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St. Fillan's Church News

BIAFRA.

8th SEPTEMBER.

More than £1 million worth of food and medical supplies have already been made available by the members and agencies of the World Council of Churches—Christian Aid. The quantities which have been got through the blockade are at the moment relatively small. This programme is the equal of the Oxfam programme and is on a wider scale.

The latest position is that, of the three relief ships chartered to take the 2,000 tons of dried fish from Norway, one has already arrived at Fernando Po, and its supplies are gradually being airlifted in to Biafra. Ten chartered flights were accomplished at the beginning of July. The second ship which started loading in Hammerfest on 26th June will take fish and powdered milk to the Calabar area. A third shipment of fish of over a thousand tons will start loading in Bergen on 15th July. The high protein stockfish is a gift of the Norwegian Government, but it has to be collected, packed, and transported, at the cost of £20 a ton.

The Christian Council has set up relief teams in the occupied areas. Each team will be formed by a doctor, two nurses, a mechanic, and a person experienced in relief administration. They will be mobile, using landrovers, as many of the people are in hiding and must be sought out. The first team has already arrived. It is envisaged that two teams will operate in the Calabar area, two teams in Middle West and a fifth team in the Nsukka Ogoja area. These are in addition to the six relief teams recruited locally by the Christian Council, which are already at work in the Refugee Camps.

This is what the Church is doing in Biafra on your behalf. Our Congregation's contribution in the plates left at the Church door on Sundays, 7th and 14th July amounted to £72 10s. which means that we made it possible for three and a half tons of much needed food to get to Biafra.

All the children will remember when the school takes up again; make sure they do not overlook the above date, which is the day of the re-opening of the Sunday Schools. They all meet at 10 a.m.

The Nursery School under Miss J. Bald meets in the Small Hall and caters for toddlers up to the age of five.

The Primary School meets in St. Colme's Hall (upstairs) and is for children up to the age of eight. Miss C. Simmers is the leader.

The Junior and Senior School under Mr A. P. Elder meets in the St. Fillan's Hall and takes the children up to thirteen.

*8th September,
a date to remember.*

We undertake the religious instruction of children of every and no denomination.

Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing . . . and God gave him ten apples . . .

29th SEPTEMBER.

This winter it has been decided to run the two Bible Classes together. They will meet for worship in St. Colme's Hall at 12.30 p.m. and then split into two groups. Young people between the ages of 13 and 15 will be led by Mr John Anderson, and those from 15 to 18 by the minister. It is hoped that the bringing of the two age groups together will prove an advantage.

Parents are asked to co-operate and ensure that the young people attend regularly. This is the all important stage in Christian Education. Too many young people to-day drop off after Sunday School age and so never progress beyond a 'childish' faith.

At the closing service of the Sunday School in June, the following were presented by the Kirk Session with either a Bible or a Hymn Book on the occasion of their entering the Bible Class: Andrew Senior, Ian Dewar, Angus Mackay, Niall McDonald, Cecil Lyon, George Thompson, Susan McNair, Frances Lochtie, Judith Bennett, Caroline Hutchison.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild meets in the evening of the first Tuesday of each month; and in the afternoon of the second and fourth Tuesdays.

The opening meeting is on Tuesday, 1st October, at 7.30 p.m. It will be addressed by Miss M. Russell of Biafra. The following week the first of the afternoon meetings will be addressed by the minister. His subject will be "High Days and Holidays."

Young mothers who find it difficult to attend an afternoon meeting will find 'The Nursery' a help. Mothers have arranged to take it in turn to look after the children in the Small Hall so that the others may take part in the Guild.

