

Methodist Church

GOLDEN SQUARE.

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60th Annual Report

FOR 1911-12.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, held in the
School Hall, on Monday, April 29th, 1912.

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.....BEING THE.....

DIAMOND JUBILEE

.....OF THE.....

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IN connection with our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations we record our gratitude to Almighty God for His manifold goodness to us as a Church and people.

Sixty years of Christian work, and what its effect has been upon society we shall never know on this side of eternity, but the Master has been writing all the time.

Our beloved Church has held an honourable place in the history of Golden Square from its very beginning, and we should burn with holy ambition and pray with patriotic passion that this honour may be still continued to us, and it certainly will if, as a Church, we proclaim and strive to fulfil a Gospel of Christian certainty, of Christian brotherhood, of personal Christian service, and of Christian perfectness through the perfecting grace of Christ's own spirit. In spite of doubt and degeneracy there is coming to the world a far more memorable Pentecost than its history has yet recorded. We may not ourselves behold that greater impulse, but we must labour to prepare the way for it, and if we faithfully do our part we may hope to have many spiritual children in the future years, and in the assemblies of the Church of that better time voices will be heard declaring of us what we at our Diamond Jubilee declare of our good and faithful forefathers—"Other men laboured, and we are entered into their labours."

THE PASTORATE during the year has had several changes on account of the absence of the Rev. J. R. Bradbury at the Ecumenical Conference at Toronto, Canada. The Rev. S. Knight for several weeks, and the Rev. W. Y. Blackwell, M. A., and E. Turner for two months each, were the supplies, giving great satisfaction. Mr. Blackwell conducted mission services, which resulted in many of our young people giving

themselves to Christ. for which we thank God. The evangelistic ministry of the present circuit staff during the past two years has led with mission services to a substantial accession to the membership although there have been numerous removals from the pastorate.

THE SENIOR ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY has held meetings regularly during the year, at which the attendance has largely increased. The Society continues to contribute £10 per year towards the support of a native teacher in New Britain.

CHURCH TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS.—We regret to report our oldest trustee has passed away. Father Lisle who was in his ninety-second year. He was greatly interested in the property of the Church, largely because of the splendid edifice at Golden Square being so solidly built, and which he watched with a keen eye during its erection, and would allow nothing but the very best material in the structure. He was for many years a devoted class leader. His long and faithful service is a fine record to his memory. A sum of £100 was left to the reduction of the Trust Debt in his will. An "In Memoriam Service" conducted by his life-long friend, Dr. Watkin, was largely attended. "God buries His workmen, but the work goes on."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL work has continued with some changes in the staff of officers and teachers. Mr. F. B. Brimacombe for health reasons has resigned the superintendency of the Morning School, and Mr. H. Laity has been appointed to that important office. Mr. Brimacombe is highly esteemed for his work's sake—our prayers follow him in his retirement.

THE CHURCH CHOIR is now under the leadership of Mr. Brewer, who has enthusiastically taken up his duties. Our thanks are presented to the members of the Choir for their devoted services. The late leader, Mr. Arthur Andrew, on his retirement was presented with a purse of sovereigns by the Trustees as a small token of respect and esteem for his long and valuable services. A sum of £60 has been expended on improvements to the organ, converting it into a very fine instrument.

The Parsonage property has been somewhat renovated.

Messrs. Nicholls and Francis have been elected Trustees in place of R. Lisle and Wm. H. Johns, deceased.

THE POOR FUND has rendered timely help to needy members of our Church. The Dorcas Society has widely distributed to the needs of all denominations. The Ladies' Visiting Guild by their visits have cheered many afflicted ones.

SISTER CHURCHES.—The Diamond Hill School has been well served by Messrs. Eddy and J. Francis. Golden Gully Church and School under the care of Messrs. J. M. Roberts and R. Manley are doing good work.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—This Church still maintains a very hearty interest in Home and Foreign Missions. Our contributions being: for Foreign Missions, £31 1s.; Home Missions, £27 1s. 7d. Total £58 2s, 7d.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT.—The visit of the much-beloved President of the Conference, Rev. A. McCallum, was much appreciated.

THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE V. was the occasion of a great and beautiful service conducted by Rev. Samuel Knight. Special decorations and music and large congregations were the outcome.

OUR CROWNED ONES.—The late Mr. H. E. Williams, who was swiftly and suddenly called away, was a member of the congregation for forty years. A man of strict integrity and uprightness, and found Christ as his Saviour. To his relatives and those of the late Father Lisle and Mr. John Wallace with others whose loved ones. connected with us in same way or other, have crossed the line we tender our sympathy.

"Father in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servants sleeping."

The late Mr. John Wallace had a brief sojourn here, passing through an acute and trying illness. He was a man of deep piety, and in his day held many offices and lived in the esteem and love of the Pyramid Hill Circuit. While here he attended God's house as often as he could. He was a Class Meeting Methodist, and he died as he lived—trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHANGE OF PASTORS.—The Rev. J. R. Bradbury after four years devoted labour, has removed to Colac. His successor is the Rev. W. H. Hodge, who is a man with a very fine record in the Master's work. Before leaving Golden Square Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury were entertained at a Farewell Social. and presented with valuable gifts from the Congregation and Dorcas Society in recognition of their valuable services. Through an accident Mrs. Bradbury during the past two years was not able to assist much by visiting the people; for the two previous years she gave 1500 visits.

THE BALANCE SHEET discloses a satisfactory state of things. The Trustees having accepted the tender of Mr. J. B. Crook for £60 to renovate and make additions to the pipe organ. Our friends will be glad to know that the work,

which is almost completed, will make the instrument last for many years. The response to our appeal for the Organ Fund resulted last and this year in £36, and the Sunday School efforts by the young people deserve our warmest thanks for £16 3s. 6d. of the total subscribed.

The "Straight Out Giving" effort resulted in £55 0s. 8d. being added to our funds; and the Sunday School Classes contributed £13 9s. 9d. The highest amount by Miss Henderson's class of £7. We sincerely thank our young people for their help. We ask that our collectors will again help us, and it is to their constant and sympathetic response to our need that we have so fine a result. We tender them our appreciation for their self-denying efforts.

The congregation will be glad to know that one of its old young friends, in the person of Mr. John H. Trevena of Abbotsford, formerly of Golden Square, and for many years in the Church and School, has generously made an offer to the Trustees in memory of his father and mother, who were for over thirty years members of this congregation, to place at the front entrance to the Church hand rails for protecting the granite steps. As the steps were really too narrow and dangerous our old time friend, Mrs. A. T. Lanyon, made a generous offer as a Jubilee gift to have the same taken down and made wider at her expense. These two kind and thoughtful offers have been accepted by the Trustees, and they hereby tender to each donor their heartfelt thanks, and express the hope that other friends may observe our needs, and in other ways perpetuate their names.

The members of the congregation will have in mind the splendid offer of the Rev. Samuel Knight to loan £50 to a debenture scheme for the purpose of raising £500, repayable in ten years by instalments, free of interest to the subscribers of such. That effort only resulted in about £100 being promised, and we have reluctantly had to abandon the scheme. In its place the Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund has been substituted, and we ask our friends now to make their annual promises at least fifty per cent. above last year's giving. Reference to the printed list shows that two friends have already paid their subscriptions, and other generous promises have been made.

With thankfulness for the past and hope for the future we continue our work in the Master's service.

