

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Morning—11.30 a.m.

Evening—8 p.m. In the Canteen.

Sunday School—10.15 a.m.

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

OFFICE-BEARERS AT THE CHURCH DOOR.

- Oct. 4—Miss Hunter, Messrs. J. A. Anderson
and J. Macbean.
„ 11—Messrs. R. Carswell, A. Moreland and
J. Todd.
„ 18—Messrs. T. Howie, J. Keir and J. P.
Robertson.
„ 25—Miss Connell, Messrs. A. Russell and
J. M. Peden.
Nov. 1—Messrs. W. Craig, J. B. Mather and
C. J. Thom.
„ 8—Messrs. J. Meiklejohn, J. W. Jarvie and
W. Menzies.
„ 15—Miss Osborne, Messrs. W. N. Baxter and
A. S. McCance.
„ 22—Messrs. H. C. R. MacRae, J. Nimmo and
S. Telfer.
„ 29—Messrs. D. W. Johnston, J. S. Anderson
and B. N. Baird.
Dec. 6—Mrs. Buchanan, Messrs. S. Rodger and
T. M. Donald.

Attendance of Elders at the Canteen.

- Oct. 4—Mr. W. Craig.
„ 11—Mr. W. T. Davidson.
„ 18—Mr. T. Howie.
„ 25—Mr. J. B. Mather.
Nov. 1—Mr. J. Meiklejohn.
„ 8—Mr. W. Menzies.
„ 15—Mr. A. Moreland.
„ 22—Mr. J. Macbean.
„ 29—Mr. J. McCallum.
Dec. 6—Mr. A. S. McCance.

FINANCE.

Collections from May to September.

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| Systematic Giving Scheme | ... | £656 | 4 | 0 |
| Church Door Plate | ... | 73 | 9 | 5 |
| Retiring and Collectors | ... | 43 | 13 | 4 |
| | | £773 | 6 | 9 |

Payments made to the Schemes of the Church Edinburgh from May to September.

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| Maintenance of the Ministry | ... | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| Foreign Missions | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Women's Foreign Missions | ... | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Work among Jews in Glasgow | ... | 9 | 14 | 9 |
| Other Schemes | ... | 37 | 10 | 0 |
| | | £159 | 14 | 9 |

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

- Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gray,
28 Broomvale Drive.
Jean Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter,
Hazelwood Avenue.

Marriages.

“Heirs together of the grace of life.”

- Andrew Marshall Robertson Russell to Mary Bone
Clyde.
John Reid Young to Margaret Whyte Campbell.

Deaths.

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

- Mrs. McCourt, 37 Netherplace Road.
Mrs. Crawford, The Bungalow, Kilmarnock Road.
Mrs. Owler, 8 Broomvale Drive.
Joseph L. Simpson, Townhead Cottages.
Robert Yuille, 23 Netherplace Road.

New Members.

By Profession of Faith.

- Mr. Fred. W. Morris, Glendye, Larchfield Ave.
Mr. Stirling Jarvie, 8 May Terrace, Giffnock.

By Certificate.

- Miss Allan, Gosforth, Elmwood Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. David Hamilton, County Buildings,
Whitecraigs.
Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Ellis, Beechwood, Beech Ave.
Mrs. R. Lindsay, 114 Beech Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. MacCarroll, 39 Hazelwood Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. McGhie, Arthurlie Drive.
Mrs. McQueen, St. Leonards, Newtonlea Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Marchant, 5 Townhead Cottages.
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Robertson and Mrs. Bowie,
Auchincraig, Kilmarnock Road.
Mrs. C. J. Thom, The Schoolhouse.

COMMUNION.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dis-
pensated at both services on Sunday 13th September,
Mr. Mackay officiated. There was an attendance of
430. This compares with the numbers present at
the September Communion for the previous 4 years
viz: 1938—321, 1939—311, 1940—447, 1941—397.

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THE EVENING SERVICE.

The second service is now being held in the Canteen at 8 p.m. All members of the Congregation are invited to the service which lasts about half an hour. Come and help to make profitable for others this evening worship.

Retiral of Mr. Andrew Russell as Superintendent of Sunday School.

It was great reluctance that the Session received and accepted the resignation as Superintendent of the Sabbath School from Mr. Andrew Russell. For over fifty years he had occupied a place on the staff and for over twenty years filled with great acceptance the leadership of it. He never indeed has left the Sunday School since he was enrolled in it as a pupil, becoming a teacher as soon as he had passed through all the classes of it as a scholar. Here, surely, is a record that few, if any, in the Church of Scotland will be able to equal. It will be needless to add that his heart was in the work among the children. He loved them as he loved no one else in the Church, because he saw in them the Church of the future without whom the history of mankind would be dark indeed. He was always at the Hall on a Sunday morning about half an hour before his scholars in order that everything might be prepared to begin at the appointed hour. He knew all the scholars by name and also the long distances that some of them had travelled through stormy weather. A smile of acknowledgement from Mr. Russell made them realise that he knew. To help Mr. Russell to put out the hymn books was one of the aims of the scholars and sometimes when he arrived at 10 a.m. he would find them waiting for him at the door. How true that Mr. Russell's heart has always been with the children. How equally true that the children loved Mr. Russell. If our heart is in the work we are doing then we will not fail to do it well and it is needless to add that for many years the work among the children has been a central feature of our Church. Our Congregation has always been noted for the young people of adolescent years who have made their "home" within the Church. How far that heritage can be traced back to the influence of the teaching in the Sunday School it will not be difficult to decide.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The nation to-day has awakened at last to that truth. Such a long ministry among the young enables one to see some of the fruit of one's labours. No greater joy has Mr. Russell had in his life than as an Elder welcoming into the full fellowship of the Church a young Communicant whom he knew had grown in grace as in years through the teaching he had received in the Sunday School. As he lays down his sword that another may take it we would say in the words of the Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Another member of the Congregation and of the staff of the Sunday School has demitted office after faithful and valuable service, Miss Mary Osborne of Newton Buildings, Main Street. For 21 years she has taught in the Sabbath School. That is a great record and on behalf of the Congregation we would accord to her our most grateful thanks. "In as much as ye do it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto Me."

The Appointment of Mr. John Nimmo, M.A.

A Committee was appointed by the Session under the Convenership of the Session-Clerk to nominate a successor to Mr. Andrew Russell. They recommended unanimously the name of Mr. John B. Nimmo, M.A., and it was with great happiness that in the course of the summer the Session received Mr. Nimmo's acceptance of the office. Mr. Nimmo is qualified in a professional manner to undertake the work, having devoted his life to the training of the young. Recently he has been appointed headmaster of Lochwinnoch School. In addition he has already "proved" himself within our Congregation as a man whose heart is in the welfare of the Church. Anything he has undertaken he has done thoroughly and there is no more beloved Elder in the district than he is. The Session feel that they entrust this most valuable work into capable and progressive hands and assure him that we as a Congregation will give to him all the support and encouragement that we can, and will send our children and those known to us to the Sabbath School at 10.15 each Sunday forenoon.

PRESBYTERY NOTES.

After a brief break in the month of July the regular meetings of the Glasgow Presbytery were resumed on 11th August, but as August is very largely a holiday month, the first meeting was but sparsely attended. A notable absentee was the Senior Clerk, Rev. Dr. Harrowes, from whom a letter was submitted requesting two months leave of absence on health grounds. The letter was received with deep regret by all present, and after a few sympathetic remarks by the Moderator the request was unanimously granted.

It was reported that the Church Extension Charge at Stamperland had now been raised to full status as a parish *quoad sacra* with full rights to proclaim banns of marriage.

