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# St. Fillan's Church News

## FROM OUR OWN MISSIONARY — DR J. WILKINSON

## The Annual General Meeting

"The enclosed photograph shows the Church of the Torch here at Kikuyu. It was built about 1930 mainly with Scottish gifts. From that time until last year its arches were open, and the wind and the mist, which we get at some seasons, used to blow through them into the cold church. Last year the congregation raised money and had doors and windows put in the arches. This has been well done and is in keeping with the beauty of the big church.

This church has a good congregation each Sunday, but on special occasions the crowd overflows on to the grass around, where amplifiers relay the service. One such occasion was at the dedication of the doors and the windows when President Kenyatta attended: he donated the main doors. One Sunday in September a large congregation affirmed its loyalty first to God and secondly to the Government. This followed a difficult time in the Church's life when Christians were being forced to take an oath which many felt was incompatible with their Christian belief. Some who refused were beaten and one elder died in Kikuyu Hospital as a result. It is a privilege to have seen the courage and faith of people like these, who go on praising God through it all.

The work of the hospital continues in all its many departments. Most of the patients are Kikuyu, but some are from the Masai tribe, and in their red blankets and bead ornaments they add colour and variety to the wards. As well as being in charge of this hospital, I have quite a lot to do with other Christian Hospitals, through the association of which I am chairman. In this capacity I recently visited the United States and Europe to further various schemes to help the work here.

We are preparing for a large international conference here in February on the theme 'Health and Wholeness'. and this gives me plenty to do as well as the Hospital. We hope to have speakers from U.S.A., Switzerland and Germany as well as people from other African countries.

It looks as though we shall be on leave in April 1971.

Hope all goes well in Aberdour."

Jean and Jack Wilkinson.

The Presbyterian Church Hospital,  
P.O. Box 45,  
Kikuyu,  
Kenya.

*"I simply argue that the Cross be raised again at the centre of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the Church..... Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage-heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek (or shall we say in English, in Bantu, and in Africaans?); at the kind of place where the cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where he died. And that is what he died about. And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmanship should be about."*

Lord Macleod

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Wednesday, 4th March at 7.30 p.m. The usual reports will be given by representatives of the organisations.

Six members are due to be elected as members of the Congregational Board for the ensuing three years. It is the desire of the officials that membership of the Board should be as representative as possible of the whole membership of the Congregation. Members should come to the meeting prepared to propose the names of those members whom they wish to conduct the business of the Congregation. Before proposing the name of any member, one should make sure that that person is actually a member and that they are willing to have their name put forward.

The following have completed their term of office:- Mrs M. Brown, Miss A. Haldane, Mrs J. C. Laidlaw, Mrs D. Nelson, Mrs W. G. Nicol, Mrs W. Turnbull. We thank them for their willing service on many occasions.

Tea will be served when the business has been completed and the remainder of the evening will be spent in an informal way.

All who worship with us are invited to this gathering, though only members may vote.

## Kneeling

*It matters not how oft you kneel  
In attitude of prayer so true,  
Unless inside, where no man sees,  
Your very soul is kneeling too.*

Mary O'Hara

## OUR GIVE-AWAY

In one way and another during the past year our congregation and its organisations have been responsible for sending away to others the sum of over £2,300. There will be no need to detail, as has been done in other years, all the needy causes which have received help from us. We met our Mission and Service Target (for all the schemes of the Church) of £484 and sent an additional £350 to be divided between the work at home and overseas. We sent £190 to help smaller congregations pay their minister an adequate stipend. Dalgety Church received £200 to help to pay off the cost of the new Manse, which, as a united congregation, we decided should be built in 1965 in preparation for the division of the congregation. The cause of Christian Aid received help in a number of ways, which make it difficult to produce an exact figure, but through Mission and Service, A Day's Pay, donations from the organisations and direct giving there was sent all together a sum in excess of £630.

