

February, 1948.

REGISTER

Baptisms: Ian Andrew, son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell, Netherfield, Newton Mearns.
John Marshall, son of Mr. & Mrs. MacCallum, North Lodge, Mearnskirk.

Deaths: Mrs. Coulthart, Morar, Beech Avenue, Newton Mearns.
Mrs. Smith, 35 Windsor Avenue, Newton Mearns.

New Members - by Certificate from other Congregations:

Mr. & Mrs. William Bishop,	3 Cheviot Drive.
Dr. & Mrs. Barclay,	19 Larchfield Avenue.
Mrs. Blue,	12 Tofts Road.
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Baird & Miss Baird,	Niaroo, Kilmarnock Road.
Mr. & Mrs. N. Munro Niven,	Ashdale, Neidpath Road, East.
Mr. & Mrs. Richmond,	Onans, Rysland Avenue.
Miss Rennie, C/o Miss McKinlay,	Kinfauns Drive.
Miss Isobel P. Wilkie,	Prospect House.
Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Watt,	5 Larchfield Avenue.

THE YOUNG WORSHIPPERS' LEAGUE

It is a great pleasure to report that no fewer than 31 children have made Perfect Attendance at the Forenoon Services throughout the year 1947, while 5 made 50 attendances and 9, 46 attendances. Thanks are due to Mr. D.B. Craig for such splendid record. The Minister would like to see all the children of the Church up to 16 years of age members of the League. Thanks are also due to the boys who mark the cards each Sunday, David Cosh and Ritchie Robertson. The names of the Prize-winners will be published later.

THE WAR MEMORIAL

In our last issue we outlined the proposals to the Session with regard to the War Memorial. Since then, due to a most generous offer from one of our members, it has been decided to incorporate also a Stained Glass Window, and the one selected is that facing the Kilmarnock Road adjacent to the Stained Glass Windows in the Gallery which were gifted by Mrs. Anderson of Whitecraigs in memory of her son who was killed in the Great War, 1914-1918, and of her husband. On behalf of the Session and the Congregation, we would extend to the anonymous donor our most grateful thanks. The Window and the Plaque will form the first part of the War Memorial, while in a few years we will hope to complete it with the erection of new halls, a tower and a belfry. Donations can now be sent to Mr. Walter Rodger, 9 Townhead Road, Newton Mearns.

THE SOCIAL AND BADMINTON CLUB, DRAMATIC SECTION

On 14th, 15th, and 16th January, the above Club gave three performances of the play of Mr. A.P. Wilson entitled "Auld Nick", and it was universally applauded as one of the best amateur productions seen for a long time. Our hall was much too small to accommodate all who desired to see it and almost double the number of tickets could have been sold for the last night. We would offer to the players our congratulations on the great success that they achieved. Chief credit must be given to Mr. A.R. Macnaughton, the producer. A comparative newcomer to our church, he at once signified his willingness to help when his services were solicited in the above respect. He has, of course, had considerable experience in this work, having been producing plays for over 20 years and entering them for the Festivals. The choice of play was a happy one, suiting the atmosphere of the Church and maintaining a high tone throughout. We set out in the Church to lift up a standard of life and behaviour, and it is right that we should watch at all times what we portray on the public platform. It is perhaps wrong to individualise. I once remember getting into trouble for thanking a caste individually and accidentally missing out one person! "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned". Needless to

say the incident did not take place in our own Church but I learned a lesson on that occasion. Nevertheless I am going to brave the consequences and pay tribute to Douglas McCann for his inimitable portrayal of the Rev. Nicholas Urquhart. He had a tremendous load to carry. He was rarely off the stage and his characterisation was magnificent. No persons did more for the production than Mr. Macnaughton, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Niven and Mr. Walker. Together they built up and painted the scenes and were responsible for the fittings, etc. Ivycraig loaned us some furniture once again and Mrs. Thom acted as prompter throughout the season. There were willing ticket collectors. Mrs. Macnaughton assisted her husband in the "making up" of the cast and Miss Sheila Hutcheson and Mrs. Robertson supervised the Tea, with willing helpers. Altogether it was a most happy show and the fellowship throughout the winter (and this is one of the great aims of the Club) has been something that has brightened difficult days. Mr. Maurice Anderson's music on gramophone records was most beautifully relayed on a loud speaker. W.M.M.

MINISTER'S NOTES

The attendance at Communion in spite of the transport difficulties was excellent. We were very fortunate in the weather in the forenoon when 389 members sat down at the Lord's Table. But while this was so, we were far from so in the evening which was one of the wildest nights of the winter. Nevertheless 55 brave persons ventured out to Church. Nothing, I think, but a sense of duty would have taken them out on such a night. Well done!

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mr. & Mrs. Murray, Sherwood, Edzel Drive, and to Mr. & Mrs. MacRae, Station House, Whitecraigs. They have been excellent additions to our fellowship, but our loss is others' gains. As Elders, both Mr. Murray and Mr. MacRae fulfilled the high tradition of their office. In public life both men in their different spheres showed the spirit of service which is so sadly lacking to-day. Mrs. Murray was a good Guildswoman and Mrs. MacRae was helpful in the Choir. The Kirk Session has handed to each elder a Bible as a token of its appreciation.

The Congregation greatly enjoyed the visit of the Rev. James A. Gossip of Rajputana. Rarely have we listened to more stirring addresses on work in the Mission Field. Mr. Gossip is not afraid to say what he thinks and has the faculty of putting his thoughts into most graphic language and homely metaphors. His account of a missionary's work when the day seemed to be "frittered" away with interviewing people, the majority of whom were "bogus", and with balancing the accounts of the mission field, all of which had to be done, so that at the end of the day you wondered what you had to show for all your work and how often the most difficult task you had to do was to keep your temper in the broiling heat, was a most original way of saying that, after all, what really matters most as a missionary is the example of your life. How true that is of all Christians.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD - The Women's World Day of Prayer.

In connection with the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, 13th February, a Service will be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. The address will be given by Miss Muir, Secretary of the South-West Council. All women are invited to join with the women throughout the world in this service. Further reports of the meeting of the South-West Council, when the President of the Woman's Guild, Mrs. Sutherland, gave the address, will be given in the next issue of the Supplement.
