

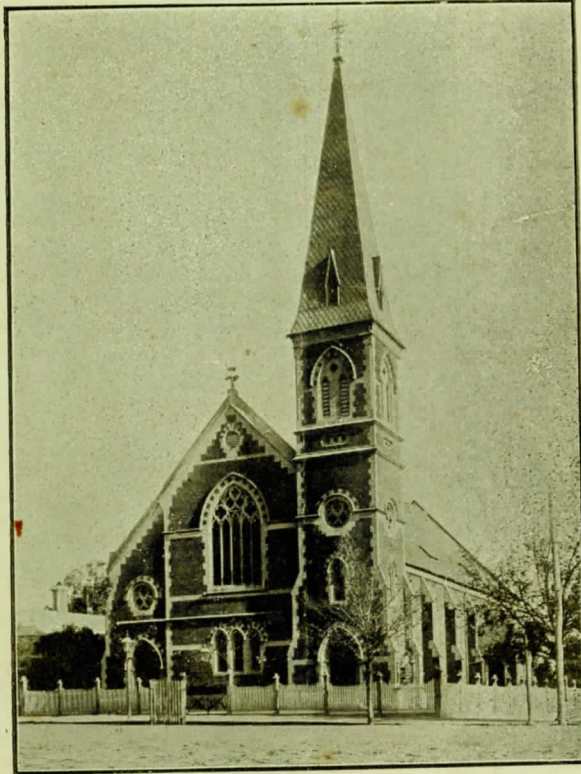
Methodist Church,

GOLDEN SQUARE.



BENDIGO

CIRCUIT.



61<sup>st</sup> Annual Report,

FOR 1912 - 13

Presented at the Annual Meeting, held in the School Hall,  
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# 61ST ANNUAL REPORT

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## *Methodist Church,*

GOLDEN SQUARE. 1912-1913.

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**G**RATITUDE AND PRAISE.—In presenting the 61st Annual Report of our beloved Church, we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God and to praise his holy name for the tokens of His Goodness and mercy. Under His guidance every branch of the work has developed and strengthened, and we enter upon the duties of the new year in the consciousness of His presence, and the experience of His blessing.

**THE PASTORATE.**—The work of the Pastorate has been well maintained during the year, at the same time, it is admitted that more efficient service could be rendered if some relief could be given to our Pastor. Attempts have been made to provide him a helper to assist in the numerous important pastoral duties of this end of the Bendigo Circuit, but so far without anything definite eventuating. It is hoped however, that this year something in this connection will result. Your minister is thankful for the ungrudging and effective co-operation of a great body of voluntary workers who have helped to make the existence and work of our beloved Church possible. To the Local Preachers, Class Leaders, Society and Trust Officials, and Sunday School Teachers, he would express his high appreciation of, and offer unstinted gratitude for, and service which has its supreme reward in the approval of the Head of the Church, and the esteem of its members. A year's experience has confirmed the belief, that the success of a great Church like ours will largely depend on the insistent promience of its evangelical message. From this work nothing must be allowed to turn us aside, however urgent other forms of service, however attractive other avenues of activity, our special joy must be to apply to our modern life the eternal truth of "Jesus and



Him Crucified." This was the secret of our father's success, may we, their children learn the lesson. Arrangements are being made for the conduct of wide spread Evangelistic Mission throughout the pastorate. God's people are asked to pray for the return of "The Days of His Right Hand."

AGENCIES.—The Poor Fund has tendered timely help to necessitous members. The Dorcas Society continues to do good work in the community. Its motto is "For Christ's Sake," and in His name the poor of all denominations have received assistance.

THE CLASS MEETINGS have proved channels of blessing for those who have availed themselves of these means of grace. We hope for a renewal of interest in this agency during the year.

THE ENDEAVOUR SOCIETIES have regularly held meetings, which have proved helpful to the members. The Senior Society is supporting a Native Teacher in New Britain at a cost of £10 per year.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The call to our people for the support of Home and Foreign Missions was liberally responded to, our contributions being, for Foreign Missions £44/7/11; Home Missions £30/12/3, total £75/0/2. The appeal of Missions Home and Abroad to intelligent, loyally, and consecrated sacrifice was never more insistent than at this hour. The Ladies Auxiliary has materially increased its membership, and at the end of the year a valuable box of gifts was sent to the Rev. R. Nicholson, Vella La Vella, Solomon Islands. Mr. H. Cadwallader has been appointed to succeed Mr. R. Saunders as Local Treasurer and Secretary, and already he has proved his fitness for the office.