This seems a lot of money to give away, but then, surely that is what the Church is for — to share.

"The people in Britain are mostly not wealthy people by our customary standards, but the people in Britain corporately do have vast resources, loose as it were in their pockets; considering that they spend over £200 million on sweets and chocolates, £40 million on slimming aids, and over £300 million on the care of cats and dogs, all of these things every year; and on tobacco and alcohol the incredible total of £3,704 million. The Church does not call its members to abandon participation in all such spending, what it does call for is responsible sharing with the hungry and the needy."

This puts our 'give-away',—for which we are immensely grateful,—in proper perspective.

## INCOME TAX—STANDARD RATE

Do you pay Income Tax at the standard rate? If you do, then it is possible for you to increase your givings to the Church considerably through what is known as a Bond of Annuity. It is an obligation to pay a specified sum for a period of more than six years. The normal form covers the possibility of your moving to another town and congregation and may be had from the Treasurer. It runs this way:-

'Considering that I have resolved for the period and on the terms aftermentioned to contribute to the Church of Scotland an annual sum to be devoted to Church Purposes I do hereby bind myself to pay the said church on receipt of the Treasurer of St. Fillan's Church Aberdour or the Treasurer of any other congregation of the Church of Scotland with which I may be connected at the time of payment for a period of more than six years or until my death, whichever shall be the shorter period, such a sum as will after the deduction of Income Tax at the standard rate for the time being in force will leave a net sum of £xy beginning the first annual contribution under these presents on the particular day of the month for the year succeeding and so forth annually thereafter, Declaring that said annual sum shall be distributed by the said or other Church among such Church Funds and in such proportions to each as I shall by separate writing from time to time intimate or failing such intimation then as the said or other Church in its discretion may determine.'

### Signature and Two witnesses

Money pledged in this way may be given in the normal way through W.F.O. and need not be given in one annual installment. After signing this bond the member continues to give in the normal way, and the Church Treasurer will recover for the Church an additional 14/- for every pound given.

## The Benelovent Fund

Last year, because of the income accruing to the Fund from the Lieut-Commander Pask Legacy, it was possible to extend the distribution of the

Retiring Offerings at the Communion beyond our own parish. The sum of £120 was divided equally between "Shelter" and "Christian Aid", representing the poor of Scotland and the poor of the world.

## Congregational Statistics

Our Membership .....	572
Baptisms.....	11
Children at Sunday School .....	141
Bible Class .....	31
Sunday School and Bible Class Teachers .....	25
Uniformed Organisations .....	112
Youth Club .....	30

## Church Roll

### Accessions

#### (By Profession)

Mr Andrew W. G. Anderson  
9 Bellhouse Road  
Miss Barbara Drummond  
8 Morayvale  
Miss Sheena McIntyre  
19 Morayvale  
Mr Kenneth S. McRae  
6 Humble Terrace  
Mr Gordon G. McRae  
6 Humble Terrace  
Miss Hazel Methven  
42 Murrell Road  
Miss Hilary J. Oliphant  
8 Dovecot Park  
Mr John Shaw  
Netherton of Buchlyvie, Crossgates  
Miss Rosemary H. Watson  
46 Main Steret

#### (By Certificate)

Miss E. Wallace  
21 Station Road, Lochgelly  
Mr and Mrs W. Mitchell  
'Kingshouse', The Glebe  
Mrs A. Robertson  
16 Morayvale  
Mrs J. Gray  
Moss Cottages, Aberdour  
Mrs A. Allan  
38 Murrell Road  
Mrs J. Gardner  
54 Main Street  
Mr A. J. Louchlin  
23 Hawkraig Road  
Mr and Mrs A. Armsstrong  
13 Bellhouse Road  
Mr John McKenzie  
16 Park Lane  
Mrs I. D. McLeod  
16 Park Lane

