

Kelburn Presbyterian Church



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FOREWORD

DEAR Friends,—It gives me much pleasure to commend to your earnest consideration the account of the work of our congregation during the past year, as it is told in the many reports that follow. No one can read these reports without feeling that God's Spirit has been working effectively in our midst, quickening faith, arousing hope, and drawing forth love among our members; nor can anyone read them without realising how much splendid work is done in ways, seen and unseen, by a group of consecrated and willing workers. The youth work is being steadily strengthened; we have an excellent group of leaders. The worship in God's House is being well maintained; we have a splendid organist and choir-master and a growing choir. The missionary spirit of the Church is increasing; we have raised this year the largest missionary budget in the history of the congregation.

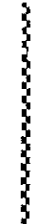
In all the rich blessings which have been ours this year as a congregation, we should remember the words of the writer of Deuteronomy, "Beware, lest thine heart be lifted up and thou forget the Lord Thy God which brought thee forth. . . ." The measure of success that has attended our work should be an effective incentive to greater efforts and a call to face greater challenges in God's Kingdom.

Mrs. Pellow joins me in thanking you all for your co-operation in the work here and for your unfailing friendship towards us.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. PELLOW.

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KIRK SESSION.

THE Session, in presenting its 40th Annual Report, offers thanks and praise to Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon the Congregation during the year.

The attendances at the services of worship have been well maintained, particularly at the Family Services, which have been held as usual on the Sundays immediately preceding Communion.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in October to coincide with the Ecumenical Communion, and in December, March and June. The attendances were: October, 188; December, 189; March, 190; and June, 167. The average of 182 is slightly better than for last year.

Twenty-eight new members were added to the roll of Communicants, twenty-five by certificate from other Congregations (including one from the Methodist Church), and three by profession of faith. Twenty-two names were removed from the roll, nineteen by disjunction, and three by death. The roll now stands at 265, a net increase of six for the year.

The Minister has conducted thirteen baptisms.

With a view to the improvement of the services preparatory to Communion, Session decided, as an experiment, to hold these on the evenings of the Sundays preceding Communion, instead of during the week. So far the experiment has proved a success, but Session would urge all Communicant members to give some thought to this matter, for the service preparatory to Communion is a most important one.

The Session extends its sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mrs. E. Williamson, Mrs. J. A. McQueen, and Miss E. Holmes, who passed away during the year.

Mr. G. Thompson again represented the Session on Presbytery. The Minister attended the General Assembly, held at Christchurch in November, as did the Session Clerk, who represented the Session.

The Harvest Thanksgiving and Orphanage Gift Day Sunday was observed in May. Special services were held on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Mother's Day, and on the days set aside by the General Assembly as Foreign, Home and Maori Mission Sundays.

Session is pleased to record a continuation of healthy vitality in the Youth Department. The membership rolls show further increases, and the Congregation is deeply in debt to the devoted leaders and Sunday School teachers.

The attention of the Congregation is drawn to the fact that during the year three of the Bible Class leaders have gained distinction in the academic world. Messrs. G. Barton, A. Miles and J. Robb have all been awarded travelling scholarships, and Session would extend to them its hearty congratulations.

Religious instruction has been continued by the Minister and Mrs. Lane in the Northland school, and by the Minister and Mrs. Singleton in the Kelburn school.

In July the Presbytery, through a Commission, made its usual regular visit to the Congregation. The finding of Presbytery was read to the Congregation and published in the News-letter.

At the close of the year the Congregation, at a special meeting, re-elected Messrs. F. W. Alpe, R. L. Andrew, I. M. Cleland, H. J. Fletcher, H. Gapes and C. Moore to the Board of Managers for a period of three years, and for a similar period elected as a new Manager Mr. E. McKenzie.

