

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER, 1965

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Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
(The Evening Service alternates monthly with Mearns Kirk)

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."

Donald Charles McLean, 2 Manse Lane.
Gordon Thomas Livingstone, 3 Campbell Crescent.
Gail Alison Rollo, 45 Fruin Avenue.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Grace Linda Stewart and Thomas Aron Baptist Ford.
Jean Millar Law and George Cromar.
Sybil Anderson and Robert M. Burnside.

Deaths.

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

James H. Asher, Elmara, Ayr Road.
John Scott Black, 11 Allandale Road, Prestwick.
James M. Drysdale, Kildary, Ayr Road.

The following have received their Disjunction Certificates—

Mr and Mrs Eric Smith, 23 Keith Avenue, Giffnock.	Elder Mr Ogilvy
Mr and Mrs A. A. Stuart, Lyndene, Newtonlea Avenue.	Mr Robertson
Miss Mary Laird, 19 Woodvale Avenue.	Mr Jarvie
Mr and Mrs H. S. Russell, Mearnskirk Hospital.	Mr Walker.
Mr and Mrs A. S. Henderson, 3 Broomstone Avenue.	Mr Hunter

NEW MEMBERS

By Profession of Faith—October, 1965—

Miss Joyce Elizabeth Blue, 19 Townhead Road.
Miss Margaret Evelyn Chalmers, 58 St. Vigeans Av.
Miss Mary Lyn M. Clark, 59 Netherplace Road.
Miss Ailsa Hart Primrose Cowan, House O' the Hill, Hazeldean.
Miss Maureen Celia Jammett, H. Eastwood Court, Crosslees Drive.
Mrs R. M. Jenner, 8 Fraser Avenue.
Miss Catriona Mackay, 90 Beech Avenue.
Miss Irene Morrison, 33 Afton Street, Shawlands.
Miss Mairi Campbell Orr, 47 Beech Avenue.
Mr Charles Scott Ferns, Redcroft, Newtonlea Av.

By Certificates from other Congregations—

Mr David Burns, 8 Moorhill Road.
Mrs Calder, 270 Ayr Road.
Mr and Mrs William R. Dalglish, 2 Campbell Cresc.
Mr and Mrs D. M. Duncan, 14 Chisholm Drive.
Mr and Mrs Andrew D. Hope, 34 Chisholm Drive.
Mr and Mrs Archibald Hunter, 43 Fruin Avenue.
Miss Sheila Mackinnon, 7 Roddinghead Road.
Mrs A. Millar, 51 Barrhead Road.
Mr and Mrs George M. M. Robertson, 2 Lomond Drive.
Mr and Mrs Ian Rollo, 45 Fruin Avenue.
Mr Kenneth Smith, 5 Crookfur Road.
Mr John L. Smillie, 50 Broomfield Avenue.
Miss Olivia Maeve Watt, Glebe Chapel.
Mr and Mrs Ian Wilson, 30 Fruin Avenue.
Mrs A. D. Laird, 96 Castle Court.

MINISTER'S LOG

An organist in the south side of Glasgow who was a friend of one of the tuners or voicers of the organ, was invited by the latter to come and see it. I happened to come into the church as he was playing it and at the close he said to me, "Do you realise that you have got one of the finest organs in the city of Glasgow if not in the whole country?" Certainly those of us who have heard it now for a few weeks have found it to have a brightness of tone, an instantaneousness of action, and a wealth of range that is of tremendous value to the praise of the church. Our debt of gratitude is great to the late Miss Isobel Currie who gave it to us in memory of her two brothers.

The service of dedication on the 19th September was a memorable one. We were privileged to have with us the Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow, the Rev. Thomas Murchison, D.D., of St. Columba-Copland Road, and Mr James Coulthard, organist and choirmaster of Wellington Church, Glasgow, officiated at the organ. He is one of the most perfect technicians of the art to which we have ever listened, and we will not forget the exquisite recital he gave towards the close of the service. We would like to thank him also for agreeing in the Spring of 1964 to act for us as organ consultant. He has guided us well in the choice of the instrument and in the organ builders Walker & Co., of London, to which he directed us. We would offer our thanks also to Mr T. A. Wright who was the secretary of the committee.

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It will be of interest to the congregation that we have loaned the Hammond Organ installed in 1939 by the late James Nicholson of Towerwood in memory of his wife, to Orchard Park Church, Giffnock. It was a peculiar pleasure at the laying of the foundation stone on October 21st, of their new church to hear it in operation, and deep appreciation was expressed of its beautiful tone. It is fitting that we should be able to help this church, as at a time when we needed officers for our Boys' Brigade they came to our aid. "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days."

