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THE MANSE,

ABERDOUR,

May, 1958.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I hope that this letter will be in your hands in time to give to you information concerning some of the events which are to take place in connection with our Church during the summer months, although the Dalgety Sunday School Picnic to Ravenscraig Park in Kirkcaldy and the Woman's Guild Drive to Oban will have already taken place.

Through the experience of the last two or three years those connected with the running of the Sunday School Outing in Aberdour have felt that it ought to take a different form. A 'bus run is no longer the attraction to children that it once was. For many of them it is part of every day life, and it lacks the wonder and the excitement which it held for children even a few years ago. Some of us have felt that it is an unnecessary large outlay of Church funds to take them to some place at a distance when they would be just as happy at home, so this year we have decided to embark on an experiment, which will extend over the next two or three years. We plan to have two outings, one for the senior scholars of the top two classes who are old enough to enjoy and benefit from a visit to some place of historical interest connected with our Church's history; and a second for the rest of the Sunday School, the junior scholars of the Senior Sunday School and the Primary Sunday School, which will be a "family picnic" somewhere within the bounds of our own parishes. This year the place chosen for the senior scholars of the Sunday School is The David Livingstone Memorial at Blantyre. Those who have taken children there know the very powerful impact which it makes upon young minds. The date for that outing is Saturday, 14th June. The date for the Family Picnic for the younger children is the Saturday following, 21st June, and there is no better place than the field at Otterston Loch, where such happy afternoons were spent by some of the older folk when they were in the Sunday School. We are indebted to Mr Craig for his permission to use the field, and we look forward to one of those days of unbroken sunshine which are always associated with picnics there. Should the weather prove inclement we have reserved our own hall and a picnic can easily be turned into a party. A 'bus, of course, will run us out close to the field. The small charge which is being made is so that numbers may be known beforehand for the catering. As I have said this is in the nature of an experiment and it is hoped that each child in turn will benefit from the visit to Blantyre and at least one other centre of our Church's history.

The Flower Services in both Churches will take place on Sunday, 22nd June. The children are asked to bring their gifts of flowers and fruit, etc., and afterwards the gifts will be distributed to the sick and the elderly within the parishes. At those services the Bibles given by the Kirk Session to the boys and girls leaving Sunday School will be presented, along with the prizes given to the little children in the Primary Department.

The day of the Sacrament in Aberdour is always the third Sunday in June, and members should note that this year it falls on the 15th of June, which is rather earlier than usual, and that the Preparatory Service is on the evening of 8th June.

The Evening Services cease at the end of June for the two holiday months, but members are reminded of the two open-air services—the one at St. Bridget's Kirk, Dalgety, and the other in the Abbey Garden on the Island of Inchcolm. The dates will be announced later. They are both occasions when on the spot we are enabled to recall something of the rich heritage to which we are heirs in these parishes and thank God for many of the privileges which we take for granted.

I feel that thanks ought to be expressed to the Misses Downie in this letter for their handsome gifts of a sick-chair for the vestry and the lovely flower-bowl for the Communion Table in St. Fillan's Church. The sick-chair has not yet been required, but it is a very useful chair to have should anyone turn ill during a service. The flower-bowl has greatly added to the beauty of the church as it gives an opportunity for floral arrangement

which was not possible before, and, may be, this is the place to say thank you to the ladies who give and who arrange the flowers. Should there be others who would care to be responsible for a particular Sunday, Mrs Kerr, Flock House, Seaside Place, will be glad to have their help.

Once again I am without an assistant. We have greatly enjoyed having Mr Hasty with us over the last four months, and we are very sorry that he has had to change his plans and return earlier than he planned to the U.S.A. We shall have one visit from him before he goes in August. Meanwhile, he is touring Europe. We wish him and Mrs Hasty well when they return home.

The Summer is almost here, and one after another the organisations are closing down. That often gives the impression that there is a "closed season" in religious things. Let us never forget that the Church itself never closes, and that whether at home or on holiday its doors are always open for the worship of God who gives us all things.

May God's blessing rest upon you all.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

P.S.—Keep Wednesday, 25th June, free. The Entertainment Committee is holding a Car Treasure Hunt that evening. It will end up in a Barbecue at the Barns Farm. Fuller information will be available later, but its aim isn't to make money but to promote friendship and good fellowship within the congregation.

#### BAPTISMS.

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

9th February	Philip Graeme McNair.
16th    ,,	Susan Catherine Doidge.
16th March	Elaine Robertson.
23rd    ,,	Nigel Robert Garvie.
27th April	Iain David Pearson.
4th May	Jennifer Alison Chalmers.

#### DEATHS.

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

16th February	Mr Shepherd, Burntisland.
22nd    ,,	Mr Watson, Hillend.
10th March	Mrs W. Lyon, Park Lane.

#### ACCESSIONS.—By Certificate—

Mrs T. S. Robertson, Hazelbank, The Glebe.  
Mr and Mrs R. Moubray-Philipps, Cockairnie.  
Mr Lennox Blyth, 5 Castle Terrace.  
Miss Mary E. Blyth, 5 Castle Terrace.  
Miss Jane G. Malcolm, 5 Castle Terrace.  
Miss Mary E. Malcolm, 5 Castle Terrace.  
Mr and Mrs Livingstone, Cuttlehill.  
Mr and Mrs J. Scott, Burnside, Burntisland.  
Mr A. Scott, Burnside, Burntisland.  
Mr and Mrs A. Tucker.  
Mr I. Tucker.

#### Disjunctions—

Mr Robert Methven to Chiswick.  
Mr and Mrs Jeffery to Australia.  
Miss Jean MacGillivray to Australia.  
Mrs Douglas to Dunfermline.  
Mr John Davidson, senr., to Dunning.  
Mr and Mrs Hugh Rodger to Bath.

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