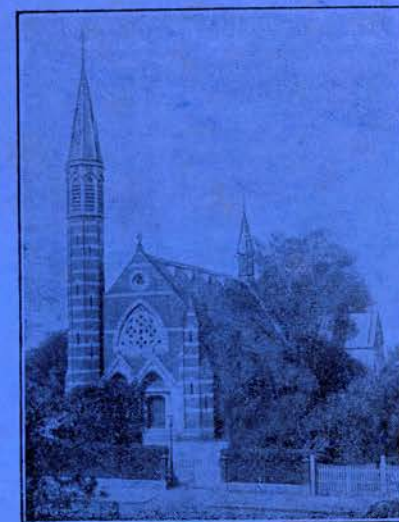




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## Jubilee Souvenir Book

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## Foreword.

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This is our Jubilee Year.

At such a time it is well to look back over the past half century and pay our tribute to those splendid men and women who, out of love for their church and zeal for their faith, built the beautiful building in which it is our privilege to worship to-day.

Truly, we have inherited riches, and we recognise that such great benefits and privileges carry with them equal obligations on our part towards future generations. We wish to hand on to those who will take our place in the life of the Church, and in the general affairs of the community, a building equal to that which was bequeathed to us; we must strive to maintain as noble a conception of our duty to the Church and to the State as that which was the inspiration of those who preceded us.

Testimony of their sturdy Christian spirit and resolute determination to stand firmly for the things that matter in life are written largely in the history of Victoria. From them we received not only a beautiful building, but we were given also a complete Church organisation. Let us endeavour so to maintain its activities, and, wherever possible, extend them, that those who may review our work in the years to come will be able to say that, while we gratefully accepted the privileges which came to us with our inheritance, we were not unmindful of the obligations which accompanied them, and that our history, too, was one of duties faithfully performed.

## St. George's Church.

### Its 50 Years' History.

Although fifty years have passed since the first service was held in St. George's we can trace the history of our congregation back a little further than that.

The first official reference to our Church appears in the "Government Gazette" of 10th September, 1866, which contains notification of the reservation of one acre of land in Chapel Street, St. Kilda, for the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. While this area would seem to have been available for ten years, no definite action towards the formation of a congregation at East St. Kilda was taken until early in 1876. In June of that year the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Melbourne arranged with a few local representative men to convene a meeting of those interested in the formation of a congregation, and the following advertisement appeared in the public Press:—

"A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the ORDERLY ROOM, Chapel Street, East St. Kilda, on MONDAY, 10th JULY, 1876, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for forming a congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

DAVID ROSS, JAMES McCULLOCH,  
JOHN THOMAS CLARK, M. GLASSFORD."  
JOHN C. LLOYD,

That meeting was well attended, and the Rev. D. S. McEacharn presided. On the motion of Mr. John C. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. John T. Clark, it was agreed to form a Committee to provide a place in which Church services should be held in East St. Kilda.

#### EARLY SERVICES.

Arrangements were soon made for Sunday services to be held in the Orderly Room, adjoining the Church property. It was there that the first service, held on 13th August, 1876, was conducted by the Rev. Groundwater Fraser.

In August, 1876, a Sunday School was also commenced in the Orderly Room, with Mr. A. Anderson as Superintendent.

Matters were now taking definite shape towards a per-

manent church, and on the 30th August, 1876, a meeting was held to nominate Trustees for the Church property. Sir James McCulloch, with Messrs. John T. Clark, David Ross, Alexander McAdam, and John C. Lloyd were nominated, and duly appointed by the Presbytery and by the Government, vide "Government Gazette," 22nd September, 1876.

Attendances at the services, which were regularly held in the Orderly Room, were so satisfactory that it was soon decided to take steps to have a Church built, and for this purpose Mr. A. Purchas was appointed architect. On 21st February, 1877, the tender of Mr. R. S. Ekins was accepted for the erection of a church at a cost of £3000. This was to be the first portion of the present structure.

On April 21st, 1877, the foundation stone of that first building was laid by Sir James McCulloch. The introductory services were conducted by the Rev. W. Groundwater Fraser. A bottle which was placed underneath the foundation stone contained a record of the circumstances leading to the building of the Church, mentioning the Trustees by name. It also contained a photograph view of the intended Church, a copy each of "Hayter's Statistics of Victoria," "The Argus" of that date, "The Prahran Telegraph," "The St. Kilda Advertiser," "The Southern Cross," and a few coins.

At the ceremony a silver trowel was presented by the Trustees to Sir James McCulloch, and the Rev. Dr. Cairns delivered a short exhortation.

#### THE FIRST CALL.

In August, 1877, the Presbytery, by request, appointed a Session, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Cairns (Moderator), the Rev. J. Ballantyne, Mr. D. Ross and Mr. D. Conacher. The need for a Church was exemplified by the rapid growth of the congregation, and on 4th September, 1877, the Presbytery was requested to grant Moderation in a Call.

The opening services held in the New Church on 1st October, 1877, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cairns, the Rev. W. L. Binks, and the Rev. W. Bailtrache.

On Wednesday, 10th October, a tea meeting was held in the Orderly Room. "The Prahran Telegraph" report of that meeting states "that provision was made for an attendance of 150 to 200 persons, but that something like double that number put in an appearance." At this meeting it was agreed to call the Rev. R. S. Duff, of Evandale, Tasmania. The call was signed by 103 members and adherents, but was declined by Mr. Duff on account of ill-health.

The first Communion Service, held on Sunday, 9th December, 1877, was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cairns, when fifty-one communicants were present.

The first Board of Management, elected in 1877, consisted of fourteen members, viz.:—

Mr. J. T. Clark	Mr. W. McLeod
„ W. Henderson	„ John Mathieson
„ Joseph Hird	„ W. T. Moffatt
„ James Howden	„ D. Ross
„ John C. Lloyd	„ T. S. Robertson
Sir James McCulloch	„ James A. Ure
Mr. A. McAdam	„ David Watson

Mr. John C. Lloyd was appointed Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. T. Clark, Hon. Treasurer.

At a Congregational Meeting held on 11th March, 1878, over which the Rev. James Ballantyne presided, it was resolved to send a Commission to Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D., of London, authorising him to select a Minister of eminence in Britain who would be appointed to take charge of the new congregation, which was continually growing.

#### OUR FIRST MINISTER.

In July, 1878, letters were received from Dr. Dykes stating that after communicating with Mr. Mackray and Dr. Marcus Dods, he had offered the charge to the Rev. J. L. Rentoul, M.A., of Southport, near Liverpool.

On 25th July, 1878, the following cablegram was received from Dr. Dykes:—

“Rentoul will go in April. Dykes strongly advises acceptance. Reply promptly.”

The Committee at once replied:—

“We thankfully accept Mr. Rentoul on his own terms.”

The financial condition of the Congregation in September, 1878, was:—A Building Fund Debt of £2617/5/7, and on the general account a credit balance of £86/6/4. For the year ending September, 1878, the congregation had no lack of variety in preachers, no fewer than 40 different ministers having conducted its services.

From the 15th June, 1879, when Rev. J. L. Rentoul, M.A., entered on his ministry, the congregation, which by this time was known as St. George's, became a settled charge, with its own minister, but its Session consisted only of Assessors, no election of Elders having yet been held.

On the 7th July, an influential meeting was held in the

Prahran Town Hall. There was a large attendance, over which Sir James McCulloch presided. Amongst the visitors was the Dean of Melbourne, who gave an address and welcomed Mr. Rentoul. During the evening the chairman presented the new minister with a Bible and pulpit gown. Miss Inglis, of New York, made a handsome presentation to the congregation of a Communion Service and a Bible and Psalms and Hymn Book.

The congregation soon outgrew the sitting capacity of the Church as at first erected, and definite steps were taken for its enlargement.

The designs for the present building were considered and adopted. They provided accommodation for 650 sittings, and the cost of the new building was estimated at £8700.

It was decided to complete the building, and the erection of the further structure was authorised.

#### THE PRESENT BUILDING.

The Memorial Stone of the enlargement of the Church was laid by Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G., on May 7th, 1880, and the completed building was opened for Divine worship on Sunday, October 3rd, 1880.

In December, 1880, an election of Elders was held, the names of those elected being:—Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G., Mr. John C. Lloyd, Mr. John T. Clark and Mr. Alex. Russell. Mr. J. C. Lloyd was appointed Session Clerk.

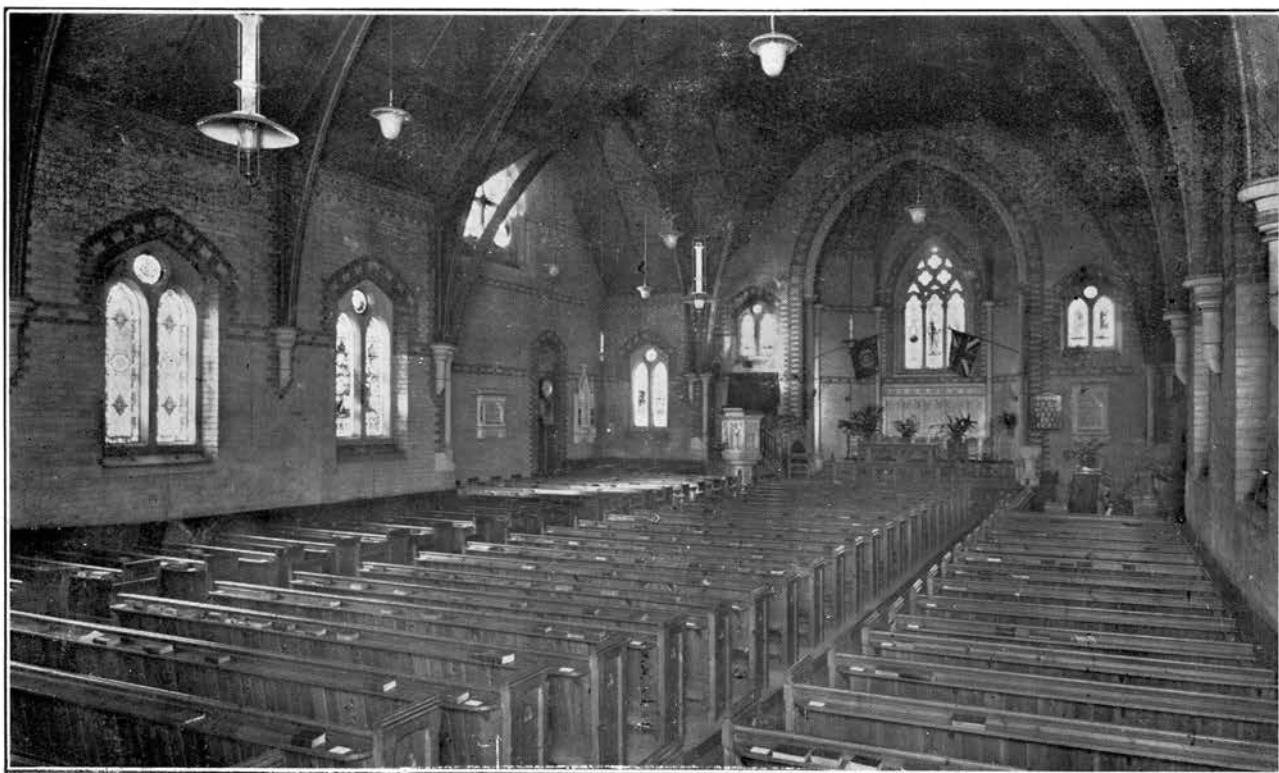
Up to 1880 the use of a harmonium had to suffice in the Service of Praise. In October of that year arrangements were made with Messrs. Fincham for the use of a small pipe organ on the hire system, pending the building of a permanent instrument.