The report of the Convener of the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund was especially interesting and gratifying as it showed a substantial increase for the first part of the year, such increase in the Glasgow Presbytery amounting to almost £500. It is noteworthy that the rise in revenue was represented mainly by increased Congregational Contributions mainly in industrial districts, showing that the Church was now sharing in the present prosperity of the working classes.

Many of the Women's Guilds connected with city charges are finding a fresh sphere of activity in promoting the welfare of the large numbers of young women who have been drafted into Glasgow from country districts to engage in war work of various kinds, steps are being taken to ensure a warm welcome and a kindly interest in the well-being of such strangers and it is hoped that all Church workers will co-operate in making the movement a success.

At the September meeting a statement was submitted regarding the amount of fuel supplies available for heating purposes during the coming winter. Churches, unlike schools and hospitals, are not exempted from the economy plan and it would appear that fuel supplies are to be strictly limited in quantity. As a result it may be necessary to make alterations in Sunday services and on week-days in order to pave light and heat. The general feeling was that the authorities must be made

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aware that the Churches must get such supplies as would enable them to carry on their work with efficiency. One speaker suggested that Congregations had the matter in their own hands, overflowing Congregations would largely help to solve the problem as it was much easier to heat a full church than one half-empty—a somewhat novel argument for improved church attendance.

On behalf of the Social Problems Committee it was reported that the Committee had agreed to co-operate with other churches in opposition to the proposal by the Corporation of Glasgow to open the municipal tennis-courts on Sundays. A resolution to that effect was submitted and one minister had the courage to move a direct negative, but a large majority supported the policy outlined by the Convener.

It was agreed to accept the resignation of the minister of East Kilbride Moncrieff Church, at present serving as a Chaplain with H.M. Forces in the Middle East who, in view of his prolonged absence, had expressed a desire to demit his office. This acceptance led to a long discussion on a motion by the Rev. A. Nevile Davidson that the Presbytery should declare that it be considered neither necessary nor desirable for a minister serving in H.M. Forces to resign in view of prolonged absence. The mover emphasised the necessity for making it plain that a Chaplain need have no anxiety regarding his Congregation while on service, otherwise the most conscientious Chaplains would either resign their charge or be continually harassed by the burden of home responsibility. After a long discussion in which the motion received much support a direct negative was proposed and this was eventually carried by a majority.

The Women's Guild.—The opening meeting of the Guild will be held on Wednesday 7th October, at 2.30 p.m. when an address will be given by Mr. Mackay.

The next meeting will be held on October 21st when the speaker will be Mrs. Leuner, who will give an account of her work among the Jews under the auspices of the Church of Scotland. Thereafter the meetings will be weekly.

In order to raise funds for the Guild Schemes and the Comforts fund, it has been decided to follow the usual practice of calling on the ladies of the Congregation and asking for their support.

The Women's Guild acknowledge gratefully the generous help they have received in the past.

Brownies.—The Brownie Pack continues to meet in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoon at 2.30. During the summer months they had several picnics and they are now looking forward to hard steady training during the winter months.

Girl Guides.—A Company of the Girl Guides is to be formed in the near future in connection with the Congregation. Further intimation will be made from the pulpit later.

Sunday School.—The Sunday School has now resumed and the teachers would regard it as a favour if parents would encourage their children to enrol as soon as possible.

Badminton Club.—The Badminton Club resumed play for the season on Monday 21st September.

The Parish Church Club are again joining with us.

The night of play is every second Monday at 7 p.m. and new members will be made welcome. A cordial invitation is also extended to members of H.M. Forces.

The Girls' Association.—The opening meeting of the G.A. will be held on Monday 5th October in the Session House at 7.30 p.m.

As the G.A. is now recognised by the Government as a Youth Organisation, the syllabus this year contains such subjects as First Aid, Keep Fit, Home Nursing and Country Dancing.

The usual G.A. activities, knitting for the forces and preparing for the Annual Concert, etc. also have their place in the syllabus.

A cordial invitation is extended to all girls.

The Life Boys.—The Team has once more commenced its winter activities and despite the depletion of ranks caused by boys passing on to the Brigade, the number of new boys coming forward is very gratifying. There are now thirty boys on the roll but still plenty of room for others, and parents are asked to let their boys join the Team without delay. Lots of new ideas will be introduced during the session and any boy between the ages of 9 and 12, not in the Life Boys, will definitely miss one happy night per week. Parents need have no fear regarding the safety of their boys as arrangements have been made to escort boys across the main road to within easy access of their homes.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.—The Company has resumed for the new session and the Officers are pleased to report an increase in numbers. Besides those transferred from the Life Boys five new boys have presented themselves for enrolment and the strength of the Company now stands at 44. In addition, it is pleasing to note, a new Officer has been added to the staff in the person of Mr. Arthur McKirdy, a new member of the church with a keen interest in youth work.

The new training manual of the Brigade is being fully adopted and the forthcoming session promises to be a most interesting one. Already plans are being made to hold a Parent's Night next month and it is then hoped to entertain the parents on similar lines to last year. In response to countless enquiries it can be said that the Company hopes to produce another Pantomime at the end of the session, but, as yet, it is too soon to give any details.

Although very pleased with the present strength the Officers invite boys between the ages of 12 and 17 to present themselves for enrolment any Friday at 7.30 p.m. when they are assured of a warm welcome.

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Extract from the 'Buteman' which may be of interest to members of the Congregation.

"Amongst the many visitors to the district during July whom we welcome are a fine lot of lads of the 79th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade, who are housed in the School, Tighnabruaich. They are in charge of Captain Robertson and other officers. In addition to enjoying outdoor games and sport they presented a pantomime, "*Cinderella*" on Saturday evening in the Royal Hall, Auchenclochan. A pantomime at the Kyles of Bute is surely unique and as was expected and hoped drew a packed audience. The entertainment provided by the Company was well staged and admirably organised, and gave the audience a great tonic of two hours of real clean fun. Captain Robertson explained that the boys arrived at the Kyles without costumes for the show but the kind and ready help of local people, whom he thanked had removed all difficulties.

The tit-bit of the evening was when the Captain announced that the proceeds of the entertainment were to be devoted to the local Nursing Association, and Mrs. Turnbull, Hon Treasurer, reports that the sum of £20 has been received. Needless to say, the Officers and boys of the Company received the heartiest thanks along with the sincere wish that they return to the Kyles next year."

VARIA.

The Minister will be grateful if all members of the Congregation whose husbands, sons or daughters are on service, will send in to him or to the Session-Clerk, at their earliest convenience, their names and addresses. An envelope may be placed in the plate at the door with these details. It is hoped that all will do this as addresses will in all probability have altered since last year.

For the convenience of members who may wish to know when the various organisations of the Congregation meet the following list is appended.

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| SUNDAY SCHOOL ... | ... Sunday at 10.15 a.m. |
| B.B. BIBLE CLASS ... | ... Sunday at 9.45 a.m. |
| BADMINTON CLUB ... | ... Alternate Mondays at 7 p.m. |
| GIRLS' ASSOCIATION ... | ... Monday at 7.30 p.m. |
| WOMAN'S GUILD ... | ... Wed. at 2.30 p.m. |
| CHOIR PRACTICE ... | ... Thursday at 7.30 p.m. |
| LIFE BOYS ... | ... Friday at 6.30 p.m. |
| BOYS' BRIGADE ... | ... Friday at 7.30 p.m. |
| BROWNIES ... | ... Saturday at 2.30 p.m. |

SUPPLEMENT.—Contributions for the next issue of the Supplement should be sent to the Editor, Mr. C. J. Thom, Schoolhouse, Newton Mearns, not later than Sunday, 29th November, 1942.