

# NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

APRIL, 1957.

## THE REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Pamela Anne Brodie, 20 Edzell Drive.  
Gordon Charles Blackstock, Killellan, Glebe Lane.  
Charles Douglas Sutherland, Beech Crescent.  
Andrew Hulme Bowie, 9 Newtonlea Avenue.

### Marriages.

"Who God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Elinor McIver to Ronald Howie.

### Deaths.

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

Miss Laurie, 166 Ayr Road.  
Mrs James Paterson, 22 Kilpatrick Gdns, Clarkston.  
Miss Cowie, Alderwood, Beech Avenue.  
Miss A. McCulloch, Barcapel Lodge.  
Mr James Burns, 75 Larchfield Avenue.

### New Members—February, 1957.

#### By Certificates.

Mr and Mrs W. Calderwood, 50 Hazelwood Avenue.  
Mrs J. G. Glaister Linnard, Westbrae Road.  
Mrs Isabella M. Jardine, 23 Edzell Drive.  
Miss Hester T. Jardine, 23 Edzell Drive.  
Mr John G. H. Jardine, 23 Edzell Drive.  
Mr and Mrs James Mitchell, 8 Edzell Drive.  
Mr Alan Rapier, 8 Newtonlea Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs J. Aitchison, 31 Larchfield Avenue.  
Miss Margaret Aitchison, 31 Larchfield Avenue.  
Mr L. W. D. Aitchison, M.A., LL.B., 31 Larchfield Avenue.

### Disjunction Certificates issued since

1st January, 1957.

Mr and Mrs Currans, Agricultural Houses, Newton Mearns.  
Mr and Mrs Allan Macdougall, Miss Ann Macdougall and Miss Helen Macdougall, Marchmont, Beech Avenue.  
Mrs Miller, Forestfield Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs Morris Erskine, 62 Kelvin Court.  
Mrs Simpson, 9 Rysland Avenue.  
Mrs Carvel, Arthurlie Drive.  
Dr. and Mrs John Macdonald, Dunrobin, Ayr Road.

## VARIA

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the first Sunday in May. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Prof. W. D. Niven D.D. of Trinity College, Glasgow, and of Glasgow University.

## OBITUARY.

Miss Laurie of 166 Ayr Road, died at her residence after a protracted period of illness. She came from the Springburn district of Glasgow with her brother, Dr. Laurie, and her sisters. As she was confined in her sojourn here to the house, few of us had the privilege of knowing her. As a family they have always been closely associated with the Church, and to her brother and sisters as well as to Anne and Hugh, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs James Paterson of 22 Kilpatrick Gardens, Clarkston, died very suddenly on Sunday, 13th January. She was on her way to visit her sisters and brother-in-law in Beech Avenue when she collapsed and died. She had been in indifferent health for a short time but no one looked for her sudden passing from our midst. Although she knew that she should take life more easily, such was her interest in it, and love for others that she refused to spare herself. She continued her way of helping others as if nothing was wrong. Perhaps for her it was the best way, as she was able to bring such happiness to others as she trod her own radiant and unselfish path. She was always in the midst of all that was taking place creating laughter wherever she went. To those, however, whom she left behind it has been a great sorrow. To her husband we extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of one who was the light of his life. We remember also her brothers, sisters and all their kith and kin. May the comfort of Him Who has lifted our eyes to an eternal hope dwell richly in their hearts.

Miss C. Cowie of Alderwood, Beech Avenue, died suddenly on Saturday, 9th February. When the two sisters came to live here they called their house after the alder tree from the wood of which clogs were originally made. Their father was a craftsman in this art. When, however, it died out he bought a few boot and shoe shops in different parts of the city. When they came to live here they at once associated themselves with the Church and have been for many years one of our staunchest families, interested in all that was going on. Miss Cowie had an illness a few years ago, and a recurrence of it was too much for her health to bear. To Miss Janet Cowie, her brother and all her kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy.

Miss Nan MacCulloch of Capelrig Lodge, passed away in her sleep on Saturday, 16th March. As a family they came from Pinwherry in Ayrshire, where their father worked on one of the estates. He was an upright, God fearing man, industrious, who brought up his children in the same way. Not a minute of the day would he waste. Work was the central purpose of life and he would not fail in this respect. Miss Nan MacCulloch was a true daughter of her father and kept house faithfully for her brother. To her sister and brothers we extend our deep sympathy, and especially to Mr William MacCulloch with whom she lived, and who was a faithful companion to her.



