

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

No. 15

JANUARY

1950

MINISTER:—The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D., The Manse, Aberdour.
ASSISTANT MINISTER:—Mr JACK RICHARDSON, B.D., The University, Edinburgh.

Session Clerk—Mr A. R. Milne, Station House.
Acting Clerk to the Congregational Board—Miss H. M. Somerville, Viewforth House, Seaside Place.
Treasurer—Mr C. J. Kerr, J.P., National Bank House.
Proclamations Officer—Mr H. Cecil Lyon, Park View, Park Lane.
Organists: Aberdour—Mr J. Gillespie, Ardene.
 Dalgety—Mrs Machin, Wayside, Aberdour.
Beadles: Aberdour—Mr Lawrence Moir, Sands Houses.
 Dalgety—Mr Harry Moyes, Chesters Cottage.

TIMES OF SERVICE.

Aberdour—In St. Fillan's Church and St. Colme's Church alternately, at 11 and 6.30. (A notice is put up each week outside the Parish Hall saying in which Church the Services are the following Sunday).

Dalgety—Every Sunday at 12.30.

Primary Sunday School—St. Colme's Church, 12.20 p.m.

Senior Sunday School—Alternating according to the Church in which the service is being held, at 12.20 p.m.

Dalgety Sunday School—Dalgety Church, 11.30 a.m.

Junior Bible Class—St. Fillan's Hall, 12.20 p.m.

The Young People's Fellowship—St. Fillan's Hall, 7.45 p.m.

Woman's Guild—St. Fillan's Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.45 p.m., and on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Romans called the first month of the year after their God Janus, because he had two faces—one looking backward and the other looking forward. In this New Year letter, I would follow the god's example and ask you to look back with me, and then, having done so, to look forward.

The year that has gone has been a very exceptional one indeed for the congregation, and I believe that it must be very rare that any congregation should have so many special occasions as we have had in our parishes here. They began with my Induction and the Introductory Services conducted by Mr Hutchison of Errol. They were followed very shortly after by a service in Dalgety, when the Rev. James Webster dedicated the Font to the memory of Donald S. Rose, lately minister of the church. In July the congregation made what we intend to be an annual pilgrimage to the Island of Inchcolme and worshipped there. At Harvest the Churches were decorated and the old and the sick were remembered by the congregations. October, the month of the communions, was particularly eventful. In St. Fillan's, Mr Stalker dedicated memorials to old friends of the congregation, and in St. Colme's a bronze plaque was erected to the memory of the Rev. John Brown, who ministered within its walls for forty-seven years. There followed our Remembrance Services in November; then the Woman's Guild Sale of Work with its most gratifying result; and the year drew to a close with the Children's Christmas Tableau and the Christmas Services in which the choir took a leading part. Looking back now, one realises what tremendous activity there has been, but activity is not everything; and I am glad that it has been matched by a strengthening of our fellowship and a deepening of our Spiritual Life. God was very truly with us in 1949.

But now let us look forward. I do not suggest for a moment that numbers or attendances are any criterion of the strength of Christ's Church in the Parishes of Aberdour and Dalgety. God does not work in numbers. But I do wonder what happens on a Sunday to the other thousand souls amongst us who do not come within our walls. Each Sunday there are at the

most some four hundred who come to Service, Sunday School, Bible Class or Fellowship. What of the rest? Some are too young. Some are too old. Some are too sick and some too frail. Some too busy and others too tied. But what of the rest?

That is your task and mine for 1950.

May God's blessing be upon you and yours in all your going out and coming in.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

ELECTION OF ELDERS.

The Kirk Session deeming it desirable that an addition be made to the Eldership, it was decided that the method of election be by "signed lists." These lists were duly submitted and, on 4th December, Mr R. Amos and Mr G. Herd were ordained and Mr T. M. Paterson admitted to the office of Eldership in St. Colme's Church; and on 11th December Mr J. Hutchison was ordained and Mr J. Barr admitted to the office of Eldership in Dalgety Church. At both services Mr Rutherford suitably addressed the new elders on the duties of those accepting the office.

THE REV. JOHN BROWN MEMORIAL.

On Sunday, 18th October, the Bronze Memorial Plaque to the memory of the late Rev. John Brown, who ministered in St. Colme's Church for 47 years and was its minister for 63 years, was unveiled by Mrs James Young, his eldest daughter, and was afterwards dedicated by the minister who, in the course of his address, paid tribute to Mr Brown's labours as a pastor and preacher. There was a large congregation, amongst whom we were pleased to welcome all the members of his family.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP.

During the winter session the young people have been trying to answer the question "What is Man" through the study of Jesus, the Son of God. Our average attendance has been thirty and the discussions afterwards have been both spirited and constructive. We have taken the opportunity of joining with other groups in the monthly broadcast service and have enjoyed feeling that we are part of the greater fellowship of young people throughout Scotland.

