

Golden Square Methodist Sunday School,

For the Year ending 20th September, 1916.

CHRIStIAN Friends.—Another year has passed away, and our opening note is one of thanksgiving and praise to Him who has spared so many of us to be co-workers with Him in the extension of His Kingdom. For all the blessings and mercies—temporal and spiritual—we give thanks unto Him. The greatest War in History is still with us, and great and heroic sacrifices are being made in the cause of freedom and righteousness.

After holding office for about two months of the present year, Mr. Pethard resigned his position as Superintendent, and the teachers then resolved to approach Mr. R. Saunders and request him to again undertake the leadership so long held by him previously, and to their great satisfaction he agreed to do so. The teachers were unanimous in according Mr. G. A. Pethard many thanks for his services, which were given at a time when they were badly needed for the picnic which was so enjoyable in November last, when the School decided not to have the same. We thank our friend for making it possible to hold such a gathering by his generosity and whole heartedness.

The number of teachers and scholars reported sick during the year, has been fewer than usual

Death has again invaded our ranks, and removed from our midst Mr. Edward Leggo, a member of the Men's Bible Class, an earnest Christian Brother, and for over 40 years connected with the Church. Winifred Isabel Pocock, aged 5 years, a sweet dear child of the Kindergarten Department, also passed to the Land of Light and Love. To the bereaved families we extend our sympathy in their days of sorrow.

Our heroes at the Front are proving themselves worthy of all honor. Corporal Frederick Clifford Allingham, a past scholar, was killed in action in France, on July 20th. Our sympathy is extended to his respected parents, and our Trustee, Mr John L. Allingham.

A splendid Roll of Honor is being prepared, and will be completed in a few weeks, and arrangements will be made for unveiling the same.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Hyde for an enlarged photo of their late son, Leslie, who was killed at Gallipoli last year.

We appointed, during the year, Mr. John E. Mamouney as War Correspondent to officially represent the School; communicating with those who have enlisted and are serving at the Front. Letters have been received in response to those sent, showing how much our messages have been appreciated. We thank our friend for his work on our behalf. The list prepared for the Honor Roll is incomplete, and we have taken care to make it as accurate as possible, and should there be any corrections will you kindly inform the Secretaries.

HONOR ROLL.—Our deceased heroes who have fallen in battle are as follows, and were at the time on the School Roll:—Sergt. Tom Barrett, former member of the School; Privates Leslie Hyde; Corp. W. G. Saunders; Corp. Fred. Cliff. Allingham; Private Clarence White; by request—Private Robert Hunter. Wounded, members of the School—Privates Will Pethard, Cecil Rogers, G. C. Saunders, H. T. Cadwallader. Former members of the School, wounded—Privates Wilf Hodge, Norman and Edgar Worrall, William Bolitho, Arthur Hocking, Wallie Evans, Ernest Rowe, Fletcher Jones, Stan Spry. Those now serving and members of the School are Privates Ern. Potter, Jack Swatton, Claude G. Teasdale, Ralph Jones, Horace Westaway, Will. Goddard, Richard Read, Albert Young, Clarence Simpson, Harold Thomas. Former Members—Lieut. Edgar Jones, Signaller B. B. Pollard, Capt. E. Buley, Privates Alick Whitlock, Stan. Pollard, Percy Lanyon, Jack White, Harold Skelton, Eric White, Victor Cocks, Aubrey Mitchell, Tom Craddock, Stanley Evans, Richard Lethlean, Will. Veal, Harry and George Healey, Harry Worrall, Lowell Pedler, Wm. Dean, S. Deeble, W. Sleeman, H. and W. G. Washington, Leslie Hart, Leonard Young, Harry and Phil. Nicholls, Dave Robertson, Walter A. and Will. Allen, Jim Wilkinson.

STATISTICAL.—Teachers on roll, 32; average attendance, 29. Afternoon scholars on roll, 384, including 15 soldiers on active service. Morning Teachers received, Miss L. Bieuvenue, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Rayson, Miss Hammill, Mr. V. Johns. Assistant Sec. Mr. Tipping B. Trødinnick. Ceased to teach, Mr. G. Brimacombe, C. Richards, Mr. Pethard, resigned Superintendent, Mr. Bert Cadwallader, Miss Pitson, Miss Mamouney, Miss Mitchell, Miss L. Hicks, Miss B. Goddard, Mrs. Akehurst. Miss Muriel Akehurst resigned as one of the pianistes during the year. We thank her for past and efficient services rendered.

