

30th April, 1916.

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., A. C. Puddephatt Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and W. A. Turner Esq.

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, The Priory, Mount Road.

Women's Guild Treasurer.—Mrs. Ross, College House, Saidapet.

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.

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.

WOMEN'S GUILD.—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 5 P. M. from January to April and August to December.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—There were fifty-five communicants at Holy Communion on April 2nd. The next Celebration will be at morning service on May 14th.

Choir.—The Choir which has held so well together and done work so good for the last three or four years has suffered one or two heavy losses recently among the Sopranos and unless some volunteers can be found, will

not be so strong as it ought to be during the next month or two. It would be a great help if one or two fairly strong Sopranos would come forward and join. We are also sadly in want of a couple of Basses. It is very encouraging to have Mrs. Organe and Miss Whitby coming to help the Contraltos and Miss Philips the Sopranos. I am also very grateful to Mr. F. Thomas for the splendid platform he has given for the use of the Choir.

Sunday School.—Sunday School closed for the hot weather on Easter Sunday when instead of the ordinary classes a short service was conducted by the Chaplain. The attendances recently have been well up to the average of recent years and we have been very fortunate in having a full staff of teachers. It was a great help to us when the Misses Thompson came, though unfortunately we are to lose the services of Miss Emily for good. We hope she will do great things at Salem where she has been appointed Headmistress of the Government Hindu Girls' School.

Day School.—The work of the Day School has been going on in its usual quiet methodical way. The number of children is at present under the number for whom we have accommodation and I shall welcome application for admissions. The School is a Free School and is meant for the very poor in the neighbourhood. The Girl Guides in connection with the School have been properly enrolled and have received their uniforms. They made quite an imposing company when they appeared at Church in their uniform a few Sundays ago. We owe a great deal to the interest Miss Philips is taking in the matter and one hopes that the girls will respond by regular attendance at the Drill.

Easter Services.—There were fairly good attendances at the services on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday. On Good Friday the Anthem was Gounod's "There is a green hill" and on Easter Sunday, Gill's "Christ being raised from the dead" and Barnby's "Break forth into joy", all of which were rendered splendidly by the Choir.

The Messiah.—One of the great musical events of the season was of course the ren-

dering of Handel's Oratorio, the Messiah in our Church on April 4th, by the Madras Musical Association. There was a large Choir and Orchestra and the singing of the choruses and the solos was exceedingly creditable considering the short time the Association had to prepare for it. The Soloists were the Rev. C. D. Giles, Mr. Worthington Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Scott and Miss Higginbotham, Mr. S. D. Pears was conductor while Mr. R. L. Hird had the Organ. The attendance was very large indeed, over a hundred chairs having to be added to the sitting capacity of the Church, and seldom in recent years has there been a larger gathering of Anglo-Indians at any function of the kind in Madras. Amongst those present were Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland with their suite. A collection was taken on behalf of the War Fund, amounting to over Rs. 400 and this was handed over to the Association.

Thanks.—I have to thank very heartily for gifts of papers for the soldiers and hospital, Bishop Corrie's School through Miss Brown and the Manager of the Hotel Spencer. I have also to thank Mrs. Hyslop for her gift of prize books for the Day School, and I have much pleasure in acknowledging an anonymous Good Friday donation of Rs. 10 for the school and the poor.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1916		Rs.	A.	P.
March 5th, Ordinary	...	52	7	3
" 12th "	...	46	11	3
" 19th "	...	33	10	0
" 26th "	...	179	5	3
Total	...	312	1	9

Women's Guild

Mrs. Thomas.—It will be of interest to members of the Guild to hear that a letter has been received from Mrs. Thomas in which she tells how she has managed to deliver the packages of papers and books she took with her. A certain amount was left behind at Aden and the first intention was to hand over the remainder to some one in authority at Port Said. But as the "Merkara" went up the Suez Canal, she was hailed at every stage by soldiers crying out for something to read and as a more excellent and a more thorough method of distributing them could not have been found. Mrs. Thomas was able to scatter her books up and down the length of the

canal to the very men for whom they were intended. It is good to hear that Mrs. Thomas was so successful and that the literature was put at once into the right hands.

