

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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1950

MINISTER:—The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D., The Manse, Aberdour.
ASSISTANT MINISTER:—Mr HENRY C. MARTIN, B.A., The University, Edinburgh.

Session Clerk—Mr A. R. Milne, Station House.
Clerk to the Congregational Board—Mr J. Dawson Macfarlane, C.A., Braefoot, Easter Aberdour.
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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, Ardmohr.

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,

Once again we are at the beginning of a winter's work, but before I make any reference to it I must refer back to the event of the Summer—the Fête in aid of Church Extension. How amply our prayers for its success were answered. Three hours of fair weather on a rainy day gave us just sufficient time to gather in over Three Hundred and Seventy Pounds—a figure which has since been improved upon, and we shall be able to send this year some £400 towards our target. What appeared impossible to men was proved to be possible with God's help. Our true thanksgiving must, of course, be to Him, but I would thank again all those through whom He worked, the Church Extension Sub-Committee for their planning and members or friends who, by their labours or their giving, contributed to such a magnificent result. Had the Fête been in aid of our own congregation's finances we should still have had reason to be proud; but as it was for others it was an even greater achievement.

We look forward now to winter's activities. The Sunday Schools in both Aberdour and Dalgety have made a beginning; the Bible Class under Mr Paterson has started after the morning service for the youngsters from thirteen-and-a-half upwards; and the Young People's Fellowship has commenced on a Sunday Evening with an attendance of over thirty. I do hope that those of you who have young people of the age for those organisations, or know of them, will do your utmost to see that they become members and attend regularly. "To bring children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" is part of your baptismal vow, and that includes the promise to ensure your child has adequate teaching in the things of Christ. This year the Session plans a new venture. In an endeavour to inculcate in the children the regular habit of daily Bible reading, each child is to be issued free with "The Sword," the

Church of Scotland Daily Bible Readings for Children. The success of this will depend largely upon the parents reminding the children, and you could do no better than to make the habit of reading it and using it with your young folk.

The Woman's Guild has already made its beginning. It is hoped that by the continuance of both the afternoon and evening meetings it will be possible for as many of the ladies of the congregation as possible to attend. An invitation is extended particularly to the younger ladies. You will find a warm welcome and an interesting syllabus.

During the winter months it is hoped to start a meeting for Bible Study and Prayer. A meeting has been called of those interested, and before long we shall discover what form is best suited to the needs of our congregation. The Study of God's Word and the practice of Prayer is the beginning of all High Endeavour.

Sunday, 29th October, will be a great occasion in the life of the congregation. On that Sunday morning the memorial to Dr. Johnstone will be unveiled and dedicated. A very beautiful memorial in brass and vermilion, it contains the names of the ministers of St. Fillan's from Pre-reformation days and has special reference to Dr. Johnstone, through whose vision the church was restored in 1926. The memorial will be placed on the North wall of the Chancel, where it will be unveiled by Dr. Johnstone's son, Lawrence, minister of Clyne, and dedicated by the Rev. D. M. G. Stalker, B.D. We shall look forward to having Mrs. Johnstone and members of the family with us that day—a day which will be full of memories of one who was so deeply revered.

May God's blessing rest upon us all in our endeavours for His Kingdom.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The opening meeting, which was addressed by Mr. Rutherford, took place on Tuesday, 10th October, and it will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month the time of the meeting is 2.45 p.m. and on the 4th Tuesday it is at 7 p.m., in both cases in the Session room of St. Fillan's Hall. All ladies of the congregation are cordially invited.

E.K.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP.

The winter session has begun again and attendances are well maintained. The subject for discussion and study for the winter is "The Church." We shall again listen to the Broadcast Services for Youth and we are making arrangements to join hands with the other Fellowships in the vicinity.

A new Committee was elected as follows:—President, John Sinclair; Vice-President, Mary Bald; Secretary, Margaret Black; Treasurer, Victor Sword; Members of Committee, Mary Fraser and Tom Kinnear.

Our first week-night activity is a Birthday Party for our niece, Morag, on the 21st October.

A welcome is given to all Young People of the district from fifteen-and-a-half upwards to join with us on a Sunday evening after the Service.

BIBLE CLASS.

The class has now resumed for the winter session and meets in St. Fillan's Hall after the morning service. A welcome is extended to all girls and boys between the ages of 13½ and 15½ years. For the first part of the session we intend to study in detail the Lord's Prayer.

T.M.P.

ABERDOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Following the opening service which was combined with the Harvest Thanksgiving Services in St. Colme's Church on the 24th September, and in Dalgety on the same day, the ordinary meetings at 12.15 (always held in St. Colme's Session Room for the Primary, but at whichever church the service is held in for the older pupils) were resumed in Aberdour.

While the teaching staff has lost the services of Miss Yvonne Lloyd, on her marriage, of Miss Norah Kirkham who has gone to take up a post in London, and of Mr Sydney Todd, who has gone to take up a training course in Birmingham, it has already secured the services of two young female teachers, but, owing to the increased number of boys in the older classes, additional male teachers would be welcomed.

R.R.C.

CHURCH EXTENSION FETE.

The very great success of this effort which, with the addition of the collections taken at the service on Inchcolm and at the Social, will, after all expenses are met, provide a sum of £400 for the Church Extension Fund, is no doubt well known to all our members, but the convener of the committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the committee, and all stallholders and everyone who helped to make the Fête such a success.

R.R.C.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

- 29th July —David George Hutton, 1 Castle Terrace.
- 10th August—David Neil Low, 8 Manse Place.
- 20th August—Colin Cameron McKenzie, c/o Moyes, Murrell Road.

MARRIAGES.

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

- 3rd July—John Drake to Mary Josephine Falconer Ure.
- 21st July—Angus Donald McQueen to Marjorie Rose Silvester.
- 28th July—Arthur Donaldson Hamilton to Gracie Carnochan.

DEATHS.

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

- 5th August—Mrs Petrie, Balmule.
- 23rd August—Harold Day, Park Lane.

ACCESSIONS.

- By CERTIFICATE—Mr and Mrs Stoddart, Humbie Terrace.
Mr and Mrs Duthie, Aberdour Castle.
Mrs Brown, The Glebe.
- By PROFESSION—Catherine Black, Haw'craig Road.
James Brown, The Glebe.
Janet Finlay, 57 King Street, Cowdenbeath.
John Middlemass, Glebe Cottage, Dalgety.
Dorothy Spence, Cullaloe Farm.
Sheena Spence, Cullaloe Farm.
Ann Stirling, Barns, Dalgety.
Ian Stirling, Barns, Dalgety.
Ronald Russell, Harveyton, Easter Aberdour.

DISJUNCTIONS.

- Mr and Mrs Hall to Langholm.
- Mrs Harvey to Burntisland.
- Mr Sydney Todd to Birmingham.