

M I N I S T E R ' S R E P O R T

It has been my real privilege to be considered worthy to minister here with you in the presence and name of Jesus. Nothing that I am or will ever be, nothing that I do or will ever do, will be a response adequate for what He has done for me. I am grateful that through His grace He has used me and begun to bless you His people, far more than we ever do, or ever will deserve.

I personally commend all those who with determination, faithfulness and dedication worked hard to continue the work of the ministry during the absence of a resident Pastor. The true reward is not yet given here where it would fade and perish; it is far grander than that!

My task now over these five years is not for you to give, or for me to decide; it has been given in the Word of God:

"His gifts were that some should be Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, for the equipment of the saints for the work of ministry ... " Ephesians 4: 11,12.

My task is not to do the work of ministry, but to bring you to a point where you do the work of ministry. This charter I have commenced in three areas.

- (1) THE ELDERSHIP. I am quietly delighted that our Elders have resumed their monthly meetings, and we meet to pray, plan for our church, and share the ministry together. I respect their combined experience, wisdom and insight tremendously, and I look to them to continually interpret the pulse of our church family. Together we have looked at the real needs of our church and with their guidance I commenced the second area where I work to equip you for the work of ministry, and after consultation we unanimously set the third area.

I have always considered the Eldership to be the key to any church. If an Eldership cannot actively minister in mutual trust, diligence, consistency, prayerfulness and harmony within the power of God, it is useless expecting anybody else in the church to. As I come to work with my four men here, they are still the key, and I thank God for them and ask that you build them up in prayer for their immense responsibility.

- (2) SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE STUDY. After discussion with the Elders I commenced "We are the Body of Christ" - a study that will continue through the year on the New Testament book of Acts. From your response I can see that the Lord is saying a great deal to us about our life and ministry as Christians. I am also particularly pleased that steps are being initiated to enable Bible School teachers to hear this teaching, along with those sick, absent, or unable to attend.

- (3) MID-WEEK STUDY. As the Eldership looked at the question of Bible Study in the church we decided unanimously to commence a new, 12 weeks' study - "Body Life". As a result some five groups of ten people are meeting, one nearly every night of the week. Central to the study is the development of the Christian life, so that all those who have registered may be more ably equipped to minister. I expect that as always in the history of the Christian Church, those that meet in small groups for prayer, fellowship and study, will grow and mature far more quickly than those who don't.

As we enter further into our first year together, I am thankful for your openness to be equipped for the work of ministry, the warmth of your welcome, your preparation of the manse, and your acceptance and hospitality to us as a family. As I wrote in 1977:

"I believe that God has a great vision for Ann Street that He is going to unveil, and I look forward to being part of it immensely."

Ron White
Minister

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the year there were six (6) added to active membership by faith and baptism. There were six (6) other additions by transfers from other Churches of Christ. There were two (2) deaths. This resulted in a total active membership as at December 31, 1978, of 133.

Attendances at the morning services averaged 123 (113 last year), whilst an average of 68 (59 last year) attended the gospel services. Communicants averaged 110 (100 last year). These marked increases were an indication of the tone of the work in general.

The church suffered a very deep loss by the passing of Bro. C. G. Flood on September 10 following an interim ministry which he shared with us through to the end of July when a worsening heart condition prevented his continuing. Never shall we forget the strength which flowed from the enlightenment he was used of God to give through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as he fed upon the Word of God. A further loss was suffered by the passing of our sister Mrs. J. Auld on November 28. We give thanks for every remembrance of each of them. With their loved ones we have shared their sorrow, and as we remember all who have gone on before 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 in all His glory to take us all to be with Him forever.

We acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the ministry of guest preachers who shared with us - Bren. Roger Risson, F. Beale, Dr. David Hammer, J. Anderson, Dr. P. G. Jauncey, V. T. Parker, Chaplain R. V. Holt, Lyall Muller, Bruce Roberts, A. C. Male, E. T. Hart, A. G. Leane, "The Flying Squad" from Kenmore Christian College, and Miss Aileen Draney.

At the beginning of December we welcomed into our fellowship our Bro. and Sis. Ron White and Miriam, and the ministry of Bro. White is already having an influence on the life of the church with the emphasis being upon our individual spiritual development and growth in Christ. The commencement of this ministry came after our being without a full-time minister for over two years which was a difficult period. Nevertheless the work of the church was maintained and the loyal support of all was greatly appreciated.

