

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

BRISBANE, HELD IN THE CHAPEL AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY,

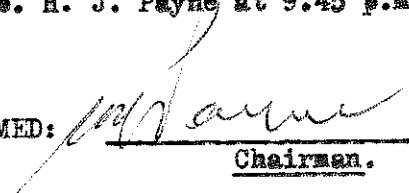
21ST FEBRUARY, 1968.

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- PRESENT: There were 53 members present. Bro. H. J. Payne occupied the chair.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for non-attendance was received from Bro. and Sis. R. H. Proud, and Sisters L. Stocks and Mrs. Hawerth.
- OPENING: The meeting opened with the singing of Hymn No. 211, followed by a period of silent prayer, after which Bro. L. G. Armstrong led in prayer.
- MINUTES: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 22nd February, 1967 were read and were confirmed and signed on the motion of Bro. Williams and J. Smith.
- REPORTS: Copies of the annual reports had previously been distributed to members, and it was therefore resolved on the motion of Bro. Mainwaring and Hoens that the annual reports be taken as read and received. Report from the Men's Fellowship was presented verbally.
- Following discussion of the reports they were adopted on the motion of Bro. R. Culbert and L. Vincent.
- SCRUTINEERS: Bro. E. W. Petter and J. G. Watson were elected as scrutineers.
- ELECTION OF DEACONS: Six nominations were received for the office of Deacon - J. H. SMITH, L. VINCENT, D. W. STOCKS, W. MCKELVIE, J. MAINWARING, R. FEENEY - and each of these was constitutionally elected by ballot.
- ELECTION OF ELDERS: The minister and Board of Officers recommended that Bro. W. S. HOENS and N. WATSON be appointed Elders of the church, and they were constitutionally elected by ballot.
- GENERAL BUSINESS: It was resolved on the motion of Bro. N. Watson and R.W.G. Pitman that the Board of Officers be authorised to appoint the delegates to Annual State Conference and to advise them, on behalf of the church, how to act in the handling of business of Conference.
- On the motion of Sis. Mrs. Ludgater and Bro. E. W. Petter it was resolved that a dedication service for incoming Officers of the church for the new church year be held on a date to be determined by the Board of Officers.
- Bro. Armstrong outlined the programme of the church for the new year.
- CONCLUSION: The meeting closed with prayer by Bro. H. J. Payne at 9.45 p.m.

26th February, 1969.

CONFIRMED:

  
Chairman.

Paul, in his letter to the Colossians writes, "I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you to make the word of God fully known ... that we may present every man mature in Christ". Taking this as the definition of my ministry, I give praise to our Heavenly Father for His calling and sincere appreciation to the Ann Street Church for the privilege of ministry here.

This first twelve months has given me opportunity of getting to know and to be known by the membership of the Church. In this time I have come to appreciate the fellowship and the co-operation of the Officers and members of the Church.

I see a ministry within a church as a mutual ministry in which growth and maturity are the true signs of effectiveness. Such growth being initially a quality rather than a quantity. In the light of this I feel that this first year has been effective, for there has been such growth.

Highlights of the year's activities would include:

(a) the Caloundra Consultation by the Officers, out of which grew our Under-Shepherd Plan. The fellowship shared that weekend was indeed rich and enabled us to come to a better understanding and appreciation of one another. The Under-Shepherd Plan, although developing slowly, still offers great promise for the consolidating of our membership, and we hope in turn will provide an effective channel for outreach.

(b) The Youth Camp when Ann Street young people shared a weekend at Caloundra. Here definite growth took place among the group, which in turn has been evident in loyalty and support of the youth to the Church.

(c) Another highlight of the year has been brought to me as I have moved out in visitation. It is here that I have heard of the goodness of several members who have been performing rich ministries in little ways. It has been brought home to me how important these acts of brotherly and sisterly love really are. How much the church fellowship is enriched as we serve one another. Thus I would have it go on record how much I have appreciated, and how much those who have been helped have appreciated these many acts of loving care that have been performed so quietly.

(d) I would go on to express my sincere appreciation to those who have served in and around the Church. In some ministries many jobs are left to the preacher. In Ann Street these are all taken care of by men and women who share. It is wonderful to come and find that everything is ready; it is a great help to be able to get on with one's own particular ministry, knowing that there are others who are attending to details and will not let you down. To mention names is beyond me, but what is done is known to me and truly appreciated.

