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PERMISSIVENESS.

Dr Spock, the famous child health authority, said recently in London "What I have been striving for really for the last 12 or 15 years is to try to encourage American parents to be firmer in giving their children leadership—not to be afraid to be parents. I keep hoping that there will be a change in the tide, that parents will begin to be firmer. But my feeling is that in general in America we are moving away from firm leadership towards permissiveness. The tendency began somewhere around the turn of the century, as a slow tidal movement. Certainly half of the articles I have written for magazines in the last dozen years have been urging parents to be firmer with their children, not only because it makes a child a more adjusted person when he grows up, but because the child is happier if he is given some firm guidance. I think that even in adolescence they still want leadership, and definite standards and ideals, and practical guidance from their parents. Parents are put off by the fact that adolescents never admit this.

I think that **basic character is laid down mostly in early childhood, and is not so much shaped by the spoken preachings and teachings of the parents as by what the parents are themselves.** This is what really holds the world together: that most grown-ups are conscientious, stable, sensible people, and that their children take after them."

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Congregational Board has arranged the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation for Wednesday, 6th March, at 7.30 p.m., in the Church Hall. The usual reports will be given and six members are due to be elected to the Congregational Board for the ensuing three years. The permission of those who are nominated should be sought by the proposer.

The following have completed their term of service:

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

Tea will be served when the business is completed, and the remainder of the evening will be spent in the usual informal way. All who worship with us are invited to the gathering.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

The following young people were presented with an award for regular attendance at Church by the Kirk Session:

Lesley Allan, Sandy Cunningham, Sally Errett, Lismore Hughes, Elizabeth Hutchison, Heather Johnston, Evelyn Drummond, Donald Peter MacAlister, Archie MacAlister, Jane

Morrison, Roy Nelson, Jimmy Nicol, Candida Palmer, Angela Redford, Kenneth Sinclair, Linda Sinclair.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMPETITION

Each year the Woman's Guild organise and give the prizes for the Temperance Competition. Thirty-eight entered and at the Sunday School Mrs D. Gunn, the Secretary, presented the prizes to the different age groups.

8 year olds—Sandy Cunningham

9 year olds—Susan Doidge

10 year olds—Lismore Hughes

11 year olds—Patsy Bennett

12 year olds—Judy Bennett

LIFE AND WORK.

Copies of Life and Work, the Church's magazine, are always to be had — priced 8d.—at the church door on the first Sunday of each month.

Many have placed their orders and have their copy delivered to them. Should you wish to have your copy delivered, please contact:

Mrs W. Hutchison, 9 Dovecot Park, or leave your name at the church door. Mrs Hutchison has very willingly taken over the organising of the distribution of the magazine from Mr R. R. Clarke. Mr and Mrs Clarke have undertaken this work for more years than one can remember, a work which at one time included all the Sunday School Magazines and Youth Magazines as well. We appreciate all that they have done throughout the years in this particular field of service. Mr Clarke is recovering from his illness and we wish him renewed health and strength.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTINGS.

Diaries get so full of entries that it is now necessary to make arrangements months ahead, so if you have young people in the Sunday School please put in the following dates.

The main Sunday School outing takes place on Saturday, 15th June. We have arranged to go to Blackness Castle, West Lothian. Last year the older scholars visited this ancient castle, one of four, which have to be maintained by the Treaty of Union. It stands on the south bank of the Forth, and has a beautiful lawn, and good cover at hand should the weather prove inclement. As we saw another Sunday School enjoy themselves we made up our minds that we would book it for this year. To many it will be quite fresh country, and given the weather, an ideal place for a picnic.

The two senior classes of boys and girls always have their own outing. This year it is a visit to St. Andrews on Saturday, 1st June. We plan to have tea at Craigtown Park.

The cost of the buses has gone up quite considerably and this year there will need to be a substantial increase in the charge for children and parents.

BY A CHILD FOR A CHILD

This is the bread that man baked.

This is the corn that made the bread that man baked.

This is the field that grew the corn that made the bread....

This is the ox that ploughed the field that grew the corn....

This is the Church that gave the ox that ploughed....

This is the people that made the Church that gave the ox....

This is the Faith that fired the people that made the Church....

This is the Word that lit the Faith that fired....

This is the Book that spoke the Word that lit the Faith....

This is the God who gave the Book that spoke the Word that lit the Faith that fired the people that made the Church that gave the ox that ploughed the field that grew the corn that made the bread that man baked.

ACCESSIONS (by Certificate)

Mr and Mrs G. T. McIntyre,
13 Hawkcraig Road

Mr and Mrs G. MacLachlan, 'Clachaig,'
Seaside Place.

Mr J. Tankard, 'The Stables,' Otterston.

Mr and Mrs P. Duff, 24 Murrel Terrace

Mr and Mrs J. Y. Eadie, 25 Inch Avenue.

Mrs W. Ness, 3 Bellhouse Road.

Mr and Mrs Scott-Stewart, 17 Bellhouse Rd.