Mr James Burns, 75 Larchfield Avenue, died suddenly on Wednesday, 2nd January. Perhaps it was fitting that on the previous day he had enjoyed having all his family around him. One could not know him for long without becoming very closely attached to him. One's earliest recollections of him was of his devoted attention to his wife. He tended her with a loving care that one could not but mark. She was afflicted with a distressing illness but he was always at her side, taking her arm up the road, and absorbed in her welfare. Some of his years as a headmaster were spent at Corrie in the island of Arran. They were amongst the happiest in his life, and they formed friendships there that influenced their own life and that of others. He served in the army in the first world war, and the spruceness of the officer was his to the end of his life. In addition to that, however, he was one of nature's gentlemen, considerate in all he did, helpful to everyone in any possible way. His graciousness to others, indeed, will always remain one of the outstanding traits of his character. A great grief in his life was the death of his only son in the second world war. He died in the war against the Japanese in Malaya. After the death of his wife his sister-in-law, Miss Maclean came to keep house for him, and no arrangement could have been happier. She proved the perfect helpmeet to him in his latter years. Their faithfulness in attending Church in spite of their difficulties was a challenge to many in the district. We miss him much, but he leaves behind a gracious memory, and we offer to his sister-in-law, his daughter-in-law and son, and all his kith and kin our deepest sympathy in the passing of one so justly dear.

#### FLOWER LIST.

- April 7—Mrs Pirret, Kingarth, Paidmyre Road.  
 „ 14—Miss Hamilton, 17 Larchfield Avenue.  
 „ 21—Misses M. and E. Gow, Knockdolian,  
 Beech Avenue.  
 „ 28—Mrs Kinnear, 57 Beech Avenue.

Will those desirous of supplying flowers for year commencing May, 1957, kindly add their names and addresses to the list in the Vestibule.

#### AN IMPORTANT DAY.

Sunday, January 20th, was an exceptionally stormy day of lashing rain and driving wind. It was also one of the outstanding days in the history of the Newton Mearns Church for it was the occasion when an addition was made to the Eldership.

In view of the ageing of members of the Kirk Session and the prospect of a large increase in the population due to the development of the Crookfur area as a residential district it was deemed wiser to increase the number of the Elders.

The Kirk Session is a strong one and with the seven new comers the number is increased to 50. "As the various Protestant Churches arose, they were faced with the question: What authority should take the place of the Roman hierarchy which

ascended from Deacon and Priest to the Pope himself? Those Churches which drew their inspiration from Geneva answered this question by reviving the ancient office of Elder, and developing the life of each congregation, or local Church, under a body—named in Scotland the 'Kirk Session'—in which the Minister sat in council with his fellows, who were distinguished by the designation, 'Ruling-Elders.' The Reformed (Presbyterian) system of Church government has taken deep root in many lands; and wherever it has gone the office of the Eldership has been honoured as essential to the work and well being of the Church."

The Service was outstanding and the lesson passage, read by Mr MacKay, was impressive and very much to the point as indeed all the proceedings were. After the seven new Elders had been ordained, by the laying on of hands, and had been invited to take their places in the Chancel one felt that the Newton Mearns Church was fortunate in having such a strong body of men to care for its interests and maintenance and to be concerned for the welfare of the Congregation. The names of the seven gentlemen added to the Session at this time are:—J. Scott Black, Sydney Brunton, James H. Frost, Hanson Gray, A. Murray Hanna, Thomas F. Marchant and Andrew M. R. Russell.

#### NEW YEAR COMMUNION.

A year ago the weather at the February Communion Season was very trying and attendances were adversely affected. This year there was heavy rain shortly before the time fixed for the Preparatory Service on the Friday evening but there was a good representation of the Eldership although the inclemency of the weather affected the attendance of the ordinary members.

The Rev. R. S. Cairns, the Minister of Langside Old Church, occupied the pulpit and is always a welcome visitor. He chose for the lesson a few verses from the Sermon on the Mount, and very penetrating ones they were: "Whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother . . . thou fool shall be in danger of hellfire.

"Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar; and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother: and then come and offer thy gift," and a few verses at the beginning of the seventh chapter about judging and especially dealing with the "mote" and the "beam." The world used in our day is "priority." Earlier we used to speak of "putting first things first."

The message of the meditation was to remove the obstructions which interfere and impede our approach to God and destroy our peace of mind towards our fellows.



Sunday morning dawned without rain (although it was not far away), when the Session assembled at 11 a.m. and members were made aware what was expected of them. The service opened with the Hundredth Psalm and the lesson was an exhortation to faith and godliness found in the earlier verses of the 12th Chapter of Hebrews, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

After the Sermon the Minister took his seat in the Chancel among the Elders (among whom were the newly elected men) and the Sacred Rite began with the singing of the Hymn "Rock of Ages cleft for me" and carried through with the usual quiet decorum which is associated with this remembrance.

Heavy rain fell at the time of the evening diet but in spite of this some seventy members who had not been present in the morning took Communion, bringing the total for the day to some five hundred.

### THE CLYDE STEAMERS.

The regard felt by West of Scotland people for the Clyde pleasure steamers has often been made clear to visitors from the South but it was never more abundantly plain than when the Rev. Wm. C. Galbraith visited the Woman's Guild on February 5th. During the lecture he revealed that his early years had been spent in Bute (where his father was Minister) and he had had an uninterrupted view from his home of Rothesay Pier, at the time when the three companies were in competition for the patronage of Glasgow citizens, and others as well, who loved—and rightly so—to go "doon the watter."

It was simply wonderful how familiar Mr Galbraith was with all the details of the boats plying on the Firth and particularly if they touched in at Rothesay Pier and this knowledge went back to the last quarter of last century and he traced the history from launching to sinking or break up, as the case may be.

It reminded one of a young man in a Glasgow Newspaper Office who also was devoted to the Clyde Steamers and who was almost broken hearted when he heard that the "Waverley" had been sunk at Dunkirk.

### THE "GET-TOGETHER SOCIALS"

The series of Social Evenings designed to bring the congregation into closer touch with each other concluded with the one held on February 27th.

The hall had been made more comfortable with curtains which kept off draft from the main door but ultimately it was revealed the space contained tables loaded with good things to take with tea. The Elders' ladies took charge of the teapots whilst the Elders saw to the distribution of the eatables.

It was a particularly happy occasion and all showed good spirit and entered heartily into everything provided for their enjoyment. Mrs Todd gave Readings which were much appreciated and Mrs Thom and Miss Hunter sang songs.

Mr Ritchie made a good job of the Vote of Thanks, missing no one.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

If meetings have been held each year since the "Cause" was established in Newton Mearns, the one held on Wednesday, 13th March, 1957, would be the two hundred and seventeenth. That is going back a long way and is a record of which one should be proud for it betokens much devoted service and loyalty of many people who have passed on without leaving any visible memorial of their labours but the Cause still goes on.

The Minister was in the Chair supported by the Clerk to the Congregational Board, the Session Clerk and the chief Executive Officers. After the opening Psalm the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting and vouching that it had been announced from the pulpit on the previous two Sundays. This was followed by the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting which was confirmed. Apologies for absence were then intimated.

The Financial Statement duly audited had been circulated and it was presented to the meeting by the Treasurer—Mr Walter Rodger—who made comparison where necessary with the previous year, and made explanations where required. The financial position was satisfactory and the statement was approved. Mr D. J. MacPhail submitted the Auditors' report which was accepted and he and Mr J. W. Jarvie were re-appointed. Indeed all the Officers of the Congregation, as detailed on page 3 of the Year Book, were continued.

After vacancies on the Congregational Board had been made good and the Leaders of the various sections had reported regarding the work during the year there was the usual Votes of Thanks. So thoroughly was this done that omission of anyone who had rendered service could hardly occur. Tea and cakes and conversation was then the order of the evening.

After songs by Mrs Andrew M. McCance and Miss Marlyn Ferguson, a successful meeting closed with the Benediction.

It was a happy interlude when Mr Gilbert McVean rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr Mackay. This was done in the bright cheery manner reminiscent of Mr McVean and indeed he was complimented afterwards on the clever way he had built up his matter and had put it across.

