

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

JUNE, 1968

Minister:

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NEW 2747

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Sabbath Services—9.30 a.m. and 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.

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REGISTER

Baptisms

Alison Margaret Fish, 8 Chisholm Drive.
Linda Grace Ford, 9 Dunbeath Avenue.
Lynne Anne Dalgleish, 2 Campbell Crescent.
Christine Elizabeth Joiner, 32 Fruin Avenue.
Francis John Baird, Windhill Farm, Eaglesham.
Stephen James McIntock, 9 Mannering Road,
Shawlands.

Marriages

Pat Elizabeth Anderson and Thomas Iain Alfred
McColl.
Alexis Dinsmor and Alan Robertson.

Deaths

Mrs Pollock, 3 Lomond Drive.
Mrs Corrigan, 310 Ayr Road.
Mrs Grant, 1 Broomburn Court.
Mr James Craig, 2 Townhead Road.

MINISTER'S LOG

One cannot but be amazed at the career of Lord Reith, the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly. Once again he occupied this position as representative of Her Majesty the Queen. When we think what his father, himself Moderator of the Supreme Court of the Church, said of him that he was an impossible man, and would need to go and live in a desert island, we wonder what he would think of him now in this exalted position, and after a life of great blessings to mankind especially as the first director-general of the B.B.C. He has quoted this judgment on him by his father in his book "Reith with Spurs."

His outstanding contribution to our generation is his faith in God, and his life of moral uprightness. He said in his address to the Assembly on the opening day that he wished that ministers would impress on the people the importance of believing the Gospel. If only they would bring this home to us, they would confer upon the greatest blessing of life. "I always believed that God had some important work for me to do, but for a long time as a young man, I did not know what it was." As we look at him now we realise to what he has been summoned, and by the grace of God, with what faithfulness he has fulfilled his commission.

One decision of considerable magnitude that this Assembly has taken is to admit women to the Ministry. We do not know how far the Church will use it; we know that there are difficulties, at the same time we also realise that there are those who have special gifts which can be used in this office, and we welcome it.

The young minister from Aberdeenshire who spoke most passionately on giving children a more attractive edition of the Bible with certain parts of it written in large type, and pictures of the Holy Land and of the life of Jesus, had perhaps something to say. At first he annoyed one by his scathing criticisms, but it may be that the copy of the Bible (and I think he meant the Authorised Version) could be more attractively printed. We know, of course, that in schools they tend to do this.

The joint Services with Mearns Kirk will be held in July and August at 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. They will be in our own Church during July and conducted by myself, and in August in Mearnskirk conducted by Mr Black. A bus will, in August, leave Broomvale Drive (East end) at 11.10 a.m. and stop at Broomvale Drive (West end), Firwood Road, Shaw Road, The Cross, Poplar Avenue, and return after the Service. There will be a creche in our own Church Hall in July during the Service.

The Sabbath School has had a successful session under the leadership of Mr Fred, Leith. He has proved himself to be an excellent Superintendent. His address at the Prize Giving on the importance of keeping on going on was a very pertinent one. Queen Mary had for years been engaged on a piece of tapestry. At last she completed it, and it was sold in Canada for a large sum of money which was given to charity. When she was asked how she managed it in the midst of her busy life, she said it was "by keeping on going on."

We are sorry to lose the services of Mrs Middleton (Margaret Dinsmor) as head of the Primary Department. She has done excellent and faithful work. We are glad to say that Miss Helen Ritchie has agreed to take the position. She had this position some years ago in the Beginners' Class, and we thank her for her helpfulness in taking it up again.

THIRD EXCERPT from "OLD MEARN'S"

by William McMeechan

I have mentioned the Newton Mearns U.P. Kirk, known yet to Mearns folk as at Nitten Kirk. Unlike the Parish Church it had no tiends and heritors to establish and keep the church going—it all depended on the giving of the members and that never failed. For a long period of years it had a wonderful succession of very talented young ministers. My father was an elder for about half a century and he told me a story of the coming in 1885 of the Rev. Robert Law, a great scholar, who was afterwards Professor Robert Law of Toronto University.

The Session and Managers met together to consider what repairs or decoration would be needed in the manse for the new minister and it was intimated he had asked for a bathroom to be installed. The Kirk Treasurer was an old farmer who was a good Treasurer because he was as careful with the Kirk's money as he was with his own. "Bathroom," he said, "what does the man want with a bath? I've never been bathed since my mother bathed me."