A contract was entered into with Messrs. Fincham for the erection of a suitable organ, at a cost of £600, but after some time the contract was cancelled, at the request of the builders, as they found it impossible to complete it in time. Arrangements were then made with Messrs. Lewis & Sons, London, for the building of the present organ, and in September, 1882, the erection of the new organ was celebrated by the holding of a grand concert.

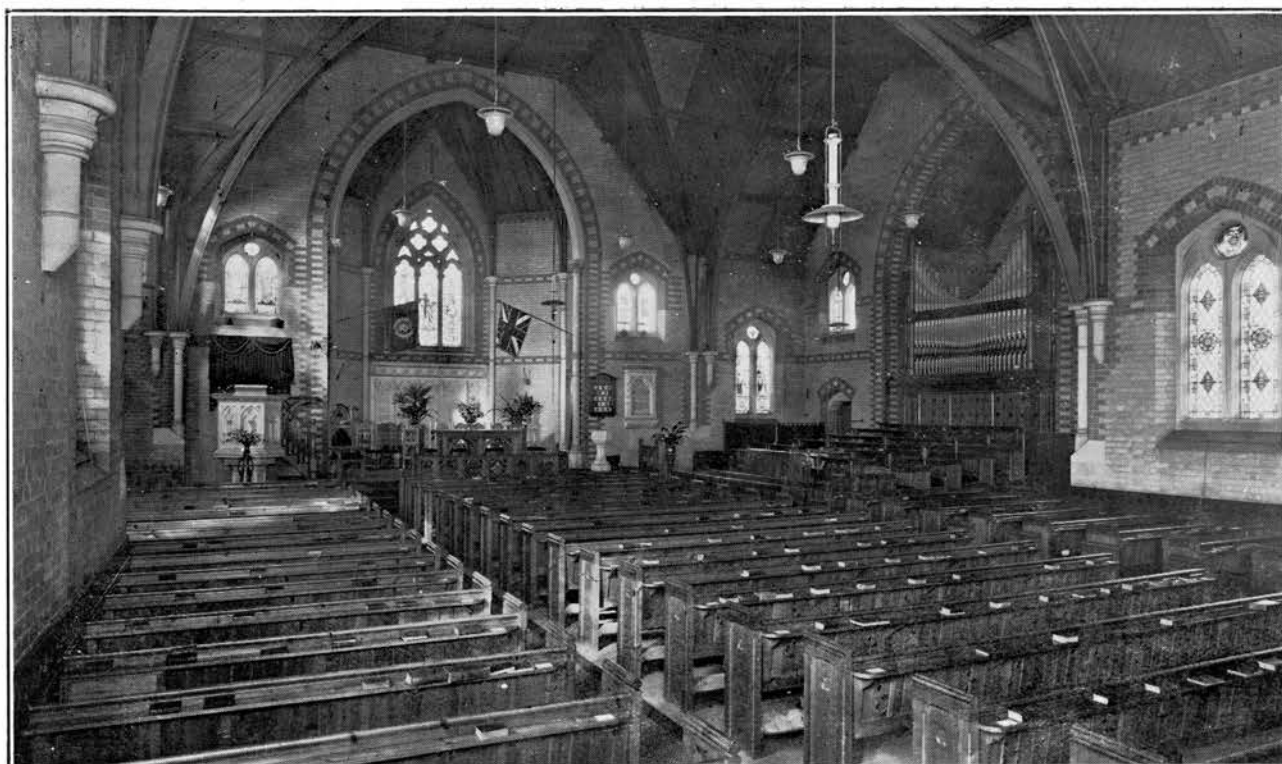
In the Annual Report for 1882 the Church debt is given as:—On Building, £4534; on Organ, £524.

When the Rev. J. L. Rentoul was transferred to Ormond College as a Professor, in December, 1883, it was feared that the young Church would receive a serious setback.





SHOWING NORTHERN TRANSEPT.



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The vacancy thus caused was filled in September, 1884, by the Rev. John Gordon Mackie, who was called from Beechworth. So well did the Church prosper under his guidance that, at the end of the second year of his ministry, the Church debt had been reduced to £1,429.

In 1884 the new school building was opened. Its cost was £1486. Efforts to meet those debts had been in progress for some time, and at the date of opening the sum owing was only £424.

The departure in 1886 of Sir James McCulloch and Lady McCulloch was a great loss to St. George's. They had been to the new Church very staunch friends indeed, and had watched over and helped it in its early years. Now the congregation was well organised; it had a minister who was dearly beloved, and he was supported by a most capable staff of office-bearers. With such conditions there could be no going backward.

#### YEARS OF PROGRESS.

The story of the next few years shows that by October, 1890, so excellent had been the progress that all debts had been paid off, and the Rev. John Gordon Mackie had the gratification of announcing that "both the Church and the Sunday School are free to the uttermost farthing."

The death of Mr. Mackie, while on his annual holiday in January, 1898, was deeply regretted. A reference to his ministry appears elsewhere in these pages.

The choice of the congregation next fell upon the Rev. Alexander Skene, M.A., of Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne, who was inducted in July, 1898. Mr. Skene for six years maintained the high standard of pulpit work set by his distinguished predecessors. Once more the General Assembly came as a disturbing element, by calling upon St. George's to again provide a Professor for Ormond College, and in November, 1904, Mr. Skene was appointed Professor of Hebrew.

This vacancy was only of short duration; an unanimous call was given to the Rev. Graham H. Balfour, M.A., B.D., of Brighton, and he was inducted on 27th June, 1905.

Mr. Balfour's ministry was from the first most promising. He at once won the affection and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. But he had just "got into his stride" when the death of Mrs. Balfour led to a serious breakdown in his health, and necessitated his giving up all work for a long time. To the great regret of his people, his

resignation had to be accepted in September, 1908. It was during the ministry of Mr. Balfour that the hall was enlarged at a cost of £386. Mr. Maclellan contributed £200 of that amount.

When Mr. Balfour resigned, the late Professor Adam, then not long out from Scotland, was asked if he could recommend an outstanding minister who would be suitable for St. George's. He recommended the Rev. Homer Young, M.A., of Gourock, Glasgow. In November, 1908, it was decided to cable a call to Rev. Homer Young. Mr. Young (by cable) declined the call.

The Rev. Andrew Gillison, M.A., of St. Paul's Church, Brisbane, was next called to St. George's. He was inducted on 2nd April, 1909. His ministry of over six years was in every respect satisfactory, and his early tragic death while on war service was deeply felt by his congregation.

#### GIFTS AND LEGACIES.

During the ministry of Mr. Gillison two legacies were received. The Hon. James Bell, of Elsternwick, who had been a regular worshipper at St. George's for some years, died in 1909, and left the Church a legacy of £100.

In the year 1911, Miss Wilson, of Perth Street, Prahran, died, leaving a legacy of £500 to the Church she loved so well. Miss Wilson was for many years Matron of the Industrial Schools, Royal Park. When she retired she came to reside with her mother and sister in Prahran. She was the last surviving member of a family who had all been closely associated with St. George's.

In the year 1911 the Presbytery informed St. George's that it looked to it in conjunction with East Elsternwick (now Elsternwick) to make provision for services at Balaclava East. The matter was at once taken into consideration, but the high price of land suitably situated made it a serious proposition, especially as Elsternwick was not in a position to give any financial assistance. In 1913 a splendid block of land, 137ft. x 207ft., was bought in Hotham Street, at a cost of over £1000. Mr. John Maclellan gave very substantial assistance in the purchase of this property. In December, 1914, this magnificent site was handed over to the Presbytery, free from debt. This made possible the formation of the congregation now known as St. Margaret's, Balaclava.

About the same time as the purchase of the land in Hotham Street was effected, the question of providing a Manse for our minister became urgent. For some time there

had been difficulty in obtaining a suitable residence within a reasonable distance of the Church. In August, 1911, the property known as 76 Westbury Street, St. Kilda, was purchased from Mr. James Wright, at a cost of £1750. There is a large block of land with a frontage to two streets, on which is erected a two-storey house, with large rooms, and the Manse is in every way worthy of St. George's. The market price of the property was considerably higher than the selling price fixed by Mr. Wright, and, in addition, the terms of payment were made easy. So heartily and liberally did the congregation respond that, by 30th September, 1921, the full amount had been paid off, and the Manse was free from debt. Throughout the purchase they were met by Mr. James Wright in a spirit of generosity and goodwill towards our Church. The combined efforts of our congregation, aided by the generosity of their supporters, had now placed St. George's in the enviable position of possessing a Church building, a hall, and a Manse worthy of any congregation, on none of which was there the burden of one penny of debt.

### THE WAR YEARS.

The Rev. Thomas Glass, B.A., who had been locum tenens for Mr. Gillison, while the latter was on military service as Padre of the 14th Battalion, A.I.F., had displayed such gifts as a preacher, and had proved himself so acceptable to the congregation in every way that they decided to call him to fill the vacancy. Mr. Glass accepted the call, and was an able and popular minister to us for seven years. He resigned in October, 1922.

During his ministry, the ladies organised a most successful Spring Fete, which was held in St. Kilda Town Hall. Its purpose was to obtain funds to improve and renovate the hall and kitchen, and to instal electric light in both Church and Hall. A sum of £640 was so raised.

The war years are now but a memory, and we are living in happy days of peace. War anxieties and sorrows are at end for most of our people, though there are still soldiers in our hospitals who have a claim upon our sympathies and our time, and there are war widows and orphans who must not be forgotten. St. George's can well be proud of its Red Cross work. Under the presidency of Mrs. Glass, with Mrs. Larard as Treasurer, and Mrs. Gray Cox as Secretary, the ladies of our congregation gave splendid service. Over £1000 in cash, and 10,079 articles wrought or contributed by the members were sent to Red Cross head-quarters for purposes of care and comfort of sick and wounded soldiers.

This brief history reaches the ministry of our present minister, the Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A., Dip.Ed., who was previously minister of North Carlton Church. His fame as a preacher had reached St. George's, and at the time when the congregation was seeking a minister to take the place made vacant by Mr. Glass's resignation, Mr. Osborn's record was well known to many in our Church—so well known that, without asking him to preach to our congregation, the Supply Committee recommended the people to call him, which advice they followed. Mr. Osborn was inducted on 17th April, 1923, and the experience of the Church during the past 3½ years has justified the choice thus made.

It is interesting to note that during its history of 50 years, St. George's pulpit has been vacant six times, while the neighbouring Church in Alma Road has had only one change of minister in 48 years.

Our Church membership now stands at 292, and we have, in addition, a large number of adherents. It is not as strong a roll, numerically, as we could wish. There has been a change in the character of the district which we serve, and this had its effect on Church attendances. Old friends have passed away, and the younger members of their families have married and made homes of their own in other suburbs. Our district is not a residential area to the extent that it was in past years.

During Mr. Osborn's term as minister he has done much to awaken interest in religious questions by series of sermons on special subjects, with public meetings and discussions in the schoolroom at the close of the service. These sermons have attracted to our Church many thoughtful men and women, who have, in this way, had their interest in Church life renewed.

One of our services was broadcast by 3LO, and the Board of Management are hopeful that that company will again favour us in the same way.

As part of the Jubilee effort a new room has been built at the eastern end of the Church, corresponding in size and design to the present Vestry, and thus completing the original design of the building.

Our programme includes repairs, cleaning and other improvements, but the extent to which they can be carried out depends on the amount of funds which will be available. The more money which we have at our disposal, the more work shall we be able to do.



nual holiday at Ulverstone, Tasmania, on 5th January, 1898. The general esteem in which he was held was shown by the widespread expressions of regret and sympathy which reached St. George's. A memorial tablet erected to his memory by the congregation may be seen in the Church.

When war was declared in 1914, Mr. Mackie's two sons were among the first to volunteer. They lost their lives at the landing at Gallipoli.

