

# St. Andrew's Church, Madras

- Joint Chaplain.*—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 Officer*—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
- Organist and Choirmaster*—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
- 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, Silverton, Casamajor Road.
- Women's Guild Treasurer*—Mrs. F. Thomas, Buckingham Gardens, Perambur.
- Sunday School Superintendent*—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum.
- School Visitation Committee Secretary*—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Kedleston, Kilpauk.
- Honorary Auditor*—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Nungambakum.



## 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

*Chaplaincy.*—After a very pleasant and helpful holiday I took over the Chaplaincy of St. Andrew's on Tuesday, September 7th. At a recent meeting of Kirk Session it was unanimously resolved to put on record the great indebtedness of the Session and the Congregation to the Rev. Andrew Templeton for his admirable work during the absence of the Chaplain. In that motion needless to say I concurred most heartily for it was to allow me this chance of a holiday that Mr.

Templeton undertook the work of the Chaplaincy in addition to his onerous duties at the Christian College. At the same time I must not forget to take this opportunity of thanking the Senatus of the Christian College for so readily and willingly granting their sanction to Mr. Templeton to undertake the duties of the Chaplaincy.

*Mr. C. N. Lindsay.*—During my absence the Church suffered a severe loss by the departure

of Mr. Lindsaye, for many years the Organist and Choir Master of St. Andrew's. It will be in the memory of the congregation that in the month of March Mr. Lindsaye was offered the Organistship at Rangoon Cathedral. He was asked to state the terms on which he would stay with us and the Kirk Session had no hesitation in granting these terms. Naturally they imposed a heavy burden upon the finances of the Church, but Mr. Lindsaye's value to the praise of the Church was too great for us to let him go without a great effort on our part to retain him. Unfortunately for us the authorities of the Cathedral in Rangoon were so impressed by what they had heard of Mr. Lindsaye's abilities that they offered him a salary and a position with which it was impossible for us to compete. The matter was laid once more before the Kirk Session when it was decided that though it was only with great reluctance that Mr. Lindsaye could be let go, it would be unfair to put any obstacles in the way of his professional advancement. It is a great pity that Mr. Lindsaye had to leave us unexpectedly nearly a month before his engagement was to terminate. That fact apart, all the years he was with us in Madras he rendered exceedingly valuable services and so far as my own experience of him ranging over two years goes, I could never wish to meet a more willing, more obliging, more enthusiastic Organist and Choir Master than Mr. Lindsaye. He delighted us all with his conduct of the praise on Sundays and he delighted a larger circle still by his Recitals, vocal and instrumental. There is one thing he has left behind him fortunately for us, and that is a well trained enthusiastic choir who are only too eager to keep up in Mr. Lindsaye's absence the reputation they gained during his leadership. We wish much success in their new sphere to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsaye. She too when she was with us gave valuable and ungrudging service to the choir.

*The Organistship.*—It is not an easy matter in this land to find a good organist at a moment's notice, and Mr. Lindsaye's unexpected departure might have put us in severe straits for a time. Fortunately we were put to no such trial. One of our own members came to the rescue, Mr. R. L. Hird. Mr. Hird has had a good deal of experience in choir conducting in the various places where he has been stationed and above all being a Scotsman he is saturated with the true atmosphere of a Scots' service. For two months now we have had his services and we realise the greatness of our good fortune in having him at hand, so ready

and willing a volunteer for a task that demands a great deal of time and a great deal of worry and strain. But our good fortune is not confined to Mr. Hird's services already rendered. He has been good enough to offer to serve as an Honorary Organist and the Kirk Session have gladly taken the opportunity to put on record their high indebtedness to Mr. Hird for his magnanimous offer. I am sure the congregation follows in the lead of the Kirk Session. During Mr. Hird's term of Organistship, the sum of money which would have gone in Organist's salary will be set apart as a Choir and Organ Fund, a suggestion of Mr. Hird's to which the Session were only willing to agree.

*Choir.*—There were some pessimists who prophesied that once Mr. Lindsaye was gone, we should be hard put to it to keep the choir up to its former level in numbers and quality. The pessimists were false prophets, we are glad to say and the choir stands where it did. It is a great pleasure to us all that Mrs. Hird has come forward to help us, following the good example of Mrs. Puddephatt whose lead has deserved imitators long before this time.

*Attendances.*—I do not know whether there is much use in making here a complaint about the poor attendances recently. There is little use in speaking in Church because there, those who are earnestly carrying out their religious duties have to bear an attack which is meant for the others. The attendances are disappointing, to say the least of it.

There is a maxim widely prevalent in ecclesiastical circles at home to the effect that Scotsmen abroad are singularly appreciative of the ordinances of the church. A look into St. Andrew's during the month of September would be enough to shatter that maxim for ever. I do not know how the problem of the neglect of the Scottish Church by those for whose benefit it was established in this land, is to be met, and I shall be thankful for any suggestions. As Chaplain I am prepared to take my full share of the blame but is there not a certain amount of blame to be attached to the many young Scots in Madras who were brought up in religious homes, who would confess that they still stand by the faith into which they were baptised, but who cannot devote a single afternoon or morning to worship God in the way of their fathers. And it seems to me that the Kirk Session has a fair cause of complaint against the many seat-holders who hardly enter the Church doors at all. Their

pew rents are helpful, it is true, for the upkeep of the Church and the Free School is no light matter; but it is their presence in church and the encouragement and inspiration which comes from regular attendance that we all need and desire.

