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Aberdour and Dalgety News

What We Give Away

Time was, when if at the end of the year, any money could be spared after the congregation's own needs had been met, it was sent off to help with the Church's work elsewhere. That was true of most congregations. Now things are different and the Church is beginning to realise that its main concern should be how much it can give away in order to help the cause of Christ in the needy and less prosperous parts of the world. In 1963 we, in Aberdour and Dalgety, are planning to give away £898. That seems a great deal of money, but, when one breaks it down, one realises that it amounts to no more than about one pound six shillings per year per member, which is not really a great sum. I have no doubt we could manage much more from a congregation with our resources.

Let me tell you how we plan to distribute this sum. We are going to send £200 to help poorer congregations to pay their ministers the minimum stipend of about £16 10s. a week. Many congregations cannot afford to pay anything like that. We plan to send £653 to be distributed amongst a number of causes. £300 or so to the work of the Church in Scotland itself, Home Mission work, Church Extension, and Social Service, in which we have a special commitment in our adopted niece in the Children's Home at Duddingston. £350 for the work overseas and this includes our contribution to the salary of Dr Wilkinson, our own missionary in Kenya, and help for the chaplaincies to our own people abroad, and the work amongst the Refugees. In addition we are allotting about another £45 for charitable societies such as the Bible Society and the United Society for Christian Literature, in

which our congregation here has always been interested.

Giving away is surely the true function of the Church, especially when we remember how our Lord said:—

"Anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me."

CHURCH MAGAZINES

The Church produces a number of very excellent magazines. There is the monthly magazine, "Life and Work", which as the title suggests deals with the whole life and work of the Church both at home and abroad; there is the quarterly, "Overseas", which deals particularly with work in other lands; and there is "The Holy Tryst", a yearly publication, which is aimed at deepening the spiritual life and widening the interest in the cause of Christ in the world. You can place your order by putting a note in the Offering Bag.

The Church also produces "The British Weekly" which now incorpor-

DALGETY CHURCH

Since the treatment of the wood-worm and dry-rot more than a year ago the vestibule has had to remain undecorated until the plaster had time to dry out. A colour scheme had now been decided upon by the Dalgety ladies who are members of the Congregational Board, and it is hoped that in the near future Dalgety will have a "new look".

The walls of the staircase have not responded well to treatment in the past, and we have been advised that it would be difficult and expensive to treat them satisfactorily. It is for that reason that the new scheme of decoration includes cherry red curtains which will hang at the foot of the staircases and off-set the scheme of blue grey and white and yellow. We anticipate a very attractive and bright vestibule. Once again we are indebted to Mr Archer for his guidance and help.

ates the "Christian World". Orders for it should be placed with your local newsagent.

Church Decoration

Flowers add to the beauty of any house and particularly the House of God. In Aberdour Mrs Kerr, Flock House, Seaside Place, looks after the arrangements for the flowers on the Communion Table in St. Fillan's Church. Miss A. Wilkie performs a similar service for Dalgety Church. Anyone who would like to share in this service by putting in their own flowers or paying for flowers to be put in should get in touch with either Mrs Kerr or Miss Wilkie.

St. Colme's Property

There will be some sad hearts now that St. Colme's Church and the adjoining property have passed into other hands, but we are glad that it is intended by the purchasers to use the property for residential purposes. St. Colme's Church came into being through the Disruption of 1843 and was built soon after. It had some glorious chapters in its history and many can look back with thanksgiving to the happy days spent within its walls, and look on it as the Church in which they were baptised, confirmed, and married. It was a congregation which was always very much alive, and though small in numbers contributed a very great deal to the spiritual life of the community.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

He loves us everyone as though there were but one to love.

—Augustine.

Many of its members were naturally concerned as to what would happen to the memorials and we are happy to report that a suitable home has been found for most of them. The pulpit, the font, the communion table and chair have been accepted by the Church Extension Committee, and it is planned that they should be used in the new Church Extension charge at Lochside, Dumfries. There is already a Hall-Church there, but more room is needed and shortly a new Church will be begun, which will house these beautiful memorials. The pews were purchased by the Larbert Baptist Church, and will be used by them in their reconstruction of their Church. It is good to feel that they will be put to the highest use. The plaques to two of the ministers of St. Colme's Church will be housed in the new hall, which we plan to construct out of the gallery of the existing hall; while the memorial to Mr Gillespie will find a place near the organ in St. Fillan's where Mr Gillespie was organist for so long. The Church Extension Committee have asked for the Bell and plan to use it some day in one of the new Churches. We are happy to think that they have all found a home and will serve a right and useful purpose in days to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday Schools will commence on Sunday, 16th September.

