

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

FEBRUARY, 1965.

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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 Classes, 10.15 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 7.45 p.m.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Allan David Blackwood, Corsehouse Farm.
Graham David Emerson, Aintree Cottage, Oakwood Avenue.

Gillian Irene Towers, 12 Chisholm Drive.
Kay Cavendish Wagstaffe, 4 Fraser Avenue.
June Johnstone Wagstaffe, 4 Fraser Avenue.
Donald William Wilson, 3 Moorcroft Road.
Russell Kendal Smith, St. Christopher's, Blackhouse Gardens.
Basil Craig Baird, Windhill Farm, Eaglesham.
David Edward Howie, 51 Castlehill Drive.

Marriage.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Libby Pettigrew and Alan Dickson.

Deaths.

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

D. Stevenson Brown, Avondale, Ayr Road.
Robert H. Niven, 54 Tassie Street, Shawlands.
Mrs Margaret Nimmo, Hirstlands, Ayr Road.

NEW MEMBERS

Admitted by Certificate — February, 1965

Mr William B. Allardyce, 68 Beechlands Drive.
Mrs Mary Barclay, 7 Fruin Avenue.
Miss Elizabeth Barclay, 7 Fruin Avenue.
Mr and Mrs Maurice Cameron, 1 Campbell Crescent.
Mr and Mrs W. R. Corkill, 39 Gordon Crescent.
Mr and Mrs Edward Kelly, 31 Fraser Avenue.
Mr and Mrs R. M. Percy, 29 Chisholm Drive.
Mr and Mrs George Sime, 24 Fairweather Place.
Mr Alex. J. Watt, 47 Braefield Drive, Thornliebank.
Mr and Mrs Wm. T. Warnock, 101 Ayr Road.

MINISTER'S LOG

The death of Sir Winston Churchill brought the whole nation almost to a standstill. One cannot remember anything like it since the death of King George VI. It was as if the years of the World War were brought back to us and we lived again those experiences when our life was brought to the brink of disaster. In that hour a man was raised up by God to lead the people of our land, and of all the free world out of the valley of the shadow of death. The scenes in London on the day of the funeral were a most expressive tribute to his inspiring leadership in those dark days. In times when the values of life are not recognised as they should be, this was an hour when all that was best in a nation acknowledged the highest and noblest in life.

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The preliminary structural work prior to the installation of the new pipe organ is scheduled to begin in the early spring. We do not know how the services of the church will be affected. The date given to us for the completion of the work was the last Sunday in August. It may be that in the summer months we may need to worship in the church hall. This would not be strange to us since when the church was being built in 1938-9 we did so for 18 months. We even enjoyed the experience for we found ourselves sitting beside different people each Sunday.

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The Session has decided to add to the number of elders. Our method in the past few occasions has been by nomination in the Kirk Session. Should any member of the congregation however, wish to propose anyone would he give the name to his own elder? We hope to have the ordination and induction during the month of April.

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The Youth Fellowship is to be congratulated on the excellent service that it gave on the Sunday evening before Christmas. The carols, duets, readings and prayers were most reverently rendered, and the president, Tom Dobson, delivered a very challenging address to the congregation. It has had a very successful session, and we offer to our young people our thanks for this and all the services they render so willingly to the church.

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A member of the congregation was travelling home by bus last Sunday. She had inadvertently picked up in the vestibule a copy of "Life and Work" of the previous month. The conductress is known to her through the fact that she is on this shift every fortnight. She is a particularly helpful person, and as our church member was leaving, the latter said, "would you like to read the church magazine? I would be very glad indeed to do so, she said. Then she added, I wonder if you would put this ten shilling note in the church plate. There are some very kind people in the world.

OBITUARIES

Mr D. Stevenson Brown, Avondale, Ayr Road, died on Sunday, 25th October, 1964, in a hospital in Glasgow in his 96th year.

