

18th April, 1915.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplains.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D., Presidency Senior Chaplain, Spencer's Hotel.

Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.

Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., J. M. Ewing Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and the Rev. A. Templeton.

Church Clerk—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

Organist and Choirmaster—C. Norman Lindsay Esq., Woodlands, Royapettah.

Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.

Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.

Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Rookery, Chetput.

Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. F. Thomas, Buckingham Gardens, Perambur.

Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum, (On Leave).

School Visitation Committee Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Kedleston, Kilpauk.

Honorary Auditor—James Leask, Esq., Bank of Madras.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M. Women's Guild meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 4-30 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—There were 60 communicants at Holy Communion on Easter Sunday evening. Holy Communion will be again celebrated at the close of morning service on May 9th.

Young Communicants.—At a meeting of the Kirk Session on Sunday, April 4th, two

young communicants were admitted into full membership of the Church and are commended to the Christian fellowship of the congregation. Their names are Cuthbert Cress and Victor Conran.

Thanks.—I have great pleasure in acknowledging gifts of papers and magazines from

Messrs. J. R. Henderson, W. A. Beardsell, R. L. Hird, Mrs. Bromhead and Mrs. Horn, and gifts of clothing from Mrs. Howell and Mr. J. M. Ewing.

Rev. J. G. Philip.—The Rev. J. G. Philip on a flying visit to Madras was kind enough to take morning service on the last Sunday of March. His services were greatly appreciated.

Roll of Honour.—News has come through of the good health and condition of Mr. J. M. Wilson, at present despatch riding somewhere in France. Mr. Hutton's two sons, true patriots both, unwilling to continue their studies in the hour of their country's danger, put their studies to one side and are now in the trenches in Flanders in the ranks of the Dandy Ninth, the 9th Royal Scots. Those who knew Mr. A. G. Harper, Acting Professor of Botany in the Presidency College here, may be interested to hear that he has obtained a Commission in the Artillery and is in hard training for the front.

Good Friday.—There was a fair attendance at service on Good Friday morning. The Choir was at full strength and gave a beautiful rendering of the Anthem "There is a Green Hill," Mrs. Puddephatt taking the solo part and singing with much feeling and taste. On Easter Sunday the Church was well filled at both services. At evening service the Choir specially augmented gave Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis" and reached a high standard of excellence.

The Choir.—We are very glad indeed to welcome to the Choir Mr. A. S. Steuart and Mr. E. R. Rose who in past months have contributed very much to the Recital programmes. They are both singers a long way above the average and we hope that their example will be quickly imitated. At present the Choir is lacking in Bass voices and it would be a great help if one or two young men would come forward to fill up the gaps.

Vacant Sittings.—There is a considerable number of vacant sittings in the Church at present and there are likely to be a good many more brought about by departures during the coming hot weather. It would be a great help indeed if these sittings could be taken up. The rent from the pews goes towards the salary of the Organist and the Choir expenses. A glance at the monthly finance statement will show how heavy a burden that is. To take a sitting really means to make a systematic and regular

contribution towards the working expenses of the Church.

Sunday School.—By the departure of Miss James, a vacancy was made in our all-too-scanty staff, but fortunately for us Miss Cress has very kindly volunteered to come and help till the end of April.

Organ Recital.—There was a very sparse attendance at the Organ Recital on Easter Monday. But those who were wise enough to attend were delighted with the Programme set before them. The soloists were Messrs. Steuart and Campbell Gray, while Miss Higginbotham contributed a violin solo. The following is the Programme:—

PROGRAMME

1. Organ..... "Elégie Marche".....Lemaigre
2. Violin Solo....."Reverie".....Vieuxtemps
Miss Higginbotham
3. Organ..... { (a) Capriccio.....Lemaigre
(b) Fantasie.....Grison
(on Theme by Picard)
4. Vocal { (a) Thy rebuke hath broken
His heart.
(b) Behold, and see
(c) He was cut off out of the
land
(d) But Thou didst not leave
(Messiah)
Mr. A. Steuart } ..Handel
5. Organ.....Prelude to Lohengrin.....Wagner
6. Vocal....."Nazareth".....Gounod
Mr. T. Campbell Gray
7. Organ..... { (a) Slumber Song.....Nevin
(b) Scherzo in D....Claussmann

Day School.—It is a source of great regret that the class of Instruction in Embroidery has had to be discontinued owing to the departure of Mrs. Horne. The girls were making much progress, Sybil Taylor in particular who gained the prize. I am afraid it is too much to expect that any other lady will come to take Mrs. Horne's place.

