

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.

Session Clerk—Mr A. R. Milne, Station House.
Acting Clerk to the Congregational Board—Miss H. M. Somerville, Viewforth House, Seaside Place.
Treasurer—Mr C. J. Kerr, J.P., National Bank House.
Proclamations Officer—Mr H. Cecil Lyon, Park View, Park Lane.
Organists: Aberdour—Mr J. Gillespie, Ardene.
 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.

Primary Sunday School—St. Colme's Church, 12.20 p.m.

Senior Sunday School—Alternating according to the Church in which the service is being held, at 12.20 p.m.

Dalgety Sunday School—Dalgety Church, 11.30 a.m.

Junior Bible Class—St. Fillan's Hall, 12.20 p.m.

The Young People's Fellowship—St. Fillan's Hall, 7.45 p.m.

Woman's Guild—St. Fillan's Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.45 p.m., and on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

People often ask "What is the Church doing?" It is a question which is usually thrown out in a challenging way, as if the Church were dead and had no activity at all. It is true that there are individual members who sit by idly without exerting themselves, but one of the best correctives for anyone who has that idea is just to be present on a Sunday morning in September as the intimations are announced from the pulpit. As the successive announcements are made of the commencement of the Sunday Schools, Bible Class, Young People's Fellowship and First Communicants' Class, one realises that the Church is continually doing a great work in the teaching of the Faith to oncoming generations; and that there are a great number engaged in doing it. More than anything else, the revivals and the campaigns included, the weekly instruction of the young folk has been the Churches' greatest work in Scotland. One historian has said that no revival ever took place in a parish which had not been well tilled beforehand. Whether that is true or not, it is true that the greatest contribution which the Church of our day can make is just that the young people, from the day they enter the Primary Sunday School to the day when as young men and women they make profession of their faith, may be given the very best instruction our Church has to offer. It means sacrifice of time and freedom on the part of our teachers but without the encouragement of the children in their attendance, all these sacrifices can go for nothing. Nothing hinders Sunday School and Bible Class work more than irregularity and lack of interest in what has been learned. This is one way in which we can play our part to ensure that the vows taken regarding our young folk at baptism are fully implemented.

September and October have been busy months, but two services will remain in our minds for some time to come. The first was the Harvest Thanksgiving. Both in Dalgety and Aberdour gifts for the decoration of the Church and for the sick folk were freely given, and they not only gave pleasure to the congregation by their beauty and arrangement, but brought happiness to many an ill and aged person. Their thanks have been freely expressed to me for your kind remembrance of them.

The other service was the Dedication of the Memorials to Mr and Mrs Hewitt and to Mr Alexander Wallace. We were glad to welcome Mr Stalker to the pulpit once again, and his sincere and eloquent tribute to those old friends of the congregation and the work they did for it, stirred many a heart. Mr Hewitt of Hursley unveiled the memorial to his uncle and aunt and Mr Wallace the memorial to his father. It also gave great satisfaction to the worshippers that Miss Clark Kennedy was able to be present on this memorable occasion.

I am now nearing the completion of the visitation of the congregation, and I would just take this opportunity to thank you all once again for the very cordial welcome which you have given my wife and myself. I know there are a few homes which have been omitted, and also quite a number where folks, though not members, might desire a visit. I should be glad if my attention could be drawn to any omissions, and shall endeavour to visit anyone who desires me to do so.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

THE REV. CHARLES SIMMERS, B.D.

It was with a great sense of loss that the congregation learned of the death of Mr Simmers. Though recently come to Aberdour, Mr Simmers had endeared himself to the community. During the recent vacancy his help was invaluable, and through his preaching and pastoral work he gained the deep affection of many of our members. We shall miss his kindness and wise counsel.

In their sorrow we extend to Mrs and Miss Simmers our deepest sympathy.

DALGETY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Dalgety Sunday School resumed its winter session on Sunday, 4th September. Numbers have increased considerably, there being 39 children on the roll. On Saturday, 17th September, the annual outing took place to the Edinburgh Zoo. A large number of parents accompanied the children, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent by young and old alike.

SERVICE ON INCHCOLM.

Amongst the various noteworthy services which have been held in recent months, the one which took place on that outlying portion of the parish, Inchcolm, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 25th of July, takes a special place.

Despite a sea which was rather less smooth than some of us might have desired, a considerable congregation crossed by motor boat to assemble in the garden of the Abbey, where, in the course of the service, Mr Rutherford gave a most interesting account of the part played by the Abbey of Inchcolm as a centre of Christian light and learning in Pre-Reformation times. The Church Extension Fund benefitted substantially by the collection and donations which were appropriately allocated to this cause. It is hoped that this service will become an annual event in the church life of the parish.

R.R.C.

ACCESSION (by Certificate).

Mr and Mrs James Hunter, Sands Place.
Mr and Mrs Marshall, Donibristle Gardens.
Mr and Mrs Mather, Helenslea, Easter Aberdour.
Mrs A. Wright, High Street.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Mr McCartney, to Elie.
Miss Heron, to Whitley Bay.
Mrs McManus, to Montrose.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

20th March 1949—Carole Ella Stewart Douglas, 20 Humbie Terrace.
10th July " —Francis Chalmers Johnston, 34 Bingham Circle, Portobello.
10th " " —Alan Forrester, Seaside Place.
24th " " —Isobel Harvey Nicol, Scotswalls Farm.
31st " " —William Ian Stackhouse, 19 Humbie Terrace.
11th Sept. " —Thomas James Haxton Dean, 47 Admiralty Road, Rosyth.
18th " " —Barbara Ann Fernie Roy, Kirkbrae.
18th " " —Charles Andrew Wotherspoon, Seaside Place.

MARRIAGES.

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

2nd July 1949—James Archibald Protheroe Morris to Joan Elizabeth Robson.
2nd " " —John William Sharp to Joanna Jean Redpath.
2nd Aug. " —Andrew Paton to Barbara M. Waterson.
17th " " —Keith W. Gordon to Margaret D. R. Hutchison.
17th " " —Harry L. Anderson to Sophia M. Hutchison.
3rd Sept. " —John E. Todd to Amelia Campbell.

DEATHS.

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

6th July 1949—Thomas Barclay, The Gift Shop, Shore Road.
22nd " " —William Hugh Marshall, Donibristle Gardens.
26th Aug. " —Mrs J. Currie, High Street.
30th " " —Catherine Manclark, Orcadia Home, Burntisland.
29th Sept. " —Mrs H. McRae, Manse Place.
6th Oct. " —Mrs McGill, Manse Street.
7th " " —The Rev. Charles Simmers, Kilravock, The Glebe.