

20th May, 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., c/o Garrison Chaplain, Fort St. George.

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, Fort St. George (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 was dispensed at the close of the Morning Service on 13th May, the previous Sunday having become unsuitable. Forty Communicants were present. The Quarterly Evening Communion falls to be celebrated

on Sunday, 1st July, the first Sunday of the Third Quarter.

The Rev. W. E. H. Organe is well known to the congregation in many ways, not least for his kindness in undertaking duty when

occasion arises. This kindness he repeated during our recent stay in Ootacamund for a week, and our hearty thanks are tendered to him for doing so.

The Rev. N. and Mrs. Meldrum.—The news that Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum would not return to India has been received with mixed feelings. On the one hand there is widespread regret that the Indian Chaplaincy has been deprived of their services: on the other hand there is a certain satisfaction in knowing that the gifts which have been so highly appreciated in India have also been appreciated at Home. We understand that Mr. Meldrum was asked to conduct the memorial service following the death of a former fellow-student, the minister of the parish of Forteviot, near Perth; after which he was made the sole nominee for the vacancy and in due course elected. Our Kirk Session recorded the following minute on the subject at their meeting on 26th April:—

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Information having been received that the Rev. Neil Meldrum, B.D., had been elected to the Parish of Forteviot, it was resolved to record the following and to send a copy to Mr. Meldrum:

The Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Madras, have learned with regret that the Rev. Neil Meldrum, B.D., is not returning to India. They congratulate him on his election to the Church and Parish of Forteviot and earnestly hope that many happy and successful years of Christian ministry lie before him in his native land. The Kirk Session desire to place on record their high appreciation of Mr. Meldrum's services during a period of three and half years at St. Andrew's Church, Madras, as a preacher, as a church worker, and as a personal friend. They would further take this opportunity of expressing their great obligation to Mrs. Meldrum for her unfailing kindness, her great interest in all forms of Church work, and particularly for her initiation of a healthy and successful Woman's Guild.

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All members of the congregation will unite with the Kirk Sessions' expression of congratulation and good wishes.

They have also heard with affectionate interest that a son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum, and will be glad to know that Mrs. Meldrum has made a good recovery and that the boy is thriving.

Free School.—The inspection of the school took place, somewhat later than usual, on 28th March, and the Report of the Inspecting Officer for the year justifies congratulations to all who helped to produce such satisfactory results. His remark, "much good work continues to be done at the school," sums up a very favourable Report.

Throughout the term the school has been without the services of the Headmistress, Mrs. Bennett. She hoped a month's extension of the usual Christmas Holidays would enable her to recover from an impending operation, but on medical certificate further extensions, first of one month and then of two months more, had to be given. Mrs. Bennett has now felt compelled to send in her resignation. She has proved a capable Headmistress for the past four years, and we hope that her health will soon be completely restored.

A First Class Teacher's Certificate for Physical Training in European schools has been gained by Miss Daisy Harriet Staggs, and we tender Miss Staggs hearty congratulations.

The school closed on 11th May, and re-opens on 3rd July.

Choir.—Mr. Jones was unfortunately compelled to go to Hospital on the 26th April. Fortunately Mr. F. W. Watts, Organist in our Church at Secunderabad and an elder there, happened to be in Madras and undertook the duties of Organist and Choir-Master during the rest of his stay in Madras which included three Sundays and a Wedding service. The grateful thanks of us all are due to Mr. Watts for the willing readiness of his help and for his kindness and skill. Mr. Jones has now resumed his duties and we hope that his health is thoroughly re-established.

Wedding of Miss Twigg.—A wedding of more than usual interest took place on 9th May, when Miss Emma Arabella Twigg was married to William Augustine Jackson. Miss Twigg has been a faithful member of the choir during her six years' connection with it, and her fellow-members marked their appreciation by an appropriate gift and by turning out in good numbers for the wedding ceremony. This was fully choral.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson go to Jubbulpore, where Mr. Jackson is in the employ of the G. I. P. Railway.

Woman's Guild.—Another entertainment to soldiers was given on 19th April, when thirty of the 24th Devons from the Fort were the guests of the Woman's Guild. As before after a very hearty and liberal tea there were competitions—a "feeling" competition, the quessing of advertisements, and Clock Golf. First and second prizes were awarded to the successful competitors. Mrs. Taylor Mitchell kindly took charge of the arrangements for the tea, and the ladies of the Guild who are not away helped her in every way they could. The members of the choir came and joined in Badminton, and though the evening was warm some strenuous play was witnessed. When it was too dark to play games a concert was held in the open air, Mrs. Puddephatt having kindly arranged the programme. Two of the men themselves contributed items. Cold drinks and cake followed, and after votes of thanks and cheers the men went away expressing warm appreciation. Mr. Boys is to be complimented on the way the compound was arranged for the concert, which everybody agreed was delightful.

The next entertainment is to be given on Friday (not Thursday) the 25th May, when Col. Marwood Tucker has arranged to send about forty men who have been through much hardship and fighting in Mesopotamia :

some of them have been wounded. We should be glad of help from all friends of the congregation, ladies or gentlemen. Many of the ladies of the Guild are away, and one would not like too great a burden to fall on the few ladies who remain and so generously give of their time and strength to cheer and make happy these soldier lads.

Will some of the men of the congregation kindly take notice! The cakes are given by the ladies: the planning and arrangements are made by the ladies: hours of thought and toil are expended; and they are sometimes exercised as to where the money is to come from for expenses such as cold drinks, quantities of ice, hire of cups and saucers tumblers, lamps for the open-air concert, extra coolies to arrange the compound, etc., etc. And if the men of the congregation will all help by giving a little money it will be greatly appreciated and we think we can guarantee it will be well spent.

Member from the Front.—We hear that Captain Guthrie is expected to return shortly from Mesopotamia to take up work with the Government of Madras. He is remembered with special affection by those who saw his impersonation of Father Christmas of St. Andrew's Light-House in 1911, and a warm welcome awaits him from them and others.

CHURCH REGISTER

Burials

"*I am the Resurrection and the Life.*"

April 7th, 1917—Isabel Ann Goodsir, 73 years and 1 month.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

RECEIPTS				AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS				AMOUNT			
				RS.	A.	P.					RS.	A.	P.	
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To W. A. F. Missions special							
" Seat rents	95	0	0	collection ...	200	8	0				
" Church Collections	276	3	7	" Church Choir, for March, 1917..	59	0	0				
" Organ practice	15	0	0	" " Estabtd. " "	185	8	0				
" Refunds	10	0	0	" Organ blowers	6	0	0				
							" Printing bills 1118 and 1179	17	12	0				
							" Advertisements to "Mail"							
							and "Times"	2	4	6				
							" M. E. S. Co., current	10	0	0				
							" Repairs to Church forms, etc.	7	4	0				
							" Compound	2	10	0				
							" Miscellaneous	5	10	0				
								496	8	6				
							Balance Credit this Account	8	11	1				
Total	505	3	7	Total	505	3	7				

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

RECEIPTS				AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS				AMOUNT			
				RS.	A.	P.					RS.	A.	P.	
By Subscriptions	18	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment	254	0	0				
" Refund	10	0	0	" Food	59	1	0				
" Cash	310	13	0	" Special drawing books and							
							crayons	16	8	0				
							" Repairs to furniture	9	4	0				
Total	338	13	0	Total	338	13	0				

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.