In Dalgety the Sunday School will begin as in previous years at 11.30 a.m. and it is hoped that the older scholars will all wait on to the Church service. It is quite wrong, when Sunday School is regarded as a substitute for Worship. The Church from the earliest days has been built on the gathering of young and old to worship God.

In Aberdour some alteration is planned. We have always had special difficulties through having the church and halls at such a distance from one another. Families with children in both Primary and Senior Sunday Schools have found it very difficult—older children going out for ten o'clock and the younger children after Church.

In expectation that the new St. Colme's Hall will be ready sometime during the winter, it has been decided to hold the Primary Sunday School at 10 a.m. in the Small Hall, that is, the children from 5 to 8 years of age. The Infants will continue for the meantime to meet after the morning service. This, though not the complete solution, will make it easier for many families on a Sunday morning. Here is the time table:—

Infants (up to 5 years)	12.20 p.m.
Primary (5 to 8 years)	10.00 a.m.
Senior (8 to 13 years)	10.00 a.m.
Bible Class (13½ to 16)	5.30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship (16 upwards)	7.45 p.m.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

If you have problems, phone Kirkcaldy 4141 and make an appointment; or, if in Edinburgh, phone Caledonia 1431.

PULPIT TRIBUTE TO THE REV. GORDON W. GILMOUR, L.R.A.M.

Though through the nature of things Gordon Gilmour did not play as active a part in the work of the Kirk Session as most others he had been an elder of this congregation for some six or seven years. He was a man of considerable gifts. His early interests led him to the stage, where amongst other companies he played with the Wilson Barrett Company and the B.B.C. He produced a number of plays including Barrie's 'Little Minister' at the Gateway and Masefield's 'Good Friday' in St. Giles Cathedral. He also wrote and published plays. After qualifying L.R.A.M. in Speech and Drama he lectured in the Edinburgh College and became one of two advisers to the Scottish Community Drama Association. During those years he was always interested in spiritual things, and was a very active member of the Actors Christian Union. This led him to feel that his real life's work lay in the Holy Ministry, and when already over forty years of age, with great courage, he left the stage behind him, and began to study for the ministry, first at St. Andrew's University and then later at New College, Edinburgh. During his years of study in Edinburgh he acted as student assistant in Holy Trinity Church and when he completed his course he became assistant to the minister of Brechin Cathedral. Later, with great acceptance he supplied the services at Churchmount, Lochgelly, in the vacancy. It had been apparent for some time that he was not a well man but it was a very sudden end to a life of promise, when he passed away last Monday after a very short illness.

In his infrequent stays in Aberdour he made many friends especially amongst the young people, whom he helped on innumerable occasions in their Youth Fellowship Concerts, and also among the members of the Church Drama Club. He was quiet and self-effacing—gentleness itself, and had a great ability to impart his knowledge and skill to others.

We cannot understand the passing of one who gave such promise at the early age of 48, just when he was about to begin his true work, but we do believe that being found faithful, he had been called to higher service.

Our sympathy today is with his mother in her deep loss and loneliness.

International Friendship

At the end of July we had the pleasure of another visit of a group of young Americans from the First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont, under their minister, the Rev. George Lawrence. Dr Lawrence, who is now minister in full charge, was assistant in Aberdour and Dalgety from 1953-54. Kind friends in the congregation offered the young people hospitality, while our own Youth Fellowship took them across Mortimer's Deep to see the Abbey on Inchcolm and entertained them to a Social Evening in the Institute.

The Americans generously invited as many of our young people as were able to go with them to share in a visit to St. Andrews. After lunch a tour of the historical monuments was made and a visit to the Old Course, before going out to Craigton Park for a meal. Later in the week the hosts became the guests and joined the American young people in Edinburgh for a tour of the Trossachs with lunch in Aberfoyle and tea in Callender. Both those outings were blessed with sunshine.

These visits are of great value, not just for the Americans, but for our own young people. Many firm friendships were made, and something done to bridge the gaps and to banish the misunderstandings which sometimes exist between the Americans and ourselves.

The Americans for their part, having visited Holland, Belgium, France, and actually lived with families in Portsmouth, Southampton, Cheltenham, Aberdour and Newcastle have gone back again with an entirely fresh picture in their minds of Europe, and with a very genuine attachment to us in this country.

REMARK

"Women only go to church to criticise other women's hats".

MR AND MRS MOYES

It is more than twenty-three years since Mr and Mrs Moyes took up their duties at Dalgety Church. They have cared for it as their own house and have given great satisfaction to everyone in all the work they did week by week and in preparation for the Sacrament.