You all know the changes that have been made on the Main Road. It used to be officially Kilmarnock Road and now Ayr Road. That isn't our name for it. We call it the "New Line" or just "The Line." When it was made in 1832 it became the "New Line" of Road to Ayrshire and it has still that name with us. Its name implies that there is an "Old Line" and that the road from Glasgow through Cathcart and Clarkston, passing Mearns Kirk. It nearly touches the "New Line" at Pollok's Monument but swerves off to the left behind the site at Loganswell Toll and the Old Schoolhouse, passes Loganswell farm and Brownside farm and joins the "New Line" near the site of the old Turf Inn. This was the old stage coach road to Ayrshire and there were three coachings inns on the road. The Red Lion Inn, near Mearns Kirk, was demolished about 25 years ago. The Star and Garter is still there about halfway between Mearns Kirk and Loganswell. It is now a farm and some of its buildings were stabling for coach horses. The Turf Inn dissappeared when the "New Line" was made and today a filling station is nearly on its site.

There is a still older road. If you leave the Main Road at Malletsheugh and keep left by Pilmuir Quarry you will see this old road passing between Pilmuir Farm and Pilmuir Mill. It enters what is now East Renfrewshire Golf Course, passes Pilmuir Dam and makes a bee-line for the Brother Loch, fording the burn on its way, then takes the east side of the Brother Loch and the Lily Loch and on past the Black Loch. For information about this road I was indebted when a boy to old John Lambie, then the farmer in Pilmuir. He was a very clever and very well-informed old man and he told me this was the packhorse road to Ayrshire, before there were any wheeled vehicles, when all travellers went on horseback and all goods were carried in panniers on the back of horses.

Nearer Thornliebank, Capelrig, as many of you will know, was once a habitation of the Knights Templar.

On the hill above Capelrig stood the so-called Capelrig Cross. I'm inclined to doubt that it ever was a cross. I believe it was there long before the Christian era, perhaps a Druid or some other prehistoric relic. In my boyhood it was just a huge lump of stone about 7ft above ground, with very faint traces of carving on it, but rubbed smooth by cattle and by centuries of weather. It is now in Kelvingrove Museum.

"10 LITTLE CHURCHMEN"

"Ten little Churchmen went to church when fine,
But it started raining, then there were nine;
Nine little churchmen stayed up very late,
One overslept himself, then there were eight.
Eight little churchmen on the road to heaven,
One joined a rambling club, then there were seven;
Seven little churchmen heard of Sunday "flicks",
One thought he'd like to go, then there were six.
Six little churchmen kept the place alive,
One bought a television set, then there were five;
Five little churchmen seemed loyal to the core,
The pastor upset one of them, then there were four.
Four little churchmen argued heatedly
Over ceremonial, then there were three;
Three little churchmen sang the service through,
Got a hymn they didn't know, then there were two.
Two little churchmen disputed who should run
The next church concert, and then there was one;
One faithful churchman, knowing what to do,
Got a friend to come to church, then there were two.
Two sincere churchmen each brought in one more,
So their number doubled, then there were four;
Four sturdy churchmen simply couldn't wait
Till they found four others, then there were eight.
Eight eager churchmen, searching round for souls,
Working, praying, witnessing, drew others in by
shoals;
Shoals and shoals at every service, cramming every
pew,
O God, supply this grace and zeal in my own parish
too."

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

A most enjoyable outing to Largs by members and friends of the Woman's Guild was held on Monday evening, 20th May. The weather was ideal and Largs looked most attractive. A former member of the Guild, Mrs John Macphail, now living in Ardrossan, joined our party for dinner in a Largs hotel.

Our branch meetings for the session are finished and preparations are now in hand for next year's syllabus. Mrs Cuthill, our President, has completed her term of office and to her we express our thanks and appreciation for executing her tasks so diligently. We are glad to welcome Miss Hammond as our new President and trust she will find great satisfaction in her service to the Guild.

At our first meeting on Monday, 7th October, we are having a chrysanthemum Tea and this will be a joint meeting with the Young Wives Group. We would welcome new members to both groups and invite any ladies who are interested to join us on this occasion.

The Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 26th October, in the Church Hall and the following Conveners have been appointed—

Soft Goods	Mrs Cuthill
Cake and Candy	Mrs Thom
Fruit and Flowers	Mrs Whalley
White Elephant	Mrs Chapman
Bran Tub	Mrs Joyce

Donations for these stalls will be gratefully received by the Conveners.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The Group wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the Coffee Afternoon on March 27th, the sum realised amounted to £32 2/-.