#### THE REV. ALEX. SKENE, M.A. (1898-1904).



Mr. Skene was born in 1849 in Galloway, Scotland. He received his education at the Kirkcudbright Academy and the High School of the Free Church, Anworth—Samuel Rutherford's "fair Anworth by the Solway."

At 16 he matriculated in the Edinburgh University, where he took the usual Arts Curriculum of 4 years. The Professors in his Arts course who most deeply influenced him, though in very different ways, were John Stuart Blackie, who occupied the Greek Chair, and David Masson, Professor of English

Literature. In the class of the latter he took a medal for class work, and the prize for Poetry. At the close of his University course he graduated Master of Arts, having taken honours in Classics, Mathematics and Philosophy.

In 1870, Mr. Skene entered the New College, Edinburgh, one of the three Divinity Halls of the Free Church of Scotland, where he was a student for the usual curriculum of four sessions. There the chief factors in his Academic training were Principal Rainy, in the Chair of Church History, and Dr. A. B. Davidson, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Literature. In the class of the latter he took a foremost place. At the New College, Mr. Skene had for class mates and intimate friends, James Stalker, John F. Ewing (afterwards minister of Toorak Presbyterian Church), John Watson ("Ian Maclaren"), Henry Drummond, and Andrew Harper, afterwards Principal of St. Andrew's College,

Sydney. Into this circle of intimate fellowship there came in later years Professor James Denny, Principal Sir George Adam Smith, and others.

At the close of his Theological Course, Mr. Skene was licensed in November, 1874, by the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, and immediately thereafter was called and ordained to the Church of Tongland, in the South of Scotland. After a short pastorate there he went to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Canonbury, London; and in 1879 was called to Union Free Church, Glasgow, where he remained for ten years.

Union Free Church was a large congregation of over 600 Communicant members, and with many activities. There were 18 Elders and 18 Deacons, 2 large Sunday Schools, an Assistant Missionary, and a large staff of workers. In order to keep the congregation and its workers in mutual touch, Mr. Skene started "The Union Free Church Record," in which were given monthly reports of the doings in the different departments. This "Record" was the forerunner in the Free Church of Scotland of those "Congregational Supplements" which now form part of the working machinery of every congregation in that Church.

In 1889 a Commission from Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne, asked Mr. Skene to take the charge of that congregation. This charge he accepted, and he continued there till 1898, when he was called to St. George's, East St. Kilda, in succession to the Rev. J. G. Mackie, who had died that year.

In 1904 the Assembly elected Mr. Skene to the Chair of Hebrew in the Theological Hall, Ormond College, to which was attached the Chair of Practical Training.

In 1909, the Jubilee Year of the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in Victoria, Mr. Skene was appointed to the Moderator's Chair.

For several years Mr. Skene was Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Church. During his Convener-ship he organised the first of the Home Mission Festivals, which are now a part of the Home Mission machinery in most of our Presbyteries. Mr. Skene was also at the starting of those Presbyterian Retreats which have been found so profitable for the life and work of our ministers. The first "Retreat" was held at Queenscliff.

In 1921, Mr. Skene resigned from his Chairs in the Theological Hall, and retired with the title of Professor Emeritus.

During his pastorate in Tongland, Mr. Skene married; so that he has passed through his Golden Wedding, and his Church Jubilee.



**THE REV. GRAHAM HENTY BALFOUR, M.A., B.D.**  
(1905-1908).



Mr. Balfour, who is the second son of the late Hon. James Balfour, M.L.C., spent the latter years of his school life at Toorak College, which was conducted by Mr. J. T. Craig, M.A. When there he matriculated, and afterwards took honours. In his last year he was "Dux" of the school. Proceeding to the University he went through the "Arts" Course, while residing at Ormond College, graduating B.A., and then M.A., in the Philosophy School. After one Session in the Theological Hall at

Ormond, he went to the New College, Edinburgh, where he took three sessions. Among the Professors there were Principal Rainy and Professors A. B. Davidson and Marcus Dods. Part of his first summer at "Home" he travelled in Egypt and the Holy Land. The other two he spent in Germany, the first at Marburg, where he attended the lectures of Herrmann, and the other in Berlin, where he attended Harnack. Returning to Australia, after doing a year's Home Mission work, he was called to West Hawthorn, where he remained six years. His next charge was St. Cuthbert's, Brighton; here he remained four years, when he was called to St. George's, East St. Kilda. After a successful ministry of three years, he had to resign owing to a breakdown in health. He took a trip to Europe, and then to the Far East. He then received a call to First Church, Dunedin, where he remained twelve years. During the time he was there over 1000 were received into the membership of the Church, about 440 for the first time. His medical advisers insisting upon a complete rest for a time, he felt compelled to resign his charge. With his wife and family he went to Scotland for more than a year.

Since returning to Melbourne he has been doing "locum tenens" and other Church work. He is at present acting as Convener of the Synod of Melbourne Church Extension Committee. The Convenership of this Committee is one of the most important offices in the Church to-day. This Committee is responsible for providing Sunday Schools and Churches in all the newly settled suburbs, and in any centres where such provision is not already made. The Convener requires to be an exceptional man in many ways.

**REV. ANDREW GILLISON, M.A. (1909-1915).**



Rev. Andrew Gillison, M.A., was born near Glasgow, his father being a minister of the Free Church of Scotland. He took his University Course in Edinburgh, and gained wide experience after he was set apart to the work of the ministry. His first congregation was in the United States. He afterwards was minister of the McCrie-Roxburgh Church in Edinburgh; of North Shields in England; and of the Free Church congregation of Maryhill, Glasgow, and after a short pastorate in Brisbane, in 1909, he was called to St. George's.

When the Australian Imperial Force was raised for service overseas at the outbreak of war in 1914, Mr. Gillison was appointed one of its Chaplains. During his military career he was always closely associated with the 14th Battalion, and went with that unit to Gallipoli, where he was to meet a soldier's death.

On Sunday, 22nd August, 1915, Chaplain-Captain Gillison and another chaplain were passing along a communication trench when they noticed a wounded man lying some 50 or 60 yards away. Despite warnings that enemy snipers were firing over the ground, they decided to crawl out and try to bring the wounded man in. In making the attempt, both were hit by enemy bullets, but they managed to make a run for cover. Captain Gillison fell within a few yards of the home trench, and was carried into safety and to a medical post. His case was not considered hopeless, though his wound was known to be serious. However, after stating that he felt bright and happy, he lapsed into unconsciousness and passed away a few hours later. The body of this gallant chaplain was buried in Anzac ground at 9 o'clock that evening. His death was mourned by the comrades of his brigade and his battalion, to whom his life, his devotion to duty, and his death were an inspiration. They had learned to esteem the worth of the man and the minister just as sincerely as had his sorrowing congregation at St. George's. For his gallant and distinguished conduct in the field Chaplain-Captain Gillison was

mentioned in General Sir Ian Hamilton's despatches of 11th December, 1915.

The members of the 14th Battalion subsequently wrote to the Session Clerk asking that they be permitted to erect a permanent memorial in St. George's as a testimony to the members of Mr. Gillison's Church of the esteem in which the battalion had held its minister. After correspondence, it was agreed by the 14th Battalion representatives that they should join with our congregation in erecting a Memorial Tablet in the Church, and in providing a Communion Table. The Session Clerk received a bank draft from Egypt for £74/6/2, representing the contributions of Mr. Gillison's comrades, and their wishes were given effect.

A sum of nearly £700 was contributed by our congregation as a Memorial Fund, and that money was vested in Trustees for the benefit of Mr. Gillison's family.

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#### THE REV. THOMAS GLASS, B.A. (1914-1922).



Mr. Glass was born near Portglenone, Co. Antrim, Ireland. After attendance at a local school he entered the Academy Ballymena in 1879, and was Prize-man during the entire course.

He matriculated in Queen's College, Belfast, in 1881. After a three years' course he obtained the degree of B.A., with first-class honours, and an Exhibition in the group of subjects—Logic, Metaphysics, History of Philosophy and Political Economy, in the Royal University of Ireland, in 1884. In the same year he ob-

tained, in competition, in the same group of subjects, the Senior Scholarship in Queen's College, Belfast. He entered Assembly's College, Belfast, for a Theological course in 1884, and was awarded a Getty Prize at the close of the session.

In session 1885-6 he obtained the Sir Edward and Lady Coey Scholarship, securing **first place** in that year in the subjects Hebrew, New Testament Greek, Systematic Theology and Church History.

In the session 1886-7 he obtained the Todd Scholarship and a Getty Prize.

Mr. Glass was licensed by the Presbytery of Ballymena in May, 1887, and was ordained in Claggan Presbyterian Church, near Cookstown, in September, 1887. After five years' ministry there he was inducted in the First Church, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, in 1892, as assistant and successor to his father-in-law, the Rev. Hamilton Brown Wilson, D.D.

He resigned the above charge and came to Australia in April, 1914, and was acting as substitute to the Rev. Andrew Gillison, M.A., from December, 1914, to August, 1915, in St. George's. He was inducted to the charge on 23rd November, 1915. His ministry with our Church commenced early in the Great War, and as it fell to his lot to be the medium for conveying the news to relatives of casualties amongst the men at the front, his was a most trying and difficult time, and the strain of those four years told heavily upon him.

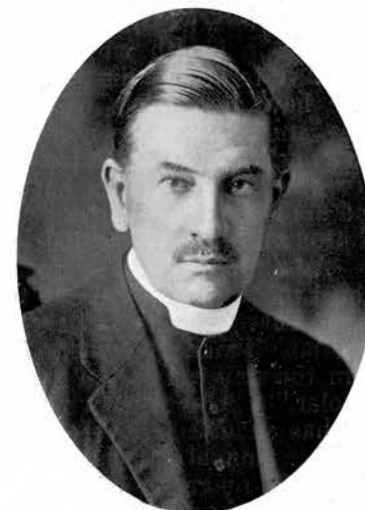
In October, 1922, Mr. Glass resigned, to the great regret of the congregation, to whom he had endeared himself by his personality and devoted service.

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#### REV. ANDREW RULE OSBORN, M.A., Dip. Ed.

The Rev. Andrew Rule Osborn, M.A., Dip. Ed., was born at Beechworth in 1875, and was educated at the Grammar School there until he entered on the Arts Course at the Melbourne University. He graduated in 1895, with double final honours, being the seventh man since the foundation of the University to gain such a distinction. He purchased a share in the Beechworth Grammar School, and was co-principal there when he was married. Two years later he decided to enter the Church, and went to Ormond College as a Divinity student. Apart from the usual studies, he took a private course in Oriental Languages, and for many years after he assumed the active work of the ministry he made the Old Testament languages and literature his special study.

Mr. Osborn was assistant to Dr. Meiklejohn at Dorcas Street, South Melbourne, for the year of his licentiate, enabling the doctor, who was the first Moderator-General of the Fed-



erated Churches, to tour the continent. He was offered a number of Churches before the year expired, and chose Chalmers Church, Launceston, Tasmania, on the score of health. There he spent four years, when he extended the work of the charge by building two branch churches in growing suburbs. These branches have proved to be the strength of the parent Church ever since. His next parish was St. John's, Warrnambool, where, to celebrate the Jubilee, he saw a fine Jubilee Hall built for the young people of the charge, and where he had a Men's League, numbering over 150, until his health gave way and he was ordered to give up his work. For eight years thereafter Mr. Osborn was Modern Languages Master at Wesley College, until called to North Carlton Church in 1921. A remarkable coincidence was that he began his ministry there on the nineteenth anniversary of his ordination.

