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"IN THE RED."

We all know what that means. No one likes to be "in the red" or to have a deficit, or to run at a loss. When we are, it is a matter of great concern to us—to think that we are spending more than we have coming in.

You can imagine then the concern of the Congregational Board to discover that the congregation spent more last year than it had coming in, and that, not taking into account what was spent on St. Colme's Hall. We were short by £86. The concern of the Board is even greater because it knows that by 1966 our expenditure will increase by about £400. Unless something is done quickly our congregation is just not going to be able to meet her commitments. Those are: congregational expenses, the Co-ordinated Appeal, the Appropriate Stipend, the sum due to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee for the poorer parishes, and the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund. All these are laid down for us by the General Assembly except the first, and we believe that our running of the Congregation is as economical as possible.

We are "in the red" and we are going to be more so, unless all our members look again at their givings, and decide to play their due part. Our givings increased last year by almost £100 but our expenditure by much more. We have many members who give generously but we have just as many who do not contribute more than a fraction of their share. In many cases this is thoughtlessness and will no doubt be put right.

If God has prospered you, and your income has increased since you last decided your yearly givings, have

you increased your offerings in proportion? What is a proper proportion to give for God's work in the world? 10%? 5%? 2%? 1%? Decide on your percentage and then work it out.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place in St. Fillan's Hall on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 p.m. The Financial Report and the reports of the organisations will be given, and six members require to be elected to the Congregational Board. The following have just completed their three year term of office and we would express our thanks to them for their willing and valuable service.

Mrs Laidlaw	Miss Haldane
Miss McQueen	Mrs Nelson
Mrs Stirling	Mr Thomson

Members should come to the meeting prepared to nominate members to the Board. They should have the permission of those whom they nominate.

After business, tea will be served, a concert will be provided by members of the congregation, and we shall wind up the evening with games and dancing. We have found in the past that this provides an excellent way of making friends with our fellow-worshippers. All who worship with us are invited.

A PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH.

Keep us we beseech Thee, Almighty God, in this Thy house, that we may worship Thee in Spirit and in Truth. Guard us from all wandering thoughts and careless behaviour. Let our prayers and our praises be acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Mr GEORGE LAMB.

Pulpit Tribute — d. 4th February, 1964.

George Lamb was our Senior Elder. He had been an elder for forty three years. During that time he had witnessed many changes in Aberdour and in the Church. Those included the transition from worship in what is now the Church Hall to the restored St. Fillans in 1926 and the triple union of the three congregations in 1940. He had many interests, but with him the Church always came first. He was always thinking about it and living for it. He took his duties as elder very seriously, and for that reason he had a profound influence on the members in his district and those who lived around him. He had a special interest in each of the homes under his care and was quick to discover illness and need or 'the stranger that was within the gates.' Men in all walks of life respected him, and his influence was much wider than just within the fellowship of the Church. Men knew that his quiet and gentle way was the outcome of a deep and abiding faith. Men and women liked him and loved him and he was never known to say an unkind word about anyone.

He represented the Congregation in the Presbytery for many years until four years ago he was elected a 'parity elder' by Presbytery nomination. He will be greatly missed in the village and in the Church, as one who very humbly sought to follow his Master, Jesus Christ.

To-day we remember Mrs Lamb and the members of his family in their hour of parting.

NOTELETS.

The Carol Singing on three Sunday nights in December enabled the Youth Fellowship and Bible Class to send £30 to help the work going on in our Church's Children's Homes.

The Junior Choir, made up of members of the Sunday School, has made a good beginning. It has led the singing at the evening service on two occasions, and prepared the singing part of the Christmas Cantata. The members are exceptionally keen. They are now preparing for a concert which will take place in the late Spring and will be on behalf of Sunday School Funds.

Over fifty of the Good Companions (seventy and over) were entertained to a Burn's Supper in the Hall by the members of the Youth Fellowship.