He was born in Coatdyke, and on being married stayed for a short time in Shawlands before removing to the Tollcross district of Glasgow. It was here, and later in the Carmyle area, that a large part of his life was spent. They had no children of their own but their home was the meeting place for those of their neighbours.

One of his greatest interests in life was music. He became organist and choirmaster at St. Margaret's Church, Tollcross, which was a quod sacra of Shettleston Old Parish Church. The name of Dr. John White will always be associated with it. Mr Brown had many a story to tell of his visits to their church.

His father, who moved to Viewfield, Giffnock, in 1890, was twice married. His first wife came from Taynult, in Argyllshire, and this linked him with a very beautiful part of the Western Highlands which he came to love deeply. At least once a year he would visit it, and meet again all his relations. To the end of his life he took a great interest in the church of which his cousin was the session clerk.

Again, a step brother and a step sister married Swedes which gave him a connection with that land interspersed with so many lakes. He and his wife visited it on several occasions, and he often spoke of the sterling character of the people he there had met.

Another of his chief interests in life was his garden. He loved flowers, and those who were privileged to see it in bloom will never forget the array of colours on which one gazed.

He was a man of deep religious faith. He loved the church. Especially in the work among the young he was interested to the end of his life. Never an organisation of the church held a sale of work, but he would ask me to hand over to it a donation.

Since his wife died about 13 years ago he had been looked after by Miss Bella Fitzgerald. No one could have been more devoted in her task. On being complimented on one occasion on what she was doing she replied, I was brought up to do my duty.

To his niece, nephews, brother-in-law in Sweden, and cousin, we extend to-day our deepest sympathy.

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Mrs Margaret Nimmo, Hirstlands, Ayr Road, died at the home of her sister-in-law on Wednesday, 6th January, 1965.

She and her husband came to live here in 1928. He was at that time Arts Master in Barrhead where he had been for a considerable time. It seemed that almost all those who had lived in that district had studied under him. He was greatly respected, and admired for his teaching ability. At that time he and his wife had lived in Neilston. Then suddenly he was appointed headmaster in Lochwinnoch. We feared that he would leave this district but to our great joy they decided to remain in Hirstlands.

He was elected an elder of the congregation in 1934, and some years later succeeded Mr Andrew Russell as superintendent of the Sabbath School.

You may wonder why I have spoken at length of the life of her husband. The reason is very simply that she dedicated herself to helping him in his work in every possible way. It is probably true that this is what every wife should endeavour to do, but it was certainly so of her. She had no other life than his.

One remembers how she supported him in the life of the Sabbath School. At the time of the Christmas parties or the trip in the summer to one of the neighbouring farms, she would help him to draw up a programme, and lay out in her house beforehand all the gear that would be required. Nothing was ever left to chance.

If one were to select the quality that above all stood out in her life, it would be that of loyalty. Once she had accepted you as a friend she would stick beside you through thick and thin. There are those in the parish who would testify to what I have said.

It is seven years since her husband died and she has stayed on in the house fragrant with sacred memories. It must have been lonely for her, but she kept herself busy in the garden, and in visiting and helping her friends and relations. A woman like her helps us to keep our faith in humanity.

To her sister, her niece and nephew, her sister-in-law and all her kith and kin we offer our deepest sympathy.

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Mr Robert H. Niven, 54 Tassie Street, Shawlands, died suddenly on Tuesday, December 1st, 1964. He was for some years a lieutenant in the 79th Company of the Boys' Brigade. At that time it was commanded by the late J. P. Robertson, who had founded it in our congregation, and who was a personal friend of his. Valuable as was the service he rendered, it proved also to be an example to his daughter, Thea. She took an interest in the Girl Guides, and rose to be the captain. The District Commissioner on her retirement said that she had been the best captain she had had for many years, and she hoped she would later return to Guides.

