

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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1951

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.

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Treasurer—Mr C. J. Kerr, J.P., National Bank House.

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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,

July 1951.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

At this season of the year everybody is thinking about holidays. There are some who have already been and who have a store of pleasant memories to carry with them; there are many who have yet to go, and who look forward with pleasant anticipation to travel and new sights and scenes; and there are amongst us those who are on holiday enjoying the beauty of our coast line. We cannot very well avoid thinking about them. But though that is so, it is not true that we have become so used to them that we take them for granted. Holidays as we know them to-day have come, for the mass of the people at least, only within the century. Few of our grandparents enjoyed a fortnight or even a week of freedom.

Is there not a danger to-day that in the mad rush to fit in as much as we possibly can the purpose of the holiday may be forgotten? My dictionary gives it as "recreation." I think, not in the modern sense, but in the original sense of "re-create." Our holidays are given us that after toil, we may come back strengthened in body and refreshed in mind. Properly planned and used they do have that effect. We are built up the better to face the months ahead. Yet how many there are who misuse their holiday, and after a hectic week or fortnight come back less able to grapple with the problems of life.

How true that is of the original holiday or Holy Day—the Lord's Day. It is the day given to us for recreation, not only in body and mind, but more particularly in spirit. It has become for most a day of recreation, but not re-creation, and they return to work on a Monday morning, with a Monday feeling, tired after their Holy Day. How to use Sunday is a problem which faces every Christian to-day, but it will not present much of a problem to you, if you seek to use it to re-create your body, mind and soul for the work God has given you to do. You will easily discover what it is your body lacks; you will seek to turn your mind to those things which are best, stimulating and pure; and you will be led to seek out God himself, that beginning the week with Him he may continue with you till the end.

May God's blessing rest upon you and yours this holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The annual outing of the Woman's Guild took place on 31st May when eighty members and friends had a most enjoyable outing to Deeside. The route was by Perth to Blairgowrie where a stop was made for half-an-hour. Thence to Braemar up the Devil's Elbow, where large snow patches still lingered on the hills. After lunch at Braemar we took the road to Crathie where we saw over the church. Royal Deeside was looking its best in the brilliant sunshine with which we were favoured. Tea was served at Stonehaven and there we turned homewards. We had a long way before us and it was late indeed when we reached the village, but it was voted a great day by everyone. The Guild resumes its fortnightly meetings in October and all women in the congregation are invited to join our number.

E.W.K.

ABERDOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Saturday, 16th June, the annual excursion of the Sunday School took place to Broomhall Estate. This year for the first time we went in buses. A very pleasant park, in the near vicinity of the mansion house, provided a highly suitable place for games, but, unfortunately, the weather was very broken until the evening, a particularly heavy shower rendering shelter under the trees necessary for some time. While, by the kindness of the Minister and Session of Limekilns Church, their church hall was available in case of a wet day, and also by the kindness of Mr Knox, occupier of Leckerstone Farm, their extensive barns were at our disposal; both places were too distant from the field for use in a temporary emergency. Nevertheless, the full programme of races was successfully carried through, and swings, cricket, football and rounders filled in spare time, and a good tea was enjoyed. An unusually large attendance of parents, along with the scholars, completely filled the two double deck and one single deck buses, and the Rev. D. Rutherford and Mrs Rutherford and Mr H. C. Martin were present and took a very active part in the entertainment of the children. Thanks for supplies of milk are due to Mr Inglis, Dalachy, Mr Rennie, Humble, and Mr Kerr, Beuprie, and to the Earl of Elgin and his Factor, Mr Farquhar, for permission to use the park.

ABERDOUR FLOWER SERVICE.

The Annual Flower Service was held in St. Fillan's Church on the morning of Sunday, the 24th June, and in spite of the late coming of summer weather this year, a beautiful array of blooms was provided by the scholars of the Sunday School. After a most appropriate address by the Minister, all the scholars of the Primary Department received books, whilst book prizes for diligence or attendance were given to pupils of the Senior Department. A

prize was also given by Mr Rutherford for the best essay on the series of children's addresses, "What Christian Children ought to be."

After the morning service gifts of flowers, fruit and eggs were distributed to the sick or aged of the congregation, and after the evening service the remainder of the flowers and gifts were, by the kind assistance of Mr Braes, taken to the Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital. Warm appreciation was expressed by all the recipients.

DALGETY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On 10th June the Sunday School, accompanied by parents and friends, enjoyed a perfect afternoon at the Seacourt of Donibristle Park. Races and games were taken part in by young and old alike, and at tea the children were given a short account of the history of the ancient site. Our debt is due to those who made the visit possible.

The Annual Flower Service was held on the 24th June. The church was beautifully decorated, and afterwards the gifts of flowers and produce were sent to the sick and aged in our own parish and to the Northern Hospital and Garvock House. At the close of the service the children were presented with prizes for attendance and diligence.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP DRIVE.

This year the annual excursion of the Youth Fellowship was held on the evening of Tuesday, 19th June, when a visit was paid to Kinnoul Hill, Perth. Favourable weather added to the enjoyment of the run and of the extensive views from the hill. Mr Rutherford accompanied the party which, after spending some time in Perth, returned again by way of Kirkcaldy.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

15th April—Jan Adams Rutherford.
29th " —Rhona Williamson Jackson Keir.
5th May—Evelyn McMeekan Wilkie.
23rd June—Linda Williamson.
24th " —Ronald William Lorimer Turnbull.

MARRIAGE.

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

6th June—Walter Ross Crowe to Eliza Smith Lonie.

DEATHS.

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

7th February—Miss Knox, Annan.
18th May —Mrs Bickett, Hillend.
21st June —Mr Manson, Easter Aberdour.

ACCESSIONS.

By Profession—Miss Lawson, The Glebe.
Mr Walker, Eden Cottage.
By Certificate—Mrs Anderson, 5 Lily Place.
Mrs Bona, 5 Lily Place.
Mrs Lochtie, 28 Murrell Road.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Mrs Cunningham, 1 Humbie Terrace, to Stirling.