THEOLOGICAL CLASS.—A Theological Class is now in charge of Rev. W. H. Hodge, and rendering efficient help in training our young men for positions of service. During the year three of them, viz.—Messrs. W. Washington, J. Francis, and J. Mamouney were received as Local Preachers "On Trial," and rendered acceptable service throughout the Circuit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The Sunday School has more than maintained its efficiency during the year. The enthusiastic Superintendents, Messrs. R. Saunders, H. Laity, and their capable staff of Officers and Teachers were greatly cheered with the success of the School's Diamond Jubilee, and the practical expressions of sympathy they received from far and near. Our prayer is that this essential department of our Church life may fulfil its purpose, and surround with christian influence the youthful life of the community

The young people of the Sunday School tendered their Fathers and Mothers a Social. This was quite a unique and distinguished gathering. Advantage was taken of the occasion to make a presentation to Mr. Robert Nicholson on his 70th birthday, and the 50th year of his leadership of Society Classes.

#### SPECIAL NOTES.

FINANCIAL.—We thank our friends who have in so many ways contributed to the success of the year's operations. We regret that the "Straight Out Giving" in the collection of smaller amounts has not been carried out with the vigor of previous years, our chief difficulty being in obtaining sufficient collectors to cover the whole ground. To remedy this it has been decided to appoint a collector to do the whole of the work, who will wait monthly, or as may be arranged, on the whole of the members of this congregation.

Our Credit Balance seems a large one, that is not so. It was the intention to pay off £200 of the trust debt this year, but we could only pay off £100, consequent on the spouting of the building having to be put in order on the southern side at a cost of £30, and the northern side also requires the same, so that our resources are still taxed to about pay our way. We therefore urge all our friends to continue their liberality, and to give as God has blessed them.

SPECIAL SERVICES have been held in honor of Empire Sunday, The Sunday School Department had its Sunday, and a splendid deputation in the person of Rev. Horton Williams. Temperance Sunday too found us loyal to its noble principles. The Family Circle Service introduced by our Pastor is a new feature, and one that could with great advantage be held quarterly.

Sir John Quick's Lantern Lecture on his "Travels through Great Britain" was most enjoyable, and helpful to our funds.

The Married Men's and Married Ladies' Teas produced a healthy rivalry, and helped our funds materially, and produced a fine social feeling.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were well attended, and the enjoyable Lecture given by our good friend, Rev. E. S. Harkness, of Tonga, on "Tonga and the Tongans" was much appreciated.

The Rev. W. H. Hodge has during the year preached on Special Subjects, much to the profit and edification of his hearers. The Sunday School has found in him a responsive and helpful friend.



**THE CHURCH DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** call for more than passing notice. It is safe to say, that at no time during the past 20 years have so many people attended Services in our Zion in one day, as on the memorable Sunday of April 28th, when the total attendances were 2326. Our old beloved Pastor, Rev. Wm. Shaw, of South Australia whom we delighted to honor, gave us of his best, and the Lord was present to bless His people. We had too the President of the Circuit Rev. Samuel Adamson, and Rev. J. R. Bradbury, and other friends who took part in making the subsequent proceedings so enjoyable and entirely successful.

The Sunday School celebration covering several days, in which our Circuit Ministers, and Rev. R. W. Thompson, of Box Hill, and visitors from other centres of the State assisted, finalised a series of soul stirring and memorable gatherings.

“To God be all Glory and Praise.”

**TRUSTEES AND THEIR OFFICE.**—The old and venerated Trustee, Mr. Abraham Harkness has gone from us, and is referred to under the heading of “Our Departed Ones.”

Mr. G. A. Pethard who has manifested a keen interest in the welfare of our church at all times, has with his good wife taken his departure for England and the Continent, we wish for them both, God’s continued goodness, a safe journey, and a speedy return. We also thank our friend for his kindness in providing during the winter months, the Heaters, which made for the comfort of the worshippers.

