

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 Service.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood,
Dodside.

Rhona Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Macbeath,
Broadleas.

John Drummond, son of Mr. and Mrs. McEwing,
Solano.

Elizabeth Dunning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
McKirdy, 17 Hill Avenue.

Hugh Murray MacLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs.
McRae, Station House, Whitecraigs.

Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, 53 Moorhill
Road.

Genifer Bennet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner,
Langton.

William Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson,
24 Glamis Avenue.

Marriages.

"Heirs together of the grace of life."

James Neil Rodger to Pauline Pattison Allan.

Ralph Riley to Marjorie Jessie Fitzgerald.

Colin Lux to Elizabeth Love Bogie.

Deaths.

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

Mrs. Anderson, St. Annes, Newton Mearns.

Mrs. Bennie, 10 Cavendish Drive, Newton Mearns.

Mr. John C. Cormack, Ferndene, Newton Mearns.

Mr. Frank Mitchell, Machrie, Newton Mearns.

Mr. W. Reid, Woodcroft, Newton Mearns.

NEW MEMBERS.

(a) By Profession of Faith.

Elizabeth Bogie, 3 Kinfauns Drive, Newton Mearns.
Donald Campbell, 26 Broomvale Drive.

John Craig, Manse Lane.

Margaret Rae Hodge, 66 Larchfield Avenue.

Thomas Howden, The Holdings, Pilmuir.

Ronald Jarvie, 5 May Terrace, Giffnock.

Anne Robertson Johnston, Moorhill Road.

Andrew Maltman McCance, 50 Broomvale Drive.

Margaret Anderson McGregor, 4 Broomvale Drive.

Robert Stewart, Moocend, Kilmarnock Road.

Colin Telfer Taylor, South Walton Farm.

Marjorie Taylor, 1 Barrhead Road.

Kathleen Watson, 16 Windsor Avenue.

Marion Cochrane Wilson, 34 Beech Avenue.

William James Wood, 119 Beech Avenue.

(b) By Certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bogie, 3 Kinfauns Drive.

Mrs. Harvie, Ingleknowe, Kilmarnock Road.

Mrs. Howden, The Holdings, Pilmuir.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Murray, 6 Edzell Drive.

Mrs. Taylor, South Walton Farm.

FINANCE.

Collections for April and May.

Systematic Giving	£257 18 0
Church Door Plate	38 3 3
Special Retiring	11 17 8

£307 18 11

Mr. JOHN C. CORMACK, M.A.

Mr. John Coghill Cormack died on Saturday, May 1st, 1943 at the age of 49. The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cormack of Dennistoun, he was educated at Whitehill School and the University of Glasgow where he graduated M.A.

After serving as an assistant teacher in the East School, Paisley, and in Busby School, he was appointed Second Master in Mearns School. Endowed with rich talents as a teacher, he was greatly beloved by his pupils. He will be remembered also in the district for his supervision of the Evening Continuation Classes and for the Operettas that were performed under his direction. Of an obliging and sociable disposition he was always ready to assist in a good cause. His services as a pianist were sought eagerly both within and from beyond the confines of the parish.

In June 1931 he was appointed by the Kirk Session Organist and Choirmaster of the congregation, which he served acceptably and faithfully until his resignation in October 1939.

Nurtured in the Main Street Original Secession Church in Glasgow, he became a lover of the Psalms of David and of the Old Scottish Psalm tunes. Luther once said that the Reformation sang its

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way into the hearts of the people, and this was the principle of Mr. Cormack's conduct of the musical part of the worship of the Church. He had the faculty of encouraging people to join in the praise of the Sanctuary.

To his wife who tended him devotedly and unsparingly through the years of his last illness, and to his two sons, one of whom is serving in the R.A.F., the Congregation extend their deepest sympathy in their great loss.

SEMI-JUBILEE OF

REV. A. GORDON STEWART, B.A., TROON.

At a special meeting of the Kirk Session held at the close of the Anniversary Service in April, opportunity was taken to mark the occasion of Mr. Stewart's Semi-Jubilee.