The session terminated with an evening's jollification at the Eglinton Arms, when everyone enjoyed an excellent meal.

During the year five new members were welcomed to the group and it is hoped that more mothers will come along and participate in what promises to be a very interesting and entertaining new session which commences on October 16th at 2.30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS AT THE MAY COMMUNION:

By Certificate from other Congregations

Mrs Louisa Edwards, 129 Castle Court.
Mrs Anne Henderson, 4 Crookfur Estate.
Mr and Mrs James McKerral, 46 Newtonlea Avenue.
Mrs May McMillan, 53 Crookfur Estate.
Mr and Mrs A. Reid, 3 Knox Place.
Mr and Mrs J. Tweedie, 12 Crookfur Estate.
Mr and Mrs J. P. Stirling, 131 Ayr Road.
Miss Elsie A. Reddie, 48 Crookfur Estate.
Mrs Mary Smith, 19 Crookfur Estate.
Mr and Mrs Iain Nicolson, 15 Chisholm Drive.
Mr and Mrs John McDonald, 6 Williammann Drive.
Mr and Mrs John Dick and Eric Dick, 1 Douglas Court.
Mrs Margaret McLintock, 9 Mannering Road, Shawlands.
Mrs Barbara Muir, 14 Moorhill Crescent.

By Profession of Faith

Rankin Cattan, 14 Netherplace Crescent.
Miss Margaret Bell, 78 Robslee Road, Thornliebank.
Michael William Hunter, 74 Larchfield Avenue.
Robert William Jenner, 8 Fraser Avenue.
Andrew Rankin Muir, 37 Gordon Crescent.
Miss Margery Anne Roser, "Shuna", 73 Eaglesham Road.
Miss Sheila McQueen Wylie, 11 Forrestfield Cresc.

2nd MEARNS BROWNIE PACK

The new system of Brownie Guiding is getting into full swing and the Brownies seem to be taking it in their stride. The Brownie Guide Handbooks which they now each have are well illustrated with many interesting and varied ideas for the girls to do at the Pack meetings and also at home.

A number of Brownies have already been awarded the new style of tenderfoot badge and the footpath badge, which is in place of the 2nd Class badge and we are now working for proficiency badges. We have just had a Nature Venture which was greatly enjoyed by the Brownies and Leaders. Each girl collected leaves and flowers, displayed them with added information about them on paper and then in their sixes, compiled a nature log-book for the Packs future use. As a change this year we intend finishing the session with a picnic and sports event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my two Tawnies, Maureen Jammet and Irene Pollock, and Irene Morrison who has now left, for their invaluable help and support throughout the year and also my Packies, Pamela Rankin and Allison Pollock.

Mary K. Jammet, Brown Owl

SABBATH SCHOOL OUTING

Our thanks are due to Mr and Mrs James Rodger, Netherplace Farm, for receiving the Sunday School in their Annual Trip! The weather was cold but dry, and the tea provided excellent! It was nice to see Mrs Rodger, Senior, doing her part.

HOLIDAYS AND RE-OPENING OF SABBATH SCHOOL

The Sabbath School will re-open at 10 a.m. on 8th September, when we look forward to seeing the pupils and any friends they may bring with them.

* Although the Sunday School officially closes on 26th May, the Primary and Beginners' Department will continue until 30th June. A Creche will be available for the month of July, concurrent with the 11.30 a.m. Service.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs Corrigan, 310 Ayr Road, died on Saturday, 30th March, at a city hospital. She had a long and honoured life in this parish and lived to see her three children grow up in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord. Is there a greater joy that can fill a mother's heart than this? Her husband Frank Corrigan, was well known in the village when it was still such. He was interested in politics and was always ready for an argument on this subject. This was in a day when people did not take such an interest in them. Her two sons have made their homes in Canada, where they have prospered. Margaret remained to look after her mother, and one feels grateful to her that she devoted herself so fully to her. To her two sons and her daughter, we extend the deep sympathy of the congregation in their loss of one so dearly loved.

