

# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

FEBRUARY, 1964.

### Minister:

Rev. W. MURRAY MACKAY, M.A., S.T.M.

### Session Clerk:

Mr C. J. THOM, J.P., M.A., 125 Beech Avenue.

### Organist:

Mr JAMES LITTLEJOHN, 33 Newfield Sq., Nitshill.

### Treasurer:

Mr WALTER RODGER, 220 Ayr Road.

### Church Officer:

Mr WILLIAM DINSMOR, 52 Castle Rd. NEW 2777.

**Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.**

(The Evening Service alternates monthly with Mearns Parish Church: during February it will be in this Church)

**Sabbath School—Primary, Junior and Senior:  
10 a.m.**

**Bible Class: 10.15 a.m. Youth Fellowship: 7.45 p.m.**

### REGISTER.

#### Baptism.

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

Alison Marjorie Hay Hawthorne, 95 Ayr Road.

#### Marriage.

*"Whom God hath joined together."*

Eileen Martha Tobin and Alistair Anderson.

#### Deaths.

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

Mrs Scott, 173 Aitkenhead Road.

Mr Alex. B. C. Rankin, 105 Beech Avenue.

Miss Agnes Brown, Ardeny, Dunbeath Avenue.

### ADMISSIONS BY CERTIFICATES

#### AT THE FEBRUARY COMMUNION

Mr and Mrs Robert Anderson, 16 Arisdale Crescent.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Brown, 9 Fruin Avenue.

Mr and Mrs Iain Ferguson, 4 Gordon Crescent.

Miss Doris Lowrie, 35 Highfield Drive.

Mr and Mrs Alan Menzies, 29 Arisdale Crescent.

Mr and Mrs George Smith, 52 Fruin Avenue.

Mr Eric Smith, 52 Fruin Avenue.

Mr and Mrs Harry C. Wilson, 29 Fraser Avenue.

### MINISTER'S LOG

We feel very grateful as a congregation to the late Miss Isobel Currie, formerly of Baldorran, Crookfur Road, Newton Mearns, for leaving in her will provision for the installation of a Pipe Organ in the Church in memory of her brothers. It had already been intimated to the Congregational Board that she had bequeathed £1000 to the War Memorial Hall Fund, and now we are able to make known this further act of her generosity in setting aside £9,000 for this purpose. It was in the early nineteen thirties that she and her two brothers came from the Mount Vernon district of Glasgow to reside in this neighbourhood. At that time Newton Mearns was an attractive village with much less

communication with Glasgow than it now has. Within the rural congregation they took their place and were faithful attenders and supporters of the Church. When her two brothers died, the last only a few years ago, she went to stay in Seamill Hydro. She never, however, lost her love of the Mearns, and in particular of the Church, and has shown her affection in this munificent gift that she has bestowed upon us.

We would like to draw the attention of the congregation to the fact that the present Hammond Electric Organ was presented to the congregation when the present Church was built in 1939, by the Nicholsons of Towerwood, Patterton. We are glad that we still have in Mr and Mrs N. Guthrie Reid of Whitecraigs, some of the family still with us. It has been of great service to the praise of the sanctuary, and it may still be of further use to us in our own congregation.

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The rendering of excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" on the last Sunday of the year by the combined choirs of Mearns Parish Church and our own, and under the leadership of Mrs Binning and Mr Littlejohn, was a milestone in the sense that never before, as far as we know, had it been given in the parish. Moreover it was performed without any help from outside. It was during the joint services in the summer months that the suggestion was made that the experiment might be tried, and we would like to congratulate both choirs on tackling such a difficult piece of music and doing so in such a splendid manner. Elsewhere in the Supplement we print an anonymous letter of appreciation that was sent in to us. For our own part we would pay tribute to the beautifully expressed choral pieces and the technical and interpretive excellence of the solos. Mrs Binning officiated at the organ in a way that showed her complete mastery of the instrument, and Mr Littlejohn showed once again what a wonderful choirmaster and conductor he is.

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Although we are once again looking back into the past we would not like the Youth Fellowship to feel we were not most appreciative of their Carol Service at Christmas time. We have grown accustomed to expecting them to conduct this act of devotion, and to a high standard that they have always maintained. Suffice it to say that none has excelled the service that they gave at this time. We felt that they showed wisdom in not attempting anything that was beyond their power. It was carried through with the utmost reverence. The prayers were beautifully expressed, the readings given with interpretation, and the carols sung most devotionally. The address by the president, Mr James Loudon, was one we shall not forget as he counselled us to look up in life and see laughter amid the tears of life. We have in this Youth Fellowship a band of young people of which the Church may indeed be proud, and feel confident that in their hands in the future the message of the everlasting gospel will be proclaimed.



