

Newton Mearns Supplement

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EDITORIAL

We have just said good-bye to January, 1940, and few of us would be sorry to do so. It is perhaps one of the most depressing months through which many of us have lived. The weather has been on its worst behaviour. Someone has been studying statistics and has pointed out that the "forties" from 1340 in the month of January have always brought wild snowy weather. Certainly 1940 has been the worst January that we have ever experienced. The cold has been more severe than we have yet known it in Newton Mearns. We say that to assure those who have recently come to this district and may be wondering if they have chosen wisely. Especially upon the older people has the cold been extremely trying. Shut in by night we have also found ourselves shut in by day. Added to this we have the depression which the state of the world is imposing upon us, and the anxiety of mind that we have as we look forward into the future. Truly the world has been put in a state of upheaval since September 3rd of last year. In such an hour the words that come to the mind are those of the greatest of the Apostles, "I have learned in whatever state I am therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on February 4th at 11.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and also to the sickness prevalent at this time the attendance was much below the usual, 254 communicating in the forenoon and 26 at the celebration that followed the close of the Thanksgiving Service. Thirty-one members joined us at this time, and we receive them with cordiality into our midst.

By Profession of Faith.—Miss Dorothy Henning, c/o Floakside, Kilmarnock Road; Mr. James D. Pyfe, 5 Carrick Crescent, Williamwood.

By Certificate.—Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Huntingtower, Reside Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Baxter, Craigiehill, Gilmourton Crescent; Misses E. and M. M. Donald, Crosscyrne, Arthurlie Drive; Mrs. MacRae, Station House, Whitecraigs; Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Croyland, Kilmarnock Road; Mr. and Mrs. Sellars, Selmuir, Beech Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Craig-holme, Beech Avenue; Mrs. Fulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Carwhin, Beech Avenue; Miss Edith Dick, 29 Redburn Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Kilmarnock Road; Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, Strathraig, Kilmarnock Road; Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, 1 Barrhead Road; Mr. and the Misses Reid, 66 Beech Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Dalzell, Fairway, Rysland Crescent; Mr. Graham Lindsay, 3 Parkhill Drive, Rutherglen.

Office-Bearers on Duty at the Church Door.

Feb. 18. J. B. Mather, W. Craig, C. J. Thom.

„ 25. J. A. Anderson, J. MacBean, J. M'Callum.

Mar. 3. Stewart Telfer, R. Anderson, J. W. Jarvie.

The usual Concert, to which we always look forward with anticipation, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st of March, at 7.30 p.m. Two plays will be given entitled "Wanderlust," and "The Lass that lo'ed the Tinkler." Songs and sketches will also be given, and we ask you to keep free one or both of these dates.

As the choir members are anxious to organise a Musical Association, I will take this opportunity of passing a very cordial invitation to those members of the Congregation who could join us on a Thursday evening. We would like our Association to be in the region of fifty to sixty singers, and to do this we need **your** help. Our aim is to tackle some of the larger oratorios, and at the present moment we are putting in a little work on one or two of the choruses in Handel's "Messiah." Our faithful choir members would be pleased to have your assistance on a Thursday evening, as all four parts require more singers, especially the tenor and alto sections. Please give this note your consideration, join with us on Thursday and help us and yourself to make our music worthy of the beautiful Church in which we worship. G. Y. L.

We would take this opportunity of extending a very warm welcome to our new Organist, Mr. Graham Lindsay. We have already had several Sundays in which to listen to his work at the organ and we would like to say to him what great pleasure he has already given to us with his music. He had had two months of the Hammond Organ before he came to us, but that is not a long time in which to get to know an instrument that presents many problems to the uninitiated and yet we can truly say that he already plays it as a master. We feel that as a Congregation we have been extremely fortunate to secure his services and we hope that he will be happy in our midst. Meanwhile we would like to say to him that we are as a people most appreciative of his work. He, himself, has written a contribution for this Supplement and we would support the appeal he is making for the formation of a Musical Association.

It has been announced that the Daylight Saving Bill will come into operation again on Sunday, February 25th. Accordingly on that Sunday the second Service will be altered from 4 p.m., as at present, to 6 p.m., where it will be stabilised during the rest of the year until further notice. This will still make it possible for the Young People's Union to meet as usual at 7 p.m.

It was unfortunate that the evening of films organised by Mr. Maurice Anderson should have taken place at the height of the snowstorm in January. Arrangements, however, had been made and the entertainment was carried through as arranged. Over 60 people bravely faced the storm and enjoyed a splendid programme. £4 4s. was raised for the Building Fund as a result of this effort.

The number of children that are taking out cards each year is steadily increasing. Last year 5 of these were present in Church on every Sunday of the year, 53 in all. This is a magnificent record and one that even their parents will sometimes find it difficult to equal. Well done, children! What were their names? Irene Donald, Sheila Anderson, Sheila Niven, Alex. M'Intosh, and Alastair Cormack. Muriel Alwin had 49 attendances, Ishbel Simpson and Edith Hay, 47, Ian Davidson and Olivia Mackay, 45.

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