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St. Fillan's Church News

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. At that meeting 11 members of the congregation are due to be elected to the membership of the Congregational Board. It is hoped that those elected will be representative of the whole membership of the congregation. Members should think out before hand those whom they consider suitable and have their permission before nominating them.

The following have completed their term of office:— Mrs. J. C. Ford, Mrs. W. Hutchison, Miss I. Moir, Mr. D. Crow, Mr. K. Hodge and Mr. W. Miller. There are additional vacancies because some members are now members of the Kirk Session.

At the meeting the usual reports will be given by representatives of the organisations. Tea will be served when the business of the congregation 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.

THE KIRK SESSION.

The Kirk Session decided to add to its membership and to elect, by resolution, six members to help in the work of the Session. The Service of Ordination and Admission took place on Sunday, 13th December, when Messrs W. Nelson, W. Palmer, S. Russell, and W. A. M. Shepherd were ordained, and Messrs J. A. Armstrong and R. S. Stewart admitted. The new elders received the right hand of fellowship.

The election of these new elders will mean that there will be some alteration and re-allocation of individual elder's districts.

COFFEE MORNING.

In connection with Christian Aid Week (17th–22nd May) a coffee morning will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, 22nd May, 10.30 – 12.30. Tickets 15p.

BRING AND BUY STALL.

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meeting
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticise and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily
Help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "Clique"?
Come to meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member —
But take an active part!
Think this over member,
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you "Just Belong!"?

This little verse was printed inside the Ontario Medical Secretaries Association Agenda for the A.G.M., The Church isn't the only organisation which has members who "Just Belong".

MISSION AND SERVICE.

For some time to come people will be concerned with the conversion of old money into new. The new monetary system should bring with it a challenging opportunity to think about our offering to the Church. We should see the Communion table as the conversion table and our offering converted into Mission and Service.

In a report on Christian Aid it is stated:—

Our primary colleagues in every project are the Christians on the spot: the people who do the actual work. People have asked about the waste of money. On the contrary, our money is more often multiplied tenfold in its fruitfulness because of the dedicated and costly service these people render.

Oxfam and Christian Aid have succeeded in making people feel identified with the whole work and witness of the Church. But what we want in the Church is not spasmodic response to heart-moving appeals, but a steady disciplined giving by every member, all the year round.

With this aim in view the Stewardship Committee at their last meeting decided to prepare a list of our members who do not appear to contribute regularly to Church funds and who rarely attend services. It was felt that these members should be contacted in an effort to get them to participate more fully in the work and fellowship of the Congregation.

The writer recently attended a meeting of Stewardship Promoters in the Dunfermline and Kinross Presbytery when it was made clear that the Churches represented were gravely concerned with the problem of the nominal Church member.

There are, of course, many other problems to be dealt with. Problems which the Committee feel can only be tackled by an enthusiastic and virile membership.

R. S. ARTHUR.
STEWARDSHIP PROMOTER.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther.

THE SALE OF WORK.

This winter the date of the sale of work was advanced to 28th November. Whether it was due to this or to the enthusiasm shown by everyone, we do not know, but it was an outstanding success. The total sum realised was £778. This was a real congregational effort, for the ladies of the Woman's Guild, the men of the congregation, and the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School all played their part. Mrs. A. P. Elder opened the sale with suitable words of encouragement. Thanks is expressed to all who contributed in one way or another to the success of the occasion.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Until recently each congregation which wished could be attached to a missionary in one of our overseas stations. Our own particular attachment was to Rev. Dr. Jack Wilkinson, whose work lies in Kenya. He has visited us many times and we may expect him again sometime this summer.

There has been a new development in the "Partner Plan", as it was called. A number of missionaries are to be attached to each Presbytery and each congregation will have a special interest in two of them. We, in Aberdour, will retain our interest in Dr. Wilkinson, and we shall also have Miss Helena Thom, who since 1962 has been working in Sheikh Othman, in the Church of Southern Yemen, South Arabia. Originally Miss Thom was a member of Churchmount Church, Lochgelly. She trained as a nurse and began work in the Keith Falconer Hospital, Sheikh Othman nine years ago. As well as her hospital work she teaches English in Crater. She is one of six of our missionaries in this area. She has recently returned to Aden, but when next she comes on leave we hope it will be possible to have her down to Aberdour, so that we can get to know her.

LIFE AND WORK.