On December 4th we visited the St. Columba's Church Y.P.F. at Burntisland and joined with them in a discussion on "What is the Church's Business." Parties were held in the Church Hall at Hallowe'en and Christmas, and on Christmas night we sang carols at a number of points throughout the village.

JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

The Junior Bible Class spent a happy evening on 28th of December at the Christmas party given by Mr Patterson, their Superintendent, and his wife at South House.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild have had a very successful session. The speakers have been most varied and have been enjoyed by a large turnout of members. The meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month—in the afternoon at 2.45 on the second Tuesday and the evening at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday. A Sale of Work was held on 3rd December and the gratifying sum of £266 7s 6d was realised. The Woman's Guild is very grateful to the congregation for its whole-hearted support. Stall Conveners (Sale of Work)—Work: Mrs Wright; Cake and Candy: Mrs Rutherford; Produce: Mrs W. E. Crowe; Provisions: Mrs J. Mitchell; Jumble: Mrs Kerr. A Christmas Party was held on 27th December, and the members spent a most enjoyable evening in games and dancing. A small charge was made to defray the costs. The Guild looks forward to renewed activities in 1950.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School, both Primary and Senior, was well attended during the Autumn term, and as home activities have been well supported by gifts which included £10 from the Woman's Guild and £7 from the retiring collections on Christmas Day, it has again been possible to give a sum of £23 to others, being £18 to schemes of the Church—£12 to Missions, and £5 divided between the National Bible Society and the Mission to Lepers.

On the evening of the Sunday before Christmas, a Christmas tableau with appropriate carols and solos was given by members of the Sunday School, assisted by Miss Nora Kirkhouse and Miss Yvonne Lloyd of the primary staff as Joseph and Mary. The tableau, which was produced by Miss N. Fairley, Dalnacraig, with the able assistance of Mr G. Gillespie at the organ, gave pleasure to a large congregation in St. Colme's Church.

The Christmas parties took place—in Hillend School on the 22nd December for Dalgety, where Mrs Machin had the most satisfactory attendance of 37 scholars—and on the 24th in the Parish Hall for Aberdour, where, as usual, there was one for the Primary in the afternoon and a second for the Seniors the same evening. At both parties there was an attendance of over 50 scholars, and the active participation of Mr and Mrs Rutherford, of Mr Richardson, and of Mr Adams was very welcome at them all. "Santa Claus" was, of course, a very popular visitor at all three children's parties.

R.R.C.

ACCESSIONS.

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH—Mr and Mrs Blaik, 25 Humble Terrace.
Mr Andrew Paton, 51 High Street.
Miss Joy Robinson, 87 High Street.
Mr Sidney Todd, The Institute.
Mr William Todd, The Institute.

BY CERTIFICATE—Mr and Mrs Archer, Couston.
Mrs T. Brown, Dunster, Seaside Place.
Mrs J. E. Todd, 81 High Street.

BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK SESSION—Miss Sarah Badenoch, The Schoolhouse.
Mrs J. Gibson, c/o Gullen, The Glebe.
Mrs Todd, Akabo, The Glebe.
Mrs A. Wotherspoon, Woodbine Villa, Seaside Pl.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Mr and Mrs C. M. Cooper to Midcalder.
Miss Simpson to Burntisland.
Mr Charles Methven to Windygates.
Mr and Mrs J. McNab to Dysart.
Mrs Dooner to Edinburgh.
Mr John Affleck to London.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

2nd October 1949—John Balmain Jamieson, Dunfermline.
9th " " —Agnes Ferns Davidson Currie, Petrie's Buildings, Easter Aberdour.
9th " " —Neil Nicolson Gray Ford, Shore Road.
23rd " " —Mrs Hughina Blaik, Humble Terrace.
30th " " —Ian Leslie Knight Gibson, The Glebe, Easter Aberdour.
7th November " —Mrs Christina Lindsay Steel, Dalgety Lodge.
7th " " —Donald Russell Steel, Dalgety Lodge.
18th December " —Lynn Jeffery, Petrie's Buildings, Easter Aberdour.
25th " " —Donald Mackay Beveridge, High Street.

MARRIAGE.

"What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

29th December 1949—James Ward to Margaret Bald.

DEATHS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

7th July 1949—Mrs Jessie Smith, Livingston Lane.
21st Nov. " —James Thomson, Ardgowan, Easter Aberdour.
21st " " —Mrs Gilmour, Humble Terrace.
24th Dec. " —Thomas Dean (infant), Rosyth.

LIST OF ELDERS AND DISTRICTS.

