

19th December, 1915.

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., 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 Secretary.—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, 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

Holy Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at evening service on January 2nd, the evening of the Intercessory Service.

Catechumen's Class.—I am holding a class for young Communicants on Saturday mornings at 8 A.M. and am preparing them for the Communion in February. I shall be glad to hear of intending communicants. I shall also be glad to arrange another hour for those who cannot come on Saturdays.

Dates to remember.

Dec. 24th, Carol Service	...	6-15 P.M.
„ 25th, Christmas Service	...	11 A.M.
„ 31st, Watch Night Service	...	11-15 P.M.
Jan. 2nd, Intercessory Service	...	6 P.M.
„ 3rd, Dinner to the poor	...	4-30 P.M.
„ 7th, Children's Treat	...	4-30 P.M.

National Service.—The Annual National Service was held on Sunday evening, December 5th. There was a very large and representative congregation who seemed impressed

by the service. The singing certainly reached high water mark and did great credit to the eagerness and the enthusiasm of the choir and to the ability and labours of Mr. Hird. The anthem, Gounod's "Send out thy light" was splendidly rendered. During the offertory Mrs. Puddephatt and Mr. A. Steaurt sang the "Love Divine" duet from Jairu's Daughter and sang it with much taste and feeling. The devotional part of the service was taken by the Chaplain with special prayers for the Empire and for those who run the hazard of the war. The Rev. E. M. Macphail was the preacher for the evening and from Amos, famous text "You only have I loved of all the peoples of the earth, therefore will I punish you for your iniquities," he delivered a very able, thoughtful and helpful address on the privileges and the responsibilities of Empire. After the last hymn, a verse of the National Anthem was sung. The whole service was a most memorable one.

Distribution of Clothing.—The half-yearly distribution of clothing to the school children and to the poor of the congregation was made on Tuesday afternoon, December 14th. Owing to the proximity of the School demonstration on the Thursday, the usual entertainment had to be foregone. There were present Mrs. Atkinson, Hony. Secretary of the Dorcas Society, Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Mrs. Hird and Mrs. Meldrum. The meeting was opened with hymn and prayer, after which the clothes were presented by Mrs. Hird. The Chaplain spoke briefly to the recipients, and paid a well deserved tribute to Mrs. Atkinson for her unwearied labours as Secretary of the Dorcas Society and to Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell for her practical interest in the poor of the congregation. The children responded with ringing cheers, and to Mrs. Hird for her presence that afternoon. The meeting was closed with a hymn and the Benediction. There were present 48 children and about 30 adults, all of whom received clothing for the half-year.

Jumble Sale.—Under the auspices of the Women's Guild, a Jumble Sale was held in the School room on Saturday, December 11th. There was a large attendance of ladies to help and their efforts before the sale had resulted in well loaded tables. The rush of buyers was fierce and in half an hour or so the sale was over and the funds of the Guild were richer by something like Rs. 143. This sum is being sent as a contribution to the St. George's Homes, Kodaikanal. Many thanks are due to

all the kind friends who depleted their wardrobes for the sake of the sale.

Lights and Fans for the School.—I shall be glad to receive donations towards the cost of the electric installation in the school. I have already received the following:—

Women's Guild	...	Rs. 100
Anonymous	...	" 50

The full cost is Rs. 644, which is somewhat more than was expected.

Women's Guild.—I have been asked to state that the following allocation has been made of the funds raised by the recent Sale. After expenses were paid a sum of Rs. 1,500 was left which was distributed thus.—

	Rs.
Hospital Ship ...	500
Women's Mission, Church of Scotland ...	300
Free School ..	200
Y. W. C. A. ...	50
Y. M. C. A. War Work ...	50

The remaining sum is to be devoted to the purchase of materials for the supply of comforts for men at the front. It is also worth noting that the Guild sent a considerable amount of goods to the Union Jack Fete at Government House. I have already noted that the ladies have from their other funds sent a donation of Rs. 100 towards the expense of the electric installation in the School.

Sunday School.—The Sunday School will be closed for the last Sunday of December and the first Sunday of January. So far as numbers go at any rate, the year has been a very successful one, the attendance reaching three figures for the first time for four or five years. Mr. Ashworth and his staff deserve every credit for the good work they are doing.

Wedding.—Cooper—Ure.—A pretty little wedding was held in the church on December 15th, when the Rev. J. E. Cooper, Wesleyan Minister, Chaddarghat, Hyderabad, was united to Miss Jean Ure, daughter of the late Rev. J. M. Ure, for many years Missionary of the London Missionary Society in India. The Chaplain officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. O. Brown of Guindy, and the bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. W. Ross. The service was choral, Mr. R. L. Hird being at the organ. Needless to say Mr. Boys saw to it that the church was beautifully decorated. After the wedding a reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Ross at College House, Saidapet.

Free School

Annual Grant.—We have just received information that the grant for the year is to be Rs. 1,200. This is most disappointing, as we had fully expected at least Rs. 1,500.

