

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

MAY, 1940

## REGISTER.

### *Baptism.*

May 8—EILEEN FULTON REID, Kincraig.

### *Death.*

April 3—Miss ELIZABETH CURRIE, Greenside.

## New Members at the May Communion.

### *By Profession of Faith.*

JANETTE PHILLIPS MURRAY, Croyland, Kilmarnock Road.

ANNIE CALDWELL WILSON, Craigiehill, 34 Beech Avenue.

BARBARA WATT MONTEATH, Broadlea, Beech Av.

MURIEL THOMSON WISHART, Birkdale, Beech Av.

NANCY DUNCAN WATSON, Glendonagh, Kilmarnock Road.

MARGARET RUSSELL DUNCAN, Dunruden, Glebe Road.

### *By Certificate.*

Mr. and Mrs. THOS. B. FORD, 3 Broomvale Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. STEVEN, Ormidale, Windsor Av.

Mr. and Mrs. A. STUART, Eastwood, Newtonlea Av.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES N. PEDEN, Milrig, Glebe Road.

Miss SYBIL PEDEN, Milrig, Glebe Road.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE STOTT, The Lodge, Netherton.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN B. MACGREGOR, Mandala, The Loaning.

Miss MATHIESON, Main Street, Newton Mearns.

Miss MARGARET AITKEN, c/o Grant, Kilmarnock Road.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M'KENZIE, 1 Broomvale Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT R. ALLAN, 31 Windsor Av.

Misses MARGARET, ANNIE, and BARBARA

STRATHEARN, Maranbar, Beech Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. INGLIS NEILL, Bhon-na-Craich, Beech Avenue.

Mrs. LEYS, 20 Sunningdale Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. FLEMING, Dunskey, Crookfur Road.

Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW LAIDLAW, Woodlands, Whitecraigs.

Miss MARJORIE LAIDLAW, Woodlands, Whitecraigs.

Mr. GEORGE HUNTER, Earnock, Hazelwood Av.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. MACASLAN, Hilton, Craigie Dr.

Mrs. M'CULLOCH, Lauristan, Hazelwood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES S. MACLAUGHLAN, Eastpark, Firwood Road.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES PATERSON, Aber-Rigg, 16 Broomvale Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, Denewood, Hazelwood Avenue.

Mrs. MEARNs TAYLOR, 70 Larchfield Avenue.

Mrs. TUNBRIDGE, Beech Avenue.

Mrs. FULTON and Miss MARGARET FULTON, Glen-Tane.

Mr. and Mrs. WALTER TEMPLETON, 7 Manse Lane.

Mrs. DAVID COSH, 2 Ashview Terrace.

**The Bring and Buy Sale.**—The critical financial situation of the Foreign Mission Fund of the Church of Scotland necessitated some special effort being made by the Church at home to relieve the position, and the appeal was responded to by the Woman's Guild organising a Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday, 20th April, in the Church Hall. The work being done by everyone for the Red Cross, the lateness of the time of the year, and the claims that are being made on the populace made the organisation of it a peculiarly difficult one, and yet the Woman's Guild faced the task with courage and with enthusiasm. The rationing of sugar, butter, etc., made the contributions a real sacrifice from those who gave to the cake and candy stall. Their gifts came out of their savings week by week. In addition, little time was available in which to make preparation for the Sale, for the decision of the South West Council was made only a few weeks ago. Consequently, the raising of £43 was a magnificent effort by the Guild and one that will be a most helpful contribution to the funds of the Foreign Mission Committee, the Jewish Committee, and others of the Church at large. If we remember that there are at least 2,500 congregations in the Church of Scotland, if everyone did the same, the debt would be cleared and a large surplus left for additional work. It should be realised that this contribution is supplementary to the normal givings of the Church to these funds, and we would thank all who gave and all who bought. To the members of the Guild, and especially to the Secretary, Miss Osborne, we would extend our grateful thanks. They have crowned a hard winter's work with this magnificent effort.

**The Appointment of New Elders.**—The continual growth in the membership of the congregation has necessitated the decision of the Session to appoint six new elders. Our membership is now over 700 and the number of elders eighteen. It has been decided to increase the number to twenty-four, and a meeting of the congregation to nominate these will be held at the close of the forenoon service on Sunday, 12th May. The Law of the Church of Scotland is that no one can withdraw his name at such a meeting, the underlying principle being that it is impossible to refuse an office which one has at that time not been offered. If the number of those proposed exceeds six, a vote of the congregation will be taken by voting papers posted to each member. Meanwhile you are asked to think over carefully those whom you feel would fill these positions.

**Mr. Graham Lindsay, A.T.C.L.**—Our congratulations are given to Mr. Lindsay on the degree which he has attained, Associate of the Trinity College of London. We feel that the honour is one which is richly merited. The Session decided to gift to him the gown which signifies this.

## NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

**The Anniversary Services.**—These were conducted on Sunday, 21st April, by the Rev. Prof. A. J. Gossip, D.D., of Trinity College, Glasgow. Unfortunately, the day was wet and cold, most unlike a day in April. Nevertheless a fairly large congregation assembled in the forenoon and about eighty at night. They were richly rewarded by the services in which they were privileged to take part. The passing of the years seems to increase the force of the Doctor's personality. One of the petitions that he offered in prayer was that the old might not impede the young in their new methods of advancing the Kingdom of God, and one felt as one listened to his proclamation of the Gospel that he for one was alive to all the currents of thought in the world to-day. It was a long service in the forenoon for the congregation did not start for home till 1.15 p.m., and yet he held the attention as in a vice.

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The **Girls' Association** have decided to organise a Rambling Club open only to women, and all who desire to accompany them should communicate with Miss Marion Thomson, c/o Rev. Andrew Hunter, Redthorne, Glebe Road.

The attendances at the **Communion** in May were 424 in the forenoon and sixteen in the evening.

The Session have decided to compile a list of those who are on service for their country, both men and women. In order that it may be as complete as possible, will all those concerned please give the name, rank, and address to the Session-Clerk, Mr. James Pollock, at the earliest possible date. It is proposed to place this list in the Vestibule of the Church.

The attendances at the second service have been discussed by the Session. Except on special occasions they have averaged between fifty and sixty. If the need for this diet of worship during June, July and August does not appear to be evident they have decided to have only one service

during these months. This has been our custom in other years, and unless a desire is shown to continue them, they will adhere to this decision.

It was a great pleasure to have with us both at the Preparatory Service and the Communion on the Sunday following the Rev. Robert Small, B.D., late of North Berwick. He is now resident in the district, and is also, during the summer months, deputising for his son, the Rev. Leonard Small, of Kilmarnock. Many will look back with gratitude on his ministrations to us at this time.

Miss Clyde has now secured the services of three additional teachers for the class that meets during the hour of Morning Worship. These are Miss Muriel Wishart, Miss Nancy Watson and Miss Helen Ritchie. She has now been able to separate the older children from the younger, and will welcome now those who are beyond the beginners' section, and who are not attending the ordinary Sunday School at 10.30 a.m.

It is a source of great joy to hear the appreciation of new members at the warmth of the welcome given to them when they come to the Church. We would thank all who have done this and emphasise how important is this piece of work in our congregation at this time.

**Seat-Letting.**—The Session and congregation always feel very gratified as they welcome new members to the Church and hope that our new friends feel the warmth of feeling that is a very real thing in this congregation. The Seat-Letting Committee, with the concurrence of the Congregational Board, in their endeavour to accommodate all who wish seats allocated to them, purpose removing the number of sittings from pew card while retaining the names of pew holders. The Congregational Board have also authorised the Seat-Letting Committee to let seats in excess of the original numbers.