

22nd December, 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. Bennett, St. Andrew's Free School.

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

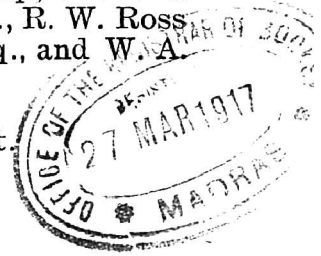
Women's Guild Secretary.—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.

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

Communion.—As usual on the first Sunday evening of the quarter, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of Evening Service on Sunday, 7th January. As in 1915 and 1916 the Service will be Intercessory.

Other Events.—Attention may be re-directed to the following:—

	1916.		
Dec. 24th	Carol Service	...	6 p.m.
" 25th	Christmas Service	...	11 a.m.
" 31st	Memorial Service	...	6 p.m.
" 31st	Watch Night Service.	11-15 p.m.	
	1917.		
Jan. 2nd	Dinner to the Poor	...	4-30 p.m.
" 5th	Children's Treat	...	4 p.m.

National Service.—The following is from the *Madras Mail* of 5th December:—The Annual Scottish National Service was held on the evening of Sunday last, the Sunday after St. Andrew's Day, when Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Pentland were present, and some members of the Caledonian Society also attended. The devotional part of the Service was taken by the Rev. W. Meston, of the Christian College, and the service included the hundredth Psalm, the *Te Deum*, and the Hymns, "Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us," and "Sun of my soul." The anthem "I will sing of Thy Power" was effectively rendered.

Scottish Women's Hospitals.—As announced in the last *Supplement* it was decided to give the collection at the National Service to the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service. I ventured to say at the close of my sermon:—"Rupees 750 will name a bed in France or Serbia for a year. I wonder if we who are here to-night and those connected with us could name a bed, perhaps two beds; I do not know, but I think we could." The amount collected at the service was Rs. 370-1-3, but next day several sums to be added to it were spontaneously sent in, and by the 15th additional contributions had raised the total to Rs. 752-1-3. No details of place or name have yet been decided on, but one bed will have a special link with St. Andrew's Church of Scotland, Madras. I need hardly say that this result is highly gratifying to me personally, as it is the first special appeal that I have made, and I thank very warmly all the friends whose kindness has made it possible to send so handsome a donation to so worthy an object.

Distribution of Dorcas Clothing.—A happy gathering of women and children and a few men met in the School-room on 12th December to receive their gifts of Dorcas clothing. As most of the congregation know the women earlier in the year receive the unmade material, which they make into garments. These garments are then presented to the members at the half-yearly distribution of clothing. About eighty women and little children received parcels, and all came up with cheerful, happy faces to receive their gifts of clothing. About half a dozen of the poor men of the congregation also received garments. Mrs. Gillan made the distribution and afterwards Mr. Gillan said a few words. Hearty thanks are due to Mrs. Atkinson for all her kind labour over the Dorcas work. Miss Dunhill and Miss Stephenson showed, by their pre-

sence, their interest in the proceedings. Before the meeting closed cheers were given for Mrs. Gillan, Mrs. Atkinson, and Mr. Gillan.

Christmas List.—The good start mentioned in the November Magazine was well followed up and the sum of Rs. 2,000 aimed at was reached by 15th December. This is said to constitute a record both in the amount collected and in the rapidity of collection, and hearty thanks are due to all who have contributed to so excellent a result.

Christmas Carols.—As usual Carols will be sung on Christmas Eve, when the service will be as follows:—Paraphrase 39; Prayer: Carol 1 (the congregation joining), Carols 2 and 3, Scripture Lesson, Carols 4 and 5, Sermon, Carol 6, Offertory for Church charities, Carol 7 (the congregation joining), Benediction. The Carols are as follow:—

1. The First Nowell.
2. Darkness fell on the weary earth.
3. There dwelt a King.
4. "O Babe! in manger lying."
5. I should like to have heard the angels sing.
6. Good King Wenceslas.
7. Come, ye lofty.

On Christmas Day Service will be held at 11 a.m. As in former years buns and coffee will be served to the Church pensioners in the school room at 7 a.m. and breakfast to the Free School children at 9 a.m. Members are reminded that greenery and flowers for decoration will be most gratefully received. Flowers should be sent direct to Mr. Boys at the Church as early as possible on Christmas morning.

The late Mr. James Short.—A mural Tablet has just been erected with the inscription: Sacred to the Memory of James Short, Solicitor, Madras. Born 15th December, 1858, died 24th August, 1914. Erected by his many friends.

Honour to Douglas Ewing.—Readers of this Magazine will be glad to learn of the honour recently conferred on the son of Mr. J. M. Ewing, lately one of our esteemed elders. Douglas Ewing has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field. He is serving with the 8th Black Watch and joined the army in September, 1914. It is also interesting to know that he was baptised in our Church by Rev. W. Archibald twenty-one years ago.

