

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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MINISTER:—The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D., The Manse, Aberdour.

ASSISTANT MINISTER:—Mr HENRY C. MARTIN, B.A., The University, Edinburgh.

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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.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Already a good beginning has been made upon the winter's work. Our Church activities are again in full swing and a warm welcome is given to new members. May I again stress the importance of the young people being encouraged to attend the appropriate department of the Sunday Schools and Bible Class. They need encouragement. It should not be left to them to decide whether they are to go or not. The ensuring that the child received adequate instruction in the Christian faith is what all parents promised at Baptism, when they vowed that they would bring the child up "in the nurture and admonition of the faith." It is not too late to send your children and, by doing so, fully implement the promises made in the presence of God.

Our evening service re-commenced in September, and the numbers attending are increasing slowly. My study for the months to come is the "Acts of the Apostles" and in the study of that wonderful book of the early Church we shall find much which will help us in our church life as well as in our private lives. The early Christians had the same problems, the same difficulties, the same temptations, the same besetting sins, and in the record of their success and failure we can learn many valuable lessons. One thing in which they seem to have differed from us was in their sense of Fellowship. They had no doubt the advantage of being brought into close contact with each other in the Upper Room with a common fear of the Jewish Rulers, but there is no getting away from it, that in the modern church we tend to be merely a collection of Christians. On a Sunday we come together from the bounds of the parish and then disperse again. Perhaps there is something which each of us can do to make our worship on Sundays more than a meeting, to make it instead the cementing of a fellowship of those who believe in Jesus Christ. It is not so much what we do, though a word and a smile can help, but it is in an attitude of mind.

After the Communion I purpose making a third visitation of the congregation. My last visitation, though not announced from the pulpit, was nevertheless systematic, but if I have omitted any members, I hope I shall be reminded. On this occasion I shall visit district by district, but should there be anyone who wishes a visit, I shall only be too glad to call.

I must not close this letter without making reference to the marriage which took place on 4th September in St. Giles' Cathedral, when Mr Martin, our assistant, was married to Miss Ishbel Brown. Previously Mr Lamb had presented Mr Martin with a travelling clock and a note case on behalf of the Congregational Board and expressed the good wishes of the congregation, but I now take this opportunity to wish them all happiness and God's blessing in their life together.

And may His love be with you all.

Sincerely, your Minister,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

SERVICE AT ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH.

The Session having approved the suggestion that a second out-door afternoon service should be held during the months of July and August when no evening service takes place, it was agreed that the first of these services should be held in the ruined historic church of St. Bridget (St. Bride) on the shores of Dalgety Bay, on the afternoon of Sunday, 8th July. Despite very heavy rain, which most unfortunately coincided with the time of the service, a quite large congregation assembled, a number availing themselves of the permission kindly granted to walk out by Donibristle Avenue. In the course of an interesting address, the Rev. D. Rutherford, M.C., B.D., mentioned some of the historic events connected with the old church. The praise was led by Mr Gillespie, assisted by members of the choir.

R.R.C.

ANNUAL SERVICE ON INCHCOLM.

On the afternoon of Sunday, 5th August, the third annual service on Inchcolm was again favoured with good weather. Despite there being only one motor boat available, such good service was given by means of repeated runs of the "Lady Dour," that a considerable congregation was able to assemble by the time the service started in the Abbey Garden.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. Rutherford, M.C., B.D., whose inspiring address made reference to the historic chronicle compiled in Inchcolm Abbey by one of the earliest Scottish historians, Abbot Bower.

Mr Gillespie, precentor, was well supported by members of the choir in the praise, and a reasonably calm sea and the good weather contributed to the comfort and enjoyment of the congregation. The sum of £6 5s was contributed towards the Church Extension Fund of the Church of Scotland.

Since the holding of this service we have been very sorry to learn of the sudden death of Mr Scougall, the Curator in charge of the Abbey. His willing help in preparations for the service, and kindly welcome, will be greatly missed on future occasions.

