

30th November, 1916.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D., (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., (on leave).
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

Women's Guild—By the kind invitation of Mrs. Walker, Moorat Gardens, the St. Andrew's Women's Guild met on Thursday, 2nd November, to say good-bye to Mrs. Meldrum, the Vice-President. After a very enjoyable tea Mrs. Turner, the Honorary

Secretary, rose and said: "Ladies, I have both a sad and pleasant duty to perform to-day. We are saying good-bye to our dear friend and Vice-President, Mrs. Meldrum. In the very beginning she helped to organize the work and for some time most of the burden of it fell on

her shoulders, but now I am glad to say we are more humane. Mrs. Meldrum has always been the first to come and the last to go. Her work has been done so unostentatiously, so tactfully and willingly, and with such unfailing good temper that we shall only realize how much she has done when we have to do it all without her. We shall miss her much and shall look forward to the possibility of her returning sometime in the future to the work she helped to start in Madras. Our thanks also are due to Mr. Meldrum for all that he has done to help forward our work. He has never grudged time nor trouble but has always come most willingly to our help.

I have much pleasure, Mrs. Meldrum, in presenting you with this dressing case with the love and best wishes of the Guild as a token of our appreciation of you. What is our loss will be some one else's gain. We wish you and Mr. Meldrum every success and renewed health in your new field of labour."

Mrs. Meldrum rising said: "It is very difficult for me to say the things I want to but you will all understand. I thank you very very much for this handsome dressing case which will always remind me of the St. Andrew's Women's Guild, Madras. I have enjoyed working with you all. I am sorry we must go but I look forward to the possibility of some day returning to Madras. I thank you all very much indeed."

After some music a very enjoyable afternoon came to a close.

The Sunday School.—Mr. Ashworth writes:—The attendance has suffered during the past month owing to the monsoon, and on two Sundays it was so wet that the School had to be closed.

With the approach of the Christmas Season the usual increase in numbers is to be observed.

We lost two good friends in Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum who each took a class throughout the period of their stay in Madras. Their great help was much appreciated.

We are glad to welcome back for a few Sundays an old Teacher in the School—Mr. Charlie Boys. During his leave he has kindly come forward once again to take his old place.

We are also very grateful to Miss Phillips for so willingly consenting to take Mrs. Meldrum's class until the end of the year.

The School will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Sundays, December 24th, 31st and January 7th. The Annual Treat will be held on Friday, January 5th and the School will re-open on Sunday, January 14th.

Coming Events.—The list below gives in small compass the outstanding events of the coming Christmas Season. It is perhaps needless to say that all members of the Church and friends interested are cordially invited to all the gatherings mentioned as well as to the services in Church, but special attention may be directed during December to the Distribution of Christmas Clothing by the Dorcas Society on Tuesday the 12th, at 4 o'clock, and to the Free School Prize Distribution on Thursday, the 14th, at 5.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS 1916—1917.

1916	
Dec. 3rd, Sun.	{ St. Andrew's National Service } ...6-00 P.M.
" 7th, Thurs.	Women's Guild ...4-30 "
" 12th, Tues.	{ Distribution of Dorcas Clothing } ...4-00 "
" 14th, Thurs.	{ Free School Prize Distribution } ...5-00 "
" 24th, Sun.	Carol Service ...6-00 "
" 25th, Mon.	{ Christmas Day Service } ...11-0 A.M.
" 31st, Sun.	{ Memorial Service for those fallen at the Front } ...6-00 P.M.
" 31st, Sun.	{ Watch Night Service } ...11-15 "
1917	
Jan. 2nd, Tues.	Dinner to the Poor ...4-30 P.M.
" 5th, Fri.	Children's Treat ...4-00 "
" 7th, Sun.	{ War Intercessory Service, THE LORD'S Supper } ...6-00 "

Christmas List.—The Christmas Subscription List has made a good start, over Rs. 1,000 of the Rs. 2,000 aimed at having been promised before the end of November. As last year a member of the congregation in Mesopotamia has found time to think of this list and has sent a generous contribution.

Christmas Gifts.—In view of the uncertainty of the arrival of "Life and Work" it seems best to take this opportunity of reminding members of the congregation how highly gifts of flowers, greenery, fruits, cakes and sweets are appreciated at this season. Greenery for Christmas decorations may be sent to Church on the morning of the 24th, and flowers early on Christmas morning. Fruits, cakes and sweets may be sent to the Church office at any time for distribution and will be specially acceptable for the Dinner to the Poor on 2nd January and the Children's Treat on 5th January. As usual the actual collections on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day will be given to the Charity Fund.

The Arkonam Mission.—Our Special Collection on 26th November will be recorded in its place with the other November collections, but the following letter from Mr. Silver will be read with interest:—

“Very many thanks for the cheque which I received this morning. I enclose a receipt for it. This collection is the largest we have ever had from Madras. It is most gratifying that in spite of the demands which are being made on the Madras people just now in connection with other subscriptions they should have contributed so well to the Mission. There is some kind of a movement on foot among the Pariahs here at present and they are coming forward in great numbers, seeking to become Christians. We are very short of money, and so the collection from Madras was all the more welcome.”

Mothers' Meeting.—The attendance at the Mothers' Meeting keeps up splendidly, and its popularity is indicated by the request of the women themselves that there should be no vacation in December. There are thirty-six names on the roll. The meetings are held on Mondays at 5 o'clock, and are conducted by Mrs. Gillan. There is a Coffee Meeting on the last Monday of the month. Ladies of the congregation who care to help would be welcome at these meetings.

Personal.—As most of our friends know, my wife and I arrived in Madras on the 8th November, after a short time of leave spent in the Highlands of Scotland. Our ship was the *Kaisar-i-Hind*, and, owing to Admiralty instructions and climatic causes, we were rather a long time on the sea. But we had no alarms and reached Bombay in peace and safety. Madras is a new Presidency to us both, and we were much interested in the new scenery which met our

eyes as we journeyed South. The rock formations struck us as specially fine, and the various rivers charmed us much. We had a kind welcome at the station from Mr. Meldrum and Mr. Simpson, and our thanks are due to them for making the first hours of settling down easy and pleasant, also to Mr. Black of the National Bank, who most kindly put us up in his delightful house until our present quarters were available. Our address is 1/5 A, Victoria Crescent, and we shall hope in time to get to know all the members of the congregation and friends. As the afternoons in December are fairly full with the Christmas events, my wife asks me to say that she will be At Home on Tuesdays from 11 till 1 o'clock, and if members of the congregation care to come and see her it will be a great pleasure to her, and to me also, as I shall hope to be in the house during the same hours. We have not done visiting on any large scale up to the present, as we have not had a conveyance, but as we now have a car we shall hope soon to get into touch with all friends.

It is a matter of much thankfulness that Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum have reached Marseilles safely. Our thoughts follow them, and we all trust the short time in the Home Country may do them much good, and send them back to India in the best of health and spirits.

It is very pleasant to see such good congregations in St. Andrew's, and to have such excellent music. Indeed, all the various schemes of the Church seem to be in a very flourishing condition, and this is all most gratifying. We owe much to the good work of Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum, and hope there is much harmony and happy fellowship in store for us all. We trust that God's blessing will rest on all the work of the Church.

D. H. G.

Just as we go to Press it has been decided that the Collection at the National Service on Sunday evening will be given to the Scottish Women's Hospitals, which are worthy of the most generous support. Details will be given at the Service.

CHURCH REGISTER

Nil.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

RECEIPTS		AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS		AMOUNT		
		RS.	A.	P.			RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant ...	...	109	0	0	To Repair poor boxes and padlocks	...	7	14	0
„ Seat Rents ...	...	123	0	0	„ Church Choir and Gratuity, Sept.	...	77	10	8
„ Church Collections ...	...	216	11	11	„ „ Estabtd., September ...	...	187	12	0
„ Organ practice ...	...	5	0	0	„ Compound account (special) ...	...	10	0	0
„ Refunds ...	...	10	0	0	„ Tuning Organ (July, August	...	25	0	0
„ Interest ...	...	161	3	0	and September) ...	...	12	8	0
					„ Printing bill ...	...	9	0	0
					„ Electrical current, September...	...	2	10	0
					„ Siemen's Bros. Fuze wire, etc...	...	19	8	0
					„ Manure, etc., for potting ...	...	29	2	0
					„ Jas. Thin (Edinbro) Hymna-	...	9	10	0
					ries, etc. ...	...	45	2	0
					„ Grass seed (special) ...	...	7	0	0
					„ Charity account cash ...	...	442	12	8
					„ Miscellaneous ..	...	182	2	3
					Balance Credit this Account ...	...	624	14	11
Total Rs ...		624	14	11	Total Rs ...		624	14	11

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

RECEIPTS		AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS		AMOUNT		
		RS.	A.	P.			RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions ...	...	11	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	...	195	0	0
„ Refund ...	...	10	0	0	„ Food ...	...	54	7	0
Cash on hand ...	...	240	11	5	„ Repair to Black board new	...	7	2	0
					easel, etc....	...	5	2	5
					„ Miscellaneous a/c. Books, etc....	...			
Total Rs ...		261	11	5	Total Rs ...		261	11	5

(Sd.) NEIL MELDRUM,

Joint Chaplain.