

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER, 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 September it will be in Mearns Parish Church).

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

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

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Sally Ann Brown, 9 Fruin Avenue.

Richard McDonald Campbell, 8 Dunolly Drive.

Lesley Anne Ferguson, 26 Limetree Crescent.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Anne Patricia Gray and Robert Dickson.

Gladys McIntosh Stewart and Alisdair Duthie Millar

Adele Marion Ferns and William Brunton Allardyce.

Joy Henderson Hunter and John L. Smillie.

Yvonne Elizabeth Parkhill Hollinger and Henry Beadie.

Doris Mae Woods Lowrie and Eric Smith.

Katherine Mackenzie Watt to John M. Provan.

Joan Olive Duncan to William A. Simpson.

Deaths.

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

Mr George Wardrop, 54 Castle Road.

Mrs Lynch, 223 Ayr Road.

Mr George Hammond, 2 Cheviot Drive.

Miss Rita Clunie, 48 Beech Avenue.

Mrs Ogilvie, 28 Chisholm Drive.

Mr Hansen Gray, Rayach, Newtonlea Avenue.

Mr Alexander Lyon, 5 Raeside Avenue.

MINISTER'S LOG.

There is a saying that we need to pull up ourselves by our bootstraps. I have never been able to visualise what the metaphor expects us to do physically, but I do know what it means. It calls on a man to rouse himself from a state of lethargy into which for one reason or another he has fallen, and start again on the duty to which he should be applying himself.

I am not suggesting that when the time for holidays comes round that we pack our religion in a neat parcel and do not open it when they are past. We are mature enough in the christian life to realise that this could never be the case. At the same time during the summer months much of the organisational work of the Church closes down, and at this time is on the point of starting up again. It, therefore, demands a certain amount of effort on our part to face up to our responsibilities. We need to pull ourselves up by our boot-straps.

This truth, however, refers not only to the work of the Sabbath School (and we are always on the look out for new teachers), and the youth organisations, but to the attitude of all Church members to the worship, and the witness of the christian fellowship. Is this not a time when you should make a fresh resolution that you will do your best in attending the services of worship, and in any other way in which God will guide you to make a worthy contribution to the building up of the kingdom in Jesus Christ His Son our Saviour. I call you to re-think out your offering to Him, and ask yourself whether it cannot be improved, and is indeed the best that you can render.

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The congregation will be interested to know that the order for the new three manual organ has been placed with Walker of London. Due to pressure of work this cannot be installed until the end of August, 1965. We have been assured, however, that when this firm fixes a date that it adheres strictly to it. It will be built at their works and take about 6 weeks to erect in the Church. The price will be in the neighbourhood of £13,000 and with certain structural alterations to the building it may be in the region of £15,000 before it is installed. This munificent gift is the legacy of Miss Isobel Currie of Baldorran, Crookfur Road, in memory of her two brothers. Two manuals will be on the right hand side of the Chancel almost above the door leading to the Session House, and the third on the left above the exit to the Vestry. We believe that such a balance will not depreciate the architectural beauty of the Church and indeed may enhance it. Not a great deal of structural alteration is envisaged. We will lose the upper window next to the Chancel on the right, and the organ chamber will be built outside the Church. It is proposed to put the console where it is at present. We have been helped greatly by Mr Coulthard, the organist at Wellington Church, Glasgow, who agreed, very kindly, to be our consultant.

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It was with deep regret that we read the intimation of the death of the Rev. Dr. Steven of Queen's Park West Church. He assisted the minister at the Communion Services in May. Those of us who knew him realised that he looked far from well. His visit was indeed linked with the quinquennial visitation of the Presbytery, but he was unable a few days later to meet with the Session and the Board. Apart from the valuable service he rendered to the Church on Assembly and Presbytery committees, and his faithful work as preacher and pastor in three charges, we shall remember him best as a very loyal friend who, even when life was ebbing from him, did not withhold from one all he had to give.

OBITUARIES.

