

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

DECEMBER, 1945

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## Church Services

FORENOON—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—6.30 p.m.

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.

## In Memoriam

### Mr. JOHN. B. MATHER

Mr. John Boyd Mather was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mather, Waterfoot, a landed proprietor. He was educated at the High School of Glasgow and became an engineer to trade. After some years he retired from business and devoted himself to public life, being elected a representative for Busby in the Renfrewshire County Council. He married Miss Madge Birrell of Springbank.

By many he will be remembered by his work as a County Councillor. A man of integrity of spirit, a wise counsellor, he was faithful in his attendance at Committee meetings. A talented speaker, he had the faculty of vivid presentation of facts, and was fearless in the expression of his opinions. He was especially interested in the sphere of Education and rendered many notable services to Mearns Public School. Energetic by nature he was impatient of delay and zealous in the personal accomplishment of the tasks entrusted to him.

By many he will be remembered as a strong "personality" and a loyal friend. He had a large circle of friends. He was a keen sportsman and entered enthusiastically into his games. He was gifted with a ready flow of wit and humour, and his presence at a social gathering enriched it with his infectious laughter and flashes of brilliant humour.

By many, again, he will be remembered in his service in the Church. The family from which he sprang had been associated for many years with the "Nitton Kirk." It was their custom to drive in a carriage each Sabbath morning to it, stabling the horse in the interval at Springbank. When a young man he was appointed Preses of the Congregation, an office he filled for 36 years until the introduction of the Congregational Board of which the minister is Chairman. He was a member of the choir and a regular attender at Public Worship. In 1902 he was elected to the Eldership, and thus for over 50 years he was one of the foremost leaders and counsellors in the congregation. In his work in this connection as well as in his public work, he was ably supported by his wife who proved herself in every way a willing helpmeet.

He has left behind him a record of faithful service to the Church and to the community. He is mourned by a large circle of friends. He will be missed greatly in the life of the Parish. To his widow, brother and sisters we extend our deepest sympathy. May the God who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, comfort and sustain them.

"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord."

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## REGISTER

### Baptisms

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

- Alistair Logie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Keir, Yesnaby, Arthurlie Drive.  
 Irene Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe, 5 Carrick Crescent, Giffnock.  
 Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville, Ashview Terrace, Newton Mearns.  
 Allan William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger, Main Street, Newton Mearns.

### Death

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

- John Boyd Mather, Windyhaugh, Roddinghead Road, Whitecraigs.

### New Members

#### By Profession of Faith

- Sheena Anderson, Balmae, Lethington Road, Whitecraigs.  
 Margaret Anderson, Balmae, Lethington Road, Whitecraigs.  
 Joyce Bogie, Kinfauns Drive, Newton Mearns.  
 John Filer, Glentworth, Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns.  
 David M'Canee, 50 Broomvale Drive, Newton Mearns.  
 Alex. H. Weir, Anncroft, Hazelwood Avenue, Newton Mearns.

#### By Certificate from Other Congregations

- Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, Pollok House, Kilmarnock Road, Newton Mearns.  
 Mr. James Crocker, Mirjana, Atholl Drive, Giffnock.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Niven, Torpheen, Kilmarnock Road, Newton Mearns.  
 Mr. Tait, Pollok House, Kilmarnock Road, Newton Mearns.  
 Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilson, Westbrae Road, Newton Mearns.  
 Dr. K. W. Young, Manorheath, Kilmarnock Road, Newton Mearns.

### FINANCE

Collections, etc., during the months of September, October and November.

Systematic Giving	£314	4	5
Church Door Plate	63	9	11
Home and Foreign Missions	27	5	7
Earl Haig Fund	21	10	0
Seat Rents, Magazines	13	6	0
Interest	17	10	7
The late James Pollock's Legacies	150	0	0
Sundry	27	16	5
	<u>£635</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>

### THE WOMAN'S GUILD

The return to evening meetings had been attended with considerable success, bringing many new members to the meetings. On November 12th, Miss M'Coll gave a Cookery Demonstration which was very greatly appreciated. Members took part in the Cake-baking Competition in which prizes were awarded to the following: 1st—Mrs. Sandy

Keir; 2nd—Mrs. Ferns; 3rd—Mrs. Mackay. At this meeting the collection taken on behalf of the Reconstruction of European Churches amounted to £5 8s. 8d.

