

# NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

MARCH, 1961.

## REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."*

Leslie Eileen Cattan, 26 Moorhill Road.  
Ian Marshall Cattan, 26 Moorhill Road.  
James Miller Prime, 67 Hazelwood Avenue.

### Deaths.

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

Mrs James Hay, 39 Barrhead Road.  
Mrs Robertson, 125 Beech Avenue.  
Mr Scott Hay, Manse Lane.  
Mr James Gilmour, St. Margaret's, Paisley.  
Mr Thomas Baird, 133 Ayr Road.  
Mr James Gilchrist, 2 Edzell Drive.  
Mr David G. Whalley, 25 Hazelwood Avenue.

## NEW MEMBERS—FEBRUARY, 1961.

### By Certificate:

Miss Maureen Frost, Braeton, Burnside Road, Whitecraigs.  
Miss Aileen Souter, 117 Kilpatrick Gardens, Clarkston.  
Miss Helen Stuart, Glendun, Ayr Road, Newton Mearns.  
James Lennox, 43 Hazelwood Avenue, Newton Mearns.  
Mr and Mrs R. H. Niven and Miss T. Niven, 54 Tassie Street, Shawlands.  
Mr and Mrs W. W. Potts, 69 Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns.

## MINISTER'S LOG.

We are glad to report that our Session Clerk Mr C. J. Thom is now convalescent after the operation on his eye. Some months ago he underwent the same surgery on the other. We owe such a debt to him for the work that he has done for the congregation that we would like to take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery. In his absence his duties have been undertaken by Mr W. T. Davidson who has accomplished them in his usual efficient and gracious manner.

The Congregational Board decided to ask the members of our Church to participate in Operation Last Lap. This was the appeal of Dr. George McLeod to endeavour to liquidate the National Church Extension deficit of £123,000 with which the fund began in 1960. As a result of it there is now a balance of £18,000. In addition the sum contributed to the fund during the year was £289,000. This is a magnificent achievement. The amount contributed to the special appeal as distinct from our annual one was over £250. We would like to thank all who helped. To plant new Churches in the new housing schemes is work of the greatest importance. To Mr Marchant, appointed by the Presbytery to watch over the Churches in the Giffnock and district area, we would extend our thanks.

You will notice from the barometer in the Vestibule that our own Hall Memorial Fund is growing steadily. We are about the £7,000 mark. This has come about mainly by steady annual contributions. We can now see our way with promises for the next 5 years to beyond the £10,000 point. We hate to be speaking too much about money but we want more accommodation in our halls. Thank you for what you have done and "keep it up."

## OBITUARY.

Mrs James Hay, 39 Barrhead Road died in a city hospital on Monday, 12th December, 1960. The daughter of the late Mr and of Mrs Campbell, of Barrhead Road, she spent a large portion and all her married life in the parish of Mearns. A serious illness overtook her seven years ago from which she made a wonderful recovery, and within that period of time she had the great joy of seeing her two daughters happily married. Her character nurtured in the Christian atmosphere of the home in which she was reared, blossomed later into a flower of rare beauty and of sweet fragrance. Unselfishness was the dominant trait in her nature. "Who can find a virtuous woman; her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her: she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She looketh well to her household and eateth not the bread of idleness." Her main interest was in the home and she sought to make it a place of comfort and of happiness. Her devotion to her mother was exemplary. She was a regular attender of the sanctuary. To her husband, her daughters, her mother and her sons-in-law, and all her kith and kin we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mr Scott Hay, Manse Lane, Newton Mearns, died on Monday, 26th December, 1960. The eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Dugald Hay of Ivycraig, he showed from earliest years an interest in wireless telegraphy. Before the first world war when still a pupil at Allan Glen's School he built a transmitting and receiving set at the foot of the garden. His aerial was a landmark in the district at a time when such were unknown. On the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 security officers came to inspect his equipment, were amazed that a lad of 17 should have erected it himself, and sealed it for the duration of the period inspecting it at regular intervals. At the same time he was interested in making gliders which he tried out over the Fenwick Moors. He became a training pilot in the service of the country. After the war was over he became a lecturer on radio telegraphy in Greenock and later in Glasgow. He knew and was a friend of Baird of television fame. Thereafter he entered the realm of telephones, and devoted his life to it in Motherwell and in London. Another great interest of his life was the history of the parish of Mearns. He knew every nook and cranny of it, and had gathered a collection of beautiful slides of the district. He was twice married; his first wife died in England some years ago, and by her he had 2 sons and a daughter. Recently he married again and his closing years were made happy for him by one who watched over him with every care and shared his great love of the countryside. To his widow, his children, his brother and his sisters we offer our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

Mrs Robertson, 125 Beech Avenue, died on Wednesday, 14th December, 1960, in a city hospital in her 94th year. About 12 months ago she amazed her friends by informing them that she would like to go to Vancouver and visit her other daughter who had recently settled there. She travelled on her own and back by air. It did not disturb her either mentally or physically in any way. She remained in Canada for 6 months and then returned on her own. That incident was indicative of her character. She possessed a placid nature



that enabled her to pass through life with an unruffled state of mind. She had the good fortune to have the possession of all her faculties to the end of her life. Her eyesight was the first that seemed as if it might forsake her. We did not have the privilege of knowing her in her earlier days in Greenock but we feel that she must have been a very wonderful person to live beside. Her last wish was to see her daughter in her new home in the far west, and once that had been accomplished she was ready "to lay down her sword." To Mr and Mrs Thom, her daughter and grandchildren we offer our deepest sympathy in the passing of one who has left a vivid memory behind her.