WANT OF TEACHERS.—We take this opportunity of making an earnest appeal to those, whose hearts God has touched, to come and help us in our endeavour to train the children who are committed to our care, to face the world, and also for all eternity. True, it is, we may only have them for one hour a week, but who can tell what influence we may have in moulding character according to the lines laid down by our Great Teacher. Friends, do not miss this opportunity of gaining stars for your crown by assisting in this noble work. The Kindergarten and Primary Departments are under the supervision of Miss Saunders and Miss Martin. Junior—Miss L. Bienvenu, and with their band of assistants, are doing excellent work, but we are hampered in connection with these classes, not having sufficient accommodation for the large numbers of little ones who attend, and we are looking forward to the time when we will be able to build or purchase rooms that shall meet all requirements.

BIBLE CLASSES.—The Ladies' Bible Class still continues, and good work is being done. The Men's Bible Class or Brotherhood has had many successful and profitable sessions during the year. The C.E. Society numbers 19 active members. I.B.R.A. numbers 126 members. Collections—Foreign Mission, £9/13/5, Home Missions, £9/3/1, total £18/16/6. Golden Gully and Diamond Hill have been assisted from the School, and we regret that Mr. H. Laity, owing to taking office in this School, has to relinquish the duties of Superintendent of the Golden Gully School.

THE TENNIS CLUB AND GIRLS' GUILD have suspended operations for the present.

THE LIBRARY.—The Librarians report that at the beginning of the year the Library was at a very low ebb, owing to a number of scholars having left the district, also several having enlisted for active service, but we are pleased to state that at the present time we are in a sound position, having obtained twenty-four new members within the last month. There have been twenty-one new books added during the year, and members are taking a much keener interest in the books. We have adopted a new plan during the past few weeks of allowing members to come in and choose their own books, which we find gives greater satisfaction, no doubt this and the new books account for the added interest. Number of members, 68; number of books, 966; average number of readers, 34.

SPECIAL GATHERINGS.—The following Special Gatherings have been held during the year.—Bible Society Sunday School Day, Centenary Gathering of the younger children and also for the senior scholars, which were very successful. Addresses have been given of a helpful character during the year, and our Pastor has proved himself to be gifted in holding the attention of the young people in his delightfully interesting talks in the pulpit and in the School. Many letters of condolence and congratulations have been sent to friends. We regret the indifference of the young people to enter for the V. and T. Examinations; apart from prize winning, the study of God's Word would make them wise unto salvation. The teachers have decided to recognise the departure from the School of scholars who have been enrolled for six months, by giving them some token of esteem—either a New Testament or other book. In all, 26 have been presented, showing that the School is suffering from removals to other parts.

THE MORNING SCHOOL has been well worked, and the number of teachers on roll is 10, average attendance 8.5; 77 per cent. Scholars on roll 93, average attendance 57; 66 per cent. Parents, encourage your boys and girls to attend also the Morning Church Service.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Superintendents, Morning, Mr. J. E. Mamouney; Afternoon, Mr. H. Laity. Secretaries, Morning, Mr. L. Lethlean; Afternoon, Messrs. W. Akehurst and Vernon Johns. Treasurer and Conductor, Mr. J. H. Crump. Librarians, Messrs. G. Pethard and F. Trenear. Mission Sec., Mr. Morgan Mamouney. Music Librarian, Miss Harkness. Kindergarten, Miss A. P. Saunders. Primary, Miss Martin. Junior, Miss L. Bienvenu. Delegates to Sunday School Union, Messrs. H. Laity and H. Cadwallader. Auditors, Messrs. E. H. Williams, A.F.I.A., and J. E. Mamouney. Monitors, Morning, Cyril Medlin; Afternoon, Willie and Percy Carter. Treasurer Crockery Fund, Miss B. Johns. War Correspondent, Mr. J. E. Mamouney. Sick and Absentee Visitor, Mr. C. Anstee. Pianistes, Misses May Johns and D. Beers. Organists, Misses Cadwallader and Medlin. I.B.R.A. Sec., Miss Pethard; Vice, Miss May L. Saunders removed and to whom we tender our best thanks for past services.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to record the fact that Mr. R. Saunders has retired from active work in the School. For forty-three years or more Mr. Saunders has been in closest association with the work of the School. We shall greatly miss the inspiration of his enthusiastic spirit and feel the deprivation of his energetic activities. The School owes to him a debt that it can never repay for the indefatigable attention that he has ever displayed for the minutest as well as the most momentous of its affairs. All who have passed through the school have the most grateful memories of the kindly interest that he always manifested in their concerns. For twenty-five years he has filled the onerous position of superintendent with credit to himself and the happiest of results for the school, and now that the time has come for him to lay down the duties of office we wish him the greatest happiness that can come to him.

