

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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## OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR.

- Nov. 9—Mrs. Menzies, Messrs. W. Rodger and J. Maclaren.  
,, 16—Messrs. J. Keir, T. Howie and J. S. Robertson.  
,, 23—Miss R. Connall, Messrs. J. M'Callum and G. C. Corcoran.  
,, 30—Messrs. J. Russell, J. Brownlee and J. Pollock.  
Dec. 7—Mrs. Jack, Messrs. R. Armour and S. C. Kirkland.

## FINANCE.

### Collections for October—

Systematic Giving	....	....	£99	1	0
Church Door	....	....	14	8	6
Special—Colleges	....	....	2	0	11
			£115	10	5

## REGISTER.

### Death.

*"Christ, the first fruits of them that are asleep."*

Nov. 4—Mr. James G. Currie, Baldorran.

### New Members.

#### *By Profession of Faith.*

Mrs. Albert Terry, 100 Main Street.  
Miss Margt. Anderson, Springbank.  
Miss Mary Bennett, 17 Hill Avenue.  
Miss Eileen M. Osborne, Rysland.  
Mr. Frank Murray, Culzean, Firwood Road.

### Communion Services—2nd November.

Both services were conducted by the Minister.  
The number present was 415.

The attendances at the November Communion for the past years were 393, 400, 424, 460 and 415.

### Mr. James G. Currie.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we record the death of Mr. James G. Currie, Baldorran, Crookfur Road, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on 4th November. It is little more than a year ago since he was elected and ordained an elder in the Congregation. None who saw him pass that day into the chancel and take his place in the midst of the Session realised how brief would be the

tenure of the office here by him. Within that short time, however, no man ever did more or made so many friends. Coming as a stranger to the district about ten years ago he soon became beloved both by the old and the new to the district. It was impossible for him to remain a stranger. He loved his fellow man too much for that. He made himself known and brightened his life with his smile and humour. In the visits he made in the district, he endeared himself to all. For the young of the Church he had an especial affection; how much he has done to bind them to it we shall never know. They looked on him as their friend, to whom they took their problems and found in him one who was sympathetic, wise and helpful. It was through his inspiration that the Social Club was founded in February. He secured the hall in Kirk Lane and provided games for it. Even during his illness he was planning for it in the future. For the Church of Jesus Christ he had a great love. Many times he expressed the wish to be able to return to it again, but he added, "I am with you every Sunday forenoon at 11.30 a.m." As of the life of Christ so it might be said of him that in the shortest time he completed a great task. His name will be cherished in many hearts. He has now entered into that fuller and richer life which was as real to him as his life upon the earth. We shall miss him much but know that he has now heard the words of the Saviour, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Sunset and evening star

And one clear call for me;

And may there be no moaning of the bar

When I put out to sea;

But such a tide as moving seems asleep

Too full for sound and foam

When that which drew from out the Boundless  
Deep

Turns again Home.

To his brother and sister who looked after him in his illness with a love that was most tender we extend our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

## PRESBYTERY NOTES.

### Visitation of Congregations.

Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson suggested to the Convener of the National Service Committee that more might be done to keep in touch with Congregations whose ministers were on active service as Chaplains. They might be visited by the Presbytery and encouraged to maintain their efficiency as well as reminded that their sacrifice at this time was part of the National effort. In this way the "wrinkles" that were too often apparent in these instances might be "ironed out" before they appeared.

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### Knitting Wool without Coupons.

Reference was made by the Rev. Dr. White to a telegram which he had just received from the Government that knitting wool without Coupons would be supplied through the Woman's Guild of the Church of Scotland. Where there was no such organisation in the Church a person could be appointed by the Minister to represent the Congregation. It was pointed out that the Coupons available to the Congregations would not be in proportion to the numbers of the Woman's Guild but to the numbers who had handed their names to the President of the Woman's Guild or to the person appointed by the Minister. Amendment had thus been effected in the original regulations.

### War Damage Insurance.

Insurance of Movable Property within Church Buildings is now to be introduced as from 1st October. The rate will be 15/- per cent., payable in two 3-monthly premiums. Congregations were urged to take action in this matter since no compensation would be given by the Government nor by the Church Courts where this had not been done.

### Plea for Increased Giving to Church Funds.

A Committee for the supervision of the ingathering of the Funds of the Church has been established by the Presbytery under the Convenership of Mr. Thomas Henderson. Its duty is to watch over the methods that are being employed in each Congregation and to ensure that all the members are being given the opportunity to give systematically. Visitation of all the Churches is not practicable in the "black-out," but any Congregation wishing to be so visited may arrange with the Committee for this to be done. The Committee did not wish to be dictatorial or inquisitorial. A figure, however, had been agreed upon by the Committee to be aimed at by each Congregation—1/- per communicant increase by the end of the year. The Committee did not plead the claims of one scheme of the Church rather than another. One thousand million pounds had been raised for the Government by the small investor. That showed that it was the small investor who counted. We should not be diffident in asking for the money. The money is there. Taxation may be high, but the money was flowing back into the pockets of the people, if not the same pockets. It is not inability that we have to face but indifference. No means for the collection of the extra contribution are suggested but it is important that it should be kept separate from the ordinary funds.

### Temperance Sunday.

Sunday, 16th November, was appointed as Temperance Sunday within the bounds of the Presbytery.

