

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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New Members.

By Certificate from other Congregations.

Mr. James Asher, Elmara, Ayr Road.

Miss Elizabeth Bell, 28 Larchfield Avenue.

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Mr. Eric D. S. Brown, Dunbeth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, 316 Ayr Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Carlaw, 20 Larchfield Ave.

Mrs. Walter S. Cuthill, 34 Woodvale Avenue,
Clarkston.

Mrs. H. A. M. Peden, 60 Hazelwood Avenue.

Mr. Alan Tweedie, The Old Lodge, Faside.

Mrs. J. Young, 81 Ayr Road.

Miss J. Young Do.

Miss C. Young Do.

Church Services.

MORNING—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—6.30 p.m.

YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUPS—10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 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 in the Upper Hall during the Morning Service.

REGISTER

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

Donald MacBrayne Taylor Anderson, 2 Deveron Drive, Giffnock.

Gilmour Leslie Anderson, 2 Eddington Drive.

Robert Carswell, Borland, Eaglesham.

Robin Gordon Campbell, Arthurlie Drive.

Margery Anne Roser, Eaglesham Road.

Jean Fergie Stewart, Moorend.

Alan John MacMillan Tweedie, The Old Lodge,
Faside.

Marriage.

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

Hugh A. M. Peden and Grace Joyce Parker.

Deaths.

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

Mr. James Craig, 2 Ashview Terrace.

Mr. Oliver Foster, Hazelmere, Rysland Avenue.

Dugald C. Hay, Ivyeraig, Kirk Lane.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Semple, 1 Eddington Drive.

THE UNVEILING OF THE WAR

MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The Service of the Unveiling and Dedication of the War Memorial Window will be held on Sunday, the 16th October, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. in the Church. The Session has invited the Rev. Professor J. Pitt Watson, D.D., Professor of Practical Training in Trinity College, Glasgow, to conduct the Service, and the minister's wife to perform the act of Unveiling. Dr. Pitt Watson was for many years the Convener of the Church and Nation Committee, and did much to interest the Church at large in the great national issues of the day, as well as to stimulate relations between the Church in our own land and the Churches on the Continent of Europe. In addition he is recognised as amongst the leaders of the Church in Glasgow, and in the General Assembly Meetings. He conducted the Anniversary Services of our congregation in April last with great acceptance. He has accepted the invitation to conduct the service and has informed us that he considers it a great honour to be associated with the congregation in this act of memorial.

The window selected for the installation is the one at the top of the stairs leading to the gallery of the Church. The Session, after considering the matter carefully, decided against introducing stained glass into those in the nave of the building. It was felt that this might tend to darken the Church, and that one of the attractive features of it was its brightness. It will, accordingly, be impracticable that the act of unveiling should be performed in the presence of the congregation, but it is being arranged that the proceedings at this part of the service be relayed by loudspeaker to the people. During a singing of a hymn those who

are taking part in the dedication will proceed to the window, and return later while the congregation remain in their places. At the close of the service an opportunity will be given to members to file past in procession.

The architect of the window is Mr. Douglas McLundie of Edinburgh, and the makers of the plaque Messrs. Archibald Hamilton of Glasgow. A brochure is being prepared containing a photograph of the Memorial Window and an account of the interpretation of it, a list of the names of those of the congregation who fell in both world wars, and an Order of Service for the day. It will be placed in the pews on Sunday, 16th October, the day of the Unveiling and Dedication.

We would remind the congregation that the Memorial Window is part of a larger War Memorial Scheme to build further hall accommodation for our Church, and that this is urgently required for our congregational life. Building, since the war ended, has necessarily been curtailed, but as soon as it is practical, it is our desire to proceed with this further work. Will all those who would like to make their contribution send it at their earliest convenience to Mr. Walter Rodger, 7 Townhead Road, Newton Mearns.

THE NOVEMBER COMMUNION AND THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Session has had under consideration for several months the difficulty raised in our congregational life by the fact that His Majesty the King has appointed the first Sunday of November to be the National Day of Remembrance, or as it used to be called, Armistice Sunday. Embracing as it now does, and not the 11th November or whatever day of the week the latter should fall, the Two Minutes Silence, the hour as well as the Order of Service for such an occasion becomes one that is fraught with difficulties.

The problem crystallises itself in the following points: (1) We believe that nothing should take precedence in our thought on such an occasion to the Memorial of our Lord's Death. "Greater love hath no man than that a man lay down his life for his friends," said Jesus, and yet His own death upon the Cross stands in a unique way above all else in the history of mankind: (2) There may infiltrate into a service of national

remembrance, unless we guard against it, a spirit of selfish nationalism which would mar, if it were present, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: (3) A remembrance service is one that, for those who have lost, will be especially poignant. To make it difficult for them "to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man" in this, one of the two rites Christ instituted for the Church, would seem to be wrong: (4) It would mean an earlier hour of service *e.g.* 10.45 a.m. at the latest, and this does not leave much time for the elders to prepare the elements, nor would it be the most suitable hour for the congregation.