### Disjunctions

Miss N. Anderson  
'Viewforth House', to Ladybank  
Mr and Mrs J. Cruikshank  
'Hollybank' to Anstruther  
Mrs A. J. Wilkinson  
24 Dovecot Park to Salisbury  
Mrs H. Robertson  
11 St. Colmes Cres. to Dalgety  
Mr D. I. Hughes Hallett  
10 Manse Street to Edinburgh  
Mr and Mrs R. Colman  
41 Couston Dr., Dalgety Bay to Dalgety  
Mr and Mrs R. B. MacLachlan  
3 Inch Avenue to Ledaig  
Mrs A. MacNaughton  
16 Inch Avenue to Cupar  
Mrs R. M. Cowper  
'Craigview' to Edinburgh

## Baptisms

1969	
September 21st	Wendy Ann Colman
October 26th	Vivien Anne Redford
October 26th	Mark Robert Robertson
1970	
January 4th	Stephen George Loughlin
January 4th	Michael David Loughlin
January 4th	Shelagh Jane Loughlin
January 4th	John Charles Young

## Marriages

1969	
September 3rd	Reginald C. Baker and Jennifer S. T. Ramsay
September 4th	Andrew Page and Sheila B. Walker
1970	
January 3rd	Gordon W. Pascal and Netta Dunnett

## Deaths

1969	
September 27th	Miss Mary Thomson 3 Hawkraig Road
October 20th	Mr James D. Kay 62 Main Street
November 22nd	Mr M. G. Millburn 23 High Street
December 3rd	Mr C. Drummond Northern Hospital, Dunfermline
December 15th	Mrs E. Oliphant 67 Main Street
December 16th	Miss J. Miller 1 Bellhouse Road
December 18th	Mr W. I. Inkster 32 High Street
December 24th	Mrs T. Lough 6 Morayvale
December 27th	Mr T. Lough 6 Morayvale
1970	
January 1st	Mrs J. Johnstone 20 Park Lane
January 6th	Mrs Robertson Croftgarry Sawmill
January 20th	Mrs C. Liston West End

## Life and Work

Though copies of the Church's magazine may be had for sale at the Church door, it is possible to have your copy delivered at your home each month. Orders should be placed with Mrs W. Hutchison, 9 Dovecot Park.

## MISSION AND SERVICE.

At the last Annual General Meeting of the Congregation I intimated that following a decision of the General Assembly, the Congregational Board had appointed me as Stewardship Promoter for St. Fillan's, and that my main task was to rouse more interest among all members in the Church's wider work.

I attempted at that meeting to present the view that the Church does not exist to promote itself. Its main function is not the welfare of its members. Its task is mission; to get the message of the Gospel across in witness and service.

Last May the General Assembly approved the name MISSION AND SERVICE FUND for the Co-ordinated Appeal; the official changeover to be on 1st January, 1970. In September, 1969 Dr Small wrote a letter to Office-bearers setting out the reasons for the change of name. The new name states the two main motives behind the Fund. The first is that we believe the Gospel is the hope for the future of mankind. The second is that, faced as we are today with desperate cases of human need, we must do what is in our power to help.

Members might ask what is done with their money in the Mission and Service Fund. Allocations from the Fund are made to the following departments of the Church.

**OVERSEAS COUNCIL**—The activities of the Council cover a staff of 289 (including 20 doctors and 35 nurses); 27 hospitals with over 3,000 beds; 3 Leper Colonies; Secondary Schools; Colleges and special schools, such as schools for the blind.

**HOME BOARD**—The Home Board is responsible for Church Extension (204 Charges built since the Second World War); Industrial and University Chaplains, Hospital Chaplains, Lay Missionaries, Deaconesses, Seaside Missions and other evangelistic work.

**SOCIAL AND MORAL WELFARE BOARD**—The work of this department is concerned with activities too numerous to mention in detail but includes Eventide Homes (36), Rehabilitation Hostels, Homes for Children (including one for under-fives and one for mentally handicapped). Approved Schools for girls and boys, and Youth Hostels.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**—As the name indicates this Department is responsible for the St. Colm's College for training Deaconesses and Missionaries; Carberry Tower training courses in Youth Work; full-time Sunday School Organisers and Organisers of Youth Senior Movements.

