

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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MINISTERS:—The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D., The Manse, Aberdour.
The Revd. RAYMOND WELLS, B.D.

Session Clerk—Mr R. M. Walker, Eden Cottage, Seaside Place.
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THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR, FIFE.
February.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 16th February, at 7 p.m. It is our hope that this Quarterly with the Abstract of Income and Expenditure will be in your hands before that date and that you will have the opportunity of studying the details before you come to the meeting. Do come! Our Annual General Meeting is not so formidable as it sounds. Business is dispensed with as rapidly as possible and, after tea, we enjoy ourselves as one happy family with songs and games and dancing to suit everyone. If you are a comparatively new member and still feel a stranger, then here is the opportunity to meet your fellow members, and help to cement the fellowship which ought to characterise all our meetings. We also invite to the social all adults who worship with us but who are not members. Indeed, we offer you a very warm welcome.

At such a meeting it is not always possible to get a clear picture of our finances, and especially of the money we give to the Schemes of the Church. Here are the figures so that you may realise that we do contribute according to our means towards the wider work of the Church. These figures include the givings of the organisations.

The Maintenance of the Ministry	£100	1	9
Foreign Missions	92	2	0
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	16	5	6
Church and Manse Building	3	0	0
Colleges and Education	3	0	0
Colonial Churches	6	0	0
Continental Churches	4	0	0
Highlands and Islands	5	0	0
Home Mission	21	1	0
Jewish Mission	5	0	0
Social Service (Children's and Eventide Homes)	56	11	0
Temperance	1	0	0
Youth and Education	11	1	0
Women's Foreign Mission	25	11	8
Women's Home Mission	14	6	8
Women's Jewish Mission	13	16	8
Chaplains to H.M. Forces	1	0	0
Public Worship and Aids to Devotion	1	0	0
Scots Memorial, Jerusalem	4	0	0
Church Extension	30	2	0
Ladies' Highland Association	1	1	0
Joint Committee on Refugees	15	0	0
Huts and Canteens	17	0	0
Woman's Guild Central Fund	1	5	0

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In addition we give away £47 11s. 4d. to such varied objects as The United Society for Christian Literature, The National Bible Society of Scotland, the British Sailors' Society, the Mission to the Lepers, The Earl Haig Fund, Quarrier's Homes, the Waldensian Mission in Italy, and our gifts of books to Dr. Wilkinson.

With this letter the members and friends in Aberdour will receive an envelope. It is self-explanatory. We must not allow practically fifty years of service by Mr. Gillespie to go unnoticed. Had he lived until this year we should have been engaged in planning a presentation to him, for it was in October, 1905, that he took up duties in St. Colme's Church. The Kirk Session have in mind a small plaque near the organ in St. Colme's to mark his generous service to the Church and the community.

Our Christmas season is again over, and many happy evenings were spent in a beautifully decorated hall. Our thanks must be expressed to all who made special contributions to our Christmas remembrance, and especially those who prepared the two Cantatas with the young people. Both the productions in Dalgety and Aberdour helped us to "worship the new-born King." I do not know that I need say anything else about the organisations. One notable event was the visit of Pastor Gay from Florence. Besides addressing us in Church he spoke to the boys and girls of the Senior Sunday School in Aberdour and the boys and girls of Dalgety at Hillend School. The outcome is that the children have taken an interest in his Orphanage in Florence and have sent a contribution there along with that of the congregation.

I have received more than one letter from Dr. Wilkinson in Kenya. There is not room for all he has written but below I insert such extracts as will be of special interest to us as his partners in the work of the mission field.

The Billy Graham Campaign is hitting the headlines. Anticipating that there will be a good number of folk in Aberdour and Dalgety who will wish to go to Glasgow, reservations have been made for 41 seats in the Kelvin Hall on Friday, 8th April, and a bus chartered to convey us there. Mr. Amos has kindly agreed to take the names of those who plan to go. To prevent disappointment I must emphasise that there are only 41 seats and arrangements for more cannot be made. First come; first served.

May God's blessing rest upon you all.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. H. C. LYON.

It is especially fitting that the tribute to Cecil Lyon should be paid in this church which he loved and in which he spent so many hours of faithful labour in its restoration. By common consent he was one of God's own, for by nature he was kind and helpful, at work skilful and conscientious, and in games admired for his sportsmanship. There are those who can testify that in all his dealings with his fellowmen an ill-considered or hurtful word never escaped him. There was a simple generosity about his life which impressed all who worked with him and dealt with him—a generosity which was the outcome of his strong sense of the stewardship of the gifts which had been given him, and of a deep inner faith in the love of God. In a very unostentatious way he impressed his Christian witness on the life of Aberdour.

An elder of St. Fillan's Church for many years, he was the Session Clerk for the ten years preceding the union. During that time he was also Treasurer, and for the past eighteen years until his recent retirement he was Officer for the Publication of Banns, the Registrar of the Parish, and the Cemetery Clerk. At all times he had the welfare of Christ's Church at heart and whether it was by his reverent manner of worship, his bearing at the Sacrament, his writing of the session minutes, his care of the fabric, his kindly sympathy with the distressed and the bereaved or in his own home he has left behind him the most lovable memories for those who were privileged to know him.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Lyon in her time of sorrow and we would express to the whole family how much we feel identified with them in their loss.

Extracts from Dr. Wilkinson's Letters dated 22nd December and 3rd January.

"We hope that you will have had a pleasant and quiet Christmas, and that you will have a very happy New Year in 1955.

