

∞ 63rd Annual Report ∞

—OF THE—

Golden Square Methodist Sunday School,

For the Year ending 30th September, 1915.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—Twelve months ago we accepted office. What a momentous year! The greatest in history.—Drought has depleted the farm and storehouse.—War has decimated our ranks, and patriotic efforts have diminished the general savings. Laborers are fewer and the work is harder. Many other things have militated against our work—insufficient teachers—fluctuating attendances, and the universal wave of unrest.—Some slight progress has been made, but the great ideals have not been attained.

Afternoon School—Attendance on the whole has been good. Teachers on roll 38, average .90 per cent.; Scholars on roll 394, average .71 per cent.

Morning School—Mr. H. Laity, Superintendent, also keeps a fair average. Teachers 8, average .97 per cent.; Scholars 88, average 69 per cent.

Teachers Received.—Misses Key, Medlin, V. Roberts, Alford, D. O'Brien, Pitson and Dudley, and Mr. G. Brimacombe.

CEASED TO TEACH.—Mrs. Hodge, Misses Alford, O'Brien, Dudley, D. O'Brien, Hodge, Taylor, Nankervis, Mamouney and L. Saunders, and Messrs. Roof, Bruns and Cadwallader.

Officers Elected.—Superintendents, Messrs. G. A. Pethard, and H. Laity; Secretaries, Mr. H. Cadwallader, and (to be appointed); Morning Sec., Mr. L. Lethlean; Treasurer, Mr. W. Akehurst; Librarians, Messrs. G. Pethard and F. Trenear; Mission Secretary, Mr. M. Mamouney; Sick and Absentee Visitor, Mr. R. Saunders; Musical Conductor, Mr. J. H. Crump; Pianists, Misses Akehurst and Beers; Organists, Misses Medlin and Cadwallader, and Mr. J. Uren; Musical Librarian, Miss Harkness; I.B.R.A. Secretary, Miss May Saunders; Representatives S.S. Union, Messrs. H. Laity and H. Cadwallader; Monitors, Gordon Daykin, Willie Carter and Cyril Medlin; Auditors, Mr. E. H. J. Williams, A.F.I.A. and Mr. J. Mamouney.

Departure.—In April, Rev. W. H. Hodge was appointed Superintendent of the Ivanhoe Circuit, being succeeded by Rev. H. J. Ham, B. A., to whom we accord a hearty welcome.

Christian Endeavour has 30 active members, an increase of 10 for the year. The Society contributed £7 for the maintenance of a Native Teacher in New Britain. There is a manifest interest by members in meetings and Endeavour Work, also Bible Study and Red Cross Work. Secretary, Miss L. Johns.

Men's Bible Class, held in the Church, continues its mission with a good average attendance.

Girls' Guild.—President, Mrs. R. Saunders; Secretary, Miss L. Pethard, numbers 26, under Mr. J. R. Alexander. The members hope to double their number during next year.

Tennis Club maintains its position satisfactorily, considering that several members have left for Camp and Egypt.

Sickness.—On the whole the health of the School has been good.

Deaths.—After a prolonged illness, Mr. R. Crooks passed away on 1st October. He was an active worker and Secretary of the Men's Bible Class. On 8th October Mrs. Anstee, wife of Mr. J. C. Anstee, joined the hosts above. Her illness was of short duration, and the call unexpected. The Lord of all grace sustain and console the sorrowing ones.

Bible Society's effort, by seven of the scholars, under Miss Alford, was most successful, and realised £1 11s 3d, supplemented by 5/- from Golden Gully Sunday School.

Kindergarten Expert, Miss Williams, visited this branch of our work during the year. Her visit was instructive and helpful to all who attended her lectures. Several improvements have since been introduced both in Primary and Kinder departments.

Secretary.—For eight years Mr. J. Hawkey has filled the position faithfully and creditably. The same remarks apply to the Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. E. Mamouney. For private reasons, both officers vacate office, and we regretfully accept the inevitable. A minute has been recorded appreciative of services rendered.

Roll of Honour—Tom Barratt, Leslie Hyde, also W. G. Saunders (a former Scholar), are the first names to be inscribed. These were killed in action at Gallipoli, on or about 1st May. An enlarged photo of their son has been presented to the School by Mr. and Mrs. Barratt, and suitably acknowledged. May God's rich consolation abide with the bereaved.

