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The Manse, Aberdour.

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Braefoot, Easter Aberdour.

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Mr R. C. LYON,
Park View, Park Lane.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The A.G.M. on 4th March was well attended. Reports were given by representatives of the various organisations and the Financial Report given by the Treasurer was approved.

The following six members were elected for the ensuing three years to the Congregational Board:—

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

The membership of the Board is made up of the members of the Kirk Session, eighteen elected members, and the Clerk and Treasurer.

At a recent meeting of the Board it was decided that instead of meeting every month, the Board would meet quarterly. Should business make it necessary special meetings would be convened.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Guild is planning to extend its activities this winter. In addition to the usual two meetings in the month in the afternoons, an evening meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. This will enable some who cannot attend in the afternoons to join in the fellowship and the activities of the Guild. The first of the evening meetings takes place on Tuesday, 6th October at 7.30 p.m.

THE CHURCH AT HOME.

On Monday evenings the Church Hall is open to members. Various activities are planned for the winter, and it is hoped that members and those who worship with us will feel free to use the Halls. This is an opportunity for members to meet each other in games and in discussion and other ways. Tea is usually served around 9 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY.

Last winter a very successful group met for the study of the Bible on Monday evenings. It was realised that Monday was not always suitable for some who would have liked to be present. A meeting will be held in September in order to arrange the most suitable evening.

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OFT have I seen at some cathedral door  
A labourer, pausing in the dust and heat,  
Lay down his burden, and with reverent  
feet

Enter and cross himself, and on the floor  
Kneel to repeat his paternoster o'er ;  
Far off the noises of the world retreat :  
The loud vociferations of the street  
Become an indistinguishable roar.

So, as I enter here from day to day,  
And leave my burden at this minster gate,  
Kneeling in prayer, and not ashamed to  
pray,

The tumult of the time disconsolate  
To inarticulate murmurs dies away,  
While the eternal ages watch and pray.

Henry W. Longfellow.

## THE REV. JAMES MCKERRON.

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We were all delighted to learn of Mr McKerron's completion of his course at St. Mary's College, St. Andrews. He was licenced to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy on 30th June. The service took place in St. John's Church, Kirkcaldy, where he is a member and an elder. He is now ready to look for a charge of his own and we hope and pray that he will be called to a parish where he will be able to use his gifts and experience.

A MATABELE PASTOR IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

said,

"When I prepare a sermon I have before me Bibles in several languages, English, Nyanja, Zulu, Shona as well as my Tabele New Testament. Through these different Bibles I am helped to understand the meaning of the passage I am reading, but the book that speaks to my heart is that which is in my own language."

By contributing £23 last year we helped the Bible Societies to give the Bible or parts of it in their own language to the people speaking 1,202 different languages. We could help a great deal more if someone would volunteer to organise a house to house collection on behalf of the Bible Society. The Bible Societies aim to treble their circulation of God's Word for a new age. Literacy is on the increase as well as the world's population, and for that reason alone there is a greater need than ever before for the message of the Gospel.

SICK VISITATION.

The Minister finds it of great help in planning his time when he is informed of illness, especially when it involves hospitalisation. There are over a dozen hospitals to which folk from this district are sent depending on their particular ailment. The Hospitals in Dunfermline try to send out a post card when a patient is admitted, but the other hospitals have no such arrangement, and it is quite possible, and has happened, that your minister may be in the very ward you are in and never know you are there—unless you take steps to have him notified.

NOTES.

It has always been our aim to put this leaflet into every home in the parish. If you know of someone who does not receive a copy please notify Miss Moir, St. Colmes Crescent, who organises the difficult task of distribution.

Do you receive a copy of "Life and Work" the monthly magazine of our Church? It deals with every aspect of Church life both at home here and abroad. There is a lot of good reading in it. Take for instance this:—

- No, I HAVEN'T BEEN AT CHURCH LATELY.
- I'm tremendously interested really
 - there's such a draught in my pew
 - I always listen to the hymns on the wireless
 - of course I always keep in touch
 - I'm frightened I'll start coughing
 - everyone says the sermons have been so good
 - I really must go one of these days
 - You see my family like a long lie in bed
 - I once won a prize at Sunday School
 - there's hardly a soul I know at Church
 - I must go when the weather improves
 - the man comes with the papers about eleven
 - I do think it's frightfully important
 - since my aunt died I can't face it somehow
 - I was just saying to my friend it is time I went
 - won't you wait and have tea? The kettle's on.

J.W.G.M.

Priced 6d it will be delivered free to your home if you contact Mr R. R. Clarke, Whitehall.

DALGETY BAY.

We are informed that by autumn of next year three to four hundred houses should be ready for occupation in the new town. It is in our parish, have you got any ideas how we, as a congregation, should tackle this opportunity?

THE YOUTH NIGHT.

A Games Night for the teenagers who attend Church or are members of the two teenage groups is held on a Wednesday. We try to cater for as many interests as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

When parents bring their children for Baptism they promise to bring up their children in the Christian Way. The Kirk Session seeks to help in this difficult task by providing Christian teaching for every age group and the following arrangements have been made for the Sundays during the coming winter.

At Dalgety Children of all ages meet in the Church at 11.30 a.m.; at Aberdour the separate groups meet at 10 a.m. as follows:—

Infants, up to five in the Small Hall Primary, up to eight in St. Colme's Hall

Junior and Senior, up to thirteen in St. Fillan's Hall

There are two groups for teenagers. Both meet this year in St. Colme's Hall.—Juniors, up to sixteen at 5.30 p.m. and Seniors, up to nineteen at 8 p.m.

It is hoped that parents will ensure that children attend regularly and that an interest will be taken in what is being taught and done.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

"In essentials, unity ;
In non-essentials, liberty ;
In all things, charity."

(Motto of The Friend)

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

This summer members again provided hospitality for a group of young Americans under Rev. Dr. George Lawrence, minister of First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont. Dr Lawrence was our assistant in 1954-6, and has kept up the association by visiting us each year. The young people were thrilled to see St. Fillan's Church and to pay a visit to Inchcolm. Our own teenagers arranged a get-together in the Institute as our own Halls were out of commission. Many new friendships were made and both groups learned something of the other. The Americans invited their hosts and some of our young people for a day in St. Andrews, The weather was perfect and we were all loath to leave Craigtoun Park, where we spent the evening.

FINANCE.

In the March issue of "The News" attention was drawn to the state of our congregational finances. It was pointed out that with rising costs and increased commitments an additional £400 would be required by 1966. We are glad that so many have responded to the appeal. At the end of the first six months of the financial year our congregational givings were increased by £137 and we take this opportunity of thanking those members who responded so generously.

Members are interested in what happens to their contributions and especially that part which is forwarded under the Co-ordinated Appeal for the wider Schemes of the Church. The Aberdour and Dalgety allocation for 1964 is £632. The division of each pound is as follows:—

	£	s	d
WORK AT HOME			
Home Mission - - -	0	0	7½
National Church			
Extension	0	3	2½
Church and Manse - -	0	0	3½
Highlands and Islands -	0	0	7½
Women's Home Mission -	0	1	2
Social and Moral Welfare	0	1	9
Preparation for the			
Ministry	0	0	2½
Religious Instruction of			
Youth	0	0	9½
Ladies Highland			
Association	0	0	1
WORK OVERSEAS			
Foreign Missions - - -	0	5	6½
Women's Foreign			
Missions	0	3	4½
Colonial and Continental-	0	0	2½
Jewish Missions - - -	0	0	2½
Women's Jewish Missions	0	0	4½
Inter-Church Aid and			
Refugee Service	0	0	8½
OTHER WORK			
Huts and Canteens - -	0	0	4
SUNDRIES			
Sundry Committees - -	0	0	2
Contingencies - - -	0	0	3½
Total	£1	0	0

Some members may see in the above list causes to which they would like to contribute directly. You can support your special interest by sending direct to The General Treasurer, Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh. Mention the name of your congregation.

THE TWENTY THIRD PSALM.

*The Lord is my shepherd ;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path :
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff ;
with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil ;
my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.*

This translation was made from the Hebrew into French and then into English. It is to be found in "The Psalms, a New Translation" Fontana Books 3/6d.

PROPERTY.

As intimated in the last "News" the Congregational Board decided to complete the re-flooring of St. Fillan's Hall before re-decorating. This is nearly completed and we look forward to the re-opening in September.

The ladies of the congregation have often commented on the inadequate kitchen premises in the Hall. The kitchen was really an antique and it was surprising that so many good cups of tea came from it. The Board sanctioned a request that better kitchen premises be provided and Mr Archer very kindly drew up a plan for an extension and refurnishing. The cost is between £400 and £500. £200 of this has been donated by the Woman's Guild from money left to the Guild by the late Misses Downie, and £94 was raised by the Youth organisations (The Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, the Wolf Cubs and the Brownies) at the coffee morning which they organised on 20th June. Good Show!

When the alteration and re-decoration is completed we shall have good reason to be proud of our hall accommodation. Our hope is that it will remain fresh and unmarked for many years to come.

ACCESSIONS.

- Mr and Mrs M. Murray, "Dalnacraig"
West End.
Mr and Mrs W. Miller "Dunraggie" Murrel
Road.
Mrs Oliphant, Masterton Cottage, Main St.
Miss M. Oliphant, Masterton Cottage, Main
Street.
Miss E. Oliphant, Masterton Cottage, Main
Street.
Mrs C. Mackay, "Rose Cottage", Manse St.
Mr A. Oliphant, 8 Dovecot Park.
Miss I. Johnston, 74 Main Street.
Mrs Short, 32 Morayvale.
Miss M. Short, 32 Morayvale.
Mrs J. R. McDowell, Croftgarry Cottages.
Mr and Mrs J. Cowie, 2 Home Park.
Mr and Mrs J. Taylor, "Morayfield" Park
Lane
Mrs J. Johnstone, 20 Park Lane.
Miss C. G. P. Johnstone, 20 Park Lane.
Mr and Mrs J. D. McDonald,
The Schoolhouse, Hawkeraig Road.
Mrs J. E. Whyte, 10 Humble Terrace.
Mr and Mrs W. R. M. Watson, "Beechwood"
Cullaloe, Burntisland.

THOUGHT FOR TO-MORROW

**"One loving heart can
set another on fire"**

(ST. AUGUSTINE)

DEATHS.

- Feb. 21 F/O. J. Amos, The Bank House.
Mar. 4 Mr G. Harrow, "Kingshouse"
The Glebe.
Mar. 4 Mr J. R. Cadger, "Springbank"
Mar. 17 Mr J. Reid, Cullaloe Crescent.
Mar. 20 Mr Robertson, Humble Terrace.
Apr. 10 Micheline Fairbairn,
infant daughter of Mr and Mrs
N. Fairbairn, Fordell Castle.
Apr. 18 Mr Campbell, Cullaloe Crescent.
Apr. 20 Susan Best, infant daughter of
Mr and Mrs G. Best, Glebe
Cottage, Dalgety.
May. 14 Mrs Ewing, Rosyth.
July. 10 Mrs Coburn, Lily Place.
July. 23 Mrs Anderson, Home Park.
July. 24 Mr A. Blake, 79 Main Street.
Aug. 1 Mrs Fairley, late of "Dalnacraig"

DISJUNCTIONS.

- Mrs N. Baxter, 41 Dovecot Park to Lenzie.
Mrs Robertson, The Castle, to Montrose.
Mrs Clouston, 27 Dovecot Park to U.S.A.
Mr and Mrs R. Amos, "Reneville" to
Auchencruive.
Mrs D. H. Sutherland, St. Colme's Lodge,
to Culross.
Mr and Mrs R. Law, 24 Inch Avenue.
Mrs P. J. Chuck, 1 Bellhouse Road.
Mrs R. C. Mair, 25 Inch Avenue, to Ayr.
Mr and Mrs L. J. Stewart, 15 Inch Avenue
to Glenrothes.
Mrs J. R. Cadger, "Sprinkbank" to
Edinburgh.

MARRIAGES.

- Mar. 28 Robert C. Mair to Jay B. Cormie.
Apr. 11 Ian P. Arthur to
Margaret A. H. Stirling.
May. 2 David H. Sutherland to
Mary Hammond.

BAPTISMS.

- Mar. 22 Mary Lang Young.
Apr. 4 Charlotte Elizabeth Fairbairn.
Apr. 4 Micheline Margaret Corinna
Fairbairn.
Apr. 19 John Robert Markham Atkinson.
May 31 Duncan Charles McKellar.
Jun. 14 Ann Elizabeth Clarke Alexander.
Jun. 28 Alexander Graham Nicol.
July. 5 Fiona Claire Rodger.

A PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILD.

*I thank Thee, Lord, for this new day ;
Be near me while I work and play ;
To others make me kind and true,
Brave and sincere in all I do.
My loved ones with Thy Spirit guide.
For all our needs do Thou provide,
And as these blessings Thou dost give,
For Thee and others may we live.*

You may know someone who would be glad to have one of the following telephone numbers.

- MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL - -
Dunfermline 3104
Kirkcaldy 4141
TELEPHONE SAMARITAN SERVICE -
Caledonian 3333
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - - -
Caledonian 6090

GOOD AND BAD.

Every congregation has what it calls its good and bad members. "Good Members" are generally thought of as those who are regular in their attendance at worship, who give according to their means, and who take an active interest in what the Church is trying to do. It is frequently said that the proportion of good to bad in any congregation is as one to two. This is regarded as the national average regardless of denomination. How do you think we compare with this average?

It is also said that "good church members" are not necessarily good Christians. In which group would you place yourself?

Be Careful What You Say. . . .

*In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember those with homes of glass
Should seldom throw a stone;
If we have nothing else to do
But talk of those who sin,
Then, better we commence at home
And from that point begin.*

*We have no right to judge a man
Until he's fairly tried;
Should we not like his company
We know the world is wide;
Some may have faults—and who has
not?
The old as well as young—
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,
Have fifty to their one.*

Anon.

WHAT'S WRONG?

At the Summer School of Theology in St. Andrews in June one of the interesting and provocative contributions was that of Mr G. N. Warnock, O.B.E., of Elie, who spoke on "The Layman's View of the Church." He made many ministers think-again about what we do in the Church, and when asked, he readily agreed to come and air his views in Aberdour. He welcomes discussion and we look forward to having him with us in the Church Hall on the last Sunday evening in November.

As in previous years the evening service on the last Sunday of each month from September to March will be held in the Hall. These services will vary in nature but the aim is to encourage fellowship within the Church.

CHOOSING A CAREER.

"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 . . . Our own people must be taught to engage in honourable employment to produce the necessities of life; they must not be unproductive."

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS.
Chap. 3 verses 8 and 14

YOUR PROBLEM.

Perhaps you have some problem connected with your Christian faith which has never been mentioned in a sermon. Have you ever thought of telling the minister what it is, and asking him to speak on that subject some Sunday morning. Not all the problems are as difficult as some people imagine. There are problems of course where as Christians we just have to say, "We do not know"; there is a healthy agnosticism, but our faith is reasonable, and most of what we believe ought to be capable of being explained in reasonable terms. Just recently a writer was pointing out how much of the criticism levelled by outsiders at the Christian faith was due to sheer ignorance of what the Church really believes. It is up to every one of us to know what we believe and have our answers ready.

"Small men serving a great cause, but because the cause is great, the mantle of greatness falls upon us."

NEHRU TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIA.

How much truer this ought to be of the people of Christ.

ABERDOUR AND DALGETY PARISH CHURCH,

Dear Member,

Following the procedure of past years the Finance Committee has prepared a Budget Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year to 31st December 1965, a copy of which is appended hereto. This Statement discloses the sum of £2,954 to be raised by Weekly Freewill Offerings and Collections during that year. On the basis of the first ten months of 1964 the income from this source in the current year can be estimated at £2,552. This means that an additional £402 must be raised in 1965 if we are to meet the Budget figures.

The Congregational Board wish to thank all who throughout the past months have contributed so regularly and generously to the funds of the Church, and appeal to those who find themselves in a position to do so, to consider increasing their contribution—however small the increase may be—in 1965.

On behalf of the Congregational Board,

ISABEL C. H. SIMMERS, *Clerk.*

J. DAWSON MACFARLANE, *Treasurer.*

November, 1964.

Budget for Year ending 31st December, 1965.

“For Ourselves.”

Minister's Stipend (part of) and Salaries of Organists, Church Officers, Hall-keeper and Cleaners	£1,252
Minister's Travelling Expenses	125
Rates, Insurance and Feuduty	140
Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	240
Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)	50
Printing, Stationery and Publications	150
Sundry Expenses including Communion Expenses, Telephone, and Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Dues	150
Fabric Fund	250
	£2,357

“For Others.”

ASSEMBLY FUNDS.

Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£300
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	55
Co-ordinated Appeal	£653
Less: Estimated Contributions from Organisations	150
	503
	£858
Outside Organisations including National Bible Society, Mission to Lepers, etc.	35
Special Appeals arising throughout the year not provided for in the above allocation	25
	918
	£3,275
Less: Income from Trust Investments	£200
Rent	1
Miscellaneous Income	120
	321
	£2,954