position in the near future.

MEETINGS.—Five Executive and eight General have been held

through the year, with an average attendance of 20 at the monthly meetings.

We also transferred to the warmer atmosphere of the Prayer Room, and feel it has been an improvement.

SPEAKERS.—Much benefit has been derived from listening to the various speakers, who have spoken on a variety of subjects as under. Also enjoyed were the meetings when members read Circulars on Missionary enterprises.

SPEAKERS.—August, 1945: Members read circulars, etc; September, 1945: Mrs. Crawford spoke on the work of the L.M.L.; October, 1945: Cancelled meeting; November, 1945: Rev. H. Crockett addressed us on the Conference work at Christchurch by Council of Churches; December, 1945: Sister Christobel gave us a resume of the Conference just concluded at Invercargill; March, 1946: Members' afternoon; April, 1946: Miss Hurschhouse spoke on Student life in France and also Y.W.C.A. appeal; May, 1946: Sister Janet spoke of her Deaconess work in Invercargill; June, 1946: Members read Circulars, etc.

PEACE.—At the August meeting prayers of thankfulness were offered that Peace had now been restored and our fighting men would soon be coming home.

ANNUAL GUEST AFTERNOON.—In November the members of the St. Andrew's and Island Bay P.W.M.U. were guests at our afternoon meeting, this little social function being looked upon now as a regular institution.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL SECRETARIES.—The following reports of the various Secretaries are very illuminating, and to them we owe our grateful thanks.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.—Mrs. Andrew, Secretary, reports 17 members, seven financial members. Seven subscribe to Harvest Field and nine to the M.M.B. League.

M.M.B.L.—With Mrs. Smethurst, as Secretary, reports an increase in members and contributions this year are £13/17/2, an increase of £1/11/5.

STAMPS.—Mrs. Trevelhick, Secretary, with helpers, has a wonderful record of 25,000 stamps sent to P.A.

HARVEST FIELD.—Miss Holmes has 58 subscribers and the contribution of £4/4/- is the same as last year.

DEACONESS COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Singleton and Miss Kennedy represent us on the Deaconess Committee attending meetings and reporting back to us. Our Deaconess Trading Table raised £7/1/1 towards Sister Christobel's work for Deaconess House Furnishings.

MISSION BOXES.—Mrs. Mushet, the new Secretary for this work, has made the Mission Box effort a very real one in the Congregation this year, issuing 43 boxes which contributed £35/0/1. Last year: 26 boxes, £20/17/-.

P.A.—We have been well represented at P.A. by various P.W.M.U. members.

FIELD WORK.—With Mrs. Seator in charge, has contributed a large parcel of medical goods containing 49 articles and valued at £2/8/-, and also four sacks of used clothing, both to our Maori Mission Station at Nuhuka (Sister M. Ross).

P.S.S.A.—Mesdames Tait and Wilson represent our P.W.M.U. at the P.S.S.A. and keep us in touch with Orphanage work. Members helped as usual with mending.

HON. AUDITOR.—To Mr. Alan Lambert, our Hon. Auditor, we again extend our thanks for his interest and help in our work. We are

pleased to state that we have handed to the Church Treasurer, Mr. Dick:—

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+£1/1/- to Training Institute.
+£7/1/4 for Deaconess work.
+£13/17/2 M.M.B. League.

In conclusion we wish to thank our President Mrs. Pellow for her valuable help and advice at all times and to everyone who has supported us both spiritually and materially, and we pray for a continuance of your prayers. We invite all women of the Congregation to join us and assure them of a welcome and interesting meetings.

BUSY BEES.

DURING 1945 the Busy Bees met from April to July on Saturday afternoons. Membership increased from 10 to 18 during the year, with an average attendance of 13.

