

16th April, 1917.

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.

Organist and Choirmaster.—A. W. Jones Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.

Free School Headmistress.—Mrs. Bennett, St. Andrew's Free School.

Dorcas Society Secretary.—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.

Women's Guild Secretary.—Mrs. Gillan, 18 Victoria Crescent (Acting).

Women's Guild Treasurer.—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.

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

Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of the Morning Service on Sunday, 6th May. Forty-six communicants were present at the celebration on Sunday evening, 1st April.

Special Collection.—Sunday, 1st April, having been appointed for special collections in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev. W. E. H. Organe, Secretary of the Madras Auxiliary, preached at the

Morning Service, and the Rev. J. S. Chandler, an enthusiastic member of long standing, at the Evening Service. The collections realized Rs. 91-3-3. This seems to compare unfavourably with last year's Rs. 179-5-3, until it is remembered that on that occasion a friend of the society—not a regular worshipper in St. Andrew's—happened to be present on the Sunday of the collection and added Rs. 100 to it: this year he has sent his gift direct to the Society. The collection in 1915 amounted to Rs. 794.

Departure of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hird.—

There have been many references in the numbers of this magazine to the kindness and help of Mr. and Mrs. Hird, and one published on 30th September, 1915, is of special interest. Mr. Lindsay's departure is suitably chronicled and the Magazine proceeds:—"It is not an easy matter in this land to find a good organist at a moment's notice, and Mr. Lindsay'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 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 strajn. 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 There were some pessimists who prophesied that once Mr. Lindsay 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"

After a period of more than eighteen months of service from Mr. Hird it is difficult to realise that there were ever these "pessimists," and more than ever easy to realise "the greatness of our good fortune in having him at hand." The news of his impending departure was therefore received with great regret, though he certainly required as he deserved his leave. Our best wishes and thanks go with him and Mrs. Hird for their many kindnesses. The Kirk Session felt our indebtedness ought to

be marked by some tangible token of appreciation and it was thought a price of plate might be presented. Plate, however, is expensive to buy and difficult to carry, especially in these days; and the presentation finally took the form of a cheque. With the cheque went the expression of regard:—Presented to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hird by St. Andrew's Church, Madras, in grateful appreciation of their valued voluntary services to the choir during Mr. Hird's tenure of office as Organist and Choir-Master: September, 1915—March 1917.

Choir.—Mr. A. W. Jones has been appointed Organist and Choir-Master for three months on probation.

The Hot Weather.—Perceptibly, and inevitably, the congregation has been thinning and with the departure of the Government to the Hills may be expected to thin still more. The Free School closed from noon on 5th April to 10th April inclusive for Easter, and closes for the summer vacation from 11th May to 3rd July. Sunday School was closed on 8th April and closes for the summer months after 29th April, re-opening on 5th August. All thanks are due to the superintendent and teachers for their faithful attendance. The Mothers' Meeting on Monday, 9th April, was the last of the present season. The ordinary meetings of the Women's Guild are discontinued from this month.

Good Friday and Easter.—Services were held as usual on Good Friday morning, and there was a fair congregation. After service the poor and the school children were served with Hot Cross Buns. The Easter services were brightened by appropriate decoration.

Women's Guild War Work.—Towards the end of 1916, the Kirk Session gave the Women's Guild a donation of Rs. 70 to be spent on War work. The Guild decided that part of it should be spent in sending Christmas parcels to the eight St. Andrew's men on Active Service. The parcels contained the following articles:—2 pairs khaki socks, 2 khaki shirts, 1 muffler, cigarettes, soap, cake, biscuits and sweets. The eight parcels were sent off and very appreciative letters have been received.

From "Somewhere in France" one writes:—"I don't know why the Guild should remember me: this is the second parcel I have

received and both have been most welcome. The things were so useful, the socks and shirts specially so in this awful cold. I do not know what I have done to deserve it, but I am very grateful and thank the Women's Guild. Its a beastly place this. I can't tell you where it is but the mud is awful and if men and horses fall in sometimes we cannot get them out." Another from beyond Basra says: "You have no idea how welcome your parcel was. I had lost all my kit, and funds were low so I was delighted to get the shirts and socks and not least the Christmas cake! Please thank the Women's Guild for me." An old member of St. Andrew's writes from "Mesopot":—"The parcel reached me two days ago and I now want to thank the Guild for their great kindness in thinking of me. Your parcel took a long time but that was a blessing as two days before it arrived, my tent was looted and all my clothes except those I was wearing were stolen and the thing I could not make any arrangements about getting was a good big muffler and one turned up in your parcel. I have now been seconded from the battery and am at present acting as Post Commandant to a small post in the L. of C.

Up to the present Mr. Alexander has not received his parcel though it was sent off same time as the others. Let us hope it fell into the hands of some one who required the things."

It was a great pleasure to send these parcels off and a greater to receive the appreciative and kind letters from the St. Andrew's men on active service.