Mr Thomas Baird, 133 Ayr Road, died on Thursday, 26th January, 1961, in a city hospital. He came to this district from Hillpark in 1947. He had resided in that area from 1910-1939, and was an elder in Eastwood Parish Church. His first headmastership was in Cardonald whence he was appointed to Mount Florida and later to Washington Street. Music was one of the great interests of his life. Possessed of a rich baritone voice he was all his days in Mansewood a member of the Church choir. As soon as he came to this district he associated himself with the music of the congregation and was a faithful member of our choir. Our former organist was present at the funeral in Paisley. I thanked him for coming and his answer was, "He was so faithful." Few would have thought that he was in his 88th year. His voice rang out so strong and rich. He was a most valuable member of any choir. His timing and his confidence to come in in an anthem were perfection. Music indeed was in his soul. As a man he was really beloved by all who were privileged to know him. His mind was rich with the knowledge of classical literature. He was a member of a small group in the Church which met every week to study Shakespeare. Strength of character and gentleness of touch were beautifully intertwined in his nature. The words of the Psalmist come into the mind "Thy gentleness, O God, hath made me great." As the great dramatist he loved also said "The elements were so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man." To his widow, his son and daughter, his daughter in law and grand-children we offer our deepest sympathy in the passing of one so justly loved.

Mr James Gilmour, formerly of Helenslea, Ayr Road, died on Thursday, 26th January, 1961. The son of Mr and Mrs Robert Gilmour he was brought up and spent most of his days on a farm. His father carried on this work for many years in Eaglesham, where he and his wife won many prizes for dairy produce. After their death James Gilmour lived on at Helenslea by himself until an illness necessitated his removal to an hospital in Paisley. He spent the last years of his life in St. Margaret's Home where he was very happy. One of the ward sisters told me that they hoped James would not have to leave them for he was one of the patients that made them feel their work was worth while. He was contented with his lot in life. His mother read the People's Friend and the Christian Herald, and James continued to read it every week. He was interested in the life of the district and could sometimes tell one more than was known to one living in the parish. His neighbours were good to him and to Mr and Mrs Drysdale and Mr MacAulay we would offer our thanks. To his sisters Mrs Rodger and Mrs John Lambie, and all his kith and kin we would express our sympathy in their loss.

Mr James Gilchrist, 2 Edzell Drive, died on Thursday, 9th February, 1961, at his residence. He was awarded the B.E.M. during the last war. The gunboat on which he was serving as an assistant steward was attacked in the Mediterranean by enemy aircraft. Although the order was given to abandon ship he and another remained at their gunpost and kept their attackers at a distance thus enabling others to escape. Yet this was only one side of the life of this unselfish man. His first wife was delicate in health, as was Elsie their child. He watched over them both with great devotion. He married again 7 years ago and his second wife was able to give him some of the more settled life in the home that he had so richly earned. A friend said of him that if there were more people in the world like him, it would be a better place. To his widow, his brothers, and all his kith and kin we extend the sympathy of the congregation in their great sorrow.

The tragic death of David G. Whalley, 25 Hazelwood Avenue, on Thursday, 23rd February, 1961, cast a deep gloom over the district. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to his father and mother, and also to his brother. The interment took place in Newton Mearns Cemetery, and the assembling of over 400 people, as well as the floral tributes of 70 wreaths, were evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. His whole class in "The High School of Glasgow," members of the Officers' Training Corps, and a contingent from the Broom Scouts were present. The Guides and the Youth Fellowship were also represented. His life was a full and a happy one. He was keenly interested in all activities which are natural to youth. In the home he was vivacious and thoughtful. He was all that parents could wish their boy to be. It is a great sorrow that he should be taken away when his life showed such promise. Our only comfort in such a time is that Christ pierces the darkness with His presence. "Because He lives, we shall live also." David has been spared the suffering that is our human lot. He has entered into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

#### WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Business Meeting of the Guild is on 20th March, at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped there will be a good attendance at this meeting as there are several items for discussion.

#### FLOWER LIST.

- Mar. 5—Mrs Smith.
- " 12—Mr D. Buchanan.
- " 19—Mrs Niven.
- " 26—Mrs T. A. Wright.
- April 2—Mrs B. Baird.
- " 9—Mrs S. Rodger.
- " 16—Mrs Morton.
- " 23—Mrs Pirret.
- " 30—Misses M. and E. Gow.

The Committee desire to thank all members who provided flowers for the Church during the past year.

Will those who wish to gift flowers (2 vases) during 1961-1962 kindly append their names to the sheet in the Vestibule before 31st March.

#### BRING AND BUY SALE.

The Mothers' Group is holding a sale as above in the Church Hall, Kirk Lane, on Wednesday, 22nd March, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. Proceeds for Group and Memorial Hall Funds.