The children were told stories of other lands, and the work our Missionaries are doing, illustrated by games and two plays, which were presented at the sale of work held in July. A box of knitted articles and rugs for India, and toys for the Maoris and New Hebrides, was sent to the Missions Office. Other articles made during the year contributed to the total of £15 raised at the sale of work. The few Bees who have not rejoined the group for this year's activities have been replaced by several keen new ones, and the membership now stands at 17. We would like to thank those who helped by gifts of materials, or by their assistance in the sale of work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE Sunday School activities for the past year have been actively maintained, although the numbers are slightly lower than last year. The decrease in the roll from 118 to 110 has been caused mainly by the moving of families from the district. During the winter months sickness has noticeably depleted the attendances.

In the Primary Department Mrs. Lane reports a roll number of 56 little ones, and a good average attendance throughout the year. Misses J. Macdonald and D. Lambert resigned some months ago, after almost three years' valuable service. At present Mrs. Lane is assisted by Mrs. Hancock, Misses M. Johns and Joyce Thomson, with occasional help from Mesdames Seward and Valentine.

We desire to place on record the valuable services rendered by Mrs. Maxine Dunne (now Intermediate Bible Class leader) and Mr. C. Green, transferred to Fiji, who have resigned from the Sunday School staff. We heartily welcome Mrs. Bullick back to our staff. We are pleased to note that Mr. Hanson has recovered from his recent illness, and that Mrs. Hanson is able to be back with us. A welcome is extended to Miss L. Colquhoun and Mr. Falconer, who have joined our staff.

The intense interest and faithful service of Miss J. Andrew and Mr. Cleland is greatly appreciated. Special thanks are due to Miss

Andrew for her work with the children in the Christmas Choral Service and 2YA Broadcasts.

Once again our Christmas break-up and prize-giving ceremony was held with its usual Fancy Dress Party, the Sunday School prizes being presented by Mr. Pellow.

For the first time our examinations this year were based on the tests set by the General Assembly. With these new examinations all pupils participated and results were favourable.

Excellent weather favoured our Annual Sunday School and Congregational picnic. Scots College grounds proved ideal and all enjoyed a very pleasant day.

CUBS AND SCOUTS

IN June the Cub Pack held its third Birthday Party, which was a great success, but we were sorry some Cubs were unable to attend on account of sickness. The Pack has been very active during the year, some of the highlights being Christmas Camp, which six of our Cubs attended, and had a most enjoyable time—Hikes and a Handball competition with Karori. Five Cubs have passed up this year, and since we have been meeting on Saturday morning members have increased to fourteen, and we would welcome any new recruits. In fact a great percentage of our numbers are new recruits this year, and all are showing great promise. We were very sorry to lose Miss Joyce Purdie as Cubmaster, and the training is now being carried on by Mr. David Hounsell, ably assisted by Martin Cleland. Church Parades have been well attended, and on the last occasion we were very pleased to see the Brownies present.

During May a Parents' Evening was held, and it turned out to be very successful. Mr. S. Bauman has been secretary and Mr. Wright chairman of the Parents' Committee.

The Scouts have been under the capable leadership of Mr. Michael Feather, but at present have disbanded owing to lack of a suitable time for meeting.

BROWNIES.

THE Brownie Pack, which was formed in April, has met weekly on Monday afternoons, at 3.45 p.m. As the membership is only nine, the Pack cannot be registered, a further three members being required. An interesting programme is nevertheless being carried out, and useful instruction given. A visit has already been paid to the Zoo, and further outings are planned for the warmer days. As this is a Church Pack, children who are not members of the Sunday School cannot be admitted, and the support of parents is therefore sought to ensure that all girls who are eligible (ages 7 to 11) become Brownies.

CRADLE ROLL.

DURING the past year the names of twenty children have been added to the Cradle Roll. Several children have been transferred to the roll of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, and in a few cases, where parents have left the district, their small children have been transferred to the Cradle Rolls of other Presbyterian Churches. At present the number enrolled is fifty-five.