FREE SCHOOL

The Annual Prize giving, with Demonstration by the pupils, took place on Thursday, 14th December, and was greatly enjoyed by all present, visitors as well as children. The school was decorated with the skill of practised hands, and the following programme was carried out on an effective stage:—

Hymn No. 18. Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

PRAYER

1. Prologue.....Ernest Shutie
2. Song.....Hearts of Oak.....Stds. I—IV
3. Drill.....Fans.....Infants
4. Kindergarten } Fan ChorusInfants
Song
5. Song { Where are you going } { Ivy Clarkson
my Pretty Maid } and Daniel
Henricus
6. Recitation.....Birdie's Secret.....Merlin Arnett
7. Drill..... { Physical Exercises and } Stds. I—IV
Morris Dances
8. Song { Who will speed a }Stds. I—IV
Gallant Quest

- Reading of Report
- Distribution of Prizes
- President's Address
- Vote of Thanks
- God save the King

The following is the Report of the school:—

Staff.—Miss Staggs' appointment as Kindergarten Mistress last January has proved most successful. The work in this department has been very steady and good and a great improvement has been noticeable in the children.

Attendance has been very good both on the part of teachers and pupils even on very wet days.

Inspection.—The Inspector's report was very good. He appointed Miss Staggs to teach Drawing throughout the school as she holds a technical teachers' certificate.

Some exhibits in Drawing and Kindergarten work were sent to the exhibition last year at the Special Subjects Training Centre. This year the drawings and handwork of the children are greatly improved and have been sent to the exhibition.

Visitors.—The Secretary Mrs. Taylor Mitchell has always paid her weekly visit to the school and taken a deep interest. It would be an encouragement to teachers and pupils alike to have more visits from other members of the congregation.

The Prize Lists are of interest:—

I. SPECIAL PRIZE LIST

Mrs. Atkinson's prize for Regular Attendance—Cecil Henricus.

Mrs. Atkinson's prize for Needlework—Sybil Taylor.

The Catherine Dunhill Memorial Prize for "the best all round boy"—Ernest Shutie.

The Miss Jessie Dunhill Prize for "the best and cleanest boy"—C. Henricus.

Dr. Henderson's Prizes for Drill:—

Standards III & IV ... Ernest Shutie.

Standards I & II ... Doris Knight.

Infants ... Blanche Weston

Mrs. Taylor Mitchell's Prizes:—

Freehand Drawing ... Ernest Shutie.

Map-Drawing ... Sybil Bird

Needlework (Boys) ... Joseph Philbert

Special Prize for Regular Attendance } Horace Philbert
Arthur Henricus

Recitation ... Merlin Arnett

Mrs. Walker's Prize }
for the best boy in the } Arthur Henricus
Kindergarten.

Mrs. Bennett's Prize } Ernest Shutie
for steady Work.

Mrs. Turner's Prize }
for the neatest and } Phoebe Beck
cleanest girl.

II. CLASS PRIZE LIST

STANDARD IV

First Prize ... Cecil Henricus

Second ,, ... Ernest Shutie

STANDARD III

First Prize ... Edward Crownshaw

Second ,, ... Phoebe Beck

STANDARD II

First Prize ... Dorothy Clarkson

Second ,, ... Doris Knight

STANDARD I

First Prize ... Horace Philbert

Second ,, ... Katherine Bird

UPPER INFANTS

First Prize ... Edward Philbert

Second ,, ... Melville Taylor

Third ,, ... Oswald Crizzle

LOWER INFANTS

First Prize ... Blanche Taylor

Second ,, ... Etta Henricus

Third ,, ... Merlin Arnett

The school closed with 48 pupils and re-opens on 15th January with only 41 or 42, as several pupils have finished their course. There will be about a dozen vacancies to fill up.

The Rev. A. Silver, Arkonam.—His many friends in the congregation will be interested to know that Mr. Silver has been appointed a temporary Chaplain on Military Duty, and has been sent off on short notice to Mesopotamia. He left Madras and Arkonam on Wednesday, 20th December, and expects to leave Bombay for Basrah in the H. T. *Elephanta* on 24th December. Our best wishes go with Mr. Silver in his new and arduous sphere of labour.

Personal.—Christmas, the passing of the Old Year, the coming of the New, awaken many thoughts in all live minds, some of them solemn, some of them sad. But the glad note should be dominant. The God who sent His Son to save us has been with us in the past and will be with us in the future. We do well to wish each other **A Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year.**

D. H. G.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

December 3rd, 1916—Ivy Alice Constance, daughter of Alexander Henry and Evelyn Constance Antonio.

December 3rd, 1916—George Ian Alistair, son of David John and Frances Eleanor Duncan.

Marriage

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

December 13th, 1916—Ernest Henry Douglas to Avis Gwendoline Penrhyn Lowe.

I certify that the Church Accounts for October, 1916, have been examined by me and found correct.

MADRAS,
6th December, 1916.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.