

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS AND AUXILIARIES OF THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST ANN STREET BRISBANE 25th FEBRUARY 1970

MINISTER'S REPORT

L. G. ARMSTRONG

As an outline for our year together we have chosen the words of the Apostle Peter as expressed in 1 Peter 4:8-11. Key phrases of this passage are :- unfailing love for one another,
hospitality ungrudgingly,
good stewards of Gods varied grace,
in everything God glorified through Jesus Christ.

With this before us we look forward to this our fourth year of ministry with Ann Street.

Looking back over 1969 we see not an outstanding year nor spectacular year but a good year of steady and faithful witness and co-operation. A year that had its disappointments and times of discouragement but which was always saved by the wonderful way in which the members rallied round and gave encouragement. The transition from a suburban type ministry to a city ministry is taking much longer than I first anticipated and even yet I have not discovered the real answer.

Several losses during the past year impoverished the church as dear ones were lost to us. Several additions and new faces added strength to our ranks and in time through their personal contribution will bring greater gain.

Activities have continued to multiply as I have been called on to assist on different committees and speak at other churches. During the year I had the privilege of attending the Christian Union Consultation in Melbourne and found it to be most stimulating. I also had the privilege of planning and conducting the Boys Brigade Founders Day service in St John's Cathedral which was an added experience.

Over the year our eyes turned inward as we examined ourselves and the things that we were doing, asking ourselves if they were of habit or of necessity. Two changes of note were the change of time of morning service and the dress of men helping in the morning service. On both occasions changes were made that caused inconvenience and problems to some. But I was delighted in the gracious manner that all adjusted to the change and were ready to accept the will of the majority. Such behaviour is a blessing to a church and a strength to fellowship.

Ministry is always enriched by those who share it with you. Here in Ann Street there are many co-workers who faithfully share in the ministry in a multitude of ways. I am always thrilled when I come to hear that someone has done something for someone without undue fuss or heralding. Not only do I appreciate this but I hear praises sung by others who have received the little care or attention. There is ministry within the church family that is not expressed from public pulpit or platform.

Christian Education is one area where we have not advanced so rapidly. It is here that I feel we need development. With the introduction of the Christian Life Curriculum and Joint Board material we are well supplied with resource material. Time becomes the element that needs investigation. Christian Education must not be confused with the term education that applies to school and childhood days. Education is a necessity through the whole of life. In fact the human mind is being developed by all that is happening about it day by day. Most of what is happening is not of christian standard nor christian way. Thus for balance of life and christian growth the church must provide the facilities for such educational experience. Here in Ann Street we must experiment and find the best approach for our situation. Expressions following Family Camp endorse what I am saying here. Thus we as people should pursue this matter further at our earliest convenience.

In closing this report I do so repeating my sincere appreciation of all who have shared with me in ministry, all who have faithfully undergirded the life of the church with prayer and support. As we pray and plan together then we prepare to go forward together in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to whom be glory, honour and dominion...

L. G. ARMSTRONG

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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During the year there were four (4) who confessed their faith in Christ and baptized into Him. Two (2) of these were added to the active membership of the church. There were twelve (12) added to active membership by transfer from other Churches of Christ, and one (1) from the Isolated Roll. There were six (6) transferred from active membership to other Churches of Christ. There were six (6) deaths. After revision of the active membership roll, the year closed with 157 active members.

Attendances at morning services averaged 144 which is an appreciable increase on the number (127) for 1968, whilst an average of 77 attended the gospel services. Communicants at the Lord's Table averaged 127. Attendance at the gospel services is an area where members are urged to give more loyal support.

We pay tribute to seven (7) of our beloved brethren taken from our midst during the year - Bren. W. Fox, F. Carpenter (Isolated), B. Hyde, H. J. Wyeth, and Sisters Mrs. H. Haworth, Mrs. E. Ash and Miss F. Ratcliffe. We give thanks for every remembrance of each of them, and the contributions which they made to the work and witness of the church at Ann St. and throughout the Brotherhood, and the enrichment of our fellowship. With their loved ones we have shared their sorrow, and as we remember those who have gone to be with Christ we share the glorious hope of the resurrection and the grand reunion when we shall all meet our Saviour when He comes again for His church.

The Board of Officers met regularly each month.