There is genuine regret that Mr and Mrs McVean are to leave the Church, but it is necessary Mr McVean should be nearer town.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Another very successful year is reported from the Sunday School. There are 150 pupils on the role and there is a teaching staff of 22.

In the autumn the Superintendent, having retired from active business, decided on a lengthy holiday in Kenya and he and Mrs Menzies are now enjoying the lovely sunshine and gathering experiences which will in due course be given to the school.

During Mr Menzies absence the conduct of the school has been in the hands of Mr A. Murray Hanna where his vivaciousness is projected through all he essays to do.

The picnic last summer was to Hazeldean House on June 16th, but after spending a short time in the grounds the rain came on and it became necessary to return to the Church Hall and finish the afternoon there. The children enjoyed themselves nevertheless.

We would like to thank the Misses Pratt and hope the next time the visit is to Hazeldean the weather clerk will be kinder and provide a dry day.

The prize giving took place on June 17th. It was held in the Church Hall on the Sunday afternoon and not during the morning service as has been the usual practice.

The change proved very successful for there was a large attendance of parents.

The James Pollock Bequest provided the prizes for memory work which were also presented at this service.

The Harvest Gift Service was held in October and the Christmas Gift Service on December 16th, and a very good response was made on both occasions, and thanks are extended to the parents for the support so willingly given. The gifts from both services were sent to Mearns Kirk Hospital where they were very much appreciated.

The children had their Christmas parties as usual—the primary section in the afternoon when Mrs Telfer played the piano for their games which all thoroughly enjoyed and Santa Claus paid them a visit.

The older boys and girls assembled promptly at five o'clock and kept things going briskly until 9 o'clock. After tea there was a film show which Mr Telfer provided and Mr Cuthill saw to the music for the games and Mr Hanna was indefatigable—and successful—in keeping things going until the arrival of Santa Claus which put “closed” to a very happy party.

accompanied by vivid lantern slides. To mention a few of the subjects:—“Meals on Wheels,” a talk describing how hot meals are taken regularly to people who are old, poor and house-bound, one or two beautifully illustrated lectures on Missions, both Home and Foreign, and also an account of the wonderful work done by the British Sailors' Society for our sailors in all large ports.

Mr McMeechan arranged a film description of a voyage completely round Africa. For the musical part we spent an enjoyable evening listening to fine records of folk songs, arranged by Mr Cuthill. Our session terminated with a sojourn near New York, where we were delighted in hearing some side-lights on American life given by Mrs Emma Menzies.

The Bible Study Group has met several times during the session ably conducted by Miss Watt.

The Work Party again filled a box of discarded clothing, etc., for Dr. Leuner's “Displaced Persons' Camp” near Luneburg.

Since Christmas we have knitted for the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

On the Women's World Day of Prayer a joint service was held in Newton Mearns Church. The service was a beautiful one but, unfortunately, the attendance was disappointing.

A most successful Coffee Morning took place at the end of October, and our thanks are due to the Congregation for its support on that occasion.

In conclusion, Mrs McCance and I should like to thank Mr and Mrs Mackay for their kind help and interest. Our thanks are also due to our Committee for its unflinching help and support.

Mary E. Osborne, Joint Secy.

### THE MOTHERS' GROUP.

A very successful session has been held, although the numbers are small.

An attractive syllabus had been arranged and dealt with Social Work, Missions, China Painting, Wool Embroidery, Cake Icing and, not least, Diet, and all proved lively and rewarding meetings.

The group had two joint meetings with the Mearns Parish Group. One was a health talk by Dr. Mearns, the other was a cookery demonstration.

The Mothers' Group is a friendly and enjoyable meeting and all mothers of young children are urged to join the group.

### WOMAN'S GUILD.

I am glad to report on the work of the Woman's Guild, which has been carried on for another successful and busy session. Our programme has, as usual, been varied. During the period many interesting and revealing talks were given, most of them

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

Although attendances have dropped slightly from last year we still have twenty young people at our meetings. The majority of the subjects are introduced by the members themselves and some very good papers have been delivered. Guest speakers have included Dr. Fawcett, the evangelist;



Mr Walter Cuthill, the church organist; Miss Flora Hunter and Dr. Dale. This session we visited Greenbank Youth Fellowship and have had a return visit from them. Both evenings were thoroughly enjoyed and we hope to have further joint meetings.

