

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.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

James Robert Scott Lennox, 44 Hazelwood Avenue,
Newton Mearns.

Irene Joan Stewart, 37 Moorhill Crescent.

Deaths.

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

Dr. Aitken, Genista, Kilmarnock Road.

David Hamilton, County Buildings, Whitecraigs.

Sergeant Henry Ernest Herbert, Capelrig Lodge.

Mrs. Simpson, Townhead Road.

Robert Gilmour, Helenslea, Kilmarnock Road.

NEW MEMBERS.

By Profession of Faith.

Isabella Corbett, Mearnskirk Hospital.

Margaret B. L. Craig, 7 Manse Lane.

Douglas C. Hanlin, 63 Main Street.

By Certificate.

Mrs. D. C. Hanlin, 63 Main Street.

Mrs. Lennox, Beroeklie, Hazelwood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith, 19 Torrington Avenue,
Whitecraigs.

FINANCE.

Collections during April and May, 1944—

Systematic Giving	..	..	..	£262	9	3
Church Door	..	..	..	30	10	6
Special—Retiring	..	..	..	12	15	6
				£305	15	3

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Mrs. Mackay and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Congregation for the sympathy extended to us in the sorrow through which we have passed. It has been a great loss to us to be deprived of the bright and lovable companionship of one we dearly love. Her's was a brief sojourn upon the earth but she engraved her happy and dominant personality very deeply on our, and we believe, other hearts. It was a great comfort to know, as was manifested in many different

ways that we were surrounded by the love and sympathy of our friends.

Above all we give thanks to God that through these dark days He sustained us with the Presence. Without that the road would have been dark indeed. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." We do not know the reason why she should have been taken from us. Life is enveloped in mystery. Yet it is wrong to expect that reason should always be vouchsafed to us. It is sufficient to know that He is at our side. "At my first answer no man stood by me, but all men forsook me and fled, notwithstanding the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear, and I was delivered out of the very mouth of the lion." We know that because He lives, we shall live also, and that when our appointed task is done we shall by grace meet again those we love.

"For those we love within the veil,
Who once were comrades of our way,
We thank Thee, Lord; for they have won
To cloudless day."

Yours very sincerely,

W. MURRAY MACKAY.

In Memoriam.

It was with deep sorrow that the Minister announced the death on active service of Sergeant Henry Ernest Herbert, Flight Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R., only son of Mr and Mrs. Thomas Herbert, Capelrig Lodge, Newton Mearns.

Ernest Herbert was but for a few years attached to this Congregation; yet in that brief space of time he became known to and loved by many. His was a nature that made friends easily. He entered with zest into the life of the Church. Whatever he did, he did wholeheartedly. This was true when he joined the Royal Air Force. He proved himself a diligent and talented pupil and passed all his examinations with the highest merit. He was about to engage in operational work when the accident occurred which resulted in his death. We will miss him from the life of the congregation for he exerted an influence that inspired others towards the life and teaching of Christ. To his father, mother and sister we extend our deepest sympathy in their great loss, a loss in which we feel we also share. May the God of all comfort strengthen them, and assure them that death is but the dawning of another and happier life.

"Safe when all safety's gone,
Safe where men fall;
And if these poor limbs die
Safest of all."

There passed away on 6th April, at Bournemouth, Miss Margaret Maxwell Cameron, eldest daughter of the late Rev. David Cameron, a former minister of the congregation. Very few now remain in the congregation who knew Mr. Cameron, but his name is sometimes mentioned, recalling fragrant memories of his gift of conciliation and the spirit of charity with which he was so greatly endowed. In a pastoral letter to the congregation, written from France, whither he had gone in search of health in 1870, Mr. Cameron commends his people "To live for Christ, to live upon Christ and to live with Christ and their relationship with Him here will be preparatory to their eternal relationship with Him beyond death and the grave."

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR.

- June 11—Miss Hunter, Messrs. J. A. Anderson and J. MacBean.
" 18—Messrs. W. Craig, J. B. Mather and C. J. Thom.
" 25—Miss Connell, Messrs. J. M. Peden and A. Russell.
July 2—Miss Hay, Messrs. A. Moreland and J. P. Robertson.
" 9—Miss Blue, Messrs. R. Carswell and T. Howie.
" 16—Mrs. W. Rodger, Messrs. B. N. Baird and D. W. Johnston.
" 23—Messrs. J. Brownlie, J. Nimmo and J. Russell.
" 30—Messrs. R. Bone, A. Edmond and J. Keir.

Rev W. B. MACLAREN, M.A.

Our warmest congratulations are given to the Rev. W. B. MacLaren in his call to the Church of Bothkennar and Carronshore in the Presbytery of Falkirk and Grangemouth.

After a distinguished career in the University of Glasgow and at Trinity College he became Assistant in the Laigh Church, Kilmarnock, and later in Glasgow Cathedral. On frequent occasions he has conducted the services in our own Church and revealed talents that show the richest promise. A favourite with the younger members of the Congregation, we will follow his career with the greatest interest.

Our congratulations are also extended to him on his approaching marriage to Miss Elizabeth Russell, Newton House. She will be a valuable helpmeet to him in his ministry, and, while we will miss her greatly in the life of our Congregation, we rejoice to know that she goes forth to place her gifts into the life of a Manse. The prayers of the Congregation will follow them in their new sphere of service, that God will richly bless them in the extension of His Kingdom.

COMMUNION.

At the Communion on the first Sunday in May, Mr. Mackay was assisted by the Rev. R. M. Boyd Scott of St. Enoch's Church, Dundee. Mr. Boyd Scott is the son of a former minister of our Congregation, and was born in Newton Mearns. He preached with great acceptance at both forenoon and afternoon Services. The numbers present were 372 in the forenoon and 22 in the afternoon, a total of 394 which compares well with the numbers present at former May Communions.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The meetings of the Work Party of the Woman's Guild have been discontinued for the summer months. As there is still great need for comforts, especially for the Navy, it is hoped that members will find time to do a little knitting during the summer. Wool may be had from the Secretary, Miss Helen Osborne.

THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

The Girls' Association has once again reached the end of a very successful winter session. We have enjoyed our meetings, which included "Keep Fit Exercises," the study of the work of the Girls' Own Missionaries, and of course many rehearsals for our Annual Concert which was produced at the end of March. The girls all took a great interest in the Concert and many of our younger members made their debut in this year's production. They enjoyed the experience and are all looking forward to next year's concert. The whole show was repeated on 18th May in aid of the "Salute the Soldier" Week. There were a few minor alterations in the programme and the Finale was also slightly changed, the ending taking the form of a tableau with the soldier in the place of honour on a raised dais, and we have been

highly complimented on the fine ending by several of the audience.

We are continuing our meetings during the summer and have arranged a syllabus. We hope to carry out a great many outdoor activities, weather permitting, such as rambles, cycle runs, games, tracking, etc., and if the weather should prove unsuitable a "Make-do and Mend" Class will take the place of that night's outdoor meeting.

We have welcomed several new members during the past few weeks, and will be very pleased to welcome any more who care to join us.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Brigade has now completed its fourth session and can be said to be firmly established as a healthy organisation of the Church. Although considerably handicapped through lack of staff a strenuous winter's programme was undertaken and successfully carried through. Now that the results of the various tests held by the Battalion are to hand it is pleasing to note that over seventy certificates and badges were gained by boys during the session. Once again four boys qualified for The King's Badge, the highest award granted by the Brigade—a clear indication that the standard of efficiency is being well maintained.

Under the expert guidance of Drum Major Hamilton and Pipe Major McDougall the boys in the Pipe Band are making considerable progress and next session the congregation will be able to judge the quality of the instruction provided. It will be appreciated that the production of a Pipe Band of a high standard requires much hard work and considerable patience and it is not the intention of the Officers to parade the band until a high degree of efficiency is attained. The thanks of the Officers and boys are due to all who contributed by assistance or donations to the success of the Fête organised to defray the cost of the band instruments. Owing to the generosity of several well-wishers, who desired to associate themselves personally with the provision of Bag Pipes, the Company has been able to devote a portion of the money raised to the "adoption" of two Prisoners of War under the Brigade scheme. Under this scheme the Company will bear the expense of sending a parcel each month to two prisoners selected by the Red Cross and it has been arranged that these should be, if possible, ex-B.B. boys. In due course the congregation will hear further details of how the scheme operates.

Considerable disappointment was experienced when it was learned that the military authorities were not prepared to permit camping at Tighnabruaich this summer. However the Company has been successful in obtaining the use of the School at Barrhill, Ayrshire and all look forward to a happy camp amidst new surroundings. Owing to the alteration in the date of school holidays the Camp will be held during the second fortnight of July.

FLOWERS.

The Flower List for the Summer and Autumn months will be found in the Vestibule of the Church, and as there is now a Flower Fund, it has been arranged that when flowers have to be bought five shillings will be given towards their purchase. Thanks are due to the ladies who put flowers on the Communion table each Sunday. The Church is fortunate in having members who can provide plants or flowers at any time and once again we are indebted to Mr. John Russell and Mr. John MacCallum for the beautiful flowers which adorned the Communion Table during the winter months.

SEAT LETTING.

Any members who have no seats in the Church or whose names do not appear on the pews might please get in touch as soon as possible with the Convener of the Seat Letting Committee, Mr. James Pollock, 7 Main Street, Newton Mearns.