Special features of the year's activities included - Family camp from February 21-23, Family Social, May 24, Car Rally in June, Youth Camp July 4-6, Anniversary Sept. 21-28, Sunday School/Church Picnic Oct. 4, Christmas Party Dec. 6. The programmed activities for the year were co-ordinated by the Council of Auxilliaries which has again planned similar activities for 1970. Another special feature of 1969 was the combined concert organised by the C.Y.F. for August 30. The C.Y.F. are to be commended for their continued activities with the monthly after-church coffee pot programmes. These attract a large number of young people and also add to the attendance at the gospel service on those nights.

The change in the time of the Sunday morning service from 11 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. was effected on a permanent basis following the three months' trial period decided upon at the last annual meeting. With the exception of a couple of families, the change had no apparent effect in preventing attendance. It is encouraging to note the attendance figures recorded above.

The Estate of the late Sis. J. Pratten has still not been finalised, but a contract of sale of the property at 76 Muir St., Camon Hill, has now been completed, and settlement should be effected about middle of April. This will facilitate winding up of the Estate. The church is expected to benefit from the Estate in only a very small way after all legal costs have been paid.

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, and also to the pool for meeting travelling expenses of country delegates to annual State Conference.

Once again the church was host to the Faculty and Students of Kenmore Christian College and their wives at the Convocation Tea at opening of the College year. The College Graduation service in November was also conducted in our chapel.

The church buildings have been made available for use on occasions by outside organisations and Conference. The Crusade Choir has met for practice in the chapel on a fairly regular basis each week, and made suitable donations.

The work of the church played a very significant part in the life of the late Miss Fanny Ratcliffe who willed her estate to the Ann St. church. This bequest resulted in an amount of \$4606.36 being received, and a recommendation concerning the use of this money is to be considered at the annual meeting.

Church Secretary's Report (Contd.)

The church is to be asked to give consideration to several very important matters -

- (a) Introduction of a mid-week family fellowship (monthly to begin with) activity designed to encourage greater involvement of all members and families in the activities of the church.
- (b) Construction of a fellowship room immediately above the social hall to perpetuate the memory of the late Sis. Fanny Ratcliffe and facilitate the activities referred to in (a).
- (c) Sponsorship of a native pastor in New Guinea.

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 too numerous to mention. It has been good to note the evidence of increased participation and sharing in the preparation of the Lord's Table and floral arrangements each week. There is an ever increasing need for every member to give of themselves in service, sharing together in the many tasks and responsibilities which the work and witness of the church demand. The ministry of Bro. and Sis. Armstrong continues to be appreciated in every respect, and for them and their family we pray for a continuance of God's richest blessings.

N. WATSON
Secretary

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ELDERS' REPORT

Elders of the church are Bren. J. G. Armstrong, W. S. Hoens, R. H. Proud and N. Watson. They have met separately from the Board of Officers, but have also attended most meetings of the Board.

At the request of the Board of Officers various matters have received consideration and recommendations made to the Board. The Elders report to the Board of Officers as necessary.

A review of the functions of the Elders resulted in the following understanding being reached -

"The Board of Officers shall consist of the Elders and Deacons of the church, and the Minister shall be an Elder.

Functions of the Eldership shall be centred in the spiritual oversight of the church, giving attention to -

1. The ministry through teaching, prayer, sacraments and evangelism.
2. Pastoral oversight, including membership, counselling and visitation.

Matters relating to conduct of services and auxiliaries leadership will be decided by the Board of Officers, with provision for the Elders to advise on these and other matters as requested by the Board of Officers."

The Elders are most appreciative of the co-operation and help received from those who provide leadership in the various auxiliaries, and those who actively participate in various ways in the worship services.

Members are reminded that 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)

Receipts

Brought Forward

19,568.54

Audited and found correct.

E. J. McINTOSH

Honorary Auditor.