Mr AFFLECK	...	...	Seaside Place.
Mr AMOS	...	...	Sunnybrae to Old Manse inclusive, and Murrell Terrace.
Mr BALD, Junr.	...	...	Moray Place to Lily Place inclusive.
Mr BARR	...	...	North side of Hillend Village.
Mr BRAES	...	...	The Banks, Scotswalls, Old Whitehill, Couston House, St. Colme Lodge, Croftgary, Sawmills and The Murrell.
Mr CROWE	...	...	Manse Street, Livingston Lane and Station Place.
Mr CLARKE	...	...	Beechwood to Margate inclusive, Home Park and Hawkraig Road.
Mr EWING	...	...	All houses on South side of Main Road on Donibristle Estate.
Mr FORBES	...	...	All members residing in Inverkeithing and Rosyth.
Mr FULTON	...	...	Balmule, Bawbee, Cullalo, Newbigging, Nine Lums and all members residing in Burntisland.
Mr HENDERSON	...	...	South side of High Street from P.O. to Avondale.
Mr HERD	...	...	South side of Humbie Terrace.
Mr HUTCHISON	...	...	Fordell, Vantage, Couston Farm, Cockairnie, Otterston and Chapel Farm.
Mr INGLIS	...	...	Gracemount to Helenslea inclusive, Humbie Farm and Dalachy Farm.
Mr LAIRD	...	...	Letham, St. Davids, and all Dalgety members residing in Aberdour.
Mr LAMB	...	...	North side of High Street from Elmwood to Netherhill, including Bouprie Farm.
Mr LYON	...	...	Top of Shore Road to Star Hotel inclusive, Park Lane and Coal Wynd.
Mr McANDIE	...	...	South side of High Street from No. 1 to 41 inclusive. North side of High Street from No. 4 to Aberdour Hotel inclusive.
Mr McNAE	...	...	South side of Hillend Village and members residing in North Queensferry.
Mr MITCHELL	...	...	Murrell Road and the Glebe.
Mr PATTERSON	...	...	North side of Humbie Terrace.
Dr. PRIMMER	...	...	Shore Road from Whitehall to Rockcliffe Shore Front to Hawkraig House inclusive.

ABERDOUR AND DALGETY CONGREGATION.

Abstract of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st Dec., 1949.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Collections:—		By Assembly Funds:—	
Church Door Collections ...	£231 8 2	Maintenance of Ministry Fund ...	£80 1 9
Weekly Freewill Offerings ...	423 16 11	Other Schemes ...	238 11 2
Special Collections ...	52 5 5		£318 12 11
Donations ...	34 12 8	Minister's Stipend (as far as paid by Congregation) ...	98 1 8
Per Lady Collectors ...	32 14 0	Salaries of Organists and Church Officers ...	197 11 8
Assembly and Other Funds ...	30 15 7	Upkeep of Churches, etc.:—	
	£805 12 9	Rent, Taxes and Insurance ...	£134 5 9
Woman's Guild ...	295 0 4	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning ...	74 19 4
Congregational Organisations ...	80 10 11	Repairs and Renewals ...	168 6 3
	£1181 4 0		377 11 4
" Trust Investments:—		Miscellaneous:—	
For Stipend ...	£50 15 9	Printing and Stationery ...	£51 17 6
" Benevolent Fund ...	8 10 8	Vacancy Expenses ...	29 12 4
" Other Church Purposes ...	7 5 5	Telephone, Postages and Hires ...	21 8 6
" Alex. Wallace Memorial Fund ...	6 16 4	Communion Expenses ...	16 6 10
" Assembly Funds ...	29 9 7	Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Dues ...	16 6 8
" Repairs ...	6 3 3		135 11 10
" Upkeep of Graves ...	0 17 6	Memorials ...	156 18 5
	109 18 6	Benevolent Fund ...	36 15 11
" Bank Interest ...	2 6 5	Woman's Guild and other Organisations ...	160 1 0
" Rents ...	28 0 0	Outside Organisations:—	
" Memorials ...	100 7 0	Earl Haig Fund ...	£11 2 2
" Balances brought forward:—		Mission to Lepers ...	2 0 0
Congregational Fund ...	£69 11 7	National Bible Society ...	3 0 0
Woman's Guild ...	63 7 5	Other Funds ...	2 2 0
Fabric Fund ...	37 12 9		18 4 2
Other Funds ...	181 7 6	Balances on Hand:—	
Memorials ...	351 19 3	Congregational Fund ...	£14 17 4
	£1773 15 2	Woman's Guild ...	25 13 0
	£1773 15 2	Fabric Fund ...	63 7 5
		Other Funds ...	38 13 8
		Memorials ...	131 14 10
			274 6 3
			£1773 15 2

C. J. KERR, *Treasurer.*

A. R. MILNE,
C. G. ANDERSON, } *Auditors.*

Audited and found correct.

Please bring this Report with you to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
the CONGREGATION which will be held in ST. FILLAN'S HALL,
on FRIDAY, 17th February, 1950, at 7 p.m.