Active Service.—On 18th July we bade good bye to the following, to serve their King and Country—R. Mitchell, E. Potter, G. Saunders, H. Cadwallader, H. Westaway, J. Swatton, C. Teasdale, R. Read, T. Francis, H. Nicholls and J. Wilkinson. Rev. S. Scholes was present and gave an inspiring patriotic address. Each scholar was the recipient of a most appropriate letter by the Superintendent, and a nicely bound copy of the New Testament from our esteemed friend Mrs. A. T. Lanyon. The following have since enlisted, R. Jones, C. Simpson, J. White, E. White, H. Skelton, H. Whitlock, T. Whitlock, E. Jones, E. Rowe, W. Goddard, A. Mitchell and C. Rogers. The following left last year, and are still at the front, W. Pethard, S. Barratt, W. Hodge, A. Hocking and W. Evans. We commit all of them to the Lord for protection and safe return.

I.B.R.A. numbers 160 members. Secretary, Miss May Saunders.

Foreign Mission Gifts to the Islands consisted of 63 various useful articles.

Golden Gully and Diamond Hill Sunday Schools are still helped by our Church and School.

Library, in charge of Mr. G. Pethard and Mr. F. Trenear, has received an addition of a number of new books during the year, making a total of nearly 1000 volumes. Readers, 72.

Annual Picnic was held at Ravenswood, on Boxing Day, and proved very successful. Delightful weather, a good feeling and no accident. This year the teachers have decided to forego the usual picnic and devote the average loss, £8, to Sick and Wounded and Red Cross Funds.

School Funds.—No special effort for funds has been made by the School during the year. For several months the School was rented by the Education Department. The rent received placed our funds in credit, being most opportune and very acceptable. Though dispensing with picnic, we trust that our friends will give the School their usual support when the collectors make their annual call.

Conclusion.—We are now entering upon a new year. Let us arouse our dormant and latent powers. Incite them into action and make the work of our School one of the pleasures of life. The touch of Christ brings out the noblest and best, for in Him all fulness dwells. Having voluntarily enlisted we must be faithful to our charge, and stand to it like brave soldiers. No crying off, and on duty every Sunday, wet or fine. No hesitation to obey, and no thought of failure. The more strenuous the effort the more greater the achievement. Have confidence in yourselves, and also in your leader, even if you disagree with him. His method must obviously differ from yours. It could not be otherwise.

We appeal to PARENTS, TEACHERS and SCHOLARS for a FULL, REGULAR and PUNCTUAL attendance—a greater DILIGENCE and INTEREST in the lessons, both at HOME and at SCHOOL—also a PENNY a SUNDAY from each TEACHER and SCHOLAR to make our School self-supporting, and inculcate the greatest of all gifts—GIVING.

We want a ready and cheerful response to the appeal. We want to lose and forget for the moment what we like and dislike. To succeed in any career is arduous and exacting. There is in passing both failure and success. Let us start with the resolve to leave every position richer than we found it by striving to add a stone to the monument of its greatness. Every effort must be backed up by an untiring patience and perseverance. Then, when our task is finished, the track we leave behind may be a zig-zag of ups and downs, and almost undefinable, but, like the circuitous mountain pass, leads RIGHT to the goal.

*Speed with the message, Oh speed in His name,
Hasten the story of Christ to proclaim!*

H. J. HAM, B. A., MINISTER.
G. G. PETHARD, } SUPERINTENDENTS.
H. LAITY, }

J. HAWKEY,
J. E. MAMOUNEY, } SECRETARIES.
H. T. CADWALLADER, }

9TH OCTOBER, 1915.

