

CHURCH OF CHRIST ANN STREET BRISBANE

REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

1972

MINISTER

L.G. Armstrong

'Come' and 'Go' are two words that Jesus used when speaking to his Disciples. These words are key-words to our Christian life and Church activity. 'Come' is the invitation that draws us to Christ and thus closer to one another each Lord's Day and gives to us a new found strength. 'Go' is the commission that sends us forth to our work-a-day world where we are ambassadors for Christ. There is much 'coming' and 'going' at Ann Street. For this we give thanks to God. Each 'coming' brings added inspiration whilst each 'going' extends the influence and witness of the Church. With these two words in mind let us face the future realizing that the effectiveness of our 'going' will be in proportion to the extent of our 'coming'. We are reminded of the words of Jesus "The fields are white unto harvest but the labourers are few." The world awaits our coming.

1971 saw several changes in the membership and attendance of the Ann Street Church. New faces appeared in our congregation and some of the old faces moved out. We sorely miss those who have moved out from among us. Our losses this year have been through death, through marriage and through removal and transfer. Additions have included several who have come among us, stayed a short time and then moved on. Each one who comes makes a fresh contribution enriching the fellowship for which we are grateful.

Highlights of our '71 programme included the opening of the Fanny Ratcliffe Fellowship Room. This room has already proven its worth by providing a delightful meeting place for fellowship after church and a discussion centre for Family Fellowship. Another highlight of the year was the Mission with Mr Kevin Turner which was inspiring to the church. Both the Family Camp and Family Fellowship Teas have been appreciated. Several visiting speakers through the year also added enriched our church life.

My own ministry has been wide and varied. In addition to regular preaching and pastoral ministry including hospital visitation, home visitation, funerals and weddings, counseling and leadership I have been involved in Conference on the Executive, Home Missions, P.P.&A. Board and College Lecturing. I have represented the Brotherhood on the Qld Council of the Aust C of Churches, at Faith and Order Consultations, I.T.I.M., C.T.A. and Action for World Development planning sessions. I have visited David Jones as Chaplain, St Vincent De Paul Shelter and the Brisbane City Mission. For In-Service training I have attended and successfully completed Part 11 of the C.P.E. Course. During the year I was also given the opportunity of sharing in a Mini-Mission at Williamstown in Victoria.

As my ministry is shared by my wife and family I feel that I should refer to her involvement in Conference activity. Over the past year she has been Secretary of Women's Conference. This year she anticipates appointment as President. Owing to her active participation in Women's work I have felt relieved of personal involvement. Readiness to offer hospitality has also enabled us to meet people in the home and in this way conduct a more personalized ministry.

Looking forward to this current year we anticipate several losses through transfer, but no doubt will have several additions. We will pursue a similar programme to previous years but do hope to develop more the idea of Cottage Meetings, Hospitality and Visitation. The personal touch would appear to be the greatest need of our day, Let us Make Contact..Cultivate Friendship.. Encourage Commitment

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

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During the year there were seven (7) who confessed their faith in Christ. Five (5) of these were baptized into Christ and added to the active membership of the church. There were five (5) others added to the active membership by transfer from other Churches of Christ. Additions also included one (1) transferred from Isolation and three (3) from supplementary rolls. There were five (5) transferred to other Churches of Christ and four (4) to isolation. Three (3) were transferred from supplementary roll to active membership of other Churches of Christ. There were four (4) deaths. After revision of the active membership roll the year closed with 147 active members.

Attendances at morning services averaged 143 (146 last year), whilst an average of 77 (72 last year) attended the gospel services. Communicants at the Lord's Table averaged 122 (119 last year).

We pay tribute to four (4) of our beloved brethren taken from our midst during the year - Mrs. L. A. Stocks, Mr. A. Feeney, Mr. W. C. Warne and Mrs. J. Cleveland. 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.

A special feature of the year's activities was the evangelistic mission conducted from March 21 to April 4 with Bro. Kevin Turner of Springvale church, Vic., as the missionary. There were three (3) primary decisions and one (1) reconsecration.

The year's activities, including Family Camp, Youth Camp, Anniversary, Church/Bible School picnic, Christmas party and social activities were co-ordinated by the Council of Auxiliaries which has again planned similar activities for 1972, and plans to meet regularly throughout the year.

