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### Kalendar and Memoranda for January.

First Quarter, 4th, 52 m. past 7, m.	Last Quarter, 17th, 55 m. past 10, A.
Full Moon, 11th, 50 m. past 6, m.	New Moon, 25th, 26 m. past 9, A.

1	<b>Tu</b>	<b>Circumcision of our Lord.</b>
2	W	New Pitsligo—Social Gathering.
3	Th	Choir Party at Ellon Rectory at 7 p.m. Ellon—Work Party in Rectory at 2 p.m.
4	<b>F</b>	Deer—Work Party at Crichtie House at 2 p.m.—Cruden—Meeting of Work Party in Rectory at 2 p.m.
5	S	Strichen—Christmas Tree for School Children, 4 p.m.
6	<b>Jf</b>	<b>Epiphany of Our Lord.</b>
7	M	Strichen—Young Women's Guild, Rectory, 8 p.m.
8	Tu	S. Lucian, Priest and Martyr, c. A.D. 290. Longside—Work Party in Rectory at 3 p.m.
9	W	
10	Th	Longside—Sunday School Festival at 4 p.m.—Oxy-hydrogen Lime-light Entertainment in St John's Hall at 8 p.m.
11	<b>F</b>	S. David, King of Scotland, d. A.D. 1153.
12	S	
13	<b>Jf</b>	<b>First Sunday after Epiphany.</b> S. Mungo, or Kentigern, c. A.D. 601.—S. Hilary, Bp. and Conf., A.D. 368. (Octave of Epiphany).
14	M	Strichen—Young Women's Guild, Rectory, 8 p.m.
15	Tu	
16	W	
17	Th	Ellon—Work Party in Rectory at 2 p.m.
18	<b>F</b>	S. Prisca, Virgin and Martyr, c. A.D. 270.
19	S	
20	<b>Jf</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany.</b> S. Fabian, Bishop of Rome, and Martyr, A.D. 250.
21	M	S. Agnes, Roman Virgin, and Martyr, c. A.D. 305. Strichen—Guild, 8 p.m.
22	Tu	S. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, A.D. 304.
23	W	
24	Th	
25	<b>Jf</b>	<b>Conversion of S. Paul.</b>
26	S	
27	<b>Jf</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Epiphany.</b>
28	M	Strichen—Young Women's Guild, 8 p.m.
29	Tu	
30	W	King Charles I. beheaded, 1649.
31	Th	

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PHYSICIANS' AND VETERINARY SURGEONS' PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY DISPENSED.

ON Wednesday, December 12, the Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation in the church, when 12 candidates were presented. The service, with the use of the old Scotch form, was very impressive, but, although it was late, and long in itself, that and the earnest, simple addresses of the Bishop seemed to carry the thoughts of the congregation beyond the thoughts of things circumscribed by time. It is encouraging to have to state that most of the candidates made their first communion at Xmas, thus attaining unto the highest privilege the Church on earth can bestow. May it be theirs, and all those who are linked together with them in that closest bond of union, to go from strength to strength until at last they enter into that "sweet communion with those whose rest is won."

The monthly meeting of the Guild and W. H. S. was held in the rectory on Sunday, Dec. 16. Two new members were proposed. The Rector continued his paper on "The Growth of the Papal Power," and thereafter one of the papers (Rev. C. Lang's on "Re-union"), delivered at the Church Conference at Aberdeen in October, was read.

Xmas again is past, and more signally even than last year did Nature also remind us that, after all the storms and conflicts that may rage around or within us, there comes a calm, a peace, the peace of the one God and Lord who rules over all. To bless and praise Him for that peace of preservation and redemption, many (more than twice as many as last year) in the still quietness of the early morning assembled, like the Christians of old, to offer up in His House their highest thanksgivings. And again at the later service the full congregation assembled, out of whom the same number as last year (74) communicated. The church was very tastefully decorated with a profusion of flowers and evergreens, and the services were heartily rendered.

The Library and Magazine subscriptions are now due.

It is proposed to hold the annual social gathering in the schools on Friday, February 1.

**Baptisms.**

- Dec. 9. ANDREW SOUTER.  
26. MARY CARDNO.

**Burials.**

- Dec. 8. JESSIE ANN JOHNSTON, aged 2½ years.  
14. MARGARET BARCLAY, aged 71 years.  
15. JANE PIRIE, aged 84 years.