The Session appointed Mr. L. S. P. Butcher to the position of Organist and Choirmaster, but after a period of six months he was transferred to Auckland. During his period of office Mr. Butcher worked very hard to build up the choir. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Mr. E. D. McKenzie. Session would again express its warm thanks to Mrs. MacMillan and to Mr. S. Thomson for their services during the vacancies.

As instructed by the General Assembly, the Communicant members of the Congregation were asked to record their votes as to whether the Church should unite with the Methodist and Congregational Churches on the Basis as agreed to by the Assembly.

On behalf of the Congregation, Session extends its sincere thanks to all those who have rendered service to the Congregation, particularly those whose work is done unknown to most members.

On Sunday, May 9, the Minister received and dedicated a flower stand and vase, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kuskie in memory of their daughter, Pamela. This beautiful gift is a welcome addition to the furnishings in the church, and enhances the appearance of the chancel.

Miss Davidson has continued her devoted work in providing and artistically arranging the flowers for the services each Sunday, and the thanks of the Congregation are extended to her.

In conclusion, the Session would express its deep appreciation of the sterling worth and work of our Minister and his wife. Both have received recognition by the highest courts of the Church, for Mr. Pellow has been elected Moderator of Presbytery, and Mrs. Pellow has been elected President of the Wellington P.A., for the current year. Both are filling these important positions with credit to the Church, to our Congregation, and to themselves. These additional responsibilities have not lessened their interest in all the activities of the Congregation. Session again records its gratitude to them for their splendid services, and prays that the blessing of God will attend all their labours.

P.W.M.U.

IN presenting the Annual Report of the Kelburn Branch of the P.W.M.U. for the year ended May 31, 1948, we do so with deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father, whose love and guidance has helped us through the year, and we pray for a continuance of His mercies. All our activities have been well maintained. There is quite an improvement in the various departments of our work, and to the special secretaries we are very grateful for their faithful work.

At this juncture, we would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Pellow, who has filled the position of President so ably, and to extend to her our congratulations on being elected President of the P.A., a very important office in the women's work of the Church.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 46 financial members and 18 associate members. We would be very glad to see a further increase in our membership, and would welcome any women of the Congregation to join us. It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mrs. Williamson, one of our oldest members, Mrs. McQueen, Miss Holmes, and Mrs. Lee, who passed away just recently. Mrs. McQueen, and Miss Holmes gave outstanding service for many years. Mrs. McQueen as Secretary of the P.W.M.U., and Miss Holmes as Harvest Field Secretary.

The Fellowship Room in which we meet has a permanent memorial to Mrs. McQueen in the form of a Flower bowl.

MEETINGS: Four Executive meetings were held, and eight General meetings, the latter with an average attendance of 23.

At the invitation of St. John's Women's Association, twelve of our members went down to St. John's to hear Mrs. Davies, wife of the Very Rev. H. Davies, who told us of her experiences in China.

ANNUAL GUEST AFTERNOON: This was held in October, when members of Khandallah P.W.M.U. were our guests. The Rev. W. J. Pellow was the speaker.

SPEAKERS: We have been fortunate in having very good speakers through the year, and their subjects were as follows:—

August, 1947, Rev. L. A. North gave us a very complete address on The Missionary Work of the Baptist Church.

September, Mrs. R. Chisholm spoke on her work in Central Africa. October, the Rev. W. J. Pellow: The British Empire and its Relation to Missions.

November, Members' Afternoon: Interesting Missionary Letters were read.

December, Mrs. Mushet: Our Delegate to Conference, held in Christchurch, gave a full report.

March, 1948. At the first meeting in the year we had hoped to have Sister Alice Townrow, but as she was unable to attend the members took part themselves in reading Missionary News from various periodicals.

April, the Rev. F. R. Rehmer, Commissioner for the Home Ministry Committee, spoke on Church Extension work in New Zealand.

May, the Rev. Ewan Harries spoke most interestingly on Mission Work in Syria.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL SECRETARIES: The Mission Box Secretary, Mrs. Mushet, reports an increase in the number of boxes. This year 51 boxes contributed the sum of £43/17/6. Last year 43 boxes contributed £36/0/1. We congratulate the Secretary on her very good work.