Holidays.—The School closed on December 16th and will re-open on January 17th,

Annual Prize-giving.—The School was well filled by friends of the children and those interested on the occasion of the annual prize-giving. The children gave a display of songs and drill that was very highly appreciated and enjoyed. The three Drill items, Poles, Dumb-bells and Physical exercises were done with much nerve and skill, the new drill costumes for both the boys and the girls adding to the smartness of the work. Two songs: "Are we down hearted" and the Russian National Anthem were sung to my mind surprisingly well. The younger children gave a Kindergarten Song, "Roses red, Roses white," which in its prettiness of grouping was altogether delightful. The audience enjoyed largely that old favourite "Ten little Nigger Boys," while Caller Herrin sung with appropriate actions by a group of new haven fish wives thoroughly deserved the encore it received. After the children's display, the Chaplain gave a brief report of the work done by the school during the year, during which he paid the teachers a well-earned compliment on the success of their efforts. He referred with regret to the departure of Miss Callaghan who for two years had done most admirable kindergarten work. He commented upon the great regularity of the children in their attendance, upon the excellent Government report and upon the great progress the school had made in recent years. He also

suggested that it would be a good thing not only for the school if more ladies of the congregation would interest themselves in the school and assist Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell by arranging to visit the school occasionally. The prizes were then given away by Mrs. Turner, to whom a bouquet was presented by Blanche Weston. After the prize-giving Mrs. Turner spoke words of encouragement to the children and the teachers. The demonstration which concluded with the National Anthem proved a great triumph for Mrs. Bennet, Miss Burgess, Miss Callaghan. The following is the special prize list:—

1. Mrs. Atkinson's Prizes, regular attendance and needle work—Joseph Philbert, Mabel Johnson.
2. The Catherine Dunhill Memorial Prize—Ernest Shutie.
3. The Miss Jessie Dunhill Prize—Ernest Shutie.
4. Recitation Prize—Willie Davey.
5. Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell's Prizes—for map drawing, freehand drawing and needlework—Florence Arnett, Ernest Shutie, Joseph Philbert.
6. Dr. Henderson's Prizes for Drill—Joseph Weston, Dorothy Clarkson.
7. Mrs. Bennet's Prize for steady work—E. Shutie.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1915		RS.	A.	P.
November	7th, Ordinary	...	57	11 3
"	14th, Arkonam Mission	...	113	4 3
"	21st, Ordinary	...	38	7 9
"	28th "	...	57	8 6
Total		...	266	15 9

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Baptism

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

December 17th, 1915—Edmund William, son of Percy Hubert and Sybil Winifred Mathews.

Marriage

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

December 15th, 1915—John Everitt Cooper to Jean Smith Murray Ure.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Communion Elements	2	14	0
„ Seat Rents	131	0	0	„ Free School advance	200	0	0
„ Church Collections	240	7	0	„ Church Choir pay for Sept., 1915	76	0	0
„ Sale of grass, etc., for October...	30	0	0	„ „ Estab. „ „ „	155	11	9
„ Organ practice, Sept. and Oct....	10	0	0	„ Methodist Printing House for			
„ Interest	56	6	0	„ printing	27	12	0
„ Refunds	5	0	0	„ Siemens Bros. for lamps	2	8	0
				„ M. E. S. Co. Current for Sept. ...	8	8	0
				„ Miscellaneous	6	6	9
					479	12	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	102	0	6
Total ...	581	13	0	Total ...	581	13	0

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

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	100	0	0	To Establishment, September ...	204	0	0
„ Subscriptions	9	0	0	„ Food for	91	1	0
„ Advance, Kirk Session Fund ...	200	0	0	„ Miscellaneous	2	7	0
„ Refunds	30	0	0	Balance on hand this Account ...	41	8	0
Total ...	339	0	0	Total ...	339	0	0

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	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Advance on account, Govern-			
„ Seat Rents	100	0	0	„ ment Grant Free School ...	250	0	0
„ Church Collections	266	15	9	„ Rates and Taxes (1st half year)	63	14	5
„ Organ Practice	5	0	0	„ Church Choir for October, 1915	76	0	0
„ Sale of grass (November, 1915)...	20	0	0	„ „ Establishment, Oct. „	181	4	0
„ Donation, Ladies' Guild for fan...	100	0	0	„ M. E. S. Co. current for „ „	14	8	0
„ Refunds	88	14	5	„ Organ blowers (pupils) ...	4	0	0
	689	14	2	„ Communion Elements ...	2	14	0
Balance Debit this Account ...	23	7	3	„ C. of S. Arkonam Mission collec-			
				„ tion	113	0	0
				„ Printing, postage, etc. ...	7	13	0
Total ...	713	5	5	Total ...	713	5	5

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	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	100	0	0	To Establishment	204	0	0
„ Subscriptions	29	0	0	„ Food for November, 1915 ...	72	8	0
„ Advance Kirk Session Fund ...	250	0	0	„ Telegram, books, padlock, etc....	5	1	3
„ Refund	10	0	0				
„ Donation, St. Andrew's Women's				Balance Credit this Account ...	281	9	3
„ Guild	200	0	0		307	6	9
Total ...	589	0	0	Total ...	589	0	0

NEIL MELDRUM, Joint Chaplain.