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NOTELETS

THANK YOU!

The Financial Statement of the Congregation for 1961 is printed on the back page of this "News". We wish to express our thanks to those members and friends who by their regular giving have made such a statement possible. A recent publication of the Church's Stewardship and Budget Committee has this to say:—"In this materialistic age the ordinary Church member can make a most effective witness by ensuring that the Church is given an honoured place in his budget of personal expenditure. 'Where your treasure is there will your heart be also'. The liberality of the Church member to his Church is usually an index of the depth of his conviction in the Church's cause, of his acceptance of the Faith, of his belief that as God's steward of all those things of which he has temporary use and benefit, he must perforce make some recognition and acknowledgment of the Heavenly Father's goodness to him."

If God has prospered you in 1961 have you remembered to increase your giving on a Sunday morning?

A CHALLENGE

"There are better Christians outside the Church than in it". This is claimed by some people in our parish. It is up to the members to prove them wrong.

ILLNESS

Our parishes are wide and extensive; our members are scattered over some

twenty-five square miles; the work of the minister has very nearly doubled in the last twelve years on account of new building. When the community was smaller than it is now, there was a highly efficient bush telegraph system whereby when little Tommy cut his finger the minister heard about it before the bleeding had stopped. This system is now out of operation, and you can help the minister very considerably by notifying him whenever there is real illness and especially hospitalisation. The work of the Church is not confined to those upon a Communion Roll and he will be glad to visit regardless of whether you are members or not. If you don't take the trouble to notify him, don't say afterwards — "I thought you would have heard." Imagine how long you would have to wait for your doctor if you went on that principle.

FRIENDSHIP

The monthly services in the Church Hall are designed as a means of increasing fellowship in the Congregation and the community in general. They take a variety of forms, but with the cup of tea there is the hope that folk will get to know each other better and newcomers made to feel part of the community. A welcome is given to all our services, but if you have not yet had time to make friends join us in those Sunday evening gatherings—the last Sunday in each month.

AN APPOINTMENT

Mr Stodart, our beadle and hall-keeper in Aberdour, has found it necessary to relinquish some of his many duties. We are glad he is going to continue to act as beadle in St. Fillan's Church where he contributes so much. Mr and Mrs Hutton of Humble Terrace have been appointed hall-keepers from 1st March.

KIRK WEEK

Here is an opportunity to share with others of many different congregations and branches of the Church in Scotland and abroad, in an event full of pleasure, excitement and of prime importance for all.

"Kirk Week was the most thrilling experience of my life", said a young man after Dundee Kirk Week 1959.

"Jesus is Lord" is the theme of Kirk Week 1962. It is to be held in Ayr from 11th to 18th August. Many noted churchmen and laymen will lead the thinking and if you take part in it you will share in a quest which will open up hitherto undreamed of ways of finding Christ in everything you do.

Ask the Minister for particulars if you are considering taking part.

ELDERS AND THEIR DISTRICTS

On Sunday, 3rd December, two of our members were ordained to the eldership, Mr George Comman and Mr Kenneth Sinclair, and at the same time Mr William Chambers and Mr George McBeath, who had both been elders in other congregations, were admitted to the office in our own congregation. Their appointments have meant some rearrangement of the districts. Mr Ameck and Mr Henderson, who for many years have given faithful service in their districts, make way for younger men. The districts have been rearranged as follows:—Seaside Place—Mr George McBeath, Station House.

High Street (southside from the Post Office westward) — Mr Kenneth Sinclair, St. Colmes Crescent.

St. Colmes Crescent — Mr Waddel, Manse Place.

Inch Avenue and Bellhouse Road—Mr William Chalmers, Dovecot Park.

Cullalo Crescent—Mr George Colman, Humble Terrace.

ST COLME'S CHURCH PROPERTY

A meeting of the Congregation was called for Wednesday, 6th December, to consider the recommendation of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board that the properties connected with St. Colme's Church, be now, if possible, disposed of. In view of the fact the County plan for this part of Fife shows that there is to be no more building in the village on a large scale, it was decided to seek the permission of the General Assembly to dispose of the buildings. Later the Presbytery concurred and we now await the sanction of the General Assembly. We have, of course, been considering what to do with the Memorials in the Church. Some, like the Pulpit and the Communion Table, would find a home in a new Church Extension Charge. As for the plaques and the stain glass window, we should naturally want to keep those, and it has been suggested that we convert the gallery of the Hall which is rarely used into a separate Memorial Hall. This would be a suitable place for meetings of the Session and Congregational Board, and for the Choir, and would enable us to develop our youth work more satisfactorily.

SCIENCE

If you are one of those who is perplexed by the claims which are sometimes made by scientists that modern discoveries disprove the beliefs of the Church, then you are recommended to beg, borrow or buy a small book by

Dr H. N. V. Temperley, Smithson Research Fellow of the Royal Society entitled "A Scientist Believes in God". It has the merit of being an easy book to read and has the approval of many scientists with a Christian outlook.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

THE CHURCH LIVES BY
MISSION, AS A FIRE
EXISTS BY BURNING

—Emil Brunner

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

Are you disturbed by Jehovah's Witnesses on a Sunday morning when you are not at Church? Here is what the S.P.C.K. suggest you should say to them.

"I admire your zeal in trying to put forward your beliefs. I am sure you are a sincere person. But I cannot accept your literature. You preach a cruel and unreasonable god who is going to sweep most of his children away in a horrible battle of Armageddon while you witnesses stand aside and look on".

"I do not believe that you will really like to look at such a wicked thing. You are too kind for that. Yet you make out that God is not good and kind. He destroyed his own children, not because they are morally bad, but rather because they do not join Jehovah's Witnesses. You would not treat your children like that. So you are better than the God you preach . . .".

"You witnesses consider this world hopeless and so you leave it to perish. You make no effort to help the suffering by supporting hospitals, orphanages or other works of mercy. You take no part in seeing that we have a good honest government".

"I believe in the true God, the God of love. Not the God of hate. I believe in the Gospel, that means the good news that God loves us and cares for us. I do not believe your message of bad news. I know what the true God is like. Jesus is the true picture of what God is like. Your unreasonable God is not a bit like Jesus who went about doing good, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and himself died for us on the Cross instead of destroying us. You are too good a person to be a Jehovah's Witness. Be a witness for Jesus and the God of Love. Spread His good news of the gift of eternal life here and hereafter".

"Thank you for calling and for listening to me . . . Good day and may God bless and convert you".

When the witness has gone, shut the door and pray that you may have as much courage and zeal for your faith as they have for theirs.

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Sept. 10 John Arthur Francis Miller.
Oct. 29 Gordon David Cameron Dewar.
Nov. 19 Ronald Ian Kerr.
Dec. 10 Roderick Macdonald.
24 Lesley Kay Allan.
24 Alana Edge.
24 Ann Laird.
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Jan. 7 Ronald Thomas Johnston Fraser.
21 Lorna Balfour Thomson.

MARRIAGES

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

Aug. 26 Alexander J. Murray and Joan Reid.
Sept. 2 Harry D. Cowell and Ann M. McIntyre.
9 Daniel F. O'Loughlin and Barbara J. Anderson.
25 John M. Smith and Elspeth M. Henderson.
Nov. 11 W. Douglas Crow and Mary C. M. Fraser.
25 John Johnston and Dorothy G. Edie.
Dec. 23 John A. McLauchlan and Jeanette M. Stodart.

LIST OF CONGREGATIONAL AND ORGANISATIONS' ALLOCATIONS IN 1961

1. TO SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH

	Total	Congregational Board	Woman's Guild	Youth Fellowship	Aberdour Sunday Sch.	Dalgety Sunday Sch.	Bible Class
Maintenance of Ministry Fund	£200 0 0	£200 0 0					
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	49 0 0	49 0 0					
*Co-ordinated Appeal	577 0 0	419 5 0	64 5 0	45 0 0	40 0 0	5 0 0	3 10 0
	£826 0 0	£668 5 0	£64 5 0	£45 0 0	£40 0 0	£5 0 0	£3 10 0

2. TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

United Society for Christian Literature	£8 3 0	£5 0 0	£3 3 0				
National Bible Society of Scotland	23 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	
British Sailors Society	2 0 0	2 0 0					
Mission to Lepers	31 10 0	2 0 0	3 3 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	20 7 0
Aberdour Old People's Committee	9 12 0	5 0 0	2 2 0	2 10 0			
World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association	2 0 0	1 0 0			1 0 0		
Earl Haig Fund	13 3 2	13 3 2					
Waldensian Missions Aid Society	5 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0		2 0 0		
The Scottish Council for the Care of Spastics	1 0 0	1 0 0					
The Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick	2 0 0	2 0 0					
The Save the Children Fund (Congo Relief) ...	33 8 0	28 8 0	5 0 0				
Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong	4 0 0		4 0 0				
War on Want	5 0 0			5 0 0			
Quarrier's Homes	2 0 0				2 0 0		
Dr Wilkinson	4 0 0						4 0 0
	£145 16 2	£73 11 2	£23 8 0	£11 10 0	£9 0 0	£4 0 0	£24 7 0

*The Co-ordinated Appeal includes all our givings to the Schemes of the Church, such as Foreign and Home Missions, Colonial, and Continental, Social Service, Refugee, Church Extension, etc.

DEATHS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

- Sept. 9 Mrs McLauchlan, Hawkcraig House.
 9 Mr Robertson, 11 Bellhouse Rd.
 12 Mrs Sutherland, Ivy Bank, Shore Road.
 25 Mrs Shields, High Street.
 Oct. 7 Mr Wynward, 75 High Street.
 Nov. 12 Mr Barclay, "Joisla", West End.
 18 Miss Thomson, recently of Hollybank Cottage.
 24 Mr Drummond, Easter House, Main Street.
 Dec. 14 Mrs Henderson, 15 Hawkcraig Road.
 17 Mr Campbell, 19 Humble Terrace.
 31 Mrs Duncan, Melville Cottage.
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 Jan. 6 Mr Fisher, Silver Sands Terrace.

ACCESSIONS—By Profession

- Miss P. Thomson, Bendamere House.
 Mr Max Robertson, "Hazelbank", The Glebe.
 Miss Shirley McGregor, 34 Humble Terrace.
 Mr George Simpson, 28 Humble Terrace.
 Mr William McLaren, 13 Humble Terrace.
 Miss Jean Niven, "Netherhill", West End.
 Miss Megan Moir, Murrell Terrace.
 Mrs Christine Brooks, 4 Humble Terrace.
 Mr R. Mervyn Smith, 1 Fraser Avenue, Inverkeithing.

ACCESSIONS—By Certificate

- Mr and Mrs Dewar, "Black Lodge", Whitehill.
 Mr and Mrs Michie, Whitehill Cottage.
 Mr and Mrs G. P. Mackay, Police House.
 Mr and Mrs Robertson, 11 Bellhouse Rd.
 Miss Horne, 11 Bellhouse Road.
 Miss I. Scott, "Verona Cottage", West End.
 Miss E. J. M. Scott, "Verona Cottage", West End.
 Mrs M. Morris, 26 Dovecot Park.
 Mrs Dunlop, "Myrtle Cottage", Hillend.
 Mrs D. Steel, 3 Ivanhoe Gardens, Hillend.
 Mr and Mrs G. Alexander, Dalachy.
 Mr and Mrs W. S. Thomson, 22 Inch Ave.
 Mr and Mrs R. B. MacLachlan, 3 Inch Ave.
 Mrs J. R. Clouston, "Hamnavoe", 25 Dovecot Park.
 Mrs C. D. Harvey, 5 Manse Street.
 Mrs R. J. M. Macdonald, Vantage Cotts., Fordell.
 Mr and Mrs James Wotherspoon, "Rothes", Seaside Place.
 Mr and Mrs J. Simpson, 38 Dovecot Park.
 Mr and Mrs J. L. McCormick, "Spens House", Seaside Place.
 Mr and Mrs D. C. Blair, 27 Dovecot Park.
 Mr and Mrs John Barrie, 16 Dovecot Park.
 Mr and Mrs R. Law, 24 Inch Avenue.