"As you surmised we are due on leave next year. Actually it is March when we are due but I want to fit in some medical studies and a course which begins in January. At the end of February I shall be leaving here to go down to Kikuyu Hospital to take over there whilst Dr. Shaw is on leave. He sails on 4th March and returns towards the end of the year. I myself have had confirmation this week that my passage is booked on a ship which arrives in December so that I can be home for Christmas. My wife and children will probably go home for the summer and allow Patricia to start School in Edinburgh in September.

Training in Kikuyu is on a higher grade than it is here, for Kikuyu is our only C.S.M. Hospital which trains Grade I Assistant Nurses in Kenya. There I shall have to prepare lectures on a higher standard than I have been giving here, and I would be glad to have the use of some more modern books than I have. I wonder if the Sunday School and Bible Class could send the following.

"Please thank Miss Simmers and the Sunday School and the members of the Bible Class for their kind interest in us here. I hope to be able to write them later.

"We were sorry to hear that the storms and floods affected even Aberdour . . .

"The situation remains quiet for us, but the Mau Mau are always around. This past week there was a gang operating on the main road between here and Karatina and demanding money from people coming from the market there. The Kikuyu Guards went out after them but did not find them. There was some firing last night, but we have not heard any report of what happened.

"We had planned to have the Chief Inspector of Police in charge of our area to supper last week, but he was not able to come because of incidents.

"We do hope that you will have a happy New Year. I am looking forward to meeting you all at the end of the year, or at least in 1956. I shall be taking classes for the first three months of my leave and then studying in private for a higher medical qualification, but I shall be able to come over from time to time."

Yours sincerely,

JACK WILKINSON.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

19th Sept. Sylvia Methven.
3rd Oct. Brenda Mary Eldred.
 Andrew Wilson Gold.
26th Dec. Alastair Robert Dykes.
 Norma Mary Clare Stackhouse.

ADULT BAPTISM.

10th Oct. Mrs. Ramsay.

DEATHS.

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

24th Oct. Miss McGill.
29th Nov. Mr. Lyon.

ACCESSIONS.

By Profession—

- ✓ Miss June Carnochan, 4 Humbie Terrace.
- ✓ Miss Dorothy Edie, 9 Humbie Terrace.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Gold, Seabank.
- ✓ Miss Jane McGillivray, Humbie Terrace.
- ✓ Mr. Peter McGillivray, Humbie Terrace.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, Viewforth Terrace.

By Certificate—

- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Beechwood.
- ✓ Mr. John George, Gracemo unt.
- ✓ Mrs. M. Leslie, Manse Place.
- ✓ Mrs. Dorothy McEwan, Fordell House.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mackie, Monziehall Farm.
- ✓ Miss Isobel Scott, Westend.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, 31 Humbie Terrace.

Disjunctions—

- Mrs. Wilkie to Kirkcaldy.
- Mrs. S. Betty to Turnhouse.
- Mr. George Betty, to Turnhouse.
- Mrs. Cant to Edinburgh.
- Mr. and Mrs. Collyer to Edinburgh.
- Mrs. Sowler to St. Andrews.
- Mr. and Mrs. McDowall, to Over-Rankieller.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bell to Leven.

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ABERDOUR AND DALGETY CONGREGATION.

Abstract of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st Dec. 1954.

COLLECTIONS—	INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.	ASSEMBLY FUNDS—
Church Collections	£287 11 1	Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£100 1 9
Weekly Freewill Offerings	841 1 10	Other Schemes of the Church	348 3 6
Special Collections	58 16 0		£448 5 3
Donations	56 8 0	MINISTER'S STIPEND (part of)	200 0 0
District Collections	27 2 6	SALARIES OF ORGANISTS AND CHURCH OFFICERS	227 0 10
Assembly Funds	29 19 0	UPKEEP OF CHURCHES, ETC.—	
	£1,300 18 5	Rent, Taxes and Insurance	£159 5 9
SALE OF WORK (Net Proceeds)	126 6 9	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	143 16 6
WOMAN'S GUILD	22 6 6	Repairs and Renewals	360 11 8
CONGREGATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	157 8 10	MISCELLANEOUS—	
ENTERTAINMENTS—		Printing, Stationery and Publications	£103 19 0
Dancing Display by Miss Sheila Wallace's Pupils	£14 4 4	Communion Expenses	10 3 0
in aid of the Sunday Schools	13 13 0	Assembly, Synod and Assembly Dues	15 18 3
Country Dance in aid of Hall Fund	27 17 4	Telephone	14 7 10
	£1,634 17 10	Sundries	1 10 0
TRUST INVESTMENTS—		BENEVOLENT FUND	145 18 1
For Stipend	£87 11 3	EDUCATION FUND	46 12 2
For Benevolent Fund	10 10 8	ADAMSON AND OTHER BEQUESTS	11 8 0
For Assembly Funds	34 16 5	WOMAN'S GUILD AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS	3 7 6
For Sunday School	13 18 0	OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS—	83 11 5
For Repairs	6 19 6	Earl Haig Fund	£6 9 0
For Alex. Wallace Memorial Fund	5 0 0	Mission to Lepers	11 13 4
For Other Church Purposes	16 18 11	National Bible Society of Scotland	11 1 0
	175 14 9	British Sailors' Society	2 2 0
RENTS	28 0 0	Quarrier's Homes	2 0 0
	£1,838 12 7	Other Funds	14 6 0
BALANCES brought forward—			47 11 4
Congregational Fund	£142 3 4	BALANCES on hand—	£1,877 8 6
Guild and Other Organisations	128 7 1	Congregational Fund	£121 11 0
Other Funds	106 8 2	Guild and Other Organisations	105 9 6
	376 18 7	Other Funds	111 2 2
	£2,215 11 2		338 2 8

Andited and found correct.

C. J. KERR, *Treasurer.*
 IAN M. STUART }
 J. WEBSTER } *Auditors.*