**PARSONAGE.**—Several necessary repairs and alterations have been made, which adds materially to the comfort of the home.

**THE CHOIR** has continued to render good service, and a change has been made in its leadership. Mr. S. G. Brewer, who has carried out his duties to the best of his ability, merits our thanks. At his request he has been relieved of the leadership, and Mr. Wm. Dennis, well known in musical circles, has been appointed as conductor. We ask for the help of our people to make this portion of the Service in the House of God with the aid of the Choir, a spiritual blessing to all who worship with us. We thank Mr. Brewer for his acceptable donation to our funds.

**OUR DEPARTED ONES.**—Hardly had the rejoicing of our Diamond Jubilee Celebration closed, than the hand of death stole upon us, and removed from our midst Mrs. Ann Dunstan, who, prior to coming to Golden Square, had with her husband been a devoted and much loved worker in the Ballarat W. Circuit. While here her health was indifferent, and prevented her taking any part in the active service of the Church. God was her stay and helper, and when the

end came it was translation to the home of the blest. Thomas Rogers Trenear, a brother beloved, true, earnest, and who held the offices of Steward, Sunday School Teacher, and Superintendent, after a long and trying illness passed to his eternal reward. His religion was one of intense piety, and he manifested an interest in all aspects of the welfare of the Redeemers Kingdom. In all the relationships of life he commended the religion of Jesus Christ. Abraham Harkness, J.P., one of the founders of this Church, and at the time of his decease, a Trustee. He had served the Church for over 60 years, filling with great acceptance and ability, the office of Local Preacher, Class Leader, Steward, representative to Annual and General Conferences, and was almost for 50 years, a most liberal contributor to the funds of this Church, and for many years its efficient Treasurer. He feared God and worked righteousness, and filled a great space in the up-building of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the well-being of the city in which he lived. He died full of years and honor. Shortly after the death of his revered father, John Noble Harkness, his eldest son, who had rendered such good service for many years in the Choir, and for some time its conductor, went home to God. He was of a quiet retiring disposition, and deservedly esteemed by all who knew him. Frank Bray Brimacombe, a brother beloved, a good all round man, a Local Preacher, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent, and Steward, He filled all these offices in a whole hearted manner. We miss his kindly, genial, and winsome personality. In the 50th year of his age, after warring a good warfare, he entered the rest that remaineth for the people of God. Mr. John Polglase, a man of piety, who endured with patience, much suffering, but was ever able to tell out of a full heart, the sustaining grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in that spirit he was ready when the summons came to be ever with the Lord. Mrs. Naomi Noble, wife of our old and beloved friend Mr. John Noble, passed away at a ripe old age after years of suffering. For over 50 years, when health permitted, she was one of its most regular worshippers. She loved the Sanctuary and God’s people, was generous to those in need, and a liberal contributor to all the funds of the Church. The late Mrs. Hannah Andrew, widow of the late Mr. John Andrew, the veteran Local Preacher, after years of retirement from active work as a Sunday School Teacher, and unable to attend God’s house in the fullness of years, found rest sweet rest in Christ her Saviour. She was kind hearted, deeply spiritual, and dearly loved her Class Meeting. Mrs. Ann Amelia James in the 93rd year of her age, much beloved. It was a benediction to visit this dear old saint of God. Her children rise up to call her blessed. Mrs. Susannah Cockburn, at the advanced age of 81 years. a constant attendant at God’s house, a Bible Stud-



ent, and an affectionate wife and mother, answered to a somewhat sudden call to go up higher. She was found ready, and she was not, for God had taken her to Himself. To Mrs. Robertson and family in the death of Mr. David Robertson, who died rejoicing in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, we tender our expressions of sympathy. Mrs. Granger who has worshipped with us for some years, suffered bereavement in the loss of a devoted husband, whose end was peace. To the surviving members of the family of late Mrs. Evalina Roberts, who received a sudden call to exchange time for eternity, and who was found ready, we tender our christian sympathy. To all others who have passed through deep waters of affliction, and are still afflicted in mind, body and estate, we commend to Him who doeth all things well.

