

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHURCH OF CHRIST, ANN STREET,

BRISBANE, HELD IN THE CHAPEL AT 7.45 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY,

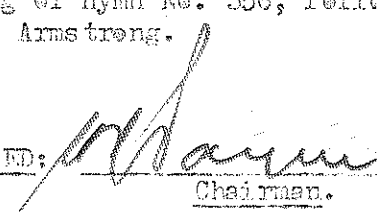
22ND FEBRUARY, 1967.

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- PRESENT: There were 56 members present. Bro. R. H. Proud occupied the chair.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for non-attendance was received from Bren. Warne and Flood.
- OPENING: The meeting opened with the singing of Hymn No. 223, after which the chairman led in prayer. Devotions were then led by Bro. J. G. Armstrong.
- MINUTES: Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 23rd February, 1966, and Special Meeting held on 14th August, 1966, were read and were confirmed and signed on the motion of Bren. W. S. Heens and J. H. Smith.
- BUSINESS OUT OF MINUTES: In reply to an enquiry regarding monies invested in H. G. Palmer, the chairman stated that no positive information was yet to hand.
- Concerning proposed plans for chapel alterations, the chairman stated that these had been temporarily set aside.
- REPORTS: Copies of the annual reports had previously been distributed to members, and it was therefore resolved on the motion of Bren. P. C. Williams and R. Peeney that the annual reports be taken as read and received.
- There were no decisions arising out of discussion of the reports.
- Copy of the reports is attached.
- Reports were adopted on the motion of Bren. W. Howard and W.S.Heens.
- ELECTION OF DEACONS: Six nominations were received for the office of Deacon - R. H. PROUD, J. FLOOD, J. AULD, R. OULBERT, H. J. PAYNE, J. WATSON - and each of these was constitutionally elected by ballot.
- ELDERS: The Minister and Board of Officers recommended that Bren. W. S. HEENS and H. WATSON be appointed Elders of the church, and they were constitutionally elected by ballot.
- GENERAL BUSINESS: Delegates for 1967 Annual Conference. On the motion of Bren. N. Watson and W. S. Heens it was resolved that the appointment of delegates to the 1967 Annual Conference be left to the Board of Officers, and that the Board be authorised to give instructions, on behalf of the church, to the delegates.
- Time of Sunday morning service. It was resolved on the motion of Bren. W. McKelvie and R. Peeney that a survey be made at an early date concerning commencing time of service on Sunday mornings.
- Dedication service for all taking office. On the suggestion of Bro. Armstrong it was agreed that a dedication service be conducted on Sunday evening, March 5, for all taking office in the new church year.
- CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded with the singing of hymn No. 356, followed by the benediction pronounced by Bro. Armstrong.

21st February, 1968.

CONFIRMED:


Chairman.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Last year was one of those years of which it could be said, upon reflection, we could have done better. Our active membership dropped by 20 from 216 to 196 and our attendances showed marked decline. The average attendance at the Lord's Day morning services dropped from 177 to 149, whilst the night attendances dropped from an average of 94 to 88. Correspondingly there was a smaller number of communicants at the Lord's Table, the average being 141 as compared with 161 for 1965. Whilst there was only one addition by faith and baptism, we praise God for that young man who has surrendered his life to Christ. There were 12 transfers in from other churches of Christ, and 1 baptized believer added. Losses totalled 34 made up of 30 to other churches of Christ and 4 by death. Nevertheless, don't let's be gloomy about this picture, but looking to the future may we accept the challenge of every aspect of the ongoing work of the church and go forward in the strength of the one who is able to use us mightily if we are surrendered fully to Him.

It is fitting that we should pay tribute to the four noble souls taken from our midst during the year - Sisters A. Feeney, F. Carpenter and Bren. W. Ratcliffe and P. A. Boyd. We give thanks for every remembrance of each of them, and praise God for their lives of service and witness. With their loved ones we share the losses sustained, and look forward with steadfast hope to that grand re-union when we shall all meet our Saviour in all His glory.

The Deacons have met regularly each month, and in addition there were four special meetings.

The acquisition of the new manse at 26 Gable Street, Stafford Heights is a worthy asset. The financial position regarding this purchase has been set out by the Treasurer.

Plans for extending and renovating the chapel have been temporarily set aside.

Consideration was given to the appointment of a number of deaconesses as directed by last year's annual meeting, and this matter was finally deferred for further consideration after the commencement of Bro. Armstrong's ministry.