The M.M.B.L. Secretary, Mrs. Smeithurst, reports an increase in the total amount this year, £14/10/4, which is very pleasing.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Mrs. Andrew, Secretary, reports 18 members who are very appreciative of the interesting Missionary letters received.

FIELD WORK: Mrs. Seator, Secretary, reports that parcels were despatched to the following fields: New Hebrides, linen; India, linen, warm coats, children's frocks; Maori Mission, Waikamoana, three sacks of clothing and a medical parcel to the value of £1/17/3.

DEACONESS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Singleton and Miss Kennedy, our representatives on the Committee, report to our meetings on the activities of this service.

Our Trading Table at our monthly meetings raised the sum of £4/14/6 towards the Furnishing Account for Deaconess House. We also contributed gifts suitable for the poultry.

P.A.: We have been well represented at P.A. by various members. **HARVEST FIELD:** Miss Davidson, Secretary, reports 56 subscribers, and would welcome new members.

STAMPS: Members have met on several occasions to clean and classify stamps. Several thousand have been handed in.

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 the mending and darning.

HON. AUDITOR: To Mr. Alan Lambert we owe a debt of thanks for his interest and help in our work in auditing our books.

We are pleased to state that we have handed to the Church Treasurer, Mr. H. Gapes:—

To the Budget	£	s.	d.
Dominion Deaconess Fund	70	0	0
Maori Mission Birthday League	1	5	0
	14	10	4
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	£85	15	4
To the Wellington Deaconess Furnishing Fund	£4	14	6

In conclusion, we wish to thank all who have helped the cause of the Missions of our Church by supporting us in any way. We enter the new year full of hope, and ask our Heavenly Father's guidance in all our work we undertake.

BUSY BEES.

THE Busy Bees began their meetings for 1947 in June, and worked towards their sale of work and programme of plays held in November. Instruction was given by means of stories from the "Break of Day" and "Harvest Field." The gratifying amount of £17 was raised and handed in to the Church Treasurer for Mission funds. A carton of rugs, clothes, and toys was given to Mrs. Sutherland for India. This year, while the numbers remain about the same—14 members—the ages are much lower, but it is hoped that the year will be equally successful.

Our thanks are due to all who contributed materials and donations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SUNDAY School membership shows a small increase over last year, the Senior School has increased, but the Primary Department has fallen from 54 last year to 36 this year, making a total of 124 pupils, 67 girls and 57 boys.

Again we desire to thank the following teachers who have so faithfully assisted throughout the year: Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Bullick, Miss Andrew, Miss Plaisted, Mr. Cleland and Mr. Falconer.

On account of Health Department regulations, the Children's Christmas Choral Service, Christmas Party and Annual Picnic were not held, but the children were treated to a special afternoon on Saturday, May 29, when the class prizes were presented by Mr. Fellow, together with the special Mrs. John's prize, which was won by Ailsa Hall, and the McLeod prize by Alvan Musket. These special prizes have been

awarded for the first time, and are eligible to class form 2, girl and boy only.

In place of the usual Christmas Tree gifts, the children received gifts from the bran tub.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Kuskie for arranging a special show of interesting talkie pictures.

After a number of years of excellent service, we regret the resignation early in the year of Mrs. Lane, who had superintended the Primary School. Mrs. Blount, one of Mrs. Lane's assistants, then took charge, and we also regret the departure of Mrs. Blount for Australia. At a happy meeting, arranged by the teachers, Mrs. Blount was presented with a small gift of remembrance.

Miss Jocelyn Tanner is now Superintendent of the Primary Department, with the valuable assistance of Pamela Boardman, Jean Cleland and June Gapes. May God bless them in His work amongst the little ones.