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The Christmas arrangements will follow the pattern of last year, viz., on Sunday, 19th December, there will be at 11.30 a.m. the usual forenoon worship at which the children of the Sabbath School will process with their gifts. The evening service will be conducted by the Youth Fellowship

and the president will give the address. Again on the evening of Sunday, 26th December, the joint choirs of the two congregations will render items from the Messiah. Mr Littlejohn will conduct and Mrs Binning will officiate at the organ. A list of the children's parties is given below in this Supplement.

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The re-decoration of the church has met with general approval. The brighter lighting and the carpeting have thrown into greater relief the stone work, and in particular the window in the chancel gifted by the three Miss Osbornes of Broomlea. We are indebted to all who helped but in particular to Mr Allan McClure the property convener for his supervision of it all, and to Mr and Mrs William Dinsmor for their difficult task of keeping the church available for public worship in the past months. The Congregational Board decided to use a generous legacy received about two years ago from the late Robert Russell to defray the larger part of the cost of the carpeting.

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It has been decided by the Session that the offering at the door should be brought into the church at the close of the first praise. The congregation will remain standing while it is laid on the Communion Table and during the prayer of dedication thereafter.

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An experiment is being tried this winter at the evening service. In place of the sermon the two ministers are having a discussion on different episodes in the life of Christ. The one leads the dissertation, and puts a few questions to the other, of which he has had no previous knowledge. We hope that you will find this instructive and interesting. The first evening that we tried this a girl of 8 years said to her father afterwards that she did not like the nasty questions that Mr Mackay asked Mr Black! I can assure you that they are often returned with interest!

OBITUARIES

Mr James H. Asher, Elmara, Ayr Road, died on Sunday, 19th September, 1965. His death came as a great shock to all for he had been apparently in his usual good health. By profession he was an officer in Customs and Excise. A fine tribute was paid to him by a man who said that he never broke friendship with those he met in commerce. It was not in his nature to be on unfriendly terms with anyone. Possessed of a great fund of humour he had the knack, which some people have, of seeing the grotesque side of any situation. This made him very good company, and he was in demand as an after dinner speaker. He had, however, other great interests. He was a voracious reader of books, and those of the deepest subjects. Documentary programmes on the television were a great delight to him. He was a member for a number of years of the Congregational Board, and took an active part in the Church dramatic club.

He was above all fond of his home and garden, and a great deal of his leisure time was spent there. Some of us met him on the golf course and there his incessant humour would emerge in the most unexpected ways. He loved the church and was a regular attender of the sanctuary. We miss him much, and to his widow, his son, his daughter-in-law, and grandchildren we offer our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

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Mr John Scott Black, 11 Allandale Road, Prestwick, died on Thursday, 23rd September, 1965. He was on the staff of British Railways, and, when the depot closed at Cowlares, the offices were moved to Barassie. The family had just moved to Prestwick when he took suddenly ill and died. We feel a great sympathy for his wife and family in the

tragic circumstances that have befallen them. John Scott Black was an elder in Stepps before he came to live in this district. He took up office in the congregation with all the zeal that he put into everything he did in life. He never did anything half-heartedly. Perhaps he sometimes put too great a strain on his constitution. I first came to know him in connection with the game of badminton. He took a great interest in our church club and rose to be president of it. His interest in the game, however, went further. He held office in the Churches and District Badminton League of Glasgow, and in the year that he was president he asked me as his minister to come to the annual dinner in Glasgow and say the grace. His two children were a constant source of delight to him, and he told me some of the things they said and showed me their drawings at school. If there is one text in the Bible that I feel summed up his life it was "Whatsoever ye do do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men." To his widow and family we extend the deep sympathy of the congregation.

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Mr James M. Drysdale, Kildary, Ayr Road, died on Sunday, 17th October, 1965. He was born in Barrhead, but most of his adult life was spent in this district. After a few earlier ventures in business he was appointed manager of the Co-operative Society in Newton Mearns, where he remained until his retirement. He was well known and held in deep affection by those who lived in the village. Taking over the management at a time when the shop was having its difficulties he built it up by his personality and conscientious work. He and his wife have had the satisfaction of watching their family of three sons grow up to take influential positions in education and commerce. The eldest became second master in Mearns Primary School and is now headmaster in Robslee Primary, Giffnock. A great number, therefore, of the children in the district have passed through his hands. Mr Drysdale was a lover of the countryside, and spent much time tramping over the moors of Mearns. He would have echoed the description of the countryside of Christopher North, "Neither upland or lowland but undulating, like the waves of the sea at sunset after a day of storm." He loved his garden and spent much of his leisure time in it. He was assisted greatly in his life by the strong and gracious personality of his wife. To her, and his three sons, and all their kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy in his passing from our midst.

