

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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Church Services

FORENOON—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—6.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.m.

YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUPS—10.30 a.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION—7.45 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."

Sandra Monteith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Watson, Glamis Avenue.

Margaret Ann Johnstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dinsmore, Main Street.

Kenneth Alan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Anderson, Shaw Linn.

Thomas Lambie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Craig, Shieldhill Farm.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Robert Edward Roberts and Margaret Bryson Lambie Craig.

Edward Andrew Munro and Mary McLaughlan Wardrop.

Deaths.

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

Mrs. Gilmour, Helenslea, Kilmarnock Road.

Miss Agnes Fyfe, Hill Avenue.

Mr. Arthur Watson, Glendonough, Kilmarnock Road.

NEW MEMBERS.

By Certificate from other Congregations.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Brechin, 69 Larchfield Avenue.

Miss Anne Brechin, 69 Larchfield Avenue.

Mr. Hugh Brechin, 69 Larchfield Avenue.

Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Cuthbertson, 11 Glebe Road.

Mr. Alistair Cuthbertson, 11 Glebe Road.

Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Hall, Celendine, Beech Avenue.

Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Macnaughton, 55 Beech Avenue.

Miss Mary Paterson, Ravenshaw, Glebe Road.

Miss Margaret Paterson, Ravenshaw, Glebe Road.

Mr. & Mrs. K. S. Robertson-Gow, c/o Mrs. Knox, Brackenbrae, Larchfield Avenue.

Mr. Samuel Whyte, c/o The Home Farm, Patterton.

FINANCE.

Income for the months of January and February, 1947.

Systematic Giving	...	...	...	£275	16	9
Church Door Plate	...	...	...	37	18	0
Seat Rents	...	...	...	57	5	0
Mission Envelopes	...	...	...	28	8	0
Supplement Rebate	...	...	...	5	5	0
Interest	...	...	...	8	5	0
Donations, etc.	2	4	6
Retiring Collections—Benevolent Fund	3	11	9
—Home Missions	5	15	3

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SYSTEMATIC GIVING SCHEME.

New Promise Cards.

Those members of the Congregation who contribute under the above scheme and who have not returned their new Promise Cards are requested to do so before Sunday, 23rd March, 1947.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday, 11th March at 7.30 p.m.

After the Business has been completed, Tea will be served. This will be followed by a short Musical Programme by members of the Choir under the leadership of the Organist, Mr. Paterson.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at this important Congregational Meeting.

PRESENTATION TO MR. D. W. JOHNSTON.

On 10th February a deputation from the Congregational Board, consisting of the Minister, the Session Clerk, and the Clerk of the Board visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Johnston and presented the Registrar on his retirement from office with a token of their esteem and affection. In making this, Mr. Mackay said :

"In the name of the Congregational Board I have much pleasure in presenting you on your retirement from the responsible position of the Registrar of the Congregation with this token of our esteem and affection.

You have occupied the position with efficiency and faithfulness since the inauguration of the Systematic Giving Scheme. A great deal of the success of this has been due to your unflinching efforts. It has set the congregation on its feet financially and enabled us to increase our givings to others.

We remember also your diligence as an Elder, your regular attendance at Public Worship, and your counsel in the Courts of the Church. In the most inclement weather we have often marvelled at seeing you in your appointed place. A sense of duty has been one of the strongest traits of your character. It was said of an Australian cricketer recently, that although his wings were clipped, he still remained an eagle. Time may have clipped your wings in your own estimation but to others you still remain an eagle."

CHOIR NOTES.

Senior Choir.

Mr. Paterson is still awaiting the big influx of hidden talent within the congregation who are prepared to come to the choir practice and "Have a Go". The choir meet every Thursday in the Upper Hall at 8 p.m. prompt when new members will be welcomed.

Junior Choir.

The Juniors have been working very hard on Tuesday and Thursday nights in preparation of their show which will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, and Friday 18th April. The show which is entitled "Something Different" is being devised and produced by Miss Nan Welsh, dramatist, and the organist. Miss Jane Taylor Young and Mr. Paterson will be at two grand pianos and in their programme is included a March composed by Mr. Paterson himself. Tickets will be on sale shortly—2/6 for adults—1/6 juveniles.

It is hoped that the children will be given your full support and the hall will be filled each night.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's World Day of Prayer was observed on Friday, 21st February, when a United Service was held in Newton Mearns Church. The Service was conducted by representatives of Mearns Parish Church and Newton Mearns Church Women's Guilds and the address was given by Miss Agnes Gibson.

Miss Gibson began by saying that the Women's World Day of Prayer was a small thing at present, but Christianity began as a small thing, began, indeed, in a stable with the birth of a child to a young Jewish woman. The Women's World Day of Prayer would grow and we might look forward to the time when it would be known as the World Day of Prayer, when men and women would meet together to pray.

Miss Gibson went on to say that the women of Jewry and Islam were not encouraged to meet for prayer in the synagogue or mosque, that privilege being reserved for men. They were looking to their Christian sisters for guidance in this matter and she emphasised how great was our responsibility.