The C.Y.F. are to be commended for their continued activities with the monthly after-church coffee pot programmes which maintained the normal high standard and attracted a large number of young people, some of whom attended the gospel service on those nights. They are also to be commended for providing tea/coffee and biscuits for the after church fellowship on Sunday nights. There have been many expressions of appreciation of this type of fellowship.

The church buildings have been made available for use on occasions by outside organisations, Kenmore Christian College and Conference. The Crusade Choir has met for practice in the chapel on a regular basis each Tuesday night and their continued donations have been appreciated.

During the year the Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room was completed and officially opened by Mrs. R. Feeney. This Room as already proved to be a very valuable asset as a place of fellowship. The total cost of the room was \$6408. Curtains were donated by the C.W.F.

Also during the year the new seating plan was completed and the layout of the seating changed to a central aisle. Suitable engraved plates have been attached to a number of the seats in recognition of gifts and bequests.

Monthly Family Fellowship meetings were well supported throughout the year and have proved to be quite an important activity in the life of the church. The formation of a planning Committee for planning and organising the monthly programmes for 1972 and onwards is designed to ensure a high standard being maintained with widening interest and support.

The Elders recommended to the Officers that consideration be given to commencing the Sunday evening Gospel services at 6.30 p.m. during the Winter months, and perhaps the views of the church will be expressed on this matter at the annual meeting.

The church committed itself further in its Missionary outreach by increasing the support given to Bro. and Sis. Buli on the New Guinea Mission field by \$22 to \$59 per month as from October 1, 1971.

In another avenue of outreach, consideration was given by the Board of Officers, and subsequently at the October Family Fellowship meeting, to the sponsoring of a Family Group Home, and it will be recommended to the church at the annual meeting that we actively pursue the sponsorship of such a Home.

The Combined Northside churches have established a financial scheme, in which Ann St. is participating, with the objective of pooling financial resources so that existing interest rates on loans will be eliminated and special projects of individual churches will be financed at a much lower overall cost. Interest free loans will play a vital role in this financial scheme.

It is appropriate that we acknowledge the completion of five years of happy ministry with Bro. and Sis. Armstrong and family, and pray for a continuance of God's richest blessings throughout the extended term of three years.

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. The work of the total ministry is one of sharing. The 'health' of the church will be governed to a large degree by the extent to which we share its responsibilities and work together with one another and with our God in whose name we do all things and in whom we trust for the fruit of our labours. In all of this we are ever mindful that Jesus loves us and gave Himself for us. We love Him because He first loved us, and it is His love that ever constrains us and motivates us in our service for Him.

N. WATSON
Secretary

ELDERS' REPORT

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

The Elders conduct a prayer meeting at the chapel each Friday morning at approx. 7.45 a.m. and anyone is welcome to share.

The Elders also conduct the Communion service each Sunday night.

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.

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. Constant attention is given to the conduct of our services to ensure that they continue to be of the highest possible standard. Every member plays a very important role in achieving this objective because nothing contributes more than a worshipful atmosphere created by a spirit of reverence, both before and during the service.

N. WATSON
For the Elders

TREASURER'S REPORT.

During 1971 \$8,925 was spent on building the Memorial Room (\$7,131) and Furniture, Seating &c. (\$1,794). This was paid out from -

Funds in hand 1/1/71	\$6,702	(Seating \$502, Memorial Room \$5382, Legacies/Gifts &c \$818)
Loans raised during the year	1,000	
Gifts received during the year	155	
Gift from Women's F'ship for stove	191	
Sale of Seating	214	
Distribution from H.G. Palmer	191	
General Fund	472	
	<u>\$8,925</u>	

Offerings - Total Offerings of \$11,349 were up by \$448 on last year after excluding the Mission offerings received this year. The variations in offerings are -

<u>Increases</u>		<u>Decreases</u>	
General Offerings	\$32	New Guinea Pastor	\$19
Budget	543	Advancement Fund	26
		Brotherhood - Direct Offerings	82
	<u>\$575</u>		<u>\$117</u>

General Fund - Offerings available to this fund (\$8630) were short of the Expenses (\$9,129) by \$499. The shortfall was met from Sundry Receipts \$385 (Building use \$190; Interest \$147; Other \$48) and drawing from accumulated funds \$114 (General Fund balance dropped to \$1403 from \$1517). The General Fund Expenses of \$9129 can be briefly summarised as -

Loan Repayments including transfers to Redemption Fund	\$1,372
Contributions to Brotherhood Centre	795
Memorial Room and Furniture, Seating &c.	472
Other Expenses	6,490
	<u>\$9,129</u>

Mission - The expenses of \$316 were paid from Mission offering \$118 and from Gifts Fund \$198.