During the last war there were members of His Majesty's Forces that arrived in this country from overseas. Some of them came to Glasgow. When they had leave they often found that they had no where to go. It was here that Mr Niven felt that he could help. He gave his name to the Overseas Authorities in Glasgow with the result that their house in Newton Mearns, where they then lived, was rarely without a Canadian, Australian, etc., being hospitably entertained by them.

Some families are more "clannish" than others. This was certainly true of the Niven connection. In joy and in sorrow they were always found together. In forming this bond Mr Niven played a leading part. He was a man of a deeply affectionate nature. Tribute must be paid to the admirable way in which his second wife fitted into the home, and how strong and gracious an influence she exerted upon it. To her, to his daughters and all his kith and kin we offer our deepest sympathy.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

"As the days grow longer the cold grows stronger" is certainly true of these days. It is only the bravest among us who venture out at night, no matter how attractive may be the invitation extended. Such was the case on Monday, 25th January, when we expected to have an art expert, Mr McLean, from the Art Galleries, to show us, on film, how an oil painting was transferred, almost literally, flake by flake from an old canvas to a new one. Unfortunately the fog came down and our lecturer had to postpone his visit until a later date, when we hope our husbands will join us.

We have already had two extremely interesting films. One was shown by Mr J. S. Robertson on our

opening evening in January entitled "City of the Bees." We saw an absolutely enthralling revelation of the bee community, and realised how closely akin it is to our own organised—or should I say disorganised—society. This was the more acceptable as it was quite unexpected, and we thank Mr Robertson for his thoughtfulness in letting us see it.

Mr Stewart Telfer arranged for a showing of the second film in which we saw, stage by stage, Coventry Cathedral arise phoenix-like from the ashes left by the Nazis. It was a wonderful film in colour and sound and completely absorbing. We are much indebted to Mr Telfer for giving, not only us, but a number of our Eastwoodhill friends, who spent the evening with us, much pleasure.

We seem to be making a feature of entertaining our neighbours this year. On Monday next we hope to have some the Jewish ladies in our area with us to enjoy a cup of tea and a film about Israel, "Country of the Golden Fruit," and following that, we are holding open house to the Guilds of our two neighbours at Mearns Kirk and the Broom, when Mrs Mechie will tell us of the work of the Lodging House Mission.

Our final evening as hostesses takes place on February 22nd. On that evening we have invited a party from Dunselma, the Eventide Home near Fenwick, to join us. Our entertainment will take the form of a concert by the Denholm Singers. We hope you will come to swell the numbers.

One other evening worthy of note occurs on 1st March. Mr Thomson, the Clerk to the District Council, who has made a special study of the history of our area has a collection of slides which he is bringing. This should prove of particular interest to everyone and we are hoping for a good mixed audience on that night.

Unforeseen circumstances have forced us to rearrange some of our dates so that the beautiful slides, owned by Miss Calder and shown by Miss Hammond, with which we had intended closing our session were shown in November and the evening was very much enjoyed by us all.

Already the daffodils are in the shops and our gardens are showing promise of being gay with them, for, braving the severe frosts and snow their tips have been above ground for the last two weeks. Let's hope they are not all past and gone before our Daffodil Fair on Saturday, 27th March, when we hope to see you all for coffee or tea and a "natter," this being the prime object of the Fair, though we are never unwilling to welcome "the siller" usually attached to such occasions.

A "Theatre Night" is in the offing and it is hoped that there will be an "Outing," similar to the one which took place last year, at a later date.

Advance Notice

A desire has been expressed by some of the mothers of young children for a meeting when a speaker would be available, and to meet this desire the following dates have been arranged.

17th February—Miss F. Hunter will speak on "Preparing a Child for School."

3rd March—Dr. Napier will talk about some of the pitfalls bestrewn the pathway of young children.

24th March—Miss M. McColl, will take as her subject "How to tell a Bible Story."

