

61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Golden Square Methodist Sunday School

For the Year ending September 30th, 1913.

**PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**—In presenting the 61st Annual Report of our beloved Sabbath School our first duty must be to express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His manifest presence and guidance, which has been realised in every branch of our work. Each succeeding year has brought fresh evidences of God's favour, and the last year has been one of the brightest and best. We praise God for His goodness; we thank Him for the spiritual success He has granted, and in the spirit of consecration inspired by a great hope, we enter upon the duties of another year. The best of all being the consciousness that God is with us in our work for the Children and young people of our home and church.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations extending over seven days were times of great rejoicing, spiritually and socially, and we give thanks unto Him who permitted such joy to abound, and such success to be achieved.

The departure of Rev. T. S. B. Woodfull, superintendent of the circuit, and the incoming of Rev. Samuel Scholes is one usual to Methodism, and we give to our friend the warmest of welcomes.

The family Circle Services have been held during the year, conducted by the pastor, and their value to the home life of our people can be increased manifold. Parents kindly take note, and make these services a great spiritual force.

The hand of death transplanted from this earth to the Eden above, in December last, Gertie Bone, a winsome loveable girl of 13 years of age. She was bright and cheerful through an illness which lasted many months, we tender to the bereaved ones, our loving and heartfelt sympathy.

The hand of affliction has been laid on three of our Teaching Staff, viz: Mrs. H. T. Nicholls, who has done much in the days that are gone, but had to stand aside, passing through much suffering. We are glad to say that a very marked improvement has taken place in her health. Mr. R. Crooks, too, has had 6 months of quietude through a throat affection, but is again at his work. Miss Roberts needs our sympathy in her retirement of uncertain health. Her brother, too, Mr. Harold Roberts, in the second Bible class, has been heroic in all that has come to him of suffering. To the many dear Scholars and Teachers, some who have had serious illnesses and imperfect health, we tender our loving and heartfelt sympathy. Many letters have been sent to bereaved families and have been much appreciated.

The work of the School has been faithfully continued and the good seed of the kingdom sown in many hearts "One soweth and another reapeth" But we take courage in the words of holy writ—"Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded. "The Lord is with you while ye be with Him."

Teachers on the Roll, 40. Average attendance, 36 90 per cent.

Scholars on the roll, 411. Occasional Scholars, 60 Average attendance, 278. 67 75 per cent.

The following Teachers have been received during the year, Messrs. D. Davidson, C. Anstee, C. Richards, J. C. Roof, and Harry Cadwallader; Mrs Nankervis and the Misses D. Nankervis, L. Harvey, Rene Jones, D. Beers, I. Mamouney, these we heartily welcome. We said farewell to Mr. R. E. Pollard, Mr. Wilf Hodge, and Miss C. Evans, and accord them thanks for help given. Miss Noble has been granted leave of absence for a little while, and Mr. Herbert Cadwallader retires from the teaching staff.

The following are the Officers elected for the ensuing year:—Superintendents, Messrs. R. Saunders and H. Laity; Secretaries, Messrs J. Hawkey, and J. E. Mamouney; Morning Secretary, Mr. E. Bruns; Treasurer, Mr. W. Akehurst, Librarians, Messrs E. Bruns, and R. Beers; Mission Secretary, Mr. M. Mamouney; Sick and Absentee Visitor, Mrs. J. M. Roberts; Musical Conductor, Mr. J. H. Crump; Pianists, Misses Akehurst and Beers; Organists, Misses M. Medlin, Cadwallader, and Mr. J. Uren; Musical Librarian, Miss Harkness; I. B. R. A., Secretary, Miss May Saunders; Representatives S. S. Union, Messrs. H. Cadwallader and H. Laity; Monitors, Jas. Honeychurch, Roy Morrison, and Gordon Daykin. Auditors, Mr. E. H. J. Williams, A.F.I.A., and J. Mamouney.

The attendance has been affected more particularly in the junior portion of the School by epidemics. The Men's Bible Class has had many excellent gatherings, and continues its work in the Church each Sunday afternoon. The Diamond Hill and Golden Gully Sunday Schools still receive material help from this School in carrying on their work.

