

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

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ABERDOUR

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St. Fillan's Church News

THE DISSOLUTION.

The formal service of dissolution of the Aberdour and Dalgety Congregation took place in Dalgety Church at a special evening service on Sunday, 27th June. It was a wonderful evening; "the world seemed very beautiful"; and the sun cast its shadows between the trees. The large congregation will not forget this act of thanksgiving for the happy association which existed between the two congregations from 1940-1965; and the words of encouragement addressed to the two congregations by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Dunfermline and Kinross, the Rev. R. J. McKay, St. Andrew's Church, Dunfermline.

Outwardly there may not appear much difference since the congregations separated, as the life of the congregations goes on as before, but they are actually separated and are going their own way, constituting their own Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards. The Rev. John Johnston, St. Peter's Church, Inverkeithing was appointed Interim Moderator of Dalgety with the task of helping the congregation to choose its new minister. After the lapse of years the old Session Minute Book of Dalgety Parish Church has come back into use, and the first Baptism has already been recorded in the old Baptismal Register which dates back to 1889. Mr R. Stirling, Barns Farm has been elected Session Clerk of Dalgety, and Mrs J. Wright, "Myrtle Cottage," Hillend the Clerk to the Congregational Board, while Mrs Wm. Stirling has undertaken the work of the Treasurer.

The plans of the new Dalgety Manse have been approved by all the authorities and we look forward to seeing it take its place along with the other houses which are being built in the first phase of the development, and we hope that it will not be too long before it is ready to receive the new minister. The Vacancy Committee, whose task it will be to choose one was formed on the last Sunday of August.

THE MODERATOR'S VISIT.

The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt. Rev. Archibald Watt, D.D. will visit the Presbytery of Dunfermline and Kinross at the beginning of September. It is ten years since the last visit of a Moderator. There are forty-five congregations in the Presbytery, but he plans to visit most of the congregations. His visit to Aberdour

will take place on Monday, 6th September. There will be the opportunity to meet him in the Church Hall between the hours of seven and eight. We have invited the members of Dalgety Parish Church to join us. After visiting us he will go on to Crossgates, and we will continue the evening and hand the new projector by screening the 45 mins. colour film of the building of the Forth Road Bridge.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

From October to March the Woman's Guild meets three times a month in St. Colme's Hall. On the first Tuesday of the month it meets in the evening at 7.30 p.m.; on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month it meets in the afternoons at 2.30 p.m. This makes it possible for ladies to be members whatever their ties of home or work. The syllabus to the end of the year has been arranged as follows:—

Those Christians must show me
they are redeemed, before I can
believe in their Redeemer.

Nietzsche.

- October 5th—"Beauty for Ashes"
A film.
- October 12th—"Courage"
Mrs Paterson, Sinclairtown.
- October 26th—"The World on your
Doorstep" Mrs Milne, Paisley.
- November 2nd—"Work among
Primary Children"
Miss Burgess, Dunfermline.
- November 9th—"The Woman's
Guild"
Mrs Ehrlich, Leith.
- November 23rd—"Home Mission"
Mrs Hart, Edinburgh.
- December 7th—"Kirks of the Coast"
Mr McKay, Methil.
- December 14th—"Skye"
Rev. J. D. Ross, Edinburgh.

Dear Members,

Since the dissolution of our congregation into St. Fillan's Church, Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church, we have had to look carefully at our financial position. The congregations united were naturally stronger financially than they can be as two separate congregations. For that reason our minds in Aberdour have been considering methods which are being used elsewhere in other churches at home and abroad for increasing the giving. A business organisation, the Wells Foundation has been active on behalf of a number of congregations, and has been successful in increasing the giving of those congregations, about three fold. The Stewardship and Budget Committee of our Church encourages us to follow its plan, where a common meal is held, at which the whole congregation is present to hear a layman speak of the Church's need. Both of those methods are quite expensive to organise, and will not appeal to everyone; but it is quite clear that in Aberdour, if we are going to keep up with what is expected of us, we shall have to increase our giving to an entirely new level.

The Stewardship and Budget Committee of the Church has the approval of the General Assembly for their recommendation that members should aim at giving five per cent of their income to the work of the Church. I myself was brought up on double that. My father and mother, who had a very small income to work on, tithed—that is, gave a tenth of everything they received. I have always felt guilty that I was not able to do the same. My wife and I have never found that possible, but we aim to give as much as we are able. At the moment my wife and I give over seventy pounds a year to the funds of the congregation. I mention this rather reluctantly, not out of any sense of achievement for I feel that we should be giving more, but because I feel strongly that it is high time that we broke this rather ridiculous attitude to what we give to God's work. There is a great deal of quite unnecessary reticence about what we give. If we let it be known what we give to the 'Old School Building Fund,' or the Party Subscription List, why should we be so secretive about what we give to the Church? We need to take a leaf out of the American Church Member's book. They are proud of what God has enabled them to give, and are not at all boastful in saying that they tithe or they give five per cent.

