

# NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

DECEMBER, 1961.

## REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

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

Graham Yates Smith, St. Christopher's 4 Blackhouse Gardens.

Sarah Agnew, Moorhill Road.

### Deaths.

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

Alexander Garvie, Plenploth, Ayr Road.

John McLean, 1 Moorhill Road.

### New Member.

**Correction**—Add to Roll in October:  
Mrs James Rodger, Netherplace Farm.

## MINISTER'S LOG.

We are now in the season of Advent. The following are the arrangements for the Services to commemorate this great occasion in the life of mankind.

On Christmas Eve a service will be held at 11.30 p.m. in our own Church. Formerly this has been a Joint Service with the Mearns Parish Church. Owing to the growing desire to attend at this hour, it is not possible to accommodate all who wish to come in their building. It has been decided, therefore to open both Churches that night. There will be no service that night at 6.30 p.m.

The forenoon service on Sunday, 24th December, will take the form of a Children's Gift Offering. This will be taken in the afternoon to Mearnskirk Hospital and used to gladden the hearts of the young on Christmas morning. The Beginners' Class and the Crèche will be functioning as usual that day.

On the previous Sabbath evening, the 17th December, the Youth Fellowship will conduct the service. It has been preparing for some weeks, and we hope the congregation will support it, as it has done in the past.

The Third World Assembly of the World Council of Churches began in Delhi, on 12th November. The first was held in Amsterdam, in 1948. The second in Evanston, in 1954. The official delegates number about 600. In addition there are many observers. They represent 315 million believers in Christ. From its beginning in the disciple band this shows the stupendous growth of the Church. The prophecy of Jesus that His disciples would grow from a grain of mustard seed into a great tree in whose branches the birds of the air would find shelter has been fulfilled. One practical result has been the world organisation for the relief of refugees that has been set up by the Church alongside that of the nations. In those days when almost all problems are of a world-wide significance it is necessary for the Church to be organised in such a setting. The only criticism of the Hindus is that the theme of the conference should have been "Christ, a light of the World," not "Christ the Light of the World." We would not deny that their religion has been one that has ennobled the world, far from it, but we would still feel that the Christian religion must, in view of the Person of its Founder, be the Light of the World.

## ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ.

(1) Daniel 6: 22. (2) Acts 6: 15. (3) Exodus 3: 4. (4) Acts 12: 7. (5) Genesis 16: 7. (6) Luke 2: 14. (7) Genesis 32: 24. (8) Genesis 28: 12.

## OBITUARY.

Mr Alexander Garvie, Plenploth, Ayr Road, died on Saturday, 18th November, 1961, in his 81st year. It was on the 28th June of this year that he and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding. He was far from well on that occasion but with his characteristic determination he was able to take his place and receive the congratulations of the large number of those who came to their house. Determination was one of his outstanding qualities. If he believed that something in life should be done, then as far as he was concerned he left no stone unturned in the way of its accomplishment. He was born in the Borders but came to this district in his early years, and was brought up at Balgray House. As a young man he entered the firm of Andrew Clement and Sons, produce importers. Apart from a year when he tried his hand at auctioneering he spent all his days in it. In 1911, he married Janet Carswell of Duncarnock Farm. Mr Garvie took a great interest in the social and educational welfare of the parish. He was a member of the old parish Council. He was responsible for starting the Mearns Roland Hockey Club which was a powerful one in its day. He took a great interest in the Nursing Association, in the local school, and in the Mearns Amateurs Football Club. One of the functions of the year in which he was always a prominent figure was the Cattle Show. One of my memories of him will always be of his figure striding about the field taking charge of what was happening. He was always at his best in company, and there have been few homes in the district that have done more entertaining. A warm-hearted man one always felt the better for having met him. To his widow and family we offer our deepest sympathy in the passing of one whose life was linked with the past of the Parish of Mearns and of whom there are few remaining.

John McLean, 1 Moorhill Road, Newton Mearns died on Wednesday, 29th November, in his 63rd year. He sustained injuries about a fortnight ago when at work at Netherplace. After a short period with John Russell & Sons, Joiners, he went to Wallace & Co. (Netherplace) as an electrical engineer and served all his days on the maintenance staff. The family of which he was part has been known and highly respected in the district for many years, and one cannot but recall his father who was afflicted with blindness for so many years, and yet who was so cheerful through it all. Theirs has been a united and happy circle, and John was a loved member of it. Quiet by disposition, he was a man of real sterling character. Bowls was his recreation and he was happy in the fellowship he found there. To his brother and sisters we offer our deepest sympathy in the passing of a beloved brother.



## BIBLE QUIZ FOR CHILDREN.

At Christmas we read about the Angel that appeared to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem, can you answer the following questions on them?