Meetings.—At the first meeting in April a letter was read and was much appreciated, from Mrs. Gillan describing something of the work being done in Cairo for the benefit of the many men who are going and coming through Cairo in these days. The last meeting for the season was held on Thursday, the 29th, when Miss Stringfellow gave an address on Mission Work in the Mofussil, an address which was much enjoyed.

Jumble Sale.—A small Jumble Sale got up quickly and disposed of quickly was held in the School room on Saturday, the 15th. The members of the Guild were present in great numbers both on the Friday when the arrangements were being made and on the Sale day and everything was carried through very expeditiously. The buyers turned up in great numbers and in about half an hour's time the stalls were bare and the Hon. Treasurer saw the Guild Funds augmented by nearly Rs. 80. Many thanks are due to all who kindly sent in their contributions of clothes.

Annual Financial Statement.—The Annual Financial Statement is printed below for information. Comment is needless. The figures show how splendid a work was done by the ladies of the Guild during the second year of the existence of the Guild.

Entertainment.—Everyone knows now how successful the entertainment held in the Habitation on March 25th and 27th turned out to be. The accounts attached below will show that a sum of Rs. 611 has been handed over to the Honorary Treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. War Fund, a very creditable result. May I add my grateful appreciation of what was done by those who took part, to that which they have already received from the large and enthusiastic audiences. At a recent meeting the Guild decided to put on record also its deep appreciation of the "spade work" done by Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hird and Mrs. Meldrum in making and carrying out the multifarious arrangements, necessary to the success of such an ambitious entertainment.

As it is only right that an account of what was done should have its place in the Church Records, I append what was written in one of the local papers.

There was a bumper house at the entertainment given by the St. Andrew's Women's Guild in aid of the Y. M. C. A. War Work, at the Habitation, Egmore, on Saturday night. An excellent programme was given, the first part of which consisted of two delightful little plays, and the second of a series of most effective tableaux, illustrative mostly of popular Scotch ballads. The programme opened with a well executed piano solo and then the curtain went up on a most amusing drawing-room comedietta, *The Crystal Gazer*, in which Mrs. Russell played the roll of "Madame La Sorciere" to perfection, the only other character being "Miss Bessie Blank," represented by Miss Westlake, who

sought the aid of the Crystal Gazer to trace her lost lover. The clairvoyant, mistaking her client for a lady who was in search of a lost poodle, began to describe the little dog, and the house was kept in roars of laughter, the climax being reached when Miss Blank's lost lover was declared to be wearing "only a collar." Madame La Sorciere was eventually discovered to be an imposter and was threatened with exposure, but fortunately she had received a letter of enquiry from Miss Blank's lost lover and the young lady's object being thus achieved a compromise was arrived at.

The amusing drama, *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabage Patch* was then staged, the principal character being "Mrs. Wiggs," the working woman with a large family, whom trouble never seemed to worry. This part was very well sustained by Mrs. Flohr. The two lovers in the play, "Lucy Alcott and Bob Redding" were impersonated by Miss Wienand and Mr. M. S. Burn, respectively. The children, all of whom acted very well, were Miss Dorothy Phillips and Ingo Hird, Helen Hird and David Organe. Mr. S. Jackson as "Billy Wiggs," the eldest son of the family, was good. The two lovers played their part to perfection, while "Mrs. Wiggs" was inimitable and kept the audience in roars of laughter.

The tableaux were all very realistically arranged, evidently at great pains and with considerable attention to detail. The most striking of these was perhaps the "Maids of Lea," which was sung by Mrs. Wilson, the three old maids in the second part of the tableau being most characteristic. "The Troubadour" was also another striking tableau, the scenery being very finely got up. "The Laird of Cockpen," "Willie's gone to Melville Castle," "Auld Robin Gray" and the "Children's Hour" were all very effective. The last named was recited by Mr. R. W. Ross, while the rest were sung by Mr. J. F. Simpson, Mrs. Puddephatt and Mrs. A. Scott. The Presidency Training School was responsible for two part songs, the second of which "Rosy Morn" was entered. They also sang some very pretty choruses from *The Princess Ju-Ju* during the intervals between the changing of scenes for the tableaux. There was only one instrumental item and that a perfectly played violin solo by Miss Iles. The concluding tableau was a very pretty picture of "Britannia," and during its presentation "Rule Britannia" was sung by the whole audience. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

Entertainment for Y. M. C. A. War Work

RECEIPTS		AMOUNT			EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
		RS.	A.	P.			RS.	A.	P.
By Sale of Tickets, Programmes and Sweets	...	726	8	0	Painting Scenery	...	39	9	6
„ Donation	...	50	0	0	Hire of Hall	...	26	0	0
					Hire of Chairs	...	24	0	0
					Printing of Tickets	...	20	8	0
					Advertisements...	...	19	3	11
					Coolies and Electrician	...	10	0	0
					Miscellaneous	...	20	5	9
					Balance	...	616	12	10
Total	...	776	8	0	Total	...	776	8	0

April, 1916.

A. M. ROSS,
Hony. Treasurer.

St. Andrew's Women's Guild

Yearly Statement of Accounts for 1915-1916

INCOME		AMOUNT			EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
		RS.	A.	P.			RS.	A.	P.
Carried forward	...	320	15	3	Materials for Guild	...	134	13	0
Monthly Subscriptions	...	68	8	0	„ „ Soldiers	...	122	11	6
Guild Badges	...	18	0	0	Expenditure for Fête	...	148	10	0
Sales	...	33	7	0	Almirah and Lock	...	32	8	0
Jumbles	...	251	1	3	Printing, etc.	...	5	13	6
Fête	...	1,648	11	6	Donation to Central Fund	...	15	3	0
Refunded for dolls	...	76	0	0	„ „ War Fund	...	500	0	0
Donation	...	4	0	0	„ „ St. George's Homes	...	360	0	0
					„ „ C. of S. Mission	...	300	0	0
					„ „ Free School	...	200	0	0
					„ „ Y. M. C. A.	...	50	0	0
					„ „ Y. W. C. A.	...	50	0	0
					For Electric Fan	...	100	0	0
					Dolls	...	76	0	0
					Cloth	...	9	0	0
					Credit	...	316	0	0
Total	...	2,420	11	0	Total	...	2,420	11	0

February, 1916.

FLORA M. THOMAS,
Hony. Treasurer.

CHURCH REGISTER

Marriages

“What God hath joined, let not man put asunder.”

March 22nd, 1916—Clarence Melbourne Ross to Agnes Muriel Gray Davis.

Burials

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

(Kilpauk Cemetery)

11th April, 1916.—Albert Lazarus Vieyra, aged 86 years.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for March, 1916

RECEIPTS				AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS				AMOUNT		
		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.	
By Government Grant	...	109	0	0	To Church Choir for Feb. 1916	76	0	0					
" Seat Rents	...	167	0	0	" " Estabtd. do. do.	187	8	0					
" Church Collections	...	312	1	9	" M.E.S. Co. current for Feb. 1916	8	4	0					
" Organ practice (pupils)	...	5	0	0	" Printing	14	10	0					
" Refunds	...	10	0	0	" Bible Society Collection	170	0	0					
" " Government clockwind- ing	...	30	0	0	" Clockwinding	30	0	0					
					" Siemens Bros. Lamps	7	0	0					
					" Annual Clothing (Servants)	20	14	0					
					" Miscellaneous	9	9	9					
					Balance Credit this Account	109	4	0					
Total Rs	...	633	1	9	Total Rs	633	1	9					

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for March, 1916

RECEIPTS				AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS				AMOUNT		
		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.	
By Subscriptions	...	11	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment	199	0	0					
" Special donation	...	60	0	0	" Food for March, 1916	81	5	0					
" Refund	...	10	0	0	" Miscellaneous	4	12	6					
" Kirk Session Fund	...	204	1	6									
Total Rs	...	285	1	6	Total Rs	285	1	6					

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

NEIL MELDRUM,
Joint Chaplain.

I certify that the Accounts for February, 1916, have been examined by me and found correct.

MADRAS,
21st March, 1916.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.