The Cradle Roll party, which has now become an important event in our Church year, was again held in April. Members of the Women's Association gave much appreciated assistance in entertaining the guests, of whom a record number was present; fifty children, whose ages

ranged from five weeks to five years, came to the party, together with their mothers, and several grandmothers. We are very grateful to the member of Session whose generous gift of an Easter Egg for each child made the occasion really memorable.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

THE Association has met on nine occasions during the year with the average attendance of 33 ladies.

The Association has been privileged in having the following speakers: Mrs. Gibson Young, on Burma; Mrs. Cocker, "Experiences on a Light-house"; Mrs. Meyer, "Life in Europe"; Miss McKay on Contrasts; Mrs. Macdonnell, "A Trip to Australia"; and Brigadier Smith on the people of Korea.

At the November meeting the Association held a "Bring and Buy" afternoon in aid of the earphones, and the proceeds amounted to £16/16/-. The Fund has now reached £75/19/6. All meetings during the year have been most interesting.

Our thanks are due to all who have entertained us during the year. Our sincere thanks are expressed to all those who have helped to make the Association functions so successful. We hope all ladies of the Congregation will come along to our meetings, which are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, to share in the good fellowship enjoyed at the meetings.

CHOIR.

THIS year has seen a change of leadership in the Choir. It was with regret that the Choir members said farewell to Mr. Stoupe, who worked so hard during his years in the Church to make the musical side of Church Worship really helpful and worthwhile. Though we were sorry to lose Mr. Stoupe, we feel he has been ably replaced by our present Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Crisp. To our new leader we would offer a very warm welcome and the assurance that the members of the Choir will do their best to give him whole-hearted support.

The success or failure of a church choir seems to depend largely on the size of its personnel, and while in the past few weeks there has been a small increase in numbers, we feel that our Choir is much too small for the size of our congregation. Appeals have been made from time to time for additional members, but so far those appeals have borne very little fruit—and so, once again, in this our Annual Report, we make the same old appeal, that every member of the congregation think seriously and consider if it is not his or her duty to answer this appeal by joining our ranks.

Because of lack of numbers there are no special Song Services to report, but the Choir has rendered simple anthems at many Sunday services this year.

It was with regret that the Choir members learnt of the illness of Mr. Hanson early this year, and we take this opportunity of extending to him our best wishes for an early return to full health and strength.

Several members have found it necessary in the past year to withdraw their services from the Choir, one in particular being Mrs. R. Tait, who for many years gave of her best to the Choir.

In conclusion, we would like to express our thanks to our Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Crisp, for his untiring efforts on our behalf.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

EIGHT meetings were held during the year, and the speakers and their subjects were as follows:—

July 2, 1945—Captain F. A. Macindoe: "The Way of Sailing Ships."
August 6—Mr. R. G. Dick: "The Functions of the Surveyor."
September 3—Mr. D. H. Scott: "Modern Road Development."
October 1—Congregational Social: Films illustrating English Cathedrals.

November 5—Mr. G. B. Edwards: "The Citizen's Deputy."

April 1, 1946—Annual Meeting.

Mr. R. B. Tait: "Fleet Air Arm Experiences."
Mr. A. R. Thompson, M.A.: "Adult Education in N.Z."

May 6—Mr. R. Ewing: "Weather Forecasting"

June 4—Rev. D. Hiercus: "The Iona Community."

The Fellowship is very grateful to the speakers for their addresses, which in all cases were most instructive and followed with keen interest. The average attendance was 18.

The sum of £1/10/- was handed to the Church treasurer as a donation to the Church Repairs Fund.

Men of the congregation are invited to give their support to the Fellowship during the coming year. The meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

YOUNG MARRIED WOMEN'S CIRCLE

SINCE the formation of our Circle last year, interest has steadily increased and we are pleased to report a most successful year. Our roll now numbers 21 with an average attendance for the year of 15.