Everyone knows what my stipend is, so I take it upon myself to suggest that there must be at least twenty five families in the congregation, earning between £2,000 and £4,000 who would want to give £100 a year or more, and that there must be another fifty, earning between £1,000 and £2,000 who would wish to give £50 or more. I should be glad to hear personally of those who desire to join this league of those who aim to give their five per cent. I know that there are already Old Age Pensioners who are giving this part of their income.

If members pledged themselves to this kind of giving, either before or after the deduction of Income Tax, then our own financial problems would be at an end, and we should be able to do immeasurably more for both the spread of the Gospel and the succour of the needy.

In the Christian life we are always falling short of what we aim at, but let me know if you are one of those who want to aim.

Yours sincerely,

Your minister,

David W. Rutherford.

The Church Halls are open on Monday evenings to members and the friends who worship with us. It is hoped that there will be a quite varied programme of activities. There will be, as previously, badminton, table tennis, billiards, etc., and besides those games, some discussion and a series of film nights. Tea is served each evening, and it is hoped that members will drop in. No special membership is required.

Holiness is Wholesome

Golbrumer.

DISJUNCTIONS.

- Capt. G. Anderson, "Willesden" to
Edinburgh.
- Mr and Mrs W. Michie, Whitehill Cottage
to Glenrothes.
- Miss A. Elder, 9 Murrel Terrace to
Edinburgh.
- Mrs J. Cowan, 23 Dovecot Park to
Kirkcaldy.
- Mrs S. Christie, Park Lane to Glenrothes.
- Mr and Mrs I. A. Nairn "Ardmohr" to
Kirkcaldy.
- Miss D. Nairn, "Ardmohr" to Kirkcaldy.
- Mr I. Tucker, "St Helens" to Burntisland.
- Mr John Roxburgh, 155 Fraser Avenue
Inverkeithing to Australia.
- Mr and Mrs G. MacBeath, "Station House"
to Garmouth.
- Mr and Mrs J. K. Hamilton, Moray Place
to Portmoak.
- Mr and Mrs Henderson, "Hillview"
Hillend to E. Kilbride.
- Miss Dorothy Henderson, "Hillview"
Hillend to E. Kilbride.
- Mr N. Livingston, "Moraybank" to Bath.
- Mrs I. Hancock, "The Lea" to N. Berwick.
- Miss D. Hancock, "The Lea" to N. Berwick.
- Mrs McCormick, Seaside Place to Melrose.
- Mrs S. McIntosh, Letham Hill Quadrant,
Hillend to Auchtertool.
- Mr Andrew Robertson, "Hazelbank" to
Cotham.
- Mr Max. Robertson, "Hazelbank" to
Brentwood.
- Mr W. B. Gray, "Murano" to Nassau.

ACCESSIONS

(by Profession at School)

David J. Hughes Hallett, 10 Manse Street.

ACCESSIONS (by Certificate).

Mrs K. Hodge, "The Rothes," Seaside Place.

Mr and Mrs A. G. Hart, 1 Hawkraig Road.

Mrs E. J. F. Hart, 1 Hawkraig Road.

Mrs A. M. Hutcheson, 5 Dovecot Park.

Miss M. Cassels, "South House,"
Seaside Place.

Mr and Mrs C. Guild, "Greenaway,"
Alexander III St., Kinghorn.

Mrs P. McGillivray, 1 Cullalo Crescent.

Mr and Mrs A. Smith, "Caerketton,"
Home Park.

Mr and Mrs H. Wilson, 2 Murray Place.

Mrs J. Robb, 22 Morayvale.

Mr and Mrs J. Slater, "Whitelaw,"
The Glebe.

Mr and Mrs J. Murray Thomson,
12 Cullalo Crescent.

Mr and Mrs W. Wilkie, 14 Murrel Terrace.

Mrs A. Burnett Scorgie, Lochside Cottages,
Otterston.

Mr and Mrs D. Hannah, "Hazelbank,"
The Glebe.

Rev. and Mrs R. A. Trotter,
23 Dovecot Park.

NOTELETS.

For over forty years Mr R. R. Clarke, "Whitehall," has been connected with the work of the Sunday School in Aberdour, and for many of these years he was the Superintendent. He has given the most faithful service. On his retirement his friends in the Sunday School and the Congregational Board presented him with a token of their esteem at the closing service of the Sunday School on Sunday, 13th June.



Mr and Mrs A. Milne of 9 Cullalo Crescent have offered to undertake the work of the Hall-keeper. Mr Milne has for many years been the convener of the Hall Committee and we are glad to have him and Mrs Milne to care of our premises.



