

Minister:
The Rev. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., M.A., B.D.
The Manse, Aberdeen.

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St. Fillan's Church News

THANK YOU

121 George Street,
Edinburgh.
18th December, 1973.

Dear Mr. Rutherford,

Thank you for your letter of 16th December, and especially for the enclosure of a cheque for £1,120, for which I enclose the General Treasurer's official receipt.

I had heard about this superb effort of your congregation to celebrate their 850th Anniversary and it is splendid that they were able to look beyond themselves. I have also read with interest, the printed account of the celebrations.

I shall report this gift to the meeting of the Home Board on 19th December and you will no doubt receive an official extract minute as a further acknowledgement, but meantime, please be assured of our deep gratitude for your interest in our work, and convey to all concerned the thanks and appreciation of the National Church Extension Committee and the Home Board.

With kindest regards and every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) George Paterson,
Secretary-Depute of the Home Board.

The extract minute was in similar terms, as was a letter of congratulation sent by the Presbytery of Dunfermline and Kinross.

Our 850th Anniversary Celebrations were brought to a close by the distribution to each household in the congregation of a very attractive photograph of the exterior of the church. It was the gift of our most recent and youngest member, Niall MacDonald of the Schoolhouse. Thank you.

A CHRISTIAN CONTRAST

Three-quarters of the world suffers from malnutrition. Our quarter suffers from all the diseases of over-eating.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We plan to hold the Annual General Meeting of the congregation in the church hall on Wednesday, 20th March. This is a little later than usual, but it is hoped that by that time some of the heating restrictions may have been lifted. Six members are due to be elected as members of the Congregational Board for the ensuing three years, and members are asked to come prepared to nominate members for those vacancies. One should have the permission of those one intends to nominate.

The following have completed their term of office:— Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Moir, Messrs. D. Crow, J. Eadie, K. Hodge and W. Miller, and we thank them for all they have done.

The usual reports will be given by representatives of the organisations. Tea will be served when the business is completed.

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

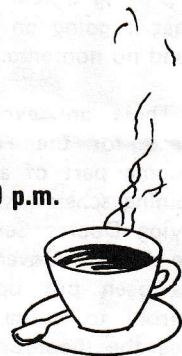
HEATING RESTRICTIONS

Because of the restrictions our winter activities have had to be seriously curtailed. All over the country there has been confusion as to what heating is permitted and what is not. The regulations lay down that we may use our heating during the night from 12.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m., and for any six hours during the day in any one week. This has allowed us to heat the church and hall on a Sunday. Outwith such provisions direct heat such as we have is only permitted for organisations for those under five and over sixty years of age.

COFFEE MORNING

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

On SATURDAY
18th MAY, 1974
in the Church Hall
from
10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



BRING AND BUY STALL
Tickets – 15p.

IN HIS STEPS

He is a Christian who tries to be the kind of neighbour Christ would be, and the kind of citizen Christ would be, and who asks himself in all the alternatives of his business life, and his social life, and his personal life, What would the Master do in this case? The best Christian is he who most reminds the people with whom he lives of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who never reminds anybody of the Lord Jesus Christ is not a Christian at all.

George Hodges.

The Presbyterian Church Hospital,
Kikuyu, Kenya.

Dear Friends,

Here we are at the end of our short rainy season and can now expect almost continuous sunny weather until the long rains begin in March next year. The long rains this year were not adequate and the maize harvest was poor. The fact that we have not seen an increase in the number of children with malnutrition as a result of the poor harvest is an indication of the rise in the standard of living in this area over the last decade or so. Our people can now afford to buy food when their crops fail, which they could not do before.

I was the only Doctor in the hospital for the first part of the year, but since then I have had a succession of five doctors to help me. All but one of these was from America and came for periods from one to three months. We had a succession of five sisters, only two of whom remain. One is our Matron who is a local Kikuyu girl, and is proving a real asset. She really knows what is going on in the Hospital and will stand no nonsense.