Anyone who failed to hear the Caledonian Choir, under its conductor, Mr J. F. N. Fyfe, missed a treat. Almost £20 was raised for Church Funds. Thanks to Mr Guild, our Organist, for bringing them.

Hillend School once again produced a Christmas Cantata in Dalgety Church. We congratulate Miss Mackie and her helpers on the excellent portrayal of the Christmas Story.

As has been mentioned before it is the intention of the Congregational Board to re-floor and redecorate St. Fillan's Hall this summer. It will involve the congregation in an expenditure of approximately £500.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTINGS.

- 29th May Dalgety Sunday School to Limekilns.
- 20th June Aberdour Primary and Junior S.S. to Limekilns.
- 13th June Aberdour and Dalgety Seniors to St. Andrews.

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUPS.

In response to the requests of some members the Kirk Session has decided to introduce the Individual Cup for those who desire it, in one section of St. Fillans Church, at the afternoon Communion. As it is impossible to discover how many desire to partake in this way, this is to be regarded as a trial arrangement. Opportunity will also be given in Dalgety Church for those who desire the Individual Cup.

The Kirk Session felt that many in the congregation would wish to contribute to the cost. Those who desire to do so are asked to place their contribution in an envelope in the offering bag. Six plates have been gifted and we thank the donors for their generous gift.

THE FOLLOWING MERCY.

We have all experienced a following wind. It is of tremendous help when walking, running, cycling, motoring, yachting. We complete our journey more easily. God's following mercy has the same effect. The Psalmist experienced it and wrote:—*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Ps. 23. v 6

You can experience it too, if you set off in the direction in which it is blowing.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

“My greatest ambition for my boy is that he should meet a saint”

Dr. ROGER LLOYD

“THANK YOU!” from KATHMANDU.

Dr P. J. Chandy, of the new leprosy hospital at Anandaban, Kathmandu, Nepal tells of a woman about 35 years of age, who was carried in a back-basket for a distance of 15 miles by her mother, a woman of 60. The patient was highly lepomatous, had multiple ulcers, and, on the journey, developed pneumonia. With the patient were her two children, a boy of 12 and a girl of 14, both suffering from leprosy.

It is easy to imagine the miserable state of the quartet when they arrived at the already crowded hospital. Their condition was so desperate that Dr. Chandy asked three patients if they would give up their beds for the mother and her children so that they might have treatment without delay. They readily did so, enabling Dr. Chandy and his colleagues to save the mother's life. The

pneumonia has cleared up and all three have received treatment for their leprosy.

The £26 gathered by the Bible Class and the £9 given from the other Church organisations helped to make this possible. Thank you!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WHAT IS GOING ON.

The magazines of the Church will keep you in touch. *Life and Work*, and *The Holy Tryst* can be ordered by placing a note in the offering bag. The publication *Overseas* has been discontinued.

BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 29 Kimberly Bradley.
 - Sept. 29 Carol Anne Best.
 - Nov. 17 Carolyn Kerr.
 - Dec. 15 Michael Colin Redford.
 - Dec. 22 Janice Susan Cowan Michie.
 - Dec. 22 Stephanie Jane Nicola Palmer.
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- Feb. 9 Carol Margaret Hunter.
 - Feb. 9 Lesley Robertson.

ADULT BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 13 Miss Christine Wright.
- Oct. 13 Mrs Margaret Christie.

MARRIAGES.

- Aug. 24 Scott Christie to Margaret Allan.
- Sept. 9 James Kerr to Ivy Isobel Bain.
- Oct. 19 Robert Smith to Marion Dewar.

DEATHS.

