

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church

No. 47

MARCH 1960.

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

Session Clerk—Mr R. M. Walker, Eden Cottage, Seaside Place.

Clerk to the Congregational Board—Miss I. C. H. Simmers, M.A., "Kilravock."

Treasurer—Mr J. Dawson Macfarlane, C.A., Braefoot, Easter Aberdour.

Proclamations Officer—Mr R. C. Lyon, Park View, Park Lane.

The Manse,

Aberdour, Fife.

March, 1960.

My Dear Friends,

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation takes place in the Church Hall on Friday, 18th March, at 7.30 p.m. This leaflet with its Abstract of Income and Expenditure should be in your hands before that date, so that you will have an opportunity of studying the details before you come to the meeting. I hope that you will come and then wait for tea and the social which follows it. The Choir is busy preparing and the Entertainments Committee has a programme of games and dancing for the latter part of the evening. Please use this "get-together" as an opportunity to get to know some of your fellow members. The business will not take long and in the past we have had some very happy and friendly evenings.

One piece of business which must be transacted is the election of six members to the Congregational Board. The Board, which meets once a month to deal with the temporal and financial affairs of the congregation, is made up of the minister, the members of the Kirk Session, and eighteen members elected by the congregation. These members hold office for three years, so that each year six new members require to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Though members may be re-elected when they come to the end of their term of office, it is a good thing for the health of the congregation that as many members as possible should have a knowledge of its problems. Before you come to the meeting please think of those who would best serve the Church in this way, and get their permission before proposing their names. Here is the list of those who are members:

Mrs Ainslie	Mrs Forbes
Miss Fraser	Miss Haldane
Mrs Machin	Mrs Middlemiss
Miss Moir	Mrs McKenzie
Miss McLauchlan	Miss Wilkie
Mr Archer	Mr Gunn
Mr Sinclair	Mr Webster

Of those, Mrs Middlemiss, Miss Wilkie, Mr Archer and Mr Gunn are due to retire. There are some vacancies which require to be filled. Here let me compliment the members of the Board on their diligence. Many such meetings are poorly attended, but both your elected members and the members of the Kirk Session are most diligent and conscientious, and the thanks of the congregation is due to those who give their time in the service of the Church.

The Kirk Session's business, though it does sometimes take account of temporal affairs, is really more concerned with the religious and moral conditions of the parish, and it is naturally interested in the training of the young people and in the furthering of the fellowship which ought to exist within the congregation. This latter is not easy, but we all feel that much can be achieved if a proper relationship exists between the elder and the members of his district. The elder is the link between the individual member and the congregation. In a parish as large as this one the minister's visits cannot be anything but infrequent; whereas the elder visits either two or three times a year. Make sure that you use these visits on the occasion of the Communion to get to know your elder better. Do not keep him standing on the door step. Where possible invite him in and add to the number of your friends.

At the beginning of April Mr Watts will be saying farewell to us. His period of study at Edinburgh University is almost over, and with his wife and family he will soon be returning to Canada. We hope that he will be successful in gaining the degree for which he has been studying and that he will soon be settled down again in the kind of work he longs for. He has been a great help in easing the burden on a Sunday and we shall remember his thoughtful sermons and his interest in the work of the Sunday School and the Bible Class. He has forged yet another link in

the chain which binds our congregation to the Church across the seas. Our connections are worldwide. Mr and Mrs Richardson in Australia, Mr Martin the Irishman who is now in Canada, Dr. Lawrence and Mr Wells, and Mr Bailey, and Mr Biddle, and Mr Hasty all in the U.S.A., Mr Osborne and Mr Hilton and now Mr Watts in Canada, Dr Wilkinson our missionary in Kenya and the Dr. MacPhail in Santalia, our Waldensian friends in Italy and many who have gone from our congregation to live in other parts of the world. Such enduring friendships across the seas prevent us from becoming parochial, and thinking that we are the Church. They are continually reminding us that it is the Catholic Church to which we belong. Catholic? Yes. The Universal Church. That is the real meaning of the word Catholic.