We were fortunate in having some very interesting speakers during the year, and are very grateful to the following people who visited us:—

Sister E. Allen—Who spoke on her work on the new housing area at the Hutt.

Mrs. Richardson—Who spoke on life in Palestine.

Mrs. Cocker—Who told us of life in a Lighthouse.

Miss Tolley—Who spoke on Kindergarten and Infant Teaching.

Mrs. R. Tait—On her work at the Girls' Borstal.

Miss Samson—On the Plunket Society and Truby King system throughout the world.

Mrs. R. B. Tait—On her experience as a Naval Nursing Sister.

Mrs. D. Patrick—On her stay in Geneva during the war years.

These meetings were held at the Manse, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Fallow for putting her room at our disposal.

Our study evenings, which are held every alternate meeting, have proved very helpful. The studies used are those published by the Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand for Women's Groups, and these have been found most interesting.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Women's Association for an invitation to attend their evening meeting in October. Our Circle was well represented on this occasion, and those present heard an interesting talk by Mrs. Meyer on her life in Germany before the war.

At our Annual Meeting held in April, Mrs. A. Lambert was re-elected as President of our Circle, and Mrs. S. Valentine as Secretary.

We cordially invite all young married women of the congregation to join us, and can assure new and likely members of a friendly welcome.

SENIOR Y.M.B.C.

AT the beginning of 1946 the Intermediate and Senior Classes were joined into one Senior Class, with a total membership of 13. We have been fortunate in securing the co-leadership of Mr. Alan Miles

and Mr. Jim Robb, two returned men, both holding University degrees. The Senior syllabus, "The Story of the Church" is being used, which we have found rather different, sometimes heavy going, but nevertheless interesting.

The Junior and Senior Classes were allotted a Missions quota of £15/10/-. We held several workdays and "by the sweat of the brow we triumphed"—£20 was handed to the Church treasurer.

Our Saturday night club is running as usual. There is room for a leader here. At Indoor Sports 1945 we won the Intermediate Handball and Basketball titles, and will attempt to keep these and gain more at Indoor Sports, 1946. Our Social Recreation has not been forgotten as socials and teas have been held regularly.

What little we have done we owe all to God and will attempt to do better still in the coming year.

JUNIOR Y.M.B.C.

WE have pleasure in again presenting our report for the past year. With the division of the Men's Classes into two—Senior and Junior—and the promotion of four members from the Sunday School, the number in the Class has increased to 13, with an average attendance of nine.

The Junior Class combined with the Seniors in raising £20 for Missions.

The first half of the year was devoted to a study of the Life of Christ, taken from the Gospel of St. Mark; the next six months we shall be studying the Life of St. Paul.

As we look forward to another year's work we are conscious of the challenging days which are before us, and we ask for the prayers of the congregation for the success of our efforts.

SENIOR Y.W.B.C.

THE Senior Girls' Bible Class has a membership of ten. This year we are using as our syllabus the Church of Scotland "History of the Church," which is proving most interesting.

In July of last year our Class held a Fellowship weekend at the home of our Leader at Titahi Bay. A very enjoyable time was spent by all, and we are looking forward to a similar weekend in the near future. Our Class joined the Intermediate and Junior Classes in holding a sale of work to raise money for Missions, and the outcome of this effort was the handing over of £20 to Missions from our three Classes. The Seniors have also given £1/1/- to the Leper Mission. On three Sunday evenings last year members of the Senior Girls' and Boys' Classes attended a discussion group at the manse after the Evening Services, when the young people were encouraged to discuss points of interest to them in the evening sermon. Several socials have been held, to some of which neighbouring Classes have been invited.

INTERMEDIATE Y.W.B.C.

The Intermediate Girls' Class has a membership of twelve. We are studying the Church of Scotland's syllabus, "The Story of the Church," which all have found interesting and enlightening.