During the week October 22nd to 26th the amount collected in this parish for the Huts and Canteens Fund was £59 11s. 11d. Our thanks are due to all those who undertook this work in spite of very stormy weather.

In connection with the W.V.S. Book Drive we collected 93 volumes and should like to thank members of the congregation who gave so generously of their store of books. These books have been sent to Germany to our forces there.

### THE BOYS' BRIGADE AND LIFE BOYS

The Boys' Brigade Company and Life Boy Team are now approaching the half-way of another session and the various agencies are in full swing. The congregation had an opportunity of seeing the boys on parade to Church on Armistice Day and favourable comments were heard on all sides.

The Life Boy Team, which has now an entire staff of ladies under Mrs. Robertson has considerably increased in numbers and the little fellows have a very happy evening each Friday. Any boy, over 9 and under 12 years of age, not in the Team, should attend at the Hall any Friday at 6 p.m.

The Brigade Company, while a little smaller numerically than last session is in a very healthy state, and all the boys are as keen and enthusiastic as ever. At this time of the year there is a spate of examinations run by the Battalion in connection with the various Badge awards and as usual the Company is well represented.

Each year one week is set aside as "B.B. Week" during which all boys are asked to invite from their friends and acquaintances donations to Brigade Funds. This year the week commencing 2nd December has been set aside for the collection of funds and it is probable that you will be asked to contribute. As the idea behind the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poorer companies throughout the country, you are assured that any contribution, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

### THE SOCIAL AND BADMINTON CLUB

The Social and Badminton Club meets every Tuesday and Wednesday. It has been found that Wednesday is the most popular night, and both Badminton and Ping-pong are in vogue on this night.

The Club also runs a Whist Drive on the first Tuesday of each month. So far this has taken the form of Military Whist, and members of the congregation are invited to take part. At the last Whist Drive the Club entertained some wounded soldiers from Hairmyres Hospital, and have since received a letter of thanks from the Almoner there, saying how much the men enjoyed their outing.

A Social Evening is also held on the third Tuesday of each month, and sailors from Mearnskirk Hospital are usually present on this occasion. They too have expressed their thanks for the invitation and have enjoyed these evenings immensely.

Any member or adherent of the congregation will be welcomed to the fellowship of the Club. The subscription is 5s.

## NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

### PARCELS TO MEN AND WOMEN ON SERVICE

In spite of the fact that many men and women have now been released from the Forces there are still over one hundred from our congregation who will be absent from their homes this Christmas. These are scattered all over the world and it is our intention to remember them by again sending a parcel to each home to be forwarded to the Service address.

The parcels will be distributed within the next few days and should any home be overlooked intimation of the fact should be made at once to Mr. Nimmo, Convener of the Parcels Committee, or to Mr. Thom, the Session Clerk.

With each parcel is enclosed a letter from the Kirk Session, a copy of which is given herewith.

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH,  
*Christmas, 1945.*

DEAR FELLOW MEMBER,

When we sent you our Christmas letter last year gleams of sunshine were beginning to penetrate through the dark clouds which hung over the world. The war-drums still throbbed and, though the final issue was no longer in doubt, few people could foresee a speedy end to hostilities. The climax, however, came with joyous suddenness and we witnessed the complete collapse of the forces of wickedness. Those who had believed in and fought for the simple decencies of life, as embodied in the life and teaching of Christ, emerged "more than conquerors."

Some of your companions, who had long been separated from the fellowship of our Church, have now returned and it is to you who are still absent that our thoughts go out at this another season of remembrance. Deeply conscious of the debt we owe you, we hope and pray that you will soon come back to complete the family circle, with the pangs of separation but a memory.

The Church awaits your return. Perhaps at no time in her long and honoured history has she been so sensitive to the needs of an awakened world and in the affairs of the spirit she calls you to continue to play a part.

You have mixed with other peoples; you have had experiences which you could never have had at home and your faith may have received a fresh impetus. All you have to contribute is needed and will be welcomed by the Church.

When your turn comes to leave the service of the crown you will discover that "settling down" is not so easy and we feel sure that you will find comfort and companionship in the society of those who still believe that "man cannot live by bread alone."

In the name of our congregation we again send our best wishes for your happiness and we pray that the blessing of God may be with you always.

Sincerely yours,

W. MURRAY MACKAY,  
*Minister.*

C. J. THOM,  
*Session Clerk.*

### MEMORIAL TO MR. JAMES POLLOCK

The Session have been considering how best they could commemorate our late Session Clerk. They felt that the memorial should be associated, if possible, with the Church he loved and served so faithfully. After careful consideration they have decided on a stand for the Communion Table. His name will always be linked very intimately with the Communion Service, and this will, they believe, help to do this. A Bible with an inscription is also to be placed on it. It will be about four months before it is completed.

### VARIA

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the first Sunday in February at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Service of Preparation on the preceding Friday at 8 p.m. will be conducted by the Rev. Stanley C. Munro, M.A., Battlefield.

We were pleased to note that almost 80 attended the Preparatory Service in November, and we look forward to continued improvement at this important meeting, which is a splendid preparation for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Will you make a note to keep this evening free?

Our organist, Mr. Graham Lindsay, expects to be released from the Forces at the end of this year.

Miss Marion Rodger, Bonnyton, has kindly agreed to be the Leader of the Brownies. She has all the qualifications necessary and we thank her for accepting the post. The Brownies meet on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Our thanks are due to Miss Smith, the Commissioner of Guides at Giffnock, for her most valuable assistance in the interval, and also to our friends from Orchard Park for their willing help.

At a meeting of the congregation held after the morning Service on Sunday, 26th October, it was resolved by 91 votes to 65 that women should be eligible for the office of the Eldership. It was noted that a number of those present did not vote.

As the season of Goodwill approaches and suitable gifts are so very difficult to procure might we call your attention to Dr. Boyd Scott's "Old Days and Ways in Newton Mearns" of which there are still a number to be had in the Church.

There are still some members of the congregation to whom sittings in the Church have not been allocated. If these would see Mr. Meiklejohn, the Convener of the Seat Letting Committee, at the close of the service on any Sunday, this matter could be attended to.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

One could not fail to notice the difference between the attendance at public worship on Remembrance Day and that on a normal Sunday. Perhaps people made a special effort on that occasion to be present. But why is such an endeavour not made each Sabbath? Compared with other congregations our attendance is perhaps above the average. That, however, does not alter the fact that a great number of our members are making only occasional attendances. Perhaps you have domestic duties that make this difficult. Others who attend have the same. Where there is a will there is a way. Surely the very least you can expect of a Church member is attendance at Church on the Lord's Day. How can we expect the non-Churchgoer to be interested and influenced if we set such a disinterested example?

# NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

## SYSTEMATIC GIVING SCHEME

Will contributors please note that we are now in a position to revert to Quarterly supplies of envelopes to contributors.

Thirteen envelopes will therefore be issued each quarter for weekly contributions during the year 1946.

## GENERAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurers of the various organisations of the Church are requested to prepare a statement of their intromissions with relative vouchers for the year ending 31st December, 1945, and hand same to the Session Clerk, Mr. Thom, not later than 15th January, 1946, for submission to the Auditors.

## VARIA

The statement of the last's progress will be deposited on the first Monday in February at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Service of Praise on the evening of Friday at 8 p.m. will be conducted by the Rev. Messrs. C. Mearns, M.A., and others.

It was pleased to note that about 50 attended the Praise Service in November and we hope to continue our progress at the next service which is a special preparation for the statement of the last's progress. Will you make a note to keep this service high?

Our organist, Mr. Graham Fisher, expects to be released from the Church at the end of the year.

The Mission Society, however, has kindly agreed to be the leader of the Praise. We are all to be the leader of the Praise. We are all to be the leader of the Praise. We are all to be the leader of the Praise.

At a meeting of the congregation held after the morning service on Sunday 10th October, it was decided to hold a special service on the 11th of the month for the purpose of the Praise. It was decided that a number of their people should be invited.

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The records will be distributed within the next few days and should any items be overlooked or omitted from the list please send to Mr. James, Secretary of the Parish Committee, at the Church, Newton Mearns.

With each parcel is enclosed a letter from the Clerk, Messrs. C. Mearns, M.A., and others.

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