The senior girls have been making their contribution to the War Depôt Fund for the last bundle of stuff sent by the Guild comprised several mufflers knitted by the girls.

Industrial Class.—I am more than pleased to acknowledge a contribution of Rs. 200 from Mrs. Atkinson, being the profit from the sales of the work done through her in the Industrial class. The money goes to the funds of the Free School. I should like to call the attention of ladies of the congregation to the notice on the front page referring to this Industrial class, so that orders for dusters may be put with Mrs. Atkinson. It is a way not only of getting good dusters but also of helping the School.

Women's Guild

Donation.—The Honorary Secretary reports a handsome donation of Rs. 50 from an anonymous friend of the Guild. The money is to be expended in providing materials for clothes to be made by members for the children at the St. George's Homes. A bundle of clothes was sent up recently.

War Depôt.—Every week a collection of scarves and stockings and other articles of clothing is being sent along to the War Depôt.

Committee.—The following ladies are the members of the Committee for the ensuing year—Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Bowie, Mrs. Conran, Miss Forbes, Mrs. Taylor Mitchell, Mrs. Meldrum, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wilton, and Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Thomas continues as Honorary Treasurer, and Mrs. Turner as Honorary Secretary.

Concert.—The St. Andrew's Women's Guild War Fund gave a most successful Variety Concert in the Habitation recently. The entertainment proved so popular with the public that it was decided to repeat it, and at the second performance on Saturday, the 27th March, there was an audience almost as large and enthusiastic as had attended the first. The first part of the programme consisted of a short sketch, entitled *Between the Soup and the Savoury*, cleverly acted by Mesdames Russel, J. Wilson and R. L. Hird. The love affairs of the kitchen maid "Emily" were the source of a great deal of amusement and this sentimental but somewhat unattractive young person was cleverly played by Mrs. Wilson. "Mary," the Cook, and "Ada," the Housemaid, were played by Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Hird, respectively, and both made the most of the parts.

The second half of the programme was provided by a party of Dutch Minstrels (from Madras), who presented a very clever and amusing variety entertainment. They were dressed in striking and well-designed Dutch costumes and their singing and patter were both of the best. All took part in the opening and closing chorus, "Blankipore," from *San Toy*, and Mr. R. Lee contributed the

second item, "Our Island Home," which he sang with spirit. He was later associated with Miss Royle in a very pretty rendering of the tuneful duet "On the Sleepy Canal," this and some other items being taken from the popular musical Comedy, *Miss Hook of Holland*. The quartette, "A Regular Royal Queen," from *The Gondoliers*, was well sung by Mr. Hird, Mr. Badcock, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Turner, and the same talented singers later on sang a "Madrigal" from the *Mikado*. Miss Royle sang "Daddy's Sweetheart" and this was followed by what was certainly one of the quaintest and most popular items of the programme, the trio and chorus "Cheese," by Messrs. Torrance Turner and Gray. All three sang excellently. Mr. Gray in particular being extremely funny. He is a most versatile performer, for he not only took part in this item but contributed two others, convulsing the audience with "My Little Deutcher Girl," and then singing with great verve the stirring song "The Admiral's Broom." Other items, all of which were admirably rendered, were "The Grenadier," by Mr. W. A. Turner, "Under the Deodars," by Mrs. Badcock, "By the Side of the Zuyder Zee," by Mrs. R. L. Hird, and "The Other Department Please," by Mr. Norman Lindsay, who also accompanied most of the other items of the programme.

Distribution of Funds.—As a result of the two entertainments given by the Guild a sum of Rs. 222 has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund and a sum of about Rs. 250 is to be expended on comforts for the soldiers in the Persian Gulf and on the Suez Canal.

COLLECTION, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1915		RS.	A.	P.
March	7th (Ordinary)	...	70	12 9
"	14th "	...	53	12 3
"	21st "	...	53	7 6
"	28th British and Foreign Bible Society	...	74	1 0
Total		...	252	1 6

Baptisms

"Suffer the little children to come unto me"

1915

March	28th	Clarence Lancy, son of Alfred Mabel Santineer.
April	4th	Harold Wilcox, son of Harold Clyde and Winifred Wilcox Herman
"	4th	Randal Stuart, son of Harold Clyde and Winifred Wilcox Herman
"	11th	William Robert, son of Samuel and Roseline Weston.
"	11th	Frederick, son of Lyle and Jane Helen Keay