(by Profession)

Miss M. Armit, 21 Hawkcraig Road.

Mr and Mrs P. Burford, 7 High Street.

Mrs M. Duncan, 1 Main Street.

Miss E. Gunn, 28 Morayvale.

Mr and Mrs A. Henderson, 6 Murrel Terr.

Mr B. Clark, 5 Homepark.

Mr S. McIntyre, 19 Morayvale.

Mrs W. McKay, 74 High Street.

Miss D. Maxwell, 'Craigneuk,' Shore Front.

Miss A. Sells, 19 Hawkcraig Road.

Mr J. Liston, 40 Murrell Road.

DISJUNCTIONS

Mr and Mrs W. B. Cormie, 25 Inch Avenue
to Ayr.

Mr D. Robertson, 74 Main Street to Rosyth.

Mr and Mrs L. Mellis, 22 Murrel Terrace
to Eskbank.

Mrs A. W. Seath, 10 Humbie Terrace
to Kirkcaldy.

Mrs Miller, Dalachy Cottages to Blairgowrie

Mr and Mrs J. Cran, 3 Kirk Houses
to Auchterderran.

Mrs E. N. Marsh, 'Ivy House' to Germany.

Mr and Mrs D. Hannah, 'Hazelbank'
to Whithorn.

Mr and Mrs J. Ness, 3 Bellhouse Road
to Glenrothes.

BAPTISMS

Sept. 17 Margaret Jane Kirk Dickinson.

Oct. 1 David Duncan Cargill.

Oct. 1 John Robertson.

Dec. 3 Karen Jenkinson.

Dec. 10 Audrey Duncan.

Dec. 17 Sheila Jane Jamieson.

Dec. 25 Kerry Anne Boyd.

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Jan. 14 Robert Brown Kennedy.

MARRIAGES

- Sept. 9 Philip J. Burford
and Ann Colman.
Oct. 2 David R. Young
and Gwynith Hutton.
Oct. 7 C. Pierre Bauwens
and Sandra M. Serridge.
Nov. 11 Andrew W. Seath
and Marjorie B. Graham.

DEATHS

- Oct. 9 Mrs Gault, 16 Humbie Terrace.
Dec. 11 Mrs Lamb, c/o Mrs Green,
Dewar Street, Dunfermline.
Dec. 21 Mrs Staig, 19 Humbie Terrace.
Dec. 31 Mrs Dewar, 4 Murrel Terrace.
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Jan. 4 Mr Smithyman, 50 Main Street.
Feb. 1 Miss Mercer, 18 Dovecot Park.
Feb. 2 Mrs Reid, late of Cullalo Crescent.

THOUGHT FOR TO-MORROW

'Faith is like a boomerang; begin using what you have and it comes back to you in greater measure.

Charles L. Allen.

SALE OF WORK.

The Sale of Work which was organised by the ladies of the Woman's Guild on Saturday, 9th December in aid of the Congregational Funds and the Schemes of the Church was a great success. The sum of £600 was raised. This was a record. A Men's Stall with Mr O. Strudley as convener was a feature of the sale. It contributed £92 to the total.

We congratulate the organisers and thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the occasion.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE MODERN MAN.

"You are like salt for all mankind. But if salt loses its taste, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless: so it is thrown away and people walk on it."

This strikingly fresh translation of the New Testament is published by Fontana. Priced 5/-.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

At a meeting of the Kirk Session on Wednesday, 10th January, Mr Chalmers our Session Clerk gave a report on the Congregational Statistics before forwarding it to the Presbytery. There were some interesting figures. Our membership has increased by thirteen to 607, of these, four hundred and sixty three members communicated once in the year. We have forty seven office-bearers of whom twenty seven are elders.

There were fifteen baptisms; thirty children in the Infant Department of the Sunday School under Miss Bald; fifty children in the Primary Department under Miss Simmers; and seventy one in the Senior Department under Mr Elder. The attendance during 1967 was particularly good and the Senior Department had an average attendance of 78%.

There were forty in the two classes for Teenagers, but here the attendance was not nearly so good.

Twenty-five men and women gave their services in helping this work, and the congregation are under a very real debt to them for their faithful and conscientious work.

The offerings of the Sunday School and Bible Class for the year amounted to £102. It all went to help the wider work of the Church, and various charitable organisations.

NOTELETS.

Readers will notice from the Financial Statement on the back page of this issue of the Church News that through increased givings we were able last year to achieve what we set out to do—to maintain and increase our givings to the schemes of Christian work sponsored by the Church and to finance some very necessary improvements in the state of our own property. We wish to thank all those who have made this possible.

A Financial Statement cannot tell every thing, and it is worth mentioning that through the 'door to door' collection made by the ladies of the congregation on behalf of the National Bible Society of Scotland the sum of £44 was raised. When this was added to the givings of the congregation, the Woman's Guild and the Sunday School, we were proud to have contributed a total sum of £80 for this all important work.