### The Parcel to the Forces.

You will be interested to know the contents of the parcel that we sent in your name to those on service. You will appreciate the difficulty that we had in procuring eatables but would you be disappointed if you had received the following? A letter was prepared by Mr. Nimmo and inserted in it. In another part of the Supplement we have printed that.

1 pair socks, 1 helmet, toilet soap, shaving soap, boot laces, writing pad, envelopes, pencil, tooth brush, tooth paste, Penguin Book (thriller), Vade Mecum of Church of Scotland, New Testament, chocolate, cigarettes.

To the Committee (Mr. Pollock, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Thom, Misses Osborne, Mrs. Mackay, Mr. Wardrop, Miss Thom and Miss E. Russell) who tied up the parcels we extend our thanks.

### Letter Enclosed in Parcels to Service Men and Women.

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH,  
CHRISTMAS, 1941.

DEAR FELLOW MEMBER,

Once again the approach of another season of peace and goodwill finds us in the thick of a war effort which brings in its train inevitable privations, the chief of which is separation from those we hold dearest. Such separations seem all the more pungent at this time of remembrance, as we recall the many happy occasions of bygone days. Accordingly, we who are still at home would not be unmindful of you, who are shouldering the national burden in the various units serving at home and abroad and we have great pleasure, as a Session, in sending you this Christmas parcel as a small token of remembrance and gratitude from your Kirk.

Many of us served in the last war and we have not forgotten our own experiences of those testing years. Like you we were forced to make contacts, some of which were good and others bad. Conditions will be much the same to-day and you will realise, as we did, that under any circumstances the way of Christ is always the right one.

We hope you have proved in your own experience that Christian people and Church organisations have not been behind in the noble work of serving. It is our earnest prayer that you will keep in touch with these and that on your return to civilian life you will have found an impetus to exercise your influence in maintaining and enhancing the strength of the Christian fellowship and may God grant you all the courage you need in the days that lie ahead.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

W. MURRAY MACKAY. (Minister)

JAMES POLLOCK. (Session Clerk)



## NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

### The Young People's Union.

There was a satisfactory attendance at the opening meeting of the Y.P.U. on Sunday, 26th October, when two very good papers were read by Miss E. Phillips and Mr. E. Herbert on the question, "Should a shopkeeper always tell the truth?" Neither of the speakers themselves nor those who took part in the subsequent discussion maintained that a shopkeeper should not tell the truth, but the difficulty of always speaking and living the truth in our day to day dealings with others was emphasised.

We would most cordially invite those who have not yet joined us to do so at our next meeting on 9th November at 7.15 p.m. in the Upper Hall.

### 79th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade.

During these days when the thermometer is falling it is pleasing to note that the numerical thermometer of the Company is steadily rising. Exactly twelve months ago it stood at zero but by "degrees" the strength steadily rose and the latest reading records "thirty-three." Perhaps we might say "thirty-three in the shade"—in the shade or influence of the finest organisation for boys, an organisation which during the past fifty-eight years has left its mark on hundreds of thousands of the boys of Britain, and helped them towards attaining some measure of "true Christian manliness."

That the officers are pleased with this attainment is beyond doubt, but, as with the standard of efficiency of the Company, they are never satisfied, so it is made known to all eligible boys that the "79th" has a cap to fit them—if they can fit the cap! It is no vain boast to say that we are attaining a high standard—we definitely are, and the keenness and enthusiasm of the boys is splendid. But self-satisfaction has no place in a really good Company, and so it is that we are working harder than ever to become more and more efficient, and to take our place amongst the outstanding companies of the Glasgow Battalion. Our work has from time to time been encouraged by the kindness of friends in donating trophies for competition amongst the boys and this month the officers have to place on record their appreciation of the gift of a silver medal to be awarded annually to the most efficient recruit of the session. This medal has been presented by a lady who desires to remain anonymous and her gift

will prove an incentive to the new boys to work hard and attain a high standard of efficiency. All join in saying, "Mrs. Anon., we thank you."

Last month it was hinted that an opportunity would shortly be provided for the congregation and all interested friends to see the work carried on by the boys, and also to view the film taken at camp in the summer. This has now been fixed and will take place on the evenings of Friday, and Saturday, 5th and 6th December. A full two hours' programme will be provided by the boys and details of this together with programmes will be available shortly. If you are interested in a bright, colourful display, as we hope all will be, please note the date and purchase a ticket when asked to do so. The camp film, in itself, should be an attraction, and a real tonic for black-out gloom. It might be explained that the proceeds of this display are to be set aside as the nucleus of a Camp Fund for the boys. It will be appreciated that, whilst this year we were able to borrow equipment, it may not always be possible to do so, and with this in mind the officers are anxious to acquire as much equipment as they can, while it is yet possible to do so.

### The Children's Corner.

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES."

Fill in the words left out in the following texts with the name of a bird, or an insect.

- (a) The way of an ..... in the air is wonderful
- (b) O that I had wings like a .....
- (c) I am as a ..... alone upon the housetop.
- (d) The ..... taketh hold with her hands.
- (e) Doth the ..... fly by thy wisdom.

You will find the texts in the following books and chapters: Prov. xxx.; Psalm cii.; Job xxxix.; and Psalm lv.

### Supplement.

Contributions for December, 1941, issue should be sent to the Editor, Mr. C. J. THOM, SCHOOLHOUSE, NEWTON MEARN'S, not later than Sunday, 30th November, 1941.