

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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Church Services

FORENOON—11.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.m.

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

REGISTER

Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me"

Morna Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Birrell,
Inverryne.

Joyce Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blue, Townhead
Road.

Marylynn Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Main
Street.

Hugh Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. M'Kirdy, Hill Avenue.

Monica Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie, Pilmuir.

James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Langton.

Susan Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watt, Cavendish
Drive.

Alexander Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Deanstone.

Marriages

"Whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"

James Inglis Hill and Ann Macfarlane.

Thomas Knox and Ada Parker M'Intosh.

Deaths

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

William Caldwell, Newton Place.

Mrs. Cottnam, Greta House.

David Hunter, Alderwood, Norwood Drive.

NEW MEMBERS

By Profession of Faith

Mrs. Brodie, Service Road.

Walter Clark, 87 Main Street.

Hugh Cunningham, Newton Place.

Hugo T. Harvie, Braeside, Kilmarnock Road.

Thomas Knox, 21 Larchfield Avenue.

Marion B. Lambie, Blackhose Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, 90 Beech Avenue.

Marion F. Rodger, Bonnyton Farm.

Robert G. Rodger, Bonnyton Farm.

Agnes H. G. Shaw, Glenard, Glebe Road.

Gladys M. Stewart, 60 Beech Avenue.

William Stewart, Ashview Terrace.

Frances M. Tough, 19 Townhead Road.

John R. Young, 28 Cathkin Drive.

By Certificate from other Congregations

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dick, Linton, Hazelwood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. M'Clure, 120 Kilpatrick Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. M'Iver, The Schoolhouse.

Miss Patterson, 75 Ashcroft Drive, King's Park.

Mrs. W. Stewart, Ashview Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson Watt, 12 Cavendish Drive.

FINANCE

Income for the months of April and May

Systematic Giving	....	....	....	£241	6	3
Church Door Plate	....	....	....	38	4	8
Schemes of Church (Envelopes)	....	....	....	14	0	6
Retiring—Maintenance of Ministry	....	....	....	7	5	9
Retiring—Presentation Bibles	11	8	3
Donations—Presentation Bibles	1	10	0
Seat Rents	3	15	0
Donation	0	10	0

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WELCOME HOME SOCIALS

The ladies and gentlemen of our congregation who had been demobilised before 10th April were invited by the Session to a social, which was held in the large hall on that evening. There was a good response from those who were home "for their long leave," many of whom had served in remote parts of the world. The Elders, with their wives and friends, carried out the duties of hosts, and in this they were assisted by the members of the Social Club Committee.

After an hour's whist, tea was served by the Catering Committee, Mrs. Nimmo acting as convener. Mr. Mackay and Mr. Thom then addressed the guests, both expressing the pleasure of the Session and congregation on the safe return of so many who had gone forth to serve. Those who had not returned were not forgotten, and Mr. Mackay referred to these in fitting language.

Mr. James T. Anderson replied on behalf of the guests.

At intervals during the evening, songs, appropriate to the occasion, were tastefully rendered by Miss Nancy Blue and Miss Gladys Stewart.

As a token of esteem from the congregation, Mr. Mackay presented a specially inscribed Bible to each Service guest.

Dancing was engaged in by the younger guests till midnight, Mr. Macphail acting as master of ceremonies.

The arrangements for the social were carried out by a Committee of Elders, with Mr. Nimmo as convener, and this Committee wish to thank all those who, by gifts or service, contributed to the success of the function.

It is hoped to hold the next social on a date in September.

THE WOMANS' GUILD

Although the Guild Branches do not meet in the summer months, the work of the Council goes on. Delegates have attended meetings there and at the General Assembly.

We hope shortly to prepare the syllabus for next session.

The following should be of interest to members of the Woman's Guild and Girls' Association :

Under the auspices of the Woman's Guild and Girls' Association, a meeting will be held in Kinning Park West Church Hall, Heather Street (off Scotland Street), Glasgow, on Wednesday, 12th June, at 7.30 p.m., when the Woman's Guild of S.W. District will present two plays.

GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

The G.A. meet every Monday at 7.30 until 17th June, when they close for the holidays.

Our summer syllabus has been mostly out of doors, except for two nights of keep fit given by Miss Broomfield. We have had two games of netball against the Boys' Brigade this month, and have been soundly beaten twice ; but both teams thoroughly enjoyed the game and the tea afterwards.

As previously stated, some time ago the G.A. adopted a wounded soldier, and if any member of the congregation can give us any books, papers, etc., or any accessories for a parcel, they will be gratefully received by any member of the G.A.

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

Our meetings have had a remarkably good attendance during the past few months, and the meetings have been enjoyed very much by all.

We are always pleased to see new members, and if any girl wishes to join the G.A. she can be assured of a welcome into our fellowship.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Once again, preparations are complete for our Summer Camp, and all look forward to another visit to Barrhill, Ayrshire. When visiting the village to make final arrangements, it was pleasing to note that a most favourable impression had been created and, on hearing of our return visit, pleasure was expressed on all sides.

Despite the fact that this is our first peace-time Camp, the problem of catering is as great as ever before, and once again the officers appeal to members of the congregation for donations of jam or any such scarce commodity.

