

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWTON MEARN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

APRIL, 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 April 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."

Grant Edward Spence, 5 Gordon Crescent.

Marriage.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Dorothy B. Napier and Robert Adam.

Death

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

Mrs McIntosh, 16 Moorhill Crescent.

MINISTER'S LOG.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday was an innovation of the Session. It arose out of the findings of the groups into which it had separated the Winter before last. They had met once a month in each other's houses. The more informal nature of the service—the elders in lounge suits, the congregation seated in their own pews, adherents and children at their side, and the choir in the chancel—was a change that was refreshing. It was good for both parents and their family to be worshipping together at the Sacrament. The singing, with the leading of the choir, was inspiring to all. Sometimes I wonder if we can be too dignified in our worship without losing the note of reverence. The church was well filled in spite of the fact that it was a holiday week-end. The Spring flowers added a touch of colour. We are grateful to our Session Clerk for all the arrangements he made. It was a fitting commemoration of this joyous day in the Christian Year.

A letter from the District Commissioner of the Girl Guides on the 9th March says, "I am delighted to hear that Jane (Clements) is ready to lead the Company, but I am very sorry if it means that we lose Thea (Niven) altogether. She is the most

sincere and dependable Guider I have ever worked with, and I would like very much if she would take up Senior Branch Guiding, but at present she says no. Ever since Guiding started in Scotland, over 50 years ago, it has been staunchly supported and sponsored by the Church, and I think Spotlight on Guiding (15th-21st March) is a good opportunity for us all to say a very sincere thank you." We would like as a congregation to echo what has been said about Captain Niven, and to say that we feel sure the Company will continue to prosper in the hands of her successor, Lieut. Clements.

The Quinquennial Visitation of the Congregation will be carried through by the Presbytery at the beginning of May by the Rev. Dr. William Steven of Queen's Park West Church. On Monday, 11th May, accompanied by another minister and two elders he will meet with the Minister at 7.15 p.m., the Session at 7.30 p.m., and the Congregational Board at 8.15 p.m. On Sunday, May 3rd, Dr. Steven will assist at the Communion Services at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., and will address the Congregation. It is the law of the Church of Scotland that every Church should be visited every 5 years. Dr. Steven succeeded Rev. Norman Boyd Scott in that charge in 1948 and has taken a leading part in the National Church Extension Movement.

A new Pulpit Bible has been presented to the Church by Mr and Mrs John B. McCormick of Chaurnley, Larchfield Avenue, in memory of Mr McCormick's brother and sister. It will replace the one that was given when the present minister was ordained and inducted in 1931. At the same time a Pulpit Fall will be affixed to the desk, the gift of a family that wishes to remain anonymous. We would like to thank both parties for these expressions of their love for the Church.

It is fitting that at the close of the first year of the Woman's Guild under the presidency of Mrs Thom and the secretaryship of Miss Hammond, we should congratulate them and the members of their committee on the excellent session it has enjoyed. A thorough visitation of the congregation was carried out, an interesting syllabus was prepared, and the result has been that the meetings have been very well attended. Tributes have not been lacking on how greatly appreciated the fellowship of the Guild has been.

The Youth Fellowship, about 80 in number, has also had a very good Winter. They have had in Jimmy Loudon—no one would recognise him by his more dignified name—one of their outstanding presidents. He has led the group with sound judgement and added to his leadership the gift of his humour, breaking through in the most unexpected ways. The meetings have been most informative and it is very interesting to watch in them how the mind of modern youth is thinking. The project this year was two-fold—the Polio Research Fund, and the Glasgow Polio Association. The house-to-house collection realised about £173, and I have not heard,

as yet, how much was raised by the concert on March 5th and 6th. The latter was a most enjoyable entertainment, rich and original in its humour; my most anxious moment was when they performed the skit "This is your life." Jimmy Lennox came down into the audience with the microphone, approached me and said good evening Mr Mackay, and passed on to someone else—the president.

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We have completed the visitation of the first section of the new Crookfur Estate, and are about to embark on the second—north of Fruin Avenue. We will follow the same pattern as before, sending out the Visitation Committee in twos to call on every house, a postcard previously announcing the projected visit. We require volunteers for this work, and would ask you to consider seriously if you can help, and if so send your name to Mr C. J. Thom, 125 Beech Avenue. We hope to carry this through in May and it will involve, if we have the number of helpers we wish, about two nights. To all new residents in the parish, if not committed elsewhere, we extend a very warm welcome to associate themselves with the life of our congregation.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The above was held on Wednesday, March 18. It was a bitterly cold night but despite that the attendance was remarkably good. Mr Walter Rodger submitted the financial statement in his usual excellent manner, and after the auditors had made their report the statement was unanimously approved.