At North Carlton he also helped in the Jubilee Celebrations, and to mark that epoch a property belonging to the congregation was changed from a shop and dwelling into a social hall, numerous class rooms, and caretaker's quarters. This building so well meets the needs of the various sections of the congregational activities that it is the centre of life for the whole of the people, and will always be a source of strength to the charge. Unfortunately, Mr. Osborn's family suffered severely in health while there, and for their sake he was forced to terminate his pastorate earlier than he would otherwise have done. He was invited to St. George's early in 1923, and has now seen three and a half years of service in our congregation. The long record of concord for which St. George's Parish is famed has remained unbroken, and minister and people are working together zealously for the upbuilding of God's Cause in the district.

Admirably qualified for the purpose, Mr. Osborn has added much literary labour to his other work. While without a charge he served the Church by editing "The Presbyterian Teacher," when first the Assembly broke away from the uniform lesson scheme. Then he originated "The Scholar," a little paper which has grown to record circulation, and has endowed the Welfare of Youth Department with an enviable annual income. He also inaugurated the "Front Line," the magazine of our Bible Classes. He has published a large number of books of various kinds, and has hopes of yet finding time to elaborate the outlines of a number of others in his desk. For two years now he has given lectures to the theological students at Ormond College on Religious Education. In every parish he has had the Sunday School has been an object of his special interest, with the result that numbers have increased and the work of the School made more efficient.

## Honoured Names.

Many names prominently associated with the early life of Victoria appear on the records of St. George's Church.

Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G.—None will be found to dispute that, in any attempt to outline the formation and early history of St. George's Church, the name of Sir James McCulloch must have the place of honour. It was his enthusiasm and liberality that inspired the founders to think and act in large terms, and establish a Church which is "a noble edifice of which any denomination might be proud."



Fifty years ago the population of the district was scattered and thin, and to the average person it then seemed as if St. George's Church had been planned and built on too large a scale, but its founders were men of vision; their habit of mind was to look well ahead; and so we have to-day our beautiful Church, massive and elegant, complete in every detail, a standing memorial to the wisdom and foresight of its founders. Sir James was one of its first elders and Trustees.

We make no attempt to set out the amount of the financial support accorded to the Church building and furnishing, suffice it to say it amounted to many thousands of pounds.

Sir James' interests in St. George's did not cease when he left our shores. In the year 1890 he inquired what debt still remained on the Church, and on being informed, paid off one half of the amount.

When unveiling the memorial tablet to Sir James on 26th March, 1899, Rev. Alex. Skene said:—

"What Sir James McCulloch was as a merchant prince, and how he rose to that position by shrewdness, industry, prudence, perseverance, and love of character . . . how he shaped the policy of this Colony in the high posts of influence to which he was called, we do not this day so much remember, but rather what he was and did as a friend . . . who gave out of the wealth he had won unstinted help to the needy and especially as a churchman, who did so much to establish our Presbyterian



Church in Victoria. It was mainly on his initiative and by his instrumentality that this congregation was founded. He was from the first an elder in its session, and along with Lady McCulloch, as teacher in its Sunday School. . . . He supported it financially with a generous liberality, and it is owing very largely to him that St. George's holds the happy position of being without a penny of Church debt."

Sir James and Lady McCulloch sailed for Europe on 25th March, 1886. Sir James died in February, 1893, and Lady McCulloch died in April, 1904. In 1899 a tablet to perpetuate his memory was erected in the Church.



**Mr. John Charles Lloyd** was one of that grand band of men and women who gave liberally of their time and talents to the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in its early days, and St. George's Church can gratefully remember his services as one of its founders and loyal workers.

Mr. Lloyd was born in London in August, 1824. He was the eldest son of Mr. John Du-Plan Lloyd, one of the managers of the Bank of England. His grandmother was Miss Du-Plan, only daughter of a French Hugue-

not refugee, Baron Du-Plan, a large landed proprietor from Montpellier in the south of France, who fled from France at the time of the massacre of St. Bartholomew. Deciding to make a home here, Mr. Lloyd left London for Melbourne in 1852, in a sailing vessel of 450 tons, which took 145 days on the voyage. Landing in Melbourne in 1852, he can be counted as one of our early colonists.

In 1855 Mr. Lloyd married Miss Margaret Ballingall Cairns, the eldest daughter of the Rev. Adam Cairns, D.D., of Chalmers Church. From that time onward he was closely associated with the work and interests of that Church, until he was persuaded by Sir James McCulloch to join him in starting St. George's Church. Acceding to that request, Mr. Lloyd responded with enthusiasm and energy. He worked long and earnestly for St. George's Church, and was the first Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. He was also the Honorary Choirmaster until the Church was strong enough to appoint Mr. T. Brentnall as Choirmaster and Organist.

Later on he became a member of the Session.

In 1886 Mr. Lloyd resigned from St. George's, owing to ill-health, and was the founder of the Malvern Presbyterian Church, for which he offered land for a site. As this was not approved, he substituted a cheque for the then value of the land. He was also one of the founders of the Macedon Presbyterian Church, and for many years was Superintendent of the Sunday School in that Church, and a member of the Board of Management.

Until his death in November, 1887, Mr. Lloyd took the keenest interest in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, and contributed liberally to its funds.

**Mr. John T. Clark**, one of the founders of our Church, was a local business man. He was the first Treasurer, and was elected an Elder in 1881. He died in 1920, and left a legacy of £100 to the Church, and £100 to the Sunday School.

**Mr. A. Russell** was elected in 1880, and in 1883 resigned on going to reside at Yea.

**Mr. David Ross** and **Mr. John Conacher** were appointed by the Presbytery, Elders (Assessors) to form a Session until the congregation could elect its own elders. Mr. Ross was one of the signatories of the advertisement convening the meeting which led to the founding of the Church. His son, Mr. D. M. Ross, was one of St. George's first Trustees and Managers.

**Mr. S. Macallister**, who had been an Elder at Sandridge (Port Melbourne), was elected an Elder in 1881. His early death was a great loss to the young Church. Rev. J. L. Rentoul placed on record an obituary notice, from which we make an extract:—

"Mr. S. Macallister gave himself with singular devotedness and a winsome power of personal character to the self-imposed task of attracting the careless and churchless, especially the young, as well as the poor and unfriended, to earnestness and Christ. The last words he wrote were a message to the young men of St. George's Church, to give themselves definitely to God while young, and take part in helping against this world's sin and misery."

**Mr. George Oliphant Duncan** was from Dumfries, Scotland. He had been in Government service for many years in Tasmania, and in 1864 he was appointed Inspector-General of Penal Department and Industrial Schools in Victoria. When he retired from Public Service in 1881, he at once identified himself with Sir James McCulloch in the work of St. George's Parish. From 1881 to 1886 he was an Elder, and for some time the Sunday School Superintendent. He was deeply interested in City Mission work, and was a great help to the minister. Mr. Duncan died at Warrnambool in 1887.



Mr. DAVID ROSS.



Mr. JOHN T. CLARK.



Mr. GEORGE O. DUNCAN.



Mr. JOHN R. FERRIER.

**Mr. John R. Ferrier.**—When Mr. Ferrier, who had been an Elder at South Yarra, removed to East St. Kilda, it was a good day for St. George's. Appointed a Manager in 1883, an Elder in 1884, Sunday School Superintendent in 1885, and Session Clerk in 1887, for 16 years he was a leader in almost every department of the Church life.

**Mr. W. C. Cameron** was elected an Elder in 1884, and resigned the following year.

**Mr. John Hadfield** was elected an Elder in 1884. A man of strong personality, he was deeply interested in all the work of the Church, being very successful in training the Sunday School Choir. His death in 1888 was a great loss to the Church and to the community. As head teacher of St. Kilda State School for many years, he did much for the young people of his day.

**Mr. John Hotson** was elected a Manager in 1881, and an Elder in 1884. He was for some years Hon. Secretary. Mr. Hotson was a personal friend of Sir James McCulloch. He resigned in 1886, and returned to England.

**Mr. James Wighton** was elected an Elder in 1887. He took much interest in our Choir, and gave much help in the Sunday School. On leaving to reside at Geelong he resigned in 1895.

**Mr. Henry Moors** became a Manager in 1881, and an Elder in 1887. For 19 years he had charge of a district, and discharged the duties of his office in a most conscientious manner. He died in 1906.

**Mr. William Wishart** was another South Yarra man who did much constructive work for St. George's in the 'Eighties. As an Elder from 1887 to 1891, also as an enthusiastic member of the Choir, his services were much valued by his minister. He was the founder of St. George's Branch of the Fellowship Society, and was one of the founders of the Fellowship Union. Mr. Wishart is still giving good service as an Elder at Kew, and as a Municipal Councillor. His writings are well known in most Presbyterian homes, through his correspondence with young people as "Uncle Will" of "The Messenger."

**Mr. Francis S. Booth** was an Elder from 1887 to 1892. He resigned on leaving for another State.

**Mr. George McCall** was elected an Elder in 1892. He was a Scotsman of the old school, and dearly loved his Church. He and his daughters contributed much to the success of the Fellowship Society. He died in 1902.

Mr. John Wighton, father of Mr. James Wighton, was elected in 1892. He came from Beechworth, and was a close personal friend of Rev. John Gordon Mackie.

Mr. Patrick Reid was for some years a Manager. In 1895 he was appointed congregational Treasurer, and in 1896 was elected an Elder. He resigned in 1911.

Mr. Alexander H. Young had two terms of office as Elder from 1896 to 1905, when he retired, owing to change of residence, and from 1907 until his death in 1916. For four years he held the office of Sunday School Superintendent with much satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. John Morris came to us from the Congregational Church, and was a man of strong evangelical views. He was elected an Elder in 1896. Mr. Morris was an enthusiastic supporter of the Fellowship Society, and assisted in the Sunday School when called upon. He also rendered good service to the Lay Preachers' Association, as he was an acceptable preacher. He died suddenly in 1916.

Mr. James Weddell was elected an Elder in 1907. He held the office of Sunday School Superintendent for a short time. He was connected with the Education Department, which transferred him to Horsham in 1908.

Mr. James Patterson was in office as Elder from 1907 until 1916. He and his daughters were valuable Sunday School teachers, and for some years were the principal mainstay of the Fellowship Society.

Mr. J. K. Smith gave most valuable assistance to our Board of Management for a number of years as Seat Warden. He was elected an Elder in 1912, and held office until 1919. He was a most regular attendant at Church Services, and zealously discharged all his duties.

Rev. H. J. Lambert was, from 1917 until his death in 1924, a member of our Session. He was a great favourite with all who knew him.

Mr. Henry A. Pearce gave excellent services as Manager and Congregational Treasurer for some years. Elected an Elder in 1917, he held office until 1923. His resignation was much regretted.

Mr. Benjamin Lemmon was a member of our Session for nine years. He was elected in 1917; change of residence necessitated his resignation in 1926. In the Fellowship Society and the Sunday School and as Seat Warden he gave excellent service to St. George's.

Mr. Robert Leggate was for many years a Manager. In October, 1917, he was elected an Elder, and continued in office until his death in 1924. St. George's has never had a more loyal and devoted office-bearer than Mr. Leggate.

## Our Present Elders.

The present Elders of St. George's, in order of seniority, are:—

Mr. D. Kidd, who was appointed a Manager in 1889, an Elder in 1892, Session Clerk in 1900, and a Trustee in 1905. Mr. Kidd is also a Trustee representing Presbyterian interests for the district on the St. Kilda Cemetery Trust. He combines the wise foresight of a successful business man with a sincere devotion to his Church, and he is deservedly looked upon as a leader.

Mr. Sidney Webb was elected an Elder in 1896. Some years ago he went to reside at Hampton, but the love he and his family had for St. George's has kept them still with us. Mr. Webb is Treasurer of the Session Poor Fund.