The Annual Sunday School Examinations were held in September. All senior pupils from Standard 2 up participated, with very favourable results.

We thank God for His guidance over our Sunday School in the past, and assurance of help and strength in the future.

CUBS.

MR. D. Housell, Chairman for two years, was transferred to Christ-church at Christmas time. He was popular with the boys and they were sorry to lose him. The pack did not resume until March, because of the epidemic, and it was not possible to secure a permanent successor to Mr. Housell. The Parents' Committee is grateful to the Boy Scouts' Association for agreeing to provide a relieving mistress, and since mid-April the pack has been under the capable leadership of Miss Lamburd.

In April there were twelve boys in the pack, seven were only seven years of age, two were of Scout age, and the other three were fully fledged cubs. The seven-year-olds, except for two nearly eight, had to be asked to come back to the pack when they were nearly eight, as the regulations governing Cub Packs insist upon a boy being eight before he is allowed to join. The two boys ready for Scouts were duly given their "going-up" ceremony into Karori Troop. Miss Lawrence, of the Kelburn Cub Pack, was approached with a view to obtaining her permission to ask about six of her Cubs, who attended the Presbyterian Church, to come to the Pack connected with the Church. Seven names were duly sent along, and resulted in four new boys for the Church Pack. One other boy came along, and at the beginning of June one of the nearly eight-year-olds came back to the Pack.

One of the boys is now a Two Star Cub, two almost have their first Star, and two of the recruits will be through their tenderpad by the Parents' Evening. A number of badges have been won, and the boys have worked very hard to pass all their tests—be they star test or badges.

Generally speaking, we have covered quite a lot of ground. The Pack has increased as shown above, which has been a good thing. At first progress was slow because of the small numbers making many things for Cubs out of the question. However, we paid a visit to the 2YA studios one evening, and a fair amount of individual work was accomplished while we were a small Pack. Now the Pack is on a fairly sound footing, and should go ahead well—the numbers are convenient for working with, and most of the Cubs are well on with their various tests.

BROWNIES.

THE Brownie Pack has had a most successful year, under the leadership of its "Brown Owl," Miss Barbara Hall, and "Tawny Owl," Miss Margaret Kenward. Regular work has been carried out with the result that one Golden Hand and four Golden Bars were awarded, while three Brownies received their first year, and three their second year service stars.

Several outings and parties were held during the year, and the Brownies paraded at the Church Family Services. Owing to the Health Restrictions, the Christmas tree party was cancelled, a substitute being held in the new year. A very successful bazaar was held in May, resulting in the raising of £10/10/-, which will be used for the payment of levies and "Expansion Fund" dues. Our thanks are extended to the parents and friends who so generously supported this effort.

During the year, five senior members were promoted to Guides, and twelve new members joined. The Pack was extended to four "sixes," which is the maximum permitted by the Rules. There are thus only two vacancies in the Pack at the present time.

The highlight of the year was the visit to New Zealand of the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell. The Brownies took part in the official parade in the Parliament Buildings grounds, and also attended the Campfire at the Town Hall.

CRADLE ROLL.

THE Cradle Roll now stands at 54. During the year the names of 14 children were added, but of these three have been transferred to the Cradle Rolls of other parishes, as their parents have moved from this district.

Owing to the epidemic restrictions in the early part of this year, we were unable to have our usual Cradle Roll party, but we hope that next year this popular function will again be held.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THE Women's Association wishes to notice with deep regret the death of two valued members, Mrs. J. A. McQuocan and Miss Holmes, and to offer sympathy to their relatives.

The Association held seven meetings during the year, with an average attendance of thirty.

Thanks are due to the following speakers: Mrs. B. Kuskic, who told us about the flying doctor and nurse services, and showed films of Australia; Mrs. Bartlett, "What we see in the skies"; Miss D. W. Trevena, "Education for good citizenship"; Mrs. G. R. Laking, "Samoa"; Miss T. E. Lassington, "Work of the Institute for the Blind."