Two items of interest to the Congregation were discussed after tea (1) the proposed installation of the new pipe organ generously gifted by the late Miss Isobel Currie. A committee had been formed with Mr T. Wright as secretary. Mr Coulthard, the organist at Wellington Church had been engaged as consultant, and he was at the moment meeting with organ builders. (2) The question of the redevelopment of the Main Street by Sir Ian McTaggart was reported on by Mr Walter Rodger. The lawyers of our Church had written to Sir Ian's solicitors and it was stated in the reply that he had every intention of honouring his great uncle's promise to give ground to the Church for building new halls. A new plan showing the Barrhead Road meeting the main Ayr Road at the south side of the Church was referred to, and that the Church would raise objections to its proximity to it, and that notification had been made that our lawyers should be given an opportunity to raise their protests. It was pointed out that until the surrounding roads were fixed and agreed upon we would not know exactly what ground would be available.

The choir gave us some beautiful music and after votes of thanks, the meeting was closed by the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction.

OBITUARY.

Mrs McIntosh, 16 Moorhill Crescent, died on Wednesday, 26th February, at a city hospital. Although not herself born in the parish she came to work in it in her youth, and married Mr Robert McIntosh, who was a native of it. One of my early recollections was of him cycling up the Avr Road (or the Kilmarnock Road as it was then called) on his way home from work as an engine driver. He was stationed at Polmadie and in those days this was the only way, with his different shifts, that he could do so. One passed him on his bicycle even in

the days of the black-out during the war. The strain on his heart was too much and he died in his early fifties. He was a man of very fine Christian character. The two boys, Robert and Alex, were comparatively young at the time but they applied themselves assiduously to their studies and both took their master's certificate in marine seamanship. Today they both occupy responsible positions in Lloyd's Register of Shipping, one in Bombay and the other in Canada. It is a great credit to them and to their mother that they have made so much of their life. Robert in Bombay is a deacon in the Scots Church there and engaged in social work in the city. She was a regular attender of the Church. It is nice to know that both her sons were very good to their mother, and arranged a trip to Canada for her a year ago. "From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs which makes her loved at home, revered abroad." To her sons and her sisters we extend our deepest sympathy.

FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE.

The Flower Conveners wish to thank all who have kindly supplied flowers in the Church during the past year. For the next few weeks there will be a list on the table in the vestibule and members desiring to be included in the rota for the ensuing year are asked to put their name, address and telephone number against one of the dates or contact NEW 3251.

EASTER A TIME FOR CONFIDENCE

Moderator's Message.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev. Professor J. S. Stewart, says in an Easter message:—

"How ought the Christian Church to celebrate Easter?"

"Not as an epilogue to the story of Jesus but as the very heart of the Gospel. For the Resurrection is not just a personal survival; it is a cosmic victory. It means that in the age-long conflict between good and evil, of which history is the arena, the decisive battle has already been fought and won.

"This is the fact that cannot be shaken. This is the rock of God beneath our feet. May this glad confidence ring through all our worship this Easter Day."

SPOTLIGHT ON GUIDING: (Mar. 15 - 21, 1964): THE GUIDE PROMISE.

"I promise on my honour to do my best (1) to do my duty to God and the Queen; (2) to help other people at all times, and (3) to obey the Guide Law."

Guiding is an international Movement, and, as it is inter-denominational, Guides undertake to do their duty to God according to their own faith.

Duty to God ranks first in Guide principles, and a Guide is expected to attend services regularly and to take an active part in the work of her own Church.

Each Guide pledges her loyalty to her own country, and for foreign Guides who are enrolled in this country, the first part of the Promise is changed accordingly.

The badge system was primarily designed to enable Guides to keep the second part of their Promise in a realistic way, and they enjoy using their badge skills in helping others.

The ten Guide Laws are not a series of "do's" and "don'ts"—they are an outline of an ideal character, and Guides promise to do their best to live up to these ideals.

Guide Leaders are trained on the principle that the young mind is not "a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled" and honour, trustworthiness, loyalty, courtesy, obedience, helpfulness, cheerfulness and purity are encouraged to emerge from the enthusiasm within.

Lord Baden Powell discovered that the Law was most easily put into practice on the Patrol system and in healthy outdoor activity, and all Guide work is done on this basis.

So, next time you find a Guide Patrol lighting a fire two feet off the ground—they are not doing it "for kicks"—they are trying to take the "im" out of impossible!

Mrs J. G. LYNN,
District Commissioner.

GUIDES' THINKING DAY.

On 22nd February, the birthday of both "the Chiefs," Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world send one another messages of friendship; often religious services are held and special Good Turns carried out while the regular meetings take on an international flavour and include a Thinking Day Ceremony. This form of celebration has grown up quite spontaneously and has been a great spiritual force ever since the idea was first put forward in 1926.

In 1932 the Thinking Day Fund was established when a Belgian delegate to the 7th World Conference suggested that Guides and Girl Scouts might give "a penny with their thoughts" to help to extend and strengthen the Movement wherever the need seemed greatest. The plan was enthusiastically adopted and the giving of "pennies," or the equivalent in other currencies, is a feature of Thinking Day although the Fund remains open all through the year.