New Guinea Pastor - Offerings were \$487 and payments \$510. Payments for 1972 at the present rate will be \$708.

Manse Loan - We owed the Property Committee \$2195.09 at 31/12/71.

Loans - Memorial Room - \$1,500 was borrowed and is interest free. Loan Redemption Fund from which loans will be paid was \$852 at the year's end.

H.G. Palmer - One distribution of \$190.85 received in 1971 made a total of \$6,107.08 (80%) from our Investment \$7,600 + Accrued Interest \$33.85.

Brotherhood Committees &c. - 1971 figures with 1970 figures in brackets, are -

	<u>Allocation ex Budget</u>	<u>Direct Offerings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aborigines Missions	113 (105)	2	115 (135)
British & Foreign Bible Society	19 (18)		19 (18)
Federal Home Missions	56 (53)		56 (53)
Home Missions	620 (581)	24	644 (609)
Kenmore College	150 (141)	2	152 (143)
Overseas Missions	376 (353)	11	387 (380)
Property Committee	94 (88)		94 (98)
Social Service	113 (106)		113 (108)
Y. & C.E. Committee	301 (282)	2	303 (282)
Christmas Bowl		102	102 (66)
Christmas Bowl (Combined Service)			(85)
Blanket Appeal (Austcare)		23	23
Mission to Lepers		2	2
Special Appeals - disbursed	26 (43)		26 (43)
<u>Total actually paid out</u>	<u>1,868 (1,770)</u>	<u>168 (250)</u>	<u>2,036 (2020)</u>
Add Special Appeals allocated from budget but not paid out	12		
Less Special Appeals paid in excess of allocation	(8)		
<u>Allocation from Budget</u>	<u>\$1,880 (1,762)</u>		

L.J. MAINWARING
Treasurer

CHURCH OF CHRIST - ANN STREET
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1st JANUARY - 31st DECEMBER 1971

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
<u>Balances 1.1.71</u>		Minister's Salary, Car Allice.&c.	4,344.14
Benevolent Fund	97.23	Manse Expenses - Telephone, Rates, Insce. &c.	209.21
Camp Fund	13.02	<u>Church-Building Exps.</u>	
Organ Fund	88.87	Cleaning	414.00
Seating Fund	502.20	Electricity & Gas	268.48
Gifts	517.78	Insce., Rates, Upkeep	325.38
Memorial Room	5,381.57	Electrical Work	<u>176.44</u> 1,184.30
Legacies/Gifts	817.64	<u>Other Expenses</u>	
New Guinea Pastor	136.07	Advertising	64.40
Special Appeals	12.18	Bible School Exs.	131.17
General Fund	<u>1,517.36</u>	Conference Assessment	70.65
	9,083.92	Messenger Paper & Ink	141.37
<u>Offerings</u>		Telephone	86.81
General	1,159.64	Sundry Amounts	<u>258.72</u> 753.12
Budget - Local Use	7,470.22	Contribution to B'hood Centre	795.00
Budget - B'hood	1,880.05	Loan Repayments - Property C'tee	520.00
B'hood Direct	168.10	Transfer to Loan Redemption	852.00
Advancement Fund	66.70	Mission Expenses	315.86
New Guinea Pastor	486.82	<u>Furniture &c.</u>	
Mission	<u>117.50</u>	Seating	850.00
	11,349.03	Tables & Chairs - Memorial Room	614.80
<u>Sundry Receipts &c.</u>		Stove	<u>328.79</u> 1,793.59
Building Use	190.00	Brotherhood Committees &c.	2,036.60
Bank Interest	147.34	Advancement Fund	66.70
H.G. Palmer	190.85	New Guinea Pastor	510.00
Sale of Seats	214.00	Camp Fund - Expenses	226.65
Sundry Amounts	<u>48.38</u>	Benevolent Fund Payments	18.50
Loans (for Memorial Room)	790.57	Memorial Room	7,130.71
	1,000.00	<u>Balances 31.12.71</u>	
<u>Gifts</u>		Benevolent Fund	78.73
Memorial Room	70.00	Camp Fund	23.92
(incl. Floor Covering)		Organ Fund	88.87
Seating	<u>85.00</u>	Gifts	319.42
	155.00	New Guinea Pastor	112.89
<u>Womens Fellowship - for Stove</u>	191.20	Special Appeals	23.73
Camp Fund - Fees &c.	237.55	Loan Redemption	852.00
Loan Redemption - ex General Fund	852.00	General Fund	<u>1,403.33</u> 2,902.89
	23,659.27		
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E.J. McINTOSH
Hon. Auditor.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship has much pleasure in presenting their Annual Report. We had a very blessed and profitable year under the leadership of our new president, Mrs. Henderson. During the year our President Elect, Mrs. Weimer, found it necessary to resign as she is working, and her resignation was accepted with regret.

