

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the Hastings Baptist  
Sunday School, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1944

As we come to the end of another year of Sunday School work, we thank God for the opportunity of perceiving Him & trust that through prayer, God will in His own time, bring forth fruit unto life eternal, as a result of the seed sown in the hearts & lives of the young people in our care.

Staff: At the close of the year we had 6 lady teachers & 3 men teachers in the Main School & 6 ladies in the Primary Staff. To Miss Sowersby as Superintendent of the Primary Dept. & to all teachers & officers for services so willingly given, we tender our very heartfelt thanks.

Attendances: Number of scholars on Main Roll is 45, average attendance 34. We lost by removal from the District at the end of the year 7 scholars. A competition was in which the school was divided into 4 groups was keenly contested by all & helped to keep up the attendance & bringing of new scholars. Our highest attendance on any one Sunday was 43. On our Primary Roll we have

names, & on one particular Sunday there were 41 scholars present.

Again we very warmly thank Mrs Beilly for her willing & untiring service given in the visiting of absentee scholars. This is a labour of love to Mrs Beilly, but is also a very definite help to our school.

Bradle Roll is efficiently kept by Mrs J Palmer & again we thank her for her time & attention given to this work.

~~Rev. Crampton, your director was with us on one occasion & spoke to the scholars.~~

During June 22 Scholars par. for the Scripture Examination. Results were very encouraging & we trust that lasting results will bear fruit in assisting these children to know more of their Bibles.

Finance: We are pleased to report that these are again in a very healthy state. The Anniversary offering & concert are still our main sources of revenue & these with donations from his sympathetic members of our church have encouraged us. This year's Anniversary offering amounted to £24. 10. 8, concert £6. 7. 3

Session Offerings amounted to £6.11.0

Self Denial £9.18.3

Triple Appeal 2.15.0

Manurewa Home 4.0.0

Anniversary Services were again of a high order & our thanks go to Miss Lowersly for her services in training the children & also in maintaining the very high standard which has characterized our Anniversaries for so many years.

Our work for the year concluded with the Prize Giving & at this function an offering was taken for the Manurewa Children's Home - Swimming Bath Fund.

Worshipping League. This has functioned again this year, 59 scholars names are on the roll. Books & albums have been given to each & we rejoice to see the interest displayed & the very fine gathering of children each Sunday morning.

The work of our Branch School at Putaruru continues to grow & to Mr Ray Baker & his very willing band of teachers our best thanks are due.

In conclusion we would

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to thank all those who have in  
any way assisted the work of our  
School during the past year.

We humbly crave your  
prayers and help in the coming  
days and trust that all we do may  
be done only for the glory of Him  
who gave Himself for us all.