At the last meeting of the Congregational Board we congratulated both our Treasurer, Mr J. Dawson McFarlane, and our Clerk, Miss C. Simmers on having served us so faithfully over ten years.

THE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

Parents, when they bring their children for Baptism, promise to try with God's help to bring up their child in the Christian Way. Amongst other things this involves ensuring that the child enjoys the benefits of the instruction in the faith which is provided by the Church. The instruction which this congregation provides commences for the child around the age of three and continues to the late teens, when young Christians normally desire to make a personal profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. We are glad to receive the children of Christians of all denominations, and non-Christians as well, for instruction, but we ask that the children be regular in their attendance, and that the parents play their part in taking an interest in what they are studying. We believe that while instruction is given in the Sunday School, Bible Class and Youth Organisations, the art of the worship of God can only be learned fully along with worshipping community in the Church Service, so we hope that you will not just go half way by sending your child to Sunday School, but that you will accompany the child to Church.

The graded Sunday School meets in the Halls at 10 a.m.: up to the age of five in the Small Hall; up to the age of eight in St. Colme's Hall; up to the age of thirteen and a half in St. Fillan's Hall.

The Junior Group of Bible Class meets in St. Colme's Hall at the close of the morning Service, under Mr W. H. Chalmers, our Session Clerk; and the Senior Group, also in St. Colme's Hall after the Evening Worship under the Minister.

Mr A. Elder has been appointed by the Kirk Session as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr Elder has been teaching in the Sunday School for the last two or three years and previously has had wide experience of Boys' Brigade and Bible Class work. We are fortunate to have one of our elders with such experience to succeed Mr Clarke.

Part of the Legacy of the late Miss Agnes Elliot of Montreal has been spent on purchasing a Bell and Howell 16mm. Sound Film Projector and the necessary equipment for first class projection. This is something which we could not have afforded on our own, and it will give us the opportunity of new ways of instruction in youth work and the Church Services, and many happy hours of entertainment besides. We shall be glad to hear of religious or educational films which you believe to be worthwhile screening.



Last year we felt that it was time, that at the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, we thought of others and not of ourselves, as even the poorest of us have so much. Instead of gifts in kind, we gave gifts of money for the Needy and the Hungry. This was sent through Christian Aid. The date of the Festival will be arranged later, but once again we shall remember those in need and the under-nourished in the less fortunate countries.

The Service of Admission for those who intend joining the full membership of the Church will take place this year at the Morning Service on Sunday, 10th October.



Some telephone numbers, which you might want to hand on to someone in trouble—

Telephone Samaritan Service—

Dunfermline 22222

Marriage Guidance Council—

Dunfermline 22911

Kirkcaldy 4141

Alcoholics Anonymous—

Caledonian 6090

Both the Telephone Samaritan Service and the Marriage Guidance Council are in need of funds for their work. Here are the addresses to which donations should be sent—

Telephone Samaritan Service, c/o Mr A. Turner, Dunfermline and District Savings Bank, East Port, Dunfermline.

Marriage Guidance Council, D. F. Simpson, Esq., w.s., National Commercial Bank Buildings, Cupar.

THE EVENING SERVICES.

All over the country the Evening Services are poorly attended. There is a variety of reasons for this, but one is that so often it is a repetition of the Morning Worship. We aim this winter to make the Evening Services different—an occasion for instruction and an opportunity for fellowship. Few of us know as much about the Bible as we should; few of us know as much about the work of the Church as we should; few of us know our fellow members as well as we should. The Evening Service is an opportunity to increase our knowledge.

The plan this winter is that the services on the second and the fourth Sundays of each month will be held in St. Fillan's Hall. This may prove less confusing than the second and the last which has been the arrangement for the past two years. On the other two or three Sundays the services will be held in the Church.

On the first Sunday from October onwards our thoughts will be directed to the study of the Old Testament. The subjects being:—The Creation Stories, The Fall, The Flood, Abraham, Moses, David.

On the second Sunday of each month commencing in September we have arranged a programme of films

September 12th—"The Long March"	(Refugee Problem)
October 10th—"First Things First"	(Rank Production)
November 14th—"Verdict at 1.32"	(Social and Moral Welfare)
December 12th—"Through Open Doors"	(Overseas Council)
January 9th—"Day in the Life of a Children's Home"	(Social)
February 13th—"How we got our Bible"	(Bible Society)
March 13th—"Interview"	(Home Board)
April 10th—"The Power of the Ressurrection"	(Rank Production)

On the third and fifth Sundays of the month my subjects will be "Characters of the Early Church."

The fourth Sunday evening's service will vary in character, but we plan as in previous years to have a more informal act of worship, and with a cup of tea to give an opportunity for members to meet one another. In the past this has proved a helpful way of increasing the fellowship within the congregation.

BAPTISMS.