1960 is of course the year in which we celebrate the fourth centenary of the Scottish Reformation, and honour the memory of John Knox and of the other Scottish Reformers. It is right that we should do so. As a nation and as a Church we shall never be able to over-estimate what Scotland owes to those men, who against great opposition, were determined to let the light of true religion shine in the land. They were not men who wanted to form another church than the one they knew; they were re-formers of the old Church. They sought to re-form it as it had been in the days of the Apostles and those who followed after them. Perhaps the best celebration of their efforts is just to remember that, and seek in our time by God's grace to re-form His Church afresh so that it may again become the instrument of His Love.

May God's blessing rest upon you.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

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| 1959. | 27th Dec. | Michael Gerald Doidge. |
| 23rd Aug. | 27th Dec. | Susan Connell. |
| 20th Sept. | 1960. | |
| 4th Oct. | 14th Feb. | Cathel Lawrence Kerr. |
| 1st Nov. | 14th Feb. | Fiona Jane Lochtie. |
| 27th Dec. | 14th Feb. | Susan Fiona Tankard. |
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MARRIAGES

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

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| 1959. | 1960. |
| 12th Sept. | 23rd Jan. |
| Henry D. McK. Nairn to Helen M. Colman. | James M. Hynd to Helen A. McK. Crawford. |
| 30th Sept. | |
| James H. Crawford to Margaret A. D. Young. | |

DEATHS

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

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| 1959. | 21st Dec. | Mrs Simmers, Kilravock, The Glebe. |
| 11th Sept. | 31st Dec. | Mr Duncan, Melville Cottage. |
| 29th Sept. | 1960. | |
| 4th Nov. | 20th Jan. | Mrs Hunter, Belmont. |
| 16th Nov. | 28th Jan. | Mrs Brown, St. Colme's Lodge. |
| 25th Nov. | 11th Feb. | Mrs Moyes, The Murrel. |

ACCESSIONS—By Certificate—

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| Mr and Mrs Robert W. Adams, 'Labadi', Seaside Place. | Mr and Mrs W. Brown, 3 Manse Place. |
| Capt. G. Anderson, 'Hillcrest'. | Mr and Mrs Hugh S. Fulton, Harbour House. |
| | Mr and Mrs N. Halden, Reneville, West End. |

Disjunctions—

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| Mr Stewart Borthwick, Murrel Road to Belfast. | Mr and Mrs R. Ewing, 41 Humble Terrace to Porchester. |
| Mr Ian Mitchell, 36 Humble Ter. to Portsmouth. | Mr and Mrs R. L. Sweeney, Pleasants Cottage to Blackhall. |
| Mr and Mrs Grant, 46 Main Street to Nethy Bridge. | Mr and Mrs R. Laird, Morayvale to Stevenage. |
| | Mr and Mrs W. Kinnear, to Dumfriess. |

Mrs Charlotte McKeating - Hillcrest
 Mrs Alison Arthur - Gracelyn
 Mrs Nancy Bald - 1 Salsburgh Villa
 Mrs Janet Galvan - 21 Humble Ter.
 Mrs James Grant - Commae
 Mrs Ann McKeating - 14 Main St.
 Mrs James Grant - 14 Main St.
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Mrs L. Robert - N. Cummer
 Mrs J. Fowler - Hillcrest
 Mrs D. Henderson
 Mrs J. Ingh - 65 Humble Ter.
 Mrs M. Hammad - Dalrymple House

By Appointment

LIST OF CONGREGATIONAL AND ORGANISATIONS ALLOCATIONS IN 1959.

1.—To Schemes of the Church

Maintenance of the Ministry	£200	0	0
Foreign Missions	113	0	0
Aged and Infirm Ministers	45	12	0
Church and Manse Building	3	0	0
Colleges and Education for the Ministry	3	0	0
Colonial Churches	3	10	0
Continental Churches, etc.	7	10	0
Highlands and Islands	5	0	0
Home Mission	35	0	0
Jewish Mission	5	0	0
Social Service	58	3	0
Temperance and Morals	1	0	0
Youth and Education	13	0	0
Women's Foreign Mission	25	11	8
Women's Home Mission	15	11	8
Women's Jewish Mission	15	16	8
Women's Temperance and Morals	1	0	0
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—National Appeal	171	0	0
Hut and Canteen Work for H.M. Forces	15	0	0
Ladies Highland Association	2	2	0
The Committee on the Order of Deaconesses	1	0	0
Refugee Service and Inter Church Aid	48	10	0
Woman's Guild Central Expenses Fund	1	10	0