J. R. BRADBURY, MINISTER.

F. B. BRIMACOMBE } SOC.
W. AKEHURST } STEWARDS.

J. H. CRUMP, SECRETARY.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. A. T. Lanyon ...	£5 0 0	Brought Forward	£50 11 0
Mr. J. F. Roberts ...	5 0 0	Mr. J. Hawkey ...	0 10 6
" and Mrs. H. Ralph	5 0 0	Miss M. Griston ...	0 10 0
" W. D. Osborne ...	3 3 0	Mr. H. E. Williams ...	0 10 0
" John Harvey ...	3 3 0	Miss Saunders ...	0 10 0
Mrs. John Harvey ...	2 2 0	" M. Akehurst ...	0 10 0
Mr. Arthur Bradbury...	2 2 0	" Noble ...	0 10 0
" J. H. Crump ...	2 2 0	Mr. D. Davidson ...	0 10 0
" Ralph Jones ...	1 1 0	Master George Saunders	0 5 0
" G. A. Pethard ...	1 1 0	Miss Lucy Saunders ...	0 5 0
" H. Cadwallader ...	1 1 0	Mr. Robert Nicholson...	0 5 0
Miss Johns ...	1 1 0	Miss Pethard ...	0 5 0
Mrs. P. Johns ...	1 1 0	Mrs. G. A. Pethard	0 5 0
Mr. A. C. Hollow ...	1 1 0	" E. Evans ...	0 5 0
A. W. A. ...	1 1 0	Misses J. and E. Evans	0 5 0
Mr. H. Beers ...	1 1 0	Miss Ruby Hyde ...	0 5 0
" E. Jeffrey ...	1 1 0	Mr. W. Wallace ...	0 5 0
Miss Henderson ...	1 1 0	" R. E. Pollard ...	0 5 0
" Marj. Henderson	1 1 0	" Jas Yee Ket ...	0 5 0
Mr. Jas. Francis ...	1 1 0	" H. T. Nankervis ...	0 5 0
" Samuel Jack ...	1 1 0	" M. Mauger ...	0 5 0
Mrs. I. Armstrong ...	1 1 0	" F. W. Pollett ...	0 5 0
Mr. Wm. Akehurst ...	1 1 0	Miss F. James ...	0 5 0
Miss Bell Armstrong ...	1 1 0	Mr. H. Wills ...	0 5 0
" J. Martin ...	1 0 0	" E. Bruns ...	0 2 6
Mr. J. M. Roberts ...	1 0 0	No name ...	0 2 6
Mrs. Key ...	1 0 0	Mr. R. J. O'Brien ...	0 2 6
Mr. C. H. Williams ...	0 10 6	Mrs. Swatton ...	0 2 6
" H. T. Nicholls ...	0 10 6		
" R. Crooks ...	0 10 6		
			£58 14 0

Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund.

Mr. G. A. Pethard...	£5 0 0
" W. Shipp ...	1 0 0
	£6 0 0

Organ Fund.

Efforts by Sunday School—		Brought Forward	...21 18 6
Mr. F. B. Brimacombe's		Mr. R. Saunders	2 2 0
Class ...	£4 7 6	Miss Henderson ...	1 1 0
Miss Henderson's	4 16 0	Miss M. Henderson	1 1 0
Class ...		Mr. J. H. Crump ...	1 1 0
Mrs. Trenear, Miss		Mr. F. B. Brimacombe	1 0 0
James, and Mr.		Mr. Wm. Akehurst	0 5 0
Akehurst's Classes	7 0 0	Rev. J. R. Bradbury	0 10 0
	16 13 6	A Lady Friend ...	1 0 0
Mrs. A. T. Lanyon ...	5 5 0		13 5 0
			£29 8 6

Straight-Out Giving Effort.