**Offerings.**

	No. of Com'ts.	Morning.	Midday.
Nov. 25. ...	4 ...	£0 1 6	£0 10 6
30. ...	4 ...	0 2 6	
Dec. 2. ...	6 ...		0 14 1
9. ...	2 ...	0 5 0	0 8 7
16. ...	6 ...		0 11 11
21. ...	1 ...	0 1 0	
23. ...	2 ...	0 1 0	0 10 11
25. ...	106 ...	1 4 1	2 4 9

**St Drostan's, Deer.**

- Rector.—Rev. J. H. BURN, B.D.  
Lay Elector.—Colonel FERGUSON of Pitfour.  
Lay Representative to Church Council.—E. R. BURNETT-STUART, Esq. of Dens and Crichtie.  
Treasurer and Secretary.—Mr WILLIAM OGSTON, Stuartfield.  
Secretary of Ladies' Work Party.—Hon. Mrs FERGUSON of Pitfour.  
Secretary of Home Mission Association.—Mrs BURNETT-STUART of Dens and Crichtie.  
Organist.—Hon. Mrs FERGUSON of Pitfour.

ST DROSTANE'S was, as usual, beautifully decorated for the Christmas festival; seldom, indeed, has it appeared to greater advantage. The font was chastely adorned with white flowers, ferns and moss; the pulpit, draped in white, with green foliage and clusters of scarlet geranium; while each window, as well as chancel-arch and door, had a border of evergreens. But of course the sanctuary was the part on which the greatest attention had been bestowed. Numerous vases of exquisite white blossoms stood upon the retable, the front of which bore the text "The Prince of Peace," and the spaces north and south of the altar were completely filled by pots of the choicest productions of the gardens of Pitfour and Aden. There were 102 communicants at the three celebrations. The midday service was choral. The church was well filled, many members of the Established and other communions being present to join with their friends and neighbours in the glad service of prayer and praise in honour of the Redeemer who at this time took our nature upon Him, and was born of a pure virgin; and as the voices rose up with one accord, "O, come let us adore Him," we could not but long that the oft-repeated prayer for unity may at last be answered, and that all those in our land who love the Lord Jesus may be drawn closer together both outwardly and inwardly in the bonds of love.

The Dean Ranken Memorial Fund now amounts to £238 8s. Plans have been prepared for the extension of the chancel by Mr J. N. Comper, architect, London, and it is hoped to begin operations in the spring. Further contributions will be gratefully received by the rector, who ventures to remind intending subscribers of the old saying—"He gives double who gives quickly."

The Mission work-party will meet at Crichtie House on Friday, January 4th, at 2 o'clock. It is much wished by the ladies in charge of this work-party that more members of the congregation would join; the meetings are held monthly, alternately at Pitfour and Crichtie, when work for the objects of the association is given out and commenced, while music, songs, and reading enliven the proceedings, and tea is afterwards provided.

The two hymn-boards, which have recently been placed on either side of the chancel arch in St Drostan's, were presented by Mrs Reiss on leaving Pitfour.

The Rector has also the pleasure of recording a timely gift of Altar linen, just received from the Scottish Church Union, through Lord Forbes,

Our death list for 1894 includes the following old and attached members :—

6th January.—Mary Forrest, aged 70.  
 23rd March.—Agnes Urquhart, aged 65.  
 7th June.—Mary Hutchison Shepherd, aged 84.  
 14th July.—Charles Simpson, aged 73.  
 12th November.—Barbara Bruce, aged 81.  
 Two promising young men have also been removed from our midst :—  
 15th July.—Alexander Milne, aged 18.  
 19th December.—John Shepherd, aged 20.  
 Nor has the Good Shepherd been unmindful of His *lambs*, for three young children have also been called to the fold in Paradise.

May God grant them all a place of refreshment, light, and peace, shining more and more unto the perfect day. And may He teach us who survive to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is, and so to number our days that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting.

There is a service at West Windywalls, Auchnagatt, at 4 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and (when there is one) 5th Sundays of each month.

Evensong in church is at 4 o'clock on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month ; at 6 o'clock on the Auchnagatt Sundays.

## S. Mary's on the Rock, Ellon.

Rector—Rev. N. K. MACLEOD, M.A.