The morning School, with Mr. H. Laity as Superintendent, and Mr. H. E. Bruns as Secretary, maintains its work. The number of Scholars now on the roll is 89, with an average attendance throughout the year of 74.90 per cent. The number of morning teachers is 9, and the average attendance 86 per cent. It seems difficult to maintain any increase in this portion of the School work for various reasons; but we urge the parents as far as possible to send their children in the morning, as the smaller number, in comparison with the afternoon school makes for more efficient teaching, and the scholars form the habit of attending the Church Service after the morning school has dismissed. A commencement has been made with the kindergarten methods by Miss Agnes Saunders, and the children manifest great interest in the lessons, and we feel that a great advance has been made in this department of the School's work.

The Librarians, Messrs H. E. Bruns, and R. H. Beers report that during the year slightly increased interest has been evinced in the Library. This is due to the fact that 65 new books, including a number of the latest publications by popular writers, have been added to the library, and a complete and up-to-date catalog has been published. The number of books now is 878, the number of readers is 72, and the average issue 53. It is hoped that during the coming year, greater support will be accorded to the Library, especially by the teachers and senior scholars, as it is now in first-class order, and the policy of the Librarians is to keep the Library up-to-date by adding new books by well-known authors as they are published. Out of use volumes have been donated to Country Schools.

The Tennis Club is not quite so vigorous as formerly, but several matches have been played with success.

The International Bible Reading Association now numbers 190 members, who cannot fail to obtain much help and inspiration by reading God's word. The Y.P.S.C.E. numbers 30 active, 7 associate, and 19 Hon. Members, total 56. It maintains a native Teacher in the Island of New Britain at a cost of £10 per year. The spiritual tone of the Society has improved, and good work is being done in many ways.

The Catechumen Classes continue to be held regularly. The monthly prayer meetings have been held fairly regularly. The young men in the Sunday Schools Association for Cricket and Football—a bond of good fellowship—have had a successful year.

The Basket Ball Team of our School at the Y.M.C.A. has given a splendid account of its doings, and 2nd prize winners.

The Girls' Guild numbers 30 seniors and 24 juniors, total 54, and has had a successful year. A Church Parade service was held, conducted by our Pastor, and the whole tone of the organisation is one of happiness and much social enjoyment. They closed their session with a fine display, and made a donation of two pounds to the funds of the School.

The Annual Picnic was held at Ravenswood in November last with great heartiness and success. Again this year, and at the same time and place, a United Methodist Sunday Schools' Picnic will be held, and the event is the first of its kind. We foretell very happy results from this combined Picnic.

The Victoria and Tasmania Sunday School Department Annual Examinations have been better sustained this year than for many years, and it is encouraging both to Teachers and Scholars that this is so. We sent up 14 Candidates and secured one second prize, 4 passes and 4 credit certificates.

Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. H. Beers who has taken charge of our Training Class. May the incoming year be ever more successful.

During the year, special prominence was given to the Centenary of David Livingstone, and addresses have been given on various subjects by Revs. W. H. Hodge, Horton Williams, Sunday School Department, F. Mason, S. Scholes, E. J. Keck; Messrs. A. J. Evans, J. Teasdale, (N.S. Wales), G. A. Pethard, W. J. Campbell, J. P., E. Thomas, J. Whitford, Mr. Chris Mudd, F.L.S.; and Miss George. To all the friends who with their practical help and prayers have assisted us we give thanks. To Mrs. A. T. Lanyon for the gift of a Nickel Music Stand our thanks are given.

The Gallery in the infant room has been removed at a cost of £26/2/9. The Lighting has been improved preparatory to the introduction of the kindergarten and primary work. The needed chairs are being procured, Miss Bona has kindly consented to collect for this necessary work, and we ask the parents and friends to give a generous response to our appeal. We shall require in the near future a School Kitchen, and other necessary repairs are needed to the Building.

We commenced the year with a debit balance of £39/10/. Our receipts for the year are £271/17/9, and our expenditure £243/13/4, leaving a debit balance of £11/5/7

Collections have been taken up on behalf of the School Funds, Home and Foreign Missions, and other worthy causes, see Balance Sheet.

The Crockery Fund shows a balance of 12/9 in hand, and our thanks are due to Miss B. Johns, the Treasurer, for the supervision given.

The debt on the School is £150. The straight out giving effort in the senior classes is still continued with success, the proceeds being divided, 2-thirds for the Church Trust, 1-third for the School debt, the total amount received being £8/4/10. Miss Harkness makes an excellent Treasurer of this effort.

The Officers and Teachers recognise with pleasure the hearty sympathy and practical help given by Rev. W. H. Hodge, in all the varied aspects of the Sunday School work.