Many women felt that they could not express themselves adequately in prayer, that they had not sufficient command of dignified ecclesiastical language. That was a wrong idea. Words did not constitute prayer, and the speaker instanced a recorded prayer of Martin Luther, which was simple in the extreme yet filled with an urgency and intensity born out of his dire need. The real keynote of prayer was intensity, an intensity that cost physically, as in the case of Jesus in Gethsemane and Jacob at Peniel.

Miss Gibson summed up the world situation by saying that if all the prayers of the last 2,000 years had been more intense the Kingdom of God would be farther advanced. Prayer to be effectual must issue in action. We were, perhaps, too much inclined to day to ask God to do what man could do himself by the use of the powers which had been given him. God, she said, filled the quarries of Greece with marble, but God did not build the Parthenon. That was the work of man using the material provided by God. The theme of the World Day of Prayer "make straight in the desert a highway for the Lord," could be realised only by intense, urgent prayer and a willingness to work out God's will.

On Monday evening, 24th February, a song Lecture entitled "Parson's Choice" was given by the Rev. Duncan Macpherson, B.D. of MacGregor Memorial Church, Govan.

The lecture was on the lines of the B.B.C. Programme "Desert Island Discs," and the lecturer showed a comprehensive taste in his choice of songs, including songs grave and gay. Among these were English and Scottish folk-songs, songs made famous by such well-known singers as John McCormack and Paul Robeson and old English songs like "Who is Sylvia?"

The songs were beautifully rendered by Mr. Macpherson, who was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Murdoch.

The lecture was interspersed with much humour and was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION CONCERTS.

The G. A. have been unfortunate this year in that their Annual Concert fell in the midst of the severest weather yet experienced this winter. The snow fell for 18 hours just prior to the opening evening and consequently the attendance that night was a meagre one. The audience on the Thursday, however, was much better, and on the last night they played to a full hall.

The members of the G.A. provided this year a very tuneful and happy entertainment. The Girl's voices have increased in strength since last year and their singing was greatly enjoyed. The plays were well acted and efficiently produced, and the dancing of the younger children was a feature of the evening. If we would make one criticism it would be that we missed some of the familiar Scotch songs.

To Miss Margaret MacGregor the President and the Committee we would accord our thanks for the work they are seeking to do to provide a Christian Fellowship for the girls of the congregation.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The next few months promise to be busy ones for the Officers and Boys of the Company. In April in conjunction with the Life Boys, it is planned to hold a Fete and full details of this event will be published later.

At the end of the Session a Company Display will be held in the hall and it is proposed to demonstrate on the

platform the full work of the Company. The programme, on which the boys are already working hard, will be presented in an attractive fashion and members of the Congregation should make a point of securing tickets in due course. The Display will be given on three consecutive nights, and first class entertainment is assured.

Once again Camp arrangements are in hand. The Company hopes to again visit Barrhill in July where they are assured of a very warm welcome.

THE LIFE BOYS.

This Session we have decided to finish off with a "Parents' Night" instead of a Display. This will take the form of any ordinary evening's activities in the Team. This will be some time at the beginning of April, but Parents will be duly notified.

On March 3rd the Boys' Brigade and Life Boys are having a Parents Social Evening. Invitations will be sent and we sincerely hope for a good turn out of fathers and mothers.

At the kind invitation of Sir Hector McNeill the Team is paying a visit to the Municipal Buildings, Glasgow, in April. The boys are most enthusiastic about this outing.

Arrangements are being made to have a Team photograph taken during the forthcoming month. Boys will get fuller particulars later.

SEAT LETTING.

Members whose names are not on their pews or any other requiring Sittings might please see Mr. Meiklejohn or any member of the Seat Letting Committee at the close of any Morning Service.

YOUNG COMMUNICANTS' CLASS.

A Class for Young Communicants will be opened in the Vestry at the close of the Forenoon Service on Sunday, 6th April.

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Changes of Address.

Any members changing their addresses are earnestly requested to notify the Session Clerk so that their names may be given to the Elder of the district to which they have gone, thus preventing disappointment at not receiving Communion Cards.

Visit of Mr. Heinz D. Leuner.

On 27th April we are to have a return visit from Mr. Heinz D. Leuner, Secretary of the International Hebrew Alliance in London. Those who had the privilege of hearing him on a previous occasion will look forward to his coming amongst us again. We would regard him as the most brilliant Jewish speaker we have ever heard. He is now resident in London and will be on a month's visit to Scotland. He has promised to conduct both Services that day.

The Adolescent Groups are now meeting each Sunday morning in the Church from 10.30 a.m. until 11.10 a.m. A warm invitation is given to all young people between the ages of 12 and 18.

Young People's Union.

We have now covered, we feel, all ages in the Congregation since the Y.P.U. is meeting in the Upper Hall on Sunday evenings from 7.45 p.m. until 9 p.m. Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Hugh A. N. Peden, this Group is deriving a real fellowship from its gatherings. Papers are read by the members and free—very free—discussion follows.

A Sub-Committee of the Session is at present engaged in meeting with Ex-Service men and women. These gatherings have been held in the Manse and the aim has been to discover how we can increase the efficiency of the Church in our modern life. Naturally only a few can be invited at a time but we are gathering valuable information and hope to continue our meetings with others in the Spring and early Summer.

Anniversary Services.

The Anniversary Services of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, 13th April at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and will be conducted by Rev. A. G. Stewart, M.A. of Troon.