

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

JUNE, 1967

Minister:

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Mr W. T. DAVIDSON, 1 Raeside Avenue
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Mr WALTER RODGER, 220 Ayr Road
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Church Officer:

Mr WILLIAM DINSMOR, 52 Castle Rd. NEW 2777
Sabbath Service—11.30 a.m.

Sabbath School—Primary: 11.30 a.m.

Junior and Senior: 10 a.m.

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

REGISTER

Baptisms

Jesmé Wilson Baird, Windhill Farm, Eaglesham.
Moira Sellars Grant, 27 Manorway, Brnside.
William Wilson Lambie, Letham Farm.
David Thomas Towers, 10 Chisholm Drive.

Death

Mrs Stewart, 9 Moorhill Crescent.

MINISTER'S LOG

As I write this the General Assembly is in session. The Lord High Commissioner this year is, of course, Sir John Reith. He is the second son of a former Moderator of it to occupy this exalted position. His father, Dr. George Reith, was minister of the College Church in Lynedoch Street and was called to be Moderator in 1914. As this was the Church my mother was a member of at this time, I have naturally been very interested in him. He was a young man at the same time as the late Sir William Smith, the founder of the Boys' Brigade, and James Moffatt, the translator of the Bible.

He will perhaps be best remembered as the first chairman of the B.B.C. He set a pattern, for he was always an authoritarian of a moral standard that has been maintained. Two things he insisted on (1) that a programme should be started punctually. An announcer who failed in this respect could be summarily dealt with. (2) He laid it down that from the hour of 6.30-7.30 p.m. on a Sunday, the time should be devoted to religion. These two emphases are still with us.

Last year he published a book entitled "Lord Reith with Spurs." It is a diary that he wrote up from August, 1914 when war broke out. As a member of the O.T.C. of Glasgow Academy and

later of the Territorials, he was at once called up. Although he had never been on horseback, he applied for the Cavalry Section. A friend took him into a field and taught him to ride a horse. This book is an account based on his diary which he wrote up every night of the first year of the War at Larbert, Carnoustie and France. He tells how his father read out in Church the names of those who were serving and at the close added, "and my son John." That same year his father had been Moderator of the General Assembly.

The Moderator this year is Dr. Roy Sanderson who is well equipped for the post. For many years he was the minister of the Barony Church in Glasgow. He conducted the Anniversary Service here one Sunday a few years ago, and on that occasion I officiated in his Church. What impressed me was the family pew that was evident in an area where a great many of the people must have lived at some distance from the Church. His knowledge of procedure also will stand him in good stead in controlling the Assembly.

The proposals for Union with the Congregational Church were accepted by the Assembly and sent down under the Barrier Act for the reports of the Presbyteries. The Barrier Act is a safe-guard against any fundamental change taking place without the considered opinion of the Church at large. In general, the Congregational Church is to become part of the Church of Scotland but is to retain within it its own form of government which is centred on the church meeting of each congregation and not in presbyterianism. Women ministers will be allowed in it but cannot be called to a Church of Scotland charge. There is, of course, in Congregationalism an Assembly but it does not wield the authority that it does in ours.

A surprise decision of the Assembly was to accept women into the Ministry of the Church of Scotland. Let us not, however, think that this has been settled as such. The Panel on Doctrine had reported on the subject stating the argument for and against without recommending on the one side or the other. A motion, however, came from the house that they be admitted which was carried by a 3rd majority. This decision has also been sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration, and this will be discussed at a future General Assembly. It was, however, a most unexpected vote.

We regret that we have still nothing to report to the congregation on the subject of the proposed new halls. This does not mean that progress has not been made. First of all, on the subject of the ground that we hope will be allocated to us, Breeze and Paterson, the solicitors of Sir Ian McTaggart, have not yet been able to give us this in writing. It was promised to us by the late Sir John McTaggart. On his death, his son, Sir John McTaggart, said that he would honour his father's wishes. When he in turn died, the nephew, Sir Ian McTaggart had made room for them in his plan of the re-development of the area but we await their further instructions. (2) We submitted, i.e., the Halls Committee, plans for the new halls to the Congregational Board in April, and they have been accepted in principle. Further than that we cannot say at this juncture.

NEW ELDERS

The following were ordained and/or inducted as elders in the congregation on Sunday, 16th April:
Malcolm Anderson Fitzgerald, 6 Ford Road.
John Sinclair Main, 18 Rodger Drive.

* James Roach, 14 Eddington Drive.

Alexander Ross, 10 Lambie Street.

George Watt Sellars, 9 The Loaning, Whitecraigs.

Edward Spence, Woodcroft, Firwood Road.

John Watters Wilson, 30 Fruin Avenue.

* Already Ordained.

Mr John Ramsay was unable to be present on account of illness.

