

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

OCTOBER, 1959.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Graham Robert Blackstock, 31 Drumby Crescent.
Alan Graham Stuart, Asheraig, Newtonlea Avenue.
Aileen Margaret McNeil, 16 Paidmyre Crescent.
Audrey Core Rapier, 8 Newtonlea Avenue.
Margaret Whiteford Harvie, 13 Main Street.
Heather Binning, 25 Limetree Crescent.
John Hendry Wilson, 3 Moorcroft Road.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Nina Elizabeth Maxwell Duncan and William James Burgess Murdoch.
Jean Evelyn Burbett and William Slater.
Forbes Colquhoun Robertson and Mary Giles Gray.
Morag Helen Scott Hay and George Crossan McMurran.
Arthur Ray Yates Smith and Barbara Mary Kendall.
Torfrida Reid and George Donaldson Grieve.
William Lambie and Margaret Hamilton Wilson.
Harry Mackenzie Stuart and Frances Elizabeth Cullen.

Disjunction Certificates granted.

Mr and Mrs James Gilmour; James, Jun, and Miss Evie. (Mr Orr's District).
Mr Maurice B. Anderson (Mr J. Russell's District).
Mrs M. R. Murray. (Mr Pirret's District).
Mrs Daniel Lamont (Mr Baird's District).
Mr and Mrs John M. Wilson (Mr A. S. McCance's District).
Mr and Mrs Ian P. Fulton (Mr A. S. McCance's District).

ADDITION TO SESSION.

The Kirk Session decided at its meeting in June to add to the number of the elders. It did so for two reasons. Firstly some of those already holding office were growing older and unable to discharge the duties of having a district, and secondly some had left the district and their places need to be filled.

It was further decided by the Session that the method of electing them should be altered. Hitherto they were so by nomination at a congregational meeting, and by the issuing of voting papers to the members. It lay ultimately, of course, with the Session to approve any or all of these.

This procedure had its benefit. It meant that the congregation had an active part in the choosing of those who were set over it. On the other hand it was not only an arduous task for the Session Clerk, but it is also expensive. Too often also, the members of the Church in an expanding area like this, did not know the people for whom they were asked to vote.

In view of this the Session decided to adopt a second method authorised by the General Assembly of submitting names to the court for approval. This

is the way that is in general use at the present time in the Church of Scotland. At the present moment the Session is engaged in approaching those whose names have been put forward. It is hoped that this new method will commend itself to the congregation.

THE COMMUNION.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will be observed on Sunday, 18th October, at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Preparatory Service will be held on the preceding Friday, in the Church at 8 p.m. Those who desire Visitor's Cards can have them on application.

A Class for first communicants is at present in session in the Manse, 204 Ayr Road, and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend. There is no obligation to join just because you come to the class. It meets on a Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

For the benefit of new members there are three Communion seasons in our congregation:—the first Sunday in February, the first Sunday in May, and the third Sunday in October. We used to have a Communion in September, and one in November, but the latter had often to be moved to confer with the Queen's wishes regarding Remembrance Day, and the Kirk Session decided to appoint the third Sunday in October in place of the other two.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The opening meeting of the Guild is on October 12th, when the speaker will be the Rev. W. N. Peterkin, M.A., of Broom Parish Church. We extend a very cordial invitation to all women of the congregation to come into this fellowship appended below is the syllabus for October and November.

- Oct. 12—Rev. W. N. Peterkin, M.A., Broom, at 7.30 p.m.
" 19—Work Party "At Home," in the Manse at 3 p.m.
Nov. 2—Bulb Growing. Mr John Russell and Mr John McCallum, at 7.30 p.m.
" 16—Talk and Film on Temperance, Mr T. McKee, at 7.30 p.m.
" 30—Packing Christmas Box for Dr. Leuner, at 3 p.m.

In addition a Bible Study Group, open to any who are interested both men and women, will take place in the Upper Hall, on alternate Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The dates up till the end of the year are: October 26th; November 9th and 23rd; December 7th.

The MOTHERS' GROUP.

This group meets in the Manse, 204 Ayr Road, on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. It is an effort to introduce a section of the women of the congregation to each other, and we hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity. The opening meeting is a joint one with the Guild on Monday, 12th October, at 7.30 p.m., in the Hall. Thereafter the Group will meet in the Manse on a Tuesday.

PRESENTATION TO MR STEWART TELFER.