*Thanks.*—I am very grateful to Mr. Ashworth for acting as Hon. Treasurer during my absence. This is not the first time that Mr. Ashworth has placed his time and services at the disposal of St. Andrew's. How I am to thank Mr. Boys for all his energy and zeal in my absence I do not know. His recent illness seems to have given him renewed strength and enthusiasm.

*Women's Guild.*—The Hon. Secretary reports that H. E. Lady Pentland has kindly consented to open the Sale of Work for the

Women's Guild on Saturday, November 20th. If there are any ladies who have not yet joined the Guild and who would like to do what they can for the Sale, I shall be glad to forward their names to the Hon. Secretary Mrs. Turner. Every one is welcomed at the Guild meetings which take place in the School room on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 4-30 p.m.

*Gifts.*—Many thanks to Miss Harband for a bundle of clothes for the poor and to Miss Dunhill for a bundle of clothes and of papers.

*Sunday School.*—Sunday School is flourishing in the meantime. The attendance touched three figures on the 19th. Miss Bain's place has been filled by the Chaplain. Many thanks are due to her for her valued services in the hour of need.

## Free School

The Free School continues on its prosperous way. It has been a great pleasure to me to come back and find it in so good condition; thanks to the unsparing efforts of the teachers and of the ladies who regularly show their interest in the school in the most practical fashion.

*Gifts.*—There are a great many gifts and kindnesses to record this month. I find that new clothes and hats have been provided for some of the children and that nice new aluminium tumblers have been purchased for the breakfast table, a great improvement on the cups used of old and much more likely to stand the wear and tear of school life. To the ladies who presented or subscribed for the above gifts the Managers of the School record their thanks. To encourage others in this good work I give their names, Mrs. Taylor Mitchell, the Misses Falconer, Mrs. Bennet, Miss Burgess, Miss Callaghan, and some friends of the teaching staff whose names have not been given me. Mrs. Turner has shown her practical interest in the school by equipping with glasses one of the brightest of the pupils whose studies have been seriously retarded by bad eyesight.

*Anglo-Indian Association Anniversary.*—The A.-I. Association Anniversary Sports will take place on October 7th. A new feature this year is an exhibition of Drill by representatives of the different schools. Our pupils are going to give exhibitions of Swedish Exercises by the boys and of Fancy Drill by the girls. They are all striving their best to

win a prize. I do not know who has been the friend at court, but there is no question as to the indebtedness of the school to the Sergt.-Major of the Madras Volunteer Guards who has allowed the children to drill with the Band twice a week at the Institute.

*Sunday Morning.*—I have been greatly pleased with the attendances of the children at Morning Service, and also with their behaviour and their interest in the services. Some of them are perhaps on the young side to keep their attention during the long service, but even they are wonderful. They have their material reward in the excellent breakfasts given after service. With the usual oppums and coffee a meat dish is now supplied. Here as formerly Mrs. Atkinson is always to the front in providing dainties for them.

*Holidays.*—The School closed for the Michaelmas holidays on Friday, the 24th September, and will re-open on Tuesday, October, 5th.

### COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1915		RS.	A.	P.
August 1st (Ordinary)	...	53	2	11
„ 4th Intercession Service.	...	33	4	0
„ 8th Ordinary	...	37	12	1
„ 15th „	...	40	15	0
„ 22nd „	...	32	7	3
„ 29th „	...	37	14	0
Total	...	235	7	3

## CHURCH REGISTER

## Marriage

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

Sept. 22nd, 1915—Donald Stanley Hedger Middleton to Jane Florence Stewart.

„ 29th, 1915—Allan Walton to Inez Beryl Lionel.

## CHURCH ACCOUNTS

## I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for August, 1915

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant ... ..	109	0	0	To Church Choir for July, 1915 ...	276	0	0
„ Seat Rents ... ..	127	0	0	„ „ Etabt., for July, 1915...	146	10	0
„ Church Collections ... ..	235	7	3	„ Clerical allowances ... ..	10	0	0
„ Balance due Xmas list ... ..	25	0	0	„ Printing bill No. 62 ... ..	8	4	0
„ Interest ... ..	83	6	0	„ Electrical Current ... ..	8	12	0
				„ Communion Wine ... ..	2	14	0
				„ Miscellaneous ... ..	3	3	6
					455	11	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	124	1	9
Total ...	579	13	3	Total ...	579	13	3

## II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for August, 1915

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant ... ..	100	0	0	To Establishment ... ..	204	0	0
„ Subscriptions ... ..	14	0	0	„ Food (daily) ... ..	69	8	0
„ Kirk Session ... ..	160	12	1	„ Miscellaneous Account ... ..	1	4	1
Total ...	274	12	1	Total ...	274	12	1

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,  
*Hony. Treasurer and Auditor.*

ANDREW TEMPLETON,  
*Acting Joint Chaplain.*

I certify that the Accounts for July 1915 have been examined by me and found correct.

MADRAS,  
24th August, 1915.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,  
*Hony. Auditor and Treasurer.*