There are exciting new developments ahead for the Hospital. It is going to become part of a new community health training scheme which is to be run by the Flying Doctor Service with a grant from the Danish Government. A new building has been put up at Wilson Airport in Nairobi to house the students who will have the theoretical part of their training there, and then come to us for their practical training in rural medicine. This will be carried out in the Hospital and in the district. We shall have a mobile health unit working from the Hospital linking it with the present static units. Too much of medical training is based on big sophisticated urban hospitals and this is an attempt to introduce all levels of medical staff to the problems of health care in the rural areas where 95% of the Kenya people live.

Yours Sincerely,

Jack Wilkinson.

A RESIGNATION

Mrs. I. Scrimgeour has resigned from her duties as Church Cleaner and we thank her for all her service over the years. Her place is being taken by Mrs. George Meiklejohn, wife of our beadle.

Estimates of the number of alcoholics in the United Kingdom range from 300,000 to 500,000. A careful survey carried out by G. Prys Williams suggests that the number of chronic alcoholics may be as high as 70,000.

The cost to the nation of abnormal drinking is obviously considerable. The National Health Service admits 8,000 patients each year suffering from alcoholism to hospital beds, but there is a large out-patient case-load in addition. The suicide rate among hospital-diagnosed alcoholics exceeds the normal rate by a factor of 80. Add to these facts the unknown cost to the country of working days lost because of alcoholism, the vagrancy and chronic homelessness often related to it, and the emotional cost of the high rate of broken marriages among alcoholics, and one begins to see the massive proportions of the problem.

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WHAT THE CHURCH DOES OVERSEAS

The Overseas Council administers its overseas work by means of three area committees - Asia and Australasia; Africa; Europe, Israel and the Americas. There is also a Christian Aid Co-ordinating Committee and committees concerned with staffing, finance and obtaining interest and support.

Missionaries and Chaplains serve in 7 areas of Africa; 8 areas in India; in Pakistan; Yemen; Taiwan; in different islands or areas of the West Indies; in 10 European countries; 3 South American countries, in Israel, Mauritius and Ceylon.

There are approximately 200 missionaries serving overseas, not including missionaries' wives. 17 are doctors, 21 nurses, 38 teachers and approximately 30 ministers whose work includes ministering to overseas Scots.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

On 15th January Mrs. D. W. Rutherford was presented with a watch as a token of the Guildwomen's deep appreciation of her interest and work in all aspects of Guild life. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. Kerr, one of our former Vice-Presidents, and who was in office when Mrs. Rutherford first came to the village twenty five years ago.

M.A.M.

At morning service on 27th January the Kirk Session presented the following thirty-one children with a copy of the new Church Hymnary as an award for their attendance at Church throughout 1973:- Ann Alexander, Sally Alexander, Kenneth Chalmers, Susan Chalmers, Stuart Drever, Andrew Fergus, Gillian Fergus, Gabrielle Hodge, Clare Hughes, Richard Hughes, Ann Hynd, Elaine Hynd, Karen Hynd, Louise McRae, Amanda Maxwell, Rebecca Maxwell, Alison Meiklejohn, Helen Meiklejohn, Calum Murray, Jill Murray, Martin Murray, Donald Nicolson, Amanda Palmer, Philippa Palmer, Stephane Palmer, Candida Palmer, Jean Rankin, David Shepherd, Robert Shepherd.

THE CHURCH HYMNARY

Third Edition

It was the intention of the Congregational Board to introduce the new edition of the Hymnary last year, but because of the outlay in connection with the celebrations it was thought better to postpone its introduction until the spring of this year. It is now on sale on Sundays after service, priced 40p for the ordinary copy with words only. Copies with music (staff) may be bought from most booksellers or from the Church of Scotland Book Shop, George Street, Edinburgh.

In the past when a new hymnary was introduced it was possible to use the old and the new conjunctly, and so to make the change over easier. This is not possible on this occasion. Tunes have been altered, verses added or deleted and phrases improved. Some old favourites have gone; but some very fine hymns have been included; and we hope it will not be long before our members find their way about the new ordering and numbering. The Psalms and Paraphrases, which are normally sung, have all been given a place within the hymnbook and we shall no longer have the three separate sections.

The first Sunday in April is the date on which we shall commence using the new book.

THANKSGIVING

In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life.

Albert Schweitzer.

