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Dear Tracey,

New Aberdour Free Church

Thank you for your letter of 3 November enquiring about the old Free Church at New Aberdour. I have enclosed photocopies of pages out of *The Annals of the Free Church of Scotland 1843-1900*, W Ewing (ed), which gives information about the Church and about the men who were ministers there. I'm afraid that we do not have any more information here at the central offices of the Church, but it seems most likely that the congregation would have joined the United Free Church in 1900 as it is not recorded in our records of Free Church congregations after that date.

I hope that this is of use to you and wish you all the best with your project.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ruth E Michell
Assistant to the General Treasurer

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NEW ABERDOUR.

Occasional services were held here in connection with the Free Church until, in 1865, a station was formed. A Free Church school had been built in 1848. The church was erected in 1867. The charge was sanctioned in 1875. A house was purchased in 1877, and adapted for a manse. The congregation owed much in early days to the kind help and counsel of Charles A. Barclay of Aberdour House. The population of the district tended to decrease.

Membership.—1876, 100; 1900, 143. *Ministers.*—1. W. M'Robbie, M.A., 1875-1878; 2. Wm. Dymock, M.A., 1878—.

NEW DEER.

This congregation was begun as a mission immediately after the Disruption. The services were held at first in a booth in the market-place. A wooden church was erected at Culsh in 1843. The charge was sanctioned in August 1844. A church was erected on the site of the wooden building in 1845. The manse was built in 1846. A new church was built in 1885, in the village of New Deer. The growth of a large village at New Maud railway station brought an accession to the congregation.

Membership.—1848, 265; 1900, 275. *Ministers.*—1. Richard Gavin, 1844-1855; 2. Archibald Gardner, 1856-1877; 3. Jacob Linklater, M.A., 1877-1888; 4. Wm. Beveridge, M.A., 1889—.

NEW PITSLIGO.

This congregation was formed immediately after the Disruption, and regular services were provided. The church was erected in 1847. The charge was sanctioned in 1860. The manse was built in 1861. After Mr. Taylor's death a union was effected with the United Presbyterian congregation of Whitehill, in January 1898, and a United Presbyterian probationer became minister of the united charge.

Membership.—1866, 175; 1900, 159. *Ministers.*—1. Robert Taylor, 1861-1897; 2. George B. Goldie, 1898—.

OLD DEER.

Regular services were provided at Stewartfield, where a congregation was formed immediately after the Disruption. Church and manse were erected. The charge was sanctioned in 1845. In 1897 the health of the minister of the neighbouring United Presbyterian church failed; and a union was effected between the two congregations in October of that year. The united congregation became a United Presbyterian charge.

Membership.—1848, 320; 1893, 180. *Ministers.*—1. Alex. Urquhart, 1845-1897; 2. J. M. Skinner, M.A., 1884-1897.

PETERHEAD—

ST. PETER'S.

The minister and congregation of St. Peter's Chapel-of-Ease "came out" in 1843. The church, built in 1842, was just ready for occupation at the Disruption, and it was opened as a Free Church. A manse was purchased then. A split in the congregation issued in the formation of a new charge, the South Free Church, sanctioned in 1875. The old manse was sold, and a new one built in 1885. In 1897 the interior of the church was reconstructed, and a hall was erected.

Membership.—1848, 807; 1900, 470. *Ministers.*—1. James Yuill, 1843—; 2. James Halliday, M.A., 1880—.

SOUTH.

Owing to a split in St. Peter's Free Church, a Territorial mission was begun in 1872. Services were at first held in a hall in Chapel Street. The charge was sanctioned in 1875. The church was erected in 1878-79, and the manse in 1889.

Membership.—1875, 124; 1900, 325. *Ministers.*—1. Alex. Bissett, M.A., 1874-1883; 2. Adam Maxwell, 1883-1888; 3. G. W. Alison, 1888—.

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DYKES, DAVID STEELE.

Born at Dalry, Ayrshire, 1844. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Glasgow. Ordained at Gamrie, Banffshire, 1872.

PUBLICATION.—*Scotland a Hundred Years Ago.*

DYKES, JAMES OSWALD, D.D. (Edinburgh).

Born at Port-Glasgow, 1835. Studied at the University and New College, Edinburgh; also Universities of Heidelberg and Erlangen. Ordained at East Kilbride, 1859. Translated to St. George's, Edinburgh, 1861. Married, 1863, Helen D. B. Fleming; and, 1871, Agnes Oswald Leckie Campbell. In 1865 the state of his health obliged Dr. Dykes to resign and take a voyage to Australia. There he served the Presbyterian Church in Victoria as theological tutor, editor of the *Christian Review and Messenger*, and framer of the Declaratory Act enacted by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in 1867. That year he returned to this country, and was settled in Regent Square, London, 1869. In 1888 he was appointed Professor and Principal in the Theological College of the English Presbyterian Church.

PUBLICATIONS.—*Jerusalem to Antioch. Abraham, the Friend of God. Gospel according to St. Paul. The Beatitudes, the Laws and the Relations of the Kingdom to the World. Sermons.*

DYMOCK, JOHN, M.A.