## OBITUARIES.

Mrs Scott, 173 Aitkenhead Road, Glasgow, died in a city hospital on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1963. She was the mother of Mrs A. S. McCance, and it was in that capacity that she joined our congregation. She spent the week-ends at Broomvale Drive, and returned to her own home in the intervening period, an ideal arrangement in that she was able to keep in touch with her old friends. No one could have shown more power of adaptability than she did. She fitted in to a new situation with an ease and grace that was a credit to her. She was by nature essentially friendly and in her short stay, comparatively, in the congregation she had made a great number of close friends. By nature she was endowed with a happy disposition, and she was never long in company before she could be heard laughing. It was not that she did not have her sorrow to bear but she had the power to rise above this and meet life with a smiling countenance. We know what she meant to her daughter, and to her and all her kith and kin we would offer our deepest sympathy.

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Mr Alexander B. C. Rankin, 105 Beech Avenue, died in hospital on Wednesday, 4th December, 1963, at the age of 40. In his short life he had attained a very responsible position as a metallurgist, being not only a Fellow of the Institute but a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Non-Destructive Examination. He delivered papers on the subject of ultrasonics to international conferences in Europe and America. One of the leading scientists of our generation he was recognised as a leading authority on non-destructive testing. Educated at Hamilton Academy he completed his training at the Royal College of Science and Technology in Glasgow. Meteoric and brilliant as his career was he did not fail to give to his home the central place in his life that he knew it should have. He was a devoted husband and father. In his early days he gave a large portion of his time to the Church, and was a teacher of the Bible Class. Had he been spared we feel sure that he would have taken, once business commitments allowed him, an equally large share in its work. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and three children. We pray that God will give His strength to them to endure as seeing Him Who is invisible.

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Miss Agnes Brown, Ardeny, Dunbeath Avenue, died on Thursday, 19th December, 1963, at her residence. She was born at Viewfield, Giffnock in 1876 and was a child of the second marriage of Mr William Brown. By the first there were three children, the late Miss Jessie Brown with whom she lived latterly at Ardeny, the late Mr Robert Brown who emigrated to South Africa, and Mr D. Stevenson Brown of Avondale, Ayr Road, who is happily still with us, and who celebrated his 95th birthday in October last. As there was a large family by the second marriage I sometimes find myself lost in their relatives. I remember Mr Donald Brown showing me a photograph of his nephews. It was cleverly compiled. It showed them in ascending height from the youngest, aged about 2 years, to the eldest, about 17. He then added, you would hardly believe it but each of them is now a grandfather! In addition a brother and a sister of Miss Nanny Brown married Swedes and so the family has now a large connection with that land. It was from this family that Miss Agnes Brown came. Giffnock was

at that time little more than a cluster of houses. The surrounding district was rural with the nearest villages Thornliebank, Mearns and Busby. What tremendous changes she must have seen in her life time. It was not the custom in those days for unmarried women to go out to work, and she spent all her life within the home, first at Viewfield and latterly with her step-sister at Newton Mearns. She was never, however, idle. She was always, I am told, active in the house and engaged in work in the Church. She was interested in people, in the members of their own family, and in the life of this congregation. She had her nephew Mr Eric Brown staying with her, and his presence was a great strength to her. Her companion, Miss Mary Wylie, was one, also, of whom she was very fond and upon whom she showered a great deal of affection. To them, to Mr D. Stevenson Brown, and all her kith and kin we extend to-day our deepest sympathy.

#### AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE WALTER B. HUTCHESON

Mr Walter B. Hutcheson, 5 Fullarton Crescent, Troon, was born in Dunoon in 1887. The family, however, moved when he was quite young to Glasgow and took up residence in Dennistoun. He was educated at Whitehill School and immediately thereafter went to Canada. Shortly afterwards he returned to Glasgow and entered his grandfather's firm of Peter Orr, suppliers of abrasives. He was a founder member of the Glasgow Rotary Club and took a keen interest in politics in the Liberal Party. After residing in Pollokshields and Giffnock he came to live in Mearns in 1946 and was ordained an Elder in 1948. In 1959 he and his wife moved to Troon to be near his married daughter and her family. As a man he was essentially friendly, and to him the hall mark of a congregation was the presence of this quality in it. It was not surprising, therefore, that he took a keen interest in the social life of the congregation, and an active part in the district socials of it. Even when he left the parish he kept in touch with some of the friends that he had made here. He continued to travel up to Glasgow on business and would arrange to meet them and have lunch with them in the Literary Club of which he was a member. To him friendship was the richest treasure that one could find on earth. It was the wish of the family that some of the congregation should be present at the funeral, and the minister, the session clerk, the treasurer and the roll-keeper were able to attend. Our sympathy is extended to his widow, whose deafness has been a sore burden she has had to bear, to Sheila and Jimmy, and all his kith and kin.