“ And now we fight the battle,  
But then shall wear the Crown  
Of full and everlasting,  
And passionless renown.”

W. H. HODGE, PASTOR.

W. AKEHURST, ) Soc.  
G. A. PETHARD, ) STEWARDS.

J. H. CRUMP, SECRETARY.

## Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund.

Miss Laura Bienvenu			Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Manley	3	0	0	
Rutherglen ...	£5	0	0	Mr. H. C. Enticknap ...	3	0	0
Mrs. Cock, (widow Henry				Mrs. John Harvey ...	2	2	0
Cock), Albany, W.A.	2	2	0	Mrs. C. A. Christian ...	2	2	0
Rev. J. R. & Mrs. Brad-				Miss Henderson ...	2	2	0
bury. Colac ...	2	2	0	„ M. Henderson ...	2	2	0
Rev. E. S. & Mrs. Hark-				„ Johns ...	2	2	0
ness, Tonga ...	1	1	0	Rev. W. H. & Mrs. Hodge	2	2	0
Mrs. John McKay, (nee				Mr. J. Hawkey ...	1	4	0
Annie Gibson, Pyramid	1	1	0	Mrs. P. Johns ...	1	10	0
Leila & Gracie Screen, in				Mr. Jas. Yee Keet ...	1	1	0
memory of Grand-				„ Jas. Francis ...	1	1	0
parents, late Henry				A Friend, C. W. ...	1	1	0
Page, and Elizabeth				Mr. John Thomas ...	1	1	0
Saunders ...	1	1	0	Mrs. Margret Rowe ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. Harry Allen, South				Late Mr. F. B. Brimacombe	1	1	0
Melbourne ...	1	1	0	Mrs. I. Armstrong ...	1	1	0
Rev. Wm. Shaw, South				Mr. & Mrs. R. Crooks ...	1	1	0
Australia ...	1	1	0	Mr. H. Cadwallader ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. W. Arthur Kelly,				„ H. T. Nicholls ...	1	1	0
Echuca ...	1	1	0	Mrs. J. Martin ...	1	1	0
Mr. Wm. Johns, Avoca,				Mr. S. H. Beers ...	1	1	0
(Trustee) ...	1	0	0	Miss Belle Armstrong ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. S. Vigus, Kensing-				Mr. E. Tremethick ...	1	1	0
ton, (Trustee) ...	1	0	0	„ Wm. Akehurst ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Addie Burston, (nee				„ „ „ Wedding			
Bienvenu), Ballarat	1	0	0	„ Anniversary ...	1	0	0
Mr. Fred C. Johns, Shep-				Mr. Samuel Jack ...	1	0	0
parton ...	1	0	0	Miss C. Jack ...	1	0	0
Mr. Wilson Miscamble,				„ E. Jack ...	1	0	0
Roma, Queensland ...	0	10	6	Mr. C. H. Williams ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Wilson Miscamble,				A Friend ...	1	0	0
Roma, Queensland ...	0	10	6	Mr. A. Mitchell ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Harvev, widow late				„ A. C. Hollow ...	1	0	0
Thos. Harvey, Bairns-				Mrs. J. Key ...	1	0	0
dale ...	0	10	6	Miss Key ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Salter, nee Sophie				Miss Violet Roberts ...	1	0	0
Schmidt, Northam, W.A.	0	10	0	Mr. Percy „	1	0	0
Mr. Geo. S. James, Lilac				„ Harold „	1	0	0
Street, Bendigo ...	0	10	0	Miss Ruby „	1	0	0
Mr. J. B. & Miss L. Pollard				Master John Roberts ...	1	0	0
Albert Park ...	0	7	6	Mr. F. W. Pollett ...	1	0	0
Mrs. John, nee Louie				Mrs. A. C. Hollow ...	0	10	6
Schmidt, Pyramid ...	0	5	0	Mr. Geo. Ham ...	0	10	6
Mrs. Rollonson, nee E.				„ Albert Tredinnick ...	0	10	6
Davidson, Maldon ...	0	2	6	Mr. John Uren ...	0	10	6
Mrs. A. T. Lanyon ...	15	0	0	„ A. G. James ...	0	10	6
Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Osborne				„ Isaac Odgers ...	0	10	6
„ „ R. Saunders	5	5	0	Miss Saunders ...	0	10	6
„ „ J. F. Roberts	5	0	0	Mr. Ed. Leggo ...	0	10	6
„ „ H. Ralph ...	5	0	0	Mrs. S. Tippet ...	0	10	0
„ „ J. H. Crump	5	10	0	A Friend ...	0	10	0
Miss Bienvenu ...	5	0	0	Mr. John Dalton ...	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jones ..	5	0	0	Rev. T. S. B. Woodfull ...	0	10	0
„ „ W. J. Hender-				Mr. & Mrs Peter Schmidt	0	10	0
son ...	5	0	0	Mr. R. Trebilcock ...	0	10	0
Mr. Syd. G. Brewer ...	3	15	0	„ Eric Bruns ...	0	10	0
Mr. John Harvey ...	3	3	0				