17 Meetings were held with an average attendance of 27, with some of our women taking turns to conduct devotions. Jess Anderson made a lovely contribution to each meeting with her "Thought for the Day". Our guest speakers were Mr. Armstrong; Mr. Male who spoke on the Shaftesbury Scheme; and our Women's Conference President, Mrs. Risson.

We also held two Friendship Days, when quite a few visitors joined with us and enjoyed the fellowship. We also had a very enjoyable morning when the Albert Street Methodist Ladies Guild visited us and were our guests for a special meeting and morning tea.

Special functions were held to raise funds and these were a Demonstration, Women the World's Homemakers; a lamington drive, and a barbecue at the home of Mrs. Payne. Our big efforts for the year were two very successful Cabarets, when we raised \$140 for 2 years donation towards the support of the Women's Conference Living Link, Dorothy Howden, and \$116.45 for our piano fund. We would like to say thank you to all who worked so hard for the success of these functions; the comperes, artists, catering committee and all the workers.

A Talent Drive was held at the beginning of the year for 3 months and this money was used for new curtains for the Memorial Room. The Seating Fund was closed during the year, and we are now raising money for a piano for the Memorial Room. A very enjoyable break-up was held at the home of Mrs. Ballinger when she donated a very lovely luncheon. A charge was made and the money given to the Piano Fund. The Fellowship also attended the Warana Thanksgiving Service which fell on one of our meeting days.

Donations for the year were :- Milk & Orphan Fund \$5; 1 Baptismal gown for the Church; Women's Conference Hospital Superintendent \$7; Women's Conference Budget \$100; shirts, shorts and bandages for Dorothy Howden; a wardrobe of clothing as requested by the Aborigines Committee and \$8 for shoes; Curtains for the Memorial Room costing \$98.59; \$100 towards new stove for the kitchen; Church seating fund \$91.20; Sheets for Burdeu House, \$6 plus 33 pillow cases; Cancer Fund \$2; Freedom from Hunger Fund \$2; League of 500 \$4; to Conference for Dorothy Howden's support \$70; Pakistan blanket fund \$6; British & Foreign Bible Society \$10; Messenger \$5; Birthday gifts for Dorothy Howden and baby Buli; cakes and biscuits for Kenmore College; sweets for the residents of Burdeu House and Hillcrest; and a small Christmas gift for our Shut-ins. Our Sunshine Bags brought in at the Annual Meeting raised \$51.95. We pay tribute to our members for the sum of \$1047.33 which passed through our books this year. This was indeed sacrificial giving. We now have \$70 in hand for Dorothy Howden's support, and \$297.18 in our Piano Fund.

A special effort was made this year under the guidance of Mrs. Potter, when Burdeu House was visited twice a month. A short devotional was held and those who were interested were helped with handcrafts and others just sat and talked. This work will continue next year. An enjoyable bus trip was also organised by Mrs. Potter for these old folk and made possible with donations.

We also conducted the Refreshment Stall at the Homes & Hostels Garden Party, and the Afternoon Tea Stall at the D.C.E. Mardi Gras.

A very enjoyable day was spent sewing for the Wacol Mentally Retarded Children's School.

Members of the Executive for 1972 are as follows;- Past President Mrs. D. Armstrong; President Mrs. L. Henderson; President-elect and Treasurer Mrs. V. Evans; Vice President Mrs. J. Flood; Secretary Mrs. M. Adamson; Assistant Secretary Mrs. J. Mainwaring; Floor Members Mrs. M. Ballinger and Mrs. P. Payne.

