

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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## CHURCH SERVICES.

**Morning**—11.30 a.m.

**Evening**—6.30 p.m.

**Sunday School**—10.30 a.m.

A Class for Beginners and for older children  
living at a distance from the Church is held during  
the Morning Service.

**Young People's Union**—7.15 p.m.

## OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR.

April 13—Messrs. J. A. ANDERSON, MACBEAN  
and McCALLUM.

„ 20—Messrs. D. W. JOHNSTON, B. C. MAITLAND  
and J. T. ANDERSON.

„ 27—Messrs. R. ANDERSON, J. G. CURRIE and  
W. T. DAVIDSON.

May 4—Messrs. J. B. MATHER, W. CRAIG and  
C. J. THOM.

## COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING	...	...	£120	8	9
CHURCH DOOR PLATE	...	...	26	11	6
SPECIAL—RETIRING	...	...	8	16	5
			£155	16	8

## REGISTER.

### *Baptisms.*

JOHN FREDERICK HUTTON HOPKINS, St. Ola, Arthurlie  
Drive.

SUSANNE ELIZABETH EASTON ALLISON, Braeriach, Larch-  
field Avenue.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER ROSS OSBORNE, The Croft.

SARAH MARGARET HARDIE, Pilmuir.

MARY ELIZABETH PATERSON, 20 Broomvale Drive.

### *Death.*

Mrs. ROBERTSON, Carwhin, Beech Avenue.

## THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation was  
held in the Church Hall on Thursday, 3rd April. There  
was a very satisfactory attendance of members considering  
the many calls on their time at present. The Rev. W. M.  
Mackay was in the chair.

After the Meeting had been constituted, the Clerk,  
Mr. Jas. A. Anderson, read the Minutes of the last Annual  
Meeting and of other General Meetings held during the  
year. These were approved and passed unanimously.  
A synopsis of the decisions of the Board during the year  
was read by the Clerk for the information of the members.

The Treasurer, Mr. C. J. Thom, presented the accounts,  
which showed that the finances of the congregation were  
in a highly satisfactory condition. After some questions  
had been answered, the accounts were approved and  
adopted and the Treasurer was thanked for his services.

The chief matter of interest was the new Constitution  
of the Congregation, copies of which were distributed  
through the hall. After the Clerk had read the Consti-  
tution paragraph by paragraph and had given explanations  
on points raised by members, it was unanimously adopted.

Thereafter, reports on the year's work from the various  
organisations, viz.:—Sunday School, Boys' Brigade,  
Badminton Club, Woman's Guild, Girls' Association, and  
Young People's Union were read by the various Secretaries,  
and listened to with interest.

The last part of the business before the Meeting was the  
election of members to the Congregational Board. The  
new Constitution requires that there be twenty-four  
elected members, six more than previously. The follow-  
ing were appointed:—(1) Re-elected: Mrs. Menzies, Miss  
Osborne, Messrs. G. Corcoran, J. T. Anderson and R. D.  
Campbell. (2) Elected for the first time: Mrs. Buchanan,  
Misses Connall and Hunter, Messrs. J. S. Anderson,  
Baxter, Brownlee, Howie, Peden, Robertson and Todd.

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Messrs. J. A. Anderson and Jarvie were re-appointed Auditors.

Mr. Mackay intimated that an opportunity would be given to the congregation to contribute to the Clydeside Relief Fund on Sunday, 13th April.

On the motion of Mr. Brownlee, it was remitted to the Kirk-Session to consider the possibility of each member of the congregation on Service with His Majesty's Forces receiving a personal letter from individual members of the Session to keep them in touch with the congregation.

On the call of Mr. J. B. Mather, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Mackay for the way in which he had conducted a very difficult and important meeting.

The Meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.

The Report of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been compiled by the Editor, but in his capacity also as Congregational Treasurer he is unable to say what the Meeting feels about his great services to the Church.

As the Minister, accordingly, I take this opportunity of expressing to him my own personal as well as your thanks for the able and efficient way in which he has throughout the year administered the finances of the congregation. The task of a Church Treasurer is one that is constant and demands a great deal of one's time, and we would like Mr. Thom to know how appreciative we are of his work both in this capacity, in the Editorship of the "Supplement," and in his other work in the Church.

I feel, as a Minister, that I am fortunate to be surrounded by a band of such willing workers and would take this opportunity of thanking my beloved Session-Clerk, my loyal and Competent Clerk to the Board, and indeed all whose love of the Church is unsurpassed by any other part of their life.

W. MURRAY MACKAY.

**The Young People's Union.**—On Sunday, 2nd March, the Y.P.U. was addressed by Mr. William Menzies, who spoke on "The Modern Dilemma." The breakdown of the old beliefs on which Christian civilisation was built and the rise of Fascism and Communism in their place was dealt with. It was shown that only by a return to genuine Christianity can man achieve a life that is rational and free. An interesting discussion followed. On the other two Sundays there were interesting debates and discussions on "Modern man is not worrying about his sins," led by Miss N. Downs and Mr. John Ford, and "Is the problem of evil more acute than that of suffering?" led by Misses P. Allan and M. McCallum. At the end of the session the office-bearers for next session were appointed as follows: President—Miss Chrissie Bone; Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Phylis Hayworth.

**The Woman's Guild.**—The Work Party of the Woman's Guild continues to meet once a fortnight. The articles most needed at present are socks and gloves.

It may be of interest to know that since March, 1940, the number of articles sent to the W.V.S. Centre at Giffnock is 969. The total number sent since the beginning of the war is 1,406 besides £26 in donations.

**The Girls' Association.**—The members of the G.A. wish to thank the congregation for the generous support given at their concerts. The sum of £28 was realised.

The session just ended has been a very successful one, and now that the summer is coming the girls have decided to have a number of excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood.

**79th Glasgow Coy, The Boys' Brigade.**—Over a cup of coffee in the Smoke Room at Boys' Brigade House, four men sat discussing the subject nearest to their hearts—"the Company."

"I'm a bit disappointed these days," said Number One. "We had a very poor attendance at Bible Class yesterday—only 73% of the Company. For the month, to date, our average attendance is below 80%. A very poor percentage for the Umpteenth."

"Yes, I should imagine it is," replied Number Two. "We are also finding a certain amount of apathy amongst the boys. It seems to be the unsettled times in which we are living. In the old days our attendance was seldom below 80%, whilst we had nine absentees yesterday."

"Can't say we are just so bad," added Number Three. "Of course, we are decidedly fortunate in having the entire sympathy of the parents. I've been working out our attendance whilst you were talking and I find it comes out at a decimal point below ninety. After all, with spring colds and the like, one must look for a certain number of absentees. How do you find things at Newton Mearns?"

The question was addressed to the fourth member of the group and his reply was readily forthcoming.

"Well, we have been enrolled just over three months and, whilst boys usually take a little bit of educating to B.B. standards, I must say we have been fairly successful to date. We have twenty-three boys on the roll, and yesterday morning we had one absentee."

No prizes are offered for guessing the number of the Company referred to, or for working out the correct percentage attendance!

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A Church Parade has been arranged for Sunday, 20th April, when both the Boys' Brigade and Life Boys will attend the morning service. This is the first occasion on which the Company and Team will have attended Church in uniform and all look forward eagerly to a successful parade.

**The Social Club.**—This Club, open to our young people, has had a most encouraging start. It opened on Tuesday, 18th March, with an evening of games. These were played until 9 p.m. when a talk was given to us by the Rev. Walter Clow, B.D., of Netherlee. It was a most interesting address on the relationship of Providence to the individual. A short period of discussion followed. Thereafter, tea was served, and the evening closed with Family Worship.

It is not our intention to have a talk of this nature every night. On another evening we had a General Knowledge evening, organised by Mr. Alex. Brown.



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This past Monday we were privileged to have a visit from Mr. Appadurai Aaron, Warden of the International Club at the University. He gave us a most delightful picture of the rural life of India. The "caste" system is looked on to-day, he said, as a curse in that land. Originally, however, it was the foundation of the society and of the civilisation. All those who tilled the soil lived in a separate community by themselves. All those who were of the teaching fraternity did likewise. Similarly with those whose duty it was to do the weaving for the district, the dairying, the "policing," etc., etc. None of the one caste was allowed to marry outside its circle. No money changed hands. If you needed new clothes you simply went to that part of the community and asked for and received them. All were living a life of dependence on the other. Those who disobeyed the decisions of the village council were put outside, and so there originated the outcaste, whose numbers are so great in India to-day. Mr. Aaron said that up till his boyhood that was the economy that existed in his village. He voiced the hope that India would not become over-industrialised as the great contribution she had given to the world, her art, her drama, her culture had all come through the beauty of her rural life. He also voiced the need for Great Britain to give to that land after the war that independence enjoyed by other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. It would be a tragedy if she cut herself off from the Empire, yet, unless she were granted these rights, he felt convinced that this is what would happen.

The evening closed, as usual, with Family Worship.

Next Tuesday, Mr. MacLaren is organising an evening, "I want to be an Actor," and we look forward to a novel form of entertainment. The evening begins at 7.30 p.m.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

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

The Preparatory Service will be held on the preceding Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.

The Kirk-Session will meet that evening at 7 p.m.

Those wishing to join our fellowship by Certificate should hand same to the Minister at their earliest convenience.

A Class for First Communicants will be opened at the close of the forenoon Service to-day (13th April).

On Sunday, 20th April, the Boys' Brigade Company of the Congregation will hold their first Church Parade at the forenoon service.

The Rev. Harry C. Donaldson, M.A., Foreign Mission Secretary of the Glasgow Presbytery and District, will conduct both services on the 27th April. Mr. Donaldson was Minister of Wellpark Church, Dennistoun, until a year ago, when he resigned to take up this special piece of work. He is one of the most interesting of our younger ministers, and we offer to him a very warm welcome to our Church.

On that Sunday, the Minister will be taking part in a service in Edinburgh of special interest to our congregation. In Carrick-Knowe Church, Corstorphine, Miss Agnes L. McGibbon will be dedicated as a Church Sister. It is enjoined that a Church Sister serve for a period of probation of six months before being dedicated to her great work. Miss McGibbon has now fulfilled that condition, and having proved herself to be equipped for the task, will be dedicated to the service of Christ. We give to her our good wishes and our prayers for God's blessing upon her life.

### THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

The following Proverb is written in code. The code is very simple and underneath certain parts of the Proverb key letters are given. See how quickly you can decode this, and then look it up in your Bible.

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### "SUPPLEMENT."

Contributions for May, 1941, issue should be sent to the Editor, Mr. C. J. THOM, SCHOOLHOUSE, NEWTON MEARNS, not later than Sunday, 27th April, 1941.