Collected by Mrs. D. Davidson—		Collected by Mrs. H. Beers—	
Mr. H. Cadwallader ...	12 0	Mr. W. Shipp ...	2 12 0
„ O'Brien ...	12 0	„ W. J. Williams ...	2 0
„ H. Seedsman ...	12 0	„ Jas. Yee Ket ...	5 0
Mrs. Grainger ...	12 0		
Mr. S. Jones ...	10 3	Collected by Mrs. J. H. Trebilcock—	2 19 0
„ E. Richards ...	10 0	Mrs. T. F. Warren ...	14 0
„ G. Walker ...	9 0	Mr. J. H. Trebilcock ...	11 9
„ Davidson ...	8 0	„ R. Trebilcock ...	11 9
Mrs. J. W. Williams ...	7 0	„ E. Legge ...	6 0
Mr. Mauger ...	6 0	„ C. Teasdale ...	6 0
	4 18 3	„ H. Laity ...	6 0
Collected by Mrs. Jas. White—		„ R. Anstee ...	6 0
Mrs. Jas. White ...	6 0	„ R. E. Pollard ...	5 6
„ Peters ...	5 0	„ C. Anstee ...	5 6
	11 0	„ T. Phillips ...	5 6
Collected by Miss Hicks—		Miss Bona ...	5 0
Mr. H. T. Nicholls ...	9 0	Mrs. T. Phillips ...	2 6
Mrs. W. Ham ...	4 6	Small sums ...	2 0
„ Hicks ...	4 6		
Miss Bessie Hicks ...	4 6	Collected by Mrs. F. Trenear—	4 7 6
Mr. Pickering, Senr. ...	4 6	Mrs. P. Schmidt ...	8 6
Small sums ...	1 10	„ F. Trenear ...	7 6
	1 8 10	„ A. Tredinnick ...	5 0
Collected by Mrs. Mitchell—		„ D. McNeill ...	5 0
Mrs. Mamouny ...	10 0	„ Barratt ...	4 0
„ Mitchell ...	9 0	„ Doggett ...	3 6
„ T. Manallack ...	7 0	„ Swatton ...	6 0
Small sums ...	1 6	Mr. Hawke ...	1 6
	1 7 6		
Collected by Miss C. Banfield—		Collected by Mrs. Barratt—	2 1 0
Mr. Lanyon ...	14 0		3 6
„ T. Trenear ...	4 8	Collected by Mrs. J. W. Goddard	
Mr. James ...	3 6	Mr. E. Harvey ...	1 5 0
„ W. Akehurst ...	2 6	„ W. J. McQuillan ...	2 0
	1 4 8	„ T. Pickering ...	11 0
Collected by Mrs. Pollard—		Mrs. Hyde ...	11 0
Mr. J. L. Edwards ...	1 0 0	„ Goddard ...	10 0
Mrs. M. A. Williams ...	5 0	„ Brown ...	10 0
Small sums ...	4 0	„ Pickering, Senr. ...	5 6
	1 9 0	„ B. Crofts ...	4 6
Collected by Mrs. J. M. Roberts		Collected by Mrs. R. E. Jeffrey—	4 19 0
Mr. W. D. Osborne ...	1 0 6	Mr. Dalton ...	5 0
Mrs. W. D. Osborne ...	1 0 6	„ J. Tredinnick ...	5 0
Mr. J. M. Roberts ...	1 0 6	„ R. E. Jeffrey ...	5 0
Mrs. J. M. Roberts ...	1 0 6	Mrs. Sparnon ...	2 6
Mr. Chris Richards ...	7 6	„ Hilton ...	2 6
Mr. & Mrs. Manley ...	5 0	„ Mitchell ...	2 6
	4 14 6	Mr. B. Dunstan ...	2 6
		„ Jack Dunstan ...	2 6
		Small sums ...	9 6
			1 17 0

Straight-Out Giving Effort.—Continued.