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THE WOMAN'S GUILD

Mid November already and Christmas in the offing! With half the meetings of the first part of the session gone. What shall I say of these gatherings? Without exception they have all been exceedingly enjoyable and it would be difficult to single any one out for special praise.

The Weather Clerk played us a scurvy trick on one of the evenings when we had hoped for an extra specially large audience. We can only apologise for the storm and say how sorry we are for those who missed such an excellent concert given by the Savoy Club. Better luck next time.

About the forthcoming meetings. For our Brains Trust, Miss Calder, Principal of the West of Scotland Domestic Science College; Dr. Lesley Stewart, a member of our own congregation and one of the staff of Mearns Kirk Hospital; Mr Joseph S. Robertson, Headmaster of Victoria Drive Secondary School, Glasgow, and Mr Tom Dobson, Leader of the Life Boy Team, have accepted an invitation to take part. This should prove an interesting evening and we shall be glad to have questions submitted.

Once again we hope to have an evening with the Jewish ladies in our district. But more of that anon, and we shall close the first half of our session with an evening of Carols at which we shall have members of Eastwoodhill present.

We have sprinkled over our syllabus three evenings entitled "informal." This is the watchword of all our meetings and is perhaps the secret of the very friendly atmosphere which pervades them. We do invite all those ladies who have not yet screwed up their courage to join us to drop in one evening and "look us over." If you did we thank you for helping us and hope you enjoyed meeting friends there. If you didn't we hope you will try to be at our next one.

Two nights in the New Year should prove to be interesting. At our first meeting on January 17 we go travelling again, this time to New Zealand with Miss Jessie Kerr, followed by "Glasgow through Pakistani eyes." Rev. E. Johnston, himself a Pakistani, is working among his own people in Glasgow and "to see oorsels as ither's see us" may well prove an interesting experience.

"On the Spot" is a dialogue which will be carried on by two of our own Guild members. This little script gives some idea of the scope and nature of the work of the Church among both our own people and the peoples of the coloured races. Now we have looked far enough into the future.

It seems early to be expressing Christmas wishes, but after having rushed through an overseas mail in a valiant attempt to have the cards at their destination on time it has become quite natural to write "May you have a very Happy Christmas when it comes."

2nd MEARNS GIRL GUIDES

This year we have started our session with 30 Guides. Since we started in September, 8 new recruits have joined the Company, and already 4 of these have passed their Tenderfoot and have been enrolled as Guides.

We would like to take this opportunity of bringing to the congregation's notice, the date of our Annual Coffee Morning and Christmas Fayre (in aid of camping funds) on Saturday, 27th November, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in the Church Hall. There will be a cake and candy stall and a Christmas card and sundries stall, as well as (we hope!) a cup of coffee and a pleasant social morning. Tickets are on sale from any Guide, price 2/-, and we will be delighted to see as many of the congregation and friends as possible. Any donations to the stalls would be welcome, and should be brought to the hall on Friday, 26th between 8 and 9 p.m.

We look forward to the Christmas festivities now, which we shall celebrate by going to the circus and by having a Christmas party.

This session, so far, the Guides have been working hard for badges, and the percentage of passes has been, as usual, quite high.

We remind the congregation that we will be very pleased to welcome girls between the ages of 10½ - 16 on Thursday nights.

Jane C. Clements (Captain)

2nd MEARNS BROWNIE PACK

Brownies commenced the new session on 16th September with the addition of 10 new enthusiasts on that date. Since then our number has now reached 36.

Three eleven year olds have joined the Guides, one being a "badge Brownie" who "flew-up" with a most attractive array of badges on her uniform. We wish them continued success in the Guides.

Another three Brownies have passed their 1st Class and have already shown interest and enthusiasm in sitting a few badges. Five younger ones gained their 2nd Class badge two weeks ago and we trust they will continue to work hard for the 1st Class.

Once again we have started knitting "squares" to be made into a blanket and this is proving quite popular while also teaching the younger ones how to knit.

Last Thursday we had a most successful Hallowe'en Party, everyone in fancy dress of a very high standard and great difficulty was experienced by the leaders in choosing the winners. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the parents most sincerely for spending the time and thought that had obviously been necessary in the creating of the costumes. Dooking for apples and mashed potatoes as well as games passed a very enjoyable evening—as much for leaders as Brownies, I'm sure!

Joan O. Simpson (Brown Owl).

