

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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1949

MINISTER:—The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D., The Manse, Aberdour.
ASSISTANT MINISTER:—Mr JACK RICHARDSON, B.D., The University, Edinburgh.

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Dalgety—Mrs Machin, Wayside, Aberdour.
Beadles: Aberdour—Mr Lawrence Moir, Sands Houses.
Dalgety—Mr Harry Moyes, Chesters Cottage.

TIMES OF SERVICE.

Aberdour—In St. Fillan's Church and St. Colme's Church alternately, at 11 and 6.30. (A notice is put up each week outside the Parish Hall saying in which Church the Services are the following Sunday).

Dalgety—Every Sunday at 12.30.

THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

By the time this letter reaches you holidays will be in almost everybody's mind. You will either be engaged with other people's holidays or thinking about your own. We have had a wonderful spell of weather and we all hope that everyone will be blessed with clear skies and sunshine.

You must have noticed, as I have done, how few of those who are on holiday attend a place of worship. It is true that we have quite a sprinkling of visitors worshipping with us on a Sunday; but they are only a small fraction of those who are living with us. Many of them must be regular attenders when they are at home, and I have been wondering what it is that makes so many folk think that regular attendance throughout the year at the home church should not be carried on when one is on holiday. Most of us would have to confess that when we are on holiday ourselves we are not so very different from the folk who visit us. Holidays are regarded everywhere as a good excuse for not going to Church. To be in a strange town or village on a Sunday is frequently found to be sufficient reason for not worshipping God.

Is there, do you think, a deeper explanation than just that when we are on holiday we do not want to do any of the things we do normally? I believe that part of our reluctance to worship in a strange place is due to our having got accustomed to thinking of God as being found in a particular place. Like the Hebrews of old we all have our shrine, where God is found; and we are apt to think of Him as living there. One of the very best correctives for that is just that we, and particularly our children when they are young, should make a point of worshipping wherever we are. There is nothing like it for giving us the feeling of God's omnipresence—that He is not localised in any village shrine but can be found in any place we take the trouble to seek Him.

Worship in strange places helps us too, I know, to rid ourselves of any narrow ideas we may have of the Church. It is so easy to grow up parochially minded; and not to know that we are members of something much wider than the congregation we are accustomed worshipping among. It is as we find God in the company of people in other towns and villages, and even in other countries, that we begin to feel that we are part of a World Church.

May God's blessing be upon your homes at this holiday season.

I am,

Your's sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild had their Annual Outing on 26th May. They were favoured with a beautiful day, and the company of fifty-eight Guildswomen and friends enjoyed the tour thoroughly. The route was by Pitlochry to Tummelbridge, and then to Aberfeldy, where the party had lunch. From there the way led down Loch Tay to Killin, thence through Glen Ogle to Callander, where tea was provided. The way home was by Stirling and the Hillfoots, where a short stay was made at Alva. The members were delighted to have with them their new President, Mrs Rutherford.

E.W.K.

ABERDOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

On Saturday, 11th June, the scholars, teachers and parents, numbering 160 in all, took part in an Excursion to Elie, the furthest from home which the Sunday School has ever journeyed. After one of the rare rainy days of this season, the weather was excellent and the views over the Forth delightful. The only regret was the shortness of the time which it was possible to spend on the promontory adjoining Ruby Bay, which was accentuated by the lateness of the train in getting to Elie, but races were run and a good tea enjoyed, and the presence of the Rev. D. W. Rutherford and Mrs Rutherford and of Mr J. Richardson was very greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE.

This was held on Sunday, 12th June, in St. Fillan's Church, when there was a very large congregation. A large variety of beautiful flowers were brought by the children and, with other gifts, subsequently distributed to the sick or aged members of the congregation, and the residue was handed over to the Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital, where it was gratefully received.

Prizes were handed to the scholars for their year's work in Sunday School, the books for the Senior School being a much appreciated donation from a member.

DALGETY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Scholars will regret the departure, on the occasion of her marriage, of Miss Long, now Mrs Doig, after some time as Leader, and look forward to her revisiting them in the future. We are very happy to know that when the School resumes in September Mrs Machin, Wayside, Aberdour, will assume the position of Leader.

R.R.C.

ACCESSION (by Profession).

David Beveridge, 74 High Street.
Mrs Annie Beveridge, do.
Joan M. Gunn, 97 High Street.
Alexander Kerr, Bouprie Farm.
James Kerr, do.
John Kerr, do.
Margaret Kerr, do.
Ian C. Kerr, National Bank House.
George Meiklejohn, 5 Humble Terrace.
Betty L. Mustard, Ashley Bank, Easter Aberdour.
John E. Todd, Akabo, Easter Aberdour.

ACCESSION (by Certificate).

Mr Thomas Barclay, The Gift Shop, Shore Road.
Mrs Campbell, Manse Street.
Miss C. Gilmour, Carradale.
Mrs R. H. Jamieson, Beulah.
Mr and Mrs J. Dawson Macfarlane, Braefoot.
Mr Thomas M. Paterson, Seaside Place.
Mr and Mrs David Rodger, Schoolhouse, and Mr Alan.
Mrs J. Rutherford, The Manse.
Mr J. G. Wilson, Ardmohr, Dalgety.

DISJUNCTION—Mrs Mary Croll, to Bachilton, Methven.
Mrs Thomas, to Washington.
Mr and Mrs J. Herd to Edinburgh.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

2nd April 1949—Christina Margaret Eadie, Humble Terrace.
3rd ,, —David Alan Thomson, Humble Cottages.
3rd ,, —Elizabeth Keith Gunn, High Street.
3rd ,, —Elizabeth Euphemia Ropchan, Murrell Terrace.
17th ,, —Peter Arthur Forbes Smith, High Street.
15th May —Kathleen Norma Brown, St. Margaret's.
12th June —Alistair Ian Cunningham, 9 Gladstone Terrace, Stirling.

MARRIAGES.

"What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

2nd April 1949—Robert Hutton Inglis to Kathleen Collyer Melville Forgan.
16th ,, —John Ross Macdonald to Elizabeth Stowell Lochtie.
4th June —Robert Pagan to Mary Jane Atkinson Forgan.

DEATHS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

16th April 1949—Isabella Young Finlay, High Street.
16th May —William Bodell, Donibristle House.
23rd ,, —Alexander Neish, Coal Wynd.
1st June —Andrew Laing, Humble Terrace.
25th ,, —John Hardie, Woodend Cottages.