In thanking Mr. Stewart for conducting the Service, Mr. Pollock regretted the absence of Mr. Mackay who was preaching at Portland Church, Troon. Since the date so nearly approached that of Mr. Stewart's Semi-Jubilee the Session had decided to make him the recipient of a small token of the great regard and affection in which he was held by the congregation, even after an absence of twenty years.

Mr. Pollock recalled how Mr. Stewart had come to the congregation as a young minister. He spoke of his youth, his buoyancy, his enthusiasm and his ever increasing personal charm. It was in 1918, said Mr. Pollock, that Mr. Stewart had been ordained and inducted in that church and in 1919, he brought to the Manse Mrs. Stewart, a gracious lady whose mellowing and benign influence was so much reflected in Mr. Stewart.

In a few apt phrases, Mr. Pollock spoke of Mr. Stewart as a preacher, bright, attractive, inspiring and always well prepared; as a pastor, diligent and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

In closing, Mr. Pollock asked Mr. Stewart to accept in the name of the congregation a Book Token as a sign and symbol of their deep regard and affection for him, while praying the blessing of God might rest on his labours and that he might long be spared to preach and continue to grow in wisdom and grace.

Mr. Stewart who expressed himself as deeply moved, thanked the members of the Kirk Session, especially those whom it was not his privilege to know, for that kindness in asking him to take the Anniversary Services on the occasion of his Semi-Jubilee as an ordained minister; for their graciousness in permitting him once again to sign the minutes of their Court and for these tokens of abiding friendship.

County Councillor J. B. Mather warmly thanked Mr. Pollock on behalf of the Kirk Session for the way in which he had expressed the feelings of all present, in what he felt sure, was one of the finest speeches he had ever made.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

Owing to the scarcity of wool, the Work Party of the Woman's Guild has been discontinued during the summer months.

Impressions of the Women's Meetings at the General Assembly.

Any doubts as to the wisdom of re-starting the Women's Mass Meeting, which has been in abeyance during the war years, must have vanished at the sight of the great gathering in the Usher Hall on the opening day of the Assembly. Miss Allison Harvey presided and many well known Guildswomen were present. The speaker was Miss Olive Wyou of Cambridge, who has given much time to the study of theology and is the authoress of several books, notably one on Prayer.

The title of her Address was "Spiritual Reconstruction," and for the foundation of that reconstruction she took the five beliefs expressed in the Creed—belief in God, the Father, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Ghost, in the Holy Catholic Church and in the World to come. On these she based her hope for the future of the world; against them the powers of evil could not prevail. The Meeting was honoured by a visit from the Lord High Commissioner and his suite, and the Moderator of the General Assembly. In a short address His Grace spoke of the special work to be done by the women of the Church when peace comes.

The Moderator brought the greetings of the Assembly, and said that the sight of such a vast audience brought to him the thought of what might be accomplished by the women of Scotland, if they were united in the service of God and of His Kingdom.

A message was sent from the Woman's Guild to Queen Elizabeth, thanking her for her recent broadcast to the women of Britain, with its special emphasis on the importance of the religious life of the home. Mrs. Morris expressed the thanks of all Guildswomen to Miss Harvey for so loyally fulfilling the duties of President during a time of peculiar difficulty and strain. A welcome was extended to Mrs. McKerrow the new President.

The meeting of the Women's Temperance Association was held on the Saturday afternoon of Assembly week. An unusual feature was the presence of the Newhaven Fishwives Choir in costume, whose rendering of Scottish songs was a feast of colour and sweet music, and of that romance which is the background of many of our national songs. The address was given by Dr. Macnab—a Paisley minister—who in a convincing and earnest speech brought home to his hearers their duties and responsibilities as church members towards the Temperance question. No subject, he said, should be so close to the heart of the Church, for while so much was being done the battle for temperance was far from won. We could not drift into security and progress—the price of liberty was eternal vigilance. The cause would not be won in a single battle, rather was it a crusade in which there was no respite—an age long struggle between light and darkness, between right and wrong. These were fateful days for young people whose lives until this war had been lived under the beneficent conditions of a good home, and who were faced suddenly with new and terrible temptations. The speaker asked what the Church was going to do, for it dare not refuse to help. He suggested that church members would need to be convinced, consistent and courageous total abstainers if the drink trade with all its attendant evils was to be overthrown, and our country made happier and safer for the rising generation.

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THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

We started our Summer Session at the beginning of April with a Social Evening. Our guests included those who had assisted at the concert in February, and the evening was voted a great success by all present.

Our week-end in Edinburgh was also most enjoyable. About half our number were able to come and we saw most of the points of interest in the city, including Holyrood House, the Shrine at the Castle, etc. The whole of Monday, we spent at the Zoo and found a great deal to interest us there.

Three weeks ago, we went to the baths instead of having our usual meeting and enjoyed the experience so much that we intend to go again in the near future.

Our next meeting takes the form of a Ramble, of which several are included in our Summer syllabus which also contains Country Dancing and Keep Fit. New members will be welcomed at any of our meetings.

79th GLASGOW COMPANY—THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Annual Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' commences on Monday, June 7th and will run for the entire week. A tremendous amount of work has been put into the production by Officers and boys alike, and those who have managed to secure seats are assured of an excellent evening's entertainment. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to turn away a number who were desirous of obtaining seats, but it can now be said that they can purchase vouchers for a special 'Wings for Victory' performance to be given on Friday, June 18th. The same booking facilities are available as before, and should be taken advantage of without delay. It might be added that the proceeds of the performance, which follows one at Mearnskirk Hospital, have been guaranteed and are included in the local Target Figure.

The Pantomime marks the close of a busy and successful session during which the standard of the Company has risen considerably. During the Winter more than 120 Battalion Certificates and Badges were gained by the boys, whilst four of the N.C.O.'s brought distinction not only to the Company but to the village, by qualifying to wear the King's Badge, the first ever won by Mearns boys. Twenty boys never missed an attendance at Bible Class or Drill during the session, whilst L/Cpl. Gordon Robertson completed three years perfect attendance, being never absent or late for parade

since the Company started. On the judgment of Sgt. Major Boyle, Home Guard, the 'Young Cup' awarded to the most efficient boy goes to L/Cpl. Andrew Thomson and the Recruit Medal to Pte. William Orr.

On Wednesday, May 19th, again on behalf of 'Wings for Victory,' the Company gave an open air Display in the Public Park. This included a demonstration of Ceremonial Drill, and after the Trooping of the Colour, the Company gave the General Salute to, and marched past Major Barrie, O/C local Home Guard. Following this, displays of Signalling, Tumbling and Parallel Bar work were given whilst the Band gave a Drum and Trumpet Tattoo. All who witnessed the Display commented on the smart turn out and efficiency of the boys. As a result of this effort and other items produced by the local Football Club and A.R.P., the sum of £21 was handed over to the fund.

Once more the camping season approaches and arrangements are well in hand for a return visit to Tighnabraich, where a warm welcome awaits the boys. Many good friends were made in the Kyles of Bute last year, and all look forward to a happy and beneficial holiday after a very strenuous winter's work.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

The Badminton Club has now stopped play for the season. Despite a smaller membership and fewer nights for practice, we have had a very happy time with a high standard of play.

At the invitation of the Committee, a party of Naval Ratings from Mearnskirk enjoyed a Social Evening with the members and their friends. Mr. Mackay presided and Miss M. Osborne presented the prizes. All were agreed that the evening was a very successful one.

We have played only one match this season—with Busby Church Club, resulting in a draw at Busby and a win for our club by 10 games to 2 at home. On both occasions we had a most enjoyable evening.

HELEN K. RITCHIE, *Secretary.*

SUPPLEMENT.

The next number of the Supplement will appear in October, and contributions should be sent to the Editor, Mr. C. J. Thom, The Schoolhouse, Newton Mearns, not later than Sunday, 26th September, 1943.