### Vestry.

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Organist and Choirmaster—JOHN PALMER, Mus. Bac., Ebrrie Cottage, Ellon.

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### Hours of Service.

Sundays.—Holy Communion—First Sunday in month, after Morning Prayer; Third Sunday in month, 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.

Children's Service, 3 p.m.

Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.

Week Days.—Litany, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.

Holy Days.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer, according to notice ; Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.

Baptisms.—2:45 p.m. on Sundays, when no otherwise arranged.

Funerals.—It is requested that the Rector be consulted before fixing the day and hour of Funerals.

Sickness.—It is requested that early intimation of sickness be given to the Rector direct,

The Sunday School meets in S. Mary's schoolroom, at 10 a.m. on Sundays from April to October. Ladies' Work Party meets in Parsonage on First and Third Thursdays of the Month at 2 p.m.

### Christmas Services.

On Fourth Sunday in Advent at Evensong there was a recital of sacred music, with solos by Messrs H. Randall and A. K. MacLeod. On Christmas Eve carols were sung at 8 p.m. On Christmas Day the church was beautifully decorated, and there was a wealth of flowers seldom seen at this season. The flowers and evergreens were sent chiefly from Udry, Balmedie, and Tillery, and the congregation is grateful to the donors. There have been many changes in the congregation, and many are gone from us who took a delight in "beautifying the place of His sanctuary," but others have taken their place, and we should all miss much the absence of the flowers with their speechless beauty, reminding us of the rich superfluity of good with which the Heavenly Father has surrounded His children.

The chancel, screen, pulpit, lectern, and font, and also the pillars of the Narthex were most artistically decorated, showing off, not hiding, the architectural lines of this beautiful House of God.

There was an early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at which 22 communicated, and there were 42 at midday.

The service was Goss in F.

The anthem was composed by the talented organist, Mr Palmer, and was beautifully sung. The Rector preached from Luke i. 78-79. The Christmas festival had all the outward signs of Christmas joy. May it be to many a day much to be remembered in that Christ manifested Himself to them as He does not to the world.

## St Peter's, Fraserburgh.

Rector—Rev. HENRY FYFE, B.A.

Lay Representative—The Right Hon. Lord SALTOUN.

Lay Elector—JAMES CARDNO, Esq., J.P.

Hon. Organist—ALEX. CARDNO, Esq.

### Services.

1st Sunday of the Month, 11 a.m., Matins and Choral Celebration ; 3 p.m., Children's Service ; 6 p.m., Evensong.

Other Sundays, 8 a.m., Holy Communion ; 11 a.m., Matins and Litany ; 6 p.m., Evensong.

Saints Days, 8 a.m., Holy Communion ; 11 a.m., Matins ; 8 p.m., Evensong.

Daily, 11 a.m., Matins ; 8 p.m., Evensong.

Baptisms at 3 p.m. on 1st Sunday of the Month or at any other time by arrangement.

The Church is open daily for private prayers and meditation from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Choir practice—Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday School—at S. Peter's Schools, Victoria Street, 2:30 p.m. Superintendent—The Rector.

THE Festival of the Nativity was ushered in by choral Evensong on Christmas Eve, when the Rector preached on the Angel's Message to the Shepherds. On Christmas Day there were five services, at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., all of which were well attended,

especially that at 8 o'clock. Many persons had walked several miles, some as many as five, to be present at the early celebration, and amongst the congregation was an old lady in her eighty-sixth year, who was baptised, confirmed, and prepared for her first communion by Bishop Jolly. The 11 o'clock service was fully choral, and began with the singing of the "Adeste Fidelis" in procession. The Eucharistic music was the dignified and beautiful mass in G, by Dr Hayne, and the anthem was "Oh, Thou that bringest glad tidings," by Sir John Stainer. The service was beautifully performed, and was characterised at once by fervour and quiet dignity. Stainer's seven-fold "Amen" was sung after the benediction. The anthem was rendered in most masterly style, and evinced careful training and rehearsal. The duet for tenor and bass, by Mr Ironside and Mr Rothwell, was very beautiful, and both these gentlemen fully entered into the meaning of the words, which unfortunately is not always the case with even the best of vocalists. They were well supported by the rest of the large choir. The service at 3 o'clock took the form of a carol service, and was rendered entirely by children, who sang five old English carols, the Rector reading a few verses of the St Luke's account of the birth of our Lord between the carols. At 7:30 there was full choral evensong with anthem and sermon. The Rector was assisted throughout the day by the Rev. John Shirren, M.A. Mr Alex. Cardno presided at the organ with his usual ability, and showed both in the accompaniments and in the voluntaries his thorough knowledge of his work and mastery over his instrument.