Mr. George L. Aitken is one of our most esteemed and influential members. He has been a worshipper at St. George's practically all his life. Elected a Manager in 1901, and afterwards a Trustee, he was ordained an Elder in 1912. Mr. Aitken has been one of the pillars of our congregation, and his personal charm and sympathy have made him a valuable friend to us all.

Mr. A. Ross Brown has been with us since he was a boy in our Sunday School. He was elected to the Board of Management in 1908, and to the Eldership in 1912. Notwithstanding the heavy calls his profession makes upon his time, he is ever ready to assist in any matter where he can be of help. For many years he managed the Collecting Agency for Assembly Schemes, and at present is our Envelope Treasurer, a position which entails considerable work.

Mr. Charles Hillyard Joyce joined our congregation in 1916. Knowledge of the excellent services he had rendered Elsternwick Church preceded him, and he was persuaded to join our Eldership in 1917. In the Fellowship Society, and afterwards in the Sunday School and Junior Bible Class, his





services have been helpful in every way, and he displays the keenest interest in all subjects affecting Church life.

**Mr. Lawrence Preston** has been connected with St. George's since 1892. He has always been a very valuable member of the Choir, and rendered conspicuous service to St. George's and St. Kilda Literary and Debating Society. Mr. Preston was appointed a Manager in 1903, and was called to be an Elder in 1917. In 1914 he joined the Sunday School staff as Assistant Superintendent, and since 1917 has held the office of Superintendent. Mr. Preston's services to St. George's have been most noteworthy.

**Mr. John Maclellan** was elected a Manager in 1901. He established the Girls' Guild in 1904, and the movement thus initiated has been one of the finest organisations for girls' welfare in our land. In 1906 Mr. Maclellan contributed £200 to the enlargement of the School Hall. In 1908, at his own expense, he installed new gas lights in the Church. In 1911 he furnished (in conjunction with Mrs. Maclellan) the new Kindergarten room. In 1913 he contributed over £800 towards the purchase of property in Hotham Street, Balaclava, for the site of St. Margaret's Church. He was elected an Elder in 1923.

The Rev. H. T. Hull is one of the best known ministers in the Victorian Church. He is a resident of our neighbourhood and joined our Session in 1923.

**Mr. James Hislop, J.P.**, has been connected with St. George's since 1888. He joined the Board of Management in 1904, and was ordained an Elder in 1923. Mr. Hislop was for some time a very able Treasurer for our congregation.

**Mr. A. J. Hurlstone** and his family have been faithful supporters of St. George's for many years. He was elected a Manager in 1913, and in 1923 became an Elder. Mr. Hurlstone has, in many ways, proved himself a most useful worker for our Church, and by his kindly sympathy has endeared himself to all.

**Mr. Burnard W. Morey** was associated in his early days with the Lilydale congregation, where, under strong parental encouragement, he became a devoted Church and Sunday School worker. Coming under the influence of the Rev. R. C. Foyster, M.A., B.D., in the year 1907, he entered the following year as a student for the ministry, and was appointed first to Bairnsdale and later to Coleraine. Owing to an affection of the throat, and acting under medical advice, Mr. Morey was obliged to abandon the work in 1912, and to return to commercial life. Keeping in close touch with the lay work of the Church, he was appointed General Secretary



ELDERS.—Front Row (left to right): Mr. S. Webb; Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A.; Mr. D. Kidd (Session Clerk); Mr. G. L. Aitken. Second Row: Mr. L. Preston, Mr. C. H. Joyce, Mr. A. J. Hurlstone, Mr. A. Ross-Brown, Mr. B. W. Morey. Absent: Mr. J. Maclellan, Mr. J. Hislop, Rev. H. T. Hull.

of the Fellowship Union of Victoria in 1915. He was for some years attached to the Toorak Church, and later took a prominent part at Prahran, where he was first ordained to the Eldership. Joining St. George's in 1923, he was elected a member of the Session shortly after. Mr. Morey continues to give his services as a lay preacher, representing the younger generation, of whom there are all too few who are prepared to devote themselves to this very necessary work.

## Our Past Managers.

St. George's Church has been fortunate throughout in having received the advice and help of many worthy men on its Board of Management.

**Mr. D. M. Ross**, who became a Manager in 1877, and was also made a Trustee, had a great love for his Church. For 28 years, until his death in 1905, his interest never lessened. His special work was the oversight of the Church Officer, and the care of the property. His brother Managers had great confidence in his work and judgment, and when his useful life had closed, they erected a brass tablet over his pew in the Church, as a permanent memorial of his worth and service.

**Mr. A. Macadam** was another of the pioneers of our Church, being a member of the first Board of Management. In 1881 he was elected Treasurer, and held this office until 1885. He was a Trustee until 1905. Mr. Macadam was a liberal contributor to Church funds for many years. His death took place in 1910. In memory of their parents, his daughters, the Misses M. and E. Macadam, presented the beautiful stained glass window now on the west side of the northern transept.

**Mr. John Dick (1883-1904)** is best remembered as an ideal Pew Treasurer, and for many years he had charge of this work. He was present in Church twice every Sunday, and made it his business to arrive **twenty minutes** before the hour of service, so that visitors might be welcomed.

**Mr. William Godley (1886-1908).**—St. George's has never had a more popular Manager than Mr. Godley. Like Mr. D. M. Ross, he took a special interest in seeing that everything in connection with our Church was maintained on the high level set by its founders. He was a generous supporter of every department. It is largely owing to his liberality that the furnishings of our Church platform are of so appropriate a character.

**Mr. James Lillie (1884-1914)** was, for 30 years, either Trustee, Treasurer or Manager. Mr. Lillie played an important part in the history of our Church, until physical unfitness compelled him to retire. He and his family were amongst the most devoted of our people.

**Mr. Alexander McKinley, J.P.**—From the year 1884 to 1892 Mr. McKinley and his family worshipped at St. George's, and he was a most energetic and useful member of the Board of Management. He took a leading part in the erection of the School, and was a large contributor to the Building Fund.

**Mr. John Limerock (1887), Mr. John Jackson, and Mr. Samuel Baird** are the names of three Managers whose long service, regular attendance, and liberality deserve mention.

**Mr. W. H. Gray Cox** was Treasurer from 1909 until 1921, when he went to reside at Brighton. He was a very popular Manager and Treasurer. Since his resignation as Treasurer he has acted as Auditor.

**Mr. G. W. Watson, J.P. (1883-1893)**, took a keen interest in the Debating Society formed by Mr. Rentoul, and was also a valuable member of the Choir. In his military capacity, Mr. Watson occupied positions of much prominence. He acted as A.D.C. to five governors of Victoria, and at the Declaration of the Commonwealth carried out the Government's arrangements for Victoria for the Royal Visit. On behalf of the Government at State House he was host to the visiting Governors and the Princes of India. At the time of his death he held the rank of Colonel. Mr. Watson was a F.R.B.I.A., and was Chief Architect for the Government of Victoria, and in his professional capacity he was able to render services to St. George's, which were much valued by the Board of Management.

The following Managers all gave good service:—

J. H. Amiss	J. Gordon Hislop	N. B. Priddle
F. J. Annear	D. M. Johnston	A. L. Pryde
James Barrows	H. N. Johnstone	J. R. Rippin
Chas. Berrie	A. Larard	F. T. Roberts
L. A. Birtchnell	T. W. Larard	R. R. Sargeant
H. L. Buzzard	Robert Mathieson	Jonathan Shaw
R. H. Campbell	J. G. Melvin	G. W. Sims
H. E. Chambers	W. B. Morrison	A. A. Sinclair
L. F. Clarke	W. MacFarlane	J. Kane Smyth
J. R. Crago	S. G. McGuinness	J. A. Staveley
W. Crellin	R. McLeod	W. H. Taylor
Geo. Deany	D. Nisbet	W. E. Thomson
Wm. Henderson	D. Norris	F. H. Wilson
J. R. Henry	John Orr	Robert Wood
J. McA. Howden	J. Paterson	Alex. Young

## Present Board of Management.



During our Jubilee celebrations there is no name more deserving of special honour than that of **Mr. W. J. Butcher**, who was our Hon. Secretary until quite recently. Indeed, Mr. Butcher holds the record for long service at St. George's, and to him we all owe a great debt. Joining the Board of Management in 1886, he was appointed Secretary the next year; some years later he became a Trustee. He held the position of Hon. Secretary through all the years until the end of 1925, when failing health caused

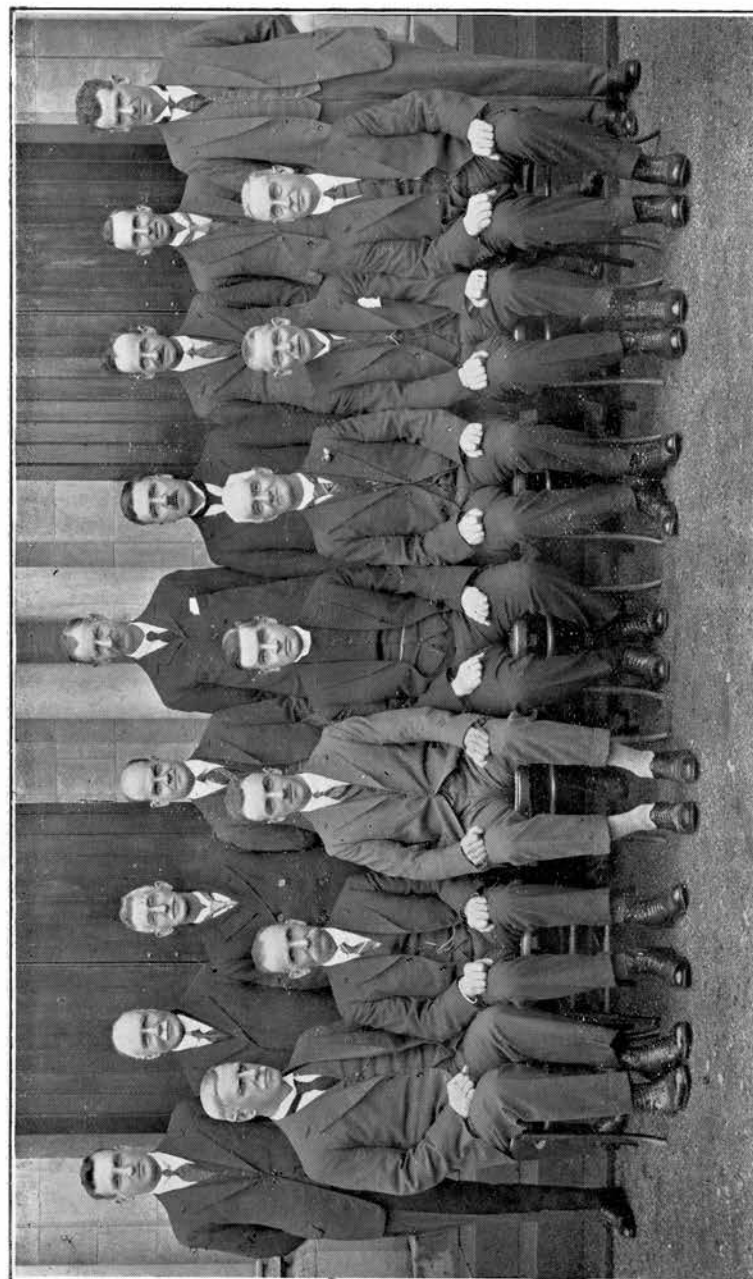
him to insist on his resignation as Secretary being accepted.

It can be said of Mr. Butcher that those who know him best esteem him most. The earnestness and zeal with which he carried out his duties, coupled with his kindly and genial disposition, made him a most popular office-bearer.

He was never absent from the Church services while physically able to attend. The unexpected death of Mrs. Butcher, in 1919, was to him and his friends a very great blow. He is still a member of the Board of Management, and we trust that he will be long spared to us.