In conclusion, let our trust and confidence be in Him, our Lord and Master, strong and vigorous, and as parents and teachers, let our influence first in our home life be all it should be, the foundation stone of character and the teaching of the truths of our holy religion, that they be made manifest in our lives, realising our work is only supplementary to that of all true parents. But alas, in some cases the dear ones know only the voice of their teacher and pastor, calling them to the truest and best life which is love for and to Jesus Christ, the World's Redeemer. God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Yours in the Master's service,

W. H. HODGE, Minister.

R. SAUNDERS }  
H. LAITY } Superintendents.

J. HAWKEY }  
J. MAMOUNEY } Secretaries  
E. BRUNS }

#### DIAMOND JUBILEE THANKSGIVING DONATIONS.

Mr. S. J. Wade Mossman, N.S.W. £2/2/-, Mr G. A. Pethard £2/2/-, Mr. E. Hawken, Kensington, £1/7/6, Mr. & Mrs. J. Kennedy, Malvern, £1/1/-, Miss B. Armstrong, £1/1/-, Mr. J. W. Crump, £1/1/-, Mr. W. D. Osborne, £1/1/-, Mr. Farmer, £1/1/-, Mr. & Mrs. W. Miscamble, Qld, £1/0/6, Mr. J. Williams, Brighton, £1, Mr. J. Thomas, S. Melb. £1, Mr. F. Allen, Colac. £1, Mr. & Mrs. J. Trevena, Abbotsford, £1, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Roberts, £1, Mr. C. H. Williams, £1, Mr. and Mrs. W. Akehurst, £1, Miss L. Bienvenu, Chiltern Valley, 10/6, Mr. M. Cock, Wonthaggi, 10/- Mr. F. C. Johns, Shepparton, 10/-, Mr. Leversha, Lockwood, 10/-, Mr. Leversage, Footscray, 10/-, Mr. & Mrs. J. White, Glenferrie, 5/-, Mr L. Sparkman, Footscray, 5/-, Mr. E Shaw, Rochester, 5/-, Mr. W. Armstrong, Parkville, 5/- Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Vigus, Kensington, 5/-, Mr. J. Andrew, Mt. Gambier, 5/-, Miss L. Pollard, Albert Park, 5/-, Mrs. W. J. Rowe, 2/-, Total £23/4/6.

**Collected for Annual School Effort.**—Mrs. R. Saunders (2 Districts)—Mrs. A. T. Lanyon £2/2/-, Mr. & Mrs. Saunders £2/2/-, A Friend £2/0/-, Miss L. Johns £1, Mr. R. Jones 10/-, Mrs. W. H. Johns 10/-, Miss Bienvenu 10/-, Mr. E. Bruns 10/-, Mr. H. Beers 5/-, Mrs. J. James 5/-, Mrs. W. H. Thomas 5/-, Mrs. Christian 5/-, Mrs. Bruns 5/-, Misses I. & C. Evans 5/-, Miss Henderson 5/-, Mr. T. Pickering 5/-, Mr. J. Yee Keet 5/-, Mr. J. Hawkey 3/-, Mrs. A. Ralph 3/-, Miss M. Henderson 2/6, Mrs. Robertson 2/6, Mrs. J. Thomas 2/6, Mrs. T. H. Williams 2/6, Mrs. Akehurst 2/6, Mr. A. G. James 2/6, (Sums under 2/6) 12/-. Total £13/2/-. Mrs. A. T. Lanyon (2 Districts)—Mr. T. S. Manley 10/6, Mr. & Mrs. H. Ralph 10/-, Mrs. Cadwallader 6/-, Mrs. Crump 5/-, Mrs. J. Harvey 5/-, Miss J. Martin 2/-, Mrs J. W. Williams 3/-, Mrs. White 3/-, Mrs. Mamouney 3/-, Mrs. Reed 2/6, Mrs. McQuillan 2/6, Mrs. McNeill 2/6, Mrs. Richards 2/6, Mrs. Olds 2/6, Mr. F. Trenear 2/6, (Sums under 2/6) £1/2/6. Total £4/8/-. Mrs. Trebilcock—Mrs. Tredinnick 2/6, (Sums under 2/6) 3/6. Total 6/-. Mrs. Roberts—Mrs. C. Johns 3/-, Mrs. Chamney 2/6, Mrs. Teasdale 2/6, Mrs. Roberts 2/6, R. Trebilcock 2/6, Miss Noble 2/6, (Sums under 2/6) £1. Total £1/15/6. Mrs. Trenear—Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Nicholls 5/-, Mrs. J. Thomas 5/-, Mrs. Key 2/6, Mrs. Hicks, sen 2/6, Mrs. W. Ham 2/6, Mrs. A. C. Hollow 2/6, Mrs. Francis 2/6, Mrs. D. Smith 2/6, (Sums under 2/6) £1/4/9. Total £2/9/9. Miss V. Roberts—Mr. J. Francis £1/1/-, Mrs. Armstrong 10/-, Mrs. Nicholson 5/-, Mr. S. Jones 5/-, Mr. W. D. Osborne 5/-, Mrs. O'Brien 5/-, (Sums under 2/6) 5/6. Total £2/15/6. Miss Hyde—Mrs. Brimacombe 5/-, Mrs. Hyde 2/6, (Sums under 2/6) 12/6 Total £1. Grand Total £25/16/9.

# BALANCE SHEET

—OF THE—

## Methodist Sunday School, Golden Square, ↗

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1913.

| INCOME.                             |                 | EXPENDITURE.                               |                |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Anniversary Collections,            |                 | By Balance forward                         | 39 10 0        |
| 2 Sundays ...                       | 32 4 10         | Anniversary                                | 33 15 2        |
| Tea and Public Meetings (3)         | 22 9 11         | Prizes                                     | 6 10 0         |
| Young People's Nights, (2)          | 5 14 6          | Picnic                                     | 60 9 0         |
| Girls' Guild Display                | 5 19 0          | Collections as per contra                  | 12 0 4         |
| Thanksgiving donations, as per      |                 | Donations and subscriptions, as per detail |                |
| detail                              | 23 4 6          | Austin Hospital                            | 0 10 6         |
| Sale of Badges and Post Cards       | 5 6 1           | Subscriptions—                             |                |
|                                     | <u>94 18 10</u> | Livingstone Home, (3 yrs.)                 | 1 10 0         |
| Collected for Annual School         |                 | Sunday School Union                        | 1 0 0          |
| effort, as per detail               | 25 16 9         | President's Visit                          | 1 1 0          |
| Picnic                              | 54 15 7         |  | <u>4 1 6</u>   |
| Special collections, as per detail— |                 | School requisites                          | 10 16 1        |
| Hospital Sunday,                    | 1 10 3          | Tuning                                     | 2 0 0          |
| Mt. Lyell Fund,                     | 2 16 3          | Advertising, Postage, Bank Charges, etc.   | 4 12 6         |
| B. & F. Bible Society               | 1 7 0           | School Boxes—                              |                |
| Childrens' Ward                     | 1 11 0          | Home Missions                              | 7 0 4          |
| Home Missions,                      | 2 3 4           | Foreign Missions                           | 7 0 4          |
| Foreign Missions                    | 1 11 6          | Library Books and Catalogues, etc.         | 10 15 2        |
| S. S. Cenf. Tea                     | 1 1 0           | Kindergarten Chairs                        | 7 10 0         |
|                                     | <u>12 0 4</u>   | Property—                                  |                |
| Donation Girls' Guild               | 2 0 0           | Interest on loan                           | 7 10 0         |
| Book Sales                          | 0 8 0           | Caretaker                                  | 25 0 0         |
| Library Receipts                    | 1 9 11          | Rates and Insurance                        | 7 11 10        |
| Sundry Donations, etc.              | 1 5 6           | Gas  | 5 19 2         |
| School Collecting Boxes—            |                 | Alterations Infant Room                    | 26 2 9         |
| School                              | 18 6 8          | Sundry Repairs                             | 4 18 8         |
| Missions                            | 14 0 8          |  | <u>77 2 5</u>  |
| Property—                           | <u>32 7 4</u>   |  |                |
| Rents                               | 38 10 8         |  |                |
| Moiety S. O. Giving Effort          | 8 4 10          |  |                |
|                                     | <u>46 15 6</u>  |  |                |
| Dr. Balance                         | 11 5 7          |  |                |
|                                     | <u>£283 3 4</u> |  | <u>288 3 4</u> |

### LIABILITIES.

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| Loan, School Building at 4 per cent.                 | £150 0 0        |
| Bank Overdraft, £9/18/7 ; Unpresented Cheque, £1/7/0 | 11 5 7          |
|  | <u>£161 5 7</u> |

Audited and found correct,

6th October, 1913.

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

W. AKEHURST, Treasurer.