Mr George Hammond, 2 Cheviot Drive, died at a city hospital on Thursday, 6th August, aged 85. Born over the border he worked in England for some years before coming to Glasgow about 1921 to the secretaryship of The Evening Citizen, where he remained until his retirement in 1944. He had thus been retired for 20 years. No man, however, used those years to better purpose. The family came to live in Giffnock and joined Orchardhill Church where he became an Elder, and joined the choir. When he and his wife moved up to Newton Mearns he associated himself with this congregation, and at once took an interest in the young people. He taught in the Sabbath School, and so continued what had been his practice all his life in business that of trying to get alongside youth. It was said of C. P. Scott, the well known editor of the Manchester Guardian, that when he took on an apprentice he watched over him for six months until he had taught him all he could and set his feet on the right path. This was the practice of Mr Hammond, and is an example that we ought to try to follow in the Church. It was pleasing to see Mr Walter Cuthill, our former organist, as well as Mr Littlejohn at the funeral, a tribute to the loyal service he had rendered in the choir. We owe a great deal to his daughter for the work she has done as Secretary of the Woman's Guild, and we would accord to her and other members of the family our deepest sympathy in the loss of one so justly dear.

Mr Hansen Gray, Rayach, Newtonlea Avenue, died on Monday, 24th August, aged 59. He was married in 1931 and after a few years of residence in Shawlands came to live here in 1936. He was ordained an Elder in 1957 and proved himself to be most diligent in the office. He kept the minister informed of all that was happening in his district and performed willingly any service that was asked of him. In his business life he was the northern agent of Allied Industrial Services which deals in protective clothing. His area embraced not only Scotland but Northumberland and Cumberland as well as Ireland. He had thus a wide area to supervise, and yet he never spared himself either in this or in the work of the Church. We know that he had a long illness which for such an active man must have been very frustrating. Through it he showed a determination that was indicative of his character. He had the great joy of living to see his daughter married, although he denied himself unselfishly the pleasure of being at her wedding. It was my privilege to visit him during the long period of his last illness, and one came away many a time marvelling at the brightness of his spirit. He seemed to be more interested in how you were keeping than in himself. He was always planning some new project, and so in losing himself he found happiness and peace. To his widow who has watched over him with such care and patience, to his daughters, one in a foreign land, to his brother and to his son-in-law we extend the sympathy of the congregation.

Mr George Wardrop, 54 Castle Road, died on Monday, 8th June, 1964. It is less than a year since he retired as Church Officer, and it is a great sadness to have to intimate his death in this Supplement. We had hoped that he would be spared to enjoy quite a long retirement but this has not proved to be the case. His passing from our midst removes one of the best known and loved persons in the district. I doubt if he ever made an enemy. Not that he did not sometimes surge with passion inwardly but he had the self-control never to show it outwardly. No one ever knew he disapproved. He went and engaged in some other work. As a church officer he was most proficient in his duties. Immaculate in his appearance, punctual in starting

the services, reverent in his carrying of the Bible, and helpful to the minister in every possible way, he honoured his office by fulfilling it. He kept the Church and the halls in excellent state of cleanliness and was most kindly towards the young. After he retired he came down frequently to the Church premises to give advice that he had acquired through his experience. His successor visited him at least once a week, and the subject was always, throughout their conversation, the Church. As minister I came into contact with him closely, and found in him a faithful friend. Frances Bacon says that the three values of a friend are (1) one to whom you can unburden yourself; (2) one who can give you counsel, and (3) one who can do for you what you cannot do for yourself. In all these ways he helped me. To his son and daughters and all his kith and kin we extend our sympathy in their loss.

Miss Rita Clunie, 48 Beech Avenue, died at her home on Friday, 7th August, 1964. It is only 18 months since her sister died, and our hearts go out in sympathy to the sister that is left alone. Their father was a banker in Glasgow and when he retired the family moved to Craigmore where he became Session Clerk. After his death they came here in 1958 and have been loyal supporters of the congregation. One does not make friends so easily when one becomes older and perhaps the circle that they got to know in the Church was limited, but those who did realise the sterling character of their affection. Miss Rita was to some extent delicate in health and formed habits of reading, etc. On the other hand she was also a keen golfer, and until recently had rounds of golf two or three times a week. Sometimes in a family certain members are thrown together due probably to common affinities and interests, and it was so with Miss Rita and Miss Hilda. To the latter we thus extend our deep sympathy in the passing of one who was the partner of her life.