Repayments ex General Fund

Normal Repayments 12 @ \$70.50

Ex Distributions from H.G. Palmer

Small Amount from General Fund

31.12.69 - Balance

846.00

1,335.92

4.08

2,186.00

2,649.17

\$4,835.17

Payments

Brought Forward

17,290.50

Benevolent Fund

Camp Fund

Organ Fund

Seating Fund

Special Appeals

Gifts

General Fund

124.23

17.62

88.87

256.20

19.95

517.78

1,253.32

2,278.04

\$19,568.54

BANK OF ADELAIDE SAVINGS BANK LOAN

Balance

1.1.69

Interest

31.12.69

846.00

1,335.92

4.08

2,186.00

2,649.17

\$4,835.17

4,605.51

229.66

\$4,835.17

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We should give thanks to God for an improved financial position at the end of 1969 compared with that of 1968. Because of this it was not necessary during 1969 to reduce our allocation to Brotherhood committees as was proposed at the Annual meeting in February 1969. We were not only able to maintain the allocation to Brotherhood Committees of 20% of Budget Offerings, but the amount allocated increased by \$182 to \$1,801. The General Offerings of \$1,254 were down by \$77 on 1968 but the Budget Offerings of \$9,003 were up by \$906 on 1968. General Fund Payments after allowing for refunds were \$9,291 for 1969 compared with \$9,417 for 1968. These payments are dissected broadly as follows -

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Expenses	\$5,745	5,630
Contribution to Brotherhood Centre	780	780
<u>Normal Loan Repayments</u>		
Property Committee 4 @ \$130	\$520	
Bank of Adelaide 12 @ \$70.50	846	
	<u>1,366</u>	<u>1,366</u>
<u>Normal Expenses</u>	7,891	7,776
<u>Extra Loan Repayments</u>		
Bank of Adelaide - Distributions from Palmers	1,336	1,520
- Extra repayments	4	121
	1,340	<u>1,641</u>
<u>Special Savings A/c.</u>	60	
<u>Total General Fund Payments</u>	<u>\$9,291</u>	<u>\$9,417</u>

General Fund Receipts for 1969 were \$10,104 compared with \$9,578 for 1968. The dissection is -

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
General Offerings	1,254	1,331
Church's share of Budget Offerings	<u>7,202</u>	<u>6,478</u>
<u>Total Offerings for Local Use</u>	8,456	7,809
Use of Building	198	140
Interest - Bank of Adelaide	76	70
Sundry Amounts including Messenger	<u>38</u>	<u>32</u>
	8,768	8,051
Distributions from H.G. Palmer	<u>1,336</u>	<u>1,527</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts.</u>	<u>\$10,104</u>	<u>\$9,578</u>

The excess of Receipts over Payments of \$813 for 1969 is reflected in the increase in General Funds from \$440 at 1.1.69 to \$1,253 at 31.12.69.

Loan Repayments and Loan Balances

Loan repayments amounted to \$2,706 of which \$2,315 was principal and \$391 Interest. Monies borrowed at 31.12.69 were -

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Accrued Interest.</u>
Bank of Adelaide Savings Bank	\$2,640	9
Property Committee	<u>2,985</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$5,625	\$9

The original borrowings in 1966 were Bank of Adelaide \$12,382 Property Committee \$4,000

H.G. Palmer

We have had returned to us \$5,534.53 which represents 72.5 cents in \$ of our Investment of \$7,600.

Special Savings Account with Bank of Adelaide

We have deposited in a Special Savings A/c. with Bank of Adelaide an amount of \$4,900. This represents monies in hand for special purposes which were made possible from legacies received during the year from the late Mrs. F. Robinson \$237.70 and the late Miss F. Ratcliffe \$4602.41. The balance to bring to an even \$100, viz. \$59.89, was paid from the General Fund. This Savings A/c. yields interest at 4.7% and withdrawals can be made upon giving 3 months' notice.

Treasurer's Report (Cont'd.)

Brotherhood Committees &c.

Our giving to other committees increased by \$177 over last year. Details of 1969 and 1968 are shown below - 1968 figures are shown in brackets.