Outside of the local church ministry I have had opportunity of sharing in a wider ministry, which includes chaplaincy through I.T.I.M. with David Jones Valley Store, participation in various council matters of inter-Church nature, and brotherhood activities.

One aspect of ministry I have endeavoured to encourage has been consultation and counselling in the church office through the week. The response here has not been spectacular, and yet facilities offered have been used by some. I am hoping that as we continue, this service will become more widely known and used. Helping troubled people is an important part of the ministry, and a service we, as a church, can offer the community. Thus it would be appreciated if members could inform friends and neighbours of this aspect of our work. If you meet someone who is in need, worried, troubled or distressed, and you feel that you cannot give the help they need, never hesitate to refer them to the church, and even help them to make an appointment, introducing them to me as your friend. There are times when such action does open the door for our Heavenly Father to enter into a situation that seems impossible.

As we face this year ahead of us we realise that there is much to be done. The city of which we are a part continues to grow; great changes are taking place all around us. We must keep pace with the change and be ever ready to meet the new challenges as they emerge. In the light of this I look forward to the continued support and prayers of the church at Ann Street. In closing this report, I would express appreciation to my wife and children, who have supported me in many phases of the ministry, and by their co-operation and help have made my ministry more effective.

May God continue to bless and guide us as we go forward together to the glory and honour of His name.

L. C. ARMSTRONG.

At the beginning February 2967 we welcomed into our fellowship our Bro. and Sis. L. G. Armstrong and family, and the ministry of our Bro. Armstrong has made an impression upon the work and witness of the church during the past year, as he has been so ably assisted by Mrs. Armstrong. We have appreciated immensely the ministry of our Bro. in the preaching of the Word, and commend him for the programme of outreach which he is endeavouring to develop. To a large extent, the progress of the church today depends upon the extent of its ministry of outreach and witness.

During the year there were five who confessed their faith in Christ and followed Him in baptism. Four of these have been received into the fellowship of the church. There were ten additions by transfer from other Churches of Christ, and loss of a similar number by transfer from us. As at December 31 our active membership was 194. Attendances were fairly regular, averaging 160 on Sunday mornings and 88 at the Gospel services, with an average of 138 communicants at the Lord's Table.

We pay tribute to six of our beloved brethren taken from our midst during the year - Sisters Mrs. Pearl Hack and Miss E. Chalmers, and Bren. J. Files (Snr.), H. G. Proud, A. Auld and Steven Sargeant. We give thanks for every remembrance of each of them, and the contributions which they made in the work and witness of the church and the enrichment of our fellowship. With their loved ones we share their sorrow and look forward with steadfast hope to that grand reunion when we shall all meet our Saviour in all His glory.

The Board of Officers met regularly each month.

Two special features of the year's activities were the church life conference held at Caloundra Youth Centre over the weekend of May 12/13, on the recommendation of the Elders, and the launching of the Under-Shepherd Plan, which it is hoped will serve a real need in strengthening the fellowship within the church.

Further consideration was given to the appointment of deaconesses following the commencement of Bro. Armstrong's ministry, but this matter was not progressed.

A supplementary hymn book consisting of approx. 170 selected hymns suitable for Gospel services is in course of preparation.

A survey in connection with the time of our Sunday morning services was carried out as decided at last year's Annual Meeting. 205 questionnaires were distributed. The result of the survey indicated that a number of our folk would be unable to attend if the time of the morning service were changed, and it was therefore decided not to make any alteration.

The house property at 76 Muir St., Cannon Hill, bequeathed to the church by our late Sis. Pratten, has not yet passed to the church on account of a claim which has been made against the Estate, but it is anticipated that there may be a settlement in the near future. In the meantime, the Bank of Adelaide has stood by us concerning the loan on the new manse against what was expected to be realised from the sale of the Muir St. property.

The church anniversary was again combined with that of the Bible School and spread over two Sundays - Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. Services were well attended, including the 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon' session which was a new introduction on Oct. 1.

The membership of the church with the Marriage Guidance Council has been continued.

The church contributed to the pool for meeting travelling expenses of representatives from churches to the church school workers' conference on Feb. 10 to 12.

Once again the church was host to the Faculty and Students of Kenmore Christian College at the Convocation Tea held on March 7.

The church buildings have been made available for use on occasions by outside organisations, including the Billy Graham Crusade Choir, which has met for practice each week for several months, and made suitable donations.

Consideration has been given to the conducting of a further Stewardship Campaign and this is expected to take place during 1968.