During the War years Mrs Moyes carried out all the work of stoking the boiler herself which was quite an undertaking on the dark winter nights. Not till recently were the duties of beadle and cleaner separated. It was with regret that the Kirk Session accepted their resignation and it was natural that the members at Dalgety should subscribe towards a presentation to both of them, in recognition of their long and faithful service in Dalgety Church.

THOUGHT

FOR TOMORROW

There is work which God requires to be done by each one of us and which no one else can do.

—*Evelyn Underhill.*

Mr Andrew Fenton, Chesters Cottage, has been appointed beadle in place of Mr Moyes. Mr Fenton is well known in the district for until recently he was employed by the Ministry of Works as Custodian at Inchcolm Abbey. The congregation welcomes him to his new post.

THE CHURCH HALL

Those of you who peeped into the Hall during the summer months must have been saddened by what you saw. The firm which treated the rafters for woodworm discovered dry-rot between the two main windows, but no one guessed just how far the rot extended. The whole of the south wall has been affected and this will involve the congregation in considerable expense.

As mentioned before, we plan to convert the gallery into an additional hall to seat about seventy people. This can be done at not too great a cost, and it will give us the additional room which is so urgently needed for our Sunday School work and for our smaller week night meetings. It will be fitting, as the memorials from St. Colme's Church will be housed there, if we refer to the new hall as St. Colme's Hall, and retain the original name of the existing hall—St. Fillan's Hall.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

A warm welcome is given to all the ladies of the district to join in the twice monthly meetings of the Woman's Guild which meets in the Hall at 2.30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The first meeting is fixed for Tuesday, 9th October. It will be addressed by the minister on "Humour in the Minister's Life".

EVENING SERVICES

Last winter the evening services on the last Sunday of each month were held in the Hall. These services took different forms but always as part of the service was the cup of tea, which in some faint way was a reminder that the Early Church always met at a common meal. We lack fellowship in our churches today and this is an attempt to meet the clear need for Christian people to get together. It is an opportunity for meeting other members and for newcomers to make friends. We intend to continue those evening services this winter, and we hope that you will use them as a means of deepening the fellowship.

If you do not get a copy of this leaflet delivered to your house, please notify Mr R. R. Clarke, "Whitehall", Shore Road.

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Jan. 7 Ronald Thomas Johnston Fraser.
Jan. 21 Lorna Balfour Thomson.
Feb. 25 Kenneth William Chalmers.
Mar. 11 Florence Mary Joan Lyon.
Mar. 25 Sandra Margaret Anne McKeating.
Apr. 1 Margaret Young Crawford.
May 13 Colin Alistair Nairn.
May 13 Jonathan Andrew Donald Whyte.
June 10 Sarah Margaret Alexander
June 10 Gail Dickson Lochtie
July 8 Morag Alison Coburn.
July 8 Ruth Methven.

MARRIAGES

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

Mar. 3 John T. MacKenzie to Anne F.
Goodall.
June 23 John Kerr to Georgina Brockie.
July 25 John A. Nairn to Joyce M.
Finley.

DEATHS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

Jan. 6 Mr Fisher, Silver Sands Terrace.
Feb. 16 Mrs McIntyre, The Glebe.
Feb. 28 Miss MacLauchlan, Sunnybrae.
Mar. 12 The Rev. G. Gilmour, Main St.
Mar. 17 Miss J. Bald, Manse Street.
Mar. 20 Mr J. Dowie, Silver Sands Terrace.
Mar. 25 Miss J. Ness, St. Colmes Crescent.
Apr. 23 Miss F. Dickie, Shore Road.
Apr. 25 Mrs Ure, St. Colmes Crescent.
May 12 Mr Anderson, "Blythswood".
July 1 Mr J. Arneil, Livingstone Lane.
July 3 Mrs Drysdale, Home Park.

ACCESSIONS—By Certificate

Mrs A. Drummond, "Mount Etna", Seaside
Place.
Mr and Mrs D. McCutcheon, Dalachy Farm.
Mrs E. Marshall, 11 Inch Avenue.
Mr and Mrs J. Baxter, 40 Dovecot Park.
Mrs P. J. Chuck, 1 Bellhouse Road.
Mr and Mrs W. T. Cochrane, 90 Main St.
Mr H. Cowell, Estate House, Hillend.