**Mr. Joseph Mumby** comes second to Mr. Butcher in length of service as a Manager. He was elected in 1907, and was appointed Treasurer in 1924.

The other members of the Board of Management are:—**Mr. R. E. Hutchison** (1916); **Mr. A. C. Priddle** (1917); **Mr. H. Mosley** (1918); **Mr. Mitchell Smith** (1920); **Mr. J. Loudon** (1920); **Mr. Telford Smith** (1921); **Mr. Peter White** (1921); **Mr. R. Gordon** (1923); **Mr. E. A. Lemon** (1923); **Mr. F. Moore** (1923); **Mr. Gordon H. Kidd** (1923); **Mr. James Mayne** (1923); **Mr. R. K. Yorston, L.I.C.A.** (1923), our present Secretary; **Mr. J. P. Elliott** (1924); **Mr. R. A. Lowry** (1924); **Mr. C. Milne** (1924); **Mr. A. Love** (1924); **Mr. A. Hurlstone** (1924).



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.—Front Row (left to right): Mr. Mitchell Smith, Mr. Mayne, Mr. R. K. Yorston (Hon. Sec.), Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A., Mr. J. Mumby (Hon. Treas.), Mr. R. Gordon, Mr. J. Loudon, Second Row: Mr. R. E. Hutchison, Mr. E. A. Lemon, Mr. P. White, Major R. A. Lowry, Mr. A. C. Priddle, Mr. A. Love, Mr. F. Moore, Mr. A. Hurlstone, Mr. J. Milne. Absent: Mr. W. J. Butcher, Mr. G. H. Kidd, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. H. Mosley, Mr. J. P. Elliott.



## ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR.

The character of the Service of Praise in St. George's during the last fifty years has won the interest and approval of music lovers generally, and in a special manner the appreciation and praise of worshippers in St. George's.

Our Church organ is said to be one of the very best in the State. Its position in the southern transept of the Church, with ample accommodation in front of it for Choir and Organist, is unique, and certainly adds to the beauty of the scheme of architecture.

Fifty years ago, when the first services were held in the Orderly Room in 1876, a harmonium was provided to assist in the musical portion, and Miss Nicholas voluntarily organised the first Choir. The records of those days speak in praise of the great assistance given to the young Church by Miss Nicholas and her helpers, and special mention is made of the services of Mr. John C. Lloyd.

In 1880, when Miss Nicholas resigned, it was decided to appoint a professional organist and choirmaster, and Mr. Thomas Brentnall was selected for the post. During Mr. Brentnall's term of office the present organ was built. Mr. Brentnall resigned in 1885, and the same year Mr. Julius Herz was appointed in his place. (Mr. Herz was at the head of his profession, and so was able to attract to our Choir some of the best musical talent of Melbourne. Miss Bertha Rossow, Miss Lalla Miranda, and Mr. Clarence Fraser, all well-known singers of those days, belonged to our Choir. In 1893 Mr. Herz decided to go to Western Australia, and the vacancy so caused was filled by the appointment, in 1893, of Mr. Albert J. Mallinson, who had not then been long in Australia. He was a brilliant organist and a composer of no small merit. The anthem, "Yet There is Room," was composed by him specially for our Choir. During Mr. Mallinson's term of office we had frequently the voluntary services of one of Melbourne's most gifted and popular singers, Madame Steinhauer. Mr. Mallinson returned to England in 1896.

Mr. J. Gibbs Jordan was appointed in 1896, and until 1904 was the popular leader of our Choir. He organised St. George's Orchestra. During his term of office the Choir and Orchestra gave their services to quite a number of causes outside of our own congregation.

Mr. Chas. W. Kerry was our next Organist and Choirmaster. He held the office longer than any of his predecessors (1904-1913), and resigned on receiving an important position in New Zealand. Mr. Kerry recommended, and afterwards supervised, considerable improvements to the Organ. Several stops were added to it by Mr. F. Taylor,



CHOIR PHOTOGRAPH.—Front Row (from left to right): Miss A. Upston, Mrs. H. Mosley, Mrs. A. Stahmer, Mrs. E. A. Lang, Miss Ruth Sloggett, Mr. C. H. Moore (Organist and Choirmaster), Miss Ilma Hedley, Miss H. Lee, Miss B. Burns, Mrs. E. Bradburn, Miss M. Edison, Miss D. Scott. Second Row (from left to right): Misses Hazel McKenzie, Dorothy Lang, Marian Leggate, J. Scott, W. Denton, Lillian Whitmore, J. McMurtrie, S. Whitmore, — Regent, Myrtle Bradford, Back Row (from left to right): Mr. A. C. Priddle, Mr. C. M. Hine, Mr. Thomas George, Mr. H. Osborne, Miss M. Reanne, Miss A. Bentley, Miss May Bradford, Mr. L. Preston, Mr. F. H. Mosley, Mr. J. G. Paton. Absentee: Miss M. Langham.

organ builder. Commenting on Mr. Taylor's work, Mr. Kerry stated that it "was so well done that it would be difficult to discover where T. C. Lewis (the builder) left off, and where F. Taylor began." These alterations have since been proved to be a great success.

Our next Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. J. J. Bailey, F.C.C.G., was one of the best known Choir Conductors in Victoria. He was appointed in 1913. For a number of years he was Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of England Pro. Cathedral, Ballarat. But he will always be best remembered as the founder and conductor of the Metropolitan Competitive Choir, which was so successful in many choir competitions. His lovable and genial disposition made him a great favourite with his Choir, and with all who had the good fortune to meet him. Failing health compelled his resignation in 1922. During the first months of his illness his son, Mr. Alan Bailey, took his place at the organ, with much acceptance to both Choir and congregation.

Captain Dawson Davie acted as Organist and Choirmaster for some months in 1922. The present holder of the office, Mr. Charles H. Moore, A.L.C.M., was appointed in February, 1923. He is an enthusiastic student of Church music, and his heart is in his work at St. George's. To do a good thing well is one of his chief desires. But to render the best music perfectly is his ideal. We are indebted to Mr. Moore for the many able singers he has brought to the Choir to help on special occasions.

It will be seen from the names of the Organists and Choirmasters, that St. George's has not spared expense in the matter of providing the very best leader and teachers for the young people who possessed voices suitable for choir singing. There are many people in the community to-day occupying prominent places in the musical world or in other choirs who received their early training at St. George's.

St. George's congregation has always been proud of its Choir, and there has been good reason for that pride. It has always been almost entirely a voluntary choir, and can look back on fifty years of excellent service.

The great Oratorios have been largely drawn from for solos and choruses. Favourite cantatas and the choicest anthems known to Church organists have been rendered again and again. Organ recitals, sacred and secular concerts of a high order, have been given on numerous occasions.

We regret that the Church Records available do not contain any list of members of the Choir prior to 1906. The Annual Report for that year has a complete list of members, from which we note that Miss Bentley, Miss Burns, Miss Rennie and Mr. L. Preston are the only persons on that list who are at present members of the Choir.

## ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In August, 1876, the month in which the holding of Sunday services had been commenced in the Orderly Room, Mr. A. Anderson gathered round him a company of men and women interested in the welfare of children, and together they organised our first Sunday School. At the end of the first year the average attendance was 65 scholars, who were taught by a staff of 13 teachers. It is a matter for regret that no records are available containing the names of those first teachers, for we would have been glad to include them in our Jubilee history. These ladies and gentlemen, though they did so in difficult surroundings, carried on their teaching work with commendable zeal, and attendances grew so large that it became necessary to seek further accommodation.

In 1879 the Sunday School was removed to the State School in Hornby Street. There was now an average attendance of about 100, with a teaching staff of 18. Mr. A. Anderson, on leaving the district, resigned the office of Superintendent, which he had held from the commencement of the School, and Mr. T. S. Robertson was appointed Superintendent.

The first recorded list of Sunday School Teachers contains the names of:—**Mr. A. Anderson**, Superintendent; **Mr. James Prince**, Secretary and Treasurer; **Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G.**, **Mr. T. S. Robertson**, **Mr. W. McIwrick**, **Mr. Jas. Gibbs**, **Mr. A. Russell**, **Mr. John Dow**, **Lady McCulloch**, **Mrs. Bage**, **Misses Cattnach**, **M. Cattnach**, **Reid, J. Reid**, **Squire**, **Joanna Squire**, **Wilson**, **Lucy Wilson**, **Helen Wilson**, **M. Ure** and **McCallum**.

Mr. T. Stewart Robertson resigned after two years, and Mr. G. O. Duncan, who took his place, held office with advantage to all concerned until September, 1884.

That the carrying out of the School work in the State School premises at Hornby Street was very inconvenient to both teachers and scholars was realised by the congregation, and steps were taken to erect a school hall at the rear of the Church. This was accomplished early in 1886.

On the 14th February of that year, the new school hall was occupied for the first time. Mr. John R. Ferrier had been appointed Superintendent, and the School now entered upon a new era. For the first time the staff had the advantage of suitable class-rooms, and could work in altogether satisfactory surroundings. Mr. Ferrier approached the ideal as a Superintendent, and was dearly beloved by all who had the good fortune to meet him. He held office until 1901.

Mr. A. H. Young was his successor, and controlled the Sunday School work until September, 1905, when he left the district.

Mr. James Weddell was in charge from December, 1906, until August, 1907, and when he resigned Mr. Joseph Mumby was appointed, and held office until June, 1910. Mr. Mumby was an experienced teacher connected with the State Department of Education, and he possessed all the qualifications to bring the school to a high level of efficiency. His resignation was much regretted, but St. George's still has his services as our Church Treasurer.

The School was again fortunate when, in October, 1910, Mr. A. A. Sinclair, solicitor, Melbourne, accepted the Superintendentship. Mr. Sinclair introduced the innovation of having two assistant superintendents, and Mr. H. L. Buzzard and Mr. L. Preston were appointed in 1914. Mr. Buzzard continued in office until a change of residence necessitated his resigning. Mr. Preston continued to act as Assistant Superintendent until Mr. Sinclair's departure in 1917, when Mr. Preston was appointed Superintendent, and he still holds that office with much acceptance to all concerned. The Church is under a deep obligation to him for what he has done for the Sunday School.

When the Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A., became Minister in 1923, he introduced some newer methods. A modified adaptation of the Dalton System was attempted in the intermediate and senior schools. The scholars responded favourably, and the interest taken in the lessons far exceeds that secured by former methods. From an educative point of view the change is a decidedly forward step.

A second forward movement was the introduction of the Duplex Envelope of contributing as a method of training the child mind in systematic giving. This is proving to be most successful.

The present office-bearers of the Sunday School are:—Superintendent, Mr. L. Preston; Secretary, Mr. G. H. Kidd; Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, Miss C. Scott; Envelope Treasurer, Mr. D. A. Kidd; Mission Correspondent, Miss Preston; Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. A. D. Osborn; Teachers, Mrs. Garratt, Misses D. Kidd, M. Osborn, Messrs. C. H. Joyce, A. D. Osborn, L. Osborn, J. Perston, R. K. Yorston, Miss N. Davey; Primary Department, Miss Cowlshaw; Kindergarten, Miss I. Ballingall, J. Cumming, A. Fossey, M. Lang, M. Leggate, J. Stafford; Librarian, Mr. M. Brown.

