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# Aberdour and Dalgety News

## A. G. M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place in St. Fillan's Hall on Wednesday, 20th March at 7.30 p.m. Its business, besides the Financial Report and the reports of the various organisations of the Church, is to elect six members to the Congregational Board. The Board's membership is made up of the members of the Kirk Session and 18 elected members, who hold office for three years. This year the following have completed their term of office, and are of course eligible for re-election—Mrs Allan, Mrs Cadger, Mrs Wright, Miss Wilkie, Mr Archer and Mr Gunn. We thank them for their regular attendance and their willing service. Members should come prepared to nominate members to the Board after getting their permission to do so.

After business, which never takes long, tea will be served. Then a short concert will follow, and the evening will end up with games and dancing. This provides an opportunity for members and friends to meet each other, and establish friendship within the Church. A warm welcome is given to all members and the friends who worship with us.

## ST. COLUMBA

This year marks the 1400 anniversary of the arrival of St Columba in Scotland. This is an event which will be widely commemorated throughout the land, in Iona, and of course by the B.B.C. The name of St. Columba has a very special association with our own parishes. There is a strong tradition, dating from pre-Reformation days, that the saint used the island of Inchcolm as his headquarters during his visit to this part of Scotland. A Service of Commemoration will be held on the island on Sunday, 9th June.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTINGS

Arrangements have to be made months ahead if a hall for inclement weather is to be secured. The following arrangements have been made.

Dalgety Sunday School (Junior) to Kinross on 25th May.

Aberdour Sunday School (Beginners, Primary and Juniors) to Kinross on 15th June.

Aberdour and Dalgety (Seniors) to Linlithgow Palace on 8th June.

The park by Loch Leven has been the setting of many a happy picnic in the past, and should it rain, the East Church Hall is close at hand, and at Linlithgow the Palace, St. Michael's Church, and the park by the loch will provide sufficient variety for the older children.

## LEGACIES

Miss Agnes and Miss Helen Downie were well known in Aberdour. They were part of "old Aberdour" and keen members of St. Fillan's Church and the Woman's Guild. During the autumn they passed away within a few weeks of each other. Though in recent years they had been unable to attend worship they had nevertheless the welfare of the church very much at heart, and it was no surprise when they remembered both the Church and the Guild, each leaving the Church £400 and the Woman's Guild £100. Some years ago they donated the large brass flower-bowl on the Communion Table and a most useful couch-chair for the vestry, for use in case of sudden illness. These gifts will help to perpetuate their memory and their generosity.

## DALGETY BAY

We have all read a great deal in the newspapers about the proposed development of the new town. We have been told that houses may be ready for occupation as early as 1964. It is difficult to envisage what this development will mean to this corner of Fife, but it is certain that it will pose many problems for our congregation. How long can it continue as it is now and still meet the needs of Dalgety Parish? We shall need to put on our 'thinking caps' as to what our congregation's development should be. Clearly a time will come when a complete re-organisation of the Church will be required. The Presbytery, of course, will have our problems very much in mind, and will be the court which will make the decisions, but we who are on the spot must be ready to advise and guide, so that what may be a great opportunity for the Church is not lost.

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

It is with considerable satisfaction that we can announce, in spite of all our commitments here in the upkeep of our own congregation, that last year we were able to give away to others over £1100. This is in fulfilment of our Lord's injunction — "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these . . . ye did it unto me." In round figures we gave—

£200 to supplement stipends in poorer parishes.

£264 to finance the spread of the Gospel in Scotland.

£344 to finance the spread of the Gospel in other lands.

£100 to refugees and for relief.

£40 to children's Homes.

£31 to help in the distribution of the Bible and Christian Literature.

£105 to the sick and the needy and the elderly.

Quite a creditable record, though in fact it amounts to no more than about thirty shillings per member. Our membership remains constant just below 700.

## FEED THE HUNGRY

Two-thirds of the world's population are under-fed and under-nourished, and the members of our Youth Fellowship want to play some part in the national effort to Feed the Hungry. They plan to hold a Sale of Work in St. Fillan's Hall on the afternoon of 30th March at 3 p.m. They need your help — all you can give—all you can buy—all you can donate. Gifts to Feed the Hungry will be received from 10 o'clock on the morning of the Sale.

## CHURCH MAGAZINES

The magazines of the church, Life and Work, Overseas, Holy Tryst, etc., can be ordered by placing a note in the offering bag on a Sunday.