Mrs Lynch, 223 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns, died on Tuesday, 30th June, 1964. One of the outstanding characteristics of her nature was the great appreciation that she showed towards anyone who did her a kindness. I know that some people feel very grateful and yet for one reason or another do not reveal it. It was not so with her. You would have thought that you had conferred some great blessing on her by some simple thing, and her gratitude flowed from the heart. Her husband came from the North of Ireland near Londonderry where his father used to drive the mails. There was little work for a young man and he came to Glasgow where he joined the Post Office in George Square, and remained there all his life, rising to a position of eminence in it. Throughout all these years his wife was a willing helpmeet to him. They came to Church regularly until within the last year when her health began to fail. We would offer to him the deep sympathy of the congregation in the loss of one whose life was bound up with his.

Mr Alexander Lyon, 5 Raeside Avenue, died at his home on Tuesday, 1st September, 1964. He and his wife married late in life for domestic reasons although they had known each other for many years. It proved to be a very happy one, and they found great joy in each other's fellowship. About five years ago he had a serious illness and although he recovered from it, his life was curtailed to some extent. We knew his wife formerly as Miss Helen Howieson and she was a well known athlete on the tennis, badminton and hockey fields. Her father was an Elder in Camphill Church, Glasgow. To her we offer to-day our deep sympathy in the passing of her husband.

Mrs Ogilvie, 28 Chisholm Drive, died on Saturday, 15th August, 1964, aged 88. We did not have the pleasure of knowing her in the congregation since she had not long come to live in the district. I myself had only had the pleasure of meeting her on one occasion. Most of her life was spent in Arbroath, and she brought up her family there, and remained the central figure in the midst of it even with the passing of the years. "Who can find a virtuous woman? Her price is far above rubies. She looketh well to her household and careth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed." Such was the life of this faithful servant of God, and to her daughters, her grandson and all her kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy.

RE-OPENING OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

The Sabbath School will commence on Sunday, 20th September, at 10 a.m.—The Primary meeting in the large hall, and the Junior Section in the Church.

The Beginners' Class meets in the Upper Hall at 12 noon. Parents can bring their children to Church at 11.30 a.m. and they will leave after the third praise or children's hymn.

During the hour of forenoon worship a Creche is available in the large hall, where children of all ages will be looked after until the close of worship.

The Youth Fellowship will resume on the first Sabbath in October at 7.45 p.m. All young people of 16 and over will be welcome.

The Senior Sabbath School meets in the Mearns Primary School at 10 a.m. each Sabbath—ages 11-13.

The Guides and Brownies (the 2nd Mearns Girl Guides) will have resumed when this Supplement appears, meeting on Thursday evenings at 7.30 and 6 p.m. respectively.

The 79th Company of the Boys' Brigade meets on Friday evenings—the Life Boys at 6 p.m. and the Boys' Brigade at 7.45 p.m.

The Badminton Club resumes on Tuesday, 15th September, at 7.30 p.m. Play is also available on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Should married ladies wish to play on an afternoon during the week will they notify the Minister, and some arrangement might be made.

The Choir and Junior Choirs meet for practice on Friday evenings and an announcement of the starting date and times will be made from the pulpit.

The Junior and Senior Bible Class will commence on Sunday, 20th September, at 10.15 a.m. in the Session House and Vestry respectively.

THE WOMAN' SGUILD.

Once again the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is with us and with the coming of Autumn and the passing of the singing of birds our thoughts, reluctantly perhaps, turn in anticipation to the warmth of a cosy fire and the glow of soft lights. Some of us may, indeed, ask "Have we had a summer, this year?" The lucky ones who have been able to follow the sun can say "Yes," but others less fortunate in their search for brightness and sun-tan cry "No!"

As the evenings shorten the winter activities begin and soon our Committee members will be setting out on their rounds of visitation as they did last year, carrying with them enrolment forms and syllabuses together with a very cordial invitation to our opening social on Monday, 12th October. This year our Coffee Morning is being held on

Saturday, 7th November, from 10.30 till 12.30. We are trying to extend the floor space for coffee tables so that friends may meet friends and loiter a while beside stalls which have something of a Christmassy touch. Our financial commitments are no less this year than they were last year. We may even be asked to contribute more to the Co-Ordinated Appeal.

For the under Thirties, married or single, with children or without, we are in process of planning arrangements whereby they can meet and get to know one another. The first opportunity for such a meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th October, when the Young Wives in our Congregation and Parish are invited to "come and have coffee" between 10.30 and 12 noon in our Church Hall. They will hear more of this from the visitors who call on them.

