

# NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

DECEMBER, 1959.

## REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

David James Anderson Calderwood, 50 Hazelwood Avenue.

Colin Alistair Hawthorn, 37 Limetree Crescent.

Niall Gordon McMillan, 20 Evan Cresc., Giffnock.

### Death.

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

William M. Gall, 52 Edzell Drive.

## NEW MEMBERS.

### By Certificates from other Congregations.

Miss Helen Beatson, 31 Arden Avenue, Thornliebank.

Mr and Mrs R. W. Cowan, House o' the Hill, Hazeldean.

Mrs H. S. Harper, 65 Hazelwood Avenue.

Mr and Mrs Edward Joyce, St. Leonards, Newtonlea Avenue.

Mrs William Miller, 65 Hazelwood Avenue.

Mrs McConnell, c/o Dinsmor, 2 Hill Avenue.

Mrs Elizabeth McKean, Benllech, Hazelwood Ave.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Neville, 14 Larchfield Avenue.

Mr Harry Stuart, Glendun, Ayr Road.

Mrs Thomson, 139 Ayr Road.

Mr John S. Thomson, 139 Ayr Road.

Miss Christine Thomson, 139 Ayr Road.

### Disjunction Certificates granted.

Mr James Asher, Jr., Elmara, Ayr Road (Mr Macnaughton's District.)

Mr and Mrs Allan Rapier, Egremont, Cumberland, (Mr McPhail's District.)

## NEW ELDERS.

Mr William G. R. Dinsmor, 2 Hill Avenue.

Mr Fred D. Leith, 11 Newtonlea Avenue.

Mr Roderick A. Macdonald, 17 Barrhead Road.

Mr John Macphail, Warren House, Ayr Road.

Dr. William Napier, 3 Glebe Road.

Mr James F. Burns Reid, 16 Broompark Drive.

Mr George A. Roser, Shuna, Eaglesham Road.

Mr Ian L. Stevenson, Torpheen, Ayr Road.

Mr Robert L. Todd, 202 Ayr Road.

Mr George McR. Wallace, 6 Doune Crescent.

## MINISTER'S LOG.

We are now entering the season of Advent. Christmas Sunday will be celebrated on the 20th of this month with a Children's Gift Service in the Church at 11.30 a.m. The Senior and Junior Sabbath School along with the Primary will occupy the front seats of the Church after processing up the aisle with their gifts, which will be taken later the same day to Mearns Kirk Hospital. In the evening the Service will be conducted by the Youth Fellowship, and those who were present last year on a similar occasion will look forward to participating in this act of worship. The Sabbath School parties as intimated below will be on the 12th December.

The usual Christmas Eve service in conjunction with the Mearns Parish Church will be held in the Parish Church at 11.30 p.m. It is a great disappointment that the minister of that congregation will probably not be able to take his part in it, as he is still seriously ill. We would extend to him our best wishes, and pray that God would spare him for the work of the Kingdom in this parish.

It was most encouraging to the congregation to share in the brief act of dedication of the Boys' Brigade at the close of the forenoon service on the 22nd of last month. Under the leadership of Mr John A. Orr, one of our elders, who has now been officially appointed Captain, the company has become established firmly again. Not only so but the smartness of the boys and their evident discipline and keenness was a joy to see. That Mr Orr in the midst of onerous professional duties as one of the leading dental surgeons in the city, should have devoted his energies to this work so unselfishly is an inspiration to us all. He has been joined on the staff with Lieut. Arthur Stubbs, by a nephew of one of our elders and two young officers from Orchard Park Church, to whom we give a very warm welcome. May we ask parents to encourage the children to join a company where they are assured that they will receive an excellent Christian youth training.

The Memorial Hall Fund continues to grow. As the last Supplement showed it stands about £4,500, and promises when implemented will bring it up to around £7,000. We realise the many demands made upon you, and all that we are concerned about is that each of us should try to do a little all the time. It will be of tremendous value to the congregation if, when the time come, and it may do so suddenly at any moment, we have a substantial amount gathered with which to go ahead immediately. We would like to thank those who organised the Coffee Morning on 4th November, and which realised the magnificent sum of £164. That was a real lift to the fund.

While we are on the subject of finance may we remind you to be so good as to fill up your promise cards again in connection with systematic giving scheme. It is 13 years since we all did it the last time and they have in quite a few cases needed re-adjustment. Some have found they wanted to give more. Others unfortunately because of changed financial situation will have to give less. I hope you read the letter that was sent to you. I thought that Mr Rodger and the Finance Committee did a very good job in compiling it. It was a most difficult one in which to try and compress so much. Yet I think they made it all so easy to understand. I think it was time that the Church of Scotland as a whole put its finances on a more business like basis, although I know that givings to the Church are somehow different.

## THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday, 24th October, in aid of the Schemes of the Church of Scotland and other Guild commitments realised the sum of £106. This was a splendid achievement and all who supported it are very cordially thanked.

The box for the Bevenson Orphans' Home, near Hamburg, will have been packed before this is printed. The Guild has sent a Christmas Box to it since almost the close of the World War. At that time the inmates were Jewish children whose parents could not be traced.

On Monday, 14th December, the subject of the evening will be Carols and Candlelight.