Upon the completion of the "Report of findings of survey conducted into the role of the Ann Street Church of Christ", copies were made available to those who desired them, and a copy was forwarded to Mr. White before his arrival. Although only 35% of the questionnaires distributed were returned, the results confirmed many of the insights that were in the minds of the Elders and Officers. As a result of the survey, Mr. White, while still in Hamilton, could begin to see the sort of ministry that was needed, and with this report before him he first considered 'Body Life' as a place to commence. Not wanting to assume the results of 'Body Life', Mr. White, the Elders and Officers will again look at further directions at the conclusion of that study. We thank the committee for their exhaustive work and great deal of care.

Our chapel and facilities have been made available for the Annual State Conference sessions and other brotherhood and external requirements.

Extensive improvements were essential at the manse to prepare it for the coming of Mr. and Mrs. White and Miriam. Our treasurer has referred in his report to the costs involved. There was a considerable amount of voluntary labour supplied, and we are indebted to all who shared in that manner.

Spiritual oversight at "Gleneagles" continued throughout the year. A worship service was conducted each Sunday morning at 11 a.m., except during the Christmas/New Year periods. We are grateful to the panel of speakers responsible for maintaining these services - Bren. F. Olsen, H. J. Plint and R. H. Proud, assisted for part of the year by Bren. W. H. Law and H. Risson. We are appreciative of the assistance given by Bro. E. W. Potter as pianist and those who help in the preparation of the meeting room.

Programmed activities were maintained during the year; each auxiliary has been requested to submit suggestions for the 1979 programme. It is pleasing to note that plans are well in hand for restoration of the annual church family camp.

It is proposed that a review of our financial support of Bill Buli, our New Guinea Pastor, be made at the annual general business meeting of the church, to which this report is presented.

The Officers have taken steps towards investigating possibilities regarding the time at which our Bible School meets each Sunday.

Church Secretary's Report continued:

Attendances at the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Officers were:

C. Colston (7), W. S. Hoens (9), W. H. Law (5), L. J. Mainwaring (8), D. Oakes (8), H. J. Payne (1), R. H. Proud (3), H. Risson (1), R. P. Smith (8), G. Thomas (7), S. Vincent (1), R. W. White (1), Mrs. I. Woodward (6), I. L. Woodward (1), G. L. Watson (9), J. R. Watson (9), N. Watson (10).

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

On looking in review at 1978 we find much to praise God for - to thank Him for the steadfastness He established in our membership in that period we were without a pastor/leader. You, our members, maintained full support; maintained the faith. Praise the Lord!

As Elders we have been ever conscious of the needs of our fellowship, both spiritual and otherwise. We met as a board at various times in an endeavour to meet those needs. Also, as individuals, we have tried to meet these needs as we have become aware of them.

As Ron White has come amongst us, plans were soon afoot to help the church spiritually. This has taken the form of a special study - "Body Life" - and over forty of our members are actively engaged in this study. As a church, and as a board of Elders, we are looking forward eagerly to an enriched spiritual life within the church.

We all want to see growth within our fellowship. Shouldn't we realize that all growth begins within ourselves. Let us constantly uphold in prayer our fellowship, and each other, and look forward in hope. How do we measure growth? In numbers; in concern for one another; or in the spiritual life of the church; or are all bound together? Think on it; pray on it; so then let us step out together into 1979 praying for the Word, for each other, trusting fully in the Lord, and surely we shall be blessed. Let us go forward "With all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

H. Risson
For the Elders.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

At the end of 1978 our General Fund was in credit \$19152. This was made up of -

Investment - Social Service Debentures	\$4000
" - Australian Savings Bonds	12000
Bank Balance (after excluding "Christian Echo" subs to be paid \$78)	3152

The General Fund credit is an improvement of \$5819 over the position at the end of 1977. This improvement could be accounted for by -

Manse rent	\$1970
Interest from Investments and Bank	828
Transfer from Organ Fund	325
Offerings and Receipts available to General Fund in excess of expenses paid	2696
	<u>5819</u>