During the fifty years history of the School many prominent citizens have been associated with it. It would be quite impossible to state them all. A few names that



SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Front Row (from left to right): Messrs. A. D. Osborn, T. W. Larard, C. M. Cox, R. K. Yorston, D. A. Kidd, Middle Row: Misses J. Cumming, M. Buchanan, D. Kidd, A. Lewis, Mrs. Garratt, Misses E. Dawson, D. Lang, A. Fossey, Back Row: Misses N. Davey, C. Scott, Messrs. G. H. Kidd, C. H. Joyce, Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A., Messrs. L. A. Osborn, L. Preston, Misses M. Lang, I. Ballingall, M. Leggate.



must be mentioned are:—Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G., and Lady McCulloch, who, while in our district, were zealous members of the staff of teachers; Mr. F. H. Ritchie, M.A., and Mrs. Ritchie, and in later years, Mr. E. G. Ritchie, now Chief Engineer of Melbourne Water Supply; and Mr. James Wighton, solicitor, now of Geelong.

## CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.

### Ladies' Reading Club.

From 1888 to 1893 a Ladies' Reading Club met weekly at St. George's. Miss F. D. Moors was its Chief Executive Officer. The discussions on the books read were "animated, interesting and instructive."

### Dorcas Society.

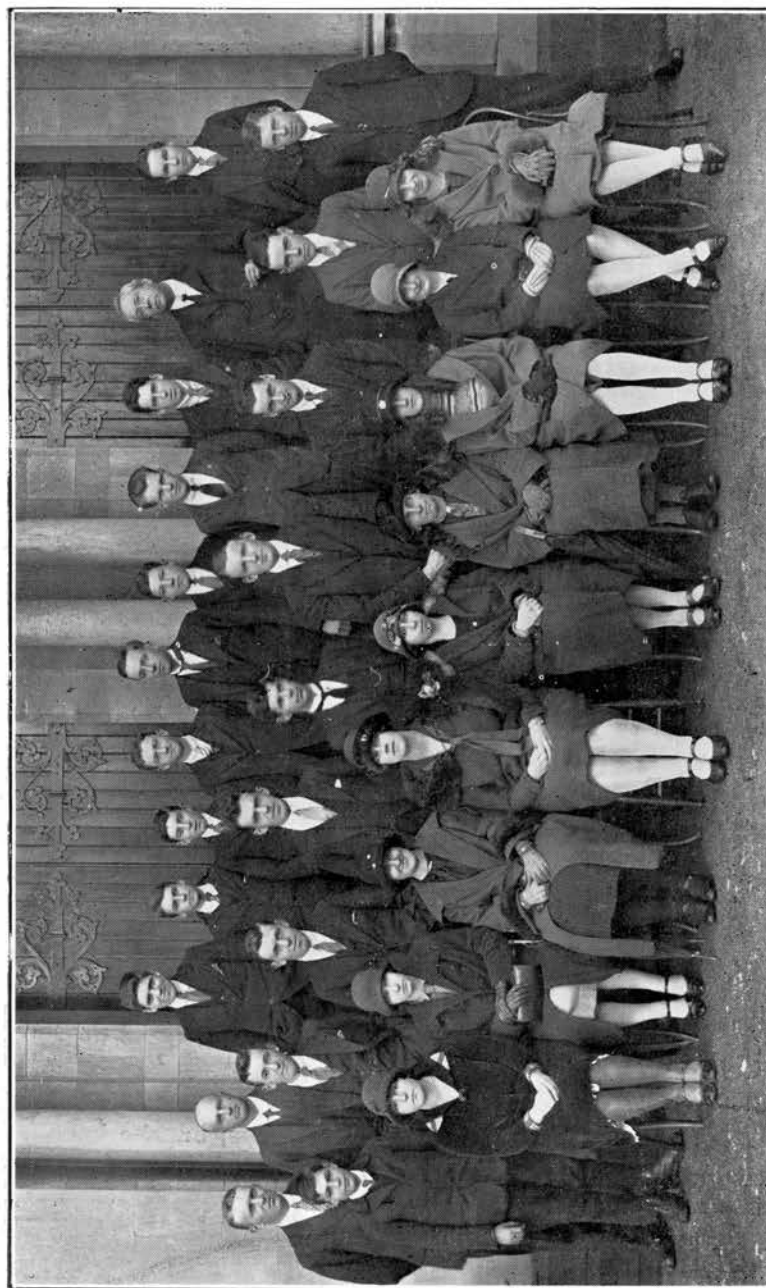
The Dorcas Society dates back to 1884. In the first year it had a membership of twenty ladies. With one exception, all who were present at the first meeting have passed beyond our ken. Mrs. McKinley, now of Malvern, was present at the first meeting, and was a liberal supporter while she resided in our parish.

In the report for the year 1889 the name of Mrs. Lewis appears, and from that date until the present Mrs. Lewis, more than any other person, has fostered the society and kept it active in its useful work. The Dorcas Society was a very helpful auxiliary to the Lady McCulloch Mission and to St. George's District Mission.

### Young Men's Bible Class.

During the ministry of the Rev. Graham H. Balfour, and at his suggestion, a Young Men's Bible Class was formed in 1907. There was at the time a strong senior class of boys in the Sunday School, who were at the age when some boys think they are too big to attend such a school. A class was formed which met separately from the School, and it took the name of the Young Men's Bible Class. It met under the leadership of Mr. D. Kidd, with Mr. Norman B. Priddle as Secretary. Once the Rev. A. Gillison was settled in his work at St. George's he took over the leadership, and a strong class was soon established.

When Mr. Gillison left for the war, Mr. L. L. Paul took up the office of leader, and successfully led the class



BIBLE CLASSES.—Front Row (from left to right): Misses M. Draper, L. Malcolm, D. Fewster, H. Mongor, D. Lang, A. Lewis, L. Plant, J. Finlayson, M. Coulson. Middle Row: Messrs. C. Foster, M. Richter, G. Wright, H. Elliott, T. W. Larard, J. C. Kidd, M. S. Brown, J. Harper, R. Wright. Back Row: Messrs. D. A. Kidd, L. L. Paul, A. Love, R. Dike, R. J. Scott, E. Sheldon, J. Izett, A. Clements, G. Young, M. Gordon, C. H. Joyce, M. E. Beattie.

### Chaplaincy.

As far back as 1881 a number of ladies in St. George's collected about £20 each year towards the support of a minister who would visit hospitals and other kindred institutions. For three years reports appeared in the Church Handbook, and then for some reason or other it seems to have been dropped. There are no records whatever until 1898, when the work was revived under the name of The Chaplaincy Association. Miss Preston and Miss Allan were organisers and collectors. Miss Allan left the district some years later. Miss Preston has since carried on the work, and every year is able to forward a helpful contribution.

### St. George's Cricket Club.

The Annual Report and Handbook for 1906 contains a Cricket Club Report, which states that "this Club has been re-formed and entered the South Suburban Churches Association A' Grade." We cannot, however, find any record previous to this, except that the season before the Young Men's Guild had a team. This is evidently the first official notice of the Club. The Rev. Graham H. Balfour was its first President, Mr. Reginald Amiss, Captain, and Mr. L. G. Godley, Secretary.

From 1906 until 1914 it had successful seasons. In the latter year St. George's was drained of its young men, and the Club suspended.

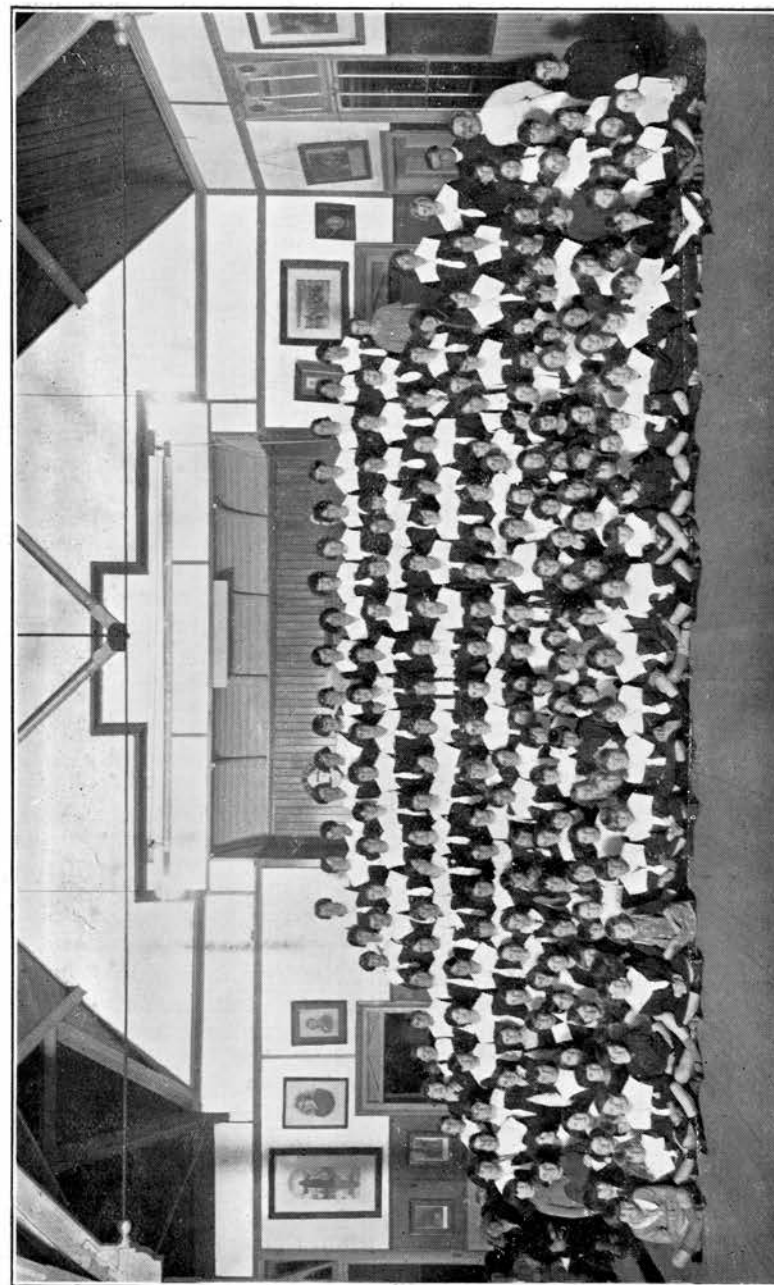
At the close of the War in 1918 it was reorganised, and became active once more. For the past two seasons a second team has also been playing. The present President is Mr. J. Mumby, Mr. John C. Kidd is Captain, and Mr. J. Izett, Secretary.

### League of Worship.

The Young People's League of Worship, an organisation to secure the presence of boys and girls at the Sunday Morning Church Service, has been in existence for a good many years. It is managed by members of the Young Men's Bible Class.

### FLORAL GUILD.

Acknowledgment is made of our debt to the ladies who each Sunday tastefully decorate the interior of our Church with flowers. It has been St. George's good fortune right down the years to have a Committee who has attended to



THE GIRLS' GUILD.

this duty, and their efforts have added to the beauty of our services. Mrs. D. M. Johnston had charge of these self-imposed tasks for several years; and in more recent days Mrs. Swannell has accepted that responsibility.

#### **P.G.A.**

The linking up of girls' activities under the title P.G.A. is meeting with success. Miss Lewis is President, Miss M. Buchanan, Secretary.

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### **MISSION WORK.**

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At the instance of Sir James McCulloch, in the year 1880, St. George's engaged in its first Mission work. Mr. G. O. Duncan was appointed to devote his whole time to visiting and doing Lay Reader's work. A hall in Eastbourne Street, Prahran, was rented, and services were held in it until the year 1886. Mr. Duncan and the Ladies' Visiting Association made a complete house to house canvas of the district. Sir James McCulloch generously bore the entire expense of Mr. Duncan's work.

In the year 1885, Lady McCulloch, at her own expense, inaugurated a Mission amongst the women in the poorer and congested streets of Windsor and Prahran. Miss Wilson was the first missionary. The Mission became known as the "Lady McCulloch Bible Women's Mission." A lending library was established, and weekly Mothers' Meetings were held. Miss Wilson died in 1888, and Miss Chapman took up the work until 1894. Miss Chapman's work was most successful, and it was with very great regret her resignation was received.