In conclusion, the Executive would like to thank all for their contribution to the work during the past year, with the prayer that the year ahead may be a blessed time of fellowship and outreach.

We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us.

M. ADAMSON
Secretary.

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

In a School such as ours, presenting an annual report seems almost to be a repetition of that of the previous year apart from some names and figures. Perhaps, this in itself is not gratifying. The fact that we do present a report is the more gratifying as it indicates we still have a School and in an age which sees a decline in interest and attendance we can be encouraged because there are those among us who feel this fills a demanding need in the lives of growing children. If the "children" of yesteryear were to observe today's School in-session, the reaction might be one of "That's not the way we did it" but then most things in life now are "not the way" &c. We, of the Staff are always encouraged by the apparent interested approach of the students to their Bible School activities and feel this indicates also, encouragement by the parents, for which interest we are grateful and praise God.

As Superintendent from 1971, Mr. John Flood has given fine leadership and example by word and deed and as in all he undertakes for Christ and the Church has given of his best to this onerous and not-sought-after position. The continuation of School activity over most of the Christmas-New year period was due to his efforts and were well-received by the children who participated.

The teaching Staff as usual, loyally supported the Superintendent and with the inevitable changes in this sphere, it is fitting to record with thanks and appreciation, the efforts of Mr. & Mrs. John Watson, Misses Bev. Watson, and Ronda Culbert and Messrs. John Armstrong and Jonathan Smith who have resigned for various reasons, some after several years of teaching duties. At the same time, it is with pleasure - and some relief! - we welcome to the Staff Mrs. I. Woodward, Misses Pam Armstrong, Bronwyn Mainwaring and Shirley McCulloch, and Mr. Geoff. Melvin, whilst the Supt. and Mrs. Flood have undertaken joint teaching in the upper School. To those continuing teaching, a warm "Thank you" for your continued loyalty and service.

The year 1971 saw the completion of the two-year course of the teaching material of the Christian Life Curriculum and the School sees no reason at this stage to change from its use.

Features of the year's social activities were the picnic at Ferny Grove, the annual Three-Way-Meet with Annerley and Kenmore Schools at the latter-named school and the Christmas Social, some of which were organised on a Church/School basis. School staff also organised the New Year's Eve Social. Although most functions were well-supported particularly by students' parents, the School would like to see more participation by adult members of the Church as the fellowship engendered by such gatherings really creates the bonds of a "Church family".

Statistically the year commenced with 6 in Creche, 10 in Kindergarten/Primary and 24 in Bible School, 2 being added to Kindergarten/Primary and 3 to Bible School during the year when attendance averaged 35.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows a credit balance in Cash/Bank of \$38.70. As in previous years the Board provided generous financial assistance for the purchase of teaching material and school aids and for this and several private donations, the School expresses its thanks and appreciation.

Already the School is functioning well as it enters 1972 and we look forward to a happy year, all working for Christ and His Church in the channelling of young lives to Christian service. Your prayerful support and continued interest towards this are earnestly solicited.

D.B.W. STOCKS
Secretary/Treasurer.

CHOIR.

Instead of commencing this report stressing the need as usual for new members, rather we would express our thanks to God for the way He has made last year successful. However, an increase in members would be greatly appreciated.

This year we were able to support the mission with Kevin Turner, State Conference as a combined choir, give items as a choir and individually at the two cabarets.

A special evening during our normal weekly Sunday evening items was when the Church Service was broadcast during June by 4KQ.

Then on the lighter side we were delighted to arrange a car rally and picnic and support the Church anniversary and Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

We would like to thank Keith Hack for his untiring efforts, patience and good nature each Thursday and Sunday nights, our organists Graham Watson and Bill McKelvie and you our listeners. Without the abovementioned, we could not succeed.

Looking forward to another happy and successful year with you all,

STAN VINCENT. Secretary/Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

To begin with, I would like to thank the C.Y.F. for inviting me to be Secretary for this past year. It has been quite an experience for me and I hope I have carried it out satisfactorily.

I would also thank God for being with me and guiding me as I strove to do my best. Jonathan Smith too, is to be thanked for his guidance, leadership and patience as we continued to try to hold the C.Y.F. together.

1971 has been a very testing year. With the meetings averaging about 10 members, and some even less, nothing very spectacular could be attempted.