Treasurer's Report continued:ANALYSIS OF GENERAL FUND 1978.INCOME AND RECEIPTS -

Offerings - General and local use share of Budget	\$16467	
Manse rent	1970	
Manse rent Bond received 1977 and forfeited to us	200	
Interest from Investments and Bank	828	
Transfer from Cigen Fund	325	
C.W.F. contribution to cost of manse curtains	300	
Other receipts	<u>322</u>	20412

LESS PAYMENTS -

Manse renovations	\$4677	
Minister's removal expenses	1989	
Visiting speakers	1755	
Normal expenses (includes contributions to I.C.A. \$1752, but only 4 weeks' salary and car allowance for minister)	<u>6172</u>	14593

Improvement in General Fund \$5819

It will be noted that Conference Affiliation of \$494 is high, but this is for two years - 1977 and 1978.

OFFERINGS.

General Offerings increased by \$213 - 9.2% over 1977.

Budget Offerings increased by \$3356 - 21.8% over 1977.

However, there were 53 Sundays in 1978, and average weekly offerings were -

General	- \$47.65
Budget	- \$350.75

NEW GUINEA PASTOR.

At the last annual meeting it was agreed to increase our support from \$95 per month to \$156.67 per month. Our payments to the Overseas Mission Board totalled \$2007 (2 months at \$95; 10 months at \$156.67; a special payment of \$250). Receipts totalled \$1743. Funds in hand at the end of 1978 were \$482 compared with \$746 at the end of 1977.

KOREAN PASTOR.

Offerings totalled \$367. We forwarded \$438 to the Overseas Mission Board. This included \$150 as a special contribution towards Pastor Kong's medical expenses. Funds in hand at the end of 1978 were \$61 compared with \$132 at the end of 1977.

BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEES, ETC.

The figures for 1978 and 1977 (shown in brackets) are:

	<u>Allocations ex Budget</u>	<u>Direct Offerings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aborigine Missions	465 (383)	9 (17)	474 (400)
Bible Society	46 (38)	- (-)	46 (38)
Home Missions	1394 (1150)	591 (132)	1985 (1282)
Kenmore Christian College	790 (767)	209 (15)	999 (782)
Overseas Missions	558 (384)	443 (102)	1001 (486)
Property Committee	46 (38)	1 (-)	47 (38)
Social Service Committee	93 (192)	53 (86)	146 (278)
Youth & C. E. Dept.	1162 (767)	57 (29)	1219 (796)
Christmas Bowl Appeal		173 (136)	173 (136)
E. T. Hart Love Gift		55 (-)	55 (-)
Freedom from Hunger		- (6)	- (6)
Keith Hack Memorial		- (92)	- (92)
I.T.I.M.		- (71)	- (71)
Special Appeals paid	170 (97)		170 (97)
	<u>4724 (3816)</u>	<u>1591 (686)</u>	<u>6315 (4502)</u>
Special Appeals allocated not spent	- (18)		- (18)
Less Special Appeals spent in excess of allocation	77		77
<u>TOTAL BROTHERHOOD OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$4647 (3834)</u>	<u>\$1591 (686)</u>	<u>\$6238 (4520)</u>

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This year has been one of happy fellowship as we worked together for others, as we studied the Word, and as we were privileged to visit and to receive visits from Organizations and other inner city Fellowships - St. John's Cathedral, Wesley Central Mission and St. Andrews Lutheran. We attended the Warana Thanksgiving Service and two of our members were invited to take part in the World Day of Prayer Service. One of our younger C.W.F.'s (Arana Hills) visited us and supplied the programme. There was a demonstration by a representative from the Committee of the Direction of Fruit Marketing to raise money. An amount of \$137 was received which included \$96 from the trading table. A display of china painting was brought by Mrs. Condie to another meeting. Two Bible studies were conducted by Mr. Payne and Mrs. Proud.

Speakers from the Gideons International, Youth and Christian Education Dept., Overseas Missions Committee, Leprosy Mission, Q'ld. C.W.F. told us of their work, \$10 having been given to each speaker. Mr. P. Williams told of his trip to Russia; Mrs. G. Parkinson re the work of her daughter in India, and Mrs. L. Holt on the work which she and her husband Ron, as Chaplain, do at the Brisbane Boys' College. We were also happy to have our interim minister, Mr. Cyril Flood, speak to us. Later our sympathy was with Mrs. Flood and family in the passing to higher service of Mr. Flood. Slides were shown by Mr. E. Potter (the Holy Land) and Miss I. Wilson (picnics and functions of previous years). Our "thought for the day" was brought to each meeting by Miss Jessie Anderson.