Mrs James Pollock, 3 Lomond Drive, died on Wednesday, 15th May, 1968, at a city hospital. They had only been married about 6 years. After their parents died they both lived on alone in their family homes in Parkhead and Rutherglen. They had only recently come to stay in the Craigend district of Crookfur, and had worked hard in the house and in the garden to make them all they wanted them to be. It is, therefore, all the more sad that their hopes had been unfulfilled as they looked towards the future. We cannot understand these things, and it is useless to seek an answer. All that we do know is that in the darkest hour we can still see the shining of the Eternal Light. This is a great comfort although it does not take away the bereavement from our life. To her husband, and to all her kith and kin we would extend the deep sympathy of the congregation; "I am the Resurrection and the Life: He that believeth in me, though he be dead, yet shall he live and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Mrs Grant, 1 Broomburn Court, died on 17th May, 1968. She had a long and useful life, and it is probably wrong to grudge her her rest. Her husband served his apprenticeship in the buying and selling of hats and ultimately started on his own. His was a busy life; he had to travel often to London. He was successful but it was not achieved without a great deal of hard work. It is against this background, and her husband had a strong kindly personality, that her life is to be

seen. Her task was to look after the home and to bring up a son and three daughters. The former was drowned in a yachting accident at Langbank, and this was to her a great sorrow in her life.

They moved from Langbank, to a house in Davieland Road, Whitecraigs, and later to Roddinghead Road. She was a woman of very gentle nature. She lived for her home and did all she could to make it a shelter from the storms of life. Her three daughters, Mrs William McKinnon, Mrs Rene Anderson, and Mrs James Davie have done all they could to look after her. Her sons-in-law were devoted to her and surrounded her with their affection, and to them all we would offer the sympathy of the congregation.

Mr James Craig, 2 Townhead Road, died on Sunday, 19th May, 1968, at his residence in his 89th year. When I came to this Church in 1931, the three brothers were members. Mr Robert Craig, who was the Clerk to the Congregational Board, Mr Dugald Craig who emigrated in his later life to Australia and Mr James, who at that time lived in the Main Street and later moved to Townhead Road. There was another brother Alan who lived in Clarkston but I never knew him. As a boy in this Parish he used to love to drive with Dr. Mackinlay on his rounds, and many stories he told me about

this. He had known his wife when she worked in the district and when she moved to Newcastle, travelled all the way to bring her back as his wife. He worked in G. & J. Weir's of Cathcart, as far as I know, all his days. He and his wife took charge of their grandchildren after his daughter, Nettie, died in Eaglesham, and her husband became ill. Already advanced in years they travelled over by bus in the morning and came back in the late afternoon. Often they stayed for weeks at a time in the neighbouring village. Perhaps it is what all grandparents would have done but they were both so frail that one could not help but note and admire it. His wife's death a year or so ago left him very lonely, but he stayed on doggedly by himself and was unwilling to move. If he was independent by nature it is something that we like to see in a person. He was a faithful husband and a loving father. To his grandchildren and all his kith and kin—not forgetting the neighbours who helped him—we extend our sympathy.

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distribution on 8th September, 1968.

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.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

President: Miss ALICE HAMMOND, 2 Cheviot Drive	NEW 3319
Secretary: Mrs W. W. BLUE, 19 Townhead Road	NEW 3214
Treasurer: Miss KITTY FORGAN, 24 Glamis Avenue	NEW 2466

The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

President: Mrs B. MAIN, 18 Rodger Drive	NEW 4257
Secretary: Mrs N. HOLLYWOOD, 24 Rodger Avenue	NEW 4896

Treasurer: Mrs S. ARKLES, 35 Castle Road

The Group meets in the Upper Hall on alternate Wednesday afternoons. from 2.30 - 4.30. A Creche is available.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr F. D. LEITH, 22 Blackhouse Avenue	NEW 2596
Secretary: Mrs MIDDLETON, 52 Castle Road	NEW 2777
Treasurer: Mr ROBERT HODGINS, 46 Cheviot Drive	NEW 3795

THE BIBLE CLASS—The Minister

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

President: Mr IAN WRIGHT, Lyncrest, Shawhill Crescent	NEW 2758
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Secretary: Miss CAROL SHAW, Humbie Road, Newton Mearns

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 KENNETH CROMAR, 26 Moorhill Road	NEW 3426
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The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 6.30 p.m.

THE GIRL GUIDES

Captain: Miss JANE CLEMENTS, Hollytree House, Todhill	NEW 3183
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The Company meets in the Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE BROWNIES

Brown Owl: Miss MARY JAMMETT, Eastwood Court

Crossless Drive, Thornliebank

GIF 5592

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

THE BADMINTON CLUB

President: Mr IAN WRIGHT, Lyncrest, Shawhill Crescent	NEW 2758
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Secretary: Miss ELSPETH SIMPSON, Machrie, Larchfield Avenue	NEW 2432
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The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

SPARKS — BOYS 5 - 7 YEARS

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