

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Morning: 11.30. a.m.

Evening: 6.30. p.m (In Upper Hall)

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.

OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR.

Dec. 7—Mrs. Jack, Messrs. Robert Armour and
S. C. Kirkland.

„ 14—Messrs. H. C. R. MacRae, J. Nimmo and
S. Telfer.

„ 21—Messrs. R. Carswell, A. Moreland and J.
Todd.

„ 28—Messrs. R. Anderson, W. T. Davidson and
J. Pollock.

FINANCE.

Collections for November—

Systematic Giving	...	£148	10	0
Church Door	...	24	12	7
Special: Church Extension, Hospitals and Earl Haig Fund		17	2	2
		£190	4	9

REGISTER.

Marriage.

“Heirs together of the grace of life.”

Nov. 29—Barbara Watt Monteath to Lachlan Ian
Macbeth.

Deaths.

“Christ, the first fruits of them that are asleep.”

Nov. 23—Mrs. Hamilton, Towerwood Lodge.

„ 28—Mrs. Aitken, Asheraig, Edzell Drive.

The New Minister at the Broom.

It was with peculiar pleasure that the Congregation welcomed on Sunday last the Rev. Cameron Wallace, the newly appointed Minister of the Extension Charge at the Broom. The appointment is made by the Home Board of the Church in Edinburgh inasmuch as there is no Congregation with the wishes of which he could be appointed by

the Presbytery in the usual way. It must be a strange feeling with which a Minister in such a position comes to take up his work. He does not know when the Church doors are opened on a Sunday morning, whether there will be any Congregation to take part in the worship. Our sympathy then is with this young man in going forward with such courage to a very difficult and adventurous piece of work. His work will resemble more closely than does that of a Minister in an established charge, the task that confronted the early apostles and preachers. When they announced that they would hold a Service on the banks of a river in Asia Minor at a certain time on a Sunday afternoon, they did not know who, if any, would be there. The situation here is, of course, a little different. Mr. Wallace is coming to a community where there are many householders who by distance are prevented from attending their old place of worship, who are members of the Church of Christ, and many of whom we are sure are anxious for a place of worship more convenient to them. When the war is over—although we hesitate to use the phrase, we feel we have no right to do so until it is a part of history, the building will be resumed in the vicinity of the new Church, and a powerful Congregation will be established there. In the meantime there are difficulties innumerable in the founding of such a fellowship, and it is our duty as fellow Christians to do all in our power to plant another centre of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The opinion of those who were privileged to be present on Sunday last and hear the address delivered by Mr. Wallace was that the Home Board had made an admirable choice in the selection of him. Gifted with a powerful voice, he revealed a mastery in the conduct of a service of worship not often attained in one of so little experience in the ministry. His children's address was confidently and interestingly delivered. He kept one wondering right to the end what was going to happen to Surdar Singh. His prayers were most helpful. His sermon sounded a clarion call to unity in the Church of Christ. If the Church cannot set its own house in order it has no claim to be listened to by a distracted and disunited Europe to-day. The note of challenge rang through his words, and the vision of Jesus Christ was evident in the person of the speaker. We feel that he will carry the Gospel with power and conviction into many homes in our neighbourhood.

The Session have appointed Mr. C. D. Thom, Mr. James A. Anderson and Mr. H. C. R. MacRae to form part of the Interim Session at the Broom.

The Woman's Guild.

A Special Meeting will be held in the Upper Hall on Wednesday, 10th December, at 2.30 p.m. An Address will be given by Miss Jean Gordon of the

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Church of Scotland's Rescue Home, Queen Mary Avenue, Glasgow.

A cordial invitation is extended to all women to come and hear about this important and practical part of the work of the Church.

The Young People's Union.

The month of November has provided the Y.P.U. with most interesting discussions and addresses.

On the ninth we argued about the relative importance of the civilian and the soldier in this war, after hearing Miss N. Downs speaking for the latter and Miss P. Allan for the former. We came eventually to the conclusion that in modern warfare all citizens are of the utmost importance whether they are in uniform or not.

Miss Gibson, the late headmistress of the Scottish School for Girls at Alexandria, Egypt, with her wide knowledge of the peoples and lands of the Levant, gave us a most vivid and interesting talk on Modern Greece. All those who heard this talk were impressed by the extreme poverty of the Greek countryside and of the peasants, large numbers of whom leave the land whenever possible and drift into the cities and towns of the Eastern Mediterranean, where, by sheer hard work and determination, they frequently build up for themselves considerable fortunes. This money is lavishly spent in building schools or hospitals or other buildings to perpetuate the name of the donor. Social services generally depend to a very great extent on private generosity and not on the State. Yet in spite of their hardships and poverty, or perhaps because of it, the Greeks have again shown the world a most amazing example of tenacity and endurance.

Later in the month the subject of the worldly success of Joseph was ably handled by Miss M. Hunter, who contended that Joseph deserved his prosperity for having obeyed the will of God. The discussion which followed centred round the argument whether Joseph was a worthy instrument of the divine will and whether good men alone or even wicked men could be and actually were used by God to carry out his purpose.

The Girls' Association.

The Girls' Association had a most interesting and enjoyable evening on Monday, 17th November, when Mr. Maclaren gave an Address on "The Art of the Theatre." In view of our forthcoming Concert, the choice of subject was a most happy one and Mr. Maclaren's talk gave us much helpful information.

The G.A. Concert is to be held in the Church Hall on 18th and 19th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, priced one shilling, can be had from any member of the G.A. The Concert is in aid of the G.A. Funds of the Church of Scotland. Owing to our heavy responsibilities in supporting the Church's work—the G.A. is solely responsible for the support

of ten Missionaries in the various foreign fields, amongst the Fisher folk and in welfare work in some of the poorer districts of the large towns—we hope that the members of the Congregation will respond generously and give us their usual whole hearted support.

Donations towards the Royalties on the Plays will be gratefully received.

The Badminton Club.

The satisfactory feature of the Badminton Club is that in these difficult times we have a membership of 18, including members of the Parish Church Club who are again joining with us. In view of the importance that everybody attaches to "keeping fit" the more optimistic among us hope that we may be left to carry on until the end of the session.

On Wednesday, 19th November, a match was played with Williamwood Church Club, resulting in a win for our club. We had a very enjoyable evening, and hope to play the return match in the near future. A Mixed Doubles Tournament begins on 1st December.

79th Company Boys' Brigade.

The Display held on 5th and 6th December, to which the boys had been looking forward for some time, proved a huge success, and the officers would take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to members of the Congregation and others who so nobly supported the effort. As is probably known, the proceeds of the Display will be set aside to form the nucleus of a Camp fund. So great a success was last year's Camp that already many of the boys are enquiring as to the arrangements for 1942.

This effort brings us to the half-way mark in our 2nd session's work, and it is felt that some real progress has been made. That the boys are enthusiastic is evidenced by the fact that the attendance record for the first half of the session is over the 91 per cent. mark, and of the Company 23 boys have not missed a single parade.

In the new year hard work lies ahead of the boys as it is proposed to encourage as many as possible to make an endeavour to gain the various proficiency badges offered by the Brigade.

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