## ST. COLME'S HALL

After many delays of one kind and another, St. Colme's Hall, the reconstruction of the gallery, is almost complete. It will be a very valuable addition to our property, making it possible

for different organisations to meet simultaneously, and of course bringing all our activities under one roof. It is planned to use it for the meetings of the Primary Sunday School, the Bible Class, the Woman's Guild, the Choir Practice, and the meetings of the Kirk Session and the Congregational Board. A service of Dedication will take place in the near future.

## EVENING SERVICES

Last summer an experiment was made with the Evening Services. As the days grew longer they were held at 7.45 p.m. instead of at the usual hour. This had many advantages. The Close of Day Service met the needs of those who were away for the afternoon, or those who had friends visiting, or mothers who had children to put to bed. We plan to continue the later service this year. Intimation of the alteration of the time of service will be given from the pulpit and by notices in the village.

## THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

**"Man is a Spirit  
and  
has a Body"**

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Along with my wife and daughter I have been invited by members of the First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont, to visit the States and conduct services in their Church. I shall be absent for two months, from mid June to mid August. During that time I expect my place in the pulpit to be taken by the Rev. Dr. A. White, a member of our Presbytery, who lives in Milnathort. He has just recently retired and is well known as a preacher and a very successful minister.

## MISS ANNE STUART

It is a year or two since we had a member of our congregation offering for full time service in the Church. Members will be pleased to learn that Miss Anne Stuart has been recognised

by the Order of Deaconesses as Deaconess-in-training for work under the Ladies Highland Association. She commenced her training in St. Colm's College, Edinburgh, in September. St. Colm's College is the Church's Training College for Deaconesses and Missionaries. Prior to being accepted for this work, Miss Stuart taught in both our Primary and Senior Sunday Schools and was an enthusiastic leader in the Brownies. Our best wishes go with her for the work she had set her heart on.

## MR ANDREW IRELAND

In a month or so Mr Ireland will have completed his training for the Holy Ministry and will be ready for licensing by the Presbytery, and free to seek a charge of his own. Though a year's assistantship is usually demanded by the Church that has been waived in his case, and we would endorse that decision. He has given good service in the two winters he has been with us in Aberdour. We have been greatly helped by his message of the Gospel, and the sick and the elderly folk whom he has visited for me have spoken enthusiastically of his visits. He has led the Sunday School and the Bible Class, while keeping up with his own studies, which he has pursued with some distinction. We hope it will not be long before he is called to some suitable parish, and we wish him and Mrs Ireland great happiness in their work for Christ.

## MR J. STODART

Mr Stodart, who has given us valued service as beadle, has intimated his desire to relinquish his duties. A year ago he asked to be relieved of them, but agreed to continue for another year to accommodate us. It is not only the minister and the office-bearers who will miss him: he has become very much part of St. Fillan's Church. Everything he did he did well, and much more than anyone could ever expect of him. He lent a dignity to every service by his quite reverence and his very real interest in the work of the Church. As a beadle he was in the very best tradition of the Scottish Church.

A presentation is being planned and those who wish to contribute to it, are asked to hand their contributions to our Treasurer, Mr Macfarlane, Brae-foot, by 14th March.

## MR W. ARCHER

There are a number of members to whom the congregation is very much indebted for services of one kind and another—services which do not draw any attention to themselves. One of those is Mr Archer, our Convener of the Property Sub-Committee of the Board. I mention him here in this number of our leaflet because we are just completing what has been a very big undertaking—or rather a series of big undertakings. I mean the repairs to Dalgety Church, the eradication of the woodworm and dry-rot in the Hall, and the conversion of the gallery into a new hall, along with many other smaller repairs and improvements. The work undertaken has cost not less than £2,500 and Mr Archer has supervised it all, and given his thought and time and his professional knowledge and experience as his service for the Church.

## THE ELDERSHIP

You may have noticed in the local press that at the Elders' Conferences held recently there was quite a lot of discussion as to what the duties of an elder really were. In our own Kirk Session we too have had our own discussions, and we have felt that the elder can do his best work in the conscientious visitation of his district. The elder is the closest link between the Church and the home, and can play a very large part in establishing the fellowship which is an essential part of any living congregation. Members of course have to play their parts. Make it your business to get to know your elder. When he calls, do not keep him standing on the door-step; but, unless it is inconvenient, invite him in and regard him as one of your special friends.

## BAPTISMS

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

- Oct. 7 Jill Mary Crow.  
Oct. 28 John Christopher Anderson.  
Oct. 28 David Andrew Shepherd.  
Dec. 2 Neil Douglas Cowell.