#### WOMAN'S GUILD.

Since the publication of the last Supplement, Christmas has come and gone with all the rush and bustle of entertaining. Our Guild took its share in all these activities and experienced much happiness in being able to entertain a number of elderly people from Eastwoodhill. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed their party when they were delighted by the singing of the Junior Choir under the guidance of Mr Littlejohn and the dancing of another group of young guests. Not the least part of their enjoyment was their short run to and from their home and we are indebted to all who so cheerfully brought along their cars and elderly passengers.

The Burns Night was voted a great success. We were fortunate in having with us Mr John F.



M. Gibson, M.B.E., M.A., F.E.I.S., a well-known lover and exponent of Burns, ably supported by Miss Picken and Mr J. P. Lillie, one of our former members.

So much for the past—and for the future? Well, we have two projects afoot. We have had in the past several film shows and have found ourselves somewhat handicapped by the lack of a large screen. The Committee would like to purchase a suitable one.

When the Mothers' Group joined with us, the members brought with them their china which they had bought, and we would like to augment this so that we should have a sufficient supply to use at our meetings. In order to do this we are proposing to hold, sometime in April, a Daffodil Tea similar in nature to the Autumn Coffee Morning. Apart from the financial aspect of such an effort we feel that this kind of morning has a definite social value when members who are unable to be with us in the evenings have an opportunity of meeting and greeting friends.

When are you coming to spend an evening with us?

#### 79th GLASGOW COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

The Company, although still small in number, is fairly active due mainly to the loyalty of the boys themselves. They attend Friday night parades regularly and the Bible Class on Sunday mornings are usually well attended by the boys who do not have other church commitments.

Preparations are far advanced for a Drill Competition which the Company has entered. Although we do not expect to be placed top, we hope to attain a high position in the results. First Aid and Bible Knowledge tests are to be held in February and this will keep the boys occupied for the next few weeks.

Our Enrolment Service on 1st December and the message from our Chaplain, Mr Mackay, is still in our memories. Taking part in the worship on one Sunday of the year is something officers and boys look forward to. It makes one feel part of the Church and re-invigorates one for further activity in advancing Christ's kingdom amongst boys.

On Sunday, 23rd October, over five hundred officers and boys of Eastwood District attended an afternoon service in our own church. Mr Mackay officiated and gave an excellent address on the life of Sir William Smith, founder of the Boys' Brigade. Mr Mackay's knowledge and presentation of the sermon was greatly appreciated by everybody present. Mr Mackay, Mr Littlejohn, the organist, Mr McDonald, who volunteered to play the bells, and Mr Dinsmor, the church officer, deserve our warmest thanks for a memorable afternoon. It is a pity that only a handful of the public attended and those that did were our friends who always support us.

The Officers, Life Boy Leaders and B.B. Boys again were entertained to high tea and afterwards to the Kelvin Hall Circus during Christmas week by a kind friend of the Company who wishes to remain anonymous. We again thank this gentleman for his kindness and generosity.

It has been a great source of satisfaction to me as Captain of the Company to note that at the last two Youth Fellowship Christmas Services, past members of the Company have taken leading parts on these most impressive occasions. One justifiably feels that some seed has not fallen on stony ground.

J. A. O.

#### VARIA

The Youth Fellowship is giving a Concert on two nights early in March in the Church Hall. This is part of their project this year on behalf of the Polio Research Fund. In particular the money raised will be devoted to the work among polio victims in Scotland and in Glasgow. We feel sure that the congregation will support this very worthy object. Further intimation will be made from the pulpit.

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A class for first communicants will be opened in the Manse, 204 Ayr Road, on Wednesday, 25th March, at 8 p.m. It will be held on succeeding Wednesdays until the Communion on the first Sunday in May.