Our Minister, Mr. Pellow, kindly presided at the Annual Meeting, and addressed members on "What the Church has done for women." A very successful Flower Show and sale of work was held in September, and a popular Grandmothers' and Scottish afternoon in November.

Towards the end of the year the Association purchased a piano for the Fellowship Room of the church.

The Committee greatly appreciates the ready help of members and friends who have contributed to the success of the year's working. Our aim is to promote fellowship among the women of the Congregation, and so to strengthen the work of the Church. All who have helped us in any way have helped those ends. The Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

MEETINGS were held in August, September and October, 1947, but during 1948 no meetings were held for various reasons, and some consideration is being given by the Committee to the desirability of continuing the Men's Fellowship along the present lines.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. R. F. Chisholm, Mr. J. B. Taylor, and Dr. D. Cook, who were the speakers for the three meetings. Apart from the September meeting, to which the ladies of the Congregation were invited, the average attendance was fourteen.

The balance of the Supper Fund, amounting to £1/0/1, was handed to the Church Treasurer as a donation to the Church funds.

YOUNG MARRIED WOMEN'S CIRCLE.

THE Young Married Women's Circle holds its meetings on the fourth Monday evening of each month in the homes of members. In 1947 there were 17 members, of whom three have left, Mrs. Vakel-fine going to Wainui-o-mata, Mrs. Seward to Christchurch, and Mrs. Blount to Australia, but several new members have been welcomed this year.

Studies were again taken from the booklet prepared by the National Council of Churches for women's groups, and at two meetings last year, held in the Mansie, very interesting speakers were heard: Sister Helen Arndt, who spoke on the Women's Training Institute, and Mrs. Sutberland, who spoke of her work in India.

Parcels were sent to both these speakers as a token of our interest.

Members of the Circle were invited to the October meeting of the Women's Association, and two other special events, a "Fishing" corner at the Spring Fair, and a picture evening when Mr. Kuskic showed interesting films on Australia, brought a successful year to a close.

The Circle has resumed activities again this year, and in June we were privileged to hear Mr. Johnson, of CORSO, give his impressions of China.

New members would be very welcome, and should contact Mrs. Kuskic (phone 28-142) or Mrs. Lambert (phone 28-476).

CHOIR.

AFTER a period of some months without a Choirmaster, during which time Mrs. MacMillan and Mr. S. Thomson acted as Organists, Mr. L. S. Butcher was appointed Organist and Choirmaster, and regular practices were commenced. Unfortunately, after about six months, Mr. Butcher had to resign his position on account of his transfer to Auckland, but on 2nd May Mr. E. D. McKenzie was appointed Organist and Choirmaster.

Anthems or hymn studies have been sung by the choir at most services since the appointment of Mr. Butcher, in spite of the lack of contralto voices. It would make a great difference to the quality and scope of the choir work if the parts were more evenly balanced, and if there is any person in the congregation who could help, particularly in the contralto section, a very warm welcome would be extended to them.

During the year we lost the help of Miss Eileen Edwards, who left to take up work with the Maori Mission at Waikaremoana, and Mr. Dave Hounsell also left us to return to Christchurch.

SENIOR Y.M.B.C.

UNDER the guidance of Mr. Alan Miles, our class has concluded another year of Bible study. Our studies have been varied and interesting, taken mainly from the Youth Committee syllabus, "One Increasing Purpose." The average attendance of our class has been 6.3 from a membership of eleven, all of whom are communicant members of our Church.

Once again at indoor sports Kelburn gained the Senior Handball title, due to practice obtained at club on Saturday nights. Four of our senior boys attended Easter Camp, and one of our number attended the Feilding Training School. Our social activities have included combined club nights with social dancing and teas. Our Missions quota was raised mainly through the Church wood-cutting project.

In the coming year may we strive to attain the aim of our Bible Class movement—"to bind young men in Christian fellowship."