Collected by Miss B. Johns—		Mr. H. Laity's Class—	7 11
Mr. R. Saunders ...	4 16 0	Miss Bienvenu's Class—	
„ J. Hawkey ...	1 0 0	Miss Bienvenu ...	14 0
„ Wallace ...	12 6	Miss Ruby Roberts ...	2 7
„ B. Blair ...	11 0	Small sums ...	5 9
„ A. S. Lane ...	11 0		1 2 4
Mrs. E. Armstrong ...	10 6	Mr. O'Brien's Class—	7 4
Miss Wallace ...	5 0	Mrs. T. Trenear's Class—	2 1
Mr. W. Johns, Senr. ...	2 6	Miss Noble's Class—	4 6
	8 8 6	Miss Henderson's Class—	
Collected by Miss Griston—		Collected by Miss May Saunders.	
Mrs. D. Smith ...	13 0	Miss Henderson ...	1 4 0
Miss Griston ...	4 4	„ M. Henderson ...	12 0
Miss E. Griston ...	4 4	„ Mitchell ...	6 0
	1 1 8	„ Armstrong ...	6 0
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.		„ B. Armstrong ...	6 0
Mr. Brimacombe's Class—		„ Belle Armstrong ...	6 0
(Collected by Mr. R. Crooks)		„ Harkness ...	6 0
Mr. F. B. Brimacombe ...	21 0	„ Jack ...	6 0
„ R. Crooks ...	5 0	„ Edith Jack ...	6 0
„ J. Charlton ...	4 0	„ Evans ...	6 0
„ B. Trevena ...	3 0	„ C. Evans ...	6 0
	1 13 0	„ Johns ...	6 0
Miss James' Class—		„ Akehurst ...	6 0
Collected by Mr. W. Pethard.		„ Saunders ...	6 0
Miss James ...	12 9	„ M. Saunders ...	6 0
Mr. W. Pethard ...	6 0	„ Veal ...	5 6
„ J. Brimacombe ...	4 1	„ Griston ...	4 4
„ Alf James ...	3 10	„ B. Johns ...	4 1
„ M. Mamouny ...	2 10	„ N. Johns ...	4 1
„ C. Simpson ...	2 7	„ E. Jack ...	4 0
„ H. Westaway ...	2 6	„ Nankervis ...	4 0
Small sums ...	10 5		7 0 0
	2 5 0		
Miss Enticknap's Class—			
Miss Enticknap ...	4 3		
Small sums ...	3 4		
	7 7		
		Total ...	£55 0 8



BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 22ND. 1912.

RECEIPTS.		
To Bal. Cash in hand, April 14, 1911	£1 0 3	
Bal., Savings Bank and Interest	2 9 1	
		£3 9 4
Anniversary Collections	15 14 6	
Lecture Rev. G. H. Cole, & Social	7 13 3	
		23 7 9
Donations	59 4 0	
Straight Out Giving Effort	55 0 8	
Organ Fund	29 8 6	
		143 13 2
Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund	6 0 0	
Harvest Thanksgiving Service	8 19 10	
Pew Rents	6 1 0	
Sunday School Payments—		
Interest	7 10 0	
Caretaker	25 0 0	
Copper	1 10 0	
		34 0 0
Dr. Balance, Commercial Bank	39 11 9	
		£318 12 10

EXPENDITURE.		
By Dr. Balance, Commercial Bank, April 14, 1911		£63 14 3
Caretaker		67 1 8
Organ Tuning	£10 0 0	
Organ Blowing	4 10 0	
Organist	12 0 0	
Purchase Music	4 2 5	
Honorarium, Mr. Arthur Andrew	10 0 0	
Repairs to Organ, Payment on a/c	40 0 0	
		80 12 5
Bendigo Gas Co.		16 4 8
Insurance		2 17 2
Interest, Private Loans	51 10 0	
Overdraft, Commercial Bank	2 0 3	
Bank Charges	0 10 0	
		54 0 3
Repairs	2 6 6	
Sundries	1 4 1	
Anniversary Social	2 6 6	
Printing, Advertising, & Stationery	7 6 0	
		13 3 1
Payment to S. School third of Straight-Out Giving Effort		16 13 4
Cr. Balance Cash in hand		4 6 0
		£318 12 10

LIABILITIES.		
Private Loans on Church	£1100 0 0	
" " " S. School	150 0 0	
Interest Accrued	8 3 9	
Balance due Contract Organ...	20 0 0	
Dr. Balance, Commercial Bank	39 11 9	
		£1317 15 6

ASSETS.		
Bequest by the late Mr. Robert Lisle for Reduc- tion of the Debt		£100 0 0
Cash in hand		4 6 0
Lighting and Cleaning Collection		5 0 11
		£109 6 11

Audited and found correct, April 22nd, 1912,
 W. H. HODGE }
 J. TURNBULL } Auditors.

R. SAUNDERS, Treasurer.