The Social life of the Class has not been forgotten, and they have taken part with enthusiasm in all socials and dances open to them, and have made a good start at District Club, which is held monthly. Three of our members attended Easter Camp, which was held at Epuni School. Altogether the Young Women's Classes have given £20 to our Union

Funds, £15 of which was raised by our sale of work held recently. The Class also gave 5/- to the Leper Mission and 5/- towards tables for the new wing of the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute.

JUNIOR Y.W.B.C.

The Junior Girls' Bible Class has ten members. We are studying the Bible Class Junior Syllabus "Unto the Hills." On the third Saturday of each month we meet for tea and games. The Class gave 10/- towards the Leper Mission, and 5/- towards the tables in the new wing of the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute. We also co-operated with the Senior and Intermediate Girls in a sale of work, at which £15 was raised for our Union funds.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

THE Board has again good cause to render grateful thanks to God for a successful year's operations as far as the business or material phase of the life of the Congregation is concerned.

The Committee records with regret the death of Mr. S. E. Lambert, one of its oldest and most faithful members. The valued services of Messrs. Browne, Edwards and Green have also been lost through transfers to other districts. Mr. Frank Andrew resumed attendance on his return from duty with the armed services overseas.

A successful Congregational picnic was held in the grounds of Scots College.

During the year the Manse and small Sunday School hall were painted, the Manse piles renewed in concrete, and other repairs executed, but, owing to shortages of labour and materials, it was not possible to carry out the full programme of repairs, the principal works still requiring completion being the renewing and strengthening of the foundations of the Sunday School hall, the overhaul of the electric installation and the replacement of spouting. Under the active supervision of Mr. R. L. Andrew working bees were held in the grounds, and several pine trees were felled, the intention being to replace them with a more suitable shelter belt. There is still much work to be done in this connection.

The total ordinary weekly offerings for the year show an increase of £40/2/2 from £368/15/7 to £408/17/9.

Envelope offerings totalled £576/1/-, an increase of £14/8/3, and the loose coin total of £332/16/9 is an increase over last year of £25/13/11. Contributions on behalf of Missions by various organisations amount to £163/9/3, an increase of £22/1/-, and receipts for other objects, outside the Congregation, totalled £53/3/9, while donations for general purposes and use of garage produced £33/8/6, making a total income, including the original General Account Credit balance (£1/16/3) of £1160/15/6.

The ordinary expenses of the Congregation amounted to £750/11/9, the Missions allocation of £260 was met, £15 paid to the P.S.S.A., and £60/3/6 (including £3/10/5 collected last year Soldiers' Parcels Fund) was subscribed to meet outside objects, making a total expenditure of £1085/15/3, leaving receipts exceeding the expenditure by £75/10/8 on the year's operations.

Of this excess the Board transferred £77/16/10 to the credit of the Renovations and Repairs Reserve, which left a credit balance in the General Account of 13/10d.

Renovations and Repairs Reserve Account: At the beginning of the year the account was £126/0/9 in debit. During the year an additional sum of £104/18/1 was spent, and it is estimated that a further sum of approximately £105 will be required to complete necessary works,

making the total sum required £425/18/10. The Special Appeal produced £288/2/-, and there was a balance of £60 in the Painting Reserve Account, which together with the substantial figure transferred from the General Account, brings the total sum available to the required amount.

Although the Congregation contributed almost the figure asked of them, there have been both increases in the actual costs of work done and a discovery of other urgent work necessary and uncatered for in the original programme and appeal.

Renewal of the majority of the Manse foundations was such an extra, costing £55/10/-, and due to the Power Board's reinspection of the wiring and switchboard of the Church and Buildings it will be necessary to have some major alterations effected to comply with revised regulations.

However, unless the cost of works to be done greatly exceeds the estimates, a further special appeal to the Congregation on this account should not be necessary.

With the contracts so far completed, the overdraft to the bank liquidated, and most of the remaining work accounted for, the Congregation can be proud of their achievement.