INTERMEDIATE Y.M.B.C.

THE Class was re-formed when activities were resumed in March, under the leadership of Mr. H. Shaw. With the other boys' classes we raised our quota of £14 for Missions. Our roll numbers six.

JUNIOR Y.M.B.C.

THE Class was very sorry to lose the services of Mr. G. P. Barton on his removal from the district, but was fortunate in securing a new leader in Mr. D. Ross. We are a small class of four members, but we look forward to an increase in our members in the coming year.

SENIOR Y.W.B.C.

THIS year the Senior Young Women's Bible Class consists of five members, with Miss Mamic Purvis as leader. We are very pleased to say that four of our members (J. Tanner, P. Boardman, J. Cleland, J. Gapes) are doing very good work in the Kindergarten section of the Sunday School. Miss J. Tanner has been appointed head of that department in succession to Mrs. Blount, who has returned to Australia.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining copies of the syllabus, we have had no set lesson. However, books have now been obtained. They are "Church of Scotland Syllabus on Christian Faith and Practice."

The sum of £14 was collected by Junior and Senior classes towards Missions.

Games Clubs are held on Saturday nights and are very enjoyable.

JUNIOR Y.W.B.C.

ALTHOUGH the class started late this year, due to the polio, restrictions, our class of eight girls, under the able guidance of our new Leader, Miss Lambert, together with the Senior Class, raised £14 for Missions. We held a very jolly club night from 4 till 7 o'clock once a month. Four girls attended the Easter Camp, and all really enjoyed it. Entries for the Bible Class competitions have been sent in by two of our girls. A very successful annual meeting was held on 15th May, at which some very debatable subjects were discussed, and new officers were elected. If the large number of girls are able, they will in the near future be doing even more for their Bible Class than is now being done for, in the well-painted room we are so fortunate to have, many ideas are being developed.

SENIOR GIRLS' CLUB.

THE Club continued to meet this year in the Maize and in the homes of members, for fellowship and study. Several addresses were given by visiting speakers, and occasional meetings were held with other organisations of the Church.

Several keen members have left the district during the year, but it has been decided to carry on with depleted numbers.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

THE Board once more has very good reasons to render grateful thanks to God for a most successful year's operations on the business or material side of the life of the congregation.

Two new members were welcomed to the Board in Messrs. McQueen and Robertson.

It was with regret that we lost, through transfer, the valued services of Messrs. Barton and Robb, both young members, who took a wide interest in the affairs of the Church as a whole.

Parcels were sent on two occasions to members of Hamilton Memorial Church, Glasgow, and letters of appreciation were received from the Minister and members.

New chairs, a curtain and floor coverings, were purchased for the Fellowship Room at a cost of £40, and the Women's Association completed the room with the purchase of a piano.

A further supply of hymn books in large type was also purchased, as these are in ever-increasing demand.

No picnic was held on account of the Health Department's restrictions, but a party was provided for the Sunday School children later in the year, the cost being borne by the Picnic Fund.

The property has been kept in reasonably fair order, but the cost of upkeep proved to be much heavier than has been anticipated.

The total charge "for our selves" against the General Account amounted to £945 as against £845 in the previous year. Towards the end of the year it appeared to the Board that the Budget could not be balanced without the assistance of a special collection, which was announced to the congregation and amounted to £84. Including this, the offerings for general purposes totalled £1012, as against £914 in the previous year. Sundry receipts for the same purpose, amounted to £45.

As regards outside objects, the congregation was faced with a record Missions budget allocation of £305, which, as the Account shows, was paid largely with the generous assistance of organisations of the congregation. An appeal for funds to erect Sunday Schools and Manses in the new housing areas resulted in the sum of £300 being raised. In addition to the above-mentioned offering and collections, receipts for the sale of firewood amounted to £25, and are shown in a separate account.

The total receipts during the year for all purposes amounted to £1706.