The mid-week Family Fellowship meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month badly need wider support from our members. These meetings could be the real power house of the church's life and witness. May we determine to make that so.

December, 1965 brought to a close the five-year ministry of Bro. & Sis. Read, and we thank God for all that was accomplished during those years. We stand now right at the beginning of Bro. & Sis. Armstrong's ministry with the church, and the doors of opportunity are wide open before us. It behoves each one of us, as faithful servants of the Lord, to give our minister loyal support in every way according to our abilities and opportunities to serve. If we are to go forward we must move in the strength of the Lord, striving together with a common purpose and a will to work and witness.

N. WATSON
Secretary

ELDERS' REPORT

The Board of Elders consisted of Bren. Read, Hoens and Watson. They met separately from the Deacons, but have also attended many deacons' meetings. Attention has been given to the particular functions and responsibilities of -

- (a) Personal problems and matters of discipline;
- (b) Membership visitation;
- (c) The ministry of the Word, including the conduct of services, and the appointment of leaders of auxiliaries.

With a view to maintaining our high standard of participation in the Lord's Day morning services, a meeting of Presidents, readers and helpers was convened early in the year, and we are appreciative of the worthy co-operation of all who assist in the services.

Attention was given to ways and means of brightening our Sunday night services and catering more for youth. To this end the accompaniment of both organ and piano with the singing was reintroduced; a supplementary hymn book of approx. 150 of the subjective type of hymns is being printed; monthly youth services were introduced on the first Sunday of each month with special features of instrumental and choral renditions. The

Elders support the continuation of the monthly after church Coffee Pot programmes and commend the young people for their activities of outreach in this regard.

As servants of Christ and His church the Elders are always available for consultation or the providing of any service in the form of visitation, etc. A particular service is that of taking communion to sick and shut-in folk, and as this is done only upon request, members who would like this ministry at any time are invited to make the request.

N. WATSON
For Board of Elders.

CHOIR REPORT

The choir has once again faithfully supported the preaching of the gospel by sharing in the gospel services throughout the year. After a recess, the choir commenced its activities for 1966 on 23rd January and, apart from youth nights, has provided an item each Sunday night.

Special choral services were presented for Easter and Christmas. On 17th April Sir John Stainer's 'Crucifixion' was presented. Soloists were Alan Burnham and Kingsley Read. The hour-long presentation was the complete service. On 11th December 5 anthems and 3 carols provided a basis for a choral service. Other activities in the church programme were - Anniversary Service in September, at which the choir rendered special music in the morning and evening services; broadcast in October when special music was presented.

In other fields the choir assisted - i.e. State Conference choir was loyally supported by our members. Then something of a highlight occurred towards the end of the year as we were invited to share in the annual meeting and Patron's night of the Brisbane City Mission. We provided two choral items and a quartette at both of these programmes and combined with two other choirs in a massed choir. At the latter programme the conductor and choir were presented to the Patron, His Excellency, the Governor of Queensland, Sir Alan Mansfield.

It was a pleasure to welcome another choir to Ann St. in December when the Annerley church choir presented a Christmas Cantata. This service, followed a week later by our own choral service, provided a well-received musical prelude to the Christmas season.

The end of the year saw the withdrawal from the ranks of two loyal members. Mrs. Read was presented with a gift to mark her contribution to the choir. It is pertinent to note the vital interest of the Read family in the choral work and we will miss both Mr. and Mrs. Read. The other member, Alan Burnham, has been a stalwart in the tenor line for almost 20 years and, because of his change of membership to Kenmore and his increasing involvement there, he felt that he must withdraw. A presentation was made to him also.

Financially the choir has maintained itself by small weekly offerings from members. This has purchased music and also made a donation to the replacement of dispensary for Dorothy Howden, New Guinea.

The encouragement given by members of the church who, by word and deed, express their thanks to the choir, is much appreciated. The work, while rewarding, is a continuous one with quite a few difficulties and the expressions of appreciation are heartening.

The new year has seen several new members, mainly young people, and we are glad of that. There is always opportunity for those who feel they can assist musically, no matter how little, to join us.

KEITH E. HACK
Conductor

CHURCH OF CHRIST - ANN STREET

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 31ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER, 1966

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Balances
1.1.66

Benevolent Fund
C.Y.F. Loan
Organ Fund

\$ 171.21
91.58
204.50

Minister's Salary
etc.
Salary
Car Allowance

\$ 3228.90
648.00

.12

Special Appeals

64.55

Worker's Comp.