The cost of Life and Work has now risen to 5 new pence per copy. In these days of rising costs it is still good value for the money, and a 'must' for those who wish to be informed on the new developments in the life of the Church at home and abroad.

Copies may be had at the Church doors on the first Sunday of the month, or members may have their copy delivered to their homes free of charge.

Those who wish to have a copy delivered should contact Mrs. W. Hutchison, 9 Dovecot Park, who organises the distribution.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The total sum available this year for distribution to the poor beyond our own parish was £90. This was divided equally between the needy in our own land - Shelter, and the needy elsewhere in the world - Christian Aid. It will be remembered that the offering at the June Communion, fifty eight pounds, was sent to the Peruvian Disaster Fund.

INCREASES.

With increased prices goes increased wages, but not always increased givings. If you have had an increase in your wages or salary during the past twelve months please do not forget to make a corresponding increase in your givings for the work of the Church. The Church buys in the same shops as you do.

OUR GIVE-AWAY.

This year, in spite of the fact that we did not have "A Day's Pay" to include in our total, we managed to send away to others at home and abroad the sum of over £2,100. This was made possible by three factors; a slight increase over the year in congregational giving, two special offerings, one for the Peruvian Disaster Fund and the other for the East Pakistan Disaster Fund, and the fact that we laid aside only £225 for the Fabric Fund instead of £500 as was done last year.

These made it possible for some of our annual contributions to be increased, viz.,

The Mission and Service Fund.

The Maintenance of the Ministry.

Christian Aid.

The National Bible Society of Scotland.

The United Society for Christian

Literature.

The Waldensian Aid Society.

The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Spastics.

Shelter.

Telephone Samaritans.

It is encouraging to think that we can play a small part at least in so many worthwhile ventures, and that our Christian usefulness is not confined to the bounds of our own parish

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

On Sunday, 24th January twenty four children received an award of a Book Token for their attendance throughout 1970 at Church. These awards are given by the Kirk Session to encourage children to be regular in their attendance. The mark is received for attendance at any church, and when a child is unable to be present through illness the mark is still given.

The following received awards: - *Alison Brown, Patricia Coston, Tracy Coston, Susan Chalmers, Kenneth Chalmers, Gabrielle Hodge, Elaine Hynd, Ann Hynd, Karen Hynd, Stephen Loughlin, Michael Loughlin, Barbara Lowe, Florence Lyon, William Lyon, Derek Miller, Neil Miller, Donald Nicolson, Candida Palmer, Stephanie Palmer, Amanda Palmer, Philippa Palmer, Linda Sinclair, Kenneth Sinclair, David Sinclair.*

OUR OWN VERSION

You are writing a Gospel,

A chapter each day,

By deeds that you do,

By words that you say.

Men read what you write,

Whether faithless or true:

Say, what is the Gospel

According to You?

Paul Gilbert.

Statistics.

Our Membership	581
Baptisms during 1970	14
Children in the Sunday School	142
Young people in the Bible Class	31
Uniformed Organisations	104

Baptisms.

Aug. 30th	Iain Thomas Meiklejohn
Sept. 20th	Andrew John McLauchlan
Dec. 22nd	Elisabeth Alexandra Watson

Marriage.

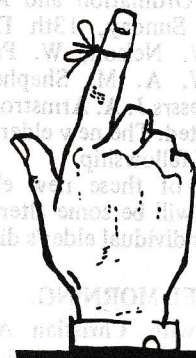
4th Sept.	James D. Gordon & Carol M. Guild
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Deaths.

1970	
7th October	Mrs. J. Whitton 1 Links Place Burntisland
8th November	Mr. W. Turnbull 1 Murrell Terrace, Mr. Livingstone Northern Hospital Dunfermline
19th November	Mrs. M. Beveridge 51 Humble Terrace
12th December	Mrs. A. Witherspoon 20 St. Colme Crescent
17th December	Mr. Braid Matthew Fyfe Home Dunfermline
18th December	Mrs. J. Smith 3 Murrell Road
21st December	Mr. J. Gault Bouquie
25th December	
1971	
6th February	Mrs. H. Best Ardbeg The Glebe

Don't forget

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**



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**Accessions.
(by Profession)**

