

# Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

No. 23

JANUARY

1952

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.  
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, 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 I begin the January letter by wishing you all God's blessing in this New Year. In these unsettled times when no one is able to forecast with any certainty what the days will bring forth, we are brought back time and again to those things which are certain, the sure mercies of God. We have proved them for ourselves. We can say with St. Paul, "I am persuaded that neither life nor death, . . . nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord," and to claim with the writer to the Hebrews also that hope which we have "as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." With a faith like that life becomes simpler; the worries and anxieties recede; and we look forward with confidence.

"He that trusteth in the Lord,  
Mercy shall compass Him about."

In adopting Morag Laird the Young People's Fellowship have brought to many people in Aberdour a new interest in the work of the Church of Scotland Children's Homes. Personal contact makes a dull title live. Our congregation has made another such link. "Foreign Missions" is a soulless title until it takes shape in actual individuals in far-off lands. From now on we in Aberdour and Dalgety are to be linked with the work in Kenya. We have undertaken (at the request of our own Congregational Board) to be responsible for part of the salary of Dr Wilkinson of Tumutumu. We shall hear from him from time to time, and when he returns on furlough he will come and pay us a visit. As the years pass we shall get to know him as our own missionary. He is a doctor who served during the war with the R.A.M.C., and on the cessation of hostilities he returned to Edinburgh to take his theological course. He is both doctor and minister. His wife is a daughter of one of our missionaries.

They have been working in Kenya since 1946. Dr and Mrs Wilkinson have already moved since we first had word of our "partnership" from Kikuyu to Tumutumu, and there is a likelihood that they will move again, so our interest will not be in a particular hospital or church, but in the doctor and his wife and their work.

One word on home affairs. The result of the Sale of Work on Saturday, 8th December, was £245. It was a result which gave great satisfaction to all concerned: to the Woman's Guild which worked so hard; to the Congregational Board at whose request it was undertaken; and to all those liberally-hearted folk who have the welfare of the Church at heart. It has enabled us to give with freedom to the many urgent calls which the Church makes upon us, and to go forward into the New Year well prepared for the expenditure which lies ahead of us. We look forward now to the day when we can say, "our buildings are in a good state of repair, and the time has come when we can undertake the much needed redecoration of the hall."

I am,

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

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#### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.

The service on Christmas morning in St. Fillan's Church, which had been beautifully decorated, drew a record congregation, showing the increasing feeling for the sacred character of the day. The evening service on New Year's Sunday in St. Colme's Church had a choral character, the choir rendering appropriate psalms and hymns.

#### WOMAN'S GUILD.

The meetings this session have been very well attended, and we have had a great variety of speakers. The Sale of Work on 8th December was a great success and realised the sum of £245 12s 11d. The Woman's Guild are greatly indebted to the congregation for their support of this effort. There was a good attendance at the Guild Christmas Party, when a very enjoyable programme of games and singing was carried through under the leadership of Mr and Mrs Rutherford. Santa Claus paid an unexpected visit, and his surprising local knowledge was greatly enjoyed by the members.

E.W.K.

#### ABERDOUR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

On Sunday, the 28th of October, 1951, the Youth Fellowship held their election of office-bearers and the following committee was elected:—President, Miss Mary Bald; Vice-President, Miss Sheila Milne; Treasurer, Mr John Simpson; Secretary, Mr John Amos; Committee Members, Miss Audrey Baker and Mr William Bald. During the month of November the Fellowship entered into discussions on "The Church and its Work." The subject under discussion during December was "The Church and its Opponents," and the most outstanding discussion of the month was "The Church and Communism." On the evening of Friday, the 21st of December, the Fellowship held their annual party which was well attended and very much enjoyed. We were also very pleased to welcome twenty-five members of Inverkeithing Fellowship to our party. In accordance with the usual custom the Aberdour Youth Fellowship devoted Sunday, 23rd December, to carol singing and realised the sum of £14 7s 6d for Church of Scotland Orphan Homes. The subject for January is "What should a Christian be?" or "What would a Non-Christian look for in a Christian?" There is an average attendance of 25. At the end of the year the Fellowship funds were distributed as follows:—£35 to the Children's Home in which our adopted niece Morag is being looked after; £2 to the Bible Society; £2 to the Mission for Lepers; and £5 for the work of our Missionary, Doctor Wilkinson.

J.A.

#### ABERDOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School Parties were held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 22nd December, when new decorations added much to the brightness of the scene, these having been provided jointly by the Youth Fellowship and the Sunday School. "Father Christmas" visited the Primary Party in the afternoon when all the children received gifts. In the evening at the Senior Party each pupil brought a gift of an old toy or book which "Father Christmas" called to collect. The children later received apples, oranges and a plentiful supply of balloons. Their gifts were later taken over to Edinburgh by Mr R. Clark, Roselea, Home

Park, in his car, and to him our thanks are due. Warm thanks have been received from the Church of Scotland Children's Homes to whom the gifts were taken. Our thanks for the supply of milk are again due to Messrs Kerr, Beuprie; Inglis, Dalachy; and Rennie, Humbie. A splendid attendance of both teachers and children in the afternoon and evening, and the presence throughout both parties of Mr and Mrs Rutherford, and of Mr H. C. Martin, ensured a most successful Christmas party. On the morning of Christmas Sunday, 23rd December, the children went with their teachers to a special Children's Service in St. Colme's Church, when the address was given by the Minister, the Rev. D. Rutherford, M.C., B.D. In the evening a Nativity Tableau was produced by pupils and the younger members of the Sunday School staff. Solos and carols were sung by members of the staff and scholars. The costumes and scenery added to the appreciation of a large congregation, and great credit is again due to Miss N. Fairley and Miss Simmers for their work in training the choir and producing the tableau, and to Mr Gillespie for officiating at the organ.