10.93

.49

Gifts for Future Expansion

1200.00

Provident Fund

40.00

3927.83

.00

Manse Replacement Fund

1065.96

Manse Expenses

192.12

.00

General Fund

1536.60

Telephone

75.65

.00

Building Fund

18.00

Less Refund

116.47

.00

General

1253.23

New Manse Rental

23.50

.24

Budget - Local Use

6312.90

Prepaid

140.47

.00

- Brotherhood

Allocation

2104.30

New Manse Electricity A/c

50

.00

Brotherhood Committees etc.

8417.20

Church Building

Cleaning & Polishing

338.00

.00

Brotherhood

428.05

Electricity & Gas

203.76

.98

Bl'hood. Advancement Fund

504.68

Rates

55.20

.49

Messenger

4.00

Insurance

45.36

.68

Organ Fund

53.20

Electrical rewiring

1106.16

.00

Bl'hood. Advancement Fund

504.68

& new lighting

194.61

.97

Interest Bank of Adelaide

7.00

Cupboards for Hall

26.72

.00

Sale of Calendars etc.

123.00

Stage Curtain Track etc.

53.61

.97

Subscriptions "Aust. Christian"

42.75

Sundry Items

2023.42

.00

Subscriptions "Christian Echo"

24.70

Church Expenses -

Advertising

555.10

.00

Weddings

376.87

Less Refunds

451.42

.00

Building Use

4.00

Bible School/K'garden.

103.68

.00

Subscriptions "Aust. Christian"

123.00

Subsidy

209.56

.00

Subscriptions "Christian Echo"

42.75

Conference Assessment

86.40

.00

Weddings

24.70

Messenger Stationery

102.49

.00

Subscriptions "Aust. Christian"

123.00

Offering Envelopes

52.50

.63

Subscriptions "Christian Echo"

42.75

Printing & Stationery

6.08

.63

Telephone

95.83

Subs. "Aust. Christian"

123.00

.63

Less Phone Box

4.49

Telephone

34.50

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Carried Forward

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OFFERINGS:

Budget and General Offerings for 1966 dropped substantially on 1965. This has resulted in large decrease in finance for local work, as well as a decrease of \$284 in the allocation to Brotherhood Committees. Figures for the last four years are -

	General	Manse	Budget	Total	Budget	B'hood.	Adv.	Total	Total
		Fund	Local	Local	B'hood.	Direct	Fund	B'hood.	Offerings
			Use	Use	Alloc.				
1963 \$	2364	-	6850	9214	1712	905	-	2617	11831
1964	1452	-	7796	9248	1950	488	-	2438	11686
1965	1389	-	7165	8554	2388	452	510	3350	11904
1966	1253	67	6313	7633	2104	428	505	3037	10670

(N.B. (1) Budget Offerings commenced on 24.3.66; (2) Allocation to Brotherhood Committees increased from 20% to 25% of Budget Offerings from 1.1.65).

EXPENSES:

Expenses paid from the General Fund, after offsetting Building Fund and Messenger Offerings, and Sundry Receipts, totalled \$8871, which can be summarised as follows -

Operating Expenses	\$5441
Contributions to B'hood. Centre	1040
	<u>6481</u>
<u>Exceptional Expenditure</u>	
Transfer to Manse Fund	500
Gestetner	428
Electrical rewiring & new lighting	1106
Cupboards for Hall	195
Exp. Muir St. Property	161
	<u>2390</u>
	<u>8871</u>

These expenses were financed in the following way -

General & Budget Offerings	\$ 7566
Loan Repayments from B'hood. Centre	900
Drawing on Funds -	
(Balance 1.1.66 \$1537)	
Less Balance 31.12.66	<u>1132</u>
	<u>405</u>
	<u>8871</u>

Details of the Bible School/Kindergarten subsidy paid out of General Fund are -

Austral Lessons	\$ 92.22
Other Lesson Material	2.65
Contribution to Christmas Party '65	10.00
Kinders Presents - Christmas '65	26.00
Contribution to Picnic	25.00
Sunday School Prizes '66	<u>53.69</u>
	<u>209.56</u>

MANSE PURCHASE:

