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. 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.—At the Quarterly Morning Celebration of the Lord's Supper on 11th February, fifty-eight were present. There will be Communion as usual after the Evening Service on the first Sunday of the quarter (1st April).

Special Collections.—The Special Collection for the Y. M. C. A. Emergency War Work on 4th February, realized Rs. 200-8-1. The present figure for the collection in aid of our own Ladies' Mission at Kilpauk, on 4th March is Rs. 1,958; but one additional contribution

has been sent in during the week and there may be others. The Kirk Session have appointed 1st April for a Special Collection at both services in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Madras Auxiliary.

Jumble Sale.—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, the new Treasurer of the Woman's Guild, writes as follows :—The Woman's Guild held the usual Jumble Sale on Saturday, the 17th February. When the ladies met on the previous evening to arrange the stalls they found a goodly number of articles of all sorts awaiting them and they desire to thank all their friends for their kind contributions to the sale. The Jumble heap was soon distributed amongst the various stalls—dresses at one, men's clothing at another, while hats, boots, shoes, etc., had each their separate table. There was a good attendance of buyers the following morning, and business from the start was brisk. Everything offered was "a bargain," and within an hour the stalls were practically cleared. The proceeds amounted to Rs. 85 which go to the fund for supporting Mary Wilding in St. George's Homes.

Woman's Guild.—The Woman's Guild has been much in evidence during the past months. The Annual Meeting as announced in last month's Magazine was held in February, owing to Mrs. Turner, the Secretary, having to give up office preparatory to going Home. Mrs. Ross, the Treasurer, expected to go also, but as she has not been able to leave we are glad to have her help and advice for some time longer in the Guild though she has relinquished office. The Annual Report of the Secretary and the Accounts of the Treasurer, printed elsewhere, indicate the success of the year 1916; and 1917 has already been full of activity. The Variety Entertainment given on 13th February in the Victoria Hall in aid of Local Charities and War Funds, was a great success. The audience was large and appreciative, and every one felt that the long and interesting programme was good value for the money. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland not only gave their patronage but showed their interests by their presence. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presence of 200 soldiers from the Fort, chiefly 1/4th Devons and 2/5th Hampshires, who were present free by invitation and greatly enjoyed the entertainment. The takings amounted to nearly Rs. 700 and after allowing a margin for bills expected but not yet received the Committee of the Guild have allotted Rs. 400 of the proceeds as follows :—

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association	...	Rs. 100.
St. Andrew's Free School	...	,, 150.
Church of Scotland Women's Association for Foreign Missions	...	,, 150.

If after meeting all expenses there is still a balance an allotment will be made to the Young Women's Christian Association. Our warmest thanks are due to all who made the Entertainment such a success.

Free School.—Mrs. Bennett, Head-mistress, was unfortunately compelled on medical advice to apply for a month's extension of leave. All will unite in hoping that she will be able to resume her duties soon. Till the middle of February, Miss Burgess acted for Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Garratty for Miss Burgess, and this arrangement was resumed from 1st March. For the second half of February, Miss B. Falconer very kindly acted for Miss Burgess at short notice.

Entertainments to Soldiers.—The Guild have decided to give an entertainment to soldiers in the Church compound once a month. The ladies of the Guild undertake the arrangements for tea, cakes, etc., and other members of the congregation, especially men, who are unable to help in this direct way, will be glad to hear that contributions, small or large, towards the necessary expenses will be gratefully received. The first entertainment has been fixed for the afternoon of Thursday, 15th March.

Woman's Guild: Secretary's Report

Membership.—Our year opened with sixty-three members. We have been very glad to welcome six new members.

Entertainments.—Except for the three months May, June and July in which the Guild did not meet, the year has been a busy one. In March we gave an entertainment in the Habitation Hall which proved a great success and realized Rs. 616: the proceeds were given to Mr. Beardsell for the Y.M.C.A.

War Work. In August we entertained 150 of the 2/5th Hampshire Regiment stationed in the Fort.

Jumble Sale.—We have only held one Jumble Sale during the year. This realized Rs. 210-9-0.

Work.—At a committee meeting held on Saturday, August 5th it was agreed that all our work should be for the relief of the soldiers. We have made a large number of socks, shirts, pyjamas, waistcoats, etc., all of which have gone by various sources to the Ladies' Depot, Government House.

Some very nice fancy work was done; this was given to Mrs. Gordon Fraser's Stall at the Union Jack Fete and I know that all of it was sold very quickly.

The Kirk Session kindly gave us Rs. 70. This helped us to send eight Christmas gift bags to our St. Andrew's soldiers who are fighting in Mesopotamia and France. We have received delightful letters of appreciation from the recipients. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Meldrum undertook the making up and sending off the parcels.

Cutting out.—Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Wilton, Mrs. Hird have done the cutting out during the year.

Fancy Work.—Miss Hall has looked after the Fancy Work Department.

Mary Wilding.—I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Rowe, who teaches the children at St. George's Homes. She told me of Mary Wilding's great improvement since her arrival at the Homes and she says that Mary shows great promise for the future.

It is customary for each Branch to send a yearly subscription to the General Fund of the Women's Guild to help with the printing etc.; so I will ask Mrs. Ross to kindly send Rs. 15 as she did last year.

We sincerely regret the loss of our Vice-President Mrs. Meldrum who went to England in November. We have much pleasure in welcoming Mrs. Gillan as our new Vice-President

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CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms

"*Suffer little children to come unto Me.*"

February 1st, 1917—Doris Matilda, daughter of Harry and Eva Moreira.

Burials

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

February 19th, 1917—Francis Keith Organe 31 years. (Kilpauk General Cemetery.)

St. Andrew's Church of Scotland Woman's Guild Yearly Statement of Accounts, 1916—1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Balance brought forward... ...	314	7	7	War and Guild materials ...	215	5	6
Guild subscriptions	114	8	0	Concert...	159	11	2
Concert	776	8	0	Territorials' Tea...	43	14	0
Territorials' Tea	67	0	0	Christmas presents to Soldiers ...	34	13	0
Jumble sales	210	9	0	Postages, printing, etc.	9	5	6
Sale of Guild goods	15	0	0	Donations	796	0	0
Donations	70	0	0	Balance in hand...	308	15	5
Total ...	1,568	0	7	Total ...	1,568	0	7

The foregoing Cash Statement has been examined by me and found correct.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

A. M. ROSS,
Hony. Treasurer.

MADRAS,
9th February, 1917.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for Dec. 1916 ...	59	0	0
„ Seat rents	205	0	0	„ „ Estab. „ „ „ ...	240	3	0
„ Church Collections	259	10	7	„ Organ blowers „ „ „ ...	6	0	0
„ Organ practice	12	8	0	„ M.E.S. Co. current for Dec. 1916	13	8	0
„ Refunds	20	0	0	„ Printing	30	2	0
				„ Rates and Taxes 2nd half year...	66	9	7
				„ Compound account ...	4	6	0
				„ Postage, etc. ...	5	7	11
					425	4	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	180	14	1
Total ...	606	2	7	Total ...	606	2	7

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

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	74	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	48	13	0
„ Cash	182	9	0	„ Books, Pencils etc.	22	12	0
Total ...	266	9	0	Total ...	266	9	0

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.

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