The Trading Table continues to be an excellent source of income, an amount of \$254 having been received during the year. Thank you Mrs. Fox (who is in charge) and to all who have contributed articles for sale. We appreciated the decision of the Officers Board to place a bell for late comers at the front of the chapel. Programmes have been taken to "Burdeu House", "Hillcrest" and Southport Retirement Village. Flowers were arranged and cups of tea supplied for State Conference and World Community Day held at Ann St. Cakes were supplied for the Bible School picnic.

The following articles were given - 27 pairs of overalls to the W. R. Black Home; bandages and knitted squares to the Leprosy Mission; stamps for Overseas Missions; clothing for sales at Eidsvold Mission - Thank you Mr. Steve Melvin for delivering so many boxes to Eidsvold - biscuits for Kenmore College - thank you Mrs. Proud for delivering them and soaps and washers to "Burdeu House" folk at Christmas.

The following amounts were donated -

Aborigine clothes for Ian Chapman at Eidsvold	\$106	Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$22
Eidsvold Mission	40	Christian Television Association	17
Home Missions	100	Leprosy Mission	68
Overseas Missions	100	League of 500	8
C.O.C.O.A.	50	Manse - Curtains	300
Living Link	50	Groceries	20
Bill Buli	21	Bible Society	25
Q.C.W.F. Budget	78	Kenmore College	134
Visiting speakers	60	W.C.T.U.	10
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1209</u>

We were privileged to have the following as our executive: President: Mrs. H. Northey; Secretary: Mrs. Elaine Vincent; Treasurer: Mrs. D. Stocks; Floor members: Mesdames M. Ballinger, P. Melvin and G. Hoens. Mrs. Vincent found it necessary to relinquish the position of secretary and our grateful thanks go to her for the work done by her during the previous two years. Mrs. D. Potter accepted the position and has acted as secretary since March 1978. Reports are brought each month from Q.C.W.F. by either Mrs. I. Graham or Miss E. Berlin. This is appreciated.

The present Officers are: President: Mrs. H. Northey; Vice-President: Mrs. L. Holt; Secretary: Mrs. L. Henderson; Treasurer: Mrs. D. Stocks; Floor members: Mesdames M. Ballinger and D. Potter.

We would love to see more of our church ladies coming to our meetings. This would encourage us immensely in the work which we are trying to do for our Lord.

Dorothy Potter
Secretary

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

<u>R E C E I P T S</u>		<u>P A Y M E N T S</u>	
Balance 1.1.78	\$155.14	Secretary's expenses	\$6.00
Envelopes	447.15	Groceries	5.35
Birthday Box	13.90	Petty Cash and postages	7.20
Trading Table	253.71	Birthday Gift (Mrs. Slater)	6.16
Fellowship of Least Coin	25.17	Expenses C.O.D. Special Day	14.97
Leprosy Mission	70.62	Groceries - Manse	20.00
Christian Television Association	15.00	Eidsvold Christian Centre	40.00
C.O.D. Special Day	55.50	Aboriginal clothing	106.31
Aboriginal Clothing	106.31	Q.C.W.F. budget	78.00
Sunshine Bags	54.10	Visiting speakers	60.00
Bank Interest (June)	7.19	Kenmore College	134.50
Investment Transfer	300.71	Leprosy Mission	67.62
		League of 500	8.00
		Zillmere C.W.F.	5.00
		Fellowship of Least Coin	21.50
		Gift - Manse	300.00
		Christian Television Assoc.&Fee	17.00
		Bible Society	25.00
		Q.C.W.F. Overseas Mission	100.00
		" C.O.C.O.A.	50.00
		" Living Link	50.00
		Home Missions	100.00
		W.C.T.U.	10.00
		J. & B. Buli - N.G. Missionaries	21.10
		Balance	250.79
	<u>\$1504.50</u>		<u>\$1504.50</u>

INVESTMENT A/c. Q.T.L. 1977	\$277.21
Interest - June 30, 1978	14.09
" - October 27, 1978	9.41
Total as per 30.10.78	<u>\$300.71</u>
Transferred to Receipts A/c.	

Audited and found correct:
Signed: E. W. Potter.

