

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

APRIL 1939

Baptisms

Feb. 21. John Moir Young, 80 Main Street.
,, 26. George Ritchie, Kirkbean, Larchfield Avenue.

Marriage

Feb. 24. Isabella Strang Young to Arthur Anderson
Forrester.

OFFICE-BEARERS AT THE CHURCH DOOR

Apr. 9. Miss Osborne and J. Hood.
,, 16. Mrs Menzies and W. Rodger.
,, 23. B. C. Maitland and J. T. Anderson.
,, 30. G. C. Corcoran and D. Fleming.
May 7. J. B. Mather and W. Craig.

The Girls' Association Concert.—This year the G.A. decided to give two performances of their annual Concert in place of one, and the hall was filled on both evenings by audiences who enjoyed thoroughly the various items of the programme. In the opinion of some this was the finest entertainment that they have given to us, and the spirit of happiness which is evident on their faces is one that is soon passed on to those in the audience. It would be invidious to mention individual items, but we remark on the fact that two outside the Association were invited to take part this year—Mr James Taylor Anderson and Mr George Corcoran. As the "compère" of the evening the former distinguished himself and kept us all in good humour, while both delighted us with their songs. A former G.A. member, Miss Ethel Hay, gave us of her best and seems in singing to go from strength to strength, and Mrs Kirkland at the piano made a most admirable accompanist. The short play which concluded the evening was acted in a way that could not be surpassed. Its only weakness was that it was too short. The G.A. have had a most successful winter and that is due in no small measure to the capable and indefatigable president, Miss Marion Thomson, and to her committee.

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be ready by next winter, will be lighted and heated for use, and it may be that we will be compelled to carry on with our present arrangements.

The meetings this year have been extremely valuable and it is noteworthy how the class has developed in the freedom and the depth of discussion. The papers given by the members have been of a high order, showing study and sincerity. The speakers who have visited us—Mr Pollock, Mr Effe, Mr Nimmo and Mr Fleming, and the Rev. John L. Kent—have been most welcome visitors, and the president, Mr James Taylor Anderson, has occupied the chair and controlled the meetings in a manner that leaves no doubt that he has mastered the art of public speaking.

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The Annual Business Meeting of the congregation was held on Thursday 23rd March at 7 P.M., and was attended by a goodly number. Those co-opted to the Congregational Board at the last annual meeting were appointed to it, and the following were elected for three years: Messrs J. W. Jarvie, S. C. Kirkland, G. W. Lambie, and W. M'Laren.

The accounts were presented by Mr Thom, the treasurer, and were adopted, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to him for his services. Chief interest was centred in the financial position regarding the New Church, which position had changed considerably in outlook since the close of the year. Mr Mackay thanked the congregation for the magnificent way in which one and all had done their bit, and stated that at the moment the deficit stood at £1785. He intimated that an offer for the purchase of the feus had been received through the mediation of Mr Jarvie, of £650. This would bring the amount still to be raised to £1135. Considering the fact that we faced in June 1938 the financing of a project of £12,200, he said that the achievement was one of which they could all feel proud. He mentioned the fact that two members of the congregation had loaned them £1000 each, for five years, free of interest. These loans had paved the way considerably for the more comfortable situation in which they now found themselves. Mr Mather thanked Mr Andrew Russell and Mr Maitland for their oversight of the building operations and congratulated them on the speed with which the work was being accomplished. In particular the thanks of the congregation were due to Mr James A. Anderson of Balmae, who had been "the spearhead" of their negotiations with the Home Board and the various Trusts, and whose business acumen and ceaseless activity had resulted in the way being found through our difficulties. Rev. T. Angus Fraser of Shawlands Cross then addressed the meeting and gave an inspiring message, reminding the congregation that their great privileges in this area laid upon them corresponding great responsibilities.

The Badminton Club.—Despite the fact that their evenings of play were restricted this winter, the Club carried off the championship of the Second Division of the Glasgow and District Churches' League, and thus regain the place in the First Division which they lost last year. To the members of the team—Miss Howieson, Miss I. Russell, Misses Mary and Belle Young (now Mrs Forrester), and Messrs Andrew Russell, D. Campbell, R. Cowie, and John Russell—we extend our congratulations. A most enjoyable evening was spent on Wednesday 22nd March, when the first and second teams played Mearns Parish Church, the latter winning both games, by 11-5 and 10-6. Few tussles are more enjoyable than those of a local nature.

The Golf Club.—A most enjoyable evening was passed in the Tudor, Giffnock, by the 176 members of the congregation who assembled at the Whist Drive and Dance organised by the Church Golf Club. The aim of the promoters was not to raise money but to provide an opportunity for members of the Church to meet one another in a social capacity. The Whist Drive and the Dance were run concurrently, but two-thirds of the guests began the evening with the former. The fact that about 95 per cent of those present were members of

the congregation made the evening one of the most enjoyable we have ever had. The committee of the Golf Club are to be congratulated on the venture they made and which resulted in such a tremendous success. During the evening the Golf Cup, presented by Mrs Templeton of Crookfur, was handed over to the winners, Mrs Barr of Suffolk Lodge and Mr Arthur Anderson of Springbank. To Mrs Norman Norman, the secretary of the club, we extend our cordial thanks, and those who wish to join the club should hand their names to her. The opening outing will be held on Tuesday 18th April, to Deaconsbank Course.

Coming Events.—The Anniversary Services will be held on 30th April and will be conducted by Rev. John L. Riach, B.D., of Largs.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on Sunday 7th May, and those whose names begin with the letters K-Z will assemble at 12 noon, and those from A-J at 3 P.M. The Minister will be assisted at the Afternoon Service by the Rev. John Malloch, B.D., the new Minister at Thornliebank. There will be no Evening Service.

A class for Young Communicants will be opened on Sunday 9th April, at the close of the Evening Service, in the vestry.

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