Mrs. A. Adamson, 49 Humble Terrace
 Miss Alison Barrie, 16 Dovecot Park
 Miss Patricia Blair, 27 Dovecot Park
 Miss Carolyn Burniston, Thorne Cottage,
 Murrell Terrace,
 Miss Helen Dryburgh, 103 Main Street
 Miss Catherine Dryburgh, 103 Main Street
 Miss Lesley Jones, Caulfield, Shore Road
 Mr. Douglas Macfarlane, Braefoot,
 Main Street
 Mr. Stuart Oliphant, 8 Dovecot Park

(by Certificate)

Mrs. J. Laird, 19 St. Colmes Crescent
 Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, Police House
 Mrs. E. Machin, Wayside, Inverkeithing Road
 Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Smith, 14 Dovecot Park
 Mrs. David Scott, Craiglea, Shore Front
 Mrs. R. H. Borthwick, Balmule Farm

Disjunctions.

Mrs. J. R. Teague, Caerketton to Watford
 Mrs. D. Gordon, Kinghorn to Balmullo
 Mrs. M. Bolam, Craiglea, to Perth
 Mr. A. Oliphant, 8 Dovecot Park to
 Shoreham, Kent
 Miss H. Oliphant, 8 Dovecot Park to
 Shoreham, Kent
 Mrs. A. G. Russell, 28 Dovecot Park to
 Edinburgh
 Mrs. E. Aitchison, Starleyhall to Four Oaks
 Mrs. J. Wells, High Street to Dunfermline
 Mrs. A. M. Lawson, Seacliffe, to Harrow
 Mrs. G. Thompson, Humble Terrace to
 Burntisland
 Mr. C. MacConnachie, Lily Place, to
 Edinburgh

OUR CHURCH.

The September issue of the Church News described St. Fillan's Church as it was some eight or nine hundred years ago, consisting of a nave and a chancel, and probably lit on both sides by lancet windows similar to the one by the pulpit. The main entrance was possibly in the west gable, and the roof very much lower than it is at the present time.

Early in the sixteenth century, that is before the Reformation, it was decided to enlarge the Church to almost double its size. Two massive pillars were inserted to support the roof, and the existing south wall taken down throughout its length. Some remains of it are still to be seen jutting out from the west gable by the organ pipes. The new south wall was then built more or less as it stands to-day, thus giving a side aisle. In the side aisle stood an altar to St. James. One indication of this is the Ambry, the niche in which sacred vessels were kept, which is beside the baptismal window.

At this time the roof was set at a higher pitch than it had been up to then, and there is evidence to suggest that the floor was excavated to a depth of roughly two feet. The soil excavated was superimposed to the south of the Church helping to level up the church yard which up to then had sloped away to the sea. It is quite interesting to look over the wall of the church yard and to note the drop and think of the amount of work involved in building up the church yard.

The entrance at that period seems to have been through the west wall of the new aisle, but shortly after that this was probably altered and the present entrance used instead. The fact that there is a benatura, at least a cover for one, at the door, suggests that this entrance was used before the Reformation. Benatura — a stoup or basin for the holy water.

At that time the actual church was probably very similar to what it is today, though there were a number of differences. One was that the gallery where the organ console stands had not at that time been cut in the north wall; another was that the church was plastered and no doubt had the lives of the saints painted on it; and thirdly the chancel was obscured by the rood screen which hung across the front of it. The holes for the bar from which the rood screen was suspended can still be seen, as can areas of plaster in the chancel which still have cut on them the consecration crosses.

(to be continued)

D. W. R.

Jesus is God spelling himself out in language that man can understand.

S. D. Gordon.

The Rev. Andrew Ireland, Th.B.

Mr Ireland, who until recently was minister of Darlington New Church, Ayr, was inducted on 17th February to the charge of St. Nicholas, Sighthill, Edinburgh.

Mr Ireland was our assistant minister in Aberdour and Dalgety during the winters of 1961 to 1963 and when he completed his course at New College, Edinburgh and was elected to the charge in Ayr, the following appeared in the News Letter,

"He has given us good service in the two winters he has been with us in Aberdour. We have been greatly helped by his message of the Gospel, and the sick and the elderly folk whom he has visited for me have spoken enthusiastically of his visits. He has led the Sunday School and the Bible Class while keeping up with his own studies, which he has pursued with some distinction."

At the Induction the Session Clerk of the Darlington New Church spoke of the fine work Mr and Mrs Ireland had done in Ayr and of the healthy congregation which they had left.

