

# Aberdour and Dalgety News

## INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

I am much indebted to the Kirk Session for making it possible for me and my wife and Jan to accept the invitation of the members of the First Congregational Church of Burlington to visit them in Vermont. It was a wonderful experience, the journey, the beautiful country, and the tremendous welcome from the congregation. It was a great pleasure to meet so many of the young people who had been over here and visited Aberdour in the last few years. We were assured not only personally but in the Press that "there will be a warmer spot in the hearts of many Burlingtonians for the people of Scotland... and that this is one good example of the kind of personal exchange which helps to build permanent bridges of good will between the nations." We got a great kick out of meeting two of our own young people while we were in Burlington, Sandy Elder who was on holiday, and Peter Levein who is studying. They too enjoyed very warm hospitality and rich friendships. We look forward to a strengthening of the ties between the two congregations and between the two nations.

D.W.R.

## A letter from our own Missionary.

Rev. Dr. J. Wilkinson.

Presbyterian Church (E.A.) Hospital,  
P.O. Chogoria,  
KENYA.

Dear Folks,

Kenya has been very much in the news recently with its elections and the coming of internal self government or I. S. G. as the abbreviators call it. The elections were for three different assemblies; Senate or Upper

House, the House of Representatives or Lower House, and the different regional Assemblies. Each election took two days, and were separated from the other elections by two days, and so all took just over a week.

The qualifications for voting were such that we were entitled to vote in the Lower House election only, so that it cannot be said that any preference was given to Europeans in this election. In our area we had a very high turn-out of electors and held the record for two things; the highest percentage poll in which 99.7% of the electorate voted, and the largest majority in our Senate seat where the victorious candidate got 127,000 votes and his rival only 4,000.

All the candidates elected in our district were KANU and with one exception were Roman Catholics. Their election is attributed to intimidation of many areas by a terrorist gang which is still at large in our area, and to the instruction of the Roman Catholic priests to their people to vote KANU. On the other hand there are several other factors which must be taken into account. KANU conducted a much more active election campaign than KADU. Many people felt that KANU would get a majority in the government in any case, and so they may as well vote for the winning side.

Party politics have not affected us much apart from a rumour which was set about recently that our hospital only treated KADU patients. It was said that when you came to hospital the nurses would ask to which party you belonged, and if you were KANU you were turned away. It is not true of course, but we would like to know its origin.

Now the KANU is in power, there is a tendency of the people to regard

anything not according to the party line as not done. We hear for instance there is a possibility that Church givings may go down in this area because it is being said that the Church is KADU anyway, and you must give your money to KANU now and not to non-KANU institutions. It remains to be seen whether this has any effect on givings.

Please thank the Sunday School and the Bible Class for the money. I have used the Sunday School amount to replace our textbook of anatomy here which was dated 1914! Because I have begun to teach anatomy again since Dr. Irvine left on leave, I felt the need of a new reference book in the subject so I ordered one costing £7 10/-

Best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) JACK WILKINSON.

## A FAMILY PRAYER.

Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou dost set our lives in families, so that we might bear one another's burdens and share one another's joys. We thank Thee that Jesus taught us to call Thee Our Father. We rejoice in the gifts of home, and shelter, and daily work, and love which never dies. Renew and deepen the marriage vows of Thy servants for they were taken in Thy sight. Help us always to be thoughtful, always kind, always helpful. May this home always be an example of Christian living, and may all who enter this house find refreshing friendship here. We commit our lives into Thy keeping, together with all who are dear to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Mr J. McKerron.

During the coming winter I am to have the assistance on Sundays of Mr McKerron of Kirkcaldy. Mr McKerron was District Superintendent of Police in Kirkcaldy, but when he retired he decided to train for the Holy Ministry. He is now in his final year of study at my own College of St. Mary, St. Andrews University. He comes to us with a wide experience of life and a great humility and I know that we will benefit greatly by his association with us.

D.W.R.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

With the opening of St. Colme's Hall it will now be possible for the whole of the Aberdour Sunday School to meet at the same hour. This will help to make family life simpler on a Sunday morning in many of the homes of the congregation. All the departments will meet at 10 a.m. The Beginners (children from the age when they are first able to come until 5 years of age) will meet in the Small Hall. The Primary (children from 5 to 8 years of age) will meet in St. Colme's Hall. The Junior and Senior Sunday Schools will meet as previously in St. Fillan's Hall.

Dalgety Sunday School will meet as before at 11.30 a.m. in Dalgety Church.