	<u>Allocation - Budget</u>		<u>Direct Offerings</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Aborigines Missions	108	(103)	27	(38)	135	(141)
British & Foreign Bible Socy.	18	(17)	-	-	18	(17)
Federal Home Missions	54	(37)	-	-	54	(37)
Home Missions	594	(523)	53	(33)	647	(556)
Kenmore College	144	(106)	25	-	169	(106)
Overseas Missions	360	(316)	58	(43)	418	(359)
Property Committee	90	(82)	-	(3)	90	(85)
Social Service	108	(123)	7	(14)	115	(137)
Youth & Christian Education Dept.	288	(262)	7	(47)	295	(309)
Christmas Bowl	-	-	51	(61)	51	(61)
" " Combined Service	-	-	-	(89)	-	(89)
Aust. Christian	-	-	-	(13)	-	(13)
Special Appeals - Paid (includes \$50 to D. Howden)	128	(33)	-	-	128	(33)
<u>Total Actually Paid out</u>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>(1602)</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>(341)</u>	<u>2,120</u>	<u>(1943)</u>
Special Appeals - not paid out		(17)				
Less " " - paid out in excess of allocation	92					
<u>Total Allocated from Budget</u> <u>Offerings for year.</u>	<u>\$1,801</u>	<u>(1619)</u>				

L.J. MAINWARING
Treasurer.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT - 1969

In retrospect, it would seem that the activities and progress of the School during 1970 differed little from those of the previous year, yet we dare to think that some feeling of modest satisfaction would not be entirely unjustified. We hope and trust that surely some seed has "fallen on good ground" along the way, and will bear fruit in due course in Christian maturity among our children.

The staff under the continued leadership of Mrs. K. Ludgater, gave of its best, which in most instances was not a small effort considering most are well involved in other Church activities. Regular, properly-prepared teaching is very demanding, more so as insufficient time is available to 'get across' what has been carefully prepared.

Enrolment-wise the year commenced with 9 in the Primary School, 24 in the Bible School and 10 in the Kindergarten. During the year 6 more scholars were added to the Bible School. Average attendance for the School was 24 and Kindergarten attendance varied between 5 and 12. Full-time teaching staff comprised 12 teachers, with 4 on relieving staff. At the end of the year we lost the services of Misses Lyn Pfeffer, Pam Armstrong, Rowena and Lorraine Stocks and Mr. Paul Holmes. To these we extend our grateful thanks and our prayers for their continued well-being in their new fields of endeavour. We welcome Miss Grace Law and Messrs. Colin Coulston, Lewis Vincent and Jonathan Smith as new teachers, and look forward to working with them.

Somehow we managed to contribute to the social activity of the Church by taking part in the annual concert and organising the Church picnic - which took the form of a "return trip" in more ways than one to Spring Bluff by train - and the Christmas Party. We hope you enjoyed them and would welcome suggestions to vary them with a view to any improvement. Contributions to our witness were participation in the Church Anniversary services and distribution of scholars' book awards as part of a worship service, towards the close of the year. In addition, the Intermediate sections of Kanmore, Annerley and Ann Street Schools met for an enjoyable Saturday afternoon in July.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows a credit balance of \$38. 49. As before, the Board of Officers underwrote the expense of school text books for the year and contributed a major share of the cost of the Church picnic. We acknowledge this assistance gratefully.

1970 could be a momentous year for the School. After due consideration, the School, with the backing of the Board, has introduced the teaching material of the Christian Life Curriculum, prepared jointly by the Boards of Christian Education of the Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian Churches, and Churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand, and the Anglican Church in New Zealand. The move is an historic one, we feel, and so important that the understanding and co-operation of parents is necessary for it to be successful. The lesson material is such that more time will be needed during classes to make it effective. The financial outlay, initially at least, is not inconsiderable, but will be justified if the move is given an opportunity to be properly applied. Can we count on your co-operation and help in keeping the scholars a little longer in class? We feel the children - and you - will benefit, but best of all, Christ and His Church will be strengthened and glorified.

D.B.W. STOCKS
Secretary.

C.Y.F. REPORT

1969

Because of the wonderful blessings given to us by our Lord, the past year has once again been a successful one for the C.Y.F.

At the commencement of the programming for the year, the C.Y.F. adopted the idea of working for others. This was achieved by our monthly visits to various Homes and Institutions around Brisbane. Many new friendships were born from this and also from the Youth Exchanges carried out through the year. Still working on this theme, the C.Y.F. undertook fund-raising schemes to help others. We thank God that through our Concert, Tram Ride, International Night, Letter Box and straight out contributions, we were able to donate some \$140 to various organisations at the close of the year.

Coffee Pot has celebrated its fifth birthday, and as with most things it seems to be maturing with age. I feel that from the witness and the standard of presentation which Coffee Pot has upheld, the Church has something to be really proud of.

C.Y.F.'s annual pilgrimage to "Camp Cal" saw 40 young people once again enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration. On returning to the city, the C.Y.F. took part in one of the Youth Services held monthly during the year.

Special thanks should be given to Mrs. Holmes for allowing the C.Y.F. the use of her home for our Weekly Prayer and Bible Studies.

We are very grateful to Mr. 'A' for his guidance and inspiration to us all throughout the year.

As we enter 1970, our prayer is that the Christian Youth Fellowship will continue to serve our Lord and the Church to which we belong.

J. R. SMITH
President.

1969 ANNUAL REPORT - CHOIR

Well, another year over with mingled feelings. Gladness because of the pleasure we hope to have brought our friends each Sunday night, with the exception of Youth Sundays, Mother's Day and the Bible School Anniversary. Disappointment because the Choir's small numbers have become even smaller during 1969. Towards the end of the year a plea for help to certain members brought some assistance. A further invitation is being made. With many young people going overseas etc., our numbers will be even smaller and unless we have more members, the choir will have to continue singing hymns instead of the many anthems we know you would enjoy.

Even though our numbers were small, however, we managed a Pre-Easter and Post-Easter Message, "Theme of the Resurrection", a number of items for the concert, Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, Church Anniversary and Christmas Choral Evening.

Also, by combining with another Choir, we sang at the opening of the Old People's Home at Southport, and at State Conference.

We would like to close with sincere thanks to our conductor, Keith Hack, for giving of his valuable time and loyalty, our organist, Bill McKelvie, and our assistant organist, Graham Watson.

Lastly, a very special thank you to all members of the congregation who have encouraged us and boosted our morale as we endeavour to glorify our God by singing His praises.

S. VINCENT
Secretary/Treasurer.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1969 ANNUAL REPORT

Ann Street has a group of women whose loyalty to God is apparent in the support they have given to the Women's Fellowship. An outstanding point is that since the commencement of the "group devotions", the women have got to know one another better, giving them confidence in expressing their thoughts in the devotions, and business sessions. This is especially good in the business sessions because it shows that the Fellowship is democratic in its decisions.

All the ladies worked hard in one way or another. Two, I feel, the whole of the Fellowship would have me commend, are Mrs. Brierty and Mrs. Files. Mrs. Brierty does all those "odd jobs" that no one likes to talk about. These she has performed quietly and lovingly over the years, and one is apt to forget to say "Thank You". Mrs. Files, who up until the end of 1968 conscientiously distributed Birthday cards on behalf of the Fellowship. However, a change was made this year, with the thought that the money spent to purchase cards could be used in some other way. This is to be reviewed in 1970, as there were many who were disappointed at not receiving their "usual".

A special "Thanks" goes to our President, Mrs. Armstrong, who again gave another year of faithful service.

Mrs. Stocks Snr., one of our regulars for many years, has been very much missed since her illness, and two of our dearest supporters, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs. Ash, were called "home" to "higher service" during the year. They are sadly missed.

During the year, eighteen meetings were held with an average attendance of 29. This year saw the introduction of "Prayer Sisters". Each sister was given the names of three or four sisters to pray for. The reason for this was, when the need was seen, because we all have problems of some kind.

Study Discussions were held quarterly, the leaders being Mrs. Weimer, Mrs. Connell (Kenmore) and Mrs. Chapman (Women's Conference President).

The desire to draw more women to God and to incorporate friendship among our own church women, two "Friendship" Days were held. These were well attended.

A choir was again formed this year for Women's Day of Conference and the evening service of Mother's Day.

Programmes were taken to the "Day Centre" (Senior Citizens) and Moorooka.

For the Break-up, a bus was hired and the Fellowship celebrated it at Southport in the Unit of Mrs. Lee, a former member of Ann Street. As a token of appreciation, Mrs. Lee was presented with a brooch.

At the invitation of the Mother's Union at St. John's Cathedral, a tour was made of the Cathedral, which was most interesting and revealing a sharp contrast between us in our acts of worship. An invitation from the Autumn Club (Burdeu House) was also accepted, and the Club conducted both programme and morning tea - quite an achievement and appreciated by Ann Street.

One of the highlights of the year was a Musical Morning Tea at which a visiting group presented a delightful programme. Another was a Floral demonstration by Mrs. Berry of Albion, whose influence may have been noticed in the Sunday floral arrangements.

The Fellowship accomplished the task of compiling a Cookery Book with the kindly assistance of the Auld family, Mrs. Mainwaring and Mr. Armstrong (the latter, we discovered, is quite an artist!) It is hoped that during 1970 the redecorating of the Minister's study will be completed.

To raise funds: A Floral Demonstration, Lamington Drive, Musical Morning Tea and a Recipe Day. Other means were the use of envelopes (placed in the church offering plate), Sunshine Bags, Birthday Doll, Bring and Buy Tables, visit to Peter's Ice Cream Factory and the sale of Cookery Books.

Donations: Clothing requested by the Aborigines Superintendent, plus \$6 for shoes; clothing for Aborigines at Eidsvold; \$6. 10 plus a carton of home-made fruit cakes and biscuits for work party erecting Eidsvold Chapel; \$10 to Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Eidsvold Church as a personal gift; \$5 Milk and Orphan Fund; \$5 Northern Missioner; \$5 Red Cross Society; \$2 Freedom from Hunger; \$4 League of 500;

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT (contd.)

\$4 Multiple Sclerosis; \$5 British & Foreign Bible Society; \$4 Blue Nursing Service; \$2.80 Senior Citizens; \$100 Women's Conference Budget; \$10 worth of articles plus \$10 to New Guinea Missions; Christmas gifts of home-made biscuits to patients at Hillcrest and guests of Burdeu House, and Shut-ins; Christmas gifts to Dorothy Howden and Hazel Skuce; Birthday gift to Dorothy Howden. At the time this report was written, thirty Stak-a-bye chairs were on order and awaiting delivery to the Church.

Our project for 1970 is to send \$10 a month to Eidsvold Church to assist in the support of their minister, or until they are able to do so themselves.

Members of the Executive for 1970 are as follows:-

President: Mrs. Armstrong; Past President: Mrs. Fox; 1st Vice-President: Mrs. Henderson; 2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Weimer; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Mainwaring; Treasurer: Mrs. Evans; Floor Member: Mrs. Hoens.

Thank you to all who assisted financially or otherwise during the year.

L. HENDERSON (Secretary)

D. J. ARMSTRONG (President)

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF CHURCH OF CHRIST, ANN STREET,

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

29TH JULY, 1970.

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- PRESENT: There were 33 members present. Bro. L. Vincent occupied the chair.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for non-attendance was received from Bren. Jonathan Smith, R. Culbert, Sisters Mrs. Proud and Mrs. Armstrong.
- OPENING: Meeting opened with singing of verses 1, 2 and 6 of Hymn No. 171 following which the chairman led in prayer.
- BUSINESS: The meeting was convened to consider matters relative to the construction of "The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room".
- On the motion of Bren. R. H. Proud and R. Culbert it was resolved that the quotation of Mr. Duncan Jenkins as outlined for \$6319 be accepted, and that the work proceed as soon as practicable under the supervision of the Building Committee.
- It was resolved on the motion of Bren. H. J. Payne and N. Watson that the matter of additional finance for the project be left to the Board of Officers.
- On the motion of Bren. H. J. Payne and R. H. Proud it was further resolved that matters relating to the furnishing of the Memorial Room be considered by the Board of Officers and that they report back to another special meeting of the Church with a recommendation. It was resolved on the motion of Bren. J. Flood and R. Culbert that the floor of the Memorial Room be left in sanded condition.
- CONCLUSION: Meeting concluded with the singing of verses 1, 2 and 4 of Hymn No. 107, followed with prayer by Bro. Armstrong at 9.10 p.m.

24th February, 1971.

CONFIRMED:

L. Vincent
Chairman.

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

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

25TH FEBRUARY, 1970.

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PRESENT: There were 52 members present. Bro. H. J. Payne occupied the chair.

APOLOGIES: An apology for non-attendance was received from Mrs. L. Stocks, and Miss E. Berlin who was absent from an annual general meeting for only the second time.

OPENING: Meeting opened with the singing of hymn No. 221 followed by prayer led by Bro. Payne.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 26th February, 1969 were read and were confirmed and signed on the motion of Bren. R. Proud and J. H. Smith.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES -

1. The secretary reported that it had not become necessary to reduce the allocation of budget offerings to Brotherhood Committees and Departments from 20% to 15%.

2. Concerning the trial period during which the morning service commenced at 9.30 a.m. the secretary reported that the subsequent secret ballot revealed that a substantial majority of members favoured continuing on that basis and this commencing time had subsequently been maintained.

REPORTS: On the motion of Bren. W. S. Hoens and R. Culbert it was resolved that the reports, copies of which had been circulated to members, be taken as read and received.

Elders. Mrs. McLane commended the elders for their work. Bro. J. H. Smith referred particularly to the regular visits made to Mrs. L. Stocks with communion and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Stocks families.

Church Secretary. On the motion of Bren. R. Proud and J. H. Smith it was resolved to record appreciation of the work of the Secretary in general duties and the onerous task of attending to the sale of house of the late Sis. Pratten, 76 Muir St., Cannon Hill.

Bible School. Bro. J. Auld suggested that Bible School scholars retire from the morning service at commencement of the hymn after the Communion instead of during the second verse.

Choir. It was resolved on the motion of Mrs. Potter and Bro. R. Feeney that a letter be sent to the choir conductor, Bro. Keith Hack, expressing appreciation of his continuing service.

C.W.F. Mrs. McLane spoke in commendation of the work of Mrs. L. J. Armstrong as President of the C.W.F. and asked that this be recorded.

Reports were adopted on the motion of Bren. W. G. Howard and W. S. Hoens.

SCRUTINEERS: On the motion of Bren. R. H. Proud and J. Flood, Bren. R. Culbert and E. Potter were appointed scrutineers for the election of Elders and Deacons.

ELECTION OF DEACONS: Seven nominations were received for the office of Deacon - R. FEENEY, W. H. LAW, W. McFARLANE, L. J. MAINWARING, J. H. SMITH, D. W. STOCKS and L. VINCENT - and each of these was constitutionally elected by ballot.

ELECTION OF
ELDERS:

The minister and Board of Officers recommended that Bren. W. S. Hoens, R. H. Proud and N. Watson be appointed Elders of the Church, and they were constitutionally elected by ballot.

GENERAL
BUSINESS:

Introduction of mid-week Family Fellowship. Bro. Armstrong introduced discussion concerning the introduction of a mid-week family fellowship to take the form of a fellowship tea followed by group discussions and devotions. The proposal was approved in principle on the motion of Bren. W. S. Hoens and J. Flood. A substantial majority of those present indicated a preference for this to be a week night activity and not on Sunday. A substantial majority also voted in favour of the activity being on a Wednesday night in preference to Friday night. It was proposed that the Family Fellowship activity be held monthly.

The following recommendation from the Board of Officers - "That the proceeds from the estate of the late Sis. Fanny Ratcliffe be used for the construction of a Fellowship Room immediately above the social hall extending to the rear lane, to be named 'The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room' and the Board of Officers be authorised to proceed with development of the plans" - was adopted on the motion of Bren. N. Watson and R. H. Proud, being carried by a substantial majority.

On the motion of Bren. R. H. Proud and R. Culbert the following recommendation from the Board of Officers was adopted - "That the Ann Street Church of Christ fully support a native preacher in the mission fields of New Guinea at a cost of \$450 per annum, such support to be for not less than three (3) years, the missionary to be selected by the Federal Overseas Missions Board and the selection of the field where the missionary will serve to be at the discretion of that Board. Also that we seek individual contributions towards the support of the missionary couple."

On the motion of Bren. W. G. Howard and R. H. Proud it was resolved 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 Bren. R. H. Proud and S. Melvin it was resolved that a Dedication Service for incoming Officers be held, the Minister and Elders to arrange the date and all relevant details.

Suggestions concerning the Sunday night song service were -
(a) Singing to be faster and brighter.
(b) Song service to be incorporated in the main service.

On the Motion of Bro. D. Stocks and Sis. J. H. Smith it was resolved that the Officers be directed to investigate the use in a reasonable time the money in the seating fund for the purpose for which it was given.

CONCLUSION:

Meeting concluded at 10.20 P.m. with prayer by Bro. Armstrong.

24th February, 1971.

CONFIRMED:


Chairman.