Mr and Mrs Cowper, Hollybank, West End.
Mrs M. S. Jones, Shore Road.
Mr and Mrs Kerr, "Lynwood".
Capt. and Mrs McArthur, 13 Inch Avenue.
Mr and Mrs McNeil, 5 Humble Terrace.
Mr and Mrs J. Ness, 3 Bellhouse Road.
Mrs Serridge, 7 Inch Avenue.
Mrs Scougall, 3 Murrell Terrace.
Mr and Mrs D. J. Strong, 10 Bellhouse Rd.
Mr and Mrs F. A. Manders, 4 Dovecot Park.
Mrs C. Miller, 1 Inch Avenue.

DISJUNCTIONS

Mrs D. O'Loughlin, High Street, to South-
ampton.
Mrs J. E. Whyte, 14 Humble Terrace, to
Portsmouth.
Mr D. Moir, Sands Place, to Dunfermline.
Mrs A. Davis, Manse Place, to Dunfermline.
Mr and Mrs A. Todd, Barns Cottage, to
Glenrothes.
Mr and Mrs W. B. Gray, "Murano", to
Karachi.
Mr W. McLaren, 18 Humble Terrace, to
London.

Congregational Activities

- MONDAY.** The Congregational Board meets on the second Monday
of the month.
The Badminton Club.
- TUESDAY.** The Brownies at 5.45 p.m.
The Girl Guides at 7.15 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY.** The Badminton Club.
- THURSDAY.** The Church Choir at 7.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY.** The Wolf Cubs at 6.00 p.m.
The Boy Scouts at 7.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY.** Junior Badminton.

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church

Dear Member,

Each year at this time the Congregational Board review the financial position of our Church for the current year and consider estimates of income and expenditure for the ensuing year. They take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to all those who throughout the past months have contributed so regularly and generously.

CURRENT YEAR

The position relative to members and contributions for the ten months ending 31st October 1962 was as follows:—

	Number of Members	Amount Contributed
Open Plate	369	£500
F.W.O. (including 2 members under Bond of Annuity) ...	337	1174
Annual Payments under Bond of Annuity	5	179
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	711	£1853
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The amount to be raised by the Congregation during 1962 as stated in the Budget Statement for that year was £2464. Ten-twelfths of this sum amounts to £2053 which amount can be used for a rough comparison with the figure of £1853 above. Such a comparison indicates a possible Budget shortfall of £200 for the year.

During the year negotiations were completed for the sale of St. Colme's Church and adjoining properties for the sum of £2200. Part of this sum will be used to meet the cost of an additional Hall in the place of the present gallery at the rear of the Church Hall. It was the intention that the balance be invested with the General Trustees; the income therefrom being available year by year for expenditure on repairs and upkeep of the several Church properties. Unfortunately the discovery and subsequent treatment of dry rot in the Hall has incurred the Board in expenditure of more than £1500, and it will not be possible to have a balance available for investment as planned. The Board have to report the receipt of intimation of two legacies of £400 each, and it is hoped to be able to invest these sums when received to provide additional annual income for general purposes of the Congregation.

YEAR 1963.

The Finance Committee has prepared a Budget Statement for 1963, a copy of which is supplied with this letter. The sum to be raised by members and friends of the Congregation during 1963 amounts to £2636. This is an increase of £172 compared with the figure for the current year and can only be attained by increased effort on the part of all members.

On behalf of the Congregational Board.

ISABEL C. H. SIMMERS, Clerk

J. DAWSON MACFARLANE, Treasurer.

ABERDOUR AND DALGETY PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1963

1962

“FOR OURSELVES”

£920	Minister's Stipend (part of) and Salaries of Organists, Church Officers, Hall-keeper and Cleaners		£1040
—	Minister's Travelling Expenses		125
190	Rates, Insurance and Feu Duty		135
200	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning		200
125	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)		50
130	Printing, Stationery and Publications		
120	Sundry Expenses including Communion Expenses		140
120	Telephone, and Assembly, Synod and Prebytery Dues		120
250	Repairs to Fabric		250
<u>£1935</u>			<u>£2060</u>

“FOR OTHERS”

	Assembly Funds		
£200	Maintenance of the Ministry	£225	
49	Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund	49	
	Co-ordinated Appeal	£653	
533	Less: Estimated Contributions from Organisations	120	
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<u>£782</u>		<u>£807</u>	
35	Outside Organisations including National Bible Society, Mission to Lepers, etc.	35	
842	Special Appeals arising throughout the year not provided for in the above allocation	25	867
<u>£2777</u>			<u>£2927</u>
	Less:		
£165	Income from Trust Investments	£170	
28	Rent	1	
313	Miscellaneous Income	120	291
<u>£2464</u>	Amount to be raised by Congregation		<u>£2636</u>