The Sunday Schools allocated collections to Foreign Missions, the Santalia Mission, Children's Mission, the Children's Church, C. of S. Children's Homes, Youth and Education, and to the National Bible Society and the Mission to Lepers, and the amount of the joint contributions exceeded £30.  
R.R.C.

#### DALGETY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Friday, 30th November, a party for the senior scholars was held in the Church Hall in Aberdour, and an enjoyable evening was spent. On Friday, the 21st December, the Sunday School Christmas Party was held in the School at Hillend, which had been decorated for the occasion by the teachers. "Father Christmas" paid his customary visit, and entertainment was given by two little girl dancers from Inverkeithing. Mr and Mrs Rutherford took part in a highly successful party.

On Christmas Eve, 24th December, a most successful rendering of "A Christmas Mission" was given by members of the Sunday School and Bible Class. The background was a tableau of the Nativity and carols representative of different countries were rendered. Great credit is due to Mrs Machin and Mrs Forbes for this service. Practices for a Harvest Thanksgiving Service will commence in April, and the good attendance at the Junior Choir and Bible Class have been a great encouragement to their leader, Mrs Machin. R.R.C.

#### BAPTISMS.

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."*

28th October—Charles Angus McLean Townsend.  
1st Dec. —Olive Ann Jeffrey.  
29th Dec. —Judith Margaret Lindsay.

#### MARRIAGES.

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

20th Dec.—Albert John Stanbridge to Henrietta Stevenson Scott.  
26th Dec.—John Crisp Yellowley to Elizabeth Fulton Spence Inkster.

#### DEATHS.

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

25th Nov.—Mrs McIntyre, West End.  
8th Dec.—Miss Davidson, Barns Cottages.

#### ACCESSIONS.

BY PROFESSION—Mrs Doris Burniston, Milne Place.  
Mr David Moir, Sands Place.  
Mr Roy Milne, 27 High Street.  
Mrs Doreen Sells, Thorn Cottage.

BY CERTIFICATE—Mr and Mrs John Campbell, Clachaig.

#### DISJUNCTIONS.

Mr and Mrs A. Marshall, Hillend to Cupar.  
Mr and Mrs Conelly, Hillend to Inverkeithing.  
Mrs Johnstone Morris, 15 Haw'craig Road to Inverkeithing.  
Mrs Michie, Barns Farm to Methilhill.  
Mr and Mrs Henderson, Hillend to East Kilbride.

# ABERDOUR AND DALGETY CONGREGATION.

## Abstract of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st Dec. 1951.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Collections:—			
Church Door Collections ...	£237 5 10	Maintenance of Ministry Fund ...	£80 1 9
Weekly Freewill Offerings ...	527 10 1	Other Schemes ...	308 15 5
Special Collections ...	56 16 7		£388 17 2
Donations ...	60 1 0	Minister's Stipend (part of) ...	125 0 0
Per District Collectors ...	43 8 0	Salaries of Organists and Church Officers ...	208 10 0
Assembly and Other Funds ...	22 16 6	Upkeep of Churches, etc.:—	
	£947 18 0	Rent, Taxes and Insurance ...	£136 19 6
" Woman's Guild ...	270 15 0	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning... ..	122 2 7
" Congregational Organisations ...	154 8 9	Repairs and Renewals ...	153 15 10
	£1373 1 9		412 17 11
" Trust Investments:—		Miscellaneous:—	
For Stipend ...	£84 6 1	Printing and Stationery ...	£75 12 3
" Benevolent Fund ...	8 10 8	Telephone ...	9 0 2
" Other Church Purposes ...	11 8 1	Communion Expenses ...	13 6 2
" Alex. Wallace Memorial Fund ...	3 15 0	Assembly and Presbytery Dues ...	17 11 8
" Assembly Funds ...	34 16 5	Hires ...	10 9 6
" Repairs ...	6 19 6		125 19 9
	149 15 9	Benevolent Fund ...	34 18 0
" Rents ...	28 0 0	Woman's Guild and other Organisations ...	91 10 9
	£1550 17 6	Education Fund... ..	2 3 3
" Balances brought forward:—		Outside Organisations:—	
Congregational Fund ...	£181 14 7	Earl Haig Fund ...	£6 19 6
Fabric Fund ...	50 0 0	Mission to Lepers ...	11 6 6
Woman's Guild ...	47 10 11	National Bible Society ...	11 0 0
Other Funds ...	87 12 1	Other Funds ...	4 4 0
	366 17 7		33 10 0
			£1423 6 10
		" Balances on Hand:—	
		Congregational Fund ...	£278 15 11
		Fabric Fund ...	50 0 0
		Woman's Guild ...	40 17 6
		Other Funds ...	124 14 10
			494 8 3
	£1917 15 1		£1917 15 1

C. J. KERR, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

W. B. ARCHER, } *Auditors.*  
A. R. MILNE, }