THOUGHT FOR THE MORROW

TO EVERY MAN IS GIVEN
 THE KEY TO THE GATES
 OF HEAVEN.
 THE SAME KEY OPENS
 THE GATES OF HELL

—Buddhist Proverb

DISJUNCTIONS

- Mr and Mrs I. C. Kerr, to Edinburgh.
 Mr and Mrs G. C. Read, Park Lane, to Rosyth.
 Mr and Mrs J. H. Shepherd, "Sandhaven", to Edinburgh.
 Mrs J. Johnston, Humble Terrace, to Cowdenbeath.
 Mr and Mrs Scougal, Murrell Terrace, to Perth.
 Mrs D. White, St. Colmes Crescent, to Burntisland.
 Mr P. Scrimgeour, 7 Morayvale, to Rosyth.

ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1961.

1.—GENERAL FUND.

1960	INCOME	1961	1960	EXPENDITURE	1961
	Collections:—			Allocation of Funds:—	
£575	Cash Collections	£606 2 1		Assembly of Funds:—	
1384	Weekly Freewill Offerings ...	1372 2 5		Maintenance of Ministry	
	Bonds of Annuity and		£206	Fund	£200 0 0
118	Income Tax Recovered	115 12 5		Aged and Infirm Ministers'	
70	Special Collections	102 0 3	49	Fund	49 0 0
265	Donations (Hall Chairs £32)	156 10 6		Co-ord'd Appeal £577 0 0	
29	District Collections	27 2 0		Less: Contributed	
10	Assembly Funds	7 1 3		by Congregational	
		£2386 10 11		Organisations	157 15 0
£2451	Net proceeds of Coffee Morning		380		419 5 0
	and Concerts:—		£635		£668 5 0
53	Coffee Morning	£55 6 5	47	Outside Organisations	73 11 2
	Concerts—				
	Camdean		£682		£741 16 2
	String Players £16 4 9		550	Minister's Stipend (part of)	550 0 0
	Caledonia Choir	12 10 0	343	Salaries of Organists, Church Officers	
		28 14 9		and Cleaners	358 0 0
		84 1 2		Upkeep of Churches, etc.—	
	Trust Investments:—			Rent, Taxes, Insurance and	
108	For Stipend	£109 12 7	154	Feuduty	£192 13 10
9	„ Benevolent Fund	8 10 8	202	Heating, Lighting, Cleaning	169 15 10
35	„ Assembly Funds	34 16 5			362 9 8
9	„ Sunday School	9 0 0		Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)	
8	„ Other Church Purposes	7 19 8		Purchase of 100 Chairs	
		169 19 4	154	for Church Hall	£153 11 4
28	Rents	28 0 0	124	Miscellaneous	43 14 2
2	Income Tax Recovered	2 7 5			197 5 6
		£2670 18 10	117	Printing, Stationery and Publications	138 16 8
£2703				Miscellaneous:—	
475	Balance brought forward	526 18 8		Communion Expenses	£11 13 3
				Assembly, Synod and	
				Presbytery Dues	28 2 7
				Telephone	29 11 3
				Sundry Expenses	87 16 8
			118		157 3 9
			63	Benevolent Fund	68 19 9
			19	Payments to Sunday School	25 0 0
			125	Transferred to Fabric Fund	175 0 0
					£2774 11 6
			£2651		527
				Balance on hand	423 6 0
			£3178		£3197 17 6
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2.—FABRIC FUND.

1960	INCOME	1961	1960	EXPENDITURE	1961
	Grant from General Trustees	£254 0 0	£789	Expenditure on Repairs to Fabric	£649 6 8
123	Net proceeds of Sale of Work (Dalgety) ...	0 0 0	676	Balance on hand	789 8 7
266	Donations (Woman's Guild £250)	266 10 0			
100	Legacy	0 0 0			
39	Collections	41 0 5			
7	Trust Investment—For Repairs	6 19 6			
19	Interest	19 2 0			
125	Transferred from General Fund	175 0 0			
		£762 11 11			
£679					
786	Balance brought forward	676 3 4			
		£1438 15 3			
£1465			£1465		£1438 15 3

Note.—The foregoing financial statements are abstracts of the transactions and funds of the Congregational Board only.

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

9th March 1962.—Audited and found correct.

IAN M. STUART, F.C.I.I. }
J. P. AMOS } Auditors.