∞ *Methodist Sunday School, Golden Square.* ∞

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1915.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Anniversary, 1914—		London Bank Overdraft ...	£43 15 1
Collections ...	£21 15 9	Anniversary ...	16 14 9
Tea Meeting ...	14 13 0	Prizes ...	7 14 9
Young People's Night ...	4 15 3	Picnic ...	36 13 11
	£41 4 0	Special Collections as per	
Collections for Annual		contra ...	8 7 0
School Effort as per Rprt.	15 5 6	Subscriptions and Donations—	
Picnic—		S. S. Union ...	£1 0 0
Railways, etc. ...	23 9 3	Children's Hospital ...	0 10 0
Special Donations—		Australian Sick and	
Mr. G. A. Pethard, £1; Mr		Wounded Fund ...	1 1 0
G. Pethard, £1; Mr. P.		Red Cross Fund ...	5 0 0
Stevenson, 5/- ...	2 5 0	Belgian Fund ...	5 0 0
	25 14 3	Y. W. C. A. Lectures ..	0 10 6
Special Collections—			13 1 6
Hospital Sunday ...	2 2 9	Library & School requisites	11 12 8
B. and F. Bible Society ...	1 11 3	Printing, Postage, Advertis-	
Home Mission ...	1 7 3	ing, etc. ...	1 11 0
Foreign Mission ...	1 2 9	Tuning ...	2 0 0
Kindergarten Demonstra-		Bank Charges and Interest	1 16 0
tion ...	1 2 0	School Boxes—	
Centenary Tea ...	1 1 0	Home Missions ...	9 13 7
	8 7 0	Foreign Missions ...	9 13 7
Library Receipts ...	3 5 0		19 7 2
Book Sales ...	0 15 6	Kindergarten Chairs and	
School Collecting Boxes—		Trays ...	2 14 5
H. and F. Mission ...	19 7 2	Property Account—	
School ...	19 11 5	Gas ...	6 10 1
	38 18 7	Rates and Insurance ...	8 0 10
Property Account—		Caretaker ...	29 0 0
Rents ...	83 8 9	Repayment Loan ...	5 0 0
Moiety S. and O. Giving		½ Cost Tel. Parsonage ...	1 15 0
Effort ...	10 1 10	Sundry Repairs ...	2 10 4
Donation, Girls' Guild ...	1 1 0		52 16 3
	94 11 7	London Bank, per pass book	9 16 11
	£228 1 5		£228 1 5

LIABILITIES.

Balance due on Loan re School Buildings ... £92 10 0
(Money borrowed by Church Trustees).

Audited and found correct,

8/10/15.

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

W. AKEHURST, Treasurer.

Collected for Annual School Effort.

No. 1 District: (Miss Hyde)—Mrs. Sparron, 4/-; Mrs Matthews, 2/6; Mrs. Hyde, 2/6; Mrs. Tredinnick, 2/6; Mrs. Harvey, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 9/-; Total £1/3/0. No. 2 District: (Mrs. Saunders)—Miss Henderson, £1/10/0; A friend, 10/-; Mr. R. Saunders, 5/-; Mr. J. Yee Keet, 4/-; Mrs. A. Ralph, 3/-; Miss Bienvenn, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 19/6; Total £3/14/0. No. 3 District: (Mrs. Saunders — Mr. G. Pethard, £1/1/0; Mrs Lanyon, 5/-; Mrs. W. H. Johns, 5/-; Miss Johns, 5/-; Mrs C. S. Rowe, 3/-; Mr. A. G. James, 2/6; Mr Beers, 2/6; Mrs. J. James, 2/6; Mrs Akehurst, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 9/6; Total £2/18/6. No. 4 District: (Miss Key)—Mrs. D. Smith, 5/-; Mrs. Thomas, 5/-; Mrs J. F. Roberts, 3/-; Mrs. Key, 2/6; Mrs. J. Odgers, 2/6; Mrs. Watson, 2/6; Mrs. Wood, 2/6; Mrs. Nichols, 2/6; Mrs Crooks, 2/6; Mrs Pickering, 2/6; Mrs. Nankervis, 2/6; sums under 13/-; Total £2/6/0. No. 5. District: (Mrs. Nankervis)—Mrs. Seedsman, 5/-; Mrs. C. Johns, 3/-; Mrs. Teasdale, 2/6; Mrs. Trebilcock, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 12/-; Total £1/5/0. No. 6. District: (Mrs. D. Davidson)—Mrs. O'Brien, 5/-; Mrs. G. Jones, 2/6; Mrs. Nicholson, 2/6; Mrs. F. Trenear, 2/6; Mrs. J. Harvey, 2/6; Mr. D. Davidson, 2/6; Mrs. Armstrong, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 12/-; Total £1/12/0. No. 7. District: (Mrs. Evans)—Mr. J. H. Crump, 5/-; Mr. Cadwallader, 4/-; Mrs. Martin, 3/-; Mrs. Whitford, 2/6; Mr. Ralph, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 11/6; Total £1/8/6. No. 8. District: (Mrs. Lanyon)—Mrs. Mauger, 2/6; Mrs. T. W. Laity, 2/6; sums under 2/6, 13/6; Total 18/6. Grand Total £15/5/6.



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