R.R.C.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The opening meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon. There was a splendid turnout of members which promises well for the winter session. Arrangements were made for a Sale of Work to be held on Saturday, December 8th, for which the Woman's Guild look confidently to the congregation for their customary loyal support. Mrs Rutherford welcomes any new members who would care to come to our meetings.

E.W.K.

DALGETY CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

On the evening of Sunday, 30th September, Dalgety Children's Choir presented the Cantata, "The Mission of the Flowers." There was a large congregation of parents and friends. The church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival and the evening proved a memorable one. The children did well, and were a credit to the training of Mrs Machin, the organist, and Mrs Forbes who assisted. Afterwards the flowers and fruit were distributed to the sick and the elderly and the remainder sent to the hospital in Dunfermline.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP.

The winter session has just begun. We look forward with interest to the syllabus. Its title is "The Christian Offensive," and we shall consider such subjects as "The Christian Ultimatum," "Victories Already Won," "Opponents of Christianity," "Christian Armour and Equipment," "Where the Battle Rages." We plan a Birthday Party for our niece Morag at Hallowe'en. Inverkeithing Youth Fellowship have invited us to a Debate. The subject is "Is Gambling in all its forms a Crime?" A warm welcome is given to all young people to join the Fellowship.

DALGETY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The numbers attending the Sunday School have again increased and it has been found necessary to form a Bible Class. The Bible Class meets at the same hour as the Sunday School, and after a common act of worship, holds its meeting in the vestry. A welcome is given to the older boys and girls of the parish to join it.

ABERDOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meetings were resumed on Sunday, 23rd September, with a good attendance of young people, and teaching strength in the Senior Department has been brought up to requirements by the return of Mr C. Alexander—unfortunately for a limited period only—and Mr John Amos; the transfer of Miss Shiela McLaren from the Primary, and the accession of Mr Robert Walker and Mr Cecil Lyon, whom we welcome to our ranks; while the Primary receives Miss Margaret Kerr, Miss Audrey Baker, Miss Janet Graham, and Miss Anne Stewart. We extend our best wishes to two former members of the staff, Miss Margaret E. Kerr, now Mrs A. Webster, and Miss Joy Robinson, now Mrs S. Todd, on the occasion of their marriages, and thank them for their very good service in previous sessions.

R.R.C.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

8th July —James Wotherspoon.
5th August—Robert George Lyon.
5th August—John Raymond Dean.
3rd Oct. —Sarah Murdoch.
7th Oct. —Helen Mary Dryburgh.

MARRIAGES.

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

11th July —Tom J. C. Morris to Catherine C. Black.
1st August —Sydney Todd to Joy Robinson.
4th August —Alexander Webster to Margaret E. Kerr.
4th September—Henry C. Martin to Ishbel E. D. Brown.
15th September—George Pearson to Joan Gunn.
22nd September—Louis L. Roberts to Janet McL. Robertson.

DEATHS.

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

15th July —Mr Whigham, Castle Terrace.
26th July —Capt. Tough, The Glebe.
29th July —Mr Nisbet, Ivy House, Seaside Place.
6th September—Mr Beveridge, Co-operative Buildings.
13th September—Miss Russell, Manse Street.
29th September—Mrs Steedman, Seafeld Farm, St. Davids.
2nd October —Mrs Reid, Ogden, Murrel Road.

ACCESSIONS.

BY CERTIFICATE—Mr and Mrs Adam Black, Letham Cottages.
Mr and Mrs Ralph Brown, The Pleasants.
Mrs John Inglis, Craighkennochie Terrace, Burntisland.
Mr and Mrs Balfour Lindsay, Police House.
Mr and Mrs Wm. Murdoch, The Pleasants Cottage.
Miss J. Simpson, Aberdour Hotel.
Mr and Mrs John Webster, 48 Grange Road, Burntisland.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Mrs Oliver, High Street, to Perth.
Mrs Guthrie, Old Manse, to Canada.
Mr and Mrs Brown, St. Helens, to Aberfeldy.
Mrs Parnell, Four Lums Cottages, to Canada.