

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

FEBRUARY 1938

OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR

Feb. 13. Messrs J. R. Miller and R. Armour.
„ 20. Messrs B. C. Maitland and G. C. Corcoran.
„ 27. Messrs J. McCallum and J. Russell, jun.
Mar. 6. D. W. Johnston and J. Meiklejohn.

Baptism

Jan. 8. Barrie Munro Niven, 5 Sunnybrae Road, Clarkston.

Editorial.—We have been cheered during the dark Sundays of January by a new feature in the forenoon Service. It would be ungrateful to suggest that in the House of God where one is brought into fellowship with the Divine Companion in life that we do not experience a real joy and deep happiness. “In Christ a man is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” And yet for many days we have missed in numbers those we would have wished to see, whose radiant faces and natural charm make such a great difference to life. Since, however, the introduction of the year, we have been delighted to see the Church at the forenoon Service attended by the children in numbers that are greater than has been the case for some years. It should not be forgotten that the Sabbath School meets at eleven o'clock, and to expect children to sit through two services, one after the other, is to ask them to do something that we would not readily do ourselves. With, however, the introduction of the rule, in connection with the Young Worshippers' League—whereby a child may qualify for attendance by coming for the first part of the Service until the second singing—the children have attended in greater numbers than before. Mr Dugald Craig has kindly consented to go out with the children and assist them across the Kilmarnock Road. Just how much we rejoice at this influx of children to the Church it would be impossible to say. Those who would deny the children a part of the Service specifically for them, surely forget that the children of to-day will be the Church of to-morrow. Attendance at Sabbath School is of vital importance but it *cannot* take the place of attendance at Church. The words of Scripture are true, “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Has your child a Young Worshippers' League Card? If not, then persuade him to get one at the Church door. We will remember at the end of the year that he began to have his card stamped a little later than the others.

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The Girls' Association.—The Girls' Association are having a Concert in the Church Hall on Thursday and Friday 17th and 18th February at 7.30 p.m. when the two plays, “Mrs Watson at Bay” and “Vitamin X” will be given. Donations towards the royalties of these plays will be very gratefully received by any member of the Association.

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The Children's Christmas Party.—Christmas has come and gone for another year but memories of the Party that was held on Thursday 30th December will remain with us for many days. It was one of the most enjoyable that we have ever had. The Hall was beautifully decorated on the previous evening by the teachers and by the young people of the Church who are always ready to assist in every work of the Church. Just why

it was that this Party seemed better than any we have ever had it is perhaps difficult to say. We played the same games—the Grand Old Duke of York, Musical Arms, Balloon Football, Postman's Knock, Shin the Plate, etc., etc. We watched Charlie Chaplin getting into trouble and getting out of it with his usual facility, and once again we were privileged to have a visit from Santa Claus who gave gifts to the children, which were much appreciated. The tea with which we began was as enjoyable as ever and yet we enjoyed it more. Just why it was, it is impossible to say. The evening went past in a whirl of gaiety. We would thank Miss Isa Russell for the arrangements she made and all who helped to make it an evening that we will not forget.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

1. Who “painted her face, tired her head, and looked out at a window?”
2. “A soft answer . . .” Finish this quotation.
3. What three Old Testament heroes killed lions?

(Answers at the end of the Supplement.)

The Mearns Parish Temperance Association.—The film entitled, “The Beneficent Reprobate” shown at the Evening Service on Sunday 16th January was greatly enjoyed by a large congregation. What impressed an onlooker was the honesty of the experiments depicted on the screen. There seemed no attempt at exaggeration. The difference between a man performing a given task with and without the imbibing of alcohol was a slight one. Yet there was no mistaking the loss of alertness and perfect control that the man who had partaken of alcohol had suffered. It is just that slight difference that makes all the difference in the lives of so many.

THE MONTH'S THOUGHT

“Do little things as though they were great, because of the Majesty of Jesus Christ Who does them in us, and Who lives our life; and do the greatest things as though they were little and easy, because of His omnipotence.”—(Pascal.)

The Recall to Religion.—It may be that some are contemplating the meetings to be held on the week beginning 13th March in Giffnock South Church with certain forebodings. During that week all meetings in the individual Churches will be cancelled and all are expected to attend the evening meetings of the campaign. Now, have we asked ourselves why it is that we are not looking forward to them and will be glad when they are past? Is it because we are afraid that what the aim of this campaign is, is to make us more pious? If this is our fear then we may banish it at once. For Christ came not to urge men to a life of this kind but to show men how to live life to the maximum.

Supplement.—Contributions for March should be sent to the Minister not later than 15th February.

Answers to questions: 2 Kings 9, 30; Proverbs 15, 1; Samson, David and Jedaiah.