A sum of £25 was sent to the United Society for Christian Literature, which produces basic reading material in many languages as an aid to reading and understanding the Bible.

These two societies, which sometimes have united their work under the title 'Feed the Minds' are responsible for helping to spread the Gospel, and also for combating the steady flow of Communist propaganda.

Last year Dr T. B. M. Sloan of the Leprosy Mission spoke at an evening service in the Church Hall. Quite a number of those present took one of the little phials which he offered for putting away the odd sixpence for the Leprosy Mission. Many of these have been returned, some, more than once, and it has meant that this year the total contribution coming from our congregation has been £21. Leprosy Phials may be had by asking for them at the Church Door.

Though not nearly completed, the alterations at the Manse have already made a great difference to the comfort of the occupants. The new kitchen has given the 'cook' a new lease of life, and the heating system on the ground floor has been very much appreciated in the cold weather. Mr and Mrs Rutherford express their thanks to all who have contributed in different ways, and in particular to Mr W. Miller who has been to endless trouble, as architect, clerk of works and general "hastener-on."

THE 23rd CHANNEL

The TV set is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want.

It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for His name's sake Because it requireth all my spare time.

It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's Word.

It leadeth me to the paths of failing to attend the services and doing nothing for the Kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work.

For it is my closest companion.

Its sound and picture they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family.

Surely no good thing will come of my life, because my TV set offereth me no time to do the will of God.

(South Dakota Baptist Bulletin)

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

'If we would endeavour like brave men to stand in the battle, surely we should behold above us the help of God from Heaven. For He Himself who giveth us occasions to fight, to the end we may get the victory, is ready to succour those who strive.'

Thomas A. Kempis.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- March 6—Annual General Meeting
10—Film: Through Open Doors
17—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
18—Films: To catch a Rhino. In the Rhythm of Seasons (Germany).
24—Film-strip: Our Neighbours Overseas.
- April 14—Film: The First Easter.
28—Desert Island Hymns.
- May 12—Christian Aid: Film and Display.

ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1967.

1.—GENERAL FUND.

INCOME		
1966	Collections—	
£882	Cash Collections	£998 9 4
1509	Weekly Freewill Offerings	1858 10 1
	Bonds of Annuity and Income	
609	Tax Recovered	660 11 11
185	Special Collections	228 0 0
77	Donations	72 11 8
35	District Collections	41 7 6
12	Assembly Funds	14 4 0
£3309		£3873 14 6
	Trust Investments—	
118	For Stipend	£119 15 2
7	„ Benevolent Fund... ..	7 3 8
35	„ Assembly Funds	34 16 5
15	„ Sunday School	9 12 1
11	„ Other Church Purposes... ..	5 13 4
		177 0 8
45	Income Tax Recovered	0 0 0
£3540		£4050 15 2
377	Balance brought forward	456 13 0
£3917		£4507 8 2

EXPENDITURE		
1966	Allocation of Funds—	
	Assembly Funds—	
£167	Maintenance of Ministry Fund	£150 0 0
75	Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund	82 9 5
	Co-ordinated Appeal	£650
	Less Contributed by Congregat'al Organisations	135
492		515 0 0
£734		£747 9 5
188	Outside Organisations	210 4 9
£922		£957 14 2
	Minister's Stipend (part of) and Expenses—	
800	Stipend	£825 0 0
125	Travelling Expenses	130 5 9
		955 5 9
26	Pulpit Supply Fees and Expenses	6 5 0
424	Salaries	418 12 6
	Upkeep of Churches, etc.—	
121	Rates, Insurance and Feuduty... ..	£122 6 9
191	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	163 17 8
		286 4 5
65	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)... ..	28 7 3
164	Printing, Stationery and Publications	139 18 9
	Miscellaneous—	
8	Communion Expenses	£7 18 0
	Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Dues	43 18 11
40	Telephone	28 3 9
61	Sundry Expenses	64 7 11
		144 8 7
96	Benevolent Fund... ..	101 18 11
15	Payments to Sunday School	9 12 1
175	Donation to Dalgety Parish Church	100 0 0
200	Transferred to Fabric Fund	760 0 0
£3460		£3908 7 5
457	Balance on hand	599 0 9
£3917		£4507 8 2

2.—FABRIC FUND.

INCOME		
1966		
£400	Donation from Woman's Guild	£540 0 0
56	Collections	59 1 8
7	Trust Investment—For Repairs	6 19 6
23	Interest	32 1 9
200	Transferred from General Fund	760 0 0
£686		£1398 2 11
708	Balance brought forward	1054 9 5
£1394		£2452 12 4

EXPENDITURE		
1966		
£50	Repairs to Fabric	£90 15 3
290	Transferred to Organ Fund	0 0 0
1054	Balance on hand	2361 17 1
£1394		£2452 12 4

NOTE.—The foregoing financial statements are abstracts of the transactions and funds of the Congregational Board of St. Fillan's Church, Aberdour for the year to 31st December, 1967.

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

1st February, 1968.—Audited and found correct.

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