C. D. Stocks
Treasurer.

C H O I R R E P O R T

The past year in the life of the choir has been both discouraging and uplifting.

Our discouragement stems from the fact that the number of choir members has now fallen to such a level that there is now a very real threat to its existence. We pray that this will not be so.

Yet, in spite of this, we have counted it a privilege to minister, knowing that the Lord is using the choir for His honour and glory, and we just thank Him for this. We have also experienced spiritual growth as we have learned together to express our faith in song, recognising that our strength lies not in ourselves, nor in music or words, but in Jesus Christ. Praise His Wonderful Name!

Choir finances are small but adequate. Bank balance at the beginning of the year was \$25.68 and at present it is \$67.86. Expenditure for the year was nil - music requirements for the year having been donated.

One of the highlights of the year was our participation in the City Wide Crusade and Conference choirs and cassette recording, with several of our members taking solo roles.

It is our hope that the choir continues this vital support ministry.

Graham and Hilary Watson
Choir Leaders

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

When Jesus was on earth He displayed great interest in the activities of children, sometimes to the exclusion of adult interests. Children still are wonderfully blessed and through their simple faith share a unique relationship with their Lord. We trust it is the prayer of every adult that each of these young people will come to make a personal commitment to Jesus just as a number have already done in the past two years.

The enthusiasm and interest of the children was once again evident in all areas of the school's activities:-

Enthusiastic dedication in presenting both the anniversary and Christmas programmes.

No decline in the number of children in the school and a steady attendance rate throughout the year.

Project '78 for Eidsvold realized \$52.18 in just 10 weeks.

A continued increase in general offerings that began last year.

A good response to the annual picnic at Bribie passage.

At the end of the year we lost the services of Mrs. H. Rigby and Miss D. Winter, both of whom gave loyal and tireless service for which we thank them. We welcome Mrs. A. Caubo to the teaching staff for 1979.

We wish to thank all who assisted us throughout the year with prayerful support, with catering, and as relieving teachers. Your support is very necessary and much appreciated. Your continued support this year will also be vital if the school is to be effective.

As we face 1979 we are conscious of our limited abilities and God's boundless power, and if we go forward with Him He will be sufficient for our needs.

The number of staff and students at the end of the year was comprised as follows:

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Cradle Roll	12	1
Kindergarten	12	4
Upper School	17	3
	<u>41</u>	<u>8</u>

BIBLE SCHOOL - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<u>R E C E I P T S</u>		<u>P A Y M E N T S</u>	
Balance 1.1.78	\$128.57	Lesson Materials	\$67.95
Donations	21.00	Book Awards	122.37
Offerings	223.36	Christian Endeavour	2.55
Refund church	78.22	League of 500	4.00
Refund Bob's Hire Service	9.50	Donation to Q'ld. Temp. League	10.00
Bank Interest	2.87	Christmas Bowl	3.60
Project '78	52.18	School Picnic	56.93
		Christmas Tree	97.16
		Balance	151.14
	<u>\$515.70</u>		<u>\$515.70</u>

R E S O U R C E S F U N D

Balance as at 1. 1. 78	\$73.76	Record Set etc.	\$32.10
		T.T. & P.P.	7.00
		Balance	34.66
	<u>\$73.76</u>		<u>\$73.76</u>

Audited and found correct:
Signed: E. W. Potter

R. P. Smith
Superintendent

YOUTH GROUP REPORT

The Youth Group re-commenced in the month of March, 1978, under the **joint leadership** of Mr. Wayne Kelly, Kenmore Christian College Student, and myself.

The group consisted of seven (7) regular members, namely Roslyn Mainwaring, Greg. and Gary McLane, Angela Stocks, David Watson, Karen and Robyn Woodward.

Meetings were held on Sunday afternoons at approximately 5.30 p.m. and we then attended the evening service.

The group organized a wide variety of activities including swimming, bowling, pancake-making. One of the highlights of the year was our involvement in a Youth Service on a Sunday evening. The year's activities ended with a dinner/theatre evening in the month of December.

At the end of the year Mr. Wayne Kelly completed his studies at Kenmore Christian College and we take this opportunity of thanking him for his assistance. Also, one of the members of the group, Greg. McLane, joined the R.A.A.F; his contribution was greatly appreciated.

