

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER, BOARD OF OFFICERS, OF AUXILIARIES  
OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ANN STREET BRISBANE 24th February, 1971

MINISTER'S REPORT

L.G. Armstrong

Paul wrote to the Colossians saying "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and pray for us also that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.... that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak." I would ask Ann Street Church to consider these words in regards to my ministry with you. I am grateful for the opportunity of serving in Ann Street, for the support and encouragement I have received, and for the opening doors that have enabled me to extend my ministry.

This past year has been a year of added interest as we have ventured together into new areas of fellowship and planning. Among the highlights we would mention the Family Fellowship Teas that have met with a good response, the Family Camp that was again a successful venture. The proposed Memorial Lounge which as yet is still in the building has given us opportunity for debate out of which several lessons have been learned and we will no doubt be more appreciative of it when it is finally completed. The need of such a room is becoming more evident as alterations to bus timetable make church attendance even more difficult.

Attendances through the year have not increased although we have seen the coming and going of many people. Visitors to the city on holidays or to work have been a blessing to the Ann St Church and we have gained from these visits. Such visitors are not always added to our roll they nevertheless do add to the life and spirit of the church.

In listing my involvement over the past 12 months I would include such activities as lecturing at Kenmore, leading devotions at St Vincent de Paul Men's Shelter, Industrial Chaplaincy, attendance at the first course of the Queensland Institute of Clinical Pastoral Counseling Education, visit to World Convention and Federal Conference participation in the Preachers Camp, Family Camp, Youth Camp, sharing in Family Fellowship and Youth Fellowship, acting as Secretary of the Preacher Placement and Advisory Board, attending Home Mission Committee meetings. Visitation has taken me into many homes, hospitals, nursing centres whilst preaching appointments have been mainly the conduct of services in Ann Street Church and Prayer meetings.

During the period I have noted I have conducted two funerals, two weddings and witnessed two decisions.

I would take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to all who have supported me in my ministry. There are some with whom I am more closely related because of the sharing in action such as the conduct of services and administration of the church. Thus I would mention my appreciation of the valuable assistance of the Choir under leadership of Mr Hack, of the organists Bill McKelvie, Graham Watson and Stan Vincent; of Soloists who have sung, of the Song Leaders Lew Vincent, Kingsley Read and Jonathan Smith. Of the help of Miss Jan Auld in the preparing of the Messenger, and when she is indisposed then Mrs Mainwaring; I would express my gratitude to those men who tend the door and prepare the chapel each Lord's day, of those who prepare Communion and the Flowers, of those who clean the buildings. Added to these I must express my gratitude to both our Secretary Mr Norman Watson for the terrific job that he does and to our Treasurer Mr L. J. Mainwaring who keeps our books so meticulously. The ministry in the church is shared by many and for all who share I would express my sincere heartfelt gratitude.

In closing I would say how I look forward to this fifth year of my ministry at Ann Street. Before us is a rather busy programme that promises to be of real value and stimulus to the church. However the outcome will depend largely on how we work together for its accomplishment. My prayer would be then that the Lord will see fit to bind us together and bless us as we move forward in His service.

L. G. Armstrong.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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During the year there were two (2) who confessed their faith in Christ. One of these was baptized into Christ and added to the active membership of the church. There were six (6) others added to the active membership by transfer from other Churches of Christ. Additions also included one (1) transferred from supplementary and one (1) from isolated rolls. There were two (2) transferred from active membership to other Churches of Christ and six (6) to the isolated roll. There was one (1) death. After revision of the active membership roll the year closed with 157 active members.

Attendances at morning services averaged 146 (an increase of 2 on 1969 average), whilst an average of 72 attended the gospel services (a decrease of 5). Communicants at the Lord's Table averaged 119 (a decrease of 8 on 1969 average).

We pay tribute to the late Mrs. W. Ratcliffe who was called to rest during the year and give thanks for every remembrance of her.

The Board of Officers met regularly each month.

