

Minister :
The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D.,
The Manse, Aberdour.

Session Clerk :
Mr W. CHALMERS, C.A.,
"Lynton" 18 Dovecot Park.

Clerk to the Congregational Board :
Miss I. C. H. SIMMERS, M.A.,
"Kilravock."

Treasurer :
Mr J. DAWSON MACFARLANE, C.A.,
Braefoot, Easter Aberdour.

Proclamations Officer :
Mr R. C. LYON,
Park View, Park Lane.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the congregation will take place in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. The Financial Report will be given, and six members elected for the ensuing three years to the Congregational Board. The following have completed their term of office:—

Mrs Ainslie	Mrs Turnbull
Miss McLauchlan	Mr D. Crow
Miss Moir	Mr Morrison

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to them for their willing and valuable service.

Members should come 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 provided by members of the congregation, and we shall wind up the evening with a programme of games and dancing. This provides an excellent way of making friends. All who worship with us are invited.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

There are increasing opportunities for Voluntary Service for the Church and in the World. Anyone who is interested to give six or twelve months of Service should write to the Youth and Education Department of the Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

KIRK WEEK.

The fourth Kirk Week will be held this year in Perth, 24th - 27th September. This is a national event which is supported by most of the Churches in Scotland. Its theme is "Life Together." Should you wish to attend, further information may be had from the Minister.

God be in my head,
And in my understanding ;
God be in myne eyes,
And in my looking ;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking ;
God be in my heart,
And in my thynking ;
God be at my end,
And at my departing

(Sarum Missal)

REV. JAMES MCKERRON.

As this issue of The News goes to print we learn that Mr McKerron, who has been assisting in Aberdour and Dalgety for the past two winters, has been chosen as sole nominee for the vacant charge of Kingswells, Aberdeen—a charge which is on the outskirts of the city. We have every reason to assume that by the time you read this that Mr McKerron will have been elected their minister, and we wish both him and Mrs McKerron great happiness in their new sphere of service. This is a particularly great occasion for them as it is the fulfilment of a dream which has taken years of hard study and training before it was fulfilled. Our thoughts and our good wishes go with them.

DALGETY NEW TOWN.

The Kirk Session was naturally interested in the development at the new town of Dalgety and in the part the Church would have to play. It therefore asked Mr Stirling of St. Colme's House, representing Kenneth Ryden and Partners, to speak to an open Meeting in the Hall on the proposed development. This was most helpful and made many realise that what for a long time had seemed only a dream was actually about to come to pass. It was realised that before the end of 1965, houses would in all probability be built and occupied.

At a later date the Kirk Session met and discussed how the Church could best meet this new situation, and the needs of the new community. It came to the unanimous decision that this could best be done by dividing up the parishes, which have been united since 1940, and by asking the Presbytery and the General Assembly to allow Dalgety once again to call a minister of its own.

An approach was made to the Presbytery of Dunfermline and Kinross, and members of the interested committees of the Presbytery visited the Kirk Session for further discussion. The Presbytery's representatives were of the same opinion as the Kirk Session.

At a later date a meeting was held in Dalgety Church of all the interested parties. Those included representatives from the Home Board, the Union and Readjust-

ment Committee, the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, the Presbytery's Committees, the Kirk Session, and the Minister. All the possibilities were gone into at some length. Mr Stirling was present again and helped to give some idea of the probable phases of the development. Taking everything into consideration, it was felt that a division of the parish was inevitable sooner or later, and the sooner it took place the better. The Church would have the best chance of success with a new minister on the spot at the very beginning to welcome the newcomers. Discussion took place over the place of worship. It was obvious that for some years to come the present Church would be the place of worship. As the town grew another church nearer the centre of population would obviously have to be built. It was agreed that the Church must be early in taking an option on a site for such a Church so that it was not left out. It was seen that at a future date this new church might become the sole church of the parish, but it was also realised that if the development went as planned two churches would in all probability be required. It was decided that the Presbytery be responsible for drawing up a draft basis of dissolution, which would be a basis for negotiation between all the parties concerned.

This draft basis was prepared and at an informal meeting of the members of the congregation who attend Dalgety it was presented to them as those most affected by the proposed change. A long discussion ensued, and with some regret at the necessity and inevitability of it, it was almost unanimously agreed, with slight alterations to the Draft Basis of Dissolution, to proceed with the dissolving of the union, so that Dalgety and Aberdour would once again become parishes on their own, and Dalgety have its own minister.