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- Jan. 20 Katrina Forsyth Cochrane.  
Jan. 20 Michael David Clive Miller.  
Jan. 20 Hector Ewan MacAlister.  
Feb. 10 William Young.

## MARRIAGES

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

- Aug. 31 William McKellar and Dorothy E. M. Spence.  
Sept. 1 Ashley S. Havinden and Judy Provan.  
Sept. 8 George McD. M. Fraser and Elizabeth M. Duncan.  
Sept. 29 Michael J. Coston and Jean H. Proctor.  
Oct. 20 Alexander Craig and Rita R. Hannah.  
Dec. 11 Thomas Nicol and Thomasina Graham.  
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Jan. 26 Hector J. McKechnie and Dorothy Macfarlane.

## THOUGHT FOR TO-MORROW

**"God's Bidding  
is  
His Enabling"**

## DEATHS

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

- Sept. 3 Miss Agnes Downie, High Street.  
Sept. 19 Miss Paton, Burntisland.  
Oct. 11 Mr J. McLauchlan, Morayfield.  
Oct. 18 Miss Helen Downie, High Street.  
Oct. 24 Mrs Paulin, Salisbury Villas.  
Nov. 5 Mrs Steedman, Inverkeithing.  
Nov. 16 Mr W. Roy, Kirk Houses.  
Dec. 27 Mr L. Cabrelli, Hollybank.  
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Jan. 23 Mrs Methven, Murrel Road.

## ACCESSIONS—By Profession

- Mrs Erskine, Hillend, by Dunfermline.  
Miss M. Dewar, Murrell Terrace.  
Mr and Mrs A. Craig, High Street.

## ACCESSIONS — By Certificate

- Mr and Mrs Wm. Cormie, 25 Inch Avenue.  
Miss J. Cormie, 25 Inch Avenue.  
Miss M. Kerr, "Sands Cottage".  
Mr and Mrs Maltman, 5 Bellhouse Road.  
Mrs J. F. Murray, "Forth House", Seaside Place.  
Mr and Mrs J. McColl, Chapel Farm.  
Mr and Mrs D. Nelson, 30 Dovecot Park.  
Miss C. Nelson, 30 Dovecot Park.  
Mr and Mrs Wm. Shepherd, 21 Inch Av.  
Dr and Mrs J. Tevendale, 1 Dovecot Park.  
Mr and Mrs W. J. Stewart, 15 Inch Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs J. L. Kennedy, 18 Inch Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs J. Errett, 2 Bellhouse Road.  
Mrs J. M. Kelly, 12 Bellhouse Road.  
Mr and Mrs J. A. Shaw, Croftgarry Farm.  
Mr and Mrs S. H. Shaw, Croftgarry Farm.  
Mr J. Shaw, Croftgarry Farm.  
Mr and Mrs R. S. Johnston, 32 Dovecot Park.  
Lady Normand, 6 Succoth Place, Edinburgh.  
Mrs I. D. McLeod, "Straith Villa", Park Lane.  
Mr J. McKenzie, "Straith Villa", Park Lane.  
Mrs H. Young, Linnhead Farm.  
Miss M. Gentleman, "Sunnyside", The Glebe.  
Mr R. M. Sturrock, 24 Dovecot Park.  
Mrs G. Harrow, "Kingshouse", The Glebe.  
Mr and Mrs G. McNair, 30 Humbie Terrace.  
Mrs E. Kirkham, Park Lane.

## DISJUNCTIONS

- Mr and Mrs A. S. Dykes, Morayvale to Australia.  
Mr Douglas Buchan, Morayvale to Burntisland.  
Mr Ian Duncan, to Burntisland.  
Mrs Shedlock, High Street, to Ealing.  
Mrs J. T. MacKenzie, Manse Place to Townhill.  
Mrs E. Simpson, Humbie Terrace to Edinburgh.  
Mrs G. M. Frazer, Morayvale to Cleethorpes.  
Mrs M. B. Gilmour, Main Street to Edinburgh.  
Mr and Mrs H. Cowell, Hillend to Dunfermline.  
Mr G. Simpson, Humbie Terrace to London.  
Mrs J. Smith, Seaside Place to Rosyth.  
Mrs Griffin, to Rosyth.  
Mr and Mrs Mackie, Monziehall to Dunfermline.  
Mr J. Cunningham, to Burntisland.  
Mr and Mrs R. J. McNeil, Humbie Terrace to Dunfermline.  
Miss P. Thomson, "Bendamere House", Bracknell.

# ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1962.

## 1.—GENERAL FUND.

1961	INCOME	1962	1961	EXPENDITURE	1962
	Collections:—			Allocation of Funds:—	
£606	Cash Collections ... ..	£603 15 4		Assembly Funds:—	
1372	Weekly Freewill Offerings ...	1400 5 6		Maintenance of Ministry	
	Bonds of Annuity and		£200	Fund ... ..	£200 0 0
116	Income Tax Recovered ... ..	227 5 1		Aged and Infirm Ministers'	
—	Legacy ... ..	400 0 0	49	Fund ... ..	493 0 0
102	Special Collections ... ..	159 0 10		Co-ord'ed Appeal	£653 0 0
157	Donations ... ..	93 13 6		Less: Contributed	
27	District Collections ... ..	32 5 9		by Congregational	
7	Assembly Funds ... ..	8 19 2		Organisations ... ..	144 18 0
		£2925 5 2	419		508 2 0
£2387	Net proceeds of Coffee Morning, Concerts, etc.:—		£668		£757 5 0
55	Coffee Morning ... ..	£0 0 0	74	Outside Organisations ... ..	132 0 0
	Concert—N.C.B. Male		£752		
	Voice Choir ... ..	£15 2 2	550	Minister's Stipend (part of) ... ..	£889 5 0
	Concert—Inverkeithing			Salaries of Organists, Church Officers, Hall-keeper and Cleaners ... ..	600 5 0
29	Youth Theatre ... ..	16 16 2	358	Minister's Allow. for Trav. Expenses ... ..	381 10 10
		31 18 4	—	Upkeep of Churches, etc.:—	93 15 0
—	Golf Competition ... ..	3 6 9		Rent, Taxes, Insurance and	
		35 5 1	193	Feuduty ... ..	£122 6 3
	Trust Investments:—		170	Heating, Lighting, Cleaning ... ..	212 19 4
109	For Stipend ... ..	£104 15 9			335 5 7
9	„ Benevolent Fund ... ..	9 3 5	197	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)	30 18 6
35	„ Assembly Funds ... ..	34 16 5	139	Printing, Stationery and Publications ... ..	131 7 1
9	„ Sunday School ... ..	9 0 0		Miscellaneous:—	
8	„ Other Church Purposes ... ..	7 3 10		Communion Expenses ... ..	£10 8 0
		164 19 5		Assembly, Synod and	
28	Rent ... ..	0 10 0		Presbytery Dues ... ..	32 5 8
2	Income Tax Recovered ... ..	79 10 5		Telephone ... ..	26 15 7
		£3205 10 1		Sundry Expenses ... ..	75 5 3
£2671			157		144 14 6
527	Balance brought forward ... ..	423 6 0	69	Benevolent Fund ... ..	76 17 5
		£3198	25	Payments to Sunday School ... ..	25 0 0
			175	Transferred to Fabric Fund ... ..	175 0 0
					£2883 13 11
			£2775	Balance on hand—Legacy ... ..	£400 0 0
				General ... ..	345 2 2
			423		745 2 2
£3198		£3628 16 1	£3198		£3628 16 1

## 2.—FABRIC FUND.

1961	INCOME	1962	1961	EXPENDITURE	1962
£254	Grant from General Trustees ... ..	£0 0 0		Expenditure on repairs to Fabric:—	
—	Sale of pews ex St. Colme's Church ... ..	120 0 0		“Dry-rot” repairs at	
	Net proceeds of Coffee Morning and Sale			Church Hall ... ..	£1364 14 6
	of Work (Dalgety) ... ..	100 13 6		Less—paid-out of proceeds to	
267	Donations (Woman's Guild £275) ... ..	295 0 0		account of sale of St.	
41	Collections ... ..	42 7 5		Colme's properties ... ..	1000 0 0
7	Trust Investment—For Repairs ... ..	6 19 6			£364 14 6
19	Interest ... ..	13 18 4		Other repairs to Fabric ... ..	458 10 8
175	Transferred from General Fund ... ..	175 0 0			823 5 2
		£753 18 9	650		
£763			789	Balance on hand ... ..	720 2 2
676	Balance brought forward ... ..	789 8 7			£1543 7 4
		£1543 7 4	£1439		

## 3.—“SPECIAL” FABRIC FUND

1961	INCOME	1962	1961	EXPENDITURE	1962
	Amount received to account on sale of St.			“Dry-rot” repairs at Church Hall (part of)	£1000 0 0
—	Colme's properties ... ..	£1000 0 0			

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

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

13th February, 1963.—Audited and found correct.

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