Both Aberdour and Dalgety Sunday Schools will commence on Sunday, 15th September.

It is hoped that all but the smallest children will attend Church with their parents as well as Sunday School. Sunday School is no substitute for Worship in the Sanctuary.

## THE BIBLE CLASS.

The Bible Class which is for young people between the ages of 13½ and 16 years of age will meet in St. Colme's Hall on Sundays at 5.30 p.m. This class will be under the direction of Mr W. Chalmers, one of our elders. Mr Chalmers has had long experience of Bible Class work in the Boys' Brigade.

The Youth Fellowship will meet after the evening service at 7.45 p.m. and young people over the age of 16 years of age are welcome to join and take part in the study of the Christian Faith.

## WEEK NIGHT ORGANISATIONS.

At a recent meeting of the Kirk Session the elders reviewed the week night organisations in the light of current trends. The Kirk Session has decided to disband the present Badminton Club due to the small number attending.

To meet the need of both young and old, it was decided to form two entirely new organisations. One to be known as the CHURCH CLUB, which will be for members of the congregation and those who attend our services, who are over 17 years of age. This will meet on Monday evenings. It will have various activities which will include badminton, table-tennis and other games. A meeting will be announced shortly to discuss the forms which this Church Club might take. The other to be known as the YOUTH CLUB will meet on Wednesdays. The membership of this Club will be confined to members of the Bible Class and the Youth Fellowship. It will be a games night, and will have a variety of interest.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"There are no accidents  
with God"**

LONGFELLOW

## Mr DAVID WADDEL.

*Pulpit Tribute — d. 12th March, 1963*

When he retired from his post as stationmaster at Alva and Menstrie Mr Waddel came to Aberdour to spend the remaining years of his life. He was already acquainted with the village and soon he made many friends on account of his quiet kindly nature. He was always interested in the work of the Church and when vacancies occurred in the Kirk Session he was an obvious choice. He carried out his office faithfully, as much by his regular attendance at public worship as by his conscientious visitation of his district. He was appointed first to Cullalo Crescent and then later to St. Colmes Crescent. He suffered a great loss through the death of his wife in 1958, but he continued his interest in the church and in the affairs of the community. He

had a special interest in Aberdour Institute, where for some time he was secretary. Since the summer he had not enjoyed good health and it was with great regret that his many friends learned of his death in Cameron Hospital last Tuesday. We mourn the passing of one who was a friend to many.

## The Binnings.

One of the most tragic experiences in my ministry in Aberdour and Dalgety has been the passing of the members of the Binning family. Miss Binning died after a fall in Hospital, to be followed four days later by her sister-in-law, Mrs Binning of Ashlea, Hillend, and then later Mr Binning himself in the most tragic circumstances. They were all faithful members in Dalgety Church. Both Mr and Miss Binning were generously interested in the Sunday School and made many an outing and party possible. In his will Mr Binning left the sum of £200 for the use of Dalgety Church.

D.W.R.

## Mr JAMES HENDERSON.

*Pulpit Tribute — d. 8th April, 1963.*

James Henderson, our oldest elder, died last Monday at the age of eighty seven. He was ordained to the eldership on 30th March, 1930 in St. Colme's Church and so had a very long association with church life in Aberdour. When well he was regular in his attendance at public worship, but in later years his deafness and advancing years made it difficult for him to take any active part. In the last few months of his life blindness was added to his trials, but he bore them all with a remarkable fortitude and cheerfulness of spirit. He was the village shoemaker and a real craftsman at his trade. I had occasion once on holiday to have a small repair made to a pair of shoes which he had sewn. The boot repairer asked who had sewn them and said "There are few men still capable of such skilled work." He was a keen Mason and had an interest in all that went on in the village.

His passing will remind many of the older folk of features of village life which have long since gone, and our sincere sympathy goes out to Miss Henderson in her loss.

## Mr DAVID DOWIE.

Pulpit Tribute — d. 13th August, 1963.

Mr Dowie had a very long connection with the life of Dalgety Church. He was first made an elder in 1924, but relinquished the office in 1932. He was again admitted to the eldership in 1952. He was a man who never missed a Sunday at the Kirk if he could help it and on many occasions, when it was not possible to get on a 'bus, would walk the whole way from Hillend. He loved to be in his place at the door to welcome the worshippers as they arrived and give a kindly welcome. He was generous hearted and was most particular that his envelopes should be filled and up to date. Just recently Mr and Mrs Dowie celebrated their Diamond Jubilee and the folk in Hillend took the opportunity to pay tribute to their influence and service. Of recent years he has not had the vigour he once had, but he was always ready to play his part and had a great love and concern for the work at Dalgety.