We are still in contact with our 'adopted family' in Germany and at Christmas we again sent them a gift parcel. The family consists of mother, father and young son. Both parents had T.B. but seem to be in good health now.

In December we had a Theatre Night when we visited the Alhambra Theatre and enjoyed an excellent show. We hope to hold our summer outing to Millport this year and arrangements are being made.

We would like to thank Miss Mary Anderson for once again proving that she is a very able and dependable secretary. Our thanks go also to Mr Mackay for his support and advice.

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## 2nd MEARNS BROWNIES.

During the year under review the enthusiasm at our meetings has been most encouraging. We meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday evenings, when the average attendance is 40 Brownies—and this, on many occasions, despite inclement weather.

The age limit for Brownies is 11 years and consequently three of our members have now joined the Guides. Seven new recruits joined the Pack, bringing the present number on the roll to 44.

Our normal activities include Brownie work, drill and games. In the Spring, when the weather permitted, we took the Pack to neighbouring fields for games and nature study.

Parties were held at Hallowe'en and Christmas. At the former, the Brownies arrived in fancy dress for which prizes were awarded. In February, 38 of our members visited a Pantomime and on Armistice Sunday we attended a parade in the Church.

I wish to place on record my appreciation and thanks for the most willing and able support received from Tawny Owls, Miss Leslie Williams and Miss Judith Bain, also the Pack Leader, Miss Joan Duncan. We welcome Miss Vivian Davidson who has recently joined our ranks as a Pack Leader.

To Mr Mackay, Mr Wood and Mr McClure, I take this opportunity to say "thank you" for visits and for the interest taken in the Pack at all times.

Joan M. MacPhail, Brown Owl.

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## 2nd MEARNS GIRL GUIDES.

We started the year 1956 with 33 Guides on the roll and the Company Lieutenants were Miss Cowan and Miss Barrie Pirret.

In order to earn money for our funds we gave in March a Display of Guide Work and a Film Show of "Guiding Round the World"

In May we took part in our Guide Division Display at Eastwood School.

In June we went a bus run to Troon where we enjoyed a very brief dip in the pool and then explored the shore and had a lovely day altogether. During the month of June, the official Guide Camping Site at Ardoch Farm, near Eaglesham, was opened and some of the Company spent a week-end there under canvas. Before we closed at the end of June, we held our first attempt at running a Coffee Morning. We hope to get more support at the next one.

Our new Session started as usual on the first Thursday in September and in October one of the Guides who is a keen swimmer competed in the Renfrewshire Division Guide Swimming Gala at Renfrew Baths. Also in November we held a Whist Drive and would like to thank once again Mr Pirret and everyone else who helped towards making it a great success.

In December we closed the year with a Christmas Dance for the Guides and their friends.

These are the outstanding activities on our programme but test-work continues throughout the Session as our aim is to develop good citizenship among girls by forming character; training in habits of observation, obedience, and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; teaching services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; promoting their physical, mental and spiritual development; making them capable of keeping good homes and of bringing up children to be good.

On behalf of the Company, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Congregation for their support during the Session, and to thank Mr Mackay, Mr Knox and Mr Pirret for their very kind visits to the Company.

Isobel C. Morris, Captain.

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## LIFE BOY TEAM REPORT.

The Lifeboys meet on Fridays at 6 o'clock in the Church Hall. There are at present 27 boys on the roll and we maintain extremely good attendance at our meetings.

At the end of last season the Lifeboys held a concert which terminated with prize-giving and the transfer ceremony when seven boys were transferred to the Boys Brigade Company and received their certificates.

At the beginning of this season we welcomed quite a number of new recruits who have now settled down very nicely in the team.

The boys have been hard at work since October endeavouring to obtain as many seals as possible against their names on the seal board. Each seal represents a certain item of Lifeboy work which falls into four categories, namely Religious, Educational, Physical and Social; a few of the items being:—Bible Heroes, Books of the Bible, Singing, Guide, Courtesy, Temperance, P.T., Marching and, of course, the evenings are made up with plenty of games.