#### "OLD DAYS AND WAYS IN NEWTON MEARNS"

An excerpt from Dr. Boyd Scott's book

"The increase and extension of roads was unreservedly applauded. Before the 18th century our roads were few in number and little more than bridle-tracks. In the 17th century they were well-nigh impossible for coaches. The chief "roads" north and south were three in number, the oldest of them taking very much the course that the Kilmarnock Road past the Newton follows. The other two tracks are represented now by the Pollokshaws-Stewarton Road and the road that goes from Cathcart through Mearnskirk. A traverse track from west to east is marked by the Barrhead-Newton-Eaglesham Road. In the latter part of the 18th century began a new era in roads and transport. In accordance with the Turnpike Act of 1750 the southward road through Mearnskirk was surveyed and formed, and about 1777 the milestones were set up along its line. In 1798 the Renfrewshire Road Trustees constructed a number of new roads through the country. About 1832 the course of the track northward and southward past the Newton was more or less followed in a new road, which is the present "new line" as contrasted with the parallel road through Mearnskirk, now known as the "old line." The stage-coach appeared with splendid clatter. Records of speed were set up and broken. There seemed to be no limit to the breed of Jehu and his furious driving. Even that noble sportman, Christopher North was constrained to cry aloud, "The Highflier Coach, carrying six in and twelve outsides—driver and guard excluded—rate of eleven miles an hour, with stoppages. Why in the name of Heaven, are all people nowadays in such haste and hurry?"

#### LETTER FROM A MEMBER

On Sunday, 29th December, the joint Choirs of Mearns Parish and our own Church combined to give us a selection from "The Messiah." The Choirs sang very well and with great enthusiasm. They had obviously been well trained by Mr Littlejohn, who is such an excellent choirmaster. The solos were sung by Mr A. S. McCance, Mr and Mrs A. M. McCance and Miss MacGill, all of which were excellent. As a member of the congregation was heard to say "It was well worth braving the elements to be present at such a fine performance." Well done Choirs, Soloists, Choirmaster and last but not least the excellent accompanying of Mrs Binning, the organist of the Mearns Parish Church. May we have a repeat performance very soon?



**Children's Corner****A SCRIPTURE A B C**

- A** for the ..... God told Noah to build (Gen. 6)  
**B** for the ..... with fragments well .....  
 (Matt. 14)  
**C** for the ..... Jesus rode on one day (Mark 11)  
**D** for the ..... where fierce lions did .....  
 (Dan. 6)  
**E** for the ..... so strong, swift and free (Isa. 40)  
**F** for the ..... one-fifty-and ..... (John 21)  
**G** for the ..... the shepherd lad slew (I Sam. 17)  
**H** for the ..... that fell down when wind .....  
 (Matt. 7)  
**I** for the ..... men worshipped as Lord (Isa. 2)  
**J** for the ..... who drew out his ..... (Acts 16)  
**K** for the ..... well favoured and fit (Gen. 41)  
**L** for the ..... slain down in a .....  
 (2 Sam. 23)  
**M** for the ..... the wilderness fare (Exod. 16)  
**N** for the ..... of the birds of the .....  
 (Matt. 8)  
**O** for the ..... where a king's son was caught.  
 (2 Sam. 18)

- P** for the ..... from which Joseph was .....  
 (Gen. 37)  
**Q** for the ..... who was willing to die (Esth. 5)  
**R** for the ..... God heareth their .....  
 (Psalm 147)  
**S** for the ..... that contained silver cup (Gen. 44)  
**T** for the ..... that woke the camp .....  
 (Judges 7)  
**U** for the ..... stranger to toil (Job 39)  
**V** for the ..... little foxes do ..... (S. of S 2)  
**W** for the ..... six in a row (John 2)  
**X** for the ..... of long, long ..... (Luke 2)  
**Y** for the ..... Jesus wants us to wear (Matt 11)  
**Z** for ..... his wealth he did .....  
 (Luke 19)

**DATES OF PUBLICATION****OF THE SUPPLEMENT**

The Supplement will be available for distributors on the following dates:—April 12th, June 14th, October 11th, Dec. 13th, 1964.

If you have any material that you think would be interesting to the congregation, would you endeavour to have it in the hands of the Minister not later than 14 days before the dates of issue? It is possible we may have an additional one in September and if so we will give you notice.

**OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.****THE WOMAN'S GUILD.**

**President:** Mrs C. J. THOM, 125 Beech Avenue. Telephone: NEW 2013  
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The Guild meets on Monday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

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The Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings at 7.45 p.m.

**THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.**

**Captain:** Mr JOHN A. ORR, 47 Beech Avenue. Telephone: NEW 3171

The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

**THE LIFE BOYS.**

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The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 6.30 p.m.

**THE GIRL GUIDES.**

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**Treasurer...)**

The Club meets for practice on Tuesday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons.