

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

FEBRUARY 1939

The G.A. Concert.—We would draw the attention of the congregation to the Concert to be given by the members of the Girls' Association on Thursday and Friday 2nd and 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. The play which the members are giving this year is entitled "Ladies be Good," and will be produced by Miss Mary Hay. The G.A. have asked two gentlemen to assist them this year, Messrs James T. Anderson and George Corcoran. Solos, choruses, and sketches will comprise the rest of the programme. We would ask you to support the girls of the Association in this further venture they are making.

On Wednesday 15th February the G.A. will visit East Campbell Street Lodging House, and give their usual concert to the members. On this occasion they always distribute a Mearns pie to the inmates.

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The Cinematograph Entertainments.—No more enjoyable evenings have been spent in our Hall than those in which Mr Maurice Anderson gave an exhibition of some of his own films. The fact that one of them obtained first prize in the Scottish Amateur Film Society's Competition proves the quality of which they were made. It would be difficult to single out any of them for special mention, since to do so would depend simply on one's taste. They were all equally good. The film of the opening day of the Empire Exhibition, taken in colour, was a perfect delight to behold. It appeared as if the Queen had purposely posed for the photographer. Our interest was, of course, specially aroused as we looked at the picture of the laying of the Memorial Stone. Mr Anderson, we understand, is making a film of the building of the New Church in all the different stages, and those who were unable to be present on the 16th and 17th January may have an opportunity later when the Church is finished and the Service of Dedication has been held. The evening was made even more enjoyable by the music which was most appropriately arranged. To Miss Betty Anderson, Mrs Robert Anderson, Messrs James, Robert, and John Anderson, as well as to the promoter, we would give our warmest thanks. The sum of £24 was raised, and the two evenings were supplemented by a children's matinee on Tuesday afternoon.

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Woman's Guild.—The above are holding a Bring and Buy Sale in the Church Hall on Saturday 25th February at 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. On such an occasion it is the custom for each person not only to come and buy an article but also to bring something that can be sold—cakes, sweets, goods, etc. At the beginning of the winter the Guild decided against holding a Sale of large nature, and decided, instead, to work throughout the winter for orders, and also to hold this Bring and Buy Sale in February. We know how many calls are being made this winter upon you as a congregation, but the

circumstances this year are exceptional and necessitate every effort being made. The Hall will be open on Friday 24th February from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday forenoon from 10 a.m. till 12 to receive donations.

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The Financing of the New Church.—By this time the congregation will have been visited at the decision of the Congregational Board, and will be aware of the stage we have reached in the financing of the New Church. We would thank the people for the reception they have given to our representatives. It was felt that many were ignorant of the actual position in which we found ourselves, and that the real difficulties should be explained to them. It was also an opportunity for the Managers to meet some in the congregation who were unknown to them. We would add that the Managers very readily accepted this task which was assigned to them. They would reveal that we were about £2200 short of our total of £12,200. Considering that we started the year 1938 with about £700 in the Bank, and that we are so near our goal, we may feel extremely satisfied with our position at the beginning of 1939. The difficulty, however, is, as you know, that we do not get the grants of £3750 until we are able to state that we have no debts remaining. Until then, to raise what we are lacking, we must borrow this £3750 from the Bank, and be heavily burdened with the interest to be paid. We would like to thank Mr Walter Davidson of the Union Bank for the assistance he has given us in this latter respect.

We regret that as we go to print we are still waiting for the result of a meeting of the Baird Trust, although we cannot hope that they will make an extenuation in our case.

RECALL TO RELIGION

At a meeting of the local ministers held in my Manse on Tuesday 20th December 1938, the following points were decided:

- (i) That owing to the difficulty of securing suitable missionaries, the local ministers themselves should conduct the week-night meetings of the Spring Campaign.
- (ii) That an outside minister be invited to conduct the Joint Evening Service with which the Campaign closes.
- (iii) That the Secretary should send a letter to each of the local ministers, giving full details of the Campaign, and explaining why it is to take a special form. This letter to be used by them either as a paragraph in their congregational magazine or as a pulpit intimation.
- (iv) That it be left to the Secretary to suggest a general subject for the week, and to allot one title under that general subject to each of the local ministers.

NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

TO MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GIFFNOCK AND NEWTON MEARN'S

It has now been decided that the Final Mission of the "Recall to Religion" Campaign will be held in Orchardhill Church from Monday 27th March until Sunday 2nd April 1939.

On the five week-nights, the local ministers will in turn give a series of addresses on "Relationships of Life." And on the Sunday evening there will be a Joint Service at 6.30 P.M., at which the preacher will be the Rev. George J. Jeffrey, B.D., of Sherbrooke Church, Pollokshields.

The Presbytery's "Recall to Religion" Committee hope in this second Campaign to reach those who are outside of the Church. With that end in view, the missionaries appointed to work in the city of Glasgow will visit factories, clubs, welfare centres, political bodies, and other kindred associations in the month of March.

It has to be recognised, however, that as Giffnock and Newton Mearns is a suburban area, the Campaign here could not be conducted on these lines. But in

order that we may associate ourselves with the rest of Glasgow in a united effort, it was felt that a "Recall" Week such as has been described above would meet the circumstances.

You are therefore invited to keep these dates free, and to lend your hearty support to the ministers of your congregations.

They have chosen this series of subjects because it will enable them to speak to the people they know about some of the elements in the "Recall to Religion" which they believe to be of lasting value.

RELATIONSHIPS OF LIFE

Monday 27th March. The Christian and the Church.
Mr Duff.

Tuesday 28th March. The Christian and the Home.
Mr Rodger.

Wednesday 29th March. The Christian and Modern Business. Mr Mackay.

Thursday 30th March. The Christian and the Thought of our Time. Mr Kirk.

Friday 31st March. The Christian. Mr MacKenzie.