Born at Carnoustie, 1841. Son of the following. Studied at the University, Glasgow, and New College, Edinburgh. Ordained at Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, 1869. Married, the same year, Jessie B. Wilson.

DYMOCK, THOMAS, M.A.

Born at Kelso, 1804. Studied at the University, Glasgow. Ordained at Arbroath, 1837. Translated, 1838, to Carnoustie. Signed the Act of Separation and Deed of Demission. Married, 1839, Ruth Bentley, daughter of James Bentley, Professor of Oriental Languages, Aberdeen. Translated, 1845, to Perth, Middle. Became senior minister, 1881. Died, 1888.

DYMOCK, WILLIAM, M.A.

Son of foregoing. Born at Perth, 1850. Studied at the University and New College, Edinburgh. Ordained at New Aberdour, Aberdeenshire, 1878.

EAGLESHAM, DAVID, M.A.

Born at Craigie, Ayrshire, 1859. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Glasgow. Ordained at Half-Morton, 1890. Married, 1899, Lizzie Barr.

EASTON, MATTHEW GEORGE, D.D.

Born in Lanarkshire, 1823. Studied at the University, Glasgow, and Reformed Presbyterian Divinity Hall. Ordained at Girvan, 1848. Married, 1849, Ann Dobie. Translated, 1861, to Darvel. Joined the Free Church at the union in 1876. Died, 1894.

PUBLICATIONS.—In addition to translations from the German, *Unitarianism, its History. Doctrine of the Trinity. Illustrated Bible Dictionary, etc.*

EATON, DAVID, D.D.

Born at Luthermuir, Kincardineshire, 1850. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Aberdeen. Ordained at Mortlach, 1878. Married, the same year, Annabella Cameron. Translated, 1884, to Melville Church, Aberdeen; and, 1893, to Great Hamilton Street, Glasgow.

PUBLICATIONS.—Translations of Weiss' *Biblical Theology of New Testament* (vol. i.). Delitzsch on the *Psalms* (3 vols.). Rothe on *First John*. Numerous articles in Dr. Hastings' *Bible Dictionaries*.

M'RAE, JOHN R.

Born at Gairloch, 1852. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Glasgow. Ordained at Kilmorack, 1890. Married, 1891, Alice Garven.

MACRITCHIE, MALCOLM.

Born in the parish of Uig, Lewis, 1803. Studied at the University and New College, Edinburgh. Ordained at North Knapdale, 1854. Translated to Strathy, 1862; and to Knock, 1869. Married, 1832, Elizabeth Mackay. Died, 1885.

M'ROBBIE, WILLIAM, M.A.

Born at Kincardine O'Neil, 1849. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Aberdeen. Ordained at New Aberdour, 1875. Married, 1877, Isabella Macfarlane. Translated to Leslie and Premnay, Aberdeenshire, 1878.

MACROBERT, JAMES, M.A.

Born at Glasgow, 1859. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Glasgow. Ordained at Levenside, Renton, 1886. Married, the same year, Margaret Graham Boyd. Appointed, 1897, to Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

MACTAGGART, JAMES CAMERON, M.A.

Born at Gourrock, 1843. Studied at the Universities, Edinburgh and Glasgow, and Free Church College, Glasgow; also at Leipzig. Ordained at Isle of Whithorn, 1876.

MACTAVISH, ALEXANDER STEWART.

Born at Doune, 1847. Studied at the University and New College, Edinburgh. Ordained at Morebattle, 1876. Married, 1881, Wilhelmina M. B. Forgan.

MACTAVISH, JOHN, D.D. (Montreal and Toronto).

Born in Jura, 1816. Ordained, 1844, at Ballachulish. Married, 1851, Elizabeth Russell. Translated to Killean, 1851. Resigned, 1852. Volunteered to accompany a band of emigrants from Argyllshire to Canada, 1854. Having returned to this country, he was settled at Inverness, East, 1877. Became senior minister, 1891. At his ministerial jubilee he was the sole survivor of the band of deputies sent by the Free Church to Canada immediately after the Disruption. Died, 1897.

M'TAVISH, ALEXANDER, M.A.

Born in Midlothian. Studied at the University and New College, Edinburgh. Ordained at Rothiemay, Banffshire, 1897. Married, 1898, Jane Mackay.

M'TURK, ANDREW, B.D.

Born at New Cumnock, 1833. Studied at the University and Free Church College, Glasgow. Ordained at Inchinnan, 1864. Married, 1865, Euphemia D. Tyre. Died, 1891.

M'VEAN, DONALD.

Born at Kenmore, 1808. Studied at the University, Edinburgh. Ordained at Iona, 1835. Married, 1837, Susan Maclean. Signed the Act of Separation and Deed of Demission. Resigned, 1878. Died, 1880.

M'WATT, ALEXANDER.

Born at Inverness, 1801. Studied at King's College, Aberdeen. Ordained at Rothes, Morayshire, 1839. Signed the Act of Separation and Deed of Demission. For twenty-seven years Mr. M'Watt was clerk of the Free Presbytery of Aberlour. Became senior minister, 1878. Died, 1880.