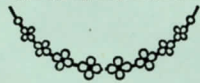


Golden Square Methodist Sunday School.

77th ANNUAL REPORT October, 1929



Dear Christian Friends,

In submitting this the 77th Annual Report of the activities of our School for another year past in its history, we must render unto our Heavenly Father our grateful thanks for His watchful care, loving kindness, and words of encouragement to continue in the work of leading our young people in the paths of righteousness; and of setting their feet upon the solid rock so that in the hour of temptation they will be enabled to stand firm and thereby be saved from the many pitfalls of life and thus fit them for the higher service.

During the year our late superintendent asked to be relieved of the superintendency so as to enable him to devote more time to his Young Men's Class. In April, Mr. R. H. Down, who was then Clerk of Courts at Bendigo, came amongst us, and to our great pleasure accepted the superintendency, and settled down nicely with the prospect of a successful future, for he entered into every avenue with wholeheartedness, but unfortunately for us his stay was all too short for after a few weeks he was promoted as a Police Magistrate and transferred to Melbourne. Our loss is others gain for Mr. Down was highly respected and loved, and he was an excellent superintendent. We offer to Mr. Down our heartiest congratulations upon his promotion and pray that God will richly bless both he and his good wife in their new sphere.

During the year the hand of Death visited us and with it brought sorrow and sadness into our hearts. After a comparatively brief illness our beloved late superintendent, Mr. Fred. Wood,

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the METHODIST SCHOOL, GOLDEN SQUARE to the 30th September, 1929.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance in Bank last audit	£60 13 0	By Library Grant	£5 0 0
Less Unpresented	12 10 0	Electric Light, &c.	10 4 0
Cheque	48 3 0	Allan & Co., Music	6 6 3
Anniversary Collections	19 13 6	Home Missions	12 5 0
School Collections, Mission, &c.	49 0 0	Foreign Missions	12 5 0
Rents Received	16 2 3	Caretaker's Salary	40 5 0
Angustonian Fair Quota	70 4 4	Rates and Taxes	9 1 0
Sales Music Books	1 7 0	Carne Organ, Repairs, Tuning, &c.	8 1 0
From Savings Bank Account	75 0 0	School Requisites	33 18 0
		Fire Insurance	0 19 10
		Bank Charges and Interest	1 6 0
		James, Painting & Decorating School	14 10 0
		Advertising	1 14 6
		Ralph, New Ladder	1 10 0
		Bendigo Timber Co., Table Trays, &c.	4 3 0
		Myers, Matings & Table Cloths	7 0 0
		Northern Seed Supply	3 16 0
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with an average attendance of 34, also 7 teachers with an average attendance of 5.

In consequence of the inadequate supply of teachers we have been compelled throughout the year to make larger classes than is desired, and again we make an appeal to those who are in a position, especially the male section of our community to come in and help us in this noble work of caring for the young.

Our Angustonian Fair although not quite up to last year's record figures was under the very adverse circumstances very successful.

In closing we tender to all who have helped us in any way at all through the year our heartfelt thanks, and appeal to the parents and friends of our scholars to help all they can by seeing that the children are regular and early in their attendance and take an interest in their lessons.

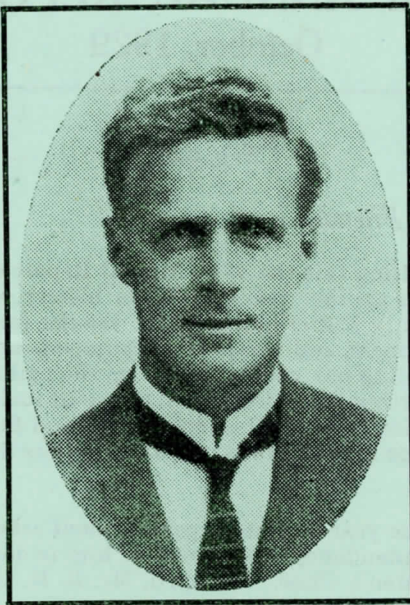
Thanking God for His past mercies we pray that He will richly and abundantly bless our school, and give us strength and courage to carry on our great work through another year.

J. E. MAMOUNEY, Superintendent.
EDGAR I. HARVEY, Secretary.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—

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| Superintendent : | Secretary : |
| Mr. J. E. Mamouney. | Mr. E. I. Harvey. |
| Treasurer : | Mission Secretary : |
| Mr. J. H. Crump. | Mr. C. Nicholas. |
| Music Conductor : | Pianist : |
| Mr. C. Warne. | Miss E. Henderson. |
| Librarian : | Auditors : |
| Mr. F. Trenear. | Messrs. Thomas and Wishart. |

was called Home to the higher service on July 2nd, 1929. He was associated with our school in its various activities for eleven years. As secretary he carried out the work in a most capable and lovable manner and attended to every detail in connection therewith. As superintendent, which office he held for many years, he proved himself most capable and won the love and respect of officers, teachers and scholars. For many years coupled with the position of superintendent he was leader of the Young Men's Class and in this direction gave of his best, which was especially appreciated by the young men as revealed in the great love which they had for him. He was also president and ex-secretary of the Augustonian Fair, and the success of this yearly effort was greatly due to his efforts. He was always sympathetic and straightforward in whatever task he undertook and therefore is and will be greatly missed.



