

28th February, 1919.

# St. Andrew's Church, Madras

*Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.*—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., C/o J. W. Madeley, Esq., 1, College Road, Nungambaukam.

*Kirk Session.*—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., I.S.O., Sir William Beardsell, Dr. J. R. Henderson, C.I.E., The Hon. Mr. W. Hutton, W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.A.F.

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

*Free School Headmistress*—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.

*Dorcas Society Secretary*—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk.

*Woman's Guild Secretary*—Miss Bain, Orme's Road, Kilpauk, Acting.

*Woman's Guild Treasurer*—Mrs. H. S. Chandler, Sunnyside, Royapettah.

*Sunday School Superintendent*—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput.

*School Visitation Secretary*—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Teynampet.

*Honorary Auditor*—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput.

*Church Officer*—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

## 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). 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** 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, Kedleston, Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

**SOLDIERS' ENTERTAINMENTS**—During the Hot Weather Soldiers' Entertainments are given on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 4 P.M.

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

## Church Notes

*Communion.*—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the close of Morning Service on 9th February, when thirty-nine were present. Communion will next be celebrated after Evening Service on 6th April, being the first Sunday of the quarter. Those who wish to come to Communion for the

first time in this Church should communicate with the Chaplain and if there are any who wish it a Communicant's Class will be formed.

*Woman's Guild.*—Miss Bain writes:—The Woman's Guild met once during the month. The members present were unani-

mous in their desire to continue working for the Hospitals, and it was decided to reserve Rs. 200 for materials, out of the Rs. 2,000 voted for war purposes from the Sale Funds.

The Annual Business Meeting is fixed for March 6th and it is hoped that all members will try to be present.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the end of March or early in April. Mr. Boys is glad to receive and store articles for this at any time, or to send for them if a post card is sent to him. Friends leaving for home or for the hills are reminded that the most miscellaneous articles can be disposed of at these sales.

*Corporal David Robert Boys.*—The references in the *Supplement* to the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Boys are all on the upgrade. In March, 1915, we read:—"He has been of great help the last year or two . . . he has gone to the Artillery Boys' Training Depôt at Nowshera." As noted in our issue of 28th September, 1918, he came to Madras on leave as A-I Class Gunner, R. G. A. Immediately after rejoining his Company in October, he was appointed Acting Bombardier, and became full Bombardier shortly afterwards, having passed his Gymnasium course at Ambala. He arrived in Madras, on leave, on 30th January and left for Rawalpindi on 26th February, having in the meantime become corporal. We repeat the good wishes of four years ago for his continued welfare.

*Soldiers' Entertainments.*—The following were the expenses for the Party on 30th January:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Curry Puffs... ..	11	4	0
Cakes, etc. ... ..	32	11	0
Milk ... ..	1	14	0
Cigarettes ... ..	13	8	0
Ice ... ..	4	6	8
Presents to Church Servants	3	0	0
Minerals ... ..	25	10	0
Prizes ... ..	12	8	0
Petty Expenses, Mr. Boys	0	4	0
Total ... ..	105	1	8

*Free School Notes.*—Mrs. W. A. Turner has kindly undertaken the office of School Visitation Secretary. The Annual Inspection is expected to take place during March, and it is hoped to obtain a good Report. We have been fortunate in retaining the services of Mrs. Henricus, and she has now agreed to stay till the end of the term.

## CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR 1918

[As no Congregational Report is printed separately, it seems natural that the Report sent annually to Edinburgh should be published here, though it does not seem to have appeared in any previous year.—D. H. G.]

*Staff.*—The Rev. D. H. Gillan was Senior Chaplain and was in Madras throughout the year, except for two short periods of a few days each, the one for a visit to Ootacamund and Wellington as Presidency Senior Chaplain, and the other on casual leave to Ceylon. The Rev. J. S. Chandler acted as Joint Chaplain during the first period, and the Rev. W. Meston, B.D., of the Madras Christian College, during the second. Mr. Meston also preached at the Service of Intercession the first Sunday of the year, and at the Scottish National Service on 1st December, and took the Evening Service on 17th March.

*Kirk Session.*—With the exception of Captain A. J. H. Russell, I.M.S., on leave, and Mr. R. W. Ross, still at Rajahmundry, the Session was at normal strength. The senior member of Session, Dr. J. R. Henderson, was given the decoration of C.I.E., and Mr. J. R. Atkinson, another senior member, that of I. S. O. at the New Year distribution of Honours.

*Choir.*—Owing to various circumstances the losses mentioned in the Report for 1917 were not quickly made up, but before the end of the year the Choir was back to something like its old strength, and the singing, especially on such occasions as the Christmas Eve Carol Service and the Christmas Day Service, has been one of the features of our Church worship.

*Special Services.*—As already indicated, there were Special Services on the first Sunday of the year and on the first Sunday of December. In addition to these, there were three services connected with the war, a Service of Intercession on the first Sunday of August, and Services of Thanksgiving on 13th and 17th November. The Services on Good Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and 31st December were well attended.

*Communion Roll.*—A beginning was made with the keeping of a Communion Roll by recording as far as possible those who attended the eight Communion Services held during the year. The record is almost inevitably incomplete, partly because there

has been no Roll, and consequently no recording of attendance in the past, but certainly 105 communicated at least once during the year.

*Sunday School.*—The School has again suffered from the difficulty of obtaining teachers, and the influenza epidemic resulted in an attendance that was exceptionally low for some weeks. It has however picked up again, and is now more promising than it has been for some time.

*Free School.*—We have been fortunate in having the staff unchanged throughout the year, and also in having in Mrs. Innes a most interested lady visitor. The children have done well and have been well reported on. The number on the Roll at the end of the year was sixty.

*Woman's Guild.*—The Woman's Guild has had another successful year. Its regular meetings were often of great interest, addresses on Mission work, on Educational Methods in England and in America, and on travels in the neighbourhood of the Black Sea, being specially noteworthy. As formerly the Guild supported a child in St. George's Homes. It was decided to hold a Sale of Work for the four-fold object of aiding the support of this child, helping the Free School, giving to the Presidency War Funds, and contributing to the Electric installation at the Mission House, and in spite of several adverse circumstances the proceeds of the Sale, including those of a Scottish Concert, reached the sum of Rs. 6,945-8-0, over £520 at the present rate of exchange. The Guild welcomes a former Secretary in Mrs. Turner on her return from England at the beginning of the year, but has lost Mrs. Gillan as Vice-President and Acting Secretary.

*Soldiers' Entertainments.*—The Woman's Guild's entertainments to soldiers on furlough in Madras, during 1917, were so successful that it was decided in the early summer of 1918 to organize a separate fund for this specific purpose among members of the congregation and other friends interested. The response was most hearty, and over Rs. 1,400 were contributed. Eight parties

were given during the furlough season in the Church Compound, and with the addition of others entertained in private grounds some 800 men were entertained during the season. It was felt that these parties were a real means of grace, and grateful appreciation of them has been received.

The formal schedule of statistics for the year has been filled up as follows:—

1. Name of Church . . .	St. Andrew's Church, Madras.		
2. Number of Elders . . .	...	12	
3. " Baptisms during the year ...	...	13	
4. " Marriages " ...	...	6	
5. " Deaths " ...	...	11	
6. " Communicants on Roll 31st December, 1918... ..	...	100	
7. " Communicated once during year ... ..	...	105	
8. Approximate Number of Congregation—			
Adults: { (1) Military ...	...	10	
{ (2) Non-Military ...	...	150	
(b) Children: { (1) Military ...	...	12	
{ (2) Non-Military ...	...	120	
9.			
10. (a) Amount of Collections for Congregational Purposes ...	RS. A. P.	2,072	6 0
(b) " for Additional Clergy Society ...	.....		
(c) " for Foreign Mission	52	12	9
(d) " " (Women's Association) ...	254	15	8
(e) Other Church and Charitable Work—			
Bible Society ... ..	105	8	3
Y. M. C. A. War Fund ...	102	0	0
Guild Soldiers' Comfort Fund ... ..	158	12	5
Armistice Collection ...	160	0	0
Scottish Women's Hos- pitals ... ..	350	0	0
Seat Rents ... ..	1,459	0	0
Cemetery Fund... ..	164	12	0
Dorcas Society... ..	120	0	0
Free School ... ..	235	0	0
Charity and Thankoffer- ings ... ..	316	1	11
Christmas Charity List... ..	1,918	0	0
Soldiers' Entertainments.	1,485	0	0
Woman's Guild ... ..	7,652	0	0
		14,226	2 7
Total ...		16,606	5 0

In addition it will be remembered that a sum of Rs. 115 was collected for the Moderator's Lace.