A Sale of Work is planned for Saturday, 7th December in aid of Church Funds. The following stall holders have been appointed:—

CAKE AND CANDY	— Mrs W. Bald, "Hillwood," Murrell Road.
PRODUCE	— Mrs J. Rennie, Humbie Farm.
GROCERY	— Mrs I. Scrimgeour, 7 Morayvale.
SUNSHINE	— Mrs P. K. Morrison, Kirk Cottages, West End.
HANDKERCHIEF and JEWELLERY	Mrs C. Alexander, 11 Cullalo Crescent, Mrs J. Coston, 75 Main Street.
WORK	— Mrs W. Turnbull, 1 Murrell Terrace.
HOLIDAY	— Mrs E. Erskine, 69 Main Street.
JUMBLE	— Mrs M. Lyon, Park Lane.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	— Miss C. Simmers, The Glebe.
TEAS	— Mrs E. Carmichael, 12 Murrell Terrace.

BAPTISMS

Feb. 11	Nigel James Kerr.
April 7	Shona Mary McKechnie.
July 21	William David Sharp.
July 21	Fiona Catherine Meiklejohn.
July 21	Keith Henry Stuart Meiklejohn.

MARRIAGES.

April 5	Hugh Lyle and Catherine S. Greig.
June 29	Gordon S. Dawson Elizabeth A. Barnes.

DEATHS.

Mar. 10	Mr R Pagan, 1 St. Colme Cres.
Mar. 17	Mr J. Clarkson, "Glenelg," Inverkeithing Road.
April 7	Mrs Lindsay, 18 Melville Gdns., Burntisland.
April 21	Mrs Drummond, late of Easter House.
April 27	Mrs J. Adams, The Manse.
May 5	Mr R. Taylor, 14 Park Lane.
May 9	Miss Smith, 13 High Street.
May 31	Mrs J. Sharp, 4 St. Colme Cres.
June 11	Mrs Miller, 22 Boreland Road, Inverkeithing.
June 12	Mr W. Dryburgh, "Rose Cottage."
July 1	Mr A. Affleck, "Jennall," Hillend.
July 23	Mr J. Hunter, 3 Murray Place.

"Jesus hath now many lovers of the heavenly Kingdom, but few bearers of His Cross. He hath many desirous of consolation, but few of tribulation. He findeth many companions of His table, but few of His abstinence. All desire to rejoice with Him, few are willing to endure anything for Him, or with Him."

Thomas à Kempis.

THE PASK BEQUEST.

The late Lieutenant Commander George Norman Pask, R.N., retired, who resided at 6 Manse Street, bequeathed one half of the residue of his estate to "The Benevolent Fund of St. Fillan's Church." This amounts to about £1,300. The other half of the residue he bequeathed to the Poor Fund of Aberdour Parish, which is operated by the County Councillor, the District Councillor and the Parish Minister.

Commander and Mrs Pask loved Aberdour, and had a great interest in the community and its cultural activities. They had a concern for the needy and it was with this in mind that he left these sums of money.

We shall find some way of marking this generous gift in a permanent manner.

THE MANSE.

The alterations at the manse have now been completed, and the minister and his family wish to thank the congregation. The improvements, both inside and outside the Manse, have made a very great difference to the comfort and the convenience of the house.

Once again thanks must be expressed to Mr W. Miller for the immense amount of work which he undertook in planning and supervising the 'conversion.'

ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and to-day He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that

ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Harold Gregson.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH.

We are greatly indebted to those who decorate our Church. The floral decorations are much admired. In the summer the flowers are left in the Church for the pleasure of the visitors who come to see St. Fillan's; in the winter they are distributed to the sick folk.

This service is organised by Mrs E. W. Kerr, Flock House, Seaside Place. (Tel. 281). There are a number of Sundays for which no one has made themselves responsible, and Mrs Kerr would be glad to hear of members and friends who would like to share in this service, either to decorate the Church for a particular Sunday or to donate the flowers for someone else to do the decoration. You may have an anniversary or a special occasion you wish to remember in this way, giving pleasure to yourself and pleasure to others.

MONDAY NIGHTS.

On Monday nights the Church Hall is open to members and friends, for badminton, table tennis, etc. It is hoped to arrange other activities throughout the winter. Films have been arranged for the third Mondays of October, November, January, February and March. This winter films are being supplied by I.C.I., Ford, the Canadian Government, K.L.M., Unilever, Stewart and Llyods, Aluminium Federation, P. & O., Shell-Mex, Norwegian Government, and British Transport. Besides having some instructional value, these films will take us all over the world in glorious technicolour—Europe, North Africa, Nigeria, Canada, Antarctica, Zambesi, Norway, Suez, Honolulu, the Scottish Highlands, and the Forth. You are welcome to drop in any evening.

OBITUARY.

Mr A. Affleck of Jennall, Hillend, died suddenly on Monday, 1st July. Mr Affleck was for many years an elder of our congregation. He was ordained by the Rev. Robert Johnstone who was minister of the Parish Church. For many years he gave faithful service and kept in touch with the members in his district in Seaside Place.

Mr Affleck has been in poor health for some time but he always maintained his interest in the Church in Aberdour, and on occasion managed to join in the worship.

Our sympathy goes out to his sons and daughter.

NOTELETS.

The preacher on Sunday, 22nd September, will be the Rev. D. M. G. Stalker, B.D. Mr Stalker was minister of the Aberdour and Dalgety congregation for eight years from the time of the triple union of the congregations in 1940. Since 1948 he has been Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Edinburgh University.

The Evening Service that night will be in the Hall and an opportunity will be given to the congregation to meet him informally.

At 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 20th October, Mr H. Ritchie, organist at Dunfermline Abbey, will give an Organ Recital in St. Fillan's Church.

So the man ate the tenth apple . . .
and gave back to God . . . the core.

God has given you enough apples to supply your needs—plus one with which you may show your gratitude to Him. The choice is yours. Will you return to God the largest and the juiciest of your apples—or only the core?

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation was held in St. Fillan's Hall on Wednesday, 6th March. The usual reports were given by representatives of the various organisations, and the following members were elected to serve for three years on the Congregational Board:—

Miss R. McLauchlan, Miss I. Moir
Mr J. Anderson, Mr D. Crow
Mr W. Miller, Mr P. K. Morrison

Mr W. Chalmers, our Session Clerk, amongst all his other activities for the congregation, has for a number of years carried on the Junior Bible Class. With his experience of Boys' Brigade Bible Class work he was highly qualified for this work

amongst teen-agers. He now wishes to be relieved of this work, and we thank him for all his willing service on behalf of our young people.

Mr J. Anderson, who, until now, has taught in the Senior Sunday School will take over Mr Chalmers' work in the Bible Class. We welcome Mr Scott-Stewart who takes Mr Anderson's place in the Sunday School.

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Two of the elders invariably went through the village during the time of public worship, to take note of those who were unnecessarily absent from Church, and to see that no unseemly conduct was indulged in. This visitation continued during the greater part of the seventeenth century.

Rev. Wm. Ross, LL.D.

KEEP FOR REFERENCE.

Sunday Evenings in the Hall.

(2nd & 4th Sundays in the Month)

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September 8.
Film—"Years of Opportunity."
September 22.
The Rev. D. M. G. Stalker, B.D.
October 13.
Film—"One Man's Way" Part 1
October 27.
The Island of Inchcolm.
November 10.
Film—"One Man's Way" Part 2
November 24.
A Missionary Night.
December 8.
Film—"Vicious Spiral."
December 22.
Christmas.
1969
January 12.
Film—"Free Indeed."
January 26.
Scots Night.
February 9.
Film—"Adventures of Yohan Pogum"
February 23.
The Rev. John Nelson, B.D.
The United Society of Christian Literature.
March 9.
Film—"The Road to Jericho."
March 23.
Desert Island Hymns.
April 13.
Film—"Younger Brother."
April 27.
Mr Morgan Thomas.
Headmaster of Tynepark Approved School for Girls.
May 10.
Film—"Making Men Whole."

GREEK PARENTS.

"It had repeatedly happened to me before the revolution, whilst travelling on public transport to notice mothers accompanied by eight-year-old children trying to convince the conductor, with obstinacy and rudeness, that their offsprings were under four so as to avoid paying a ticket. This eight-year-old child, well aware of its age, would certainly be asking itself why its mother was lying, she who demanded that it never lie to her, and would unquestionably lose faith both in her and in the most fundamental moral principles, which take root only through practised examples.

When mother, who is the child's first irreplaceable mentor, has reached the point where she believes that she can behave in such a manner, for whichever reason, before her child to whom she bears an enormous responsibility, you can then well understand the extremes reached by others as regards ethics."

Col. George Papadopoulos,
The Minister to the Ministry of the Premier's Office.

A COMPARISON.

"In my youth when I was fired with the love of God, I thought I would convert the whole world to God. But soon I discovered that it would be quite enough to convert the people who live in my town, and I tried for a long time and did not succeed. Then I realised that my program was still much too ambitious, and I concentrated on the person in my household. Finally it dawned on me that I must work upon myself. But I did not accomplish even this."

Rabbi Hayyim of Zans.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Apostle Paul.

ACCESSIONS (by Certificate)

Mr and Mrs P. Yaun,
29 Dalgety Gardens, Dalgety Bay.
Mr and Mrs Sharp, 43 Main Street.
Mrs Robertson, 11 St. Colme Crescent.
Mr and Mrs R. Fegance,
36 Frankfield Avenue, Dalgety Bay.

(by Profession at School)

Mr Robert Inglis, Dalachy Farm.

DISJUNCTIONS

Mr Wm. McArthur, Main Street, Hillend
to Dalgety.
Miss M. McArthur, Main Street, Hillend
to Dalgety.
Mrs J. J. MacAlister, 1 Murray Place
to Fort William.
Miss N. Fairley, 6D Saughton Road N.
to Corstorphine Old.
Mr and Mrs T. Fraser, 70 Main Street
to Glenrothes.
Mr and Mrs A. Gardiner, 2 Inch Avenue
to Fairmilehead.
Mr and Mrs P. Burford, 7 High Street
to Glenrothes.
Mr and Mrs J. Gilchrist, "Moine,"
to Glasgow.
Miss A. Guild, Kinghorn to Kirkcaldy.
Miss J. Ramsay, "Scotstoun," to London.

SPORT.

Recently a keen sportsman decided to give up attending sporting events of any kind. He gave as his reasons:—

"Everytime I went they asked me for money.

The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.

The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable

I went to many games but the managers never came to call on me.

The referee made decisions with which I could not agree.

I suspected that I was sitting with some hypocrites — they came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.

Some games went into extra time, and I got home late for my meal.

The band played some numbers which I had not heard before.

The games are arranged at times when I want to do other things.

I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was young."

I recently read a book on sport and now I feel I know more than the trainers do.

The man ate three apples.

He traded three for a shelter from sun and rain.

He traded three for clothing to wear.

Then he looked at the tenth apple . . . and it seemed bigger and juicier than the rest. He knew that God had given him the tenth apple so that he might return it to Him out of gratitude for the other nine. But the tenth apple looked bigger and juicier than the rest. And he reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world . . .

IF HE CAME TO YOUR HOUSE.

Would you meet Him at the door with arms outstretched in welcome?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines, and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in— or would you rush about?

And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you, would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you planned to go?

Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad for Him to meet your closest friends?

Or would you hope they stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do, if Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

from Guideposts.

THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD.

By HELEN POST.

'Why? Why do they kill a good man? A bad man maybe, but why a good man?' The cab driver in Tokyo had followed his question about what country I was from with his own observations about the troubles that the United States were having.

At home later in the evening I thought back over the cab driver's question and how I might have answered it. At the time I could merely suggest that men seized by fear and hate commit wholly unrational acts. Yet it seemed to me that, in other places, under other circumstances, I must be able to give a better reply, taking seriously what might lie beneath the other's question.

I wanted to say that there are dark spots in the souls of all men, in the souls of each of us. It is not enough to say merely, 'there are good men and bad men.' As men, we all have shadowy corners created by fear, by selfishness, by the hurts we experience as well as by the deceits we practice toward ourselves and others.