In addition to this, £30 for premiums on Building Society shares (as approved by the last Congregational Meeting) has accumulated to our credit.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund: A further contribution of £1/17/6 has made the grand total subscribed to this fund £519/1/-.

Soldiers' Parcel Fund: While our Occupation Forces are in Japan we will be called upon to donate to the Chaplains' Fund for Padres, and the small amount budgeted for is in consideration of our own and that need.

The Board feels that this successful financial year is due to a personal sacrifice, which is expressive of the Congregation's determination for fuller provisions of the Church both at home and abroad in these needful and opportune days.

The estimated expenditure for the ensuing twelve months ending 30th June is as under:—

BUDGET, 1946-47.

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| Stipend | £400 | 0 | 0 | Missions:— | | | |
| Car Allowance | 25 | 0 | 0 | Allocation by Wel- | | | |
| Pulpit Supply | 16 | 0 | 0 | ington Presbytery | £269 | 0 | 0 |
| Organist's Salary | 52 | 0 | 0 | P.S.S.A. Orphanages | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Assembly Expenses Asst. | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Beneficiary Fund Asst. | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Presbytery Expenses Asst. | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Sunday School Expenses | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Painting Maintenance | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Reserve | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Heating, Lighting, and | | | | | | | |
| Cleaning | 73 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Interest, Insurance, Rates | 45 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Printing, Advertising | 28 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Telephone, Postages, and | | | | | | | |
| Sundries | 28 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Soldiers' Parcels | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Property Expenses | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | £787 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | £284 | 0 | 0 |

The amount contributed through the Freewill Offering system was £576/1/-, an increase of £14/8/3 over the previous year's total. Four members withdrew, and five new members joined during the year, increasing the number of subscribers to 91.

It was not expected that the previous envelope offerings would be maintained, and the increase this year is thus all the more gratifying. The accounts show that approximately 50 per cent. of the total income (and over 60 per cent. of the ordinary collections, as distinct from special offerings) is subscribed through the envelope system, and the loyalty of the members is greatly appreciated.

Further subscribers are required, and it is hoped that members and adherents of the Church will help the Board of Managers by becoming envelope subscribers in the present year. The Envelope Secretary will be pleased to supply promise cards and envelopes.



KELBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th, 1946.

| LIABILITIES. | | ASSETS. | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Sundry Trust Accounts:— | | | |
| £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| 12 | 10 | 3360 | 7 7 |
| 12 | 6 | 103 | 14 8 |
| 12 | 6 | 477 | 9 0 |
| 75 | 19 | 23 | 18 0 |
| 6 | 5 | 453 | 11 0 |
| 20 | 8 | 219 | 0 3 |
| 32 | 14 | 5 | 9 6 |
| 135 | 0 | 213 | 10 9 |
| 305 | 2 1 | 51 | 2 5 |
| 3,924 | 8 6 | 108 | 8 11 |
| £4229 | 10 7 | 30 | 0 0 |
| £4229 | 10 7 | 116 | 4 7 |
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | | | |
| Renovations & Repairs A/c. | 135 | Cash at Bank | 116 4 7 |
| McLeod Memorial Fund | 32 14 0 | Building Fund Shares | 30 0 0 |
| Johns Memorial Fund | 20 8 9 | Post Office Savings Bank A/c. | 108 8 11 |
| Pipe Organ Extension Fund | 6 5 6 | General Treasurer Deposit A/c. | 51 2 5 |
| Women's Association | 75 19 6 | Less depreciation | 213 10 9 |
| Buildings & Furnishings Reserve | 9 17 2 | Furniture and Furnishings | 219 0 3 |
| Benevolent Fund | 12 6 9 | Less depreciation | 477 9 0 |
| Sunday School Picnic Fund | 12 10 5 | Pipe Organ and Pianos | 3256 12 11 |
| | | Less depreciation | 103 14 8 |
| | | Land and Buildings | 3360 7 7 |

Wellington, July 22nd, 1946.