The financial provision for the Mission and Service Fund is inadequate to maintain present commitments. It is now well-known that by 1972 the Church will require an additional £600,000 per annum to maintain the work which has been outlined above. In addition, our own Congregational expenditure for heat, light and fabric will increase.

In his booklet WHERE THE MONEY GOES Jack Webster of the *Scottish Daily Express* writes, "The wider question of where the money goes really begins with what is sent away to schemes of the Church."

To find an answer to this question he visited what he calls 'the source of demand', 121 George Street, Edinburgh, where, as we all know, are situated the Offices of the Church of Scotland. Here he found the staff struggling manfully with the heavy task of organising the widespread commitments of the Church of Scotland at home and abroad. Whereas he had gone, he writes, with a questioning and suitably aggressive journalistic mind, he found that when he left he was re-phrasing the original question. It now ran, "What on earth does the kirk NOT do with its money?"

R. S. ARTHUR,

Stewardship Promoter.

## Telephone Numbers

The Manse	Aberdour 349
Alcoholics Anonymous	031-225 4677

Fife Marriage Guidance Council	Dunfermline 22911
.. .. .	Kirkcaldy 4141
Telephone Samaritans	Dunfermline 22222

## A DAY'S PAY AND A SALE OF WORK

There has been a great deal of discussion as to how much the Church as a whole should have expected from the effort known as 'A Day's Pay' on St. Andrew's Day. The actual amount raised throughout the whole Church has we understand reached the sum of £207,000. The discussion will still go on as to whether this should be a matter of rejoicing or whether as a Church it is a sum of which we ought to be ashamed, considering the fact that we have well over a million members.

Whatever view one takes there is no doubt that in our own and in many other congregations there were those who took the appeal seriously, and at some sacrifice gave as much as they could. We had 219 envelopes returned, which, when we remember that many of those represented husband and wife, meant that well over half of our members contributed to make our own total £496. We thank all those who gave for their sacrifice.

It was generally believed that the 'Day's Pay' would adversely affect the Sale of Work which came a week later, but our Lord's injunction 'ask and ye shall receive' was proved true. The result of the sale was a record - £647. Thanks is due all round to the ladies of the Guild who organised the sale and to all who gave so generously.

## THAT'S OUR POLICY

Good policy in business can be very hard on employees with special handicaps. There is the case of John who suffers from epilepsy. John had worked in the same factory for fourteen years and although his seizures were few, still the occasional fit had been upsetting to his workmates. The firm decided not to continue the employment of epileptics.

So here was John in the Personnel Manager's office, and the man was saying, "I'm sorry but that's our policy. We can't alter our decision".

For John it was a bad moment, because he had recently lost his mother and the emotional upset had worsened his condition. There were now no relatives who cared and no job. But there was one stable factor in his life, the hostel which is his home for as long as he needs. It is run by the Social and Moral Welfare Board especially for men suffering from epilepsy, so it stood by him now when his troubles got him down. Today, his epilepsy is under control again, John is training for a new job.

If you ask the Social and Moral Welfare Board about helping the needy, they will say, "That's our policy". It is the Church's policy to help finance them through the Mission and Service Fund. Besides that, it could mean a lot to the handicapped if we all, as workmates and neighbours, showed them the special understanding which is good *Christian* policy.

## Youth Club

On Wednesday evenings, the young people of Bible Class age enjoy a games evening in the Hall. For years this has been run by Mr D. Colman, one of our elders. He has been most successful and the young people are very much in his debt, as are we in the congregation. He has not been able to continue the work this winter and members of the Congregational Board have been

taking it in turn. We should be glad to hear of members of the congregation who are interested in this work.