1. When did an angel shut the mouths of animals?
2. When did a man's face look like an angel's?
3. To whom did the angel appear in a bush?
4. Whom did an angel release from prison?
5. An angel found a woman by a fountain of water; who was she?
6. What was the message of the angels to the shepherds?
7. What man wrestled with an angel?
8. Who saw angels ascending and descending a ladder?

The answers will be found at another place in the Supplement.

## WOMAN'S GUILD.

The last meeting of the Woman's Guild for this year is on Monday, 11th December, at 7.30 p.m.

This meeting will have a Christmas Party atmosphere with community singing of carols. A group from the Church Choir will sing duets, solos, etc., of Christmas music and Scots songs.

About a dozen ladies resident in Eastwoodhill will be our special guests. It is an Open Night and all members of the congregation will be welcome. Tea will be served.

The first meeting of the Guild in the New Year is on Monday, 8th January, 1962, at 7.30 p.m. Miss Weir, a Deaconess working in the Gorbals District of Glasgow, will speak about her work.

## 79th GLASGOW CO., THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The present session began with twelve boys on the roll which included two recruits from the Life Boy Team. Since then two other boys have joined the ranks making fourteen boys in all and with the five officers, a total of nineteen all ranks. The boys attend regularly and are very keen on the work and play which is provided for them on Friday evenings. Bible Class which is conducted by the officers on Sunday mornings is also well attended and affords a quiet hour of fellowship in which the boys and their officers join in the worship of the Great Captain, Jesus Christ.

We regret to record the resignation of one of our officers, Mr A. F. Stubbs, at the end of the last session. He served the Company for a long number of years and he is due our grateful thanks.

We welcome Mr Tom Dobson, one of our own boys promoted from the ranks as a new officer and wish him well in his new work.

At the time of writing the Company is looking forward to their enrolment service in the Church on Sunday, 3rd December, at which the Chaplain, officers and boys receive their membership cards.

On the 26th December the Company along with the Life Boy Leader are being invited to tea and the Circus as guests of a member of our Church, himself an old member of the Boys' Brigade.

The Company meets in the Church Hall every Friday from 8 till 10 p.m., for boys between the ages 12 to 17 years. New members will be made welcome by the captain and officers.

J. A. Orr.

## THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

Session 1961-62 began with a short ramble, followed by a barbecue; it was a clear September evening, as 29 of us sang around the fire eating the tea convener's delicious sausages, thereafter moving to a barn, kindly lent to us by Mr Blackwood, the farmer, for some country dancing.

Sunday night meetings (average attendance 43) have been varied and interesting, from an excellent film on Scottish hill sheep farming shown by Mr G. Wallace, the elder, to the views of parents on topical affairs. The chairman of the Glasgow Council for Nuclear Disarmament dissertated logically and persuasively, to an audience which did not hesitate at question time to voice differing opinions; Willie Joss was both educative on broadcasting techniques, and hilariously funny with his vocal impressions and character studies; Mr Mackay's eloquent and fascinating talk on prophecies in the Bible has stimulated our interest in this important part of Christian heritage.

Fifteen of our members attended the annual district conference at Seamill Hydro, in October, when the theme was "World Churches and Church Unity," the speaker being Rev. Mr Black of Mearns Parish Church.

The Christmas Carol Service this year is on Sunday, 17th December, at 6.30 p.m. in the Church.

On Thursday, 21st, the Youth Fellowship ventures out carol-singing, and all young people, aged 16 and over, will be welcomed at this and any of our meetings.

At this juncture we thank Mr Mackay and the church officials for their continued interest and help.  
J.M.W.

## 2nd MEARNS GUIDE COMPANY.

At this Season of Christmas our thoughts turn to parties.

The Guide party will be held on Thursday, 21st December, from 7.30 to 10 p.m.

The Guides would like to remember the elderly people of the congregation and wish them a Happy Christmas, therefore they will distribute gifts on Saturday morning 16th December

## FINANCE.

Collectons to 3rd December.			
	1961	1960	Decrease
Systematic Giving, .....	£2586	£2740	£154
Open Plate, .....	£459	£500	£41

The Treasurer would be very pleased if arrears could be made up before end of year.

## SUPPLEMENTS.

Mr Frost is very grateful to those ladies who help in the distribution of the Supplements. He would, however, be glad to receive a few more names of persons who would distribute copies in the following districts: Larchfield Avenue, Ayr Road (North of Whitecraigs) Castle Court, Crookfur and Main Street.

## FLOWER LIST.

1962.	
Jan.	7—Miss Cowie.
"	14—Mr J. McCallum.
"	21—Miss Jardine.
"	28—Mrs Gage.
Feb.	2—Mrs Thom.
"	11—Mrs Watson.
"	18—Miss D. Napier.
"	25—Mrs R. L. Todd.