In the change of officers we note the Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Akehurst, who has splendidly served the School in that capacity for twenty-one years, and has proved himself a painstaking and an efficient officer, now succeeds to the office of Secretary, vacated by Mr. H. Cadwallader, whose unobtrusive and faithful discharge of any work entrusted to him makes him invaluable to us, he has been transferred to the teaching staff. Mr. J. H. Crump, the tried veteran, takes charge of the finances and it could be in no better hands. Mr. H. Laity has been in labors abundant, and his conduct of the morning school, and at Golden Gully, should help and commend him to the wholehearted support of the school for his afternoon duties. Mr. J. E. Mamouney takes charge of the morning school, and his experience and gifts should be to the decided advantage of the work in so important a position. The many others who have been re-elected to office merit our warmest thanks for untiring zeal and energy. May those in command, with their co-workers, the teachers and helpers, seek daily the help and guidance of the great Teacher, and their lives be living epistles known and read of all men.

The Balance Sheet discloses a balance of 7/10, and we thank all who have contributed to our funds in any way.

We cannot point to any outstanding spiritual advancement, but the seed of the kingdom has been sown beside all waters. The prayer meetings have not been as well attended as they should be.

In conclusion, may our trust and confidence be in the Lord God. He will strengthen and encourage us in our good work and labor of love among the lambs of His flock.

Adopted at Teachers' Meeting held September 12th, 1916.

*"And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our Crown?
Not so; to those who ask Him,
The Spirit gives His Sword;
We will maintain, unflinching,—
One Church, one Faith, one Lord."*

H. J. HAM, B.A. PASTOR.
R. SAUNDERS, } SUPERINTENDENTS
H. LAITY, }

H. CADWALLADER, } Secs.
VERNON JOHNS, }
L. LETHLEAN, }

Methodist Sunday School, Golden Square.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

For Year ending 20th September, 1916.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Cr. Balance, in Bank	£9 16 11	Anniversary	£9 17 0
Anniversary, 1915—		Prizes	7 11 6
Collections	£20 2 9	Special Collections, as per	
Public Meeting	6 6 0	contra	5 19 8
Young People's Social	5 5 0	Subscriptions and Donations—	
	31 13 9	Golden Square Red Cross	4 0 0
Collected for Annual		Australian Sick and	
School Effort—		Wounded Fund	4 0 0
Mrs. Saunders	4 9 6	Bendigo S. S. Union	1 0 0
Miss Key	1 11 6	Conference Demonstration	10 0
Mrs. Davidson	16 6	Children's Hospital	10 6
,, Nankervis	14 0		10 0 6
	7 11 6	School Requisites -	11 0 0
School Collection Boxes—		Tuning -	2 5 0
H. and F. Mission	15 16 8	Furniture, Kindergarten	8 4 3
School	18 6 11	Bank Charges, etc.	12 6
	34 3 7	School Boxes—	
Special Collections—		Home Mission	7 18 4
Hospital Sunday	1 8 7	Foreign „	7 18 4
B. and F. Bible Society	1 11 3		15 16 8
Home Mission	1 4 9	Property—	
Foreign Mission	1 15 1	Gas	3 19 6
	5 19 8	Rates and Insurance	8 1 4
Library Receipts, nett	2 8 8	Caretaker	25 0 0
Young People's Social, nett	1 3 6	Interest on Loan	5 0 0
Special Donations—		Sundry Repairs-	5 13 3
Mr. G. A. Pethard	1 1 0		47 14 1
,, Drummond	5 0	London Bank, as per Pass	
	1 6 0	Book	2 12 10
Property—		Less Outstanding Cheque	2 5 0
Rents	21 2 0		7 10
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Effort	4 3 5		
	25 5 5		
	£119 9 0		£119 9 0

Audited and found correct,

21/9/16

E. H. J. WILLIAMS, A.F.I.A., } AUDITORS.
J. E. MAMOUNEY, }

W. AKEHURST, TREASURER.