

# St. Andrew's Church, Madras

*Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.*—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., Bainton, San Thomé.

*Kirk Session.*—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., I.S.O., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, C.I.E., 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., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.

*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*—Mrs. Gillan, Bainton, San Thomé.

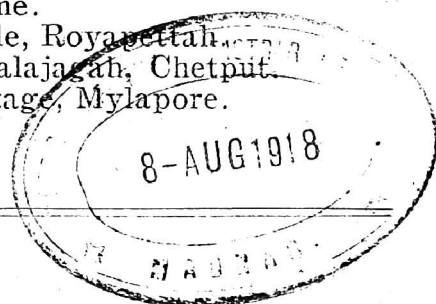
*Woman's Guild Treasurer*—Mrs. H. S. Chandler, Sunnyside, Royapettah.

*Sunday School Superintendent*—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagan, Chetput.

*School Visitation Secretary*—Mrs. C. A. Innes, The Hermitage, Mylapore.

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



## Church Notes

*Communion.*—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of the Evening Service on Sunday, 7th July, being the first Sunday of the quarter.

*Choir.*—During the absence of the Organist, Mr. Jones, we have been indebted first to Mr. F. Foyster and then to Miss Bowie for acting. Several of the regular members of the choir who have been away have now returned, and one or two friends in the congregation have given valuable help during the holidays.

*Public Honours.*—A Kirk Session seldom has so large a representation on Honours Lists as ours has had during June. On 3rd June the name of Dr. J. R. Henderson appeared in the list of the new Companions of the Order of the Indian Empire while Mr. J. R. Atkinson was given the Imperial Service Order. On 26th June the name of Mr. W. A. Beardsell was included amongst those "brought to the notice of the Government of India for valuable services rendered in India in connexion with the war up to the 4th August, 1917." St. Andrew's Church has long had the benefit of the valuable services of all three gentlemen as elders, and members of the congregation have a right to a certain personal gratification in these honours as well as the pleasure of congratulating the recipients.

*The Free School.*—The school re-opened on 1st July with an attendance of 47 out of

a possible 54. The building has been done up and white-washed during the holidays, and looks fresh and clean. New equipment has been recommended by the Inspector and is expected to be in use before long.

*Moderator's Lace.*—Subscribers will be gratified by the charming expression of thanks conveyed in a letter from Dr. Ogilvie which arrived by last mail. It is as follows:—

18, CRAIGMILLAR PARK,  
EDINBURGH,  
11th May, 1918.

MY DEAR GILLAN,

The delightful and most welcome gift from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Madras, has arrived, and is in every way admirable. I send my very warm thanks to the donors not only for their precious and beautiful gift, but even more for their touching remembrance of their old *padre*. I assure you I shall wear the lace at the Assembly with exceeding pleasure, and not a little pride that I carry on my person this visible token that old friendships still stand fast. Mrs. Ogilvie shares my pleasure over this gift from the Church we shall never cease to love, and for whose welfare we shall cherish the warmest desires as long as we live.

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Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. N. OGILVIE.

*The Sunday School.*—The Superintendent has received from Sir Arthur Pearson the following acknowledgment of the collections sent on behalf of the St. Dunstan's Hostel for blinded soldiers:—

"I am most grateful for this generous help, and shall be glad if you will be good enough to convey to the children of St. Andrew's Sunday School my most sincere thanks for the very practical and sympathetic interest which has been taken in the new arrivals in the strange world of the blind, who have given their sight for the Empire. The help which you have given to the blinded soldiers at St. Dunstan's in the fight—as gallant a fight as any ever fought on the field of battle—which they are waging to regain their footing in life, is much appreciated by all here."

*Soldiers' Entertainments in June.*—We had a glorious afternoon and evening for our Party on the 6th, all the more beautiful in comparison with the second party of last month which might have been "drowned" if we had not had the School-room to run to. The day was hot, but not too bad for a June day, and the men at least did not seem to mind. We had prepared for a hundred, but owing to changes and departures in the Soldiers' Club, only between eighty-five and ninety men turned up. This number included R. F. A., Policemen, and Attached Section from the Fort. As these Parties have necessarily to be pretty much of a routine we need not go into elaborate details, as most of our readers know all about them. One heard, however, a large number of appreciative remarks during the tea. "Have not been at a Party for four years." "Oh I beat you I have not been at a Party since I was at school." "I am enjoying meself," from another "It's just like 'Ome!" and so forth. Undoubtedly a large number of the men enjoy the tea part of the entertainment, though we are assured often that the men consider the tea itself a small thing compared with the social and friendly intercourse they enjoy. They sat and smoked in the School-room after tea, and seemed to enjoy pleasantly chatting to the ladies who sat beside them. One wishes all of the ladies realized this more and mixed freely with the men both during the tea and games for they are, as a rule, too shy to make the first advance.