We again paid a visit to the carnival at the Kelvin Hall one Saturday afternoon in January and also went to the Alhambra to see "Babes in the Wood" another Saturday in February. On both these outings this year we were accompanied by the boys of the Boys' Brigade Company, who, as well as helping to look after the young Lifeboys also attended to the tickets, fares, etc., which was a very great help and much appreciated by the Leaders. Both outings were much enjoyed by all.

As always at Christmas time the Boys' Brigade and Lifeboys had a Christmas party to which all the Boys' fathers were invited, and as usual fathers and boys turned out in full force and a hectic evening was had by all, which terminated with Santa paying his visit to the party with presents for everyone.

In order to raise funds this year the Lifeboys, along with the other three uniformed organisations of this church, presented a concert in the church hall which was called "Youthful Frolics" and it was most successful.

The team this year is a very good, compact and happy one and this has mostly been attained by the conscientious work and unflinching support of the young ladies who come up every Friday evening to help the Lifeboys in their work and without the assistance of the Misses Ann Loudon, Helen McsGregor, Maebeth Paterson and Emily Fairlie, the Lifeboy Team would never show such splendid results as at present. At this point also, on behalf of the Team, I would like to thank our Chaplain, Mr Mackay, and Captain Scott, the Lieutenants and boys of the Boys Brigade Company for all the kindness and help they have given to the Lifeboys this past year and for which we are most grateful.

In conclusion I can only say that this year has been voted a very successful and happy one by all concerned.

Margaret McGregor, L.-in-C.

NOTE.—A very warm appreciation was paid to Miss McGregor from the Chair for her outstanding work on behalf of the Lifeboys extending over a number of years.

## B.B. REPORT.

I have pleasure in stating that the B.B. Company is making steady, if slow, progress. The number of boys on the role is ten with almost 100% attendance at the drill meeting on a Friday evening and the Bible Class on Sunday morning. This increase in the number of boys makes the running of the company much easier as drill movements are more interesting and games more competitive. The boys are very enthusiastic and enjoy themselves. Eight boys entered the Bible examination set by the Glasgow Battalion and seven passed, although not with the same high marks as last year when one boy received 100% and another 96%.

In my opinion the test was much stiffer.

Four boys entered the first year Ambulance and all passed.

Captain Scott is still with us guiding the affairs of the Company and I wish to record my personal thanks. We have been very favoured in having two new Officers, Mr Arthur F. Stubbs (a former Captain of the Company), and his friend, Mr Andrew Thomson, also an ex-member. These two gentlemen are real assets and have contributed a great deal to the boys' enthusiasm.

It is hoped that next year our numbers will rise to a dozen and so further help in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst boys.

My thanks to Mr Mackay and Mr Walker for their kind help and encouragement.

John A. Orr.

## CHURCH GOLF CLUB.

During the 1956 season three outings were held but difficulty was experienced in arranging venue and these were sparsely attended probably due to uncertainty about dates.

The Secretary would be helped if players intimated promptly their desire to take part in the 1957 competitions so that an earlier start can be made.

Progress in regard to the Templeton Cup has been slow in the initial round due to difficulty in finding suitable dates for the foursomes.

Freda Mitchell, Secy. & Treas.

## RECREATIONAL GROUP.

This Group consists of the Social, Badminton and Dramatic Clubs. This has been a quiet season as far as social activities are concerned. There was a disappointingly small attendance at the Christmas Party and it was felt that a great deal of effort by the organisers had gone unrewarded. In contrast, the Country Dance held a few weeks ago was very well supported and this appears to be the only form of social activity which attracts a large attendance.

The Badminton Club is now in a very flourishing condition due mainly to an influx of new members and the return of people from the Services. In December, the Club lost the services of Miss Ann McDougall who has been the outstanding lady player in the Club for the last few years. She has taken up an appointment in Aberdeen and I should like to take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Club for her services in an executive as well as a playing capacity. After a sojourn of two years south of the border the Club are pleased to welcome back Miss Helen Ritchie. At time of writing, the Club appears to have retained its place in Division II. of the Glasgow and District Churches Badminton League. The composite reserve team has won the Sixth Division Championship of the Langside and District Badminton League; the latter team also reached the quarter-finals of the Southern Trophy.

The Dramatic Club has temporarily ceased to function but it is hoped that it will be revived in time to start a new production next winter.