4. - 850th ANNIVERSARY FUND

For the Period from 1st December 1972 to 31st December 1973

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Contributions	Cost of 325 Chairs for Church £2,502.50
Specifically for chairs £1367.90	Unallocated Expenses
Specifically for National Church	Guest Preachers £78.10
Extension 86.00	Printing and Stationery 81.75
Unspecified 1,588.48	Advertising 10.50
£3,042.38	Postages 17.19
Net Proceeds of the Underrated Efforts	187.54
Sponsored Walk £461.30	£2,690.04
Commemorative Envelopes 164.39	Balance remitted to the National Church
Exhibition in Church Hall 109.34	Extension Fund 1,120.00
Concerts 7.15	
742.18	
Interest £129.96	
Less: due to Fabric Fund 104.48	
25.48	
<u>£3,810.04</u>	<u>£3,810.04</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, 1973 with the exception of the 850th Anniversary Fund which covers a period of 13 months to that date.

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

6th March 1974. Audited and found correct

IAN M. STUART, F.C.I.I.

Auditors

G. MALCOLM MURRAY, F.F.A.

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BAPTISMS

14th Oct. James Ross Duncan

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3rd Feb. Margaret Elizabeth Watson

3rd Mar. David Alan Brotchie

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MARRIAGES

22nd Sept. Ian Chambers and

Eliza M. Grubb

17th Nov. Robert Ritchie and

Marion M. Duke

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DEATHS

27th Aug. Mr. Hugh Kerr

Boupric

5th Oct. Mrs. E. Blair,

1 Morayvale

12th Oct. Mr. T. Robertson,

Humbie Terrace

25th Nov. Mrs. A. Keith,

39 Humbie Terrace

10th Dec. Mr. E. Serridge,

7 Inch Avenue

20th Dec. Miss E. Fisher,

106 Main Street

25th Dec. Mr. A. O. Melville,

Parkend Farm

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4th Jan. Mrs. M. Blake,

79 Main Street

11th Jan. Mrs. E. Bremner,

17 Main Street

17th Jan. Mr. A. Niven,

Netherhill

6th Feb. Mr. W. Burniston,

Aba, Murrell Road

ACCESSIONS - BY CERTIFICATE

Mr. and Mrs. F. McQuillan,

102 Main Street

Mrs. Lane,

33 The Glebe

Mr. and Mrs. G. Maxwell,

72a High Street

Mrs. W. Morrison,

18 Murrell Terrace

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hughes,

1 Home Park

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cochrane,

3 Park Lane

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brotchie,

17 Dovecot Park

DISJUNCTIONS

Mrs. D. W. Pringle, Lochgelly to Morpeth

Mrs. R. G. MacEwan, 19 Morayvale

to Edinburgh

Mrs. A. Fowler, 25 High Street

to Dunfermline

Mrs. D. J. Hawkins, 17 Dovecot Park

to Hawick

Mrs. E. Baker, 32 High Street

to Dalgety Bay

Miss J. Simpson, 32 High Street

to Dalgety Bay

A LEGACY AND A GIFT

The late Douglas McLauchlan of Fern Cottage left a legacy to the Kirk Session of the sum of £100 to be used as the Kirk Session thought fit. Another person with a life long association with Aberdour, Miss Rene Catton of Honolulu sent a gift of \$250 in memory of her brother.

FINANCE

We are glad to report that although we raised some £3,800 in connection with our 850th Anniversary Celebrations, the actual givings week by week did not show a decrease. As can be seen by the Financial Statement we were able to maintain the level of giving, and were therefore able to give away to others the same amount as in 1972. We were glad that this was possible for the need is as great as ever and many of the charities and missions to which we send money are finding it very difficult to make ends meet. We hope that our givings in 1974 will enable us to meet our own rising costs and at the same time to increase our 'give away'.

A GIFT

We are blessed in our congregation with the number of people who are always willing to give a hand. Mr. Kenneth Sinclair our property Convener is one who does a great deal of good by stealth. He is continually repairing and improving things around the Church and Halls. Just after the New Year those who had occasion to visit St. Colme's Hall (upstairs) discovered in the cupboard a very beautiful lectern, carved with 'To the Glory of God' and the dates '1123 - 1973.' It is a most beautiful and useful addition to the furnishings. No one has admitted to carving it or placing it there, but we have our suspicions. Thank you!