The games were entered into with great interest. They may get a little monotonous

to those of us who help to run them Party by Party, but they are not so to the men who are generally a new batch every time except for the R. F. A. at the Fort. We thought of leaving out Advertisements and Bags this time, but heard these two competitions much discussed one day at the Soldiers' Club, and as they had been a great interest to these particular men we decided to keep them as "items." Judging by the large numbers who entered for them they are evidently a popular type of amusement. The clock rings were well patronized once more and the badminton courts were never empty. Mrs. Palsgrave of the General Hospital kindly allowed some of her nurses and Mrs. Guy from the Maternity some of hers to help to entertain the men, and their kind help was much appreciated. We hope many of these nurses will come again and help to enliven the Parties. Skittles was as popular as ever and held the attention of a number of the men.

The men were very loth to come in from the games, but we had a long concert programme to get through. The fixing up of the competition cards always takes a little time, but that is done while the men have their drinks, and the announcing the winners' names and the giving away of the little prizes is always a matter of extreme interest. There were six recipients who received their prizes amid much applause.

The Concert was then gone on with. There was not a poor item, indeed some of the voices were far above the average. In their order the singers were Sergt. Bestard, Mrs. Saunders, Cpl. Sidebottom, Mr. Jackson, Miss Harvey, Cpl. Strip, Private Messerli (who in addition to singing gave an interesting and quaint Cossack dance), Mr. Elder, Mrs. Saunders, and Private Henderson. Some of the voices were very beautiful and sometimes encores were insisted upon. Mrs. Black kindly acted as accompanist.

A very charming and delightful part of the programme was an exhibition of conjuring and card tricks by Mr. Macaulay who held the deep attention of the audience for half an hour. Some of the results of his sleight of hand were "uncanny" and many of us feel that we have seen professional exhibitions less good. We hope Mr. Macaulay will come and delight us again.

The proceedings finished with God Save the King, but some of the men were unwilling to go then, and one or two gathered round the piano for a little more music.

Our most hearty thanks are due to each helper. To the ladies of the Guild who saw that the men got plenty of tea, etc., and to the men of the Congregation who helped as many of them so kindly do with the running of the games. We must not even begin to mention names for we are indebted to so many people.

We are always glad to have suggestions and if possible carry them into effect. Several times we have been asked if it would not be better to have the Concert outside as we had last year. We have in consequence been making enquiries. We find that a very large number of the men prefer inside, where they can play cards, get a good look at the performers, etc., also some of the players and singers find that the wind makes things difficult. Violin players are somewhat embarrassed and often the accompanist. But outside has certainly pleasures of its own, a cooler atmosphere for instance often being the outstanding advantage. The soldiers themselves, however, do not seem to mind the heat.

The other suggestion though it is only a small one we would like to give voice to. It is some of the ladies think it would be pleasant to give to the men chocolates and sweets. Much as we would like to do this we cannot do it from the Fund, with prices going up as they are, but if any friends like to present the Parties with either sweets or chocolates we shall put them on the tea table with great pleasure.

We have to acknowledge, with many thanks, kind gifts from the following:—

10 bottles milk	...	Mrs. Black
8 " "	...	Mrs. Conran
5 doz. sandwiches	...	Mrs. Chatterton
5 " "	..	Mrs. Buckle
5 " "	...	Mrs. C. O'Brien
5 " "	...	Mrs. Bennett
5 " "	...	Misses Falconer
10 " "	...	Mrs. Gillan
500 cigarettes	...	Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell
5-lbs tea	...	Mrs. McArthur

The second Party of the month took place on the 20th and we had the best of weather. The gathering was one of the largest we have had—somewhere about 110 soldiers being present. These, through the kindness of Mr. Beardsell, were conveyed in special trams from the Y. M. C. A. in the city, the Fort, and the Soldiers' Club in Mount Road: so the men arrived in two large batches fairly cool and comfortable. The School-room was a busy scene while the tea was being served

and considering the time of the year we had a large number of helpers. After tea all the games were entered upon with the usual zest until the time for the Concert. We are rather getting into the swing of things now and there is not much time wasted over anything. The disposal of some of the prizes caused a little delay, as in one competition there were ten ties for the prize. Will the ladies who correct the papers please be as careful as possible so that only the absolutely correct answers may win the prizes. The programme was shorter than usual, but we had exceptionally good items, Mrs. King and Mrs. Bamberger who kindly helped us for the first time delighting us with their items. Mrs. Bamberger charmed the audience and kept it in merriment by her most dramatic representation, and we hope these ladies will often come and help us. Miss Harvey is now one of our faithful "stand-bys" and the men welcome her as an old friend whenever she appears on the platform. Cpl. Sidebottom and Cpl. Hawksmay most kindly contributed items, and Mrs. Bamberger and Miss Row kindly played selections on the piano while refreshments were given out. We are deeply grateful to all our helpers for their most kind help.

We are trying to arrange for a Band to perform outside while the men are at their games, and we feel sure this will be much appreciated. We shall need money to defray the cost, and would be glad of contributions for this object.

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10 " "	...	Mrs. Gillan
5 lbs. almond toffee	...	Mrs. Gold
100 cigars	...	Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell
500 cigarettes	...	Mr. Puddephatt
500 " "	...	Mr. A. B. Strange
55 lbs tea	...	Mr. Richardson
1,000 cigarettes	...	Mr. D. Morrison

*Soldiers' Entertainment Fund.*—Additional promises of monthly subscriptions are as follows:—W. B. McBain, Rs. 10; W. Hut-ton, Esq., Rs. 10; T. Benson, Esq., Rs. 5; Col. Dwane, Rs. 5; A. Peebles, Esq., Rs. 5. Donations have been received from M. C. Ruddock, Esq., Rs. 5; C. A. Innes, Esq., Rs. 25; Dr. J. R. Henderson, Rs. 50; Mrs. Gordon, Rs. 10; Mr. and Mrs. Garland, Rs. 10.

The bills in June were as follows:—

EXPENSES FOR PARTY, 6TH JUNE				EXPENSES FOR PARTY, 20TH JUNE			
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Cakes	36	8	3	Cakes	43	14	0
Minerals	22	5	0	Minerals	17	7	9
Curry Puffs	6	0	0	Curry Puffs	9	6	0
Ice	3	1	0	Sugar	1	12	6
Sugar	1	12	6	Ice	3	6	0
Cigarettes	15	8	0	Prizes (Fountain Pens)	8	4	0
Presents to Church Servants	3	0	0	Presents to Church Servants	3	0	0
Mr. Boys' petty expenses	0	7	0	Mr. Boys' petty expenses	0	4	0
Prizes (writing pads)	3	12	0	Cigars	6	0	0
	92	5	9		93	6	3

### CHURCH ACCOUNTS

#### I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for May, 1918

RECEIPTS			AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS			AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To M. P. House Bills 1132 & 1228.	13	0	0				
„ Seat Rents	77	0	0	„ Church Choir for May	159	0	0				
„ Church Collections	143	10	5	„ „ Estab. „	176	0	0				
„ Organ Practice	10	0	0	„ Organ Blowers „	6	0	0				
„ Sale of Grass	8	0	0	„ M. E. S. Co. Current for April..	12	0	0				
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Spencer & Co., Communion							
				„ Wine	3	8	0				
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				„ Linen	1	13	0				
				„ Tailor, Gowns and Turbans							
				(repairs, etc.)	2	0	0				
				„ Miscellaneous	6	2	6				
Balance Debit this a/c.	16	13	1								
Total	379	7	6	Total	379	7	6				

#### II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for May, 1918

RECEIPTS			AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS			AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	5	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment	195	0	0				
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food Account	66	0	0				
„ Cash	248	7	9	„ Laundry	2	1	9				
				„ Miscellaneous	0	6	0				
Total	263	7	9	Total	263	7	9				

H. BOYS,  
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,  
Senior Chaplain.