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NEW MEMBERS AT THE MAY COMMUNION

By Profession of Faith:

Miss Janice Young Johnston, 55 Netherplace Road.

Miss Laura McCallum Orr, 47 Beech Avenue.

Mr Alistair Wellman Orr, 47 Beech Avenue.

Mrs Sandra Katherine Ferri, 35 Hazelwood Avenue.

Miss Fiona Marguerite Wolfe, 1 Arthurlie Drive.

Miss Janette Pollock, Malletshead Farm.

Miss Irene Turner Pollock, Malletshead Farm.

Miss Maureen McClure, 29 Broomvale Drive.

Mr Robert Douglas Todd, 142 Ayr Road.

Miss Fiona Elizabeth Craig Gillies, 49 Arisdale Cres.

By Certificate:

Mr and Mrs Gordon Stuart, 5 Raeside Avenue.

Miss Agnes Cattenach, 30 The Cottages, Crookfur.

Mrs Mary Thomson, 63 The Cottages, Crookfur.

Miss Elsie Aikman, 25 The Cottages, Crookfur.

Misses May and Jean McRae, 61 The Cottages, Crookfur.

Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Niven, 5 Dunolly Drive.

Mr and Mrs Alan Beswick, 56 Beech Avenue.

Mrs Eleanor Miller, 14 The Cottages, Crookfur.

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THE WOMAN'S GUILD

Two meetings were held in May. The first was on the 8th, when a visit was paid to the Hansel Village at Symington, Ayrshire. About 60 left the Cross at 5.45 p.m. and arrived in the early evening. They were given a cup of tea and shown round the dormitories and the workshops of the spastics. Great interest was manifested in the care that was being taken of them. They were able also to place orders for knitted garments, etc., that were being made. A collection was taken in the bus and handed to the Matron. Thereafter the company proceeded to the Park Hotel, Monkton, where it sat down to dinner. It was pleasing to meet again Mr and Mrs Macdonald, the owners, who had some years before been in the Cafeteria at Mearns Cross.

The second was on May 22nd, when the Guild was entertained in the Crookfur Pavilion by the Jewish women in the district. The speaker was Mrs Garrizo whose subject was, "The Place of Jewish Women in the Home", and her address was enjoyed very much by all. After a cup of tea, recitations were given by a guest. It is good to know that such fellowship exists between Christians and Jews, and we would thank all those who have sought to foster this.

The Guild will reopen in October, and the Coffee Morning has been fixed for October 28th. An excellent session has been completed, and our thanks are due to Mrs Cuthill, the President, and Mrs Blue, the Secretary, not forgetting Miss Hammond, whose work as the previous Secretary showed the hallmark of efficiency.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th COMPANY

The Junior Section Display took place on Friday, 19th May in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends. The Inspecting Officer was Mr Fred. Leith, an elder of the congregation, and Superintendent of the Sunday School. In his address he congratulated the officers and the boys on their smart appearance, and on the exhibition of their work they had given that evening. Mrs Tom Dobson, the wife of the leader of the Junior Brigade introduced an item on First Aid. The Prizes were handed over by Mrs Leith. Mr Mackay thanked the retiring leader, Mr Dobson, for the excellent service he had rendered in this as in other spheres of youth work in the church. It is pleasing to learn that he will continue as an officer in the Senior Brigade. Our thanks are also due to Mr Littlejohn who trained the boys in their singing.

The Display of the older section was held on the succeeding Friday—26th May. On this occasion the Inspecting Officer was Mr Allan, the Chief Constable of Renfrewshire. Once again he congratulated the company in the smartness and efficiency, and spoke of the contribution being made to youth by such a movement as the Boys' Brigade. If there were more of this work being done, and more boys could be brought into it, we would not have the problem of juvenile delinquency that we have to-day. He urged the boys to regard the policeman as their friend. After a cup of tea, the prizes were presented by Mrs Mackay. It was obvious that considerable stress was being laid on Scripture knowledge, and many awards were made for this. One of the outstanding features of the evening was the playing of the new Pipe Band. We are indeed grateful to those who have trained them. Presentations were made at the close, and one very unexpected one was to the minister. It is 25 years since the company was founded in this church, and a B.B. scarf and tie was handed to him as chaplain. It was a very nice and greatly appreciated gesture. To Mr Alex. Watt, the Captain, and all the officers we extend our thanks of the congregation. One boy, Mr Alan Russell, had attained the Queen's Badge, the highest award.

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

At our Annual General Meeting on 14th May, Mr Neil Rodger was elected the new President, and Mr Ian Wright, Vice-President.

We would like to convey our thanks to all those who helped in any way to raise the £153 contributed towards a Guide Dog for the Blind, which was last session's project.