Now then young mothers—rally round. The meetings will be at 2.30 and there will be a cup of tea available and some one to look after the bairns, and there will be badminton as usual for those who prefer that.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Questions

1. Which prophet wrote the following words: "He was wounded for our transgressions"?
2. Who was the Apostle who was noted for his impetuosity?
3. How many doors were there in Noah's Ark?
4. Which Apostle appealed unto Caesar?
5. What is the Bible name for people who are not Jews.
6. Which of the Epistles was written primarily for the Jews?
7. Who betrayed his Master with a kiss?

THE LIFEBOYS

The Lifeboy Team has now increased in numbers to such an extent that new horizons of thought and endeavour have been opened up before us. The main new activity which we intend to pursue is that of football. Much can be said for and against such a sport when connected with a Lifeboy Team, but the overwhelming factor in its favour is its complete acceptance by the boys of the Team. Arrangements have now been completed to play a team in the "Summer Cup" competition organised by the Eastwood District of Lifeboy Teams. I hope all involved will live up to the Lifeboy motto and "play the game."

An item that should be of interest to all members of the congregation is the "Exhibition and Display" at the Palace of Art, Bellahouston Park, on Tuesday, 16th till Saturday, 20th February, 1965, from 7.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. This exhibition has been organised jointly by the Lifeboys and Boys' Brigade of Glasgow Battalion and to some extent at least takes the place of "Fanfare" which has run at a loss for some few years now. The exhibition is in many parts: varied activities are to be demonstrated in the smaller rooms whilst a composite display item is to be held in the concert hall. The demonstrations are to be changed each evening. The Lifeboys take their turn on Saturday, 20th, 2.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m., when they will show a kaleidoscope of their talents. Tickets, costing 2/- (two) for a double entry to the demonstrations and a single entry to the concert hall, may be had from the Leader-in-Charge.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

We are now approaching the time for our Annual Display which we plan to hold during May.

The Company is still small in numbers although the boys we have are very enthusiastic.

Over the Christmas and New Year period we had two very enjoyable social events. Firstly, prior to Christmas we were invited to the Life Boys party at which all the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and our thanks are due to Mr MacDougall and his leaders for their effort to make this a success.

Secondly we were taken out for high tea followed by a visit to the circus and carnival at Kelvin Hall. This was provided by an anonymous member of the congregation whom we all thank most sincerely.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Napier for helping us with the first aid this year.

As always I would invite any boy between the years of 11 and 17 to come along and join our Company at 7.45 p.m. on Fridays.

A. Watt, Captain.

2nd MEARNS BROWNIE PACK

At Christmas this year the Brownies entertained the Pack to a concert. A wide variety of talent was displayed including poetry recitations, singing, tap, highland and ballet dancing; and piano and recorder playing. Carol singing with tea and cakes made by our "badge work" Brownies concluded a most enjoyable evening and a successful 1964 session.

The Broom Youth Fellowship pantomime was again our first visit of the New Year and 25 excited faces occupied the front two rows of the hall and excelled themselves at the song singing and the hissing at the bad witch.

To date the six Brownies working for the proficiency badges have obtained five and are continuing to work very hard.

J. Simpson, Brown Owl.

FINANCE—SYSTEMATIC GIVING SCHEME

In the November Supplement attention was drawn to the decrease in contributions to the Systematic Giving Scheme. It was gratifying to

find that arrears in some cases were made up and that the figure for year 1964 was only £24 less than that for year 1963. At the December Board meeting it was decided that fresh Promise Cards be issued with the Budget Letter at the end of the year, as the amount contributed by some members was not in keeping with the amount promised. So far only 30% of these Promise Cards have been returned—would members who have not returned the cards kindly do so as soon as possible so that the records may be brought up to date?

ANSWERS TO CHILDREN'S QUIZ

1, Isaiah 53: 5. 2, Matthew 14: 28. 3, Genesis 6: 16. 4, Acts 25: 11. 5, Acts 10: 45. 6, Hebrews. 7, Matthew 26: 47.

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distributors on April 11th, 1965.

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 date of issue?

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

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Captain: Mr ALEX. 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.

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

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

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

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