The programmed activities for the year were co-ordinated by the Council of Auxiliaries which has again planned similar activities for 1971. Special features of the year's activities included - Family camp March 6 - 8, Family outing to Mt. Tambourine April 25, Car Rally June 20, Youth/Church concert August 28, Bible School/Church Anniversaries September 20/27, Bible School/Church picnic October 3, Christmas Party December 5. The C.Y.F. are to be commended for their continued activities with the monthly after-church coffee pot programme. These attract a large number of young people and contribute to increased attendance at the gospel service on each of those nights.

The Family Fellowship meetings, combined with fellowship tea, introduced at the beginning of the year, have proved to be a vital part of the work of the church. Whilst there has been some degree of fluctuation in attendances these have been fairly consistent maintaining an average between 70 and 80. We are indebted to Sis. Mrs. W. S. Hoens, who has ably undertaken the organising of the meals, and all the women who have assisted her in their preparation.

The Officers accepted a recommendation from the Elders regarding the conducting of an evangelistic mission in the first half of 1971 and this is planned for March 21 to April 4. The organising committee consists of our Minister, Bro. Armstrong, Bren. N. Culbert, R. Coates and D. W. Stocks. This mission is planned to be one of involvement for the whole church.

As resolved at the last annual general meeting, plans were finalised with the Federal Overseas Missions Board for us to support a native pastor in New Guinea for a three-year period to the extent of \$37 per month, and Bro. and Sis. Bill Buli of the New Hebrides are now labouring in that field.

The estate of the late Sis. J. Pratten has now been finalised and during December the church received \$1852.88 representing half share of the nett. proceeds from the estate. Reimbursement of outlays on repairs to the property, etc., totalling \$168.23 was also received.

"The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room" is approaching completion. This will greatly improve the value of the property and will prove to be a very valuable asset in the fostering of fellowship within the church and providing much improved facilities for that purpose.

The front of the chapel has been improved in appearance through repainting.

After 10 years of service the church cleaners were forced to resign during the year because of family circumstances, and this work is now being efficiently performed by two of our own members, Bro. and Sis. S. Vincent.

Membership of the church with the Marriage Guidance Council has been continued.

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 chapel was also made available to Kenmore Christian College for their Convocation Service in March and the Graduation and Recognition service in November.

It is pleasing to note that the roster of an increased number arranging the flowers and preparing the Lord's Table each week is operating satisfactorily, and thanks is due to those who share in that part of the work. We are also indebted to the Building Committee comprising Bren. W. McKeivie, J. Flood, R. Culbert and J. Smith for the many hours of work which they have contributed in organising and supervising construction of "The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room", in addition to many other demanding jobs which have required attention to the building.

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

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

Functions of the Eldership have been centred around the spiritual oversight of the church, giving attention to the ministry and pastoral oversight.

It was recommended to the Board of Officers that an evangelistic mission be held during the first half of 1971 and this was adopted.

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. With a view to improving the standard of participation which is already very high, all who share in the service plan were provided with a prepared set of guiding principles dealing with "The Approach", "President and his remarks", "The Prayers", "The Attitude" and "The Ideal".

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.

#### CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP REPORT

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While writing this report I would first like to thank God for His guidance and blessing throughout the year. John Watson, too, is to be thanked for his able leadership.

Although some of our members left for other places at the beginning of the year, we still had a time of rich fellowship together.

In 1970 we had no fixed four square programme, but instead let the spiritual, social, physical and educational sides of the C.Y.F. blend in each of our Friday evening programmes. More meetings were held in church homes, as we felt that the atmosphere there was more congenial for closer fellowship than in the hall. These nights, both social and film evenings, were well appreciated by all. A successful careers night entitled "Me and Me Job" enabled members to learn more about the work of other members of the church.

At the beginning of the year we had a set worship session in each meeting to involve all members, but later felt that we were not giving enough time to spiritual things and began our discussion and Bible study meetings in November. These were held on Sunday evenings, leaving Friday nights free for the social, physical and educational facets of our programme. We hope that these Sunday discussions will continue in 1971 with the support and participation of more young people.

"Coffee Pot" continued as usual from February to November but with a slightly different format to make it less formal and promote more fellowship. On the first Sunday evening in May we began a monthly suppertime in church homes. These continued through the rest of the year, with the purpose of introducing outsiders and other young church members to the fellowship.

This year's youth exchange was held on May 29-31 with fifteen young people from Ann Street sharing a weekend of fun and fellowship at Gympie. The Gympie young people came to Brisbane on September 18-20 and shared the weekend, including Sports Day, with us. Ann Street Youth Camp took place at Caloundra on August 7-9, and despite the rain a good time of discussion and fellowship was well appreciated by all who attended.

Youth Department events which we supported included Easter Camp, the Swimming and Sports Carnivals, Youth Exchange, Teen Week and the Drama Festival.

The C.Y.F. continued to play a small part in the first gospel service of each month with an allout effort to take the whole service on September 6. We hope 1971 will provide similar opportunities.

Our closing programme for the year was held on December 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Culbert.

We all enjoyed our fellowship together in 1970 and hope that 1971 will bring more rich fellowship and blessing through God.

E. EVANS  
Secretary

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Over the past year the choir, although very small in number, has been a very happy group for a number of reasons -

1. They have been privileged to sing at the majority of evening services;
2. They have good fellowship together each Thursday and Sunday evenings;
3. They have had such a conductor as only Keith Hack could be, and we are thankful to him for his unselfish giving of his time, talents and energy.

We hope that this coming year will bring an increase in our ranks so that we may do justice to the music we sing and thereby make a good contribution to such special occasions as the Church Anniversary, Pleasant Sunday afternoon programme and concerts. At the very successful concert on August 28 Scottish and Irish favourites were featured by the choir.

The past year also featured special events such as State Conference combined Communion service and the Captain Cook special Sunday morning service during August.

The conference choir, although only able to have one practice because no other times could be arranged which suited everyone, travelled to Ipswich and Kedron and sang at the Brisbane State High School for the combined church broadcast service on the Sunday morning. Bro. Keith Hack was the conductor for all choir pieces for the first time and he and the choir which consisted of Ann Street and Annerley church members acquitted themselves extremely well.

I wish to thank on behalf of the choir our conductor Bro. Keith Hack, our organists Bren. W. McKelvie and G. Watson, and members of the church who have helped with their encouragement.

We wish to impress on the church the urgent need of the choir for more members. At the moment we have 1 tenor, 3 basses, approx. 4 sopranos and 2 altos. We urgently need more members if we are to be able to continue to play our part in the programme of the church.

Stan. Vincent  
Secretary/Treasurer.

#### BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT.

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The year 1970 came and went without what might seem some excitement in the overall activity of the School, but after all, like any other school, the function of teaching and learning at Ann Street should be a part of living and play its part in the context of moulding Christian character. This continuing process was our aim which we hope we achieved to a reasonable degree during the year past.

1970 saw the introduction of the teaching material of the Christian Life Curriculum prepared by the joint Board of Christian Education. The consensus of opinion among teachers indicated favourable reception of the nature of the material and its application was received well by the students. It is felt its introduction has been justified by results to date. Parents co-operated well, as the teaching time was extended and necessitated some waiting by parents after the conclusion of the morning service.

Mrs. K. Ludgater continued as Superintendent for the fourth year, eventually tendering her resignation from the position towards the end of 1970. The School wishes to place on record its thanks and appreciation of her leadership, feeling that she has served the School and Church well in that capacity. The Board has now appointed Mr. John Flood to the position of Superintendent. Resignations from the teaching staff were Misses Janice Auld, Grace Law, Mrs. K. Read and Mr. C. Coulston. To them as ex-teachers we say "Thank you" as we welcome Miss Elaine Evans, Mrs. John Flood and Messrs. John Armstrong and Mark Preud as new members to the teaching staff.

Social activities organised by the School during the year were the annual picnic by launch to Bishop Island, the three-way meet with Annerley and Kenmore Schools - when over 150 were present - and the Christmas social. The School also participated in the church concert, anniversary services and distribution of annual prizes.

Figure-wise the year commenced with 10 in the Creche, 10 in the Kindergarten/Primary section and 24 in the Bible School, with 3 being added to the Kindergarten/Primary section and 2 to the Bible School during the year when overall attendance averaged 34.

Statement of receipts and expenditure shows a credit balance in cash/Bank of \$17.74. The School again expresses its appreciation to the Board for financial assistance in the provision of teaching material and class room aids in the form of folding screens and enters 1971 with the prayerful hope that the year's work will see consolidation in the grounding of Christian faith and service in the young minds entrusted to our oversight, so that future years will show God being glorified through His Son's example in those eager, enquiring children with whom we are blessed.

D. B. W. STOCKS  
Secretary/Treasurer.



C. W. F. ANNUAL REPORT 1970.

The Fellowship once again experienced a happy and profitable year, despite the fall in numbers, due to much sickness among our members. Our average attendance has been 26. We anticipate the year of 1971 eagerly, as we have many forward plans in mind.

Eighteen meetings were held during the year and in relation to the devotions, 1970 was "Cameo Year" - Each devotional group spoke on a particular woman in the Bible. Three Study Discussions were held and these were led by Sisters Geizendanner, Chalmers and Connell.

A "Friendship Day" was organized and our own church women who do not normally attend the meetings were invited.

Mr. Spall, a dedicated Christian and a member of the Jewish Evangelical Witness, spoke at one meeting of the difficulties one has approaching a Jew and attempting to introduce Christ.

In August a visit was paid to the Jewish Synagogue.

A programme was taken to Burdeu House in May and each guest was given a bag of sweets - the guests of the Home in return served a delicious morning tea.

Again this year, the ladies shared in the programme of the Mother's Day Evening Service and Women's Day of Conference.

The Fellowship "Break-up" was a trip on the "Golden Mile Ferry" to Mowbray Park where a picnic lunch was held.

Functions held to raise funds were:- Two Lamington Drives; one Demonstration ("Cooking Countdown") and a Parbecue in the lovely garden of Mr. and Mrs. Payne. Other means to raise funds were through the medium of the envelope system (placed in the Church offering plate once a month); the Birthday Doll; Trading Tables; and Sunshine Bags.

At the Annual Meeting it was moved that the women make an "all out" effort to raise sufficient funds to hand over to the officers of the Church to complete new seating in the Church, and a cheque for \$246 was given to them at the end of the Fellowship Year towards this project. The ladies are planning to hold a function in November involving the entire church membership.

A fund named "Eidsvold" was commenced in January 1970 to allow \$10 to be sent to Eidsvold monthly for twelve months, (making a total of \$120) to assist in the salary of the minister - this was the "second mile" taken by the women. The fund was over-subscribed and we were able to donate \$15 to Home Missions - the name of the fund has been altered to "Church Seating" thus providing another avenue through which to raise funds for the seats.

Other donations were:- \$5 to Women's Conference Hospital Superintendent; \$2 Cancer Fund; \$4 League of 500; \$5 Milk and Orphan Fund; \$10 Mt. Isa Mission; \$10 British & Foreign Bible Society; \$2 Christmas Bowl Appeal; \$100 Women's Conference Budget; \$10 Janet Bull's babe; Bandages to New Guinea Missions; Box of shorts and skirts for Miss Howden's pupils; several cartons of second-hand clothing to Eidsvold; list of clothing requested by the Aborigines Superintendent, plus \$8.35 for shoes; Christmas gifts of sweets to Hillcrest and Burdeu House Guests; Christmas gifts to missionaries Miss Howden (New Guinea) and Miss Skuce (India); Birthday gift to Miss Howden; Homemade biscuits to Kermore College and to Ann Street Shut-ins for Christmas.

Mrs. McIntosh celebrated (with husband) her Golden Wedding Anniversary in February and the Fellowship presented her with a basket of fruit.

Before Miss Barbara Moodie returned to Scotland, she was given a Stationery set.

As a token of appreciation, each guest speaker was presented with a "gift wrapped" container of homemade biscuits or a (crochet-edged) handkerchief.

Members of Executive thank all who contributed throughout the year financially or otherwise.

Last, but not least, a very special thanks to Mrs. Armstrong, who resigned from the position of President after three years of leadership. The sisters of the Fellowship were sorry to see her relinquish this position and may God bless her in the work she is doing for the Sisterhood of Queensland, in His Name.

Members of the 1971 Executive are as follows:- Past President -

D. Armstrong; President Elect - N. Weimer; Vice-President - V. Evans;  
Secretary - M. Adamson; Assistant Secretary - J. Mainwaring; Treasurer -  
V. Evans; Floor Member - N. McLane; President - L. Henderson.

We look forward to 1971 to fulfil our aim.

Jesus said, If ye have faith nothing shall be impossible unto you. Matt.17:20.

L.J. HENDERSON.  
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We ended the year in an apparently strong position with \$9,084 in the bank. Of this, \$5,382 was held in the Memorial Room Fund. Our debts were \$2,600 owing to the Property Committee for the Manse and \$500 for a loan towards the Memorial Room. However there has since been paid \$3,000 on account of the Memorial Room with more to be paid. The improved position at the year's end was primarily due to Legacies and Gifts received and the accumulation of General Funds over past years.

Total Offerings of \$10,783 were only marginally better than last year's figure of \$10,752 even though 1970's figures include \$506 for the New Guinea Pastor and \$85 received for the Christmas Bowl at the combined Christmas Day Service. Variations in the offerings were -

General Offerings	-	Decrease	\$128
Budget Offerings	-	decrease	195
Advancement Fund		decrease	<u>174</u>
<u>Total Decrease</u>			497
Brotherhood Direct Offerings (including			
\$85 at combined service) - Increase: \$ 22			
New Guinea Pastor - began 1970			
			<u>506</u> <u>528</u>
<u>Net Increase</u>			<u>\$ 31</u>

The offerings available to the General Fund (\$8,172) were short of expenses by \$298 and it was only because of receipts from Building Use \$211, Bank Interest \$87 and Sundry Receipts \$33, that they were met from the year's ordinary receipts.

The General Fund improved by \$264 mainly due to -

Refund of Expenses paid on account Muir Street property in 1966/7	\$168
Return of deposit in Special Savings A/c. and Interest-deposited 1969	<u>63</u>
	<u>\$231</u>

Family Fellowship. Included in Sundry Receipts is \$4.05 which was the amount in excess of the Expenses of \$178.89.

H.G. Palmer. The total returned to date is \$5,916.23 - 77 1/2% of our investment of \$7,600. A further \$190.85 is expected to be received at the end of February. This will bring the percentage returned to 80%. It is anticipated that we will receive at least a further 8 cents in the dollar (\$608). If the Company is successful in claims for a refund of income tax and in writs against a former director and the former auditors, further distributions will be made to us.

Muir Street Property. During December the Church received \$1,852.86 from the sale of the Muir Street property. Out of this, \$1,584.03 was paid to the Bank of Adelaide to pay out the loan from the Bank.

Manse Loan. \$2,599.50 was owing to the Property Committee at 31.12.70. Our Capital repayments to 31.12.70 off the borrowing of \$16,382 in 1966 were -

Bank of Adelaide	\$12,382
Property Committee	<u>1,400</u>
	<u>\$13,782</u>

Brotherhood Committees &c. The figures, with 1969 amounts in brackets, are -

	<u>Allocation-Budget</u>	<u>Direct Offerings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aborigines Missions	105 (108)	30 (27)	135 (135)
British & Foreign Bible Socy.	18 (18)		18 (18)
Federal Home Missions	53 (54)		53 (54)
Home Missions	581 (594)	28 (53)	609 (647)
Kenmore College	141 (144)	2 (25)	143 (169)
Overseas Missions	353 (360)	27 (58)	380 (418)
Property Committee	88 (90)	10	98 (90)
Social Service	106 (108)	2 (7)	108 (115)
Youth & Christian Education	282 (288)		282 (295)
Christmas Bowl		66 (51)	66 (51)
Christmas Bowl Combined Service		85	85
Special Appeals - Paid	<u>43 (128)</u>		<u>43 (128)</u>
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>1,770 (1,892)</u>	<u>250 (228)</u>	<u>2,020 (2,120)</u>
<u>Less - Special Appeals - Amount paid</u>			
out in excess of Allocation for year	<u>8 (92)</u>		
<u>Total Allocation from Budget Offerings</u>	<u>1,762 (1,800)</u>		

Not included in the above was \$39 received by Gideons International at a retiring offering on 6.9.70.

L.J. MAINWARING  
Treasurer.



CHURCH OF CHRIST - ANN STREET  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1st JANUARY - 31st DECEMBER 1970.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	
<u>Balances</u>			
1. 1. 70			3,224.00
<u>Benevolent Fund</u>			624.00
Camp Fund	17.62		5.29
Organ Fund	88.87		78.00
Seating Fund	256.20		18.22
Special Appeals	19.95		69.00
Gifts	517.78		77.32
General Fund	1,253.39		29.83
General	1,125.63		432.00
Budget - Local Use	7,045.92		235.70
Brotherhood	1,761.48		96.72
Brotherhood Committees &c.			69.00
.. Direct			350.00
Advancement Fund	250.43		78.36
New Guinea Pastor	93.05		73.01
Building Use	506.07		69.10
Interest Bank of Adelaide	211.00		204.59
Subs. "Christian Echo"	86.70		70.65
Sundry Amounts	27.75		101.57
Sundry	33.26		43.50
Distribution H. G. Palmer (Consolidated) Ltd.	4.22		27.00
Legacies	1,852.86		58.41
Miss F. Ratcliffe			4.14
Mrs. C. J. Fratten			58.41
Memory Mrs. Ash	200.00		58.00
Womens Fellowship - for seating	246.00		243.78
For Kitchen Renovations	100.00		520.00
For Memorial Room	60.00		62.00
Towards Paintings	20.00		520.00
Return of Special Savings Deposit Bank of Adelaide (\$4,900 & Interest)			2,810.03
A/c. Memorial Room	4,817.35		3,330.03
Legacy Mrs. Robinson	248.81		2,019.68
General Fund	62.69		93.05
Memorial Room			370.00
<u>Loan</u>			12,965.67
			Carried Forward
			Carried Forward

Brought Forward

21,912.96

Brought Forward

12,965.67

Refund of Expenses paid on A/c. Estate  
Mrs. Fratten from General Fund 1966 & 1967  
Camp Fund - Family Camp Fees

168.23  
184.70

Ex Benevolent Fund - Payments  
Ex Camp Fund - Exs. Family Camp

27.00  
189.30

Balances Benevolent Fund 97.23  
31.12.70 Camp Fund 13.02  
Organ Fund 88.87  
Seating Fund 502.20  
Special Appeals 12.18  
Gifts 517.78  
Memorial Room (including  
Loan) 5,381.57  
New Guinea Pastor 136.07  
Legacies/Gifts  
Mrs. Ash 200.00  
Mrs. Fratten 268.83  
Mrs. Robinson 248.81  
Kitchen  
Renovations 100.00 817.64  
General Fund 1,517.36

9,083.92

\$22,265.89

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E. J. McINTOSH  
Honorary Auditor.