**Diamond Jubilee Thankgiving Fund.—Continued.**

Brought Forward		Mr. Harry Cadwallader...	0 2 6
Mr. David Davidson	... 0 10 0	Mrs. E. Swatton ...	0 2 6
" F. Trenear	... 0 10 0	Master Robbie Saunders	0 2 6
Miss Noble	... 0 10 0	Mr. Richard Reed	... 0 2 6
Mrs. Charlton	... 0 5 0		
Mr. J. Cockburn	... 0 5 0		
Miss Trenear	... 0 5 0		
Mrs. Trenear	... 0 5 0		
Master Tom Crooks	... 0 5 0		
Mrs Geo. Pethard	... 0 5 0		
Mrs. Clara Buley	... 0 6 0		
Miss Ivy Evans	... 0 2 6		
		<b>Spouting Fund.</b>	
		Mr. J. M. Roberts	0 10 0
			<u>£127 15 6</u>

**Straight-Out Giving Effort.**

Collected by Mrs. J. W. Goddard—

Mrs Ed. Harvey	£1 5 0
" J. W. McQuillan	1 2 0
" J. G. Brown	11 0
Mr. Thos. Pickering	11 0
" Hyde	10 0
" Mrs. Goddard	10 0
Mrs. Pickering, [Senr.	5 6
	<u>4 14 6</u>

Collected by Mrs. J. M. Roberts—

Mr. W. D. Osborne	1 6 6
Mrs. "	1 6 6
Mr. J. M. Roberts	1 6 6
Mrs. "	1 6 6
" T. Manley	1 6 0
Mr. Chris. Richard, Jn.	10 0
	<u>7 2 0</u>

Collected by Mrs. D. Davidson—

Mrs. Seedsman	... 12 0
" S. Jones	... 12 0
" E. Richards	... 12 0
" G. Walker	... 12 0
" O'Brien	... 12 0
" Mauger	... 10 0
" D. Davidson	... 10 0
" Barratt	... 8 0
" Cadwallader	... 6 0
" Ault	... 2 0
	<u>4 16 0</u>

Collected by Miss Griston—

Mrs. D. Smith	... 8 0
" Swatton	... 6 0
	<u>0 14 0</u>

Collected by Mrs. J. H. Trebilcock—

Mrs. T. F. Warren	17 0
" J. H. Trebilcock	12 0
" R. Trebilcock	12 0
Miss Bona	... 12 0
Mrs. H. Laity	... 6 6
" C. Anstee	... 6 0
" C. Teasdale	... 6 0
" R. E. Pollard	... 6 0
" E. Leggo	... 6 0
	<u>4 3 6</u>

Miss Noble's Class—

Miss Noble	... 9 0
Sums under 2/6	... 2 6
	<u>0 11 6</u>

Mr H. Laity & Miss Enticknap's Class

Miss Enticknap	... 8 0
Ralph Jones	... 3 9
Geo Saunders	... 3 9
Jack Swatton	... 3 6
Roy Schilling	... 3 2
Bert. Ham	... 2 11
Sums under 2/6	... 16 0
	<u>2 1 1</u>

Miss James' Class—

Miss James	... 14 9
Sums under 2/6	... 11 7
	<u>1 6 4</u>

Miss Henderson's Class—

Miss Henderson	... 1 3 0
" M. Henderson	... 11 6
" B. Armstrong	... 5 6
" Belle Armstrong	... 5 0
" Jack	... 5 6
" E. Jack	... 5 6
" Ethel Jack	... 5 6

**Straight-Out Giving Effort.—Continued.**

Miss Nankervis	... 5 6	Miss Bienvenu's Class	0 12 3
Miss Johns...	... 5 6	Late F. B. Brimacombe's Class—	
" Key	... 5 6	A Friend, S.	... 2 12 0
" Harkness	... 5 6		
" M. Harris	... 5 6		
" Evans	... 5 6		
" Saunders	... 5 6		
" M. Saunders	... 5 6		
Mrs. Cattran	... 5 6		
Miss Griston	... 3 10		
" B. Johns	... 3 10		
" M. Johns	... 3 10		
Mrs. J. Davies	... 3 0		
" Armstrong	... 2 6		
	<u>6 8 6</u>	Total	<u>£35 1 8</u>





**BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 11TH, 1913.**

April 22nd, 1912.			RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.		
To Cr. Bal. in hand	...	...	£4 6 0	Dr. Bal. Commercial Bank, April 22nd, 1911	...	£39 11 9
Anniversary Collections	...	43 10 2		Caretaker	...	63 8 9
Praise Meeting	...	3 4 5		Improvements to Organ, completion of	...	
			46 14 7	Contract	...	20 0 0
Lighting and cleaning collections for 1911	...	5 0 11		Organ Tuning and Keys	...	10 3 0
Harvest Thanksgiving Services	...	8 19 5		Organ Blowing	...	4 10 0
Donations, Mr. G. A. Pethard, £1;	...			Organist	...	12 0 0
Mrs. A. Lanyon, £1 1/-	...	2 1 0		Conductor	...	16 11 0
Lecture, Rev. E. S. Harkness	...	3 7 8		Purchase music	...	2 1 0
			19 9 0			65 5 0
Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund	...		151 13 0	Bendigo Gas Co. and Lighting Sundries	...	18 13 1
Straight-out-giving Effort	...	35 1 8		Interest Private Loans	...	38 5 3
Less 1/3 to Sunday School	...	11 12 0		Commercial Bank	...	4 1 3
			23 9 8	Bank Charges	...	0 10 0
Pew Rents	...		58 5 0			42 16 6
Sir John Quick's Lecture	...	3 5 6		Insurance	...	2 17 2
Church Social Donations	...	5 17 5		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	...	13 19 0
Nett Proceeds Married Ladies Tea	...	11 0 0		Contract Spouting	...	30 8 0
"    "    Men's Tea	...	7 14 5		Front Steps	...	8 8 11
Organ Recital	...	7 3 6		Sundries Repairs	...	0 14 7
Choir Social and Sundries	...	2 11 8				39 11 6
			37 12 6	Jubilee Expenses—	...	
Sunday School Payments—Caretaker	...	25 0 0		3 ministers' travelling expenses	...	10 9 0
Interest	...	7 10 0		Organ Recital	...	3 3 0
			32 10 0	Sundries	...	1 15 7
Bequest—late Mr. Robert Lisle	...		100 0 0			15 7 7
Replace Private Loan	...		500 0 0	New Matting	...	0 15 11
				Repayment Private Loan	...	600 0 0
				Cr. Balance at Bank	...	71 8 6
				Cash in hand	...	0 5 0
						71 13 6
			£973 19 9			£973 19 9
LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.			
Private Loans on Church	...	£1000 0 0	Lighting and Cleaning Collection	...	£5 0 0	
"    "    Sunday School	...	150 0 0	Unpaid Donations	...	3 3 0	
Interest Accrued not due	...	11 17 5	Cr. Balance Commercial Bank	...	71 8 6	
			Cash in hand	...	0 5 0	
					71 13 6	
		£1161 17 5			£79 16 6	

Audited and found correct, April 11th, 1913.

R. SAUNDERS, Treasurer.

W. H. HODGE  
C. H. WILLIAMS } Auditors