Our sympathy is with Mrs Dowie in the hour of their parting.

There is no death in heaven;  
For they who gain that shore  
Have won their immortality,  
And they can die no more.

### TWELVE RULES FOR RAISING DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Avoid use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, and clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on to others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and anddrinking glasses are sterilized but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
10. Take his part against neighbours, teachers, policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble apologise for yourself by saying "I never could do anything for him."
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

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### THOUGHT FOR TO-MORROW

"People who are wrapped  
up in themselves make  
small packages"

ANON

### BAPTISMS.

- Mar. 31 Helen Jane Meiklejohn.  
Mar. 31 David Graeme Sinclair.  
April 7 Julia Rosamond Doidge.  
April 7 Robert John Kerr.  
April 28 Charles Brydon Miller.  
April 28 Marion Sally Amy Whyte.  
June 9 Adele Marie Mitchell.  
Aug. 18 Ross Turnbull Findlay.

### MARRIAGES.

- Mar. 23 George N. B. Ross and Margaret Ann Moir.  
May 4 Brian W. Judkins and Paula Blackburn.

### DEATHS.

- Mar. 1 Mr Stodart, Manse Place.  
Mar. 12 Mr Waddel, Manse Place.  
April 8 Mr Henderson, St. Colmes Cresc.  
April 28 Mr Lyon, "Rosebank."  
May 6 Mrs Laing, Newbigging Cottages.  
May 19 Mrs Gow, Murrell Terrace.  
May 23 Miss Binning, Hillend.  
May 28 Mrs Binning, Hillend.  
June 1 Mr George, Park Lane.  
July 16 Mr Connelly, 14 Main Street.  
July 31 Mr Hunter, Morayvale.  
Aug. 13 Mr Dowie, Letham Quadrant.  
Aug. 13 Mr Binning, Hillend.  
Aug. 13 Mr Waterson, 24 Humbie Terr.  
Aug. 18 Mrs Kerr, Devonside Farm.

### DISJUNCTIONS.

- Mrs G. N. B. Ross, Murrell Terrace to Stevenage.  
Mrs H. McKechnie, "Braefoot" to Edinburgh.  
Mr and Mrs J. Smith, St. Colme's Lodge to Richmond.  
Mrs Watson, Hillend to Toronto.  
Mr and Mrs Hynd, "Niloc" to Dunfermline.  
Mr and Mrs D. Calder, 17 Dovecot Park to Juniper Green.

### ACCESSIONS—By Certificate.

- Mrs G. Meiklejohn, 79 Main Street.  
Mr J. Robb, 22 Morayvale.  
Miss A. Scott, 83 Main Street.  
Mrs Cowan, 23 Dovecot Park.  
Mr and Mrs Paterson, Scotswalls Farm.  
Mrs Dick, Scotswalls Farm.  
Mr and Mrs Allwood, 17 Inch Avenue.  
Mrs K. J. Cumberland, 18 Bellhouse Road.  
Mrs Marshall, "Woodlands," The Glebe.  
Mr and Mrs W. J. McLean, 22 Dovecot Park.  
Mr and Mrs Wilkie, 8 Inch Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs G. Malcolm, Callaloe.  
Mr W. E. Palmer, 10 Inch Avenue.

## HELPFUL BOOKS.

"15 +," by Kenneth Barnes is an excellent book for the young adolescent. It is priced 1/- and is easily obtainable. It is full of sound commonsense and will help youngsters over many a pitfall.

Leslie J. Tizard's book, "GUIDE TO MARRIAGE" is a timely contribution from the Christian standpoint to the better guidance of the engaged and the recently married; and even those long married will find much of real value in its pages. Price 6/-. Published by Unwin Books.

## CHURCH MAGAZINES.

"LIFE AND WORK." The Church of Scotland Monthly, priced 6d.

"OVERSEAS." The Church of Scotland Missionary Quarterly, priced 9d.

"HOLY TRYST." The Church of Scotland Handbook of Prayer, priced 1/6d.

Distribution of all or any one of the above publications can be arranged by dropping a note in the offering bag or contacting Mr R. R. Clarke, 'Whitehall,' Shore Road.

