

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

APRIL, 1940

REGISTER.

Baptism.

March 12—THOMAS WILLIAMS, Moorhill Crescent.

Death.

March 13—ROBERT MACINTOSH, Moorhill Crescent.

EDITORIAL.

We would take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the congregation the Bring and Buy Sale to be held in the Church Hall, on Saturday, 20th April, at 3 p.m. For the past few years we have been concentrating on raising money for ourselves, and now that our obligations have been met we would turn again to think of others. The primary object of this Sale will be to do something for the Foreign Mission Fund of the Church of Scotland, but the Jewish Mission and the Temperance Work will receive a proportion of the money raised. To allow the missionary work of the Church at this time to lapse is to lose another battle against the powers of darkness that are active in the world to-day. Only through the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will peace on the earth be established, and this Sale of Work is to provide the means of carrying on this work. The hall will be open to receive donations on Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.

The **Woman's Guild** meets at present every alternate Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Although the number of workers has been comparatively small a considerable amount of work has been done.

Besides sending Christmas Gifts to the members of the congregation on service, we have sent 510 articles to The Women's Voluntary Service Centre at Giffnock. These consisted of knitted blankets, shirts, scarves, helmets, socks and other comforts. We received from members of the congregation eleven parcels of clothing and a donation of £1 for Finland, for which we return thanks.

Bring and Buy Sale.—At the meeting of The South West Council of the Woman's Guild, in Renwick Church Hall on 1st May, the "Feast of Light," written by Mrs. Clow, of Netherlee, will be presented. The "Feast of Light" deals with all the work of the Church, and this presentation has the approval of the four Committees of the Council, whose funds will benefit from the proceeds.

It is suggested that Guild Branches make this an occasion of thankofferings for the blessings of the "Light." These thankofferings will be dedicated at the meeting at which the "Feast of Light" will be presented.

The largest share will go to the Foreign Mission Committee, which is in urgent need of funds. Home and Jewish Missions and Temperance Work will benefit proportionately.

As we are anxious to help in this special effort and wish to continue our work of knitting for the troops, we have decided to hold a Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday, 20th April, at 3 p.m.

Gifts of produce, cakes and provisions will be received gratefully. Special attention is drawn to the Handkerchief Stall to which you are asked to bring and from which you are asked to buy a handkerchief.

We feel confident that the congregation will support us in this Sale as they have done in the past.

—H. J. O.

The Annual Business Meeting.—The chief item of business at the Meeting of the Congregation on Wednesday, 27th March, was the transference of the property of the Church to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Hitherto, the property of the congregation has been vested in individuals appointed by the congregation. The Congregational Board, however, recommended that this now be handed to the Church of Scotland and placed in the custody of trustees appointed by that body. They did so because of pressure by the Baird Trust from which the congregation had been promised £2,000 which would be paid as soon as all debt had been liquidated.

After some discussion, during which it was pointed out that the property was merely held in behoof of the Newton Mearns Church, it was agreed (there was no counter motion) that the recommendation of the Board be adopted. This decision the congregation will be asked to ratify at a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, 14th April, at the close of the morning service.

In presenting the Financial Statement, a letter was read by Mr. Thom the Congregational Treasurer from Miss Morag Johnston enclosing a donation for the Building Fund. He pointed out that this gift brought the amount gathered by the congregation over the £6,100, which was our share of the £12,200, the total cost of the Church. The other half was accounted for by the grant of £3,400 from the Home Board, £2,000 from the Baird Trust (at present covered by loans within the congregation), £500 from the Ferguson Bequest, and £200 from the Bellahouston Trust. The Measurer's figures, he said, for the completed building were not yet in their hands, but working on the estimates (which they had reason to believe were accurate) the congregation had now fulfilled its obligations. It was peculiarly fitting that the donation that completed this should come from the daughter of a former minister of the Church, Rev. Alfred Johnston.

The musical part of the evening was greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Nancy Blue and Mr. Alexander Moreland put us once again in their debt with their delightful singing. The choral music of the Choir conducted by Mr. Lindsay, was greatly enjoyed, and the warmth with which the congregation welcomed Mr. Lindsay, an indication of the place that he has already won in their affection.

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

The attendance was the largest that we have ever had, and the cup of tea provided by the ladies of the Board greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Jack and Mr. W. T. Davidson were new members appointed to the Board, and Messrs. William Currie and Duncan Buchanan to the Praise Committee.

The Girls' Association.—The Girls' Association Concert was a great success. The attendances on both nights were excellent, and on the second evening it was so large that many had to stand throughout the entire evening. Many of the G.A. were anxious to slip round to the back of the hall during the course of the concert and view it from there but there was no room even for one of them. We can, however, assure them that the programme was universally appreciated. The solo work was of a particularly fine quality and the duets touched a very high standard. To Misses Nancy Blue, Ethel Hay, and Messrs. James Anderson and Roy Hastie the audience paid high tribute. Mrs. Duncan gave us some of her inimitable sketches that earned great applause; Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Maclaren gave us great pleasure at the piano. Annie Johnston's dancing was as beautiful as ever.

We were particularly interested in the plays and thought that they were exceptionally well done. The first was of a more serious nature, but what it lacked in humour was fully compensated for by the finished presentation given by the actors and the attention of the audience was gripped from the beginning to the end. There are few more enjoyable forms of entertainment than a "straight" play. The second play abounded in humour and the acting again reached great heights. The audience relished the tangles in which the amorous maid continually found herself. The plays were produced by Miss Mary Hay, and we congratulate her on two excellent productions. She must have felt rewarded by the pleasure that they afforded the audience.

The meetings of the G.A. are now finished for the season, but we would like to commend this organisation to all the girls of the Church. There are many who would find here a fellowship that would enrich their lives and an opportunity of service of which they ought to avail themselves. To the President, Miss Marion Thomson, who has so capably led them this year, and to Miss Nette

Downs, the Secretary, whose acting in the play was a delight, we accord our warmest thanks. We would thank all those who helped with the lighting, and the setting and shifting of the stage.

The Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the first Sabbath of May at 11.30 a.m., and at the close of the Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. Those joining by certificate should hand the same to the Minister at their earliest convenience, and those wishing Visitors' Cards may have them on application. The Preparatory Service will be held in the Church on Friday, 3rd May, at 8 p.m. A Class for Young Communicants will be opened in the Vestry at the close of the evening service to-day.

The Thanksgiving Service on May 5th will be conducted by the Rev. Norman S. Boyd Scott, M.A., of Queen's Park West.

Anniversary Services.—The Anniversary Services will be held on April 21st at 11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. Professor A. J. Gossip, D.D., of Trinity College, Glasgow.

The Choir.—There are many members of the congregation who could serve the Church by coming into the Choir, and, once again we appeal to you to give to Mr. Lindsay the encouragement which he so richly deserves. We are taught by our Lord to take the talent with which we are endowed and trade with it for the glory of His Kingdom.

The Sunday School Party.—This annual event in the life of the Sabbath School was delayed from Christmas because of the "black-out," and was held on Saturday, 9th March, at 4 p.m. It is tautological to say that the children enjoyed themselves, for children always do at a party. Spin the Plate, The Jolly Miller, Musical Arms, The Grand Old Duke of York, etc. were entered into with the usual gusto, while the scene at the end of the tea was reminiscent of "Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard." Miss Isa Russell, the Secretary of the Sunday School, was responsible for the arrangements, and in her capable hands the evening was a great success. To her and all the teachers, including Mr. Andrew Russell, the Sunday School Superintendent, for this and all their work throughout the year, we offer our grateful thanks.