

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 older children living at
a distance from the Church is held during the
Morning Service.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICE-BEARERS AT THE CHURCH DOOR.

1943.

- Feb. 7—Messrs. John Brownlie, J. Nimmo and
J. Russell.
„ 14—Messrs. J. W. Jarvie, J. Meiklejohn and
W. Menzies.
„ 21—Miss Osborne, Messrs. W. N. Baxter and
A. S. McCance.
„ 28—Messrs. T. Howie, J. Keir and J. P.
Robertson.
Mar. 7—Messrs. J. S. Anderson, B. N. Baird and
D. W. Johnston.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICE BEARERS AT THE CANTEEN.

1943.

- Feb. 7—Mr. J. Russell.
„ 14—Mr. S. Telfer.
„ 21—Mr. C. J. Thom.
„ 28—Mr. J. A. Anderson.
Mar. 7—Mr. R. Anderson.

FINANCE.

Collections for January, 1943.

Systematic Giving	...	...	£127	12	0
Church Door Plate	...	...	26	2	9
Special Retiring	...	...	2	4	0
			£155	18	9

REGISTER.

New Members—November 1942.

By profession of Faith.

Mary Mitchell Slater, 2 Ashview Terrace.
Mrs. Smith, 7 Moorhill Crescent.
Mrs. Tait, Pollok House.
Mrs. Williams, 43 Moorhill Crescent.

By Certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Berrie, 22 Larchfield Avenue.
Miss M. Church, 134 Main Street.
Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, 55 Larchfield Avenue.
Mrs. H. J. Kennedy, 40 Beech Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thomson, Pladda, Newtonlea
Avenue.

February, 1943.

By Certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie, Woodholm, Hazelwood
Avenue.
Mr. & Mrs. John Hamilton, Tahoe, Kilmarnock Rd.
Miss Anne Hamilton, do. do.
Mr. Alex. Hamilton, do. do.
Mr. James Hamilton, do. do.
Mr. and Mrs. Irvine, 16 Windsor Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, 6 Broomvale Drive.
Mr. and Mrs. John Moreland, 4 Eddington Drive.

Baptism.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

David Harvie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Barrhead
Road.
Maureen Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvine,
16 Windsor Avenue.
Janice Lamont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell,
Hillstones, Beech Avenue.
Alexander Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moreland,
4 Eddington Drive.
Ian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Greta House.
William Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson,
24 Glamis Avenue.

Marriage.

“Heirs together of the grace of life.”

Robert Patrick Sinclair to Irene Margaret Hudson.

Deaths.

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

Mrs. Bruce, The Beild, Kilmarnock Road.
Mrs. McGibbon, Kingarth, Kilmarnock Road.
Miss MacGregor, Mandalay, The Loaning.

RETIRAL

OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.

On Wednesday, 16th December, the staff of the
Sunday School assembled in the Vestry to recognise
the services of Miss Mary Osborne, one of their
number who is retiring after having served as a
teacher for over twenty years. Mr. Mackay spoke
in eulogistic terms of Miss Osborne's long connection
with the Sunday School and concluded by calling
on Miss Osborne, Broomlea (Honorary Vice-
president of the School) to make a presentation.

Miss Osborne, in a neat speech, told of Miss Mary
Osborne's devotion to duty during her term as a
teacher. “Never absent, never late” had been her
guiding principle. On behalf of the congregation,

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she had much pleasure in handing over a Psalter and Hymnary, beautifully inscribed, as a token of regard.

Mr. Pollock, Mr. Moreland and Mr. Telfer also paid tribute to the worth of the recipient who suitably replied.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

In December the Guild was addressed by Miss Lees from Greenock. Her subject was "The Church in Wartime." She pointed out that the strain and stress of war had brought out clearly the function and message of the Church, and that people were turning to her in their need. The Church was meeting that need in many ways—by visiting in the homes of the people, by work among the Forces, and by making contact with Scots girls in England. Miss Lees then dealt with her work as a Church Sister in Greenock and appealed for the support and prayers of all Guildswomen.

At the January Meeting Miss McCuaig told of her experiences during several months in the Churches' Huts. She described all that was done for the material well-being of the soldiers and told of the good work being done in the daily services held. These services were much appreciated by the members of the Forces. As a tribute to the work of the Huts and Canteens, she quoted from a letter from a Canadian soldier, which, after expressing the writer's appreciation of the comfort and home like atmosphere of the Hut, concluded with these words, "And I think I found God there."

THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

The Girls' Association has had a successful and busy season so far. On New Year's Day we had a Social Evening in the Church Hall to which we invited some of the soldiers in the district. Before this Supplement appears the Congregation will have had an opportunity of seeing for themselves the Concert for which the members of the Girls' Association have been rehearsing so strenuously for the past few weeks.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE, 79th GLASGOW COY.

In the Boys' Brigade world this is a period for examinations and tests and already the boys have taken part in several of these. To date 16 boys have passed the Glasgow Battalion examination in Semaphore Signalling and 9 have gained N.C.O.'s Proficiency Certificates. Others go forward for examinations in First Aid, Fire-fighting and Morse Signalling, whilst 5 of the Senior N.C.O.'s have qualified to undergo a practical test for the Efficiency Star. It is with very much pleasure that we record the achievement of four of the senior boys. In this, the third session, these boys have passed all the tests necessary to qualify for the King's Badge the supreme award made by the Boys' Brigade for all round efficiency. These badges have been gained in record time—indeed the boys will not be permitted to wear the honour until they have completed the regulation minimum of three years

in the B.B. This may be taken as an indication of the general efficiency of the Company and it is anticipated that similar honours will now come along at regular intervals.

All the Company activities have reached a high standard and the Band is making good progress. To start off from "scratch" is no easy task but most of the boys have now mastered their instruments and are already practising various march tunes. It is hoped that the Band will be seen, and heard, by the Congregation at the next Church Parade.

In response to not a few inquiries we have to announce that arrangements are now in hand for the production of another Pantomime at the end of the session. Already work has been begun on "Dick Whittington," which, as usual, will have a distinctly local flavour. For the occasion Mearns will enjoy the distinction of having a Lord Mayor and a Civic Banquet. However, no more need be said meantime, as details of the various humorous episodes will keep till the date of the show which will be announced later.

With snow still lying behind some of the hedges it may seem strange to talk of a summer camp, but already preliminary plans have been made for a return visit to Tighnabruaich where the boys are assured of a warm welcome. The task of organisation is greater than ever this year, but memories of 1942 simply demand another camp and already the boys are looking forward to a happy holiday in the true Boys' Brigade atmosphere. Catering is the real problem but a scheme has been devised whereby each parent is asked to contribute 3 points (or more) per month from the boy's Ration Book so that a margin will be available to give the boys really good feeding while at camp. It is known that not everyone has occasion to use the entire monthly quota of points and, where this is the case, the Officers would greatly appreciate it if these, instead of being allowed to lapse, were handed to Mr. Robertson or to any of the boys so that a stock of provisions may be built up for camp. It is interesting to note that at last year's camp 3,986 meals were served. Will you help to make the task a less formidable one?

LETTER SENT TO MEN AND WOMEN ON SERVICE WITH H.M. FORCES.

THE MANSE,
NEWTON MEARNS,
Christmas, 1942.

DEAR FELLOW-MEMBER,

It is with the greatest pleasure that we send you, at this season of peace and goodwill, a small token of regard and remembrance from the members and adherents of our congregation. No work, undertaken by our folks, evinces so much willing co-operation as this annual effort on behalf of those who are at present absent from our fellowship. We want you to feel that, though separated

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from us in body, you are always in our thoughts, especially at Christmastide.

The more one becomes acquainted with the young people composing the Services the more convinced one becomes of the intrinsic value of Church connection to the life of our youth, and we feel sure that you have found this a buttress on many occasions.

The sky is brighter over our cause since last we undertook this duty of remembrance, and our minds naturally turn to the future. When, in God's good time, you return to the old familiar scenes, it is our hope that you will come fortified by your experiences for the great work of reconstructing a topsy-turvy world. In this work the Church of Christ must play an important part.

Meanwhile it is our prayer that you may be sustained by the mercy of God and cheered by the companionship of Him who still delights to walk with the children of men.

"The Lord shall keep thy soul,
He shall preserve thee from all ill,
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will."

With kindest regards and best wishes from your ain folk.

W. MURRAY MACKAY, *Minister.*

JAMES POLLOCK, *Session Clerk.*

CANTEEN PARTY TO THE WORKERS.