We bless God for the fragrance of his memory, his radiant personality and his Christ-love and respect which everybody had for him.

Miss Millie Pollard, one of our younger teachers, after an illness which lasted only a few weeks, passed away to the Higher Life. Our sympathy is extended to her sorrowing mother and family.

An old and highly respected friend and brother, Mr. G. A. Pethard, who after only been ill for a very short period was called to his eternal rest. He was an ex-superintendent of our School, an ex-president of the Augustonian Fair, and as we all know an ardent worker for the church, and the various tasks entrusted to him were always carried out with a thoroughness that always achieved success, through his untiring efforts he will be greatly

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Our loving sympathy goes out to Mrs. Wood and the members of his household, who we feel sure, will be comforted and sustained from the knowledge of the wonderful

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In consequence of Mr. Wood's death there were two positions to be filled, in that of superintendent and leader of the Young Men's Class, and for a short time the prospect was anything but bright for our school, but although the loss of our loved friend seemed hard to bear, we have been greatly compensated by the action of our friend, Mr. J. E. Mamouney, who came forward and volunteered his services for the position of superintendent and this was willingly and unanimously accepted. Through the efforts of Mr. Mamouney, Mr. Wishart was approached and he wholeheartedly consented to accept the position of leader of the Young Men's Class. We are greatly indebted to these gentlemen for stepping in and carrying on the great work in our midst. And we trust and pray that our school will prosper and succeed in its great aims under the leadership of these gentlemen as it did under our late superintendent. The young men are rallying around their new leader with the result that pleasant and profitable afternoons are being spent in the class. An invitation is extended to all young men to come along and join.

Mr. W. Stanley, who assisted in the Library, severed his connection therewith during the year, and to him we extend our best thanks. Mr. Mel. Warne one of our young men is filling the vacancy with great credit.

Another of our young men, Mr. Cecil Nicholas, is our Mission Secretary, and is doing good work.

Through the Education Department transferring from Bendigo one of our capable teachers, Miss Eileen Graham, we unfortunately were compelled to remove her name from the list of our teachers and we pray that God will bless her in her new sphere.

Although the numbers of our scholars are slightly below those of the previous year we are glad to report that the standard of our school has been well maintained. We have now 89 boys and 120 girls with an average attendance of 72 and 108 respectfully and 33 teachers and officers with an average attendance of 28.5.

Our Library is still in the capable hands of Mr. F. Trenear, assisted by Messrs. A. Jones and M. Warne. 1,680 books were issued on 48 Sundays making an average of 35 books per Sunday. 40 new books have been added during the year including a fine parcel from Mr. J. Y. Allan. There are now about 1,150 books which any of our scholars may loan for the small membership fee of 1/- per year.

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During the year the school was addressed by our own pastor, Rev. R. B. McConchie, Mr. Barkla of the Foreign Mission deputation, and Miss Miller of the Methodist Y.W.M.M., and several members of the Melbourne Local Preachers Association, also Rev. Ballard and Dr. Douglas Thomas, who confined their addresses to the Young Men's Class. The outcome of the latter's address was that our young men decided to support a cot in the new Methodist Babies' Home.

The social side of our school has again been well looked after. The Girl's Guild, which was formed a year or two ago, progressed well enough to enter the competition and were successful in winning two prizes. The boys have also formed a guild and have had a very enjoyable season under the leadership of Mr. A. Arthur of the Y.M.C.A. Once again our Basket Ball Boys have been successful in the inter-church league and gained a place in the final four.

During the year we received an appeal from the Rev. Day of the South Melbourne Mission, and decided to hold a pound Sunday with the fine result that a box of groceries weighing 125 lbs. nett was forwarded for distribution among the poor.

Our usual Xmas Tree was held on Xmas Sunday and we had a fine collection of toys to forward to the Benevolent Asylum for distribution.

The Annual Tea and Concert last year was in charge of the men, and the profits were credited to the funds of the Forward Association.

The Picnic will again be held at Ravenswood, and will be conducted by the Forward Association. We hope to see a fine gathering of our friends at the old spot on November 13th.

The Kindergarten department in charge of Misses M. Teasdale and D. Goddard has had a most successful year. There are now 54 children on the roll in this department and any children from 3 years of age will be gladly welcomed. These little folk contributed to Foreign Mission last year by means of their half-penny roll £2 4s. 6½d. This is independent of the usual collection.

The Christian Endeavour Society under the leadership of Rev. McConchie still carries on its valuable work in conjunction with our church and school, and to these people we must offer our very best thanks for the decoration of the church for the Anniversary.

The Morning School is still carried on and meets every Sunday morning at 9.45. There are now on the roll 47 scholars