- Oct. 2 Dr. Jones, “Caulfield,” Shore Road.
 - Oct. 16 Mr Walker, Jasmine Cottage, Burntisland.
 - Oct. 25 Mr Robertson, “Capulet,” Inverkeithing Road.
 - Oct. 28 Mrs Stuart, “Inishbain,” 35 Hawkraig Road.
 - Nov. 18 Mrs Fraser, 11 Cullalo Crescent.
 - Nov. 26 Mrs Barr, late of Inverkeithing.
 - Nov. 28 Miss Shorthouse, Matthew Fyfe Home.
 - Nov. 30 Mr McQueen, 33 Hawkraig Road.
 - Dec. 22 Mr Nurse, 18 Murrell Road.
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- Jan. 10 Mrs Dykes, 4 Manse Place.
 - Jan. 19 Miss Simpson, 71 Main Street.
 - Feb. 2 Miss Kennedy, 103 Main Street.
 - Feb. 4 Mr Lamb, 3 Kirk Houses.
 - Feb. 8 Miss Wilson, “Sunnyside,” The Glebe.
 - Feb. 13 Mrs Macdonell, late of “Seabeach”

ACCESSIONS—By Profession.

Mr John Anderson, 9 Bellhouse Road.
Mr John Black, Letham Farm, Hillend.
Miss Christine Wright, "Myrtle Cottage,"
Hillend.
Miss Carol Jeffrey, Spittalfield Road,
Inverkeithing.
Mrs Dawn Hancock, "The Lea,"
Seaside Place.
Miss Agnes Lovett, 21 Morayvale.
Miss Margaret Christie, Park Lane.
Mrs Sheila Sturrock, 24 Dovecot Park.

ACCESSIONS—By Certificate.

Mr and Mrs C. G. Dagger, 15 Hawkraig Rd.
Mrs Little, Main Street.
Mrs MacDonald, Dalachy Cottages.
Miss J. Ramsay, 71 Main Street.
Mr and Mrs A. Steel, 28 Dovecot Park.
Mr and Mrs L. Redford, 20 Inch Avenue.
Mr and Mrs Tankard, 70 High Steet.
Mr Colin Stirling, Letham Farm.
Mrs Fenton, The Chesters.
Mrs Metheven, The Chesters.
Miss Fraser, St. Colme's House.
Mr and Mrs P. Morrison, Kirk Cottages.
Mr and Mrs D. Penman, 20 High Street.
Mr and Mrs W. R. Stephen,
Dalachy Cottages.
Mrs A. J. Hunter, "Parkview," Park Lane.
Mr and Mrs J. Craig, Monzie Hall Farm,
Cowdenbeath.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Mr E. Henderson, 15 Hawkraig Road to
Kirkcaldy.
Mrs R. Smith, Murrel Terrace to Denny.
Mr and Mrs R. Lochtie, Cullalo Crescent to
Dalkeith.
Mrs M. Fulton, Burntisland to Burntisland.
Mr and Mrs J. Simpson, 38 Dovecot Park to
Edinburgh.
Mr and Mrs Doidge, Donibristle to Inver-
keithing.
Mr and Mrs J. McIntosh, Dalachy Farm to
Luthrie.
Miss Anne Stirling, Barns Farm to Australia.
Mrs N. A. Coburn, 15 MacGrigor Rd., Rosyth
to Rosyth.
Mr and Mrs A. Gibb, 114 Park Road, Rosyth
to Rosyth.
Mrs Llewellyn, Glenelm to Plymouth.
Mrs Cunningham, St. Colme's House to
Richmond.
Rev. Andrew Ireland to Ayr.
Mrs Little, Main Street to Arbroath.

THOUGHT FOR TO-MORROW

"The great thing in this
world is not so much where
we stand, as in what
direction we are going"

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

HELP!

Fire, Police and Ambulance — Dial 999
The Manse — Aberdour 349
Marriage Guidance — Dunfermline 3104
Kirkcaldy 4141
Telephone Samaritan Service—
Caledonian 3333
Alcoholics Anonymous—Caledonian 6090

ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1963.

1.—GENERAL FUND.