Having considered the question from every point of view, and taken into account, also, that the September and November Communion are within six weeks of each other (in the olden days the September Communion used to be on the 1st Sunday in August, when Mearns was an agricultural district), the Session has decided to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 2nd Sabbath in November. It alters this date with extreme reluctance, but, as it is impossible to have the Day of Remembrance on any other date than that appointed by His Majesty the King, it feels that this is the wiser course. The dates, then, for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in our own congregation will in future be the first Sundays of February and May, and the second Sundays in September and November.

OUR NEW ORGANIST.

We give a very warm welcome to Mr. Walter Cuthill who has already entered upon his duties as organist and choirmaster in our congregation. He comes to us from the Bourock Church, Barrhead, where he has for 15 years rendered great service in the praise of that congregation. We have enjoyed greatly his music since he came to us, and we would ask all those who have the interest of the praise of the church in their hearts to come forward and offer their services to him and to the congregation in the choir. If it means some sacrifice on your part, is there anything really worth doing in life that does not? The organist needs you, the Church needs you, Christ needs you. "Why halt ye between two opinions"?

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The opening meeting of the Woman's Guild will be held on Monday, 17th October, at 7.30 p.m.,

when we shall be privileged in having with us Mrs. Jarvis of Wellington Church, Vice-President of the Woman's Guild.

With the exception of the first two, the meetings will be held on alternate Monday evenings and a cordial invitation is extended to all women of the congregation.

Included in the Syllabus are talks on Bible Study, the Home and Foreign Mission Work of the Church, an address on The Value of Social Adjustments, a Demonstration of Cookery by the S.W. Scotland Electricity Board and a Cinematograph Entertainment by Mr. M. B. Anderson.

During the next few weeks, members of Committee will call on the Ladies of the congregation on behalf of the Schemes of the Guild and we take this opportunity of thanking all who have supported these Schemes in the past.

THE CHOIR.

Mr. Cuthill, our organist, writes :—

“ At the commencement of my tenure of office as organist and choirmaster, I earnestly invite all who are willing and able to assist with the Church Praise to make themselves known to me after any of the services or by letter or 'phone.

The service that music can render in the worship of the Sanctuary is most valuable.

It is my sincere desire to make it elevating in influence on all and worthy to be laid as an offering upon the Divine Altar.”

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The teachers and pupils of the Sunday School wish to take this further opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Rodger for the splendid outing to Netherplace Farm. The perfect weather, the beautiful countryside and the kindness of the Rodger family will make the day a memorable one to all who were at the trip.

To those who have recently joined our fellowship we would point out that the Senior and Primary Sunday Schools meet at 10.15 a.m. and the Beginners during the Forenoon Service.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

The Y.P.U. resumed its evening meetings at 7.45 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd October, in the Upper

Hall. The first meeting was addressed by Miss A. McDougall, her subject being “ How Should I Spend My Leisure Time.”

While the Y.P.U. is run mainly by the younger members of the congregation, its meetings are open to all who are 18 years of age and over, and now, at the beginning of this new session, we offer the invitation to YOU ; to join with us in Praise Prayer, Study and Service, the path toward Christian Fellowship of which we all have so great a need. We want your company and your help. Remember, Sunday evening, 7.45 p.m.

SOCIAL, BADMINTON AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Badminton Section has now resumed and meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

The Junior Section meets on Tuesday and Saturday at 5.30 p.m.

The Dramatic Section is expected to begin rehearsals in October and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

The first Social Evening will be on 11th October. New members will be made very welcome at any of the meetings.

The Office-bearers this session are :—

President—Mr. Robert Todd.

Vice-President—Miss Margaret Hunter.

Secretary—Miss Anne McDougall, 51 Beech Avenue.

Treasurer—Mr. James Menzies.

Dramatic Producer—Mr. A. R. Macnaughton, 55 Beech Avenue.

Match Secretary—Miss J. Downs.

SEAT LETTING.

Members whose names are not on their pews or any others requiring Sittings might please see Mr. Meiklejohn, at the close of any morning service.

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 removed, thus preventing disappointment at not receiving Communion Cards.

VARIA.

We extend a welcome to-day to the East Renfrewshire Young Farmers' Club. We trust that they will be able to return thanks to God with us for the goodness unto us in Harvest.

The Forenoon Service on Sunday, 23rd November, will be conducted by the Rev. Arch. Watt, M.A., S.T.M., Stonelaw, Rutherglen.

A Class for Young Communicants was enrolled

in the vestry on the first Sunday in October at the close of the Forenoon Service.

The Rev. A. Drummond Duff, M.A., Mearns Parish, and the Rev. W. J. Towart, B.D., Giffnock South, were responsible for the Pastoral work in July, and we extend to both our thanks.

The Adolescent Groups meet on Sunday mornings at 10.30 a.m., and all over 12 years of age, and under 18 will be welcome. The Groups will be supervised by the Minister, Mr. J. P. Robertson, Mr. Robert Armour, and Mr. W. McLagan Williams.