The games include Badminton, Table Tennis, Billiards, Darts, Dominoes. Another small Billiard Table or Bagatelle Board would be useful. Someone may have stored one away in the loft and no longer required. The club could find a use for it.

## The Overseas Fellowship

Four Scottish Churches are co-operating in a scheme to encourage Scots overseas to link up with their local church at home. The Overseas Fellowship was started by the Church of Scotland but it has now been expanded to include the Methodist Church in Scotland and the Congregational and Baptist Unions of Scotland. Under the scheme, members of these churches leaving Scotland to work overseas, especially in the developing countries of Africa and Asia, will be put in touch with the Church of the country and other fellow Christians. They will also be kept in touch with the work of their own church and supplied with a prayer guide for home and overseas work.

Further details of the Overseas Fellowship are available from the Church of Scotland Offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

## The Earl Haig Fund

Our Offering for the Earl Haig Fund on the occasion of the Remembrance Day Service usually amounts to about twenty pounds. It is used by those who administer the fund for a great variety of schemes to help Ex-service Men and their families and to make life a little happier for those in need.

Here is a typical letter received by the secretary: "I am writing to thank you very much for your help regarding my electricity account. I have never applied for help before but fate seemed to be against me and also I was not able to work, so I hope you will understand just how much I appreciate what you have done for me. I am a war widow, and I have learned that as long as you are able to work you can pay your way, but if you fall ill it is then you realise just how alone you are not having a husband to share your troubles. So once again thank you for your kindness for which I will be forever grateful".

Perhaps it was your offering which helped to pay that electricity bill. If so, then that letter was meant for you.

## JAMAICA

Recently, on a Sunday evening in November we enjoyed hearing the Rev. Arthur Kent speak of the work he is engaged in on our behalf in Jamaica. He illustrated his talk with some magnificent slides. Questions were asked afterwards about the wealth and the poverty which are combined in Jamaican society. We were interested to hear from him and to pass on to you part of his letter.

"There was a feature article in the Sunday Observer in November which assures us that our own understanding of the Jamaican situation is not exaggerated. In my talks I have been reluctant to paint too dark a picture for fear of over-dramatising the situation, but we do feel that the next five years will be crucial for Jamaica in every way. Here is a quotation:—

'There are two Jamaicas. The only thing they share is a cost-of-living twenty per cent higher than Britain's. There is surface Jamaica: the tourists, the expatriates and a multi-racial ruling class which demonstrates the national motto 'out of many one people'. The other Jamaica is black, ill-educated and poor. It speaks a patois of African and English words that comes close to being a separate language. Its culture, religion, social and work patterns, folk medicine and life style have strong links with Africa and slavery. History has denied—and still denies—it self-respect.'

Here quite simply is the problem — to reconcile those two Jamaicas.

'Pray for our nation and that the Church of Jesus Christ there will spare no effort in helping to build the right foundation for the future well-being of our Jamaican people.'

## Church Attendance Awards

The Kirk Session seeks to encourage children in their regular attendance at Church. Church Attendance Cards may be had at the Church door, and are marked each Sunday by those on duty.

On Sunday, 25th January, nineteen children were presented with tokens of encouragement for their attendance during 1969. They were:- Lesley Allan, Karen Hynd, Ann Hynd, Elaine Hynd, Barbara Lowe, Florence Lyon, William Lyon, James Nicol, Derek Miller, Catriona Morrison, Jane Morrison, Calum Murray, Philippa Palmer, Amanda Palmer, Stephanie Palmer, Candida Palmer, David Sinclair, Kenneth Sinclair, and Linda Sinclair.

It is hoped that other children will make use of the Church Attendance Cards and become regular worshippers.

## The Rev. Jack Richardson, B.D.

We were delighted to hear of the appointment at a commission of Assembly in Sydney, Australia of one of our former assistants as Dean of Students at the Theological Hall within the University of Sydney as from 1st February of this year.

Mr Richardson came to the congregation during the vacancy in 1948 and gave willing service, especially amongst the young people of Sunday School and Bible Class age. He remained with us for eighteen months while completing his studies in Semitic languages at the University of Edinburgh. He married one of our members Miss Yvonne Lloyd of Ivy Bank.

Mr and Mrs A. C. Lloyd plan to visit the Richardsons this spring and we hope that they will convey our good wishes to them.

# Don't forget the

# ANNUAL

# GENERAL

# MEETING

## - March 4th

**ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1969**

**1.—GENERAL FUND.**

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
1968	Collections—			1968	Allocation of Funds—		
£945	Cash Collections	£959	7 6		Assembly Funds—		
1844	Weekly Freewill Offerings	1848	1 9	£170	Maintenance of Ministry Fund	£190	0 0
	Bonds of Annuity and Income			83	Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund	89	0 5
692	Tax Recovered ... ..	1059	13 8		Co-ordinated Appeal	£834	
275	Special Collections ... ..	207	11 8		Less Contributed by Con-		
55	Donations ... ..	60	18 8		gregat'al Organisations	158	
42	District Collections ... ..	39	7 6	703		676	0 0
13	Assembly Funds ... ..	512	8 8		Church of Scotland Housing &		
					Loan Fund for Ministers and		
£3866			£4687 9 5	100	Widows ... ..	0	0 0
	Income from Trust Investments—			0	Give a Day's Pay	495	15 8
122	For Stipend ... ..	£122	0 6	£1056		£1450	16 1
7	„ Benevolent Fund ... ..	7	3 8	319	Outside Organisations ...	246	14 10
41	„ Assembly Funds ... ..	40	8 11	£1375			£1697 10 11
9	„ Sunday School ... ..	9	8 0		Minister's Stipend (part of) and		
12	„ Other Church Purposes	21	3 8		Expenses—		
			200 4 9	900	Stipend ... ..	£1025	0 0
45	Income Tax Recovered ... ..		0 0 0	150	Travelling Expenses ... ..	179	7 0
£4102			£4887 14 2			£1204	7 0
599	Balance brought forward		280 13 1	13	Pulpit Supply Fees ... ..		13 14 0
				405	Salaries ... ..		483 10 8
					Upkeep of Church, etc.—		
				132	Rates, Insurance and Feuduty	£123	16 2
				164	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	177	9 7
							301 5 9
				19	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)		21 14 0
				167	Printing, Stationery and Publications		174 1 2
					Miscellaneous—		
				13	Communion Expenses ... ..	£14	6 0
					Assembly, Synod and Presby-		
				49	tery Dues ... ..	48	8 8
				31	Telephone ... ..	29	9 11
				40	Sundry Expenses ... ..	73	19 1
							166 3 8
				103	Benevolent Fund ... ..		112 0 6
				9	Payments to Sunday School		9 8 0
				100	Donation to Dalgety Parish Church		200 0 0
				750	Transferred to Fabric Fund		500 0 0
				£4420			£4883 15 8
				281	Balance on Hand ... ..		284 11 7
£4701		£5168 7 3		£4701			£5168 7 3

**2.—FABRIC FUND.**

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
1968				1968			
£620	Donation from Woman's Guild	£550	0 0	£2652	Expenditure on Manse Modernisation	£0	0 0
60	Collections	67	16 4	119	Repairs to Fabric	149	12 9
7	Income from Trust Investment—For Repairs	6	19 6	983	Balance on hand	1995	17 4
35	Interest	37	18 8				
750	Transferred from General Fund	500	0 0				
£1392		£1162	14 6				
2362	Balance brought forward	982	15 7				
£3752		£2145	10 1	£3754			£2145 10 1

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, 1969.

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

9th February, 1970.—Audited and found correct. IAN M. STUART, F.C.I.I. } *Auditors.*  
G. MALCOLM MURRAY, F.F.A. }