## OBITUARY.

Mr W. M. Gall of 52 Edzell Drive, died on Saturday, 24th October. He was returning from a football match at which his favourite team the Heart of Mid-Lothian had been one of the contestants. He had left in the middle of the game for he had work



that he wished to finish and send off that evening to one of the daily newspapers. He was by profession a journalist and for many years has been a sports correspondent for the Outram Press. Those who knew his writings enjoyed the high literary standard of his compositions. He was a great lover of the countryside and was never happier than when his work, as it often did, took him away from the city to scenes of natural beauty and peacefulness. This love of gentleness was reflected in his character for he was as Shakespeare says full of the milk of human kindness, which he revealed in the home in his consideration as a husband and father, and in his relationship with his fellow men. To his widow, his son, his daughter married to a senior Probation Officer in England, and all his kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of one so justly dear.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The afternoon meeting of the Senior Sunday School intimated in the October issue is now in full operation. There are 5 teachers, and 21 children have enrolled. All of age group 11 to 14 years are welcome. The lesson theme for this session is—"The preparation for Christ in the Old Testament."

Puppetry as a means of teaching Scripture has grown in popularity recently, and following on the Sunday School Service the boys and girls of the afternoon session are at present assembling and dressing puppets. Once the necessary skill has been acquired they hope to give scenes from the Bible, such as the Christmas and Easter stories. We are fortunate in having teachers with the necessary know-how and we take this opportunity of thanking other friends who have come along to help us with this bit of imaginative service.

The morning session (10 a.m.) of the Sunday School continues to be well attended and we again emphasise that those children of the age group 11 to 14 who cannot come to the afternoon session are provided for in the morning and are cordially welcomed then.

The Christmas Parties will be held on Saturday, 12th December. Beginners and Primary from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Juniors and Seniors from 5 to 8.30 p.m.

The Christmas Gift Service is on Sunday, 20th December. The children of all groups will meet in the large hall at 11 a.m. and proceed to the Church at 11.30 a.m.

The gifts will be taken to Mearns Kirk Hospital the same day.

## THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

Our own Company of the Boys' Brigade, the 79th Glasgow, is now in a stronger position numerically compared with the past few years. Twenty boys are on the roll, with three Staff-sergeants, and two officers under the Captaincy of Mr John A. Orr, Mr Orr who had intimated his resignation last year assumed the duties of Captaincy when he realised that the Company was desperately short of officers and might become defunct as an organisation of the Church.

We specially welcome Mr William B. Allardyce, who is a nephew of one of our elders, Mr Sidney Brunton, as a new officer. He has already proved himself a useful and popular officer. A welcome is also given to two new staff-sergeants sent to the Company by the Eastwood Battalion, Mr Jack Henderson and Mr Alexander Watt and they along with our own Staff-sergeants, Mr Donald McDougal, are giving useful assistance in running the activities of the Company.

The Life Boy Team under the leadership of Mr A. F. Stubbs is down in numbers this year due to the number of boys transferred to the Boys' Brigade

Company. However, it is holding its own with 19 boys.

## VARIA.

Mr Robert Grant, Whitehill, St. Vigean's Ave., has been made this year president of Queen's Park Football Club. Those of us who have all our lives been admirers of the leading amateur club in Scotland would extend our congratulations to him.

Have you received £1 from Mr Walter Rodger? He will most generously give it to you—but he wants you to trade with it and return it to him plus your earnings! That beats an Aberdonian!

The Youth Fellowship enjoyed very much a visit from Mr Weisman, one of the leaders of the Jewish Community in the district.

## WAR MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

A few Brick Boxes of the 1st issue are still to be returned and we have asked the ladies distributing the Supplement to pass a reminder regarding them. The end of our financial year is almost upon us and we would like to have the total result of this effort before then. Once again many thanks to all who have assisted.

We are indebted to a member of the Committee for the supply and erection of the thermometer in the Vestibule of the Church. It was felt that this would let contributors to the Fund see the progress being made and also that it might encourage others to contribute.

For the benefit of our new members we would explain that we have set ourselves to raise £17,500 by the end of 1964 in order to extend the present hall accommodation.

## NATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION.

A pamphlet is enclosed with this Supplement and this is part of an all out effort to clear the debt of some £300,000 incurred in the building of new Churches.

The cost of buildings has been in the main financed by Churches in response to appeals by the General Assembly the last of which was the 1954/1959 Appeal when it was hoped to raise one million pounds.

Congregations set themselves targets over the five year period and our Church aimed at £1,000 in that time.

Unfortunately contributions fell far short of the one million pounds and a "New Approach" has been made.

The Assembly agreed that each congregation should appoint two representatives to explain Church Extension and to encourage ingatherings and also that Presbyteries should appoint a "Key Man" for every fifteen Congregations to keep in touch with the Congregational Representatives.

The National Church Extension Committee have made a fresh appeal in which they state that if every member of the Church of Scotland contributed 5/- in 1959, and 5/- in 1960 then the debt would be cleared and the buildings required could be put in hand, and Congregations therefore are asked to set themselves a target of not less than the sum represented by 5/- per member.

Our Congregational representatives are Mr Walter Rodger and Mr Paul Wood. Mr T. F. Marchant is the "Key Man" for 14 Churches in this area.

## FLOWER LIST.

Jan.	3—Mrs Thom.	Feb.	5—Mrs Thom.
"	10—Mrs Duncan.	"	14—Mrs Pirret.
"	17—Mr McCallum.	"	21—Mrs Orr.
"	24—	"	28—Mrs Watson.
"	31—Mrs Cuthill.		