The new manse cost \$16821.07 to 31.12.66. A breakdown of this cost is -

<u>Purchase Price</u>		
Advance by Bank of Adelaide	\$ 12382.10	
Loan from Property Committee	4000.00	
Paid from Manse Fund - Rates owing by vendor	<u>108.70</u>	\$ 16490.80
Legal costs paid to Lippiatt & Co.		80.35
Insurance		22.74
<u>Improvements etc.</u>		
Invert Crossing	14.20	
Telephone Installation	30.00	
Rotary Hoeing, Turf, Soil & Grass Seed	78.40	
Curtain Material	<u>104.58</u>	<u>227.18</u>
		\$ <u>16821.07</u>

The Women's Fellowship have contributed \$48 towards the cost of the curtains, but this was received after the end of the year. The Bank of Adelaide has still to pay \$2.00 on account of the purchase price, and there are other accounts for blinds, floor covering, car tracks, path etc., which

have been paid since the end of the year.

The loan from the Property Committee is repayable in 10 years by quarterly instalments of \$130.00. The advance by Bank of Adelaide was on an overdraft basis at 31.12.66, but when the Muir Street property is sold the proceeds will be applied against this advance and the balance will be transferred to Bank of Adelaide Savings Bank. This will then be treated as a loan repayable over 10 years by monthly repayments at a rate of \$11.00 for each \$1000 loaned.

At 31.12.66 the Manse Fund was in credit \$1194.19 to pay the accounts previously mentioned, and then to meet repayments until the Fund is exhausted.

BROTHERHOOD CENTRE!

We are committed to contribute \$1040 per year to the Centre for another 7 years.

Loan repayments of \$900 were received from the Centre in 1966, but \$1100 is still owing on the debt of \$2314 incurred in 1963.

BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEES ETC.

Our disbursements to Brotherhood Committees were down by \$330 on the previous year. 1966 figures and 1965 figures (in brackets) are -

	<u>Allocations from Budget</u>		<u>Direct Offerings</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
Aborigines Missions	\$ 107	(121)	31	(51)	138	(172)
Brit. & Foreign Bible Soc.	18	(20)			18	(20)
Federal Home Missions	39	(44)	-	(1)	39	(45)
Home Missions	754	(856)	121	(154)	875	(1010)
Kenmore College	320	(364)	21	(45)	341	(409)
Overseas Missions	328	(373)	122	(130)	450	(503)
Property Committee	86	(97)	6	(2)	92	(99)
Social Service	128	(145)	1	(6)	129	(151)
Youth & Christian Education	272	(309)	45	(18)	317	(327)
Christmas Bowl			37	(31)	37	(31)
" " Bible School/ K'garten. Project			-	(14)	-	(14)
Medical Hut for Miss Howden	2		43		45	-
Special Appeals Paid	23	(53)			23	(53)
Total Disbursed	2077	(2382)	427	(452)	2504	(2834)
Special Appeals - not disbursed	27	(6)	1			
Total Allocation from Budget	2104	(2388)	428			

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

A Balance Sheet has not been drawn up, but this list of Assets and Liabilities is of interest -

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
		<u>Insured Value</u>	<u>Valuer-Gen's. Val. of Land</u>
Bank of Adelaide-Loan for Manse Purchase	\$ 12382	Church \$ 54,000	\$ 18920
" - Est. Interest to 31.12.66	116	Muir St. Property 8,000	1210
Property C'tee. Loan for Manse Purchase	4000	Manse 13,500	1610
" - Est. Interest to 31.12.66	36	Church Furniture 3,100	
		Organ 3,800	
		Elec. Motors 100	
		Victor Piano 500	
		Belling Piano 260	
		Duplicator & Cabinet 400	
		H.G. Palmer Consol.- Debentures at Cost \$7600	
		Loan - B'hood. Centre 1100	
		Bank A/c as per Statement of Rcpts. & Payments	4047

The year 1966 brought sadness into the hearts of our Sisters with the passing of two lovely souls - Mrs. Feeney, Senior, and Mrs. Carpenter. They are greatly missed, not only for their unselfish material support to the Fellowship, but for their "good old-fashioned Christianity". Their one aim in life was helping others.

We appreciate the financial support of those who cannot attend the meetings. Several of our women are carrying the burden of ill health, but regardless of this they still perform the Lord's work. To those sisters the Fellowship offers its sincere thanks. A special word of thanks must go to the sisters who do the visitation (keeping in touch with our "shut ins"). We know, through correspondence and otherwise, that the work they do is deeply appreciated. Two visits to "Hillcrest" Nursing Home were made by the Fellowship - one in December, when a Christmas programme and gifts were presented - the other in October, when other "shut ins" were also visited.