THE LIFE BOYS

During the past month, we in the Life Boys have been very busy. Our Team Display was held in the Church Hall, on 29th April, and we were very favoured in having as our Visiting Officer, the Rt. Hon. The Lord Provost of Glasgow. Knowing most of the boys and leaders personally, Mr. McNeill gave the Display a very "homely" touch. Owing to indisposition, Mrs. McNeill was sorry she could not be with us. We all felt the Display was quite a success. Ten boys were transferred to the Boys' Brigade and were welcomed by Captain Robertson. Those boys and the leaders all had a "night out" in town the week after the Display. This was much enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, 11th May, the whole Team paid a visit to the Anchor liner *S.S. Elysia* at Yorkhill Quay. This was kindly arranged for us by Captain Orr, of Broomvale Drive. There wasn't a part of the ship which wasn't "explored," and everyone arrived home, tired but happy.

On Saturday, 18th May, the senior boys entertained a party of senior boys from Rutherglen. We had a grand football game and were beaten 3-2. Each of our boys provided tea for two. A hungry lot of boys and leaders, 40 in all, sat down to a bumper tea. After tea, we had games and races at the Corsett Farm, then supper to finish at the Hall. Thanks are due to Mr. Tom Craig and Mr. Courts for so kindly allowing us the use of their ground. The G.A. girls supervised the catering arrangements.

We hope to take a cine-film of the Display items, and, if this is a success, it will be shown on Parents' Night during the winter.

THE LECTERN

Since it has been decided that the memorial to our late Session-Clerk, Mr. James Pollock, should take the form of a table lectern, the following few notes on lecterns may be of interest.

In the Jewish Synagogue on every Sabbath Day, there were read parts of the Law and the Prophets. The rolls on which the sacred word was written were very large, and a desk or desks had to be provided to support them.

This custom of reading the Scriptures was carried over into the Christian Church, and we are told that the "Memoirs of the Apostles" and "The Writings of the Prophets" were read in the assemblies of the followers of our Lord. The reading desk, which had been found in the Synagogue, would also have a place where the Christians met for worship.

In mediaeval times, most great churches possessed at least two lecterns, which stood in the choir. Most of these were quite simple in form, some little more than slabs fixed to the wall, but others were very ornate, being in the form of an eagle or a pelican. Paisley Abbey, St. Giles and King's College Chapel, Aberdeen, had lecterns of this type. All these, however, disappeared in the

troubled times during the 16th and 17th centuries, when brass was much sought after.

It would seem that the Reformers had no objection to the lectern, for, when John Knox was minister in Edinburgh, an entry appears in 'the Dean of Guild Accounts' to pay 30s. to a certain workman for designing and making a lectern with four sides.

It would appear that, in the 16th century and even later, the Scriptures must have been read from a lectern, as those pulpits, attributed to John Knox, now to be seen in the National Museum in Edinburgh, have no book-boards, the pulpit being used only for preaching.

In the early 19th century, there appears to have been a revival in the use of the lectern, although there were objections to it in certain quarters. The minister of St. Andrew's Church, Glasgow, had both an organ and a lectern installed in his church, but, after being in use for only one Sunday, the Presbytery ordered him to have the organ removed and apparently the lectern disappeared at the same time.

Since these days, lecterns, both large and small, plain and ornate, have been placed in churches, very often as memorials, and it is no uncommon thing to see in many of our churches a small table lectern on the Communion table for the purpose of holding a Bible for the use of the minister at the dispensation of the Lord's Supper.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on the first Sunday in May. At the forenoon service, when the Minister officiated, there were 435 members present, and in the evening, when the Rev. T. Angus Fraser took the service, 20 were present, making a total of 455 for the day. The numbers present at the corresponding Communions during the past five years were 437, 394, 397, 413, 402.

SEAT LETTING

Members whose names are not on their pews might please see Mr. Meiklejohn or any member of the Seat-Letting Committee at the close of any morning service.

VARIA

The Anniversary of the founding of the Congregation in 1739 will be commemorated in the service on Sunday, 9th June, at 11.30 a.m., which will be conducted by the Rev. Professor Garth H. C. Macgregor, D.D., D.Litt., of Trinity College, Glasgow. Dr. Macgregor is the nephew of the late Rev. Principal W. M. Macgregor, whose memory is still a very fragrant one in the Church.

The Brass Reading Desk, to be placed on the Communion Table in memory of the late Mr. James Pollock, will be dedicated on 9th June.

The Evening Service has now been discontinued. The attendance, in as far as it is of importance as such, has been disappointing. The average has been about 50. The only pleasing factor about this has been that it has remained constant, and our thanks are extended to those who made it possible to keep the flame burning on the altar at the evening hour.

During the month of July, the Minister will be on vacation, and the services will be conducted by the Rev. William B. MacLaren, M.A., of Bothkennar Church, near Falkirk. Mr. MacLaren is well known to the congregation as the son of Mr. J. E. MacLaren, the Convener of the Property Committee, and one who has been very closely identified with the work of our Church for many years. Mrs. MacLaren was formerly Miss Elizabeth Russell, the daughter of Mr. Andrew Russell, J.P., of Newton House, one of the best-loved Elders of our Congregation. We extend to Mr. MacLaren a very warm welcome back into our midst.

The service marking the close of the Sunday School will be held in the Church on Sunday, 23rd June.