I have appreciated the co-operation of the parents; however, I am conscious that the group can only increase and function successfully if support (both prayerful and practical) is given by parents and ALL members of the church so that each member will grow into a real relationship with Jesus Christ. It is to this end that our involvement is directed.

Geoff Melvin
Youth Leader

EVENING FRIENDSHIP GROUP REPORT

The activities of the evening friendship group for the year 1978 were considered successful, with an approximate total of ten members.

These activities were many and varied and included:-

A warm night of Indian curry cooking at Aileen Cabau's home;

A display and demonstration of china painting by Mrs. Condy which was very interesting and informative;

Robin Whitaker gave us an insight into the National Party which was enjoyed by all;

Mrs. E. Potter and Mrs. R. Holt were among those who presented Bible studies.

Our meetings were held in various homes, both those of our group and of other church members.

Grace Law fulfilled a request by her friends at work for lamingtons by organizing a drive from her home at which three of our members assisted. Proceeds of \$50 were given to Social Services Family Group Homes project.

This year we have planned some changes to our group to attract a wider range of ages and interests. Those elected to office for 1979 are Mrs. R. Whitaker as Convenor and Mrs. R. White as Secretary.

Nola Woodward

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHURCH OF CHRIST,
430 ANN STREET, BRISBANE, HELD IN THE CHAPEL AT 7.30 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1979.

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- PRESENT: There were 54 members present. Bro. J. R. Watson occupied the chair.
- OPENING: The meeting opened with the singing of hymn - "We serve a risen Saviour" - after which the chairman led in prayer.
Devotions were led by Bro. R. White centred upon - "The call of the church - Jesus Christ lives out His life in us."
Then followed a time of prayer in which Mr. J. H. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Hoens, Mr. R. Whitaker and the secretary shared whilst others prayed silently.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for non-attendance was received from Miss N. Maiden, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Law, Mr. Ivan Law, Miss Grace Law and Mrs. R. Whitaker.
- MINUTES: Minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on March 1, 1978, were read, and were confirmed and signed.
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
- The chairman reported on planning arrangements for the church family camp.
- CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from C.W.F. regarding supply of flowers was received.
- REPORTS: It was resolved that the reports, copies of which had been duplicated and distributed to members, be taken as read.
- Arising out of the church secretary's report it was resolved that we record in the minutes and that we convey to Mrs. Flood the sentiments expressed in paragraph 3 of the report.
- Comments regarding the treasurer's report dealt with the percentage allocation of budget offerings to Brotherhood Committees and the cost of calls made on the phone at the chapel after deduction of \$9.08 received in the phone cash box.
It was resolved that we do not distribute Christmas Bowl Appeal material, but urge our folk to contribute to C.O.C.O.A.
It was further resolved that contributions to the support of Bill Buli be increased from \$1880 p.a. to \$2068 p.a.
- It was noted from the report of the C.W.F. that over \$1200 had been distributed during the year through 17 different channels.
- During discussion of the choir report, there were comments concerning the 'lift' that the choir gives to the evening services. Words of thanks were expressed to the musicians - Mr. S. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Watson.
- The Youth Group report brought commendation of the work of Mr. Geoff Melvin and his helpers, which was supported by acclamation.
- The addition of a report from the Evening Friendship Group was noted.
- All reports were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Six nominations had been received for appointment as Officers for the next two years, and each of these was duly elected as a result of the ballot. They were: C. COLSTON, W. H. LAW, D. OAKES, R. P. SMITH, R. WHITAKER and J. R. WATSON.

ELECTION OF ELDERS:

Elders re-elected were W. S. HOENS, R. H. PROUD, H. RISSON and N. WATSON.

BALLOT PAPERS:

It was resolved that the ballot papers be destroyed before the close of the meeting.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

It was agreed that Mr. R. H. Proud be granted leave of absence for eight (8) weeks during which period he would be undertaking a special course in evangelism.

BIBLE READINGS:

There was almost unanimous support for continuing the following practice with respect to Bible readings as adopted since April, 1975:

"The King James version of the Bible will be the translation for general use and the pulpit Bible, but if a reader, during his prior study, finds that he is able to have a fuller understanding using another translation, he shall be free to use the version of his choosing, but he should announce, prior to his reading in the service, the version he is using."

CONCLUSION:

The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m. with prayer by the chairman.

February 27, 1980.

CONFIRMED:


Chairman