A. M. Ross.

Members at the Front.—We owe grateful thanks to Mrs. Ross for sending in quotations from the appreciative letters from the recipients of the Women's Guild comforts. The following is the list of our members at the front:—

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Henricus, senior
" D. Boys	" Henricus, junior
" Gordon	" Mackay
" Guthrie	" Wilson

Please pray for them.

Women's Guild Soldiers' Tea Party.—The Women's Guild is still continuing its good works, and last month gave a Tea Party to

thirty-two soldiers from the Poonamallee Enteric Depot. The men, all of whom had been invalided from Mesopotamia, came by motor conveyance, and arrived about 4. A generous tea was provided for them, kindly arranged for by Mrs. Atkinson, and after tea until it was dark, the men had a happy time with Badminton, Clock-Golf, and other games. There were competitions for the guessing of well-known advertisements and the feeling of little tied-up bags strung on a tape; and though some of these seemed very baffling many of the men attempted the competitions, and some were most successful. The competition for Clock-Golf caused much interest, and nearly all the men entered for this also. Simple prizes were given to the successful competitors. The "feeling" competition was in the hands of Mrs. Russell, and the "Advertisements" were run by Mrs. Ross.

The piano had been taken outside, and when darkness made it impossible to try any more games a delightful concert was given under the direction of Mr. Hird. The proceedings terminated at 8. After smokes had been freely given away the men gave three hearty cheers and drove happily home, singing as they went.

Warm thanks are accorded to Mrs. Atkinson for all her thoughtful arrangement and to the ladies who gave cakes and helped in other ways to make the party the success it was. Warm thanks are also given to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly performed at the concert and to the gentlemen who presented smokes and added interest by their presence. A similar entertainment is to be given on April 19th.

Obituary.—On 7th April, Miss Isabel Ann Goodsir was buried in the St. Andrew's Cemetery, the seventh, it is said, of her family to be laid to rest there. Miss Goodsir had been for eighteen years with the Methodist Episcopal Mission, and was a devoted member of St. Andrew's: and though she has been unable to attend services regularly she continued to come to Communion until quite recently. At her request the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was dispensed to her on Thursday, 5th April, two days before her death. It is of interest that her name is traced by some to that of a very old Scottish family, the name in 1549 being given "Gudscher as of Carnbee Fyfeshire."

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

- March 3rd, 1917—John Goold Walker, son of Thomas Crossan and Jean Goold Hyslop.
 " 4th, 1917—Esme Merlyn, daughter of Charles Joseph and Lilian Eunice Lazarus.
 " 11th, 1917—Eileen Margaret, daughter of William James and Muriel Eileen Niblock.

Burials

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- March 9th, 1917—Charles Wagg, 69 years.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for February, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir, for January, 1917.	59	0	0
„ Seat rents	137	0	0	„ „ Estabtd. „ ..	186	0	0
„ Church Collections	363	0	9	„ Organ blowers	6	0	0
„ Organ practice	27	8	0	„ M. E. S. Co., Current for Jan.	5	12	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Communion Elements	3	2	0
„ Sale of Hymn Book	2	9	0	„ Special Collections Scottish			
„ Refund Government Rates and				Women's Hospitals	757	1	3
Taxes	66	9	7	„ Charity account	55	4	6
Balance Debit this Account	361	0	11	„ Miscellaneous	4	8	6
Total	1,076	12	3	Total	1,076	12	3

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for February, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	26	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	66	5	0
„ Cash	233	2	9	„ Engraved plate for piano	4	8	0
				„ Books, twine, wire, etc.	3	5	9
Total	269	2	9	Total	269	2	9

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By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for Feb. 1917	59	0	0
" Seat rents	150	0	0	" " Estab. " " "	185	8	0
" Church Collections	...	...	...	356	8	0	" Organ blowers " " "	...	...	...	6	0	0
" Organ practice	...	...	...	10	0	0	" Repairs to Cart	...	...	...	6	0	0
" Refunds	...	...	...	10	0	0	" " to Organ bellows	...	...	...	4	8	0
" Sale of Hymn book	...	...	...	2	9	0	" Printing bill No. 965	...	...	...	11	8	0
							" M. E. S. Co. current	...	...	...	10	0	0
							" Gate padlock	...	...	...	2	10	0
							" C. of S. Women's Association	...	...	...
							Foreign Missions	...	...	...	200	8	4
							" Communion elements	...	...	...	3	2	0
							" Miscellaneous	3	6	6
							Balance Credit this Account	144	14	2
Total	638	1	0	Total	638	1	0

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RECEIPTS				AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS				AMOUNT		
				RS.	A.	P.					RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	8	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment	195	0	0
" Refund	...	...	...	10	0	0	" Extra Teacher	...	...	...	20	0	0
" Cash	278	6	0	" Food	75	6	0
							" Books & Kindergarten materials	6	0	0
Total	296	6	0	Total	296	6	0

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