

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR,
June, 1956.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

This Summer the thoughts of the congregation will be focused on the Fête, which the Congregational Board are planning to take place in the grounds of Aberdour House on Saturday, 21st July. Lady Normand, who has had a long connection with the congregation, has consented to open the Fête.

I know that some are wondering why such a Fête should be necessary, and are surprised at it coming so soon after the very successful Sale of Work in December. The idea of the Fête is not by any means a new one. For some time now the Board have been concerned at the state of some of our buildings, and it is with the proper care of those buildings in mind that this effort is being planned for the Fabric Fund. There comes a time in every home when things seem to begin to go done together. The young married couple starts off with everything spick and span, but as the years pass, there comes a time when everything seems to need renewing. The chairs and the carpets and the sheets, and a hundred and one things need replacement all at the one time. As a congregation we have landed just at such a period in our married life. At the union of the three Churches in 1940 things were all fairly spick and span, but sixteen years of happy married life have gone, during which we enjoyed using buildings which did not demand a great deal from us for their upkeep, that is until just recently, when the Hall required urgent reconditioning. But now our Property Committee can see heavy expenditure ahead. Two of our heating systems are in need of repair; the roofs all need continual attention and the walls pointing; and next time you are at Church or at the Hall have a look at the paint work. It is for those reasons that we are organising this Fête. The Congregational Board want to be prepared so that we can go ahead as soon as possible and attend to what is urgently required, on the principle that "a stitch in time saves nine." And, should the worst happen, which we hope will not be the case, we shall have if not all the money that is required, something, at least, upon which to work. This is wise planning on the part of the Congregational Board, and so it is essential that the Fête on 21st July be an outstanding success.

We are indebted to Miss Cunningham for the use of the grounds of Aberdour House, which are the perfect setting for any such occasion, and we hope that her generous offer will be followed by many others on the part of the members of the congregation and the community. We know that the date will not suit everyone, especially as it is in the midst of the holidays, but the Board believe that it is the most suitable date for a successful venture. If you are unable to be at the Fête, and not able on the day to help to fill the stalls or to empty them, then we shall be very glad to receive your donation. Every Sale of Work we have had so far has been successful because an increasing number of members and friends put their hands in their pocket and gave what they could afford. We have always started the day with a large sum of money, and that is after all for many people the best kind of giving. I hope we will not have members who think the Fête is somebody else's business, but that we shall all regard it as a duty to pay our share of the repairs. There is something fine about our Scottish independence which is not beholden to anyone else and seeks wherever possible to pay its way. Our Property Committee could spend £600 to-morrow in order to put all our buildings in first class repair. We have 699 members.

I do not think I need to say much about the trips and the outings which have taken place in May and those that are to take place in June. Everybody has been going further afield than usual and in each case it has added to the happiness and enjoyment of the day.

The June Communion in Aberdour will take place in St. Colme's Church on Sunday, 17th June, while the Flower Service in both Aberdour and Dalgety will be a little later than usual and will be held on Sunday, 1st July.

I have not included anything from Dr. Wilkinson, as by the time this letter has reached you he will have visited us and we shall have had the opportunity of meeting him personally.

May God's blessing be upon us as a congregation and with us in our homes.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

19th Feb.—Andrew David Henderson.
8th April—Graeme James Lowe.
15th April—Frances Jaqueline Rankine.
22nd April—Derek Leslie William Smith.
17th May—Linda Methven.
17th May—James George Lyon Nicol.
17th May—Ann Wallace Thomson.
17th May—James Bryce Dawson.

ADULT BAPTISM.

1st April—Miss Sheila Katherine Anderson.

MARRIAGES.

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

17th Mar.—John Kilgour McKay to June Carnochan.
31st Mar.—William Center Murray to Andrena Fubister Aitkenhead.

DEATHS.

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

10th Jan.—Mr Hunter.	13th Jan.—Mrs Laing.
2nd Feb.—Mr Simpson.	16th Mar.—Mrs Gibb.
1st April—Mr Smith.	19th April—Mrs Orr.
16th May—Miss Jardine.	19th May—Mrs McLauchlan.

ACCESSIONS.

By Profession—

Miss Sheila Anderson, St. Margaret's Lodge, North Queensferry.
Mr Robert Kerr, Bouprie Farm.
Mr John Roxburgh, 155 Fraser Avenue, Inverkeithing.
Mr Andrew Smith, 27 Humble Terrace.

By Certificate—

Mrs Dykes, Park Lane.
Mr and Mrs Forrester, Thornton.
Mr and Mrs Henderson, "Hillview," Hillend.
Mrs Kemp, Station Hotel.
Mr and Mrs McNab, Letham Cottages, Hillend.
Mrs McIntyre, 1 Letham Avenue, Hillend.
Miss Ann Stuart, Viewcraig.
Miss Young, "Moine," West End.

Disjunctions—

Mr J. Stirling, late of Letham to Dunfermline.
Mrs D. McEwan, Fordell to Cowdenbeath.
Mrs A. E. Murray, Station House to Kirkcaldy.
Miss Moyes, Hillend to Larbert.
Mrs Dawson to Bathgate.