Hon. Auditor.

H. A. GOLD, F.P.A.N.Z.

I have examined the accounts of the Kelburn Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30th. June, 1946, and report that, from the information and explanations given me, they correctly set forth the financial position at that date. The Titles to the land are held by the Property Trustees, save a certain Title held by the Bank of Australasia as security for bank overdraft.

G. W. DICK, Hon. Treasurer.

| PAYMENTS. | | FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1946. | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. |
| To Balance, 30/6/1945 | | 1 | 16 3 |
| Offerings:— | | | |
| Envelopes | 576 | 1 | 0 |
| Plate | 332 | 16 | 9 |
| Donations | 19 | 8 | 6 |
| Garage | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| By | | | |
| Stipend and Car Allowance | 425 | 0 | 0 |
| Pulpit Supply | 27 | 10 | 7 |
| Sunday School Expenses | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Benevolent Fund Assessment | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Assembly Expenses Assessment | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Presbytery Expenses Assessment | 9 | 18 | 0 |
| Property Expenses | 29 | 14 | 9 |
| Insurances | 18 | 8 | 11 |
| Rates | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Interest | 66 | 13 | 2 |
| Heating, Lighting and Cleaning | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Women's Association—Laundering | 27 | 8 | 9 |
| Printing and Advertising | 38 | 1 | 5 |
| Telephone, Postages and Sundries | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Organ Maintenance | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Renovation and Repairs Reserve | 31 | 13 | 4 |
| Organists' Salary | 96 | 10 | 9 |
| Missions and Special Objects Account— | | | |
| Transfers:— | | | |
| Budget Missions | 9 | 2 | 6 |
| P.S.S.A. | 2 | 11 | 7 |
| National Council of Churches | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| Chaplain's (Overseas) Fund | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Presentations | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| University Chaplain's Fund | 17 | 16 | 10 |
| Renovations and Repairs Account | 13 | 10 | |
| Balance | 96 | 10 | 9 |
| £944 | 2 | 6 | |

MISSIONS AND SPECIAL OBJECTS ACCOUNT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1946.

| RECEIPTS. | | PAYMENTS. | |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| To P.W.M.U. | £ s. d. | By General Treasurer, P.C.N.Z.— | £ s. d. |
| Sunday School | 23 8 1 | Budget Missions | 260 0 0 |
| Young Women's Bible Classes | 20 0 0 | Wellington P.S.S.A. | 15 0 0 |
| Young Men's Bible Classes | 20 0 0 | Deaconess Fund | 7 1 4 |
| Busy Bees | 15 0 0 | Miss Hardie's School | 5 0 0 |
| Maori Mission Birthday League | 13 17 2 | National Council of Churches | 3 3 0 |
| Donations:— | | Maintenance of Ministry | 18 17 0 |
| Maori Missions | 4 16 0 | Chaplain's (Overseas) Fund | 5 0 0 |
| Home Missions | 8 12 6 | Mission to Lepers | 10 0 0 |
| Foreign Missions | 3 6 | N.Z. Alliance | 1 0 0 |
| Training Institute | 1 1 0 | Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund | 1 17 6 |
| Ordinary | 3 1 0 | | |
| Transfer from General Account | 96 10 9 | Purchase S.S. Bibles | 326 18 10 |
| Contribution for Wellington | 260 0 0 | Presentations | 3 15 0 |
| P.S.S.A. | 5 17 6 | University Chaplain's Fund | 1 1 0 |
| Transfer from General Account | 9 2 6 | | |
| Contribution National Council of Churches | 11 5 | | |
| Transfer from General Account | 2 11 7 | | |
| General Account for Chaplain's Overseas Fund | 1 9 7 | | |
| Transfer Soldiers' Parcels Fund | 3 10 5 | | |
| P.W.M.U. for Deaconess Fund | 5 0 0 | | |
| Donation N.Z. Alliance | 7 1 4 | | |
| Donation Mission to Lepers | 1 0 0 | | |