Although it is not expected that the congregation will be asked to contribute in total as much as it did last year, it is evident that repair and maintenance work in the near future will strain available resources as labour and material costs are so high, and a corresponding increase in ordinary offerings is solicited.

The largest item of expense requiring consideration is the painting and repair of the Sunday School Hall, which will cost over £100. In connection with the upkeep of the buildings, the Board established, by annual transfers from General Account, a reserve which at pre-

sent amounts to £192, and is invested in Building Society shares and in the Post Office Savings Bank. When this reserve was authorised it was anticipated that it would provide sufficient to cover, or largely cover, periodical painting costs, and the Board now considers that up to £100 of it may rightly be used in connection with the Sunday School Hall. In last year's report it was mentioned that £105 of the reserve was to be applied towards the cost of repairs to the hall and renewing the forms. Chairs were purchased at a cost of £27, and were placed in the Fellowship Room, and the forms from that room were transferred to the hall. It would have been in order to charge the cost against the reserve, but it was in fact charged against General Account, thus leaving the reserve to meet further necessary repairs to the furniture.

The second item anticipated expense refers to the refelling of the organ, estimated at some £40.

The third relates to a record Missions allocation of £380, an increase of £75 over last year's.

The following is the Budget for the ensuing year:—

THE BUDGET.	
OURSSELVES:	
Stipend	£450 0 0
Car allowance	25 0 0
Pulpit Supply	20 0 0
Organist's salary	52 0 0
Assembly Excs. Assmt.	13 10 0
Presbytery "	5 0 0
Beneficiary Fund	22 10 0
Sunday School exes.	30 0 0
Renovations & repairs	30 0 0
Heating, lighting, cleaning	70 0 0
Insurance and rates	43 0 0
Printing & advertising	27 0 0
Telephone, postages, sundries	65 0 0
Property expenses	90 0 0
Total for 1948-49	£943 0 0
Total for previous year	£843 0 0
GRAND TOTAL FOR 1948-49	£1338
GRAND TOTAL FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	1163
INCREASE	£175

ENVELOPE SECRETARY.

The amount contributed through the Freewill Offering system was £604/1/1, an increase of £15/17/7 over the previous year's total. Seven members withdrew, and nine new members joined during the year, increasing the number of subscribers to 96. In previous years the number was considerably higher, and an appeal is made to new members and adherents of the Church to use this form of systematic support of the work. It is felt, also, that the younger members of the congregation might well become envelope subscribers. The work of the Managers would be lightened if a greater proportion of the

revenue could be definitely relied upon, and the necessity for a special appeal might be obviated.

The accounts show that the envelope subscribers were again the mainstay of the Church's finances, providing over 63 per cent. of the total ordinary offerings. Their loyal support is greatly appreciated.



**KELBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1948.**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
3173 4 4	Land and buildings	13 0 9	Renovaleat Fund
90 0 0	Less depreciation	20 13 11	Mrs. Johns Memorial Fund
3088 4 4	Pipe organ and pianos	33 11 6	Melcod Memorial Fund
430 17 9	Less depreciation	4 3 4	Overseas Food Parcels
21 10 10	Plus purchases	10 11 9	Pipe Organ Extension Fund
409 6 11	Furniture and furnishings	28 4 0	Property (Trees) Account
325 13 5	Plus purchases	192 0 10	Renovations and Repairs Reserve
37 0 6	Plus donations	0 9 0	Sunday School Bibles
25 0 0	Less depreciation	9 13 5	Sunday School Lentie Fund
387 13 11	General Treasurer Deposit A/c	3 0 0	Women's Association
182 13 6	Post Office Savings Bank	3 1 6	Young Married Women's Assn.
51 2 5	Building Fund Shares	318 10 0	EXCESS of Assets over Liabilities
51 2 5	Cash at Bank	3908 6 9	
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I have examined the accounts of the Kelburn Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30th June, 1948, 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.