We made reference in the June Supplement to the retiral of Mr Telfer from the staff of the Sabbath School. He served there for a great many years. He entered at the age of 14 and a few years ago received the certificate from the General Assembly for having taught for 60 years. You can realise, therefore, that he has been in the Sabbath School for practically the whole of his life. That is a wonderful record that few will ever attain. As long as I can remember he has played the organ at its services, and probably long before that. This, however, is but one of the ways in which he has served the Church. He is an honoured elder of the congregation, and at present the Roll Keeper. He faithfully fills in your attendances after each Communion. He started years ago a Penny Saving's Bank for the children. He ran Cantatas in conjunction with the late Mr Galt. The Band of Hope was another of his activities. When the organist is on holiday he officiates at the organ. For some years he has taken an active part in the work of the Sabbath School Union, and is at present the secretary of the South Suburban Union. Our representative at the Presbytery, he is on about eleven committees which he attends regularly. It would be difficult to name one side of the Church's work in which he has not participated. It was eminently fitting, therefore, that the congregation should make a presentation to him as a small token of the great esteem in which he was held. Our good wishes are given to-day to his wife and to himself, and our thanks for all he has done.

RECREATIONAL GROUP.

I was present at the annual meeting of the Recreational Group, otherwise known as the Badminton Club, its central activity. It is held rather unusually at the beginning of the Session. I want to commend this Club to all who are interested in one of the finest indoor games in our country. I myself owed a great deal to it. It is a fast and exciting game. You make some very good friends through it, and you get to know the people in the Church. They say that apart from Boxing, and I was always too fond of my face to risk it, there is no game so exacting as a single at Badminton. We have a full sized court; the team this year is playing in the Langside and District League, and the subscription is 25/- per session, not expensive when you think of the price of shuttles. The Club hours are Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., and Saturday afternoon from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. It may take you a little courage to come the first time but I can assure you it is well worth while.

The Sabbath School wants to try an experiment and hold the Senior Department in the afternoon. The session has given its permission. The Superintendent and the teachers feel that it is difficult if not impossible to interest children of such varying ages in the same service. It means additional work for some of the staff but they are prepared to do so if it helps the older pupils of ages 11 to 14 to understand better the great truths of Christianity. We ask the parents to co-operate and encourage youth in this new venture. The congregation would like to say to the Sabbath School teachers how much it appreciates the valuable work for the Church, that it does. The proposed date for commencing this is the 25th October, at 3 p.m. Teachers are still required for the Sabbath School and anyone who is interested should speak to Mr Menzies, the Superintendent.

VARIA.

Remembrance Day will be on November 8th. The uniformed organisations of the Church will be on parade, and the Scout Company in the district will also attend. The usual retiring collection will be taken for the Earl Haig Fund. The service will begin at 10.45 a.m.

Mr and Mrs Walter Hutcheson formerly of 30 Larchfield Avenue, have gone to live in Troon. As an elder he was most acceptable to the congregation, and we part with him from the Session with the deepest regret. He was essentially friendly and we will miss both him and his wife.

Mr and Mrs John Barr, 69 Beech Avenue, celebrated their diamond wedding in July. It was characteristic of them that they refused to reveal, the date. They received the congratulations of the Queen. We would like to say to them again how much we rejoice with them.

It was also reported to the Session at the same meeting that Mr and Mrs James Drysdale, Kildary, Ayr Road, had celebrated their golden wedding. The congratulations and good wishes of the Session and congregation are extended to them.

A film entitled "Over the Hill," depicting the plight of the Refugees in Germany will be shown at the Evening Service on Sunday, 25th October.

One of our members Mr John Henderson, 30 Craignethan Road, received the C.B.E., from Her Majesty the Queen. He has rendered great service in the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and we extend to him and his wife our warmest good wishes.

FLOWER LIST.

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| Oct. 4—Mrs Macnaughton | Nov. 22—Mrs Hunter. |
| " 11—Mrs Mather | " 29—Mrs Mackay |
| " 16—Mrs Thom | Dec. 6—Mrs T. Craig |
| " 25—Mrs Davidson | " 13—Mrs Bain |
| Nov. 1—Mrs Cross | " 20—Mrs Macdonald |
| " 8—Mrs Blue | " 27—Miss Loudon |
| " 15—Mrs Sellars. | |

WAR MEMORIAL HALL FUND.**A COFFEE MORNING.**

A Coffee Morning is to be held in the large hall, on Wednesday, 4th November, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Charge, 2/6.

There will be small stalls of Fancy Goods, Cake and Candy, Garden and Farm Produce, and donations for them would be very welcome, and should be handed in on Tuesday, 3rd November, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BRICKS.

Some members have not yet returned the boxes issued at the beginning of the year. Could we have them not later than the end of October please?

The Scheme has been quite a successful one and some members have taken a second supply of boxes. More boxes are available.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs Sinclair, Mr Basil Baird, Jr., and Mr Alastair Anderson have kindly agreed to serve on the Committee as additional members.

Balance at credit of Fund on 30th September, 1959: £4,539 8s. 11d.