	1962		1963		1962		1963
	INCOME				EXPENDITURE		
	Collections:—				Allocation of Funds:—		
£604	Cash Collections	...	£689 9 4		Assembly Funds:—		
1400	Weekly Freewill Offerings	...	1428 9 11	£200	Maintenance of Ministry Fund	£225 0 0	
	Bonds of Annuity and Income	...		49	Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund	51 8 0	
227	Tax Recovered	...	292 0 6		Co-ord'ed Appeal	£653 0 0	
400	Legacy	...	400 0 0		Less: Contributed by Congregational Organisations ... 152 0 0		
159	Special Collections	...	148 12 8	508		501 0 0	
94	Donations	...	82 12 6	£757		£777 8 0	
32	District Collections	...	28 5 0	132	Outside Organisations	120 14 0	
9	Assembly Funds	...	0 0 0	£889		£898 2 0	
£2925			£3067 9 11		Minister's Stipend (part of) and Expenses:		
35	Net proceeds of Concerts, etc.	...	£0 0 0	600	Stipend	£641 6 4	
	Trust Investments:—				Heating and Lighting (part of)—Manse	8 13 8	
105	For Stipend	...	111 16 8			£650 0 0	
9	„ Benevolent Fund	...	9 8 8	94	Allow. for Trav. Expenses	125 0 0	775 0 0
35	„ Assembly Funds	...	34 16 5		Salaries of Organists, Church Officers, Hall-keeper and Cleaners	...	396 4 2
9	„ Sunday School	...	9 0 0	382	Upkeep of Churches, etc.:—		
7	„ Other Church Purposes	...	26 10 4		Rent, Taxes, Insurance and Feuduty	£124 9 1	
			191 12 1	122	Heating, Lighting & Cleaning	230 13 0	355 2 1
1	Rent	...	0 10 0	213	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)	83 10 1	
80	Income Tax Recovered	...	0 17 11	131	Printing, Stationery and Publications	144 10 6	
£3206			£3280 9 11		Miscellaneous:—		
	Balance brought forward:—				Communion Expenses	£10 19 0	
0	Legacy	...	£400 0 0		Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Dues	48 5 1	
423	General	...	345 2 2		Telephone	31 4 0	
			745 2 2		Equipment for Church Club	27 4 3	
					Sundry Expenses	63 2 4	180 14 8
				145	Benevolent Fund	...	78 3 10
				25	Payments to Sunday School	...	35 0 0
				175	Transferred to Fabric Fund	...	0 0 0
				£2884		£2946 7 4	
					Purchase of £800 4½% Defence Bonds (from Legacies received from the Executries of the late Misses Downie	£800 0 0	
				745	Balance on hand	259 4 9	
						1059 4 9	
£3629			£4005 12 1	£3629		£4005 12 1	

2.—FABRIC FUND.

	1962		1963		1962		1963
	INCOME				EXPENDITURE		
£120	Sale of pews ex. St. Colme's Church	...	£0 0 0		Expenditure on Repairs to Fabric:—		
	Net proceeds of Coffee Morning and Sale of Work (Dalgety)	...	0 0 0	£365	"Dry-rot" repairs at Church Hall (part of)	£0 0 0	
295	Donations (Woman's Guild £300)	...	310 5 0	458	Other repairs to Fabric	212 10 5	
	Legacy (Dalgety)	...	200 0 0	720	Balance on hand	1272 0 1	
42	Collections	...	45 3 1				
7	Trust Investment—For Repairs	...	6 19 6				
14	Interest	...	10 7 2				
175	Transferred from General Fund	...	0 0 0				
	Transferred from "Special" Fabric Fund	...	191 13 7				
£754			£764 8 4				
789	Balance brought forward	...	720 2 2				
£1543			£1484 10 6	£1543		£1484 10 6	

3.—"SPECIAL" FABRIC FUND.

	1962		1963		1962		1963
	INCOME				EXPENDITURE		
£1000	Amount received on sale of St. Colme's properties (balance)	...	£929 10 9	£1000	"Dry-rot" repairs at Church Hall (balance)	£36 13 9	
					Cost of Construction of St. Colme's Hall	701 3 5	
					Transferred to Fabric Fund	191 13 7	
£1000			£929 10 9	£1000		£929 10 9	

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

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

6th February, 1964.—Audited and found correct.

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

} Auditors.