A word of thanks and appreciation is due to all who have assisted in so many and varied ways in the ongoing work of the church - ways and individuals which are too numerous to mention. What we have accomplished, we have done so TOGETHER with

God, and what we shall achieve in the future we shall do so TOGETHER with God. May we determine that we are going FORWARD and reach out in faith with HIM by His strength and grace, to more consecrated service and greater victories to His glory.

N. WATSON.  
Secretary.

#### ELDERS' REPORT

Elders of the church are Bren. L. C. Armstrong, W. S. Hoens and N. Watson. They have met separately from the Board of Officers, but have been represented at all meetings of the Board.

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;
- (d) Conduct of services;
- (e) Appointment of leaders of auxiliaries.

At the request of the Board of Officers various matters have received consideration and recommendations made to the Board.

Constant attention is given to the conduct of our services to ensure that they continue to be of the highest possible standard. In this connection, we are most appreciative of the help given each Sunday by those who preside read and help in various ways. It is proposed conducting a training class for these brethren early in 1968 as part of a programme designed to maintain the dignity of our services.

The young people are to be commended for the part which they have played in the monthly youth services on the first Sunday of each month, and the continuance of the monthly Coffee Pot programme, which continues to attract approx. 200 young people, and serves a worthwhile purpose in our programme of outreach and the ongoing work of the church.

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 the Elders.

CHURCH OF CHRIST - ANN STREET

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - 1st JANUARY - 31st DECEMBER, 1967

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balances		Salary	\$2,637-00
<u>1.1.67</u>		Car Allowance	576-00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 155-23	Workers' Comp. Insurance	11-07
C. Y. F. Loan	15-58	Provident Fund	40-00
Organ Fund	257-70	Removal Expenses	<u>477-00</u>
Special Appeals	92-44	Insurance	14-93
Gifts for Future Expansion	1,200-00	Rates	77-66
Manse Replacement Fund	1,194-19	<u>Telephone Less Refunds</u>	
General Fund	<u>1,131-52</u>	Retiring Ministry	\$49-11
	\$ 4,046-63	Current Ministry	<u>53-81</u>
<u>Offerings</u>		Cleaning	102-92
General	1,397-39	Electricity & Gas	424-00
Budget - Local Use	\$6,631-14	Rates	229-78
Brotherhood		Insurance	61-85
Allocation	<u>1,911-18</u>	10-84	10-84
Brotherhood Committees etc.-Direct	8,542-32	30-91	30-91
Advancement Fund	349-35	Architects Fees proposed Renovations	91-50
Organ Fund	452-67	Sundry Items	<u>11-95</u>
Seating Fund (Anniversary Offering)	2-00		
	<u>76-20</u>	Advertising	\$583-00
Building Use	64-00	Less Refunds	<u>517-66</u>
Interest Bank of Adelaide	127-94	Bible School/K'garten Subsidy	153-92
Subscriptions "Australian Christian"	97-50	Conference Assessment	78-40
Subscriptions "Christian Echo"	29-45	Messenger Stationery	71-56
Donation to Christmas Tree Function	60	Offering Envelopes	40-50
	319-49	Printing and Stationery	19-70
Manse		Subs. "Australian Christian"	97-50
Replacement	48-00	Subs. "Christian Echo"	27-95
Fund		Telephone	\$57-18
Loan Repayments - Brotherhood Centre	1,100-00	Less Phone Box	51-73
Distributions - H. G. Palmer (Consolidated) Limited	2,671-85	Contribution to Gladstone Salary-H.M.	200-00
Seating Fund ex C. W. F.	30-00	Binding Hymn Books	115-50
C. W. F.	112-00	Sundry Items	<u>259-87</u>
Account C. Y. F.	221-18		
A/c Wacol School for Intellectually Handicapped - Yule Log	<u>27-91</u>	Manse Improvements	1,181-97
	\$19,396-99	Contributions to Brotherhood Centre	53-06
		Expenses Muir Street Property	970-00
			6-99
			<u>7,009-43</u>

Brought Forward

Carried Forward

RECEIPTS

Brought Forward \$19,396-99

PAYMENTS

Brought Forward 7,009-43  
Property Committee \$ 390-00  
Bank of Adelaide 5,693-88  
Brotherhood Committees Etc. 2,257-90  
Advancement Fund 452-67

Manse Fund 348-22  
Payments 130-00  
Repayments Bank of Adelaide Loan 763-97

Organ Fund Payments 170-83  
Benevolent Fund Payments 10-00  
Ex Gifts for Future Expansion - Piano for Arana Hills 168-00  
Account C.Y.F. 105-95

Benevolent Fund 145-23  
C.Y.F. Loan 130-81  
Organ Fund 88-87  
Seating Fund 106-20  
Special Appeals 95-04  
Gifts for Future Expansion 1,032-00  
Wacol School for Intellectually Handicapped 27-91  
General Fund 270-08

1,896-14  
\$19,396-99

RECEIPTS

Repayments ex. Manse Fund  
Repayments ex. General Fund

Distributions from H. G. Palmer  
Brotherhood Centre Loan Repayments  
Other General Funds

Balance 31.12.67

\$2,671-85  
1,100-00  
1,922-03  
5,693-88  
6,579-65  
\$13,037-50

MANSE OVERDRAFT ACCOUNT WITH BANK OF ADELAIDE

PAYMENTS

Balance 1. 1. 1967  
Interest

\$19,396-99

\$12,382-10  
655-40

Audited and found correct.

E. J. McIntosh Hon. Auditor

\$13,037-50

During the past year our finances were strained to meet repayments off the Loans which were obtained for purchase of the Manse. This was mainly brought about by the loss to the Church of an anticipated yield of \$6,500 or so from the sale of the property bequeathed to the Church by the late Sister Pratten. Repayments of Principal \$6,102 and payments of Interest \$876 were made during the year. The Manse Fund provided \$894 of this and \$6,084 paid from the General Fund was financed by -

Distributions from H.G. Palmer (Consolidated) Ltd.		\$2,672
Repayments of Loan received from Brotherhood Centre		1,100
Other General Funds		2,312
At 31/12/67 our Loan indebtedness for the Manse was -		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Accrued Interest.</u>
Bank of Adelaide - Overdraft A/c.	\$6,580	\$ 136
Property Committee	3,701	-
	<u>\$10,281</u>	<u>\$ 136</u>

We were not able to comply with an arrangement with the Bank of Adelaide that the Muir Street property be sold and the proceeds paid in reduction of an overdraft of \$12,382. The balance which it was estimated would then be \$5,000 was to be converted to a Savings Bank loan repayable over 10 years. However several instalments of \$132 per month and lump sum payments were paid to the Bank. These amounted to \$6,458. The Bank have extended the Overdraft to 30/6/68.

In order to assist in making these payments it was found necessary from 1/7/67 to withdraw the 5% allocation of Budget Offerings which was equally divided between Home Missions and Kenmore College and which had been operative since 1/1/65. It was also necessary to arrange with Conference Executive for a reduction in our contribution to the Brotherhood Centre from \$20 to \$15 per week. This became effective from 11/8/67. These savings will amount to \$700 for a full year.

At present the regular repayments are - Bank of Adelaide \$1,584 per year; Property Committee \$520 per year.

General Fund. Payments from the General Fund were \$13,093 summarised as follows:-

Operating Expenses		\$5,376
Contributions to Brotherhood Centre @ \$15 per week		780
Loan Repayments - Regular Payments		2,104
Manse Improvements etc.		53
<u>Sub-total - Normal Expenses for the year</u>		<u>8,313</u>
Removal Expenses		477
Contributions to Brotherhood Centre in excess of \$15 per week		190
Loan Repayments in excess of Regular Payments		3,980
Contributions to Gladstone Salary		200
		<u>13,160</u>
<u>Less</u> Payment included above due December but not paid until January		67
		<u>\$13,093</u>
These payments were financed by -		
General and Local use Share of Budget Offerings		\$ 8,028
Sundry Receipts		319
<u>Sub-total - Normal Income</u>		<u>8,347</u>
Distributions from H.G. Palmer (Consolidated) Ltd.		2,672
Repayments of Loan - Brotherhood Centre		1,100
Ex. C.W.F. - (Paid in reduction of Manse Overdraft - Feb.1968)		112
		<u>12,231</u>
Drawing on Accumulated Funds (General Fund \$1132 1/ 1/67 \$ 270 31/12/67)		862
		<u>\$13,093</u>

Details of the Bible School/Kindergarten Subsidy paid from General Fund are -

Austral Lessons	\$ 78
Contribution to Christmas Social 1966	15
Contribution to Picnic	15
Sunday School Prizes	32
Toys and Books for Kindergarten	14
	<u>\$154</u>

Manse Improvements etc. These cost \$401 - \$348 paid from Manse Fund and \$53 from General Fund. Details are -

Blinds and Curtain Tracks	\$ 94
Floor Covering	178
Shelving for Study	33
Material for Paths and Car Tracks	40
Concreting under Patio	35
Other Payments	21
	<u>\$401</u>

H.G. Palmer (Consolidated) Ltd. The distributions received represent 35 cents in the \$ of -

Principal Balance at 25/10/65	\$7,600.00
Accrued Interest 1/10/65 - 25/10/65	33.84
	<u>\$7,633.84</u>

A report from the Receiver dated 13/12/67 showed that at the 29/6/67 the net assets available to Debenture Holders represented 86.5 cents in the \$ of the amount owing to them. Subsequent to 29/6/67 the distributions totalling 35 cents in the \$ were paid to us. The Receiver stated that the figures were based on values as a "going concern" and that substantial losses on realisation would be sustained were the business to be closed and the assets realised by forced sale.

Brotherhood Committees etc. Our payments to Brotherhood Committees dropped by \$246 on the previous year. The withdrawal of the 5% of Budget Offerings for Home Missions and Kenmore accounted for \$224. This is the picture for 1967 with 1966 figures shown in brackets -

	Allocation - Budget		Direct Offerings		Total.	
Aborigines Missions	\$ 108	(107)	18	(31)	126	(138)
British & Foreign Bible Socy.	18	(18)			18	(18)
Federal Home Missions	39	(39)			39	(39)
Home Missions	653	(754)	41	(121)	694	(875)
Kenmore College	213	(320)	2	(21)	215	(341)
Overseas Missions	334	(328)	98	(122)	432	(450)
Property Committee	87	(86)	10	(6)	97	(92)
Social Service	130	(128)	-	(1)	130	(129)
Yout and Christian Education	276	(272)	15	(45)	291	(317)
Australian Christian Appeal			41	-	41	-
Christian Television Assn.			2	-	2	-
Christmas Bowl			59	(37)	59	(37)
Tasmania Fire Relief			64	-	64	-
Medical Hut New Guinea				(43)		(43)
Special Appeals Paid	50	(25)			50	(25)
	<u>\$1,908</u>	<u>(2,077)</u>	350	(427)	2,258	(2,504)
Special Appeals - Not disbursed	3	27				
	<u>\$1,911</u>	<u>(2,104)</u>				

Advancement Fund. Monies received from Agents dropped by \$52 on the previous year.

Offerings. General Offerings in 1967 increased by \$144 on 1966 and Budget Offerings in 1967 increased by \$125 over 1966.



A year of close fellowship has been the experience of the Women's Fellowship, enthusiasm being evident in the work of our women. We now look forward to the leadership of Mrs. Armstrong in 1968. Twenty meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 31.

One of our dearly beloved Sisters was called Home during 1967. She has been sadly missed. Mrs. Pearl Hack was pianiste for the Fellowship for 12 years, and the quiet way in which she rendered her many services will be forever remembered by those who knew her.

The spiritual-mindedness of the Sisters is of a very high standard, and has been reflected in the Devotions given by them during the year. Fellowship activities were varied and most interesting. A programme was taken to the City Congregational Women's Guild in June. This meeting was taped and sent to the Springvale (Victoria) C.W.F. They in turn taped one of their meetings and sent it to us.

The Baptist City Tabernacle Women's Union brought a programme in May, and we entertained them at lunch. A "Day in the Sunshine" was held at New Farm Park in August. A Social Day was also held in August when Sisters from Burdeu House were entertained. Highlight of the year was the Fellowship Break-up held at the manse. Mrs. Armstrong and her neighbour supplied and prepared the luncheon - the ladies of the Fellowship felt like "Queens for a Day", especially our caterers.

To raise funds, functions held were - A Lamington Drive, Luncheon at the Canberra, Devonshire Tea and a Musical Luncheon. Other means were the usual method of using envelopes, sunshine bags, Bring and Buy Table and the Birthday Doll. A tablecloth was embroidered by the ladies - each working church member being asked to contribute ten cents to have his or her name worked on the cloth, which was presented to Mrs. Armstrong at the Fellowship Break-up. Thanks go to those ladies who were instrumental in preparing and working the cloth.

DONATIONS: Clothing requested by the Aborigines' Superintendent, plus \$12 for shoes to clothe an orphan; \$4 British and Foreign Bible Society; \$72 Women's Conference Budget; 33 jackets for Vietnam War Orphans; \$55.90 Home Missions; \$2 Milk Fund; \$2 Orphan Fund; \$20 Freedom from Hunger; \$19 Overseas Missions; boxes of clothing, school requisites, medical supplies etc. for New Guinea Mission Stations; \$5 Kenmore College; articles to nurses at Princess Alexandra Hospital for their Street Stall to help build a chapel in the grounds; \$25 Youth Department (to purchase a double-decker bed for the Youth Centre in memory of the late Bro. Jack Files); Christmas cheer for shut-ins; packets of tissues and handkerchiefs for guests at Hillcrest and Burdeu House; \$2 League of 500; \$30 to church for seats. At the end of the year an amount of \$112 was handed over to the Officers of the church. A birthday gift was sent to Sister Dorothy Howden, our missionary in New Guinea.

Our beloved Immediate Past President was presented with a book in gratitude for her three years of faithful service - a very gracious leader who was an inspiration to us all, leading the Fellowship in love at all times.

The 1967 Executive thank all who have helped the Fellowship in any way in the many avenues of their work.

Members of the Executive for 1968 are as follows: President - Mrs. L. G. Armstrong; Past President - Mrs. W. Fox; First Vice-President - Mrs. Holmes; Second Vice-President - Mrs. Hoens; Secretary - Mrs. Henderson; Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Mainwaring; Treasurer - Mrs. Evans.

A prayer for 1968: Dear God, please help us to do all things right and for Thine Own dear sake. Amen.

L. B. HENDERSON.  
Secretary.

We thank and praise God for the many ways in which He has blessed us during the past year. The young people have been feeling for some time the need for prayer and Bible study, so that we could really make our witness be effective for the Lord. In October we started our prayer meetings, and the Lord has blessed us during these times. We are looking forward this year to see the ways in which He has answered our prayers.

For the use of her home on Tuesday nights, we are indebted to Mrs. Holmes, and thank God for this.

Our monthly Youth Services have again been held. It was to help in these services that a Youth Choir was formed under the leadership of Mrs. Ludgater. The young people have been enthusiastic for these services, and have contributed to and also led them.

Prior to Youth Month, during which the best-ever Concert was held, 40 young people journeyed to Caloundra for the annual Camp. With Mr. Armstrong as Chaplain, a great time of personal blessing was experienced. Our weekly meetings again this year have shown a gradual increase in numbers. It is our hope and prayer that the young people attracted to these meetings may each one come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

In order to strengthen the fellowship of the church, we conducted special activities in Youth Month - After Church Fellowships, and also visited some of our shut-ins at Christmas when we went carolling.

During the year, many people have helped us, and especially we would like to thank Mrs. Ballinger for preparing the tea for us throughout the year. We would also like to thank Mr. Armstrong for his encouragement and leadership.

We look forward to continuing our monthly Coffee Pot programme in 1968, it having proved to be a great success. The contributions made by our own young people and other visiting artists have really been appreciated. Average attendance has been in excess of 200.

As we go forward this year in the Lord's strength, we pray that it will be a year when we will again see the furtherance of His Kingdom.

J. WATSON.  
President.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Apart from our main task of bringing children into a closer association with, and a deeper knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the aim and purpose of the Church School during the year 1967 may best be summed up in the sentence "Trying to hold what we have".

By this is meant that after commencing the year with numbers approximating 35 in the Primary School and Kindergarten, and 25 in the upper school, there were many Sundays when the attendances were sadly depleted, and a figure of 15 in the upper school was not uncommon. This, it is felt, was no reflection on the efforts of the teachers, who were most loyal in attendance and diligent in their efforts of guiding and instructing those classes entrusted to them.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ludgater, who assumed the duties of Superintendent, every avenue within scope was explored to maintain and where possible raise the standard of the whole school, and teachers sacrificed time which they would otherwise have spent in fellowship at the worship service, to cater for the needs of the young folk, particularly in the Primary School and the Kindergarten. An innovation was the setting up of a Kindergarten for the care of children from 3-5 years, for the duration of the morning service. Material, toys etc. were purchased to equip this section properly, which, under the guidance of Miss Ann Morgan, undertook the care of these younger children, and, it is felt, thus eased the tension on parents who were able more fully to share in worship service.

Apart from regular instruction and guidance from the literature issued by the Federal Board of Christian Education in Sunday classes, the school endeavoured to make its usual contribution to the growth of fellowship within the church by conducting such social activities as the Church picnic and Christmas Party, participating in the Annual Swimming Carnival and Sports Day conducted by the Department of Youth, besides sharing in services especially slanted towards Youth.

Where special activities such as the School Anniversary are concerned, it is being found increasingly difficult, due mainly to lack of numbers and in a lesser degree to other factors, to conduct what were once regarded as normal manifestations of Church School life. This is to be regretted, though is none the less a fact.

Lest it is felt this report suggests defeatism, let us hasten to assure you this is farthest from our thoughts and the approach to the task before us in 1968. The main purpose in stating these facts is to give you a true picture of the situation with which we are confronted, and to enlist your support in giving every encouragement to the children, in their turn, to support their School to the utmost.

It is appropriate here to express our sincere thanks to those of our number who, in some cases after many years of loyal, untiring service, and for various reasons, have left the staff. These are Mrs. H. Evans, who had the oversight of the Primary School, and Miss A. Morgan, who conducted the Kindergarten Section. Also, Miss Rosemary Evans, a teacher in the Upper School, and Mrs. M. Clark, another Primary School teacher. To these loyal ladies may we say a sincere "Thank You" on your behalf. New faces we will welcome to the teaching staff in 1968 are Misses Lyn Pfeffer, Ronda Culbert (both of whom successfully 'graduated' from a special instruction course in teaching conducted by the Youth Department), Gwenda Payne and Lorraine Stocks, and Mr. Ian Feeney. We look forward to a year of service with them in the School.

Our thanks go also to the Board of Officers for the Church's financial backing of certain commitments beyond our limited funds, and to those members who through the year assisted us with the loan of gear and transport in some of our activities.

May we have your continued prayers and concern for what is virtually, from the cradle, the main source (as it has proved in the past) for the continued existence of Ann Street Church.

D.B.W. STOCKS,  
Secretary.

#### CHOIR REPORT

The Choir can once again look back over a year of service to the church, in which it has faithfully supported and assisted the preaching of the Gospel. The Choir started work in 1967 with practice on 26th January, and its first Sunday night anthem on 29th January; from that time on it has provided a choral item each week, with the exception of youth nights.

Under the guidance of its conductor, Bro. Keith Hack, the Choir has endeavoured to follow a pattern or theme in keeping with the Christian events of the year. This was evidenced in the music that was presented at Easter; the Anniversary services, and Christmas etc. The Choir's first special night of note was on 19th March, when a Choral Service was presented consisting of three anthems, and a tenor and baritone duet; the latter being delivered by Allan Burnham and Kingsley Read.

The Choir was again privileged to participate musically at the Anniversary Services, and the crowning effort of the year was the rendering of Parts 1 and 2 of the Cantata "Bethlehem" on December 10th.

In fields outside of Ann Street Church, the Choir has assisted almost to a man the State Conference Choir; then in the Combined Choirs for the Abdul Haak Crusade, and later in the year the Festival of Music on Dec. 12th,

and Carols by Candlelight on Dec. 21st, both functions being held in the City Hall, and having our own Mrs. Thelma Smith as soprano soloist.

The work of practicing throughout the year and the learning of new anthems, as well as the re-learning of previously presented anthems, is a task in itself; but the preparation of special work, and especially the presentation of a Cantata, involves long and arduous practice, but is nevertheless rewarding; and the Choir is gladdened in heart at the words of encouragement they receive from members of the Church who express their thanks.

Another highlight in the life of the Choir was the fact that they could join together in making a presentation, and offering their congratulations to two of its members on the occasion of their approaching marriage. Kingsley Read and Vivienne Bamford will have (by the time this report is presented) joined the long list of couples who have found their love for one another, and been united in marriage whilst they were members of the Choir. And though the Choir beams with delight at unions such as these, it has been continually faced with the prospect of eventually losing one of its members, and having to look for someone to fill the vacancy. So at this time the invitation is extended the more urgently to those who can assist in Choir work - if you can sing only a little, the Choir can teach you how to become a chorister.

Finally, this report would not be complete without the Choir's expression of heartfelt thanks to its conductor, Bro. Keith Hack, who, although a member of another Church, has gladly given of his time and efforts, and with diligence, patience and determination has lead the Choir throughout the year. We look forward to his leadership in the new year ahead of us.

R. FEENEY  
Secretary.