## ADDITIONAL ELDERS.

The Kirk Session decided that an addition be made to the number of Elders and the following accepted the invitation to become members of the session:—

Mr W. B. Cormie, 25 Inch Avenue.  
Mr H. R. Cunningham, 'Groinard,'  
Dovecot Park.  
Mr I. Foster, Lily Place.  
Dr. W. Henderson, Sunnyside, Manse St.  
Mr F. A. Manders, 4 Dovecot Park.  
Mr R. B. MacLachlan, 3 Inch Avenue.  
Dr. R. Russell, 'Harveyton,' Main Street.  
Mr O. J. Strudley, 33 Humbie Terrace.

## A NEW ENGLISH BIBLE TRANSLATION

*Titus 3, 8.* "Those who have come to believe in God should see that they engage in honourable occupations, which are not only honourable in themselves, but also useful to their fellow men."

## FACTS AND FIGURES.

"A penny a line." "A bit of a flutter."  
"A shilling on the Derby."

Many people think of a gamble in these terms and wonder why the Church should concern itself about such innocent pleasures. Here are some facts.

In 1961, £763 million were spent on betting and gambling in one form or another. There are 13,340 betting shops in Britain.

That is big business. It is a steadily rising total—some flutter! Why should the Church concern itself with it? Even if the totals were not so formidable, the Church should be concerned. Christian priorities are discipline and stewardship. The Christian is called to dedicate his time, money, ability to the service of His Lord. There is no call to covetousness. To get the most for the least can never be the motto of the Christian.

Is the method of the gambler, the method a good steward should adopt in using God's gifts of money and possessions? Is this method the best response the Christian knows to the redeeming love of Jesus. Every person who professes to follow Christ must decide whether there can be a place in his life for the method or the motive of the gambler.

*The General Assembly's  
Committee.*

## ABERDOUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

BEGINNERS

PRIMARY

JUNIORS

SENIORS

at 10 a.m.

# ABERDOUR AND DALGETY PARISH CHURCH.

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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 1963 was as follows:—

	Number of Members	Amount Contributed
Open Plate ... ..	369	£554
Weekly Freewill Offering (including 2 members under Bond of Annuity) ... ..	342	1180
Annual Payments under Bond of Annuity ... ..	8	244
	<u>719</u>	<u>£1978</u>

The amount to be raised by the Congregation during 1963 as stated in the Budget Statement for that year was £2636. Ten-twelfths of this sum amounts to £2197 which amount can be used for a rough comparison with the figure of £1978 above. Such a comparison indicates a possible Budget shortfall of £219 for the year.

St. Colme's Church and adjoining properties were sold for £2250. The sum of £1500 has been received to account of the net proceeds and payment of the balance is awaited.

The position with regard to the "dry rot" repairs at the Church Hall and the cost of construction of St Colme's Hall is as follows:—

"Dry rot" repairs at Church Hall ... ..		£1401
Cost of construction of St. Colme's Hall ... ..		671
		<u>£2072</u>

Which was financed as follows:—

(1) From proceeds of sale of properties ... ..	£1500	
(2) Ex Fabric Fund ... ..	572	<u>£2072</u>

## YEAR 1964

A Budget Statement for 1964 has been prepared, a copy of which is printed overleaf. The sum to be raised by members and friends of the Congregation during 1964 amounts to £2677. This is an increase of £41 compared with the figure for the current year. In addition the Congregation will also be involved in an expenditure of approximately £500 in respect of painting the Church Hall and renewing the remainder of the floor.

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, 1964.

### “For Ourselves.”

1963		1964
£1,040	Minister's Stipend (part of) and Salaries of Organists, Church Officers, Hall-keeper and Cleaners ... ..	£1,050
125	Minister's Travelling Expenses ... ..	125
135	Rates, Insurance and Feuduty ... ..	135
200	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning ... ..	225
50	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric) ... ..	50
140	Printing, Stationery and Publications ... ..	145
120	Sundry Expenses including Communion Expenses, Telephone and Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Dues ... ..	145
250	Repairs to Fabric ... ..	250
£2,060		£2,125

### “For Others.”

#### ASSEMBLY FUNDS.

£225	Maintenance of the Ministry Fund ... ..	£250
49	Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund ... ..	51
	Co-ordinated Appeal ... ..	£632
	Less: Estimated Contributions from Organisations ... ..	120
533		512
£807		£813
35	Outside Organisations including National Bible Society, Mission to Lepers, etc. ... ..	35
25	Special Appeals arising throughout the year not provided for in the above allocation ... ..	25
867		873
£2,927		£2,998
	Less:—	
£170	Income from Trust Investments ... ..	£200
1	Rent ... ..	1
120	Miscellaneous Income ... ..	120
291		321
£2,636		£2,677