Mar. 28	Mairi Elizabeth McNair.
Apr. 25	Neil Thomson Boyes Miller.
May 9	Karen Hynd.
May 9	Catherine Small Craig.
June 6	Nina Jacqueline Turnbull.
June 6	Louise Dorothy Kerr.
July 4	John Calum Murray.
July 11	Heather Agnes Helen Ross.
July 25	Lillian May McColl.
Aug. 1	Jeanie Crawford Shaw.

MARRIAGES.

Mar. 6	David McLeod to Nancy B. Mills.
Apr. 24	Robert D. Paterson to Sheila Roxburgh.
June 5	Robert S. B. Watson to Morag H. Cassels.
July 10	William E. J. Doidge to Shirley Ann McGregor.
Aug. 7	Clifford E. Hughes to Kathleen M. Craig.

DEATHS.

Feb. 10	Mrs D. V. Ross, 8 Bellhouse Road.
Mar. 12	Miss J. C. Kerr, "Flock House," Seaside Place.
Mar. 23	Mr T. McLaren, "Margate Villa."
Mar. 27	Miss M. Terras, The Glebe.
Apr. 12	Mrs A. Simpson, 2 Kirk Houses.
Apr. 17	Mrs D. Colman, 29 Humbie Terrace.
May 8	Edward Nicolas Fairbairn, infant son of Mr and Mrs N. Fairbairn, Fordell Castle.
May 20	Mrs A. Dewar, Otterston Lodge.
June 14	Mr W. R. Ewing, 15 Selvage Road, Rosyth.
July 15	Mrs N. Pask, 6 Manse Street.
July 21	Mrs E. F. J. Hart, 1 Hawkeraig Road.
Aug. 2	Mrs A. J. McNair, "Ardbeg," The Glebe.
Aug. 2	Mr R. Laird, Hillend.

IT HAPPENS THE WHOLE WORLD OVER.

This letter was read in the "Today" programme recently. We appreciate the kindness of the "Today" editor for permitting us to reproduce it here.

Dear Mr Harper,

I was in your Church last Sunday
Seeing as my mother makes Jane and me go every single Sunday back home and we only had five days in Washington D.C. you'd think maybe she might have—well, anyway, I was in your church last Sunday, and I was real embarrassed, Mr Harper.

A nice man led us down front—it sure is a pretty church—and he showed us into a pew and there was a lady sitting in the outside seat. My mother climbed over her, and Jane climbed over her, and I guess I must have stepped on her foot or something, because she said "Oh!"

Well, when we got settled, we saw we didn't have any programmes, and my mother whispered to me to get some, so I climbed back over the lady. *I tried* not to step on her but those pews are mighty narrow and my feet are sort of big for my age. This time she said "Oh, Oh!"

I went back and got the programmes and when I came back, I guess the lady started to get up or something because she had a prayer book and a hymnal in her lap and they hit the floor with a beautiful crash and then she dropped her purse and when I bent over to get it for her, we cracked our heads together. Well, good grief, Mr Harper, you should have seen the look my mother gave me, and Jane sniggered out loud, and the lady sank back in her seat and said "Oh, Oh, Oh!" And I could feel the red going all the way up and out into my ears.

I was real sorry, Mr Harper, I gave her a hard time, but she sure gave me a hard time too. Back home when we go into a pew, we go all the way in, so people don't *have* to climb over us. Maybe people in Washington don't know about this, but it sure makes it easier for the next guy and I thought maybe you'd like to tell them about it.

Otherwise it was a real good service.

Yours sincerely,

John C.

A Prayer before reading Scripture.

Grant me, I beseech Thee,
O Merciful God, earnestly to desire,
prudently to study, rightly to understand,
and perfectly to fulfil that which is
pleasing to thee.

Thomas Aquinas.

ST. FILLAN'S CHURCH, ABERDOUR

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 1966, a copy of which is appended hereto. By reason of the dissolution this statement for the first time is for St. Fillan's Church only and discloses the sum of £2,495 to be raised.

The Congregational Board wish to thank all who throughout the past months have contributed so regularly and generously to the funds of the Church.

On behalf of the Congregational Board,

ISABEL C. H. SIMMERS, *Clerk.*

J. DAWSON MACFARLANE, *Treasurer.*

November 1965.

Budget for Year ending 31st December, 1966.

"For Ourselves."

Minister's Stipend (part of) and Salaries of Organist, Church Officer, Hall-keeper and Cleaners	£1,225
Minister's Travelling Expenses	125
Rates, Insurance and Feuduty	120
Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	185
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
Repairs to Fabric	250
	£2,255

"For Others."

ASSEMBLY FUNDS.

Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£150
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	60
Co-ordinated Appeal	£425
Less: Estimated Contributions from Organisations	125
	300
	£510
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
	570
	£2,825
Less: Income from Trust Investments	£210
Miscellaneous Income	120
	330
	£2,495