

NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER, 1960.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Douglas Russell Barr, Ninewells, Dundee.

Barbara Agnes McEwen, 43 Hillend Dr., Clarkston.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Gracie Marion Eadie to Frank J. M. Reid.

Edith Hay to Malcolm Mackenzie.

Mhairi Ann Robertson to Robert Campbell.

Audrey Shuker to Alan Carlaw.

Lorna Lindsay to James C. Bowes.

Maureen E. Lunn to John Lindsay Hodge.

Deaths.

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

Mrs Pearce, 17 Beech Avenue.

Arthur Smith, 17 Torrington Avenue.

Rev. Henry Taylor, M.A., 29 Broomvale Drive.

Miss Jeanie Telfer, Barrhead Road.

Mrs Hanna, 65 Beech Avenue.

Mr John Barr, 69 Beech Avenue.

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MINISTER'S LOG.

I have been in consultation with the minister of Mearns Parish Church regarding the holding on Sunday evenings of a joint service, and after consideration by the two Kirk Sessions it has been agreed to do so. The service will be held on alternate months in the respective churches and intimation will be made on the notice boards accordingly. It will be conducted by both ministers. It is felt that one service will be sufficient for the area, and it will have the further advantage of linking the two congregations in fellowship.

We have not had the opportunity of welcoming in the Supplement the Rev. and Mrs D. Anderson Black, and we would take this opportunity of doing so. We hope that his ministry in his parish will be richly blessed.

It is not often that as many of our younger members become graduates of the University at the same time, and this is our reason for congratulating Miss Ann Loudon and Mr Ramsay Napier who have completed their medical course, and Miss Elizabeth Linklater and Mr Russell Hillhouse who have attained the degree of Master of Arts. As others such as Mr George Robertson and Mr David

Robinson had taken the latter degree not many months before, the Youth Fellowship has had some distinguished students in its midst. A former president Mr Barry Niven is about to enter the Merchant Service for 6 months to complete his training in engineering.

It is very pleasing to see Mr George Wardrop back to his duties as Church Officer. It was in the month of May that he was operated on in the Victoria Infirmary. Two further operations were necessary followed by a period of convalescence in Mearnskirk Hospital. We have missed him in these months but would like to thank Mr Thom who has acted as his deputy, and all those who have so willingly given their assistance.

Mrs Pearce, 17 Beech Avenue, died on Thursday, 12th May at her residence. While she was in her middle eighties she was a person who never grew old, and was active until her last illness. She was left a widow when comparatively young and devoted her life to her two daughters whom she delighted to see happily married, and to rejoice in her grandchildren. To them all in the passing of one so justly loved we offer our sincere sympathy.

Arthur Smith, 17 Torrington Avenue, Whitecraigs, died on Thursday, 12th May after a long illness. He was born in Pollokshields but the family moved when he was 10 years to the west end of Glasgow to Huntly Gardens. His father was a muslin manufacturer. After the first world war Arthur Smith went out to Mexico and finally settled in Texas in San Antonio. His wife went out to join him there after 7 years and there they were married. In 1930 they came back to Glasgow and he went into Drawn Metals Ltd., Window Fronts and Shop Fittings. Tall in stature and upright in his carriage one could not be long in his presence without becoming aware of the moral stature of this man. Nothing shady in business would ever be tolerated by him, yet there was a gentleness that accompanied all he did and said. He was fond of reading—especially the great novelists of the past—like Scott, and Thackeray, etc. In the life of his home he found one of his greatest delights and was never happier than in the midst of his friends. A regular attender at the church he was enabled by grace to live the life of a Christian man. To his widow who has been such a helpmeet to him, and to his son and daughter-in-law, and all his kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy.

The Rev. Henry Taylor, 29 Broomvale Drive, died on Sunday, 29th May, 1960. A native of Alloa, the greater part of his life was spent in the city of Glasgow. Although he heard the call to the ministry as a young man, circumstances made him first enter the world of commerce. After passing through Trinity College, Glasgow, he was licensed by the Presbytery in 1904. His first charge was at Bishopbriggs after which he moved to Sydney Place where he exercised an outstanding ministry. On occasion the Church was filled to capacity—many having to sit on the pulpit stairs. In 1912 he was called to Trinity Church, Pollokshields, where he laboured faithfully as preacher and pastor until he retired in 1941. It was given to him to have a long period of release from the active ministry and yet one of the delightful traits in his character was that his love of study seemed to remain with him until the very end. He was interested in the Existentialist Philosophy and Theology of our age, and his thirst for knowledge, and his interest in international affairs never abated. The failure of the Summit Conference hurt him very deeply. As his ministry in Sydney Place showed he gave a central place in his life to the preaching of the Gospel. Yet time and again he would emphasise the supreme importance of the pastoral ministry. He was elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow, and as emeritus minister was in demand as locum in a congregation such as Govan Old, and Orchardhill, Giffnock. It was a great joy to him to witness his son-in-law elected and ordained as an elder of the church, and he took the greatest delight in his grand children. Faithfully he came up Sunday after Sunday to take his place as a worshipper in the Church. His was a long and faithful ministry and the words of the Master would we feel describe his life, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." To his daughters and sons-in-law who watched over him with such care in his latter years we extend our deepest sympathy.

Miss Jeanie Telfer, Barrhead Road died on Saturday, 16th July, at a city hospital. She and the members of her family have had such a long and honoured association with the congregation that her passing leaves a real gap in our midst. She worked in the city all her days in the ladies tailoring business, first with Madame Andrée and later with S. & J. Nicoll. She became very proficient in her task and rose to be a head buyer in hats, frequently travelling to London to represent the firm. We shall remember her, however, in her personal and private life as a woman of charm and gentleness of character. She was very fond of children and showed great kindness to those that lived near to her. She was very contented by nature, and although she lived for many years by herself, never

failed to give a warm welcome to her visitors. We extend to her brother Mr Stewart Telfer who was such an unfailing companion to her, and her sister in law our deepest sympathy.

Mrs Hanna, 65 Beech Avenue, died on 25th August, 1960, at a Renfrewshire hospital. Although she had a serious illness some years ago she had recovered her health to such an extent that we forgot, and she herself forgot that she should have been taking things more quietly. Her zest for life, however, was so great and her interest in others so deep that she perhaps overtaxed her strength as we all are apt to do. She was a very lovable personality, bright and vivacious, and never happier than when entertaining her friends. Human fellowship was to her the very essence of living. Her husband's death in 1952 was a great sorrow but she faced life with great courage and made the home a place of happiness for her two sons. It has been denied to her to be present at the approaching wedding but it was a great joy to her to see her two sons become established in business, and take the honourable place they have in the life of the community and of the Church. To them both and their kith and kin we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mr John Barr, 69 Beech Avenue, died on Monday, 1st August, 1960, at a city hospital. Born in Newcastle he came as a young man to Glasgow to open a branch of his father's business in the export of coal. It flourished to such an extent under his supervision that it soon became independent of the parent company. He was married in 1899 and last year in July he and his wife were privileged to celebrate their diamond wedding. They endeavoured to tell no one, but the family refused to allow the occasion to pass unnoticed and arranged a private gathering in their own home. He retired at a comparatively early age and devoted a considerable amount of time to social, municipal, political and national work. He served on the tribunal of the Inland Revenue as an assessor. He took a keen interest in politics. Local affairs of the County and the District Councils constantly claimed his attention. He never hesitated to speak out upon a problem, and if further knowledge proved him to be wrong he accepted the fact that he had been mistaken. Reading was one of the joys of his life. Perhaps his business had brought him into close contact with foreign lands; at any rate he loved biography and travel, and was acquainted with the latest publications. Outdoor sports also, particularly golf and bowls, occupied a central place in his life and he was an honorary member of several clubs. The Church he loved, and until the last year of his life he was rarely

absent from public worship on a Sunday morning. He was keenly interested in her affairs both local and national, and gave generously to her support. It is not often that in the same pew in a church there are present at the same service members of four generations. Yet such was the case on the second Sunday in August in our own sanctuary, members and descendants of his family. To Mrs Barr who has been such a fitting helpmeet to him in his life, Mrs Neil his daughter, his grandchildren and great grandchildren we offer our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

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The Youth Fellowship opens its session on 2nd October. The new president is Mr David Roser, and he will be glad to see new members. The meetings are in the Upper Hall on Sundays, at 7.45 p.m.

The Minister's Bible Class will open on the first Sunday of October, in the Session House, at 10.15 a.m.

2nd MEARNS GIRL GUIDE COMPANY.

The Guides open their season on Thursday, 8th September, 1960, at 7.30 p.m. when all girls between the ages of 11 and 16 will be made very welcome.

The Company congratulates Jane Clements on becoming a "Queens Guide," the highest honour a Guide can obtain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The new session begins on Sunday, 11th September,

Beginners meet in the upper hall at 12 noon. (during the morning Service).

Primary Department. (children up to 8 years of age) meets in the large hall at 10 a.m.

Junior Department (children of 8 to 12 years of age) meets in the Church at 10 a.m.

Senior Department (children of 12 to 14 years of age) meets in the upper hall at 3 p.m.

There will be a class at 10 a.m. for children of this group who cannot come in the afternoon.

Parents and children are asked to co-operate with the Teachers in making the Sunday School a success. The Superintendent and Leaders will gladly give detailed information about the Sunday School to any enquiries.

ORGANIST.

Mr Russell Hillhouse is leaving us to pursue his chosen career in the South, and we offer him our very best wishes for his future success, and our thanks for his many services to the Sunday School

in recent years. Unfortunately this leaves us without an Organist. The afternoon Seniors also need a pianist. Any volunteers?

NEW TEACHERS.

A reason sometimes given by persons asked to come forward as teachers in the Sunday School is that they have no experience of such work. To meet such arguments we are preparing a course of instruction in Sunday School teaching and anyone old or young who is interested is asked to speak to the Superintendent. The meeting will be held on Sunday afternoons.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild opens on 10th October, when a film on the Reformation will be shown entitled "For God's Glory." This will be shown by Mr Maurice Anderson who will include also in the programme some of his own compositions.

The Bible Study Group conducted by the Minister will be held on alternate Monday evenings in the Upper Hall, at 7.30 p.m. The dates until the end of the year are 17th and 31st October, 14th November, and 5th December. The subject for study will be a continuation of the reading of St. Mark's Gospel.

A warm invitation is given to all to attend these meetings both of the Guild and the Bible Study.

79th COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Boys' Brigade resume on Friday, 9th September, at 7.45 p.m., and a warm invitation is extended to all boys between 12 and 17 years of age.

79th COMPANY LIFE BOYS.

The Life Boys also meet on Friday, 9th September, at 6 p.m., and boys between 8 and 11 years of age will be made very welcome.

2nd MEARNS BROWNIE PACK.

The Brownies will resume on Thursday, 15th September, 1960, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and all girls between the ages of 7 and 11 years will be made very welcome.

FLOWER LIST.

Sept. 4—Mrs Sinclair.
 „ 11—Mrs Roser.
 „ 18—Mrs A. S. McCance.
 „ 25—Mrs Menzies.
 Oct. 2—Mrs Hunter.
 „ 9—Mrs Mather.
 „ 14—Mrs Thom.
 „ 23—Miss Loudon.
 „ 30—Mrs W. T. Davidson.