A Party was given towards the end of last year to the workers in the Canteen by soldiers in the district who wished to remain anonymous. It was a gracious gesture on their part to desire to express to those, who have given of their time and energy so fully, their gratitude for what had been done on their behalf. It was held in the Upper Hall and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After a "Beetle-drive," the company, consisting of 36 lady assistants, the gentlemen workers and the soldiers had tea in the Session House. A friend among the soldiers had baked a special cake for the occasion which was greatly enjoyed by all. In returning thanks on behalf of the workers, Mr. Mackay said that they were placed in an anomalous position that night. They had opened the Canteen to provide a place of refreshment and recreation for those who were away from home and now they found themselves being guests in their own house. He thanked those concerned for the thoughtfulness that had inspired this expression of their appreciation. Mr. Pollock also addressed the gathering and delighted everyone by his humorous remarks. After tea the company adjourned to the Upper Hall where a most enjoyable evening was spent. At the close despite their protestations those who had been responsible for the evening were thrust into the centre of the room while the company sang "For they are jolly good fellows."

The Congregation are greatly indebted to those who are performing this service to those in the district at the present time—Misses Etta Dorward, Nancy Blue, Messrs. MacLaren, Bone, Forgan, Wood, and all the lady assistants.

FLOWERS.

The Flower Committee would like to thank those members of the congregation who have supplied flowers for the Communion Table during the past year. Owing to the scarcity of flowers at this season members will not be asked to provide them for the next three months, but Mr. John Russell with his usual generosity has promised to supply a plant each Sunday. We still remember with pleasure the lovely basket of Petunias which enhanced the beauty of the Chancel last winter. Of course anyone who wishes to give flowers to mark an anniversary is at liberty to do so. In the Spring and Summer months we hope that blooms from our gardens will be available—or from the gardens of our friends. Not only do they beautify the Church but after the service they have further mission. They are taken to the sick and infirm with the greetings of the Congregation, and their message of remembrance cheers and comforts them.

A gift from a friend of the Church who had appreciated greatly the flowers taken to her has been used to form the nucleus of a Flower Fund and further donations to this fund will be gratefully received by the Convener, Miss Osborne, Broomlea, Newton Mearns.

THE ACOUSTICON.

The Acousticon has been installed in the Church in order to aid those whose hearing is not as acute as it may have been. Those who have made application as invited, have had the "point" led to their respective seats. A number of additional "points" have, however, been made, and those who wish to make use of them should make application to Mr. James Pollock, the Session Clerk, 7 Main Street.

The Congregation are asked to be good enough to allow those who wish to use them to be accommodated in their pews.

TRANSPORT ON SUNDAY FROM THE CHURCH.

An approach was made to the Western S.M.T. Co., regarding facilities for transport for members of the Congregation on Sundays. By a slight adjustment of the service of a bus, they have agreed to hold back a duplicate bus on Sundays so that it will leave the Cross at 12.40 p.m. The Congregation appreciate greatly the considerateness of those responsible.

"OLD DAYS AND WAYS IN NEWTON MEARNS."

It may not be known to some of those who have recently joined our fellowship that, to mark the bi-centenary of our Church, Dr. Boyd Scott honoured himself and us by writing a book which he called "*Old days and ways in Newton Mearns.*" This book, the writing of which was a labour of love to the author, set out to give a local congregational history. It is more than this, however, for it gives to the neighbourhood an historic account of the parish and, as we would expect, in a delightful literary style. The book has been further enriched with drawings by Sir D. Y. Cameron.

With the approach of Spring there is a desire in all of us to get out and about. To most of us our

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activities are limited to rambles within walking distance of our homes and this is not without its advantages.

What could be more profitable than to read Dr. Boyd Scott's book and then to venture forth in the footprints of Roland, or Wallace, or the Covenanters, or some of those "characters" who were in plenty in the Mearns of the olden days.

Copies of the book may be purchased from the Session Clerk, Mr. James Pollock or from any of the Elders.

COMMUNION.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at both services on Sunday, 7th February. The number present was 387. This compares very favourably with the numbers present at the same date on the previous four years, viz:—322, 284, 421, 323.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

It is proposed to hold the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 17th March at 8 p.m. At that meeting the Annual Accounts for 1942 will be presented, vacancies on the Congregational Board filled and any other competent business transacted.

SUPPLEMENT.

Contributions to the next issue of the Supplement should be sent to the Editor, Mr. C. J. Thom, The Schoolhouse, Newton Mearns, by a date which will be intimated later from the pulpit.