The beginning of the year brought with it the Mission and the C.Y.F. joined in the programme each Friday night. On the final Friday night of the Mission, the Young People went to supper "DOWN TOWN" and this proved to be a very successful night. On the following Sunday morning, "GREAT MOMENTS at BREAKFAST" were experienced when we arrived at Mr. & Mrs. Culbert's for Breakfast. Programmes generally ran on a Social line with Devotions introduced during the evening. One successful night was a Car Rally when we visited several church homes and enjoyed a time of singing and fellowship followed by short devotions at each place.

"Coffee Pot" continued as usual from February to November and still holds its high standard of entertainment. After-Church fellowships were held throughout the year at different Church homes on the 2nd Sunday of the month and on the 1st and 4th Sundays the C.Y.F. undertook responsibility to prepare coffee at the Church in the Memorial Room.

This year's Youth Exchange was held on the 28th - 30th May, with 17 Young People from Ann St., sharing a weekend of fun and fellowship at Toowoomba. The Toowoomba Young People came to Brisbane on the 24th - 26th September, and shared the week-end with us which included Sports Day plus the Youth Dept. Rally on Saturday as well as our own Church Anniversary Programme on Sunday.

Ann St. Youth Camp was held at Caloundra on the 29th - 31st October, with Mr. Wally Chapman as our Leader, and a good time of discussion and fellowship was experienced by all who attended.

The Young People presented a Tableau to the Church during the Gospel Service on a Sunday night in September.

Youth Dept. events which were supported included Easter Camp, Sports and Swimming Carnival, Mardi Gras, Teen Week and Youth Exchange.

A Dinner was held at Coronation Motel on the 3rd December as our Break-up for 1971.

I am sure that C.Y.F. was enjoyed by all who attended during 1971 and look forward to a year of rich fellowship and Blessing through God during 1972.

GRACE LAW
Secretary.

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

HELD IN THE CHAPEL AT 7.45 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1971.

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- PRESENT: There were 50 members present. Bro. L. Vincent occupied the chair.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for non-attendance was received from Bren. J. Smith, Jonathan Smith and J. Auld.
- OPENING: Meeting opened with the singing of the first and last verses of Hymn No. 148 followed by scripture reading from Romans 8: 31 - 39, and prayer led by the chairman.
- MINUTES: Minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 25 Feb., 1970 and the special meeting held on 29 July, 1970 were read and were confirmed and signed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES -

Furnishing of The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room. It was resolved that we purchase forty (40) chairs, as per sample displayed, at \$12.20 each, for use in The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room.
It was further resolved that the floor of the Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room be sanded and polished with estapol.

Chapel seats. It was resolved that we change the layout of seating in the chapel to a centre aisle, with an 18" aisle at each side against the wall, and purchase ten (10) new matching 12 ft. seats at \$85 each.

REPORTS: It was resolved that reports, copies of which had been circulated to members, be taken as read.

Secretary. The Secretary made mention of an additional item not referred to, namely the entry of Bro. Paul Holmes into The College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

Elders. As an additional item it was agreed that we place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by Sis. Ludgater as Bible School Superintendent over the past four years.

C.W.F. \$246 donated by the C.W.F. towards the seating fund last December was acknowledged.

Treasurer. Bro. Ludgater spoke of the work of Bro. Mainwaring as Treasurer, and was supported by acclamation.

Reports were adopted on the motion of Bren. McKelvie and Flood.

ELECTION OF ELDERS: By secret ballot Bren. W. HOENS, R. PROUD and N. WATSON were re-elected as Elders.

At this juncture those present joined in the singing of Hymn 122.

ELECTION OF DEACONS: By secret ballot Bren. W. LAW and K. READ were elected as Deacons. It was resolved that we place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by Bren. J. Auld, R. Culbert, J. Flood and H. J. Payne during their terms of office as Deacons.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Mission. Bro. Armstrong outlined plans for the mission to be conducted with Bro. Kevin Turner as missionary from March 21 to April 4.

Bro. Armstrong's Ministry. The following recommendation from the Board of Officers was adopted unanimously:
"That Bro. Armstrong be offered an extension of his 5-year term of ministry by a further 3 years to the end of January 1975, and that his salary be increased to \$66 and the car allowance to \$14 effective from beginning of his fifth year - first Sunday in February, 1971."

23rd February, 1972.

CONFIRMED:

Chairman.