On 17th June, the Youth Fellowship will be holding its Annual Outing. This year we are venturing to climb Ben Lomond, followed by a barbeque (weather permitting). A cordial invitation is extended to anyone over the age of 16 years who would like to join us, so please do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the Youth Fellowship for further details.

Arrangements are also being made for an outing to the Tattoo and Edinburgh Festival on 1st September.

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to our past President, Miss Jane Clements and her very able Secretary, Miss Madelaine Shaw for their invaluable services.

M. Jammet, Secretary.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS:

- President:** Mr Neil Rodger, 22 Arisdale Crescent.
Tel.: NEW 3803.
- Secretary:** Miss Maureen Jammet, Eastwood Court,
Crosslees Drive, Thornliebank.
Tel.: GIF 5592.
- Treasurer:** Mr Allan Rodger, 22 Arisdale Crescent.
Tel.: NEW 3803.

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OBITUARY

Mrs Stewart, 9 Moorhill Crescent, died on Sunday, 28th May, 1967 at the residence of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Vickerman. She was born in Hazeldean, Newton Mearns, and entered the printing works there. Her daughter has one of the dies, used in the firm, which was so heavy that it had a place for each of the 5 fingers of the hand. She married Mr Alexander Stewart who had come to lodge with the Jacksons in the district. He rose to Head Postman in the area and in charge of the sorting office of the community. When I came to Mearns, her sister, Miss Agnes Fyfe stayed with her. She had been a missionary and had retired. Mrs Stewart's husband was a keen Mason and at one time Grand Master of the Lodge at Thornliebank. In herself, she was a woman of a strong personality, who sought to bring her family up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. She was not afraid to tell them where she thought they were wrong, and yet it was done in the spirit of love. She remained the head of the family till the end of her days. She had a deep love of the Church and as long as she was able, was in her place in the sanctuary. To her sons and daughters we extend to-day the deep sympathy of the congregation.

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distribution on 10th September, 1967.

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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Joint Services will be held during July and August with Mearns Kirk. We ask you to take note that in July the services will be in our Church and in August in Mearns Kirk. This is to meet the wishes of the Kirk Session of Mearnskirk who desire to resume their early morning service at 9.30 a.m. Mr Black will take the services in August.

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As in previous years a bus will, during August, leave the east end of Broomvale Drive at 11.10 a.m. and proceed up the Ayr Road stopping at the west end of Broomvale Drive, Firwood Road, Shaw Road, the Cross, Poplar Avenue, and return after the service.

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We offer our congratulations to Mr George Roser on his appointment of County Councillor for our district, and would thank Mr James Loudon for his services during the past few years.

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On Thursday, 1st June, two further members of the Guides were presented with their Queen's Badge—Valerie Niven, and Jill Crossland. What a plethora of riches in Queen's Badges the Company has now! Well done.

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Our thanks are given to Mr and Mrs James Lambie, Bonnington Farm, who received the Sabbath School on Saturday, 28th May for their trip. It was not a day of very clement weather but it kept dry until 4 p.m., when the children went into the barn for their tea. Two Shetland ponies proved a great attraction, and Mr Leith and the teachers played rounders with the children and showed great agility! Thank you for a very enjoyable afternoon.

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The Service on Sunday, 18th June, will be conducted by my nephew, Rev. Robert W. M. Johnston, B.D., S.T.M., Hamilton Memorial Church, Clydebank.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

President: Mrs WALTER CUTHILL, 34 Woodvale Av. Clarkston Tel: GIF 4144
Secretary: Mrs W. W. BLUE, 19 Townhead Road. Tel.: NEW 3214
Treasurer: Mrs A. M. R. RUSSELL, Netherfield, Glebe Lane. Tel.: NEW 1658

YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

President: Mrs J. S. MAIN, 18 Rodger Avenue. Tel.: NEW 4257
Secretary: Mrs J. McLEAN, 25 Pollok Road. Tel.: NEW 3151
The Group meets in the Upper Hall on alternate Wednesday afternoons.
A Creche is available.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr F. D. LEITH, 22 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 NEIL RODGER, 22 Arisdale Crescent. Tel.: NEW 3803
Secretary: Miss MAUREEN JAMMET, Eastwood Court, Crosslees Drive, Thornliebank. Tel.: 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 JUNIOR SECTION, THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY

Leader: Mr TOM DOBSON, Jnr., 170 Capelrig Road. Tel.: NEW 2734
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.

President } Mr COLIN ATKINSON, 106 Beech Avenue. Tel.: NEW 2970
Secretary }
Treasurer: Mr IAN WRIGHT, Lyncrest, Shawhill Crescent. Tel.: NEW 2753
The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

SPARKS—Boys 5-7 years.

Leader: Miss ANNETTE CROSSLAND, Glamis Avenue. Tel.: NEW 2568
Sparks meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.