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St. Fillan's Church News

"A little care to-day can safeguard your child's future to-morrow."

This is the Road Safety slogan on the radio. It goes on to advise all parents to ensure that their children do the Kerb Drill. Everyone is agreed that this is good advice.

The slogan is equally applicable to a child's development in moral and spiritual matters—a little care to-day can safe-guard your child's moral and spiritual future. It has been shown in countless instances that the child who has been brought up in a truly Christian home, taught while still very young the elementary truths of the Christian faith, and subjected to the indoctrination of the Christian Church turns out at the end more dependable, less pre-occupied with self, and with a greater public spirit, quite apart from having a faith which stands him in good stead in the storms of life.

There must be many who are now regretting that they did not take more care in this all important aspect of their child's upbringing. Members of the Church who bring their child for Holy Baptism all promise to seek with God's help to bring up their child in the Christian way. They promise to ensure that their child is surrounded with all the holy influences in the home; to ensure that their child enjoys the benefits of the instruction provided by the Church; and by their own example in the diligent use of the Means of Grace, that is, their own private devotions and their regular attendance at worship, to seek to set their child's feet in the way of Christ. Those who have sincerely tried to fulfil those vows have found later in life that their child's future had been safeguarded.

By all means make sure that your child does the Kerb Drill, but make sure also that your child does the Prayer Drill, and the Worship Drill. Many more children are lost to their parents through the neglect of the latter than through the neglect of the former.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — FREE.

The Kirk Session of St. Fillan's Church, Aberdour offers free religious education to children of parents of all denominations and also to those of no denomination. Children are instructed in the Church Halls on Sunday Mornings in three different age groups at 10 a.m. Those in their teens receive instruction after the Morning Service. The opening dates are Sundays, 11th and 18th September respectively.

MONDAY NIGHTS.

On Monday Evenings the Church Halls are open to members and the friends who worship with us. There is the opportunity to play Badminton Table Tennis and Billiards, etc., and as last winter there will be a series of 'Film Nights' on the third Monday of each month except December. Last winter the films were very much appreciated by those who attended. On cold winter nights we journeyed in warm technicolour through Ireland, Sweden, Yugoslavia, the Sahara Bermuda, South Africa's game reserve, and the Argentine, besides learning something about the Royal Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. You are welcome to drop in any Monday evening.

When you pray, try to understand what God wants from you; it is much more important than what you want from God.

A. Powell Davis.

GROWING UP.

On the occasion of their completing the Sunday School and entering the Bible Class, the following were presented by the Kirk Session with either a New Testament or a Church Hymnary:—Patricia Blair, Jane Anderson, Alison Barrie, Lesley Jones, Caroline Burniston, Jane Hall, Gillian Livingston, Gordon Morris, David Bain, Alex. Hutton and Brian Snaddon.

A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST.

The news passed round the Leprosy Home at Palampur and many wept openly when they heard it. "Napha is dead." Only three words, but for many this spelled thirty years, for that is the length of time Napha had lived in the Leprosy Home, and when he died at seventy-five years of age he was the oldest patient at Palampur.

It was in 1934 that Napha had arrived at the Leprosy Home, crippled and in much pain through lepra reaction. While he was receiving treatment for his leprosy, he became a Christian and was baptised. Napha soon realised that it was a serious step to take, and day by day he sought to exercise a truly Christian influence in the Leprosy Home, feeling that it was more important to set forth his faith by kind words and loving deeds rather than by much talking, though he became so good a Bible student that he spent much time teaching others his new faith.

When he was sixty-four years of age he began to lose his sight, and it was a great sorrow to him when he found he could no longer read the Scriptures he had learnt to love. It was suggested that at Ludhiana Medical College there were surgeons who might be able to give him back his sight. His reply was typical of his courage. After thinking for a little while he said "I expect it will be very costly." "Oh yes," was the answer, "it will be costly, but you need not worry about that, for money will be found to meet your every need." Napha's face was grave as he quietly answered: "Then I shall not go to Ludhiana. You must find some younger man and let him have the operations in my place. I am getting an old man and am so fortunate to have so much of God's Word in my heart. If there is a younger man who is going blind it will mean so much more to him if he regains his sight." Napha's wishes were fulfilled and another patient was given the care and treatment he might have had, but in Napha's heart there was much joy and the eye of faith gave him sight which could not be taken away.

THE NEW ORGAN.

With a minimum of interference with our worship J. W. Walker & Sons, Ltd., Ruislip, installed the new two manual pedal organ which was made possible by the legacies left by Miss Agnes Elliot of Montreal and Miss Agnes and Miss Helen Downie of Aberdour. Our local joiners were responsible for the beautiful oak panelling. A very high standard was required if it was to be in keeping with the rest of the woodwork in the Church and once the new woodwork is stained it will add to the beauty of the whole. Many have remarked on how they have become aware of the beauty of the west window for the first time. Once again we are in Mr Archer's debt as our clerk of works and we feel that it was fitting that his daughter Edith should be the first bride to enter to the music of the organ to which he gave so much time and thought.

The Organ was dedicated at the Morning Service on 3rd July, and we were immediately aware of a tre-

mendous uplift in our worship. Mr Guild was quick to discover the possibilities of the new instrument, and the choir sang the anthem "With a Voice of Singing."

Once the other organ is removed the level of the choir will be raised, and the curtaining at the door extended along the back of the vault to hide the switchboard. When this is completed the organ builders propose arranging an Organ Recital by some well-known organist to demonstrate the organ's possibilities. We shall look forward to this occasion in the early autumn.

Miss E. M. GULLEN

Miss Gullen of St. Colmes Crescent, died on 13th March in her ninety-fifth year in the Wemyss Memorial Hospital, Buckhaven. She was our oldest member and always had a great love for the Church. In her younger days she was a very active member, and besides teaching in the Sunday School she supported many good causes in the village. She

gave generously and even in her latter years when her finances were strained she continued to contribute a tenth of her income to God's Work. This was a principle. In her will she left her small estate to the Minister and Kirk Session. It amounted to just over one hundred pounds.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild meets three times a month from October to March in St. Colme's Hall. Tuesday is the Guild day. On the first Tuesday of each month the Guild meets in the evening at 7.30, and on the second and fourth Tuesdays it meets in the afternoons at 2.30. This makes it possible for the greatest number of the ladies of the congregation to take some part in the Guild's activities. An interesting syllabus is being arranged, and a welcome is given to all the ladies of the district. The first meeting is on Tuesday, 4th October.

THE CHURCH IN THE HEART

Who builds a church within his heart
And takes it with him everywhere
Is holier far than he whose church
Is but a one-day house of prayer.

Morris Abel Beer.

"HOW CAN YOU TELL YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN"

At a recent conference in Manila the Rev. Ardi Soejatno, Moderator of the Christian Church of East Java was speaking about the missionary work of his church. Later he was asked by a lawyer, "How can they tell you are Christians?"

Modestly Soejatno replied, 'I can only tell you what "they" say—Christians are able to face the rapidly changing circumstances in Indonesia with equilibrium because they have a sense of purpose.'

Then drawing on a paper napkin a picture of the layout of one hectare of land allotted to each individual in that badly crowded section of the world, he added, "The Christian always plants his trees a meter from the boundary, whereas others frequently plant right on the border so that the roots soak up the underground moisture from another's land."

BAPTISMS.

Feb. 20 Andrew William Taylor.
 Mar. 13 Anne Aird Young.
 Mar. 27 Lynn MacGillivray.
 April 17 Claire Margaret Thomson.
 April 17 Alastair James Clarkson.
 June 26 Robert Jamieson Duncan.
 July 10 Lesley Forrester.
 Aug. 7 Malcolm Hannah.
 Aug. 7 Lorn John Smith.

MARRIAGES.

June 4 William S. Harley
 to Elizabeth M. Mitchell.
 July 30 Fergus C. Cameron
 to Edith M. Archer.
 Aug. 3 Donald Cameron
 to Rosalind C. Douglas.

DEATHS.

Feb. 13 Miss Turnbull, Burntisland.
 Feb. 23 Mrs E. Nicholson, 87 Main Street.
 Mar. 13 Miss E. Gullen, St. Colmes
 Crescent.
 Mar. 23 Mrs M. M. Fisher, 25 Main Street.
 April 4 Mr Laing, Newbigging Cottage.
 April 15 Mr D. Smart, High Street.
 April 18 Mrs M. Stodart, 8 Manse Place.
 April 26 Miss E. Mustard, Main Street.
 May 6 Mr W. Wilkie, 14 Murrell
 Terrace.
 May 16 Mr F. A. Sands, 8 Bellohouse
 Road.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

If you were to take the sum total of all the authoritative articles ever written by the most qualified of psychologists and psychiatrists on the subject of mental hygiene, if you were to combine them and refine them and cleave out the excess verbiage, if you were to take the whole of the meat and none of the parsley, and if you were to have these unadulterated bits of pure scientific knowledge concisely expressed by the most capable of living poets, you would have an awkward and incomplete summation of the Sermon on the Mount.

JAMES T. FISHER.

ACCESSIONS (by certificate).

Mr J. Clarkson, "Glenelg,"
 Inverkeithing Road.
 Mr H. Cant, 6 Manse Place.
 Miss C. Fotheringham, 4 Shore Road.
 Mr W. G. Whyte, Glassmount House.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Miss J. G. Kerr, Bouprrie Farm to Edinburgh
 Mr P. Levein, West End to Edinburgh.
 Mr and Mrs G. Alexander, Dalachy Farm to
 Glenrothes.
 Mrs M. McDonald, Dalachy to Glenrothes.
 Mrs C. B. Miller, 1 Inch Avenue to
 Kirkcaldy.
 Miss A. Stuart, 27 High Street to Tيرة.
 Mr and Mrs R. M. R. Sturrock; 24 Dovecot
 Park to Bearsden.
 Mrs M. Murray, 12 Humbie Terrace to
 Ladybank.
 Mrs J. C. Denver, 31 Hawkraig Road to
 Burntisland.
 Mrs M. Proud, "Scarhead," to Burntisland.
 Mrs I. Miller, Home Park to Inverkeithing.
 Mrs F. C. Cameron, Couston House to
 Edinburgh.
 Mr J. Kerr, Bouprrie Farm to Dalgety.
 Mrs W. Oliphant, "Clachaig" to Cupar.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

At the Annual General Meeting the following members of the congregation were elected to the Congregational Board for the ensuing three years:—Mrs Ainslie, Messrs Allan, Archer, Gunn, Murray and Shepherd. Due to the dropping out of Dalgety members other places required to be filled and as those were for one and two years these were filled by co-option at the April meeting of the Board. They were Mrs Brown, Mrs Nicol, and Mr Miller. Unless otherwise called the Board meets on the second Monday of January, April, July and October.

THE CHURCHYARD.

Members and visitors often remark on the peace and the beauty of the churchyard at St. Fillan's. It is beautifully maintained by Mr Stodart and his helpers on behalf of the County Council. It has been suggested that additional flowering shrubs would add to the colour at certain seasons of the year and there may be some in the community who would be interested in donating suitable species. Mr Stodart would be ready to advise. Some years ago a member gifted the daffodils which now give so much pleasure in the Spring.

DALGETY.

The dissolution of the Aberdour and Dalgety congregation a year ago was a major surgical operation equivalent to separating Siamese twins. As was to be expected it was a severe shock to the system but we are glad to report both St. Fillan's and Dalgety are recovering and gaining strength. At Dalgety, the Vacancy Committee have put forward the name of Rev. C. R. M. MacLeod, M.A. of Grantully and Strathtay as sole nominee. Before going to his present charge Mr McLeod was a chaplain in the Royal Navy and was well known in this area when he served in Donibristle and Rosyth. His family lived in Crossgates. Mrs MacLeod took an active part in welfare work and members of the family attended Hillend School.

The new manse of Dalgety is going ahead and ought to be ready when the new minister is inducted.

The new town of Dalgety Bay is growing rapidly and Dalgety congregation are glad to welcome so many new worshippers to the services.

The Congregational Board of St. Fillan's Church offered Dalgety Congregational Board the Organ which in 1926 was gifted by Mr Alexander Wallace of Whitehill, along with the sum of one hundred pounds to help with the cost of installation. The offer of this one manual pipe organ was accepted. The cost of transferring the organ from one Church to the other will be £275. The organ will sit under the back gallery and will add greatly to the worship of God, as it has of course a much greater range and finer quality and tone than the present small harmonium, and is electrically driven.

BAPTISMS. April 3 Philip Martin Higson
 May 1 Andrea Jane McLaren
 May 22 Stephen John Kerr

ACCESSIONS. Mr and Mrs A. McLaren, 1 Frankfield Road
 Mr and Mrs C. Moodie, 1 Dalgety Gardens
 Mr and Mrs J. Kerr, Bouprrie Farm

DISJUNCTIONS. Miss M. Kerr, Devonside to Saline
 Mr J. Kerr, Devonside to Saline
 Mrs J. Hutchison, Hillend to Nairn
 Mr Wm. McLaren, 13 Humbie Terrace to Kirkcaldy

EVENING SERVICES.

All over the country Evening Services are regarded as a bit of a problem. This is not new. As long as one can remember they have always been a problem. Unlike many other 'problemly things' they still carry on and serve a need, or rather a number of needs. It is with those needs in mind that the following varied programme has been arranged. Its aim is to combine Worship, Bible Study, Fellowship and at the same time to interest our members in the wider work of Christ's Church.

As last year, the first Sunday of each month will be set aside for the study of the Old Testament as a preparation for the New. We have already studied the early history of the Jewish people, and this winter we plan to go on and study the Prophets. As a nation the Jewish people continually forgot God, just as we have done, and we shall find that the message of the prophets for their day will be strikingly applicable for our own. Written hundreds of years ago their message is still to the point.

Once again the second Sunday of each month is the Film Night. The Films chosen are all family films and we hope that families will make use of this medium. Here are the bookings which have been made for you in the Hall.

The Life of Mary Slessor		September	
The Family of God	{	God Loves You	October
		Becoming a Son	November
		The Fulfillment	December
Tibetan Story		January	
Glass Eyes that See		February	
Journey into India		March	

The third and fifth Sundays, where there is one, are set aside for a study of the Parables of our Lord. When they are related to their setting the parables convey the truth of the Gospel as freshly as when they were first told.

The fourth Sunday is the Sunday when we have a cup of tea in the Hall. It is an opportunity of meeting other members and especially new members, and some well-known speakers have agreed to come and address us.

September	"The Kirk Family"	Film Strip and Tape Recording
October	An Italian Pastor of the Waldensian Church	
November	Rev. Denis Duncan	Editor of the British Weekly
December	Christmas Day	Broadcast Service
January	Dr T. B. M. Sloan	Mission to Lepers
February	Rev. G. Henderson	Scottish Bible Society
March	Easter Day	Easter Praise