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Arrangements during the Christmas Festivities—

Sunday School—Christmas Parties

Primary School, Saturday, 18th December, 2.30 to 4.45 p.m.

Junior School, Saturday, 18th December, 5.15 to 8.30 p.m.

Girl Guides—Christmas Party: Thursday, 23rd December.

Boys' Brigade—Visit to Circus, Thursday, 30th December. Tea 6 p.m. Circus 7.30 p.m.

Life Boys—Party, Friday 17th December. 7 to 9 p.m.

Sparks—Party, Wednesday, 22nd December. Normal time of meeting.

Youth Fellowship—Christmas Service, Sunday Evening, 19th December

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MISSING WORDS

1. "Ye are the — of the earth."
2. "Ye are the — of the world."
3. "All — is given unto me in — and in —."
4. "By — are ye saved through —."
5. "He was — for our —."
6. The eternal God is thy — and underneath are the —."
7. "Be strong and very —."
8. "For I am not — of the gospel of Christ."
9. "My — is sufficient for thee; for my — is made perfect in —."
10. "He hath made us — and — unto God."

SYSTEMATIC GIVING

As we approach the end of another year, also the end of the Financial Year, in the affairs of our church, the Treasurer is watching the various ways in which the finance of the church appears to be shaping and is endeavouring to assess whither he will be able to square the accounts.

In our church there are three ways in which our members can contribute towards the financial requirements of the congregation, viz:—

1. Systematic Giving Scheme.
2. Seat Rents and Collections at Church Door, also by special envelopes for the Co-ordinated Appeal.
3. Bonds of Annuity.

In regards to No. 2 contributions by Seat Rents are payable twice a year and the member gives through the plate collection what they wish.

The Systematic Giving Scheme operates by members completing a Promise Card showing what their contributions will be during the year. Envelopes are sent to the members in which to place their contributions week by week. At the end of each quarter a form like a receipt is forwarded to each member along with the envelopes for the ensuing quarter, giving the position of their contributions in relation to the yearly promise.

On making an analysis of the payments under the scheme, about 60% of our congregation elect to contribute in this manner. Unfortunately it has been found that of the above 60% a considerable number do not contribute in a regular manner and others fail to maintain the total amount as promised. A special appeal is issued to these members to meet their obligations as promised by themselves and so ensure the Treasurer can finish the year in accordance with the budget requirements.

The third method, by signing a Deed of Covenant and covering a period of not less than seven years, our Treasurer can re-claim from the Inland Revenue a proportion of the tax paid by the donor, thereby enhancing the contributions payable to the church.

In the next few days the Finance Committee will be considering the budget statement showing our requirements for year 1966 and as readily appreciated, costs to meet the temporal affairs of our church are steadily rising, year by year, and we are dependent on our members assisting by their contributions, to meet the necessary obligations on our congregation.

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A memorial plaque was unveiled in Mearnskirck Hospital to Dr. Alexander Dale, medical superintendent from 1946-1961.

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A social meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th September, at which new robes were presented to me and the ceremony was performed by Mrs Mather, widow of Mr John B. Mather, who was an elder and at one time preses of the congregation. She was in excellent form and it was recalled that three of her forbears had robed ministers of this congregation.

I would like to thank you for the gift of these robes which have been a source of the greatest pleasure to me.

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Answer to Children's Corner.

1. Salt; 2. Light; 3. Power, heaven, earth; 4. Grace, faith; 5. Wounded, transgressions; 6. Refuge, everlasting arms; 7. Courageous; 8. Ashamed; 9. Grace, strength, weakness; 10. Kings, priests.

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DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distributors on February 13th, 1966.

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 WOMAN'S GUILD.

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Secretary: Miss ALICE HAMMOND, 2 Cheviot Drive.	Tel.: NEW 3319
Treasurer: Mrs A. M. R. RUSSELL, Netherfield, Glebe Lane.	Tel.: NEW 1658

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr F. D. LEITH, Blackhouse Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 2596
Secretary: Miss MARGARET DINSMOR, 52 Castle Road.	Tel.: NEW 2777
Treasurer: Mr ROBERT HODGINS, 46 Cheviot Drive.	Tel.: NEW 3795

THE BIBLE CLASS—The Minister.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

President: Mr MICHAEL CRAIG, 29 The Loaning.	Tel.: NEW1778
Secretary: Miss MARY JAMMETT, Eastwood Court, Thornliebank.	GIF 5592

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.

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: Mrs W. A. SIMPSON, 56 Craighlaw Avenue, Waterfoot.
Tel.: BUSBY 2182
The Brownies meet in the Church Hall on Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

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The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.