July 27th, 1948.
H. A. GOLD, F.P.A., N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
20 19 6	To Balance, 1st July, 1947	476 0 0	By Stipend and car allowance
604 1 1	Offerings—Envelopes	12 13 9	Pulpit Supply
438 1 4	Plate	81 8 1	Sunday School expenses
1042 2 5	Donations	22 10 0	Beneficiary Fund Assessment
24 11 7	Rent	4 1 0	Presbytery Expenses Assessment
17 12 6	Sundries	18 10 0	Property Expenses
3 0 8		87 5 7	Insurances
		30 0 4	Rates
		12 11 2	Heating, lighting and cleaning
		68 6 7	Printing and advertising
		23 10 11	Telephone, postages, sundries
		32 1 5	Organist
		37 0 6	Furniture
		9 17 2	Less charged to reserve (Mrs. Bruce (Christie legacy))
		7 18 4	Sunday School party
		7 18 4	Less charged to picnic fund
		115 15 1	Budget Missions
		9 6 6	P.S.S.A.
		30 0 0	Renovation & Repairs Account
		38 1 7	Balance
		£1108 6 8	

FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948.

KELBURN BRANCH P.W.M.U.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To: Balance	£ 12 7	By: Amblation Fee	£ 8 0
" Collections	10 18 0	" Members' Fees	1 8 6
" Subscriptions	3 10 6	" Annual Reports	9 0
" Donations	15 2 6	" Harvest Field A/c	4 4 0
" Annual Reports	8 0	" Petty Expenses	17 0 0
" Deacons' Fund	4 14 6	" Church Treasurer for—	
" Maori M.B. League	14 10 4	General Missions	70 0 0
" Mission Boxes	43 17 6	N.Z. Deacons' Fund	1 5 0
" Harvest Field Account	4 4 0	Wellington Deacons' Fund	4 14 6
" Interest, P.O.S.B.	3 7	Maori M.B. League	14 10 4
	£ 97 16 6	Balance in P.O.S.B.	90 9 10
			£ 97 16 6

PROPERTY (TREES) ACCOUNT.

To Balance, 1st July, 1947	£ 18 11 0	By Tools	£ 0 7 0
" Firewood sales	25 0 0	" Transfer to Y.M.B.C. Missions for work done	15 0 0
	£ 43 11 0	" Balance, 30/6/48	28 4 0
			£ 43 11 0

MISSIONS AND SPECIAL OBJECTS ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To Balance, 1st July, 1947—	£ 0 4 0	By General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of N.Z., Missions Budget	£ 305 0 0
" Sunday School Bibles	12 16 0	" Deaconsess furnishing	4 14 6
" Overseas food parcels	13 0 0	" Leper Mission	1 0 0
Missions—P.W.M.U.	71 5 0	" New housing areas	300 0 0
Sunday School	22 1 1	" Wellington P.S.S.A.	15 0 0
Y.W. Bible Class	14 0 0	" Overseas food parcels	33 7 0
Y.M. Bible Class	19 0 0	" Sunday School Bibles	1 15 0
Busy Bees	17 0 0	" P. Kuskie Memorial—cost	25 0 0
Maori Mission Birthday League	14 10 4	" Balance, 30th June, 1948—	
Donations for Missions	31 8 6	Bibles	0 9 0
Transfer from General Account	115 15 1	Overseas parcels	4 3 4
Wellington P.S.S.A. contributions	5 13 6	Young M.W. Association	3 1 6
Transfer from General Account	9 6 6		
P.W.M.U. Wellington Deaconsess	4 14 6		
Furnishing Fund	1 0 0		
Leper Mission	1 0 0		
Sunday School Bibles	2 0 0		
Overseas parcels	24 14 4		
P. Kuskie Memorial	25 0 0		
New housing areas appeal	300 0 0		
Young Married Women's Assn.	3 1 6		
	£ 693 10 4		

£693 10 4

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