Our President, Mrs. Lillian Fox, has been re-elected, accepting this Office for the third time. She has proved to be a very gracious leader and is loved by all. Others holding executive positions are - Vice-President: Mrs. Hoens; Secretary: Mrs. Henderson; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Mainwaring; Treasurer: Mrs. McLane. We are looking forward with great anticipation to a time of very rich fellowship with our new Minister's wife.

Through lack of funds, the Fellowship has been unable to do the work it has done in previous years, and the executive appeals to members to try to remember their monthly contributions per medium of the envelopes which are placed in the collection plate on Sunday, once a month. Envelopes are obtainable from our Treasurer, Mrs. McLane.

Donations were made to the following - Clothing for Aborigine orphan (a good deal of pleasure is derived from this annual effort); boxes of clothing, school requisites, medical supplies, toys etc. to Carnarvon and New Guinea Mission Stations; \$2.00 to the British & Foreign Bible Society; \$8.40 Milk and Orphan Fund; \$72.00 Women's Conference Budget; \$48.00 towards Manse curtains; \$37.68 Brotherhood Centre (half proceeds from Lamington Drive); \$48.06 Kenmore College (half proceeds from Lamington Drive, plus \$10.20 'Coins for Kenmore' envelopes); \$10.00 Midwifery Kits for Vietnam women. A "Mummish" Parcel (filled with 'goodies' from the 'mums' of Ann St.) was sent to Dorothy Howden for Christmas, and before returning to New Guinea, she was presented with a Bible and a Birthday Cake. Mrs. Doug. Bamford was presented with a cup, saucer and plate on leaving with her husband and family to reside in Sydney, and a very lovely cultured pearl brooch was given to Mrs. L.G. Read at the Break-up, before her departure with her husband and family to Tasmania.

To raise funds, a Lamington Drive was held in April, with the assistance of members of the C.Y.F., to whom we were most grateful. A Devonshire Tea was held at the home of Mrs. E. Potter, with proceeds being \$49.06., and in November a Street Stall was shared, an amount of \$23.00 being raised. The Sunshine Bags yielded the sum of \$49.07.

There were 19 meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 29. Ann St. took the programme to Wynnum C.W.F. in March, and an exchange meeting was held in July with Stafford C.W.F. A visit from the City Congregational Women's Guild in June brought a closer friendship with our neighbouring Church women, and we look forward to a similar contact in the near future. A "Day in the Sunshine" (without the sun) was held at the Botanical Gardens in August. An enjoyable day was spent by the few who attended - all agreed "we should do it more often".

As always, the caterers when called upon, have excelled themselves, and to them the executive say "Thank You".

L. HENDERSON
Secretary.

Although the Christian Endeavour Society started very late this last year (March), we had a wonderful year of fellowship. We started off with about 8 young people, but then, with the assistance from Mr. Read, built up our attendance to 19. Unfortunately, this number decreased at the end of the year due to studies for Junior and Senior Examinations.

When we started at the beginning of the year, we found that the meetings were very short, so we made some additions to our meetings. We added items and a time for testimonies, which helped us greatly in our worship.

In keeping with our practice, we provided the white flowers for Mother's Day. About the middle of the year the Society went to Mr. Auld Snr.'s house to mow the lawn and clip the hedges. On 5th December all the Christian Endeavour Societies in the Moreton District paid an annual visit to Eventide. We gave each person a small gift and held a devotional service. Request hymns were enjoyed very much. On 10th December we held our breaking-up at Mt. Glorious. It was a most enjoyable day, even though we returned home tired and with blistered feet from walking so far in the bush.

FINANCE:

We started with \$36.34 deposited in our account. During the year \$33.34 was deposited in the Bank. A total of \$23.32 was paid out in cheques to:-

(a)	Miss D. Howden for Medical Hut ..	\$8.00
(b)	Topic and Note Books ..	8.82
(c)	Christian Women's F'ship. for Aboriginal Orphan Fund ..	4.00
(d)	Gifts for Senior Citizens at Eventide ..	2.50

Credit balance at Bank as at 31st December was \$46.36.

In conclusion, a tribute must be paid to Roslyn and Geoff. Reed for their wonderful leadership and guidance during the year. We appreciate the wonderful job they did.

We are looking forward to another year of worship, fellowship and work for our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. L. WILSON
Secretary/Treasurer.

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ANNUAL REPORT - ANN ST. C.Y.F.