In 1894 Lady McCulloch, who had been in England since 1886, notified her desire to withdraw the financial support she had been giving to the Mission, so in that year it was reorganised under a committee of ladies of St. George's. Mrs. Turnbull was Hon. Secretary.

Miss McDonald was appointed missionary, and carried on the work until the year 1900, when she resigned. Miss Beatrice Davidson was the next missionary.

In 1904 the name of the Mission was changed to St. George's District Mission.

In 1910 Miss Davidson was ordained a Deaconess. For seventeen years she carried on the work of visiting the sick and the poor, and the weekly Mothers' Meetings, with which was connected a Temperance Society. She organised and was leader of a Young Women's Bible Class, and had become

a most valued helper in our Church life and service. Her very useful life was closed in January, 1917, and the Mission ceased with her death.

The numerous friends of Miss Davidson in our congregation, with the approval of her relatives, erected a memorial over her grave, in Sutton Grange Cemetery. The grave has been enclosed with a massive bluestone kerbing, done in natural rock faces, with a stone slab fixed on top of kerbing. A suitable inscription is cut into the stone, and filled with lead letters. It is of a character to last for very many years without any attention.

In 1922, and several times since then, we have given substantial financial support to Port Melbourne Deaconess Fund.

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### **CHURCH RECORDS.**

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The keeping of Church Records in past years has not been perfect enough to permit of the writing of a complete sketch of all those men and women who were responsible for the successful carrying on of the work of the Church. The list of Office-Bearers is fairly complete, but even in this list there are doubtless some omissions. In the experience of a Church there are always found men and women who never accept office of any kind, but who are amongst those most deeply interested in its welfare. This list has to be compiled almost entirely from memory, so it is sure to be very incomplete. We venture to mention a few such names:

Mr. John Rutherford (who gave a donation of £250 to the building fund); Mr. Robert Landale; Mr. Phipps Turnbull; Mr. J. L. Currie; Mr. W. Peterson; Mr. R. Sellar; Mr. M. Glassford; Mr. George Fairbairn; Mr. A. Madden; Mr. J. McCallum; Mr. Andrew Newell; Mr. James Ormond; Hon. W. Pearson. None of these men were office-bearers, but they were interested supporters, and contributed large sums to the Church Building Fund.

The following ladies also contributed generously to the Building Fund:—

Lady McCulloch, Miss Inglis, Mrs. Lloyd; Mrs. Blyth, Mrs. Armytage, Mrs. J. Spence and Mrs. Robertson.

In more recent years there were many men who held no office, but were most liberal in their support. Among them were:—

Mr. J. G. Addison and his family, Mr. Robert Swan, Mr. W. Peacock, the Hon. Charles Young, the Hon. James Bell, Sir Frederick T. Sargood, Captain Traill, Mr. J. C. Syme, Mr. D. Blair, and many others.



## Roll of Honour.

The Roll of Honour containing the names of those who went out from our Church and played their splendid part in the late Great War occupies a permanent place in the Vestibule of our Church. A description of the Memorial is as follows:—

The Memorial is 13ft. 6in. high by 7ft. wide, and is portion of the original design for a screen extending the full front of the building.

The design is Gothic, with bold pilasters, surmounted by towers with Crockets and Finials.

At the top of the Memorial is carved in bold relief the Emblem of the Burning Bush, surrounded by the St. George's Cross, Laurel Wreath and Ribbon. There is a centre panel for those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

A Gothic Table is placed just in front of the Memorial.

The whole of the work is in Victorian Selected Blackwood, and the Carving in is High Relief, the finish, French polished.

### In Memoriam.

Rev. Andrew Gillison, M.A.

Aram, J. T. H.	Mackie, A. G.
Fleming, N. R.	Mackie, J. S.
Fraser, J. L.	Melvin, J.
Gillison, T. A.	Orr, J. L.
Healey, L. C.	Owen, J. A.
Holdsworth, H. R.	Peebles, F. C.
Jack, B.	Roberts, F. T.
Jebb, W. St. J.	Thomson, R.
Lowe, H. M.	Wales, L.
	Wilson, H. H.

Alexander, C. H.  
Allen, R.  
Allison, A. F.  
Anderson, A. D.  
Anderson, J. H.  
Armstrong, L.  
Bailey, J. G.  
Brown, H.  
Brown, R. A. S.  
Brownridge, J. R.  
Brownridge, R.  
Bull, A. P.  
Campbell, J. W.  
Carbarns, L. J. P.  
Colquhoun, A.  
Colquhoun, H.  
Cook, A. A.  
Crago, R. T.  
Curtiss, H.  
Curtiss, S.  
Dawson, F. G.  
Dickson, R.  
Dundas, E. E.  
Fairley, T. C.  
Fairweather, H. B.  
Ferguson, M.  
Finnis, C.  
Fraser, C. W. S.  
Goodchild, C.  
Gorey, A. A.  
Hall, H. G.  
Henderson, A. D.  
Hiam, R. C.  
Hogg, J.  
Hunter, W. R.  
Hutchison, R. E.  
Hutchison, W.  
Johnson, M. (Sister)  
Johnston, W. R.  
Lapoint, J. C.  
Lamond, R. M.  
Lang, E. A.  
Lang, J.  
Larard, T. W.  
Larard, I. R. (Sister)  
Lewis, P. A.  
Littlewood, W. J.  
Luff, R.  
Macfarlane, C.  
Maclellan, R.  
Marshall, H. C.  
McAlister, A.  
McKenzie, C. G.  
McLeod, R.  
McMullen, W.  
McNeill, S. H. D.  
Merrie, A. H.  
Miles, F. Y. E.  
Miles, L. T. E.  
Minty, J.  
Moore, G.  
Orr, A. P.  
Paterson, J.  
Paul, L. L.  
Priddle, N. R.  
Rankin, C. J.  
Rennie, C. J.  
Smith, A. H. V.  
Strachan, G. L.  
Strachan, J. F.  
Taylor, G. B.  
Taylor, F.  
Thomas, P.  
Thomson, A. J.  
Treloar, A. T.  
Voutier, J. A.  
Voutier, W.  
Walker, S.  
Wanliss, J. M. G.  
Wanliss, S. D.  
Watson, A. J.  
Watson, G.  
Watson, S. D.  
Webb, S. K.  
Wilson, B. D.  
Wilson, R. H.  
Wilson, S. A.  
Wilson, T. C.  
Young, J.



## OUR JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of Church members and adherents to consider plans for celebrating our Jubilee was held over a year ago, when a strong committee was appointed, with a small executive to decide lesser details. Mrs. Lowry was appointed Hon. Secretary, but after a few months' service she was compelled, by reasons of health, to resign, and Mrs. Swannell, always an earnest worker for St. George's, was appointed to the post. Several concerts and entertainments were organised. A "Strawberry Fete" held last year proved a success, and arrangements for a fete to be held at the end of August are well forward at the time this booklet goes to press.

While we have received from the male members of our Church generous monetary responses to our appeals for support, it must be stated that the honour of achievement in our Jubilee efforts rests with the ladies of St. George's. Their committees have been busily at work for over a year, and the success of every entertainment has been due, in a great measure, to the support which they have loyally accorded to its organisers. To work for their Church has been to them to engage in a labour of love; for what they have done to make our Jubilee celebrations a success our sense of indebtedness to them must be very real. They have given us a practical illustration of self-sacrifice and service, and no praise for what they have done should be considered too generous or too great.

Believing that many past members of St. George's would gladly welcome an opportunity to associate themselves with their old Church at its Jubilee celebrations, an appropriate letter was sent to all such members and friends as we could trace. The response was gratifying, and many sent us donations to our Jubilee Fund. To one and all we repeat our invitation to attend our Jubilee services, and we assure them that it will be deemed a privilege on the part of the present congregation to welcome them at any of our gatherings.

We have it on the authority of a member of Sir James McCulloch's household that the sermon preached by Dr. Cairns at the opening of St. George's Church so impressed Sir James that from that date he never once used his carriage and horses on a Sunday.

## Memorial Windows.

The Memorial Windows in St. George's Church are worthy of mention.

The large (triple) window in the Chancel is always much admired. The centre picture depicts "The Good Shepherd" with a lamb in His arms. Illustrating Mark 10: 13-14.

The outer windows show the child "Samuel." Illustrating 1 Samuel 3-10. The inscription is: "Presented by Lady McCulloch in Memory of the Loved and Dead."

The window on the northern side of the Church represents two scenes in the life of our Lord:—

The Settlement about the Tribute Money, and  
The Interview with the Rich Young Ruler.

The inscription is: "In memory of John Kane Smyth."

In the western side of the Northern Transept, the window representing "Simon Peter and Andrew, his Brother," has the inscription:—

"Presented by Maggie and Effie Macadam, in loving memory  
of our parents, Alexander and Barbara Purves Macadam.  
29th November, 1910. 28th June, 1904."

The window on the western side of the Southern Transept pictures:—

Ezekiel 37: 5. Malachi 4: 6.

and the inscription reads:—

"Presented by M. I. Clark in memory of her mother."

In the eastern wall of the Northern Transept is a window "Presented by Miss Inglis in Memoriam." It pictures  
The Martyr Stephen; The Second Stephen.

In the corresponding wall of the Southern Transept is the window—

Moses. Abraham.  
Hebrews 11, 23-27. Hebrews 11, 8-10.

with the inscription:—

"Presented by Mrs. Swan, Adelaide."

In addition to the above there are the large quatrefoil window in the Northern Transept depicting:—

Matthew, Mark,  
Luke, John.

and the four smaller windows around the Transept with pictures of—

Philip, John the Baptist,  
Joshua, Nehemiah,  
David, Isaiah,  
Jeremiah, Daniel.

There are no inscriptions to any of these, nor is there any record to indicate whether all or any of them were donated.

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# ITEMS OF INTEREST

The oldest recorded Roll of Communicants is dated May, 1881. The congregation was at that date divided into four Elders' Districts. Of the names on the Roll then there remains (so far as we are aware) now only one person who still worships with us—Mrs. Bentley (then Miss Helen Hutchison). So Mrs. Bentley, who is one of St. George's most loyal helpers, is, in standing, our oldest member.

Miss Ross and Miss Hickinbotham, also, are two Communicants who were admitted to membership by Rev. J. R. Rentoul. We do not know of any others at present on the Members' Roll who joined previous to the ministry of Rev. John Gordon Mackie.

The following interesting minute occurs in the records of the Board of Management of the 26th November, 1883:—"It was resolved unanimously that the following resolution be forwarded to Lady McCulloch, Hon Secretary of the Ladies' Work Society: The Board of Management places on record its appreciation of the self-denying labours of the Ladies' Work Society, which has made the congregation the possessor of a beautiful Church Organ, of the value of nearly £1100, free from debt, and expresses its heartfelt thanks for the valuable gift."

The first issue of "St. George's Monthly" was in March, 1895, and the Rev. John Gordon Mackie was its editor.

The individual separate cup at Communion was used for the first time in June, 1903. The cost of the new service was met by private subscriptions.

The first Victoria Cross awarded to an Australian soldier in the Great War was won by one of the 14th Battalion, and the colours of that regiment hang in St. George's Church.

When the question of Church Union was voted upon in 1920, St. George's vote was—"Yes," 241; "No," 53.

Unfermented wine was used at our Communion for the first time on 4th September, 1921.

It is fitting at our Jubilee to honour a worthy servant of the Church, such as Mr. James Mayne, who for 24 years (1898-1922) had the charge of caring for our Church and grounds. Like most Ulstermen, Mr. Mayne loves his Church, and he gave it of his best. He is now a member of the Board of Management, and a valued member of our Buildings Committee.

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