**GIFT TO THE CHURCH BY LORD SALTOUN.**—A beautiful Christmas gift was made on Christmas Day by Lord Saltoun, in the form of a very handsome and massive oak lectern. It is a most beautiful piece of work, designed by Mr John Kinross, A.R.S.A., and executed in Edinburgh under his supervision at the celebrated Albert Wood Carving Works. It is of an ancient pattern, somewhat after the style of that in the Chapel of the London Charterhouse, and is constructed to hold the Old Testament on one side and the New on the other. The base is relieved with several coats of arms in true heraldic colours. It was greatly admired on Christmas Day, and much appreciation was expressed of his lordship's handsome and timely gift.

**Baptisms.**

Dec. 2—William, son of William Buchan, 31 Broad Street.

Dec. 15—Abercrombie Bogue Davidson, son of Adam Watt, 43 Hanover Street.

**Burial.**

Dec. 19 — Abercrombie Bogue Davidson Watt, 43 Hanover Street.

**St John's, Longside.**

Rector—REV. ROBERT MACKAY, M.A.  
 Congregational Treasurer and Canonical Lay Elector  
 —ROBERT CHEVES, Esq., J.P.

Congregational Representative to Church Council—  
 NATHANIEL LAWRENCE, Esq., M.D., J.P.  
 Churchwardens—Messrs R. CHEVES and NATHANIEL  
 LAWRENCE.  
 Organist—Miss K. MITCHELL.  
 Correspondent Home Mission Association—Mrs  
 HUTCHISON.  
 Secretary Ladies' Association for Foreign Missions  
 —MRS MACKAY.  
 Librarian—W. E. HUTCHISON, Esq.  
 Sunday School Superintendent—Mr WM. MILNE,  
 Jun.  
 Verger—Sergt.-Major DARLING.

**Cortiecrum.**

Chapel Warden—Mr ALEXANDER ROBERTSON.  
 Sunday School Superintendent—Mr GEO. STRACHAN.

**Services.**

Holy Communion—First Sunday of the Month, at  
 11 o'clock Service; other Sundays at 8:30.  
 Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.  
 Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m.  
 CORTIECRAM.—Second and Last Sundays of the  
 Month. Service with Sermon, 3:30 p.m.

**Classes and Meetings.**

Longside Sunday School—Weekly, at 10 a.m.  
 Cortiecrum do. —Weekly, at 2:30 p.m.  
 Confirmation Class—Sundays—Weekly, at 10 a.m.  
 Commercial Education Class—Tuesdays and Thurs-  
 days, 7:30 p.m.  
 Choir Practice—Saturdays—Weekly, 7:30 p.m.,  
 and Sundays after Morning Prayer.

THE Sale of Ladies' Work in August last was very successful, and resulted in securing a fully discharged account for the cost of painting and decorating the Church, with a balance over, which has been handed to the Hall Ante-Room Fund. The ladies have begun work again with characteristic energy and perseverance—the objects in view being the Hall Ante-Room, Foreign Missions, cleaning and repairing of organ, and the varnishing of woodwork in the nave of the Church. We should like to see more members of the congregation attending the monthly work parties. Their presence even for a short time would be an encouragement to those who year after year bear the brunt of the battle, whilst they themselves would receive no small benefit from the friendly intercourse which such meetings afford.

Our Christmas services were well attended, the Church as usual being tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The organist and choir were in their places at all the services, and no small portions of the brightness of the festival resulted from their self-sacrificing zeal and earnestness, the services were choral. Clare's anthem—"We have seen His star"—received an excellent rendering. The solos being taken by Mr H. Davidson and Mr Alex. McKenzie.

The number of communicants, although larger than last year, was short of what it might have been, even after making all allowance for unavoidable absence.

Early Celebration	...	...	...	48
Mid-day do.	...	...	...	97
Clinical	...	...	...	19
<b>Total</b>	...	...	...	<b>164</b>

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Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs SHEPHERD,  
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**Church Services.**

Week Days—Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.  
 Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m.  
 Litany on Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.  
 Sundays—Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd in month,  
 11 a.m.; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, at 8 a.m.  
 Evensong at 6:30 p.m.

**St David's Mission, Boynddie.**

SERVICES.

Holy Communion—1st Sunday, at 9 a.m.  
 Evensong—On other Sundays, 3:30 p.m.

In order that this Magazine may be a complete record of the doings of the congregation from month to month, an account of the Income from offertories from the 1st of July is appended:—

ORDINARY COLLECTIONS.

July ... ..	£4 11 11
August ... ..	2 6 0
September ... ..	5 17 0
October ... ..	4 0 8½
November ... ..	4 8 5½

Total Ordinary Collections £21 4 1

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

August 26th—Home Missions ...	£2 4 0
October 28th—Bishop's Income ...	1 19 7½
November 7th—Reserve Fund ...	1 12 8½

Total Special Collections ... £5 16 4

A magic lantern for the use of the Church has been provided by several ladies connected with the congregation, and a very successful meeting for Foreign Missions was held on St Andrew's Day, at which it was used for the first time.

Several other gifts for the Church are in progress, and we hope to record them duly as they are received. *Green* alms bags for use during the Trinity Season are required—Who will volunteer either to make them or provide them!

The Women's Help Society continues to flourish. Meetings for mothers have been held monthly, and for younger members weekly at the Rectory. The latter have undertaken to provide sets of Altar linen suitable for the various seasons of the Church's year.

**Advent and Christmas.**

The Advent Services have been very well attended—particularly so on Sunday evenings. There is a story told of a famous London Vicar who used to stand at his Church door on Sunday nights, and when he saw any of his own people approach *alone* he used to say, "No, no, my friend—you must bring some one with you." If all our people were to try to do this, we should have much larger congregations than we have had.

On Christmas Day we had very bright and hearty services, and the congregations were very good. At 8 a.m. there were 40 communicants, and at 11 exactly the same number—making a total of 80 for the day. This out

of a roll of 110 speaks very well for the congregation, especially as most of the absentees can be satisfactorily accounted for.

Our thanks are due to the willing band of workers who so beautifully decorated the Church, as also to those who kindly provided flowers.

**Notices for January.**

New Year's Day (Feast of the Circumcision)—  
 Holy Communion, 8.  
 Matins—Holy Communion, 11.  
 Evensong, 7:30.  
 Conversion of St Paul (25th)—  
 Matins, 8.  
 Litany and Holy Communion, 11.  
 Evensong and Address, 7:30 p.m.  
 There is always a short address at Evensong on Wednesdays and on Saints' Days.

**Hymns for January.**

1st. M.—72.	20th. M.—79, 248.
E.—72, 73.	E.—258, 257, 26.
6th. M.—75, 322.	27th. M.—76, 80, 78.
E.—79, 78, 75.	E.—630, 406, 441.
13th. M.—76, 177, 80.	
E.—178, 487, 19.	

**General Church News.**

**Peterhead.**

IN St Peter's on Christmas Eve, after Choral Evensong, a number of carols were sung by the choir, the principal feature of which was the singing of the solo "See amid the winter snow" by Mr Charles Beattie, the choir joining in in the chorus. Some of the members of the choir went the round of several of the houses of members of the congregation early on Christmas morning singing carols at the different places of residence. Full choral services were also held in St Peter's on Christmas Day.

**Turriff.**

ST CONGAN'S.—The annual social gathering of the children and members, with their friends, took place in the Town-Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance. The Rev. G. L. Duff, Rector, presided. The meeting commenced with a service of tea, followed by a series of parlour games, which were taken part in with great heartiness, in the upper hall, where, too, was exhibited a heavily-laden Christmas tree. An interesting and much-appreciated programme was next gone through, consisting of songs and choruses by parties of boys and girls, songs by Mrs Duff, Miss Gillespie, and Messrs Gillespie, Watt, and Watson; a banjo solo by Miss Stoequeler, and a recitation by Master Duff. Accompaniments were played by Misses Cheyne, Gregory, and A. Watson.

**Cuminestown.**

SPECIAL services were held in St Luke's on Christmas day by the rector, Rev. N. Macdonald. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, &c., sent from Delgaty Castle.

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