1966 has been a particularly busy year for C.Y.F., as well as one of rich fellowship for all the young people. It was found necessary to make three new appointments, these being a Vice-President, to act on behalf of the President in his absence; a Devotional Convenor, to arrange each week's devotional time, and a Friendship Convenor.

The weekly format of recreational, study, educational and study was continued. Meetings were held weekly and preceded by a hot meal, which was prepared so well by Doug. Ballinger. The C.Y.F. would like to express their gratitude to Mrs. Ballinger and Mrs. Vincent for their ready assistance in this regard.

Because of decreasing numbers and other activities, it was decided to change C.Y.F. from Tuesday to Friday night as from May, for a trial period of three months. This was then continued to the end of the year, and although there has been no significant difference in attendance, there remains in the C.Y.F. a solid core of regular members. It is because of these members, that there is a strong bond of unity among the young people.

Youth Month, held in May, again saw the active participation of young people in various Brotherhood activities, including the Kedron Mission and Kenmore working bee. Several members took an active part in

the morning and evening services by presiding and presenting the message. Ann Street also provided several young people as leaders for the Tweenagers (13-15 years) Camp at Caloundra in early May. An "International Family Night" was arranged with the aim of bringing together all the Church folk, especially those with families, in a night of Christian fellowship and fun. Many young people participated in the Brotherhood "Talents Drive" in which young people were to use their talents to make an offering to the Youth Dept. Our talent scout compiled a weekly progress report for the "Messenger" and collected the Ann Street total. C.Y.F. again held a camp at Caloundra and because of the fellowship and spiritual need, it is felt these camps are well worthwhile.

"Coffee Pot" was held monthly and was excellently attended, particularly by young people from other churches, and non-regular as well as regular Church-goers. We feel that "Coffee Pot" has benefitted our own young people in development of their talent, and has strengthened the common bond of Christians that we all have a friend in Jesus Christ.

As mentioned earlier, a Friendship Convenor was appointed, as it is the aim of the C.Y.F. to contact young people who were once associated with the church. As a result letters and Mini-Messengers were sent regularly to 40 young people. A Lones Group of isolated young people has been formed and these, too, have been sent the Mini-Messenger.

Projects undertaken have included -

- \$16.00 paid to Aborigines Mission as part-payment of supporting of Aborigine child.
- \$50.00 lighting system installed for "Coffee Pot" nights.
- Public Address system installed.
- Movie Projector paid off.
- Eight aboriginal children from O.P.A.L. treated to the Exhibition.
- Christmas post-box.

In December for three nights the young people drove round Brisbane carol singing to elderly and shut-in members of the church.

Now at the door of 1967, our youth group feels there is much potential for the year, and with God's help, we know we are able to attempt and accomplish many things for Him.

ROWENA STOCKS.
Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We thank God for the way in which He has led and helped us throughout this past year. Without His help we would not have been able to achieve the things we did. May we as parents, scholars and teachers realise the responsibility which is ours to fully appreciate the importance of Christian Education.

The school commenced the year with an enrolment of 54 scholars and a staff of 14. The year concluded with 52 scholars and a staff of 13.

The year's activities took a change from those of other years. The School anniversary was combined with that of the church in September. The scholars conducted the whole of the evening service. The school also organised the annual picnic which was held at Wellington Point and provided a good day of fellowship as a church picnic.

Some scholars from the school participated in the annual swimming carnival and sports day conducted by the Youth Department.

Only 9 scholars took part in the annual Scripture Examination. It is our intention to create more interest in this year's examination.

The school contributed financially to the picnic, the Christmas Tree, a special appeal for a new medical hut for Dorothy Howden in New Guinea, and helped with the support of an aborigine child. In addition the school has met incidental expenses. We are grateful to the church for paying for lesson material and anniversary prizes (books) also for contributing to the cost of the picnic and Christmas Tree.

Unfortunately we were faced with a number of resignations from the staff during the year, including the Superintendent, and a number of transfers of scholars to Kenmore with their parents. As Superintendent, Bro. L. Vincent had been a source of great help and encouragement to the staff, and made a worthy contribution to the spiritual growth of the scholars. We record our appreciation of the service rendered by Bren. D. Thorpe and A. Burnham, and Mrs. Walmsley and Mrs. S. Vincent who have resigned from the staff.

We have been delighted to welcome Sis. Ludgater as Superintendent and look forward to a fruitful year as we strive to bring our scholars to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

J. WATSON
Secretary