



Golden Square Methodist
Sunday School.

1852 ————— TO ————— 1912.

Diamond Jubilee.



60th Anniversary.



Sunday, September 29th, to
Friday, October 11th, 1912.



Printed Hymns from the "New Sunday School
Hymnal" will be rendered at all Services.

ORGANIST : MISS MURIEL I. AKEHURST.
CONDUCTOR : MR. J. H. CRUMP.

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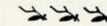
TEACHERS :

REV. W. H. HODGE	MRS. SAUNDERS	MISSSES B. JAMES
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" R. F. POLLARD	MISSSES HENDERSON	" C. EVANS
" R. J. O'BRIEN	" BIENVENU	" MITCHELL
" W. HODGE	" JAMES	" BRUNS
" R. CROOKS	" NOBLE	" HYDE
MRS. J. M. ROBERTS	" A. SAUNDERS	" L. SAUNDERS
" TRENEAR	" TRENEAR	" B. GODDARD
" NICHOLLS	" PETHARD	" BROWN
" AKEHURST	" MARTIN	
" MITCHELL	" ENTICNAP	

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METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL,
GOLDEN SQUARE.



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

1852 — to — 1912

60th Annual Report

For the Year ending Sept. 18th, 1912.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

In presenting the Diamond Jubilee Report of our Sabbath School we desire, in the first place, to raise a heartfelt "Ebenezer" to the glory and praise of God whose faithfulness has brought us hitherto—Oh that His grace toward us, so far exceeding all we could have asked or thought—may be the means of encouraging many others to put their trust more fully in Him, and to consecrate their lives to this important department of His work.

Naturally, this is a time of retrospect, as well as rejoicing. We look back over 60 years in the work of our School. The romance of many lives is bound up in these past years. From the review we take of their histories we turn with fresh courage to the tasks before us, remembering that the past years summon us to work while it is called to-day, so that the Great Future shall not appal us by its record of our indolence and failure. With stern determination and high hope and that fervent seeking after Divine aid, which brings certain reply, we go forward into the light and success of the future years.

The Rev. J. R. Bradbury returned to the Pastorate after our last Anniversary Celebrations, and continued his work until April of this year. During his term he evinced at all times a keen interest in our work, and his two sons were on our Teaching Staff, and rendered excellent service. We welcome his successor, Rev. W. H. Hodge, who has already shown an alertness and devotion to the greatest work the Church has, the Young People, in the scope of its Sunday School operations.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE of the Church on April, 28th, and succeeding days, was delightfully successful. A great series of services warmed our hearts and inspired us for greater service.

OUR DEPARTED ONES.—William Riding, a young man, who passed through much suffering, borne patiently, passed triumphantly to the Better Land on January 3rd. Thomas Rogers Trehear, a veteran laid aside for years, having to lay down the work he so much loved, was at one time a Superintendent and Teacher, much beloved and esteemed for his work sake, entered into rest 8th June. Abraham Harkness, J.P., the oldest Trustee at the time of his death, June 17th, died full of years and honor, one of the early Superintendents and a Teacher of worth. We are much indebted to his liberality and kindly interest in the present large School Hall we occupy. Frank Bray Brimacombe, in the prime of life, 50 years of age, entered into rest July 7th, a beloved Superintendent and Teacher capable, true as steel, one of our best all-round men; we mourn our great loss. Recently his Class gave him a token of their love and esteem; he has won the Crown of Life. Others, too, have passed through bereavement, and we commend all such to Him who doeth all things well. "Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou Lord their Captain in the well-fought Fight; Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light."

Alleluia!

OUR WORK.—Patiently, faithfully, steadily, prayerfully has the seed of the Kingdom been sown, and though there are no outstanding times of revival, some scholars have given their hearts to God, and work so done can never be tabulated. We need a greater quickening of the Spirit's power in our hearts and lives, and, as Teachers, to still more be taught by Him, the great Teacher, and to realise the importance of soul winning. Our Prayer Meetings have not been so well sustained during the year. We need to wake up. "Lord, revive Thy work!"

OUR ORGANISATIONS.—The Young Ladies' Guild numbers 54 members, and is most popular and health-giving to our girls.

The Tennis Club, which leases a piece of ground, has had a successful year, and many happy gatherings.

The International Bible Reading Association numbers 185 members—an increase of 51 members for the year.

The Y.P.S.C.E. numbers 18 honorary, 7 associates, and 31 active members; total, 56. This Society has increased its members and usefulness, and stands as one of the Spiritual forces of the Church. It maintains a Native Teacher at a cost of £10 per year, in the islands of New Guinea.

The Catechumen Classes, formed during the year, are under wise and helpful leaders.

The Boys have associated for Cricket and Football in a Sunday Schools' Association, and have found fine companionship, and have made some excellent wins.

The Library has 1,142 volumes on its shelves in good order. The number of readers, 72; average issue, 54. This needs increasing.

STATISTICS, CHANGES IN STAFF, AND REMOVALS.—In giving these we can only say we are marking time. Last year applies to this year. From the Infant Class to the Boys' Classes we quite hold our own. When the Senior Staff is reached we have come to a crisis; we are confronted with the fact that, as the community, commercially and otherwise, is suffering severely from centralisation, the Sunday School suffers too. Our young men cannot find avenues of employment either in the Federal or State services, or in other walks of life in our city, of a permanent kind, and so our numbers suffer. We deplore this. Our young women do not migrate in such proportions as our young men. They are our chief joy and glory, too.

The Morning School numbers:—Teachers: 9; average, 8.05; 89.5 per cent. Scholars: 89; average, 67.5; 75.9 per cent.

Afternoon:—Teachers on the Roll: 31; average attendance, 30; 96.75 per cent. Scholars: 458, an increase of 3 on last year; average attendance, 287.75, nearly 63 per cent. This is much to be lamented, and means that out of 458 on the roll 167 are absent every Sunday afternoon of the year. Parents, can you not help to remedy this appalling absence of your boys and girls? Think what it means morally and spiritually.

Mr. J. H. Crump, our old tried friend, during the year was appointed as Musical Conductor after an absence of almost two years from active service.

The Infant Department lost the services of Miss Amy Mamouney, who has removed to Colac. Her services as a Teacher, both in the Senior School as well, were cheerfully rendered. She was a trained teacher, and attained much success in her work. She was presented with a Teacher's Bible as a token of love and esteem. Miss Agnes P. Saunders was appointed in her place.

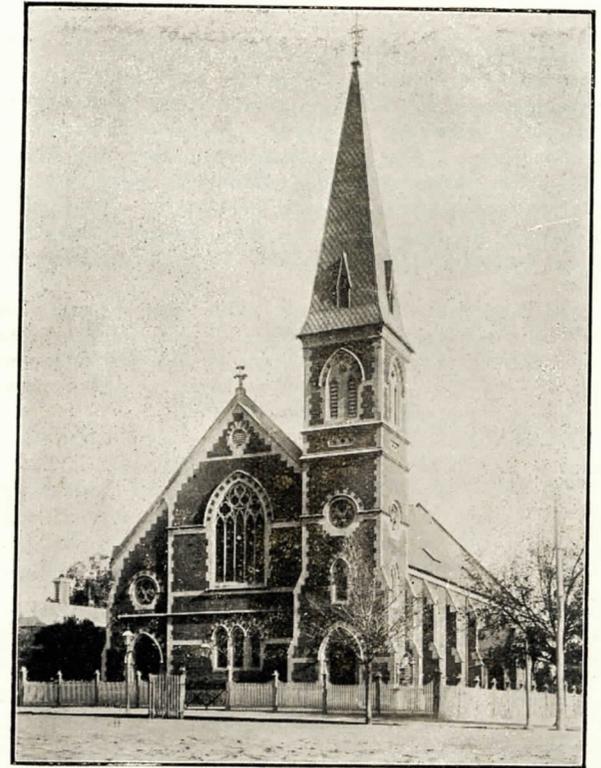
Miss Henderson asks for a brief rest from the active duties of Teaching, as soon as we can find a successor. Miss Henderson has been on the active staff of the School continuously as a Morning Teacher from 1887 to 1909—22 years—and as a Teacher in the Afternoon with a splendid and unique record of 26 years' service. Faithfully and capably and with acceptance in this beloved work and other activities she takes a well-earned respite, but we shall still have her counsel and practical support in our work. We pray that for many years to come she may be spared to render still greater service for Jesus Christ.

Teacher's Certificates were presented to Miss Queenie Mamouney, who removed to Yarraville, and to Mr. Ayrtton Bradbury, who has gone to Tasmania, for the faithful and cheerful discharge of their duties.

METHODS.—The Archibald Mission on the Decentralisation of the Sunday School has borne fruit in some schools. Referring to our own we heartily concur in some of the methods to improve our Teaching, and also raising the status of the teachers. We commend to the parents and friends the need of as early as possible establishing the Kindergarten and Primary Departments. A Cradle Roll has been established with success. Our Senior Young Men and Fathers have transferred their Men's Class to the Church, meeting Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 4 o'clock, and their success will depend upon themselves, and in so far as they become mutually helpful and aggressive their success is assured. Rev. W. H. Hodge is doing his best to make that class a great success and power for good.

Rev. Horton Williams, organising secretary of our Sunday School Department, was accorded a warm welcome, and his visit was productive of much good.

OUR GIVING.—The Straight-out Giving Effort, the proceeds of which are $\frac{2}{3}$ for the Church Trust and $\frac{1}{3}$ for the School Debt, has kept steadily on its way. Entertainments by the young people for the Church Organ Fund



OUR CHURCH.



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

realised £16 3/6. We organised a Gift Day for Livingstone Home on Sunday, June 9th, and 280 gifts of all kinds, weighing 2½ cwt., were sent to this deserving institution, and gratefully received. We also maintain a cot in this Home. Our contributions, as per our Balance-sheet, cover Home and Foreign Missions, which have chief claim for our support, Watson Sustentation Fund, Hospital Sunday, British and Foreign Bible Society, Austin Hospital for Incurables, Sunday School Cot in the Bendigo Hospita.

BUILDINGS.—Our School Hall and Class Rooms have been renovated, and present a pleasing appearance. The enclosure of the same by a very fine and substantial picket fence, at a cost of £50, makes a valuable property. The present debt on the building is £150.

FINANCES.—We commenced the year with a Credit Balance of £13 11/2, and now close with a Debit Balance of £39 10/. We ask for your liberal help as in days past, and we anticipate a hearty response to our appeal, which has been sent out to parents and friends to make our Thanksgiving Fund at least £100. You can do it, and we have confidence you will.

VISITORS.—We have been cheered and stimulated in our work by Addresses from Rev. J. R. Bradbury, W. H. Hodge, E. Turner, Ernest Smith, E. T. Cox, Sister Bessie, Miss Mills, Messrs. Harold Akehurst, Rob. Harkness, E. Thomas, J. D. Gilbert, David Weir and J. Thwaites.

Quarterly Young People's Day has only been moderately successful. It can be made of great blessing and usefulness if more enthusiasm were manifested.

GENERAL.—The introduction of the new Sunday School Hymnal now furnishes us with a volume of great Spiritual worth and musical beauty. Its choice of hymns and orders of service and responses fills the needs of all grades of Sunday School work.

The Picnic in November last was, as usual, a great success.

The Household Tea given by the young people to their Fathers and Mothers, on July 10th, was one of the notable functions of the year. The School was transformed into a drawing-room, and a delightful gathering was the result.

The Victoria and Tasmania Sunday School Department Examinations have been held, and Miss Bessie Tredinnick distinguished herself, and did us honor in winning the 1st Prize and Championship in her division. Bert Calwallader also secured the local prize.

Mr. H. Beers deserves our warmest thanks for help rendered to our young people.

The Cause of Temperance and Total Abstinence has received our attention, and almost the whole of our teachers and scholars are pledged abstainers.

The Distribution of Prizes this year will take place at a later date to be arranged.

We hope during the next few months to compile a brief Historical Booklet of the Church and School, to be published at one shilling each.

CONCLUSION.—In conclusion, our Hope is in God. We look to Him to strengthen and aid us, to work in us and work by us for the establishment of a vigorous and aggressive Sabbath School, which shall be a blessing to hundreds yet unborn. The prosperity with which we have been favoured in the past, we trust is but a dim shadow of the mighty things God shall accomplish for us in the future. May the dying words of our founder, "The best of all is, God is with us," be our living experience and inspiration from generation to generation, and "that which was made glorious" in the past, have no glory, by reason of "the glory that excelleth" in the future history of our beloved School and its work.

(Signed)

W. H. HODGE, MINISTER.

R. SAUNDERS, } SUPTS.
H. LAITY, }

J. HAWKEY, } SECS.
J. MAMOUNEY, }
E. BRUNS, }

W. AKEHURST, TREAS.

ORGANISATIONS
IN CONNECTION WITH
— THE —

Methodist Sunday School, Golden Square.

MORNING SCHOOL:
9.45 to 10.45.

AFTERNOON SCHOOL:
2.30 to 4.

Y.P.S.C.E.:

Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Evening.

President—Rev. W. H. Hodge.

Vice-Presidents—Miss Johns and Mr. J. Manley.
Secretary—Miss Pethard.

TENNIS CLUB.

President—Mr. R. Saunders.

Secretary—Miss Pethard.

GIRLS' GUILD.

Every Tuesday. Juniors, 7; Seniors, 8.

President—Mrs. Saunders.

Secretary—Miss Pethard.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 1912.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
To Cr. Balance	...	...	£13 11 2	By Anniversary	...	...	£16 18 1
Anniversary—	...	...		Prizes	...	...	6 16 3
Collections	...	21 16 0		Picnic	...	...	63 14 5
Tea Meeting	...	13 4 9		Collections and Donations	...	...	14 17 11
Collections and Donations	...	...		Home Mission Boxes	...	£7 9 4	
for same	...	8 2 4		Foreign Mission Boxes	...	7 9 4	
Young People's Night	...	3 16 6					14 18 8
			46 19 7	Tuning	...	...	2 0 0
Picnic	...	...	54 6 3	Advertising	...	...	1 1 0
Library Receipts	...	...	2 0 11	Book Requisites	...	...	14 2 7
Collections for Annual School Effort	...	...	17 10 3	Bank Charges and Sundries	...	...	15 9
Collections	...	...	8 16 11	Expenses Diamond Jubilee	...	...	4 5 6
Mission Boxes	...	...	14 18 8	Property—			
School Collections	...	...	15 0 6	Rates, Insurance and Gas	...	11 14 4	
Book Sales, etc.	...	...	2 6 3	Caretaker	...	25 0 0	
Property—				Interest on Loan	...	7 10 0	
Rents	...	25 5 11		Fence	...	50 14 0	
Moiety S.O. Giving Effort	...	14 14 3		Painting Classrooms	...	16 17 6	
Sundries	...	2 10 0		Repairs, &c.	...	6 4 8	
Dr. Balance	...	...	42 10 2				118 0 6
			39 10 0				
			£257 10 8				£257 10 8

LIABILITIES.

To Church Trustees on A/c Classroom	...	£150 0 0
Bank Overdraft	...	39 10 0
		£189 10 0

W. AKEHURST, TREASURER.

Audited and found correct, 23/9/12.

E. H. J. WILLIAMS, A.F.I.A. } AUDITORS.
J. M. ROBERTS, }

Programme of Services.

Sunday, September 29th.

Three Bright Inspiring Services.

at 11 a m , 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday, September 30th.

Re-Union of Teachers and Scholars, past and present.

Wednesday, October 2nd.

Monster Tea and Concert.

Friday, October 4th.

Great Young People's Concert.

Sunday, October, 6th.

Three Services.

11 a m 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday, October 7th.

Girls' Guild Display.

Tuesday, October 8th.

Praise and Thanksgiving Service, 8 p.m.

Friday, October 11th.

Children's Night.