THE GUIDE WORLD TREFOIL.

A golden trefoil on a bright blue ground is the symbol of the World Association. It appears on the World Badge and the World Flag.

The World Trefoil, in any form, may only be displayed by those who have made the threefold Promise and belong to a recognized National Organization in a Member Country or to an International Unit.

The trefoil is emblematic of the threefold Promise; the two stars stand for the Promise and Law; the central vein is the compass needle pointing the way; and the base is the heraldic "fleur-de-lis" signifying the flame of the love of mankind; the colours represent the golden sun shining in a blue sky over all the children of the world.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

"If Winter comes can Spring be far behind." With the coming of Spring most of the organisations, meeting in the winter, are glad to go into summer recess in order to rest and renew their strength for the activities of the following year.

The Woman's Guild is no exception. Although so often the worst weather of the week seemed to gather itself up on a Monday night to vent its spleen

upon our unfortunate members, both members and office-bearers have enjoyed the past session. At this point we would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Dinsmor, who not only saw to it that the Hall was always delightfully comfortable, but willingly aided and abetted us in all our ploys, and cheerfully shifted tables and seats to suit our needs. To him we say, "thank you for everything."

Although our weekly meetings have ended there are in our Guild Calendar still three dates to which we are looking forward. Our Work Party Nights have been fruitful in many ways and some of the results will be seen on Saturday, April 18th, when we are holding "A Daffodil Tea and Sale" between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Tickets are now available costing 2/6. Tea and Coffee will supply the demand. Come along and bring a friend.

And the reason for this Sale? If excuse be needed it is a twofold one. First we feel the social aspect of such a meeting is vital and worth encouraging. There is always an atmosphere of happiness when the clatter of tea cups and the clash of tongues get together. The second reason is more prosaic. We bought the Screen of which we spoke and also the China. The latter made its debut at the Congregational Annual Business Meeting and was duly admired and although an anonymous donor, to whom we herewith express thanks, contributed generously to the cost of the china we are still some pounds short.

The second date is Tuesday, May 12th, when Guild members hope to have an Outing to Callander where a meal has been arranged. Mrs Cuthill is in charge of this item. The third date is the Assembly Meetings in Edinburgh beginning on Tuesday, 19th May. These meetings are always interesting, challenging and thoroughly enjoyable, often resulting in unexpected meetings of friends long parted. Unfortunately accommodation is limited and competition for Delegates' Tickets is keen.

From now on the Committee will be busy arranging a syllabus for next year. Have you some pet subject you would like to see there? If so, a word in the ear of Miss Alice Hammond, Secretary, will ensure its consideration. We aim to please you. Please help us to do so.

Have a Happy Holiday. We shall look forward to seeing you in the Autumn.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Short Quiz About Mothers and Fathers.

1. What does a wise son make?
2. What did a mother ask of Jesus for her two boys?
3. Which father had his little daughter raised to life?
4. Who was called the mother of all living?
5. Which father blessed his son by mistake?
6. Which mother was paid for nursing her own baby?
7. What did the prodigal say when he came to himself?
8. Which disciple's mother-in-law was cured by Jesus?
9. Who was the father of a very tall king?
10. Whom did Jesus call His mother and brothers?

Answers to Quiz.

(1) A glad father, Prov. 10: 1; (2) Matt. 20: 20, 21; (3) Mark 5: 22, 40; (4) Gen. 3: 20; (5) Gen. 27: 23, 24; (6) Exodus 2: 8; (7) Luke 15: 18; (8) Matt. 8: 14; (9) 1 Sam. 9: 2, 3; (10) Matt. 12: 49, 50.

VARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the first Sunday in May (3rd) at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Preparatory Service will be held in the Church on the preceding Friday at 8 p.m. and will be conducted by Rev. John A. Macdonald, M.A., of Spiersbridge Church.

Those who wish to join by certificate should hand the same to the Minister or the Session Clerk at their earliest convenience.

DATES OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT.

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

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President: Mr JAMES LOUDON, 10 St. Vigean's Avenue, Tel.: NEW 3339
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Treasurer: Mr JOHN McCORMICK, Chaurney, Lachfield Ave. Tel.: NEW 2164

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.

Leader: Mr DONALD McDOUGALL, 4 Raeside Avenue. Telephone: NEW 2756

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

THE GIRL GUIDES.

Captain: Miss B. NIVEN, 54 Tassie Street, Glasgow, S.1. Telephone: BAT 2591

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

THE BROWNIES.

Brown Owl: Miss JOAN DUNCAN, Fairhaven, Arthurlie Drive. Tel.: NEW 2872

The Brownies meet in the Church Hall on Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

Secretary) Miss SHEILA JAMMET, Dunmohr, Hazelwood Av. Tel.: NEW 2181

Treasurer...)

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