

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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Church Services.

FORENOON—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—8 p.m. (in the Canteen).

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.m.

BIBLE CLASS—5.30 p.m.

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

Supplement.—Contributions for the next issue of the Supplement should be sent to the Editor, Mr. C. J. Thom, The Schoolhouse, Newton Mearns, not later than Sunday, 26th March, 1944.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Richard Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham,
Deanwood, Newton Mearns.

Elspeth Mitchell, daughter of Flying Officer and Mrs.
Simpson, Machrie, Newton Mearns.

David Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, South
Walton, Newton Mearns.

Death.

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

Miss Mina Holland, Firwood Road, Newton Mearns.

NEW MEMBERS.

By Certificate.

Miss Gentles, 5 Rysland Crescent, from Langside
Hill Church.

Mr. Hutchison, 18 Firwood Road, from Auchtermuchty Church.

Mr. Douglas J. M'Phail, Hightrees, Gilmourton
Crescent, from Pollokshields East Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. E. Milree and Mr. Martin Milree,
The Moorings, Newtonlea Avenue, from Partick
East Church.

Mrs. Osborne, The Croft, Kilmarnock Road.

Mrs. Samuel Rodger, Coplaw Road, from Crosshill-
Victoria Church.

FINANCE.

Collections during January, 1944—

Systematic Giving	£167 13 0
Church Plate	12 18 10
Special; Retiring	3 18 9
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ATTENDANCE OF OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR.

Feb. 13—Mrs. Jack, Messrs. R. Armour and J.
Pollock.

„ 20—Miss Hunter; Messrs. Jas. A. Anderson
and J. MacBean.

„ 27—Messrs. W. Craig, J. B. Mather and C. J.
Thom.

Mar. 5—Miss Connell; Messrs. J. M. Peden and
A. Russell.

„ 12—Miss Hay; Messrs. J. S. Anderson and
W. N. Baxter.

„ 19—Miss Blue; Messrs. J. Meiklejohn and P.
Wood.

„ 26—Mrs. Thom; Messrs. J. W. Jarvie and
W. Menzies.

April 2—Miss Osborne; Messrs. A. S. M'Cance and
S. Telfer.

PRESENTATION TO MR. JAMES A. ANDERSON.

At the close of the January meeting of the Congregational Board, Mr. James A. Anderson, the former Clerk, received a presentation from his fellow members in appreciation of the excellent services he had rendered to the congregation. The Minister, in making the presentation expressed the gratitude of the Church to him for the talents of business and legal knowledge that he had placed at the disposal of the Congregation, especially as his term of office synchronised with the building of the new Church. Mr. Anderson, in a brief and fitting reply, thanked the Board for the expression of their appreciation of what he had been enabled to do.

PRESBYTERY NOTES.

A considerable portion of the time of the January meeting of the Glasgow Presbytery was taken up in concluding the adjourned debate on the admission of women to Church Eldership. The leading protagonists on both sides were present in force and a great many speeches were made, giving expression to varied arguments. In the end, after the Moderator, Dr. Fulton, had summed up a vote was taken between the recommendation of the Presbytery Committee *"that no valid objection existed to the removal of the barrier of ineligibility of women to the eldership,"* and a direct negative moved by Rev. M'Intosh Mowat; when 113 voted for the report and 73 for the negative.

This result does not mean, as some alarmists seem to think, that ere long Kirk Sessions will be swamped by an influx of women members. At present the Church is merely ascertaining the opinions of the various Presbyteries throughout the country. Thereafter the General Assembly, the highest court of the Church, will be called upon to give its decision. Should it approve the proposal, then any woman thereafter who may be elected by a congregation or its representatives to the eldership will find no barrier existing to her acceptance of the office. But to what extent the

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women of the Church will be prepared to enter upon this new field of service has yet to be ascertained.

The Presbytery is being asked by an Assembly Committee to give its views at an early date on the working of the parochial within its bounds. The main matters on which at the moment information is particularly desired are as follows: (1) Is the parochial system working satisfactorily in the different types of parishes within the Presbytery? (2) Has the delimitation of parishes since the Union of 1929 been of value in promoting territorial visitation? (3) Has the delimitation of parishes fostered a sense of community within the area? and (4) If the territorial system has not proved effective, has the Presbytery any suggestions to put forward for improvement?

At the February meeting a motion which should prove of great interest to all members will come up for discussion. It is in the name of the Rev. Dr. John White to the following effect: "To direct the attention of the Presbytery to the problem involved in the return of the men and women of His Majesty's Forces and the reinstatement of war emergency workers, and to ask the Presbytery to remit consideration of the whole matter to a special Committee with instructions to report at an early date."

Among the fourteen ministers who will attain their semi-jubilee this year, and who received the cordial congratulations of the Moderator at the January meeting, was the Rev. E. Ormrod Rodger, of Giffnock South Church.

The Rev. A. Drummond Duff, who has now resumed his ministerial work in Mearns, has been appointed Chaplain to the Naval personnel at Mearnskirch Hospital.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

At the meeting on 26th January an address was given by Mrs. Rose, Kilmarnock, whose subject was "Mothers of famous Ayrshire Men." Among others she instanced the mothers of William Wallace, Robert Bruce, and Robert Burns. Mrs. Rose was a strong believer in the theory that a great man inherits most of his greatness from his mother.

On Wednesday, 2nd February, the speaker was the Rev. Magnus MacIntosh of Stamperland Church, who spoke on the Churches' Huts and Canteens, giving a most interesting account of the work which is done, both at home and overseas. Wherever the troops go, they are followed by the Churches' Canteens, especially the Mobile Canteens, the latter often accompanying them into the Front Line. He told also of the work done in this country among Polish and French soldiers, and in Clydebank and Greenock after air raids. Mr. MacIntosh made a strong appeal for young women workers for the Huts and Canteens.

On February 16th we hope to have Miss Davidson from India, the South West Council Missionary.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE. 79th Glasgow Company.

The main item of news this month concerns the formation in the Company of a new Pipe Band. As the congregation is aware we have a successful Cavalry Trumpet Band and the reason for the change over calls for explanation.

A month or two ago the Company lost the services of Staff-Sgt. Alwin who had been largely responsible for the tuition of the trumpeters and the officers

were faced with the problem of replacing him. When things were looking somewhat black and our search for an instructor was extending to somewhat remote places, a gentleman of outstanding ability was resident, so to speak, on our doorstep. He was none other than Drum-Major Hamilton, late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, author of numerous publications on Drumming and adjudicator at the last World's Championship Contest in 1939. He was speedily contacted, agreed to come along to see the material available and was sufficiently impressed to throw himself wholeheartedly into the task of training the boys. With his joining the staff of the Company new possibilities presented themselves and his wide experience of Pipe Band work made the officers reconsider their original idea of a Pipe Band, an idea which had been set aside because of expense and the difficulty of obtaining instruction. Through Drum-Major Hamilton the services of Pipe-Major M'Dougal were secured and already the drummers are showing remarkable progress, whilst the prospective pipers are hard at work on practice chanters. These details were made public at the Annual Parents' Night and three gentlemen immediately came forward with the offer of a set of bagpipes. These were gratefully accepted and it is felt that further offers will be forthcoming. Should any member of the congregation desire to be associated with the Band in this way his or her support will be much appreciated.

As it is doubtful whether the full cost will be met privately it is proposed to launch a big effort to defray the expense and build up a reserve fund for upkeep. This will take the form of a Fete and Fun Fair to be held on Saturday, 1st April. A committee has been formed and is already planning a most comprehensive and entertaining event. It is somewhat early yet to give details but it can be taken that the event will be one not to be missed. The effort will take the place of the usual pantomime and, so that all may be conversant with the arrangements it is hoped to circularise every home in the district.

As indicated above, the Annual Parents' Night was held on Friday, 21st January, when some eighty parents and friends attended as guests of the officers. A most enjoyable programme of games and dancing was carried through while, before tea, the film taken at last year's camp was shown. The singing of Miss Ethel Hay and Detective-Inspector Morris and the reading of Detective-Constable Campbell contributed greatly to the success of the evening.

Already plans are being made for a return visit to Tighnabraich in July and full details will be published later. Once more the boys are assured of a warm welcome to the Kyles of Bute.

VARIA.

Communion.—The services at the Communion were conducted by Rev. A. H. Minto, M.A., S.T.M., of Dalry, Ayrshire. The number present was 326. The attendances at the corresponding Communion for the four preceding years were 421, 284, 322, and 362.

The Rev. R. J. Wotherspoon, Pollokshields East, will conduct the forenoon Service on 20th February.

On 12th March the congregation will receive a visit from the Rev. G. T. Bellhouse, M.A., of Westbourne Church, Glasgow.

The Anniversary Service on Sunday, 23rd April, will be conducted by the Rev. E. D. Jarvis, D.D., of Wellington Church, Glasgow.