At the time of writing it is planned that representatives of the Presbytery will again visit the Kirk Session and discuss with them the Draft Basis of Dissolution, and that in all probability the whole matter will be put before the whole congregation at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 3rd March. Should that be the

finding of the meeting the matter will be put before the General Assembly in May.

THE LATE MISS AGNES ELLIOT.

Members would read in the press of the legacy of £2,317 which was left by the late Miss Agnes Elliot of Montreal to the minister to be used in connection with the Church in Aberdour in anyway he might decide. Miss Elliot is remembered by some of the older members of the congregation. She was at one time an active member of St. Fillan's Church; she sang in the choir; and taught in the Sunday School. Later she emigrated to Canada and there taught in some of the best schools. In her retirement she gave her time in social service. Though she had not been in this

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

"The Church His Body" - Thus
 Incarnate still
 And bound by many human
 weaknesses to-day,
 He has no hands but ours to do
 His Will,
 No feet but laggard ours to walk
 His way.

(Foster in "Then and Now")

country for many years, she never forgot the Church of her youth. A few years ago, fearing that her watercolours of old Aberdour might disappear, when she passed away, she sent them to the minister. They now adorn the walls of the vestry, a reminder of the Fairy Dell, the Church, and the West Sands as they once were.

The Congregational Board approved the minister's suggestion, that in view of her connections with both Sunday School and Choir, most of the money be used to provide a 16mm Sound Film Projector which could be used to show the latest Religious and Educational Films to the congregation and the young people; and to be the basis of a fund to provide a suitable organ for St. Fillan's Church.

THE SESSION CLERK.

At a meeting of the Kirk Session on 11th January Mr Walker who has been our Session Clerk since 1955 asked to be relieved of the duties of clerk. Mr Walker has been most faithful and has carried out his many duties with exceptional efficiency. He paid the greatest attention to details in all the preparations for the Communion, which meant that everything went smoothly. Besides these ordinary duties, over the years he had a great amount of extra work in connection with our properties, and has been most ready to give of his time and experience. The Kirk Session thanked him warmly for all he had done, and we know that the members of the congregation will feel the same.

At a meeting of the Kirk Session on Sunday, 24th January Mr W. Chalmers, 18 Dovecot Park was elected clerk. Mr Chalmers has already had wide experience of the Church in another congregation. He was Treasurer and Captain of the Boys Brigade: he conducts our own Bible Class. We know that he will command the same respect and receive the same help as did Mr Walker.

THE SAMARITANS.

Over 5,000 persons a year commit suicide in England and Wales; Scotland and Ireland bring the figure to 6,000. Of these about 70 percent give some prior indication of their intention.

The number of unsuccessful attempts, of varying degrees of determination, is probably ten times as great as the number of 'successful' suicides.

The Samaritans exist to help those tempted to suicide or despair. They advertise an emergency telephone number, so that immediate contact can be made at any hour of the day or night, offering the friendship of a fellow human being, supplemented by counselling from professional people, or treatment by a doctor, as necessary. They have found that their methods work in almost all cases. Fewer than one in 250 clients do commit suicide, and most of those who survive are happier for coming to them.

The Samaritans aim not only to keep people alive but to help them to be glad to be alive.

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

THE WORLD-WIDE SILENT
REVOLUTION. A CHALLENGE TO
ALL MEN OF GOODWILL.
"FEED THE MINDS"

To-day there is a silent revolution taking place throughout the world which will affect the whole future of mankind during the next twenty years.

There is now a population explosion such as the world has never seen; every year the world's population increases by sixty million people. At the same time a parallel explosion in literacy is taking place.

In the course of a few years millions of people, whose lives are limited because they cannot read or write, will have their eyes opened to what is going on in the rest of the world, and will be able to read all that is available in books.

Already I have seen this silent revolution at work. Wherever people have been taught there follows a passion for reading like a raging forest fire which nothing can stop.

Vast quantities of propaganda, much of it anti-Christian and entirely undesirable, are pouring into these newly literate areas. Inevitably this will influence their way of life, their governments, and their attitude to other countries for many years to come. The different churches in the world have met together and are co-operating to provide something better for these millions of people to read in their own languages.

But they cannot succeed without money to pay for all the millions of books needed.

This was the Archbishop of York's appeal to the nation, and we in Aberdour and Dalgety must play our part. A collection is being organised in the week March 27th to April 4th. Leaflets explaining the need will be distributed. If you are willing to help with the collection please contact Mrs Rutherford, The Manse. (Aberdour 349).

BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 23 Susan Margaret Chalmers.
- Aug. 23 Charles Huntington Fraser
Sturrock.
- Sept. 13 Graeme Robert Cowie.
- Sept. 13 John Ross Taylor.
- Sept. 27 Wendy June Crow.
- Sept. 27 Jane Johnston McKendrick
Fraser.
- Nov. 15 Russell William Watson.
- Nov. 15 Allan William Mills.
- Dec. 20 David George Bruce Penman.
- Dec. 20 Gordon Steel.
- Jan. 3 Michael William Miller Reid
MacPhee.
- Feb. 7 Isobel Margaret Kerr.

MARRIAGES.

- Aug. 22 Adam N. Cargill
to Jean I. C. Duncan.
- Oct. 3 Andrew Pickersgill
to Maurcen Livingston.
- Oct. 3 George Forrester
to Elizabeth Mary Meiklejohn.
- Oct. 17 Richard W. Wilson
to Helen McN. Dunnett.
- Oct. 24 Andrew H. Duncan
to Catherine E. Jamieson.
- Dec. 28 Ian D. G. Henderson
to Christine C. Poolman.

THOUGHT FOR TO-MORROW

"Crosses we fear are
heavier than crosses
we bear."

ACCESSIONS (by Profession).

- Mr David Robertson, 17 Morayvale.
- Miss Margaret Walker, Eden Cottage,
Seaside Place.
- Mr Fergus McQuillan, Main Street.
- Miss Dorothy Wells, 74 High Street.
- Mr John Welsby, 18 Humble Terrace.
- Mrs Hannah, 16 High Street.
- Miss Nancy Mills, Donibristle Gardens.
- Miss Helen Mills, Donibristle Gardens.
- Miss Pamela Stuart, 35 Hawkeraig Road.
- Mr Charles Robertson, 14 Hillfield Cres.,
Inverkeithing.
- Miss Mary Fairley, 4 Letham Hill Avenue,
Hillend.
- Miss Ann Fairley, 4 Letham Hill Avenue,
Hillend.
- Miss Virginia Tucker, 101 Main Street.
- Miss Gwynith Hutton, 13 Morayvale.
- Mr David McLeod, 28 Dollar Road,
Burntisland.
- Miss Elizabeth Crawford, Balmule Farm,
Burntisland.
- Mr Alistair Newton, Home Park.

ACCESSIONS (by Certificate).

- Mr Neil Livingston, Park Lane.
- Mrs J. Clarkson, Glenelg, West End.
- Mrs MacKinnon, 40 Main Street.
- Mr & Mrs Fotheringham, 14 Shore Road.
- Lt.-Col. & Mrs Jamieson, Whitestrand,
The Glebe.
- Mr T. Miller, 1 Bellhouse Road.
- Miss Janet Miller, 1 Bellhouse Road.

DISJUNCTIONS.

- Lt.-Cdr. & Mrs F. J. C. Allwood,
17 Inch Avenue to Maidstone.
- Mrs J. Davidson, Dunedin, Shore Front
to Dysart.
- Miss A. Guild, Kinghorn to Edinburgh.
- Mr & Mrs A. C. Johnson, 15 Dovecot Park
to Dollar.
- Mrs W. Harper, 30 Ferguson Place,
Burntisland to Burntisland.
- Mrs R. Walker, 36 Grange Road,
Burntisland to Northumberland.
- Mrs H. Nairn, Woodside Garage
to Glenrothes.
- Mr & Mrs L. Reilly, 68 High Street
to Glenrothes.

DEATHS.

- Aug. 15 Mr A. Dunnett late of
Main Street, Aberdour.
- Sept. 8 Mr J. Hutcheson, 5 Dovecot Park.
- Sept. 14 Mrs Douglas, High Street.
- Sept. 17 Mrs G. Todd, 11 Humble Terrace.
- Sept. 26 Mrs Gray, Humble Terrace.
- Nov. 12 Mr J. Shaw, Croftgarry Farm.
- Nov. 12 Mrs M. Dowie, Silversands
Terrace.
- Dec. 28 Mr J. George, Masterton
Cottage.
- Jan. 21 Mr L. Ross, 10 Bellhouse Road.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

Each year the young people are issued with a card to encourage them in regular Church Attendance. We hope that parents will give further encouragement to this scheme.

Recently awards were made to the following children for their attendance during 1964.

ABERDOUR

- Jane Anderson, Judith Bennett,
Maureen Drummond, Carolyn
Hutchison, Alex Hutton, Lesley
Jones, Cecil Lyon, Donald Peter
MacAlister, Sheena McIntyre,
James Nicol.

DALGETY

- Alex McColl, Billy McColl, Lynne
Roberts, Shirley Roberts.

ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1964

1.—GENERAL FUND.

1963	INCOME	1964	1963	EXPENDITURE	1964
Collections:—			Allocation of Funds:—		
£689	Cash Collections	840 3 4	Assembly Funds:—		
1429	Weekly Freewill Offerings ...	1554 0 7	£225	Maintenance of Ministry Fund	£275 0 0
	Bonds of Annuity and Income		51	Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund	54 3 0
292	Tax Recovered	196 8 2		Co-ord'ed Appeal	£632 0 0
400	Legacy	0 0 0		Less: Contributed	
147	Special Collections	170 14 0		by Congregational	
	Donations (Individual Commu-			Organisations ...	138 0 0
83	union Cups £44 10s.) ...	125 17 2	501		494 0 0
28	District Collections	53 4 6	£777		£823 3 0
0	Assembly Funds	5 1 6	121	Outside Organisations ...	138 2 7
		£2945 9 3	£898		£961 5 7
£3068			650	Minister's Stipend (part of) and Expenses:	
0	Net proceeds of Concert	16 2 3	125	Stipend	£725 0 0
	Trust Investments:—			Allow. for Trav. Expenses	125 0 0
112	For Stipend	£116 10 9			£850 0 0
9	„ Benevolent Fund	9 8 8	396	Salaries of Organists, Church Officers,	
35	„ Assembly Funds	34 16 5		Hall-keeper and Cleaners	400 17 6
9	„ Sunday School	9 0 0		Upkeep of Churches, etc.:—	
26	„ Other Church Purposes	45 1 8	124	Rates, Insurance and Feuduty	£124 11 4
		214 17 6	231	Heating, Lighting & Cleaning	207 1 11
1	Rent	0 10 0			331 13 3
1	Income Tax Recovered	50 9 3		Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric):	
		£3227 8 3		Individual Communion Cups,	
£3261			84	etc.	£69 4 0
745	Balance brought forward	259 4 9		Miscellaneous	32 16 6
			145		102 0 6
				Printing, Stationery and Publications ...	150 17 10
				Miscellaneous:—	
				Communion Expenses	£12 10 6
				Assembly, Synod and	
				Presbytery Dues	42 2 0
				Telephone	26 4 2
				Sundry Expenses	62 0 8
			181		142 17 4
			78	Benevolent Fund	84 0 1
			35	Payments to Sunday School	25 0 0
			—	Transferred to Fabric Fund	175 0 0
			£2947		£3223 12 1
				Purchase of £800 4½% Defence	
			800	Bonds	£0 0 0
			259	Balance on hand	263 0 11
					263 0 11
£4006		£3486 13 0	£4006		£3486 13 0

2.—FABRIC FUND.

1963	INCOME	1964	1963	EXPENDITURE	1964
£310	Donations (Woman's Guild £500)	£509 0 0		Painting and re-flooring Church Hall and	
200	Legacy (Dalgety)	0 0 0		cost of extension to Hall Kitchen ...	£1062 12 7
45	Collections	45 12 10	212	Other repairs to Fabric	325 6 3
	Net proceeds of Coffee Morning and Sale		1272	Balance on hand	737 9 5
—	of Work	92 16 9			
7	Trust Investment—For Repairs	6 19 6			
10	Interest	23 19 1			
—	Transferred from General Fund	175 0 0			
192	Transferred from "Special" Fabric Fund ...	0 0 0			
£764		£853 8 2			
720	Balance brought forward	1272 0 1			
£1484		£2125 8 3	£1484		£2125 8 3

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

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

9th February, 1965.—Audited and found correct.

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