

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

MARCH, 1940

HOURS OF DIVINE SERVICE:

11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday School—10.30 a.m.

Beginners' Class (during Morning Worship).

REGISTER.

January and February.

Baptisms.

DAWN NICHOLSON, Braeriach.

JOHN GORDON WATSON, Larchfield Avenue.

ELIZABETH JEAN DALZELL, Fairway, Rysland Cres.

JOHN CRAIG, Wellmeadow.

Deaths.

Mrs. FORGAN, 23 Glamis Avenue.

Mrs. WALTER RODGER, Greenside.

Miss ANN STRANG, The Shaw.

J. P. SIMPSON, Leamyside.

JOHN MURRAY, L.D.S., Croyland.

OFFICE-BEARERS ON DUTY AT THE CHURCH DOOR.

March 17—D. W. JOHNSTON, J. T. ANDERSON,
B. C. MATTLAND.

„ 24—Miss PRATT, ROBERT ARMOUR, S. C.
KIRKLAND.

„ 31—A. RUSSELL, G. W. LAMBIE, G. C.
CORCORAN.

April 7—R. CARSWELL, A. MORELAND, J. KEIR.

The Young Communicants' Class.—A class for young Communicants will be opened on the first Sunday of April at the close of the evening service. Instruction will be given on the essentials of the Christian faith. While the class is meant primarily as the vestibule to full membership of the Church it is not incumbent on those who attend it that they should do so. There is no particular age at which one should join the Church. John Wesley, at the age of eight, felt his heart "strangely warmed." Others have joined near the close of their life. If you feel that it is right that you should do so, then come forward. The class will meet in the vestry.

The Girls' Association.—The Annual Concert given by the above will be held on Wednesday, 20th and Thursday 21st March at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Two plays will be given and in addition a programme of songs and sketches. This evening is always a most enjoyable one and we commend it to those of our members especially who have never been privileged to be present at one. The Girls' Association support their own missionaries in different parts of the world and in addition have been working assiduously for the men on service. Your support will assist them in both these branches of their work. The tickets are 1/- and may be had from the Church Officer.

The Sacrament of Baptism.—When the congregation was visited quinquennially some years ago by a representative of the Presbytery, the Minister remarked to him that in two and a half years he had only had two baptisms in the congregation. Never mind, came the reply, they may be two great souls. The number of baptisms has, however, increased considerably, and it has been decided to set apart the second Sunday of each month for the celebration of this Sacrament. In certain instances this will not be possible, particularly with men on service, but arrangement can be made with the Minister.

The Young Peoples' Union.—We are at the end of another very successful session, and despite the "black-out" the attendances have in no way been affected. Perhaps in this time of war the benefit of meeting together and discussing the problem of the hour has been greater than ever. If any one thinks that the young people of this age are not turning over in their minds the deep things of life then he should come to this meeting. One looks into the future with real hope when one has listened to their discussion. We have unearthed another excellent President in Mr. Laurence Gemmell, who has conducted the meetings in most efficient manner. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those members of the congregation that have addressed them. Their lectures have been most stimulating, and their positive statement of the Christian Faith of incalculable benefit to our younger people.

The Anniversary Services.—It may seem strange to some that these should be held in the month of April, and not in the month of December, when the new church was opened, but it should be remembered that they commemorate the founding of the congregation in 1739 and not the opening of the church building. We are this year to have a visit from the Rev. Professor A. J. Gossip, D.D., of Trinity College, Glasgow. One of the foremost preachers of our age, we look forward with keen anticipation to his coming amongst us. He will conduct both the services at 11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Miss Agnes L. MacGibbon.—It was a real pleasure to see the pulpit occupied on 25th February by Miss Agnes MacGibbon, one of our own members. She is at present studying in St. Colm's Missionary College, Edinburgh, prior to work under the Home Mission Committee of our Church. She gave to us a most illuminating picture of the College in which she is at present resident, and also of the training that they are there receiving. A teacher herself of elocution, she had no difficulty in speaking and in being heard. Her address is one that will not easily be forgotten, and we congratulate her most warmly on the manner in which she attacked her subject. May she be richly blessed in her life and in her work.

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The Organ Recital.—It has been decided that the evening service on the last Sunday of every month shall be of a different nature. The first half hour will be of the usual devotional character, concluding with the Benediction, after which an organ recital will be given for the remainder of the hour. The first of these was held on the 25th of February at 6 p.m. and a large congregation was present. Mr. Lindsay, whose excellent capabilities as an organist are already known to us, gave us great delight at the organ. His programme was Postlude in A flat, by Rinck; Cavatina, by Raff; Water Scene, "Narcissus," by Nevin; and Short Prelude and Fugue in B flat, by Bach. The next recital will be on Sunday evening, 31st March.

VARIA.

The Sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** will be dispensed on the first Sunday of May at 11.30 a.m. and at the close of the evening service.

The **Woman's Guild** will meet fortnightly throughout the Spring and Summer, as announced from the pulpit, in order to give out material for work.

Mrs. Thom has been appointed a member of the Jewish Committee of the General Assembly.

The **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Wednesday, 27th March, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be served and a programme of music will be given.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

- (1) Distinguish between the four Josephs mentioned in the Bible.
- (2) Distinguish between the four Judases mentioned in the Bible.
- (3) Distinguish between the three Marys mentioned in the New Testament.