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P.W.M.U. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1946.

| RECEIPTS. | | PAYMENTS. | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| To Balance in Hand, 30/6/1945 | £ s. d. | By Affiliation Fee | £ s. d. |
| Collections | 3 9 | Organising Secretary | 0 5 0 |
| Subscriptions | 12 10 0 | Church Treasurer— | 1 10 9 |
| Donations | 2 17 0 | General Missions | 53 10 0 |
| Annual Reports | 7 8 6 | Deaconess Fund (Furnishing) | 7 1 4 |
| Maori M.B. League | 13 17 2 | Maori M.B. League | 13 17 2 |
| Harvest Field | 4 4 0 | | |
| Harvest Field | 4 4 0 | | |
| Deaconess Fund | 7 1 4 | | |
| Mission Boxes | 35 0 1 | | |
| Interest | 2 1 | | |
| | | Harvest Field | 74 8 6 |
| | | Presbyterian W.T. Institute | 4 4 0 |
| | | Petty Expenses | 0 11 1 |
| | | Maori M.—Cartage & Rail, Clothing | 0 15 0 |
| | | Annual Reports | 0 8 0 |
| | | Cash in P.O.S.B. | 0 2 4 |
| | | Cash in hand | 0 6 3 |
| | £83 11 11 | | £83 11 11 |

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OFFICE-BEARERS, 1946-47

MODERATOR: Rev. W. J. Pellow, Th.M.

KIRK SESSION.

Rev. R. Inglis, M.A., Messrs. G. W. Dick, D. H. Edgar, C. G. Green (leave of absence), G. W. Guthrie, A. M. Lambert, R. H. D. Hall, F. J. Hanson, A. McDougall, J. G. Reid, R. M. Ross, W. M. Singleton, J. R. Smith, G. Thompson, W. S. Thomson, H. Valentine, F. E. Wright, L. B. Mushet (Session Clerk).

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Secretary: Mrs. J. A. McQueen.

Treasurer: Mrs. L. A. Lowe.

Busy Bees: Mrs. A. M. Lambert (Leader).

M.M.B.L. Secretary: Mrs. P. Smethurst.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

President: Mrs. L. B. Mushet.

Secretary: Mrs. J. H. Hall.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Convener: Mr. F. R. Andrew.

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President: Mrs. A. M. Lambert.

Secretary: Mrs. J. S. Valentine.

BIBLE CLASSES.

Young Men's Senior: Mr. A. Miles and Mr. J. Robb (co-Leaders).

Young Men's Junior: Mr. G. Barton (Leader).

Young Women's Senior: Miss B. J. Stewart (Leader).

Young Women's Intermediate: Miss J. Andrew (Leader).

Young Women's Junior: Miss M. Dunne (Leader).

RENOVATION AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1946.

| RECEIPTS. | | PAYMENTS. | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---|------------|
| £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| To Balance Brought Forward | 126 0 9 | By Cash Contributions | 288 2 0 |
| Contracts completed:— | | Transfer from Painting Reserve | 60 0 0 |
| Plumbing all Buildings | 28 7 1 | General Account:— | |
| Manse Foundations & Repairs | 53 10 0 | Annual Contribution for Shares to Build- | |
| Manse & Sunday School | 98 16 6 | ing Society | 30 0 0 |
| Painting | 12 4 6 | Surplus Transferred | 77 16 10 |
| Manse Tiling | 194 18 1 | | |
| Balance carried forward | 135 0 0 | | |
| £455 18 10 | | | £455 18 10 |
| Estimates for Unexecuted Contracts:— | | Renewing Foundations and General Repairs | |
| | | Main Sunday School Hall | 65 0 0 |
| | | Renewing Forms Main Sunday School | 40 0 0 |
| | | Reorganisation of Wiring and Switchboards | 30 0 0 |
| | | | £135 0 0 |

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