St. Nicholas, Sighthill was the original "Children's Church" and in an effort to focus the interest of Sunday School children in the work of Church Extension the children of Scotland were asked to contribute 4/5ths. of the cost. It is now a lively self-supporting congregation with over one thousand members.

We wish Mr and Mrs Ireland and their son Alan great blessing in this new parish.

This is what I found out about religion:
 it gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and the confidence to leave the results to a higher Power

Only by trust in God can a man, carrying responsibility, find repose

— Dwight D Eisenhower

Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world.

Jean Paul Richter.

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ABSTRACT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for Year to 31st December, 1970

1. —GENERAL FUND

INCOME

1969	Collections—		
£959	Cash Collections	£966	5 10
1848	Weekly Freewill Offerings	1955	17 1
	Bonds of Annuity and Income		
1060	Tax recovered	359	18 2
208	Special Collections	241	16 4
61	Donations	86	17 4
39	District Collections	31	7 6
513	Assembly Funds	54	8 9
<u>£4688</u>		<u>4196</u>	<u>11 0</u>
	Income from Trust Investments—		
122	For Stipend	£135	15 11
7	„ Benevolent Fund	7	3 8
41	„ Assembly Funds	40	8 11
9	„ Sunday School	9	8 0
21	„ Other Church Purposes	18	16 6
		<u>211</u>	<u>13 0</u>
<u>£4888</u>		<u>£4408</u>	<u>4 0</u>
280	Balance brought forward	284	11 7
<u>£5168</u>		<u>£4692</u>	<u>15 7</u>

EXPENDITURE

1969	Allocation of Funds—		
	Assembly Funds—		
£190	Maintenance of Ministry Fund . .	£217	0 5
89	Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund	80	0 0
	Mission & Service Fund	£900	0 0
	Less: Contribut'd by Congregat'al Organisations	210	0 0
676		<u>690</u>	<u>0 0</u>
	East Pakistan Disaster Relief Fund	74	8 9
	Less: Contributed by Woman's Guild	20	0 0
		<u>54</u>	<u>8 9</u>
496	Give a Day's Pay	0	0 0
<u>£1451</u>		<u>£1041</u>	<u>9 2</u>
247	Outside Organisations	368	7 4
<u>£1698</u>		<u>1409</u>	<u>16 6</u>
	Minister's Stipend (part of) and Expenses—		
1025	Stipend	£1025	0 0
179	Travelling Expenses	179	13 6
		<u>1204</u>	<u>13 6</u>
14	Pulpit Supply Fees	32	12 0
484	Salaries	515	10 0
	Upkeep of Church, Etc.—		
124	Rates, Insurance and Feuduty . . .	£130	10 2
177	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning . . .	175	1 3
		<u>305</u>	<u>11 5</u>
22	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric)	21	3 7
174	Printing, Stationery and Publications	194	13 6
	Miscellaneous—		
14	Communion Expenses	£14	18 6
	Assembly Synod and Presbytery Dues	51	6 0
48	Telephone	32	14 6
30	Sundry Expenses	65	15 5
74		<u>164</u>	<u>14 5</u>
112	Benevolent Fund	85	12 8
9	Payments to Sunday School	9	8 0
200	Donation to Dalgety Parish Church	200	0 0
500	Transferred to Fabric Fund	225	0 0
<u>£4884</u>		<u>£4368</u>	<u>15 7</u>
284	Balance on Hand	324	0 0
<u>£5168</u>		<u>£4692</u>	<u>15 7</u>

2.—FABRIC FUND

INCOME

1969			
£550	Donation from Woman's Guild	£600	0 0
68	Collections	56	7 10
7	Income from Trust Investment—For Repairs	6	19 6
38	Interest	85	18 9
500	Transferred from General Fund	225	0 0
		<u>£974</u>	<u>6 1</u>
<u>£1163</u>		<u>1995</u>	<u>17 4</u>
983	Balance brought forward	2970	3 5
<u>£2146</u>		<u>£2970</u>	<u>3 5</u>

EXPENDITURE

1969			
£150	Repairs to Fabric	£284	16 0
1996	Balance on Hand	2685	7 5
		<u>£2970</u>	<u>3 5</u>

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, 1970.

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

18th February, 1971.—Audited and found correct.

G. MALCOLM MURRAY, F.F.A.] *Auditors.*
IAN M. STUART, F.C.I.I.