

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER 1938

OFFICE-BEARERS AT THE CHURCH DOOR

- Nov. 13. J. W. Jarvie and T. M. Donald.
,, 20. C. J. Thom and James Pollock.
,, 27. G. Glegg and S. Rodger.
Dec. 4. Miss Osborne and J. Hood.

REGISTER

Death

- Oct. 1. Jessie Pettigrew, The Moorings, Newtonlea Avenue.

At the opening meeting of the Woman's Guild held on Monday 17th October, and at which an inspiring address was delivered by Mrs Craik of Giffnock, it was decided to form, in connection with the Guild, a Work Party. The feeling was expressed that there were in the congregation a number of women, and also of men, who were anxious to help in some way to finance the building of the new Church, and were waiting for an opportunity being given to them. It was the almost unanimous opinion of those present that it was inadvisable to hold a Sale of Work on any large scale. It was, they thought, impossible to compete with machine-made work of to-day. It was agreed, however, to inaugurate a Work Party to meet on alternate Monday afternoons to those of the Guild, at 2.30 p.m., at which members would work at orders received from members of the congregation. A large number gathered at the opening meeting on Monday 31st October, and the orders received were distributed among the members. We would urge the congregation to support this effort by themselves placing an order with Mrs Mackay or Miss H. J. Osborne, Broomlea, Newton Mearns. There may be some who cannot attend in the afternoon but would be willing to do so in the evening. Will all those who are so willing, give their names to Mrs Mackay, who will hold the meeting in the Manse on an evening that is convenient.

The New Church.—Within the past few weeks the walls of the Church have been taking visible shape. For some time the men have been laying the foundations. These, however, are now completed, and we shall see quicker evidence of the work in the days ahead. Already most of us must have been impressed with the grandeur of the Church as it will be when it is finished. In the north-west corner the walls of the new Session-House and above it the new Hall are clearly visible.

The most difficult task confronting the Congregational Board and the Finance Committee is at the moment the arranging of loans to meet the deficit of roughly £4000. We are able, as a congregation, to pay the interest on this each year, but we are anxious to save dissipating our resources on paying interest, and use them rather to the paying off of capital. With this aim in view the Finance Committee have been endeavouring to secure as many grants as possible, and also to obtain money free, if possible, of interest. They have also approached the Church authorities in Edinburgh with the aim of obtaining an increased grant, due to the rise in the price of building since the latter

was fixed. The Conference is to be held in Glasgow on Tuesday 8th November at 4 p.m. The congregation will be represented by the Minister, Mr Pollock, Mr Thom, Mr Anderson, and Mr Mather.

The Badminton Club.—The same enthusiasm is evident in the members as in former years. The facilities for play have not been encroached on since the Hall is available on Tuesday evenings, and the Choir Practice is being held in the home of Mr Cormack. The standard of play is, we believe, better than last year, which is accounted for partly by the fact that some of our players who were unable to play last year are on the court once more. The team relegated last season to the second of the five divisions has won the first two games, and we wish them good luck in their efforts to regain their former place. The Club is meeting Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, except where the Hall is required for other meetings. The subscription is 8s. 6d.

The Young People's Union is now in session, and this year we are under the able chairmanship of Mr James T. Anderson. The opening meeting on Sunday 30th October at 7.45 p.m. in the Hall was attended by about thirty. A keen discussion on the subject, "What is a Living Church?" took place, and the feeling was expressed by a member that only 7½ per cent of our congregation were facing up to the implications of discipleship of Christ. Was he right? The statement is one that should make all of us ask whether or not we are within that percentage. The meetings in November are as follows:

- Nov. 6. "Is the Treatment of the Jews Justifiable?"
—Miss N. Downs and C. L. Thom.
,, 13. "Is Modern Civilisation a Failure?"—A. Russell and J. B. Simpson.
,, 20. Address.—Mr David Fleming.
,, 27. Why Agnosticism?"—H. Beastall.
Dec. 4. "John was the finest of the Disciples."—Misses M. B. Clyde and N. Harvie.

Varia.—The Children's Gift Service was held in the Hall on Sunday 2nd October at 11 A.M.—The gifts of fruit and vegetables were taken to the Paddy Black Mission in Glasgow, and a letter of cordial thanks was received from Mr James Black.

Concert on behalf of the Building Fund.—We would take the opportunity of thanking Mr and Mrs Duncan of Glebe Road for the contribution to the above through the proceeds of the concert organised by them on 11th October. They have given a lead to us in private enterprises of this kind. The evening was a most entertaining one, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr Downs and his company for coming to our aid in this way. The sum of £15 was handed over to the Treasurer.

The Invalids' Corner.—May we say to those of you who are unable to leave the house and be present at the Services of Public Worship, that we never let a Service pass without remembering you. Whenever accordingly you are laid aside and the hour of worship comes round, will you remember that we are thinking about you? Will you also pause for a moment or two at the hour of worship and think of us? Each of us thinking at the same time of the other, we will transcend the space that divides us and be one.