

NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

OCTOBER 1937

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Systematic Giving Scheme

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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

Oct. 10. Messrs G. Glegg and S. Rodger.
" 17. " W. H. Fyfe and S. Telfer.
" 24. Miss Osborne and Mr J. Hood.
" 31. Messrs W. Craig and J. B. Mather.
Nov. 7. " R. Carswell and J. Nimmo.

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

Systematic Giving	£67 12 7
Church-door Plate	13 7 6

A collection on retiring from Services on 10th October is on behalf of "Home Missions and Colleges."

Communion.—There was an attendance of 283 Communicants at the September Communion, which compares with 267 in September 1936. The following members joined our Church by certificate, and were welcomed to our fellowship:

Mr and Mrs Allan, Mrs Robert Anderson, Mrs Banks, Mr and Mrs W. Tait Brown, Miss Mary F. Brown, Mr James R. Brown, Mrs Coulthart, Mr and Mrs Elvick, Mr and Mrs Gray, Mr and Mrs Robert Jarvie, Miss Margaret M'Culloch, Mrs Paterson, Mr John Paterson, Miss Isabella Paterson, Miss M. Rennie, Miss H. Rennie, Miss Marion J. C. Ross, Mr and Mrs Stewart, Mr and Mrs James A. Taylor.

It is with great joy that the congregation have welcomed back Mr Cormack to the organ, and they trust that for long he will be enabled to lead the praise of the Church with the same skill with which he has done so for the past six years.

As a congregation we wish to pay tribute to the willing and talented way in which Mr Telfer has officiated at the organ for the past ten months. The Church is fortunate to have one who can so ably fill the place of Mr Cormack, and we offer him now our warmest thanks for the great service he has rendered to us.

Girls' Association.—The opening Social will be held in the Church Hall on Monday 25th October, when all girls of the congregation over fourteen years will be made welcome.

The meetings are held on alternate Monday evenings in the Session-house at 7.30 P.M.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services to commemorate the ingathering of the fruits of the earth will be held on 10th October. The Forenoon Service will be one for the children, and adults are asked to leave the centre area of the Church vacant on that day. The children will bring gifts which they will, during the Service, present to the Minister, and these will be sent to some mission centre in the city, probably to the Paddy Black Mission, where they have in recent years been forwarded. Will members of the congregation kindly send their offering to the Hall on Saturday not later than 2 P.M. on that day. The form of the Evening Service has not, owing to circumstances, yet been decided, but it will be one of thanksgiving to God who day by day openeth His hand and satisfieth the desire of every living being.

On Sunday 17th October the Minister will be in West Kilbride to conduct the Anniversary Services there, and the preacher here will be the Rev. T. A. Bertram Smith, M.A., of St. Bride's Church, West Kilbride.

Woman's Guild.—The attention of the women of the congregation is drawn to the opening meeting of the Guild, which takes place on 1st November. A special interest is attached to this meeting from the fact that we are privileged to have as speaker Dr. James Kelly, Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association. Further intimation will be made in due course, and it is hoped that all who can will keep this date free.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Church on the 7th November. The Preparatory Service will be taken by Rev. Graham Park, B.D., of the North Church, Bearsden. On the Sunday the Minister will be assisted by the Rev. W. Mackintosh Mackay, D.D., who will also conduct the Service of Thanksgiving. A class for Young Communicants will be opened in the vestry on Sunday 10th October at close of the Evening Service.

The collection on retiring from the Communion Service will be for congregational purposes.

Church Extension.—By this time the congregation will have had in their hands for some weeks the letter issued to them asking for the renewal of the promises made some time ago. This is the next vital step in the building of the new Church on the present site, and we urge any who have not done so to fill up the forms

enclosed and deposit them in the box at the Church door at once. If everyone will do what they can then the task will be easy, but if you do not your part, however small, and your neighbour is similarly forgetful, then the task may be greater than we can bear. You have always as a congregation responded when the need arose, and we feel confident you will do the same on this occasion. As soon as the financial way is clear the Committee hope, in the beginning of next year, to start on the ideal they have had for these past years.

The Systematic Giving Scheme.—We regret speaking so much in this issue on the financial side of the life of the Church. Yet we do so of necessity. Not for our own sake but for the sake of the Church as a whole.

We realise that the average member of the Church is not so prosperous to-day as was the case some years ago. We realise that many of you have had to face the building of a house of your own with all the seen and unforeseen expenditure. We realise also the increased cost of living to-day, and we wish to assure you that we are not neglectful of these facts. We would also point out that the finances of the Church are increasing year by year, but they are not doing so in proportion to the numbers that have joined the Church. There are Churches in the city that are declining in membership whose finances are accordingly suffering in the same way. Now that decline ought to be balanced by the increase in a Church such as ours that is profiting from their membership. We therefore appeal to all our members to consider seriously the question whether they are giving as they ought to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. Failure on your part will have serious repercussions in parts of the work of the Kingdom of which you may never have heard. We

have proved in our experience as a Church that the Systematic Giving Scheme is the easiest for the individual and the most profitable for the Church, and the Congregational Board having discussed this question urge the members of this Church to contribute in this way. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

A statement of our financial requirements for next year, and a letter explaining the two methods of contributing to the Schemes of the Church are being sent to all members early in November. Reply cards will be enclosed, and we trust all members will give this matter their careful and prompt attention.

REGISTER

Marriages

- Aug. 17. Thomas Adams Weir to Uana Johnstone Taylor.
- „ 20. George Knox Lambie to Margaret Hamilton.
- Sept. 7. Frederick John Trewartha to Elizabeth Denovan.
- „ 10. John Graham M'Meeken to Agnes M'Millan Dunsmore.
- „ 10. Walter Wands Marshall Lindsay to Marjory Graham M'Meeken.
- „ 11. Kenneth Macdonald Banks to Elizabeth Anderson Coulthart.

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