£795 17 0

Whereof contributed by—Congregational Board	£625	12	0
Woman's Guild	69	15	0
Youth Fellowship	48	10	0
Ab'dour Sunday School	39	0	0
Dalgety Sunday School	8	0	0
Bible Class	5	0	0

£795 17 0

2.—To Outside Organisations

United Society for Christian Literature	4	4	0
National Bible Society of Scotland	18	0	0
British Sailors' Society	2	2	0
Mission to Lepers	21	15	0
Aberdour Old People's Committee	13	0	0
World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association	2	0	0
Earl Haig Fund	14	5	9
Waldensian Missions Aid Society	5	2	0
The Scottish Council for the Care of Spastics	1	1	0
Leslie House Church of Scotland Eventide Home	3	3	0
Quarrier's Homes	2	0	0
Dr. Wilkinson	5	0	0

£91 12 9

Whereof contributed by—Congregational Board	£46	5	9
Woman's Guild	9	6	0
Youth Fellowship	6	10	0
Ab'dour Sunday School	9	0	0
Dalgety Sunday School	4	0	0
Bible Class	16	11	0

£91 12 9

ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1959.

1.—GENERAL FUND.

1958	INCOME	1959	1958	EXPENDITURE	1959
	Collections:—			Allocation of Funds:—	
£470	Church Collections	£520 10 0		Assembly Funds:—	
1379	Weekly Freewill Offerings ...	1310 10 4		Maintenance of Ministry	
	Bonds of Annuity and		£160	Fund	£200 0 0
35	Income Tax Recovered ...	92 3 11	357	Other Schemes of the Church	425 12 0
63	Special Collections	65 13 4			
89	Donations	70 9 9	£517		£625 12 0
33	District Collections	29 12 0	40	Outside Organisations	46 5 9
6	Assembly Funds	12 3 7			
£2075		£2101 2 11	£557		£671 17 9
	Net proceeds of Coffee Morning		475	Minister's Stipend (part of) ...	550 0 0
	and Concerts:—			Salaries of Organists, Church Officers and	
	Coffee Morning	£59 19 3	319	Cleaner	339 0 0
	Concert by Kinghorn Choir	29 12 1		Upkeep of Churches, etc.:—	
	Concert by Dalgety Children	19 7 6		Rent, Taxes, Insurance and	
46		108 18 10	154	Feuduty	£149 19 2
	Trust Investments:—		158	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	183 13 8
103	For Stipend	£101 13 6			333 12 10
9	„ Benevolent Fund	8 10 8	86	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)	174 2 8
35	„ Assembly Funds	34 16 5	127	Printing, Stationery and Publications	125 12 11
9	„ Sunday School	7 1 3		Miscellaneous:—	
9	„ Other Church Purposes	6 7 1		Communion Expenses	£8 8 9
		158 8 11		Assembly, Synod and	
14	Rents	9 7 9		Presbytery Dues	29 14 1
—	Income Tax Recovered	133 9 9		Telephone	25 6 0
£2300		£2511 8 2		Sundry Expenses	39 10 0
469	Balance brought forward	476 2 5	105		102 9 8
			53	Benevolent Fund	59 18 3
			9	Payments to Sunday School	15 13 3
			250	Transferred to Fabric Fund	140 0 0
			£2293		£2512 7 4
			476	Balance on hand	475 3 3
£2769		£2987 10 7	£2769		£2987 10 7

2.—FABRIC FUND.

1958	INCOME	1959	1958	EXPENDITURE	1959
£—	Grant from General Trustees	£380 0 0		Expenditure on repairs to Fabric	
53	Net proceeds of Sale of Work at Dalgety ...	0 0 0	£387	(including installation of W.C. at Dalgety)	£495 0 2
8	Donations	328 16 0	388	Balance on hand	786 1 11
34	Collections	31 15 5			
7	Trust Investment—For Repairs	6 19 6			
11	Interest	5 1 1			
250	Transferred from General Fund	140 0 0			
£363		£892 12 0			
412	Balance brought forward	388 10 1			
£775		£1281 2 1	£775		£1281 2 1

Note.—The foregoing Financial Statements are abstracts of the transactions and funds of the Congregational Board only.

J. DAWSON MACFARLANE, C.A., Treasurer.

25th January, 1960.—Audited and found correct.

IAN M. STUART,
J. P. AMOS, } Auditors.