

# NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER 1937

## Minister

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## Systematic Giving Scheme

### Treasurer

Mr Walter Rodger, Townhead Cottages, Newton Mearns.

### Registrar

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### Organist

Mr J. C. Cormack, M.A., Ferndene, Newton Mearns.

### Church-Officer

Mr George Wardrop, 13 Main Street, Newton Mearns.

## SABBATH SERVICES

Morning—12 noon. Evening—6.30 P.M.

Sabbath School—11 A.M.

Beginners' Class in Session-House during Morning  
Service for young children coming to Church with their  
parents.

## OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR

Sept. 12. Messrs James A. Anderson and Andrew Russell.  
" 19. " W. H. Fyfe and S. Telfer.  
" 26. " J. W. Jarvie and A. Moreland.  
Oct. 3. " John Russell and C. J. Thom.

## COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE, AND JULY

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| Systematic Giving . . . . .                  | £283 19 8 |
| Church-door Plate . . . . .                  | 81 18 1   |
| Retiring for Church Funds (May) . . . . .    | 4 7 3     |
| Retiring for Sabbath School (June) . . . . . | 2 3 0     |

**Communion.**—At the May Communion there was an attendance of 338 Communicants, which compares with 324 in May 1936. The following members joined the Church, and were welcomed to our Christian fellowship:

*By Certificate*—Misses Brown, Mr and Mrs Kyle, Mr Martin Kyle, Mr and Mrs A. Y. Wilson, Mr and Mrs B. W. Wright.

*By Profession of Faith*—Mr R. D. Campbell, Mr R. W. Cowie, Miss E. R. Russell, Miss Una Taylor.

**Ordination of Elders.**—It was with a deep sense of joy that on Sunday 20th June the congregation took part in the dedication of Robert Armour, Joseph Hood, John M'Callum, James Meiklejohn, James R. Miller, and Samuel Rodger to the office of the Eldership in this Church. They had heard the call of God, and were willing to fulfil His command: "The elders which are among you I exhort . . . feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly." How richly this people had been endowed in this office in past years, and we feel that those who have now been admitted to it will maintain the traditions of the past, and in word and deed reveal the character of "the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls."

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be dispensed in the Church on 12th September at 12 noon. The Service will be conducted by the Minister, who will also take the Service of Thanksgiving at 6.30 P.M. The Preparatory Service on Friday 10th September will be conducted by the Rev. R. Leonard Small, M.A., of the West High Church, Kilmarnock. Those who wish to receive cards for friends may do so on application to the Minister or any of the Elders. The Church of Scotland extends a warm invitation to all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ to join them in this sacred ordinance. The collection on retiring from the Communion Service is on behalf of the Maintenance of Ministry Fund.

**Church Extension.**—A letter has recently been posted to all members of the congregation inviting them to state anew what financial aid they are prepared to offer towards the erection of a new church on present site. Owing to the holiday months intervening the posting of these letters has been delayed for two months, and members are therefore asked to give this matter their immediate attention, and return the two forms sent with letter at earliest convenience, so that the Extension Committee may have this necessary information as soon as possible. The Committee intend to proceed with the plans for erecting the new church of brick, subject to the approval of the congregation. If these returns reveal what we already feel confident is the case, that the congregation will enthusiastically support the scheme, then we hope to have plans ready on which to start at the beginning of next year.

## VARIA

The **Sunday School Trip** took place on Saturday 26th June, when the children spent a most enjoyable day at Langton Farm. The teachers wish to thank Mr and Mrs Lambie for their kind hospitality, and all others who contributed to the success of the outing. The Sunday School reopens on 5th September in the Hall at 11 A.M., and the Beginners' Class during the Morning Service. It is hoped that all children of Sunday School age will be present.

The **Evening Service** will resume on 12th September at 6.30 P.M., and we urge our members to take full advantage of worshipping God at the second diet of worship. In these days of strain and stress we need the power that we can alone obtain in fellowship with Him. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, no



more can ye except ye abide in Me." Our presence at this Service will not only mean the strengthening of our own lives, but be an inspiration to others.

The **Badminton Club** will meet in the Hall on Wednesday 15th September at 7 P.M., when members and intending members will be made welcome. The afternoon section will meet on Tuesday 21st September at 2.30 P.M., when it is hoped there will be a good attendance. The Club meets on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and other evenings when the Hall is available, and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The subscription is 8s. 6d.

Our thanks are given to the Rev. A. Drummond Duff, M.A., Mearns Parish Church, for so willingly undertaking the pastoral work of the congregation during the month of August.

## REGISTER

### Baptisms

Sheila Janette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Reid, Whitecraigs.

Meryl Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fleming, Rysland Avenue.

Ella Morag Scott, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Hay, Barrhead Road.

Ronald Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs Templeton, Whitecraigs.

Norma Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilson, Newtonlea Avenue.

Margaret Doreen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pettigrew, Redburn Avenue.

Ian Marshall, son of Mr and Mrs Murray, Hazelwood Avenue.

Douglas Fleming, son of Mr and Mrs Todd, Beech Avenue.

### Marriages

June 4. Thomas Melville to Agnes Taylor.

" " Robert Anderson to Mary Sibbald Mitchell.

July 10. Joseph Williams Hughes to Elizabeth Christie.

### Deaths

May 2. Robert Anderson, J.P., Craigard.

" 4. Ex-Treasurer G. D. Morton, Larchfield Avenue.

" 11. Helen Hay Cormack, Ferdene.

" 31. Mrs J. Rodger, Leamyside.

June 26. Robert Allan, Newtonlea Avenue.

Aug. 1. James Taylor Anderson, Springbank.

" 11. Florence Ann Carroll, Glebe Road.

## In Memoriam

It was with the deepest sorrow that the congregation heard when they had assembled for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 2nd of May of the sudden death of Mr Robert Anderson, Craigard. He had been faithful during the week in the distribution of the Communion Cards in his district, and was present at the Service of Preparation on the previous Friday, but he passed peacefully into the presence of his Saviour in the early hours of the Communion Sabbath. It is almost forty years since he came to Newton Mearns from Thornliebank, where he had begun in partnership with his brother, Mr J. Taylor Anderson, the business which to-day bears their honoured name. As soon as he came to the district he identified himself with this congregation, of which he was appointed an Elder in 1919. He gave to the Church the benefit of the gifts with which he was endowed, and we shall miss the wise counsel he so often gave, and the keen, penetrating insight with which he saw quickly the real issue in any situation.

Again it was with the deepest regret the congregation heard of the death of Mr James Taylor Anderson, Springbank, on the morning of Sabbath 1st August, after a long and trying illness. When he came to Newton Mearns with his brother he also joined our Church, and took a very active part in all matters connected therewith, being elected an Elder in 1927. For many years he was a member of the Choir, for fifteen years he was Clerk to the Managers, and for twenty-eight years Congregational Treasurer, from which position he resigned in February last owing to his illness. This is a unique record of service to our Church, and few, if any of us, can realise the enormous amount of work and sacrifice involved. Any task he undertook had his whole-hearted and energetic attention, and his driving force will be much missed in Session and Board meetings.

Both brothers took a deep interest in the welfare of the Church, bringing to the congregational life that keen business acumen and integrity of character which was so outstanding a feature in their lives. By their deaths the Session and congregation have suffered a very serious loss.

**Supplement.**—Contributions for October issue should be sent to Mr Johnston, 9 Redburn Avenue, Giffnock, not later than 15th September.