

24th September, 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.

Honorary 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.

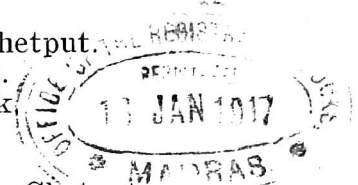
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.

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

Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.

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

Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Chetput.



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.

MOTHERS' MEETING in School-room at 5 p.m. on Mondays.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of evening service on October 1st.

Thanks.—During my absence from Madras on the first Sunday of September the services were taken by the Rev. W. E. H. Organe and the Rev. E. M. Macphail. To both of

these gentlemen we owe not for the first time a very sincere debt of gratitude. I am sorry that the attendance at evening service on that date was not at all up to the standard. It ought, I think, to be a point of honour in any congregation, to see that when any stranger officiates, the attendance is well over, not under the average.

Obituary.—The sympathy of the whole congregation will go out to Mrs. Higginbotham of Woodlands in her bereavement. George Pleasants Higginbotham was for many years a loyal member of St. Andrew's Church. At one time he was a tower of strength in the Choir and recently when we were in need of help he again assisted the Choir for several months. A few weeks ago he met with a very bad accident which though it entailed great suffering was not looked upon as likely to be fatal. But unexpected complications set in and he passed away very suddenly in the end. The large attendance at the funeral showed the respect in which he was held.

It is but right also that we should convey to Mr. H. P. Ashworth our sincere sympathy with him in the death of his father, Francis Ashworth, Esq., J. P., of Manchester. The late Mr. Ashworth was greatly interested in that scheme which lies very near the hearts of all who have to do with the poorer Anglo-Indian community, the St. George's Homes at Kodaikanal and he was Honorary General Treasurer of the Committee recently appointed in England to help on with that work.

We are sorry to note in the Casualty list the name of Lieut. W. N. Russell of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Lieut. Russell who is a brother of Capt. A. J. H. Russell had a most distinguished record at St. Andrew's University and was preparing for the ministry of the Church of Scotland, where a promising future lay before him. On the outbreak of the war like many another licentiate, he entered the army. He had been only a few days in the trenches when he was severely wounded and died from the effects of the wounds.

We regret also to learn that Miss Forbes, the senior lady of our Women's Mission in Kilpauk, has suffered bereavement in the death of her mother. Miss Forbes' furlough is near at hand and though her mother was ailing she had hoped to see her again, but this was not to be.

We pray that for all who mourn there may be the fulfilment of that precious promise. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him".

Choir.—By the departure of Miss Gladys Carr, St. Andrew's has lost a very promising worker. For several years she assisted in the Choir and recently she volunteered to help in the Sunday School where she did very good work. Unfortunately for us she

has been appointed to a teaching post outside Madras and we have lost her services—only temporarily we hope.

For the last three Sundays of September Mr. Hird has been away on holiday, the second Sunday of September being his first day off duty since he took over the organistship in the middle of August last year. In his absence Miss Gordon very kindly came to the rescue and has carried out the duties to the satisfaction of all. We are very fortunate in these days in our Honorary Organists.

Mothers' Meeting.—The mothers' meeting continued to flourish with an attendance of over twenty. It was very kind of Mrs. Chandler to take the meeting on September 4th in the absence of Mrs. Meldrum.

Free School.—We have been unfortunate to lose a number of pupils this last month and there are now several vacancies on the roll that might be filled up. If any member of the congregation knows of any schoolless poor children they might let me know. The great worry of the teachers meantime is irregular attendance and here parents of the children are greatly to blame. There is no penalty for absence and in consequence the irregularity of attendance is a great handicap to the work of any Free School.

This year the Grant for Food and Clothing from Government has been very liberal and we owe a great deal to the sympathetic interest of the Inspector for Schools for a most satisfactory grant.

Kirk Session.—We are sorry to hear that Mr. W. A. Turner has been seriously ill at Kotagiri and we all wish for him a speedy recovery. Dr. Henderson and Mr. W. A. Beardsell are back with us again after their journey to Australia. We are all glad to see them with us again.

St. Thomas' Mount.—The Rev. Kehra Mall who is at present administering to the spiritual needs of the Presbyterian sepoys in Bangalore paid a visit to the 88th Carnatic Regiment at the Mount through the courtesy of the Chaplain of St. Andrew's, Bangalore. The visit was much appreciated by the Punjabi sepoys who were delighted to have with them a *padre* from their own country. Mr. Mall is of opinion that a minister should be brought from the Punjab to minister to these men and if the proposal is feasible St. Andrew's will have to take a leading part in carrying it out. I hope to have something more to say on this matter next month.

The Rev. Dr. Ogilvie.—It will be of great interest to all who knew Dr. Ogilvie to learn that when he dedicated his book "The Apostles of India," he did not forget his friends in India. The dedication runs "To the Congregations of my Ministry, St. Andrew's Church, Madras, St. Andrew's Church, Bangalore". It is a great compliment indeed for these two congregations to be associated with a book of so much merit.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1916	Rs.	A.	P.
August 4th, Special Collection ...	72	8	10
.. 6th, Ordinary ...	36	9	6
.. 13th ..	31	5	0
.. 20th, Special Collection ...	55	13	7
.. 27th, Ordinary ...	37	0	6
Total ...	233	5	5

Women's Guild

Meetings.—It is a pity that the last three meetings have been so poorly attended. Perhaps September weather has had something to do with it and not lack of interest. But of course the bigger the meetings the more chance there is of good work being done by the Guild and there is a great deal of important work that can be done by it both for the Church and for outside interests. It was a very kindly thought of H. E. Lady Pentland to send a telegram with her greetings to the meeting on September 7th. Her Excellency hopes to be able to make arrangements to attend one of the meetings of the Guild in the near future.

St. George's Homes.—As every one knows the Guild some time ago made itself responsible for the support of one of the children at St. George's Home, Kodaikanal. The girl selected was Mary Wilding, a pupil at our Day School. Mrs. Meldrum had an opportunity of seeing Mary the other day in Kodaikanal and was much struck by the progress she had made in body and mind. Mr. Breeden is much to be congratulated on the good work he is doing in Kodaikanal.

Jumble Sale.—To support a child at Kodaikanal necessitates the raising of a sum of Rs. 360 for the year. As a means towards raising this sum a Jumble Sale will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, October 21st. Contributions of clothes, boots, and odds and ends will be thankfully received either by the Clerk at the Church or by Mrs. Meldrum,

Victoria Crescent. There is usually no lack of buyers on such occasions and it is to be hoped that each member of the Guild will do what she can to collect material for the Sale.

Guild Work.—A parcel has been sent to Kodaikanal containing children's garment for some of the pupils at St. George's Homes. Contributions of soldiers' comforts are being regularly sent in to the War depot at Government House. It has also been decided to send a Christmas parcel to each St. Andrew's member at present with the Colours. A letter was received recently from Lieut. Wilson, Hodson's Horse, at present somewhere in France expressing his thanks for the last parcel sent him by the Guild.

Miss Stephenson.—By the absence of Miss Stephenson we have missed for some time one of the most regular attenders and strenuous workers of the Guild. A few months ago Miss Swainson, the distinguished head of that praiseworthy Institution, the School for the Deaf and Dumb at Palamcottah, had to come to Madras for medical aid. The school unfortunately is much understaffed through lack of workers and it would have been impossible for Miss Swainson to come to Madras at all had not Miss Stephenson volunteered to do what she could at Palamcottah where she has proved of invaluable assistance. It is always pleasing to hear of a member of the Guild rendering such a contribution to social service.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptism

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

September 10th, 1916—Lewis Edmund, son of Edward Storey and Sybil Elaine Rice.

Marriage

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

August 30th, 1916—George Adolphus Ashworth to Mercy Evylin Barry.

Burial

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

(St. Andrew's Cemetery)

September 8th, 1916—George Pleasants Higginbotham, aged 46 years 10 months and 12 days.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS			
AMOUNT				AMOUNT			
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant ...	109	0	0	To M. P. House Printing Bill ...	16	14	0
" Seat Rents ...	113	0	0	" Church Choir pay for July ...	61	11	4
" Church Collections ...	233	5	5	" " Estabt. do. ...	186	8	0
" Refunds ...	13	11	5	" M. E. S. Co. current for July ...	11	4	0
" Organ practice ...	10	0	0	" Communion Elements ...	3	2	0
" Refund Rates and Taxes ...	66	9	7	" Compound account (special) ...	12	0	0
				" Iron work on roller ...	11	0	0
				" Material for repairing stools ...	13	1	6
				" Special Collections ...	125	0	0
				" Organ blowers for pupils ...	11	8	0
				" Miscellaneous ...	8	6	6
				" Carpenter ...	3	0	0
					463	7	4
				Balance Credit this Account ...	82	3	1
Total Rs ...	545	10	5	Total Rs ...	545	10	5

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

RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS			
AMOUNT				AMOUNT			
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions ...	23	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
" Refund ...	10	0	0	" Food ...	72	13	0
" Kirk Session Fund account ...	296	5	1	" Repairing and tuning piano ...	10	0	0
				" Sideboard and dresses ...	39	8	0
				" Calico and Kindergarten ...	11	0	1
Total Rs ...	328	5	1	Total Rs ...	328	5	1

NEIL MELDRUM,

Chaplain.