Looking at our syllabus it would seem as though we are having a fair number of films but since "to see much is to learn much" our Committee offers no apology.

The Committee has worked hard to offer something of interest to all the women of the Congregation. They regret they cannot organise the weather—but perhaps the Weather Clerk will be kinder this year than he was last and transfer his Washing Day from Monday. One thing we can assure you of—the warmth and welcome inside the Hall will far outweigh the inclemency of the weather out of doors, so that at the end of the evening we can truly say "it was good for us to be here." Come along and bring a friend.

79th GLASGOW COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Company has now resumed for the session 1964-65. Boys who are between 11 and 17 years will be warmly welcomed on Friday evenings at 7.45 p.m. They can be assured of excellent fellowship and a happy evening with, at the same time, a gentle reminder that God is always with and around us.

Hearty congratulations to Lieutenant Donald McDougall in obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree with Honours. An excellent achievement considering his invaluable assistance with Life Boy and Boys' Brigade activities. He has also to be thanked for his services in providing music at the piano for both organisations.

Congratulations are also due to Mr Thomas Dobson, one of our enthusiastic officers, who has been elected President of our Youth Fellowship for the coming winter. It is very gratifying that in the last three years all the Presidents have been Boys' Brigade boys.

May I take this opportunity to thank members of the congregation for their kind enquiries regarding my health during my recent illness. While I have made considerable progress towards recovery, I have been advised to curtail my many activities, one of them being the Boys' Brigade.

The name of the new Captain will probably be intimated in the next Supplement. I would thank most sincerely the Chaplain, Mr Mackay, Lieutenants. Mr Watt. Mr MacDougall and Mr Dobson and members of the Congregation for the help, support an encouragement given to me during my years with the Company. It has been a pleasure to be associated with the 79th Company Boys' Brigade and I have very pleasant memories. I wish the Company all success in the future.

The guest of honour at the recent Display was Mr R. Findlay of the Reserve of Officers of the Eastwood District.

The chair was occupied by the Chaplain, the Rev. W. Murray Mackay.

Mrs C. J. Thom. President of the Woman's Guild kindly presented the awards.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.**TELL ME—**

(The initial letters of the answers make the name of the town in which a new University is to be built in Scotland):—

1. Who is bidden "God to the ant."?
2. In what city was St. Paul born?
3. The name of the lad bound to an altar?
4. The thing Samson never used?
5. What did Jacob see in his dream?
6. One of the things on the Penny given to Jesus?
7. The name of the city God wanted Jonah to visit?
8. Who was smitten with Naaman's leprosy?

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS.

A class for first Communicants will open in the Manse on Tuesday evening, 15th September, and meet on succeeding Tuesdays until the Communion on 18th October.

VARIA.

Dr. A. S. Douglas, Ashlea, Newtonlea Avenue, has been elevated to a professional chair in the University of Glasgow, and we offer him the congratulations of the congregation.

We would like to thank the Minister and the Session of Mearns Parish Church for their co-operation in holding joint services in the Summer which our congregation greatly enjoyed.

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The joint evening services will be held as usual during the winter and will be in Mearns Parish Church during September.

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DATES OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

The Supplement will be available for distributors on the following dates:—October 11th; December 13th; February 14th.

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?

Answers.

Sluggard; Tarsus; Isaac; Razor; Ladder; Image; Ninveh; Gehazi.

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

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Treasurer: Mrs W. W. BLUE, 19 Townhead Road.	Telephone: NEW 3214

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Secretary: Miss ALISON NIVEN, Ashdale, Neidpath R.E.	Tel.: NEW 1712
Treasurer: Mr ROBERT HODGINS, 46 Cheviot Drive.	Tel.: NEW 3795

THE BIBLE CLASS—The Minister.**THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.**

President: Mr TOM DOBSON, 10 Raeside Avenue.	
Secretary: Miss MARION McDUGALL, 4 Raeside Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 2756
Treasurer: Mr JOHN LOUDON, 10 St. Vigean's Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 3339

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

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Captain: Mr A. J. Watt, 47 Braefield Drive, Thornliebank
The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE LIFE BOYS—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Leader: Mr DONALD McDUGALL, 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 JANE CLEMENTS, Hollytree House, Todhill. Tel.: NEW 3183
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.

President: Miss LESLEY WILLIAMS, 65 Larchfield Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 2484
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The Club meets for practice on Tuesday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons.