

NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

FEBRUARY 1978

Minister:

REV. GRAHAM R. G. CARTLIDGE,
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NOTE—Due to a shortage of space in this Supplement, names of the Church officials, and of the Organisation Leaders can be found in the last Supplement. If you do not have a copy, just ask at the Church door.

Sunday Services—9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Sunday School—Primary and Junior 11.30 a.m.
—Seniors 10.00 a.m.

B.B. Bible Class—10.15 a.m.

REGISTER

Baptisms

James Gordon Galloway, 45 Fruin Avenue.
Gaynor Campbell Galloway, 45 Fruin Avenue.
John Laird, 57 Lambie Crescent.
Denise Jane Williams, 14 Fraser Avenue.
Richard William Booth, 17 Gordon Crescent.
Karen Currie Brooks, 15 Rankine Drive.
Fiona Christine Brooks, 15 Rankine Drive.
Fraser Kesson Graham, 15 Worsley Crescent.
Russell Moore Graham, 15 Worsley Crescent.
Andrew John Greig Hart, 1 Laggan Road.
Martin Andrew McKenzie, 34 Logan Avenue.
Christine Louise McLean, 3 Wickham Avenue.

Deaths

Mrs. Maisie Anderson, Balmae, Lethington Avenue.
Miss Nellie Meikle, 45 Crookfur Cottages.
Mr. Robert Howie, 51 Beech Avenue.

New Elders

Hamish C. Brodie, 261 Ayr Road.
James Ferguson, 26 Limetree Crescent.
Charles R. Godon, 21 Walton Avenue.
Samuel McConnell, 12 Fowlis Drive.
Angus Reid, 222 Ayr Road.
Hugh Ross, 14 Douglas Drive.
James Scrimger, 8 Walton Avenue.
Robin D. Todd, 19 Worsley Crescent.

New Members

By Profession of Faith:

George and Isabella Briggs, 56 Leslie Avenue (with Graeme 18, Elaine 15, Alison 11).
Mrs. Joan Cumming, 54 Leslie Avenue (with Colin 11 months).

By Certificate:

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, 8 Buchanan Drive, Newton Mearns.
Mr. Peter Boyd, 11 Westray Avenue, Greenlaw, Newton Mearns (with Lesley 3½).

Mrs. Joyce Brooks, 15 Rankin Drive, Newton Mearns (with Karen 3, Fiona 6 months).
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cameron, 16 Wemyss Avenue, Newton Mearns (with Lesley 5).
Mrs. Margaret Dean, 27 Worsley Crescent, Crookfur, Newton Mearns.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Fairley, 4 Westray Avenue, Newton Mearns (with Homer 15, Gordon 12, Karen 6).
Miss Helen Hudson, 16 Limetree Crescent, Newton Mearns.
Mr. and Mrs. D. S. G. Hart, 1 Laggan Road, Newton Mearns (with Angela 3, Andrew 3 months).
Mr. and Mrs. F. Lamont, 20 Kinloch Road, Newton Mearns (with Moyra 13, Fulton 10).
Mrs. Doreen McKenzie, 34 Logan Avenue, Newton Mearns (with Martin 3 months).
Mrs. Mairi MacSween, 1 School Road, Newton Mearns (with Elizabeth 16, Gillian 9).
Mrs. Ann Messer, 145 Harvie Avenue, Newton Mearns (with Caroline 6, Bryan 4).
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Millar, 9 Limetree Crescent, Newton Mearns (with Gavin 7).
Mrs. M. Patience, 14 Weaver Avenue, Newton Mearns.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, 11 Balgray Road, Corselet, Newton Mearns (with Margaret Anne 14, Elspeth 12, Sheila 11, Gordon 4 months).
Mrs. A. E. Robertson, 50 Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns (with Fiona 6, Jan 3).
Mrs. Charles Russell, 16 Weaver Avenue, Newton Mearns.
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stevenson, 14 Tormeadow Road, Newton Mearns (with Alan 8, Kathryn 6).
Mrs. Christine Stott, 39 Poplar Avenue, Newton Mearns (with David 7, Ashley 5).

Attendance at Church Door

Feb.	26	J. B. Milne, G. B. Jarvie, R. Thomson, Mrs. Scrimger.
Mar.	5	I. M. Mackay, W. M. Walker, M. Gillies, Mrs. Simpson.
"	12	D. J. McPhail, J. B. Maxton, E. H. Clements, Mrs. Young.
"	19	W. T. Mackinnon, R. A. MacDonald, R. L. Todd, Mrs. Hollywood.
"	26	A. B. McClure, G. H. Burt, J. A. McKelvie, Mrs. Pelosi.
Apr.	2	B. J. Baird, A. N. Duncan, J. Shaw, Mrs. Dallas.
"	9	J. Bain, H. T. Fleming, F. D. Leith, Mrs. Hulley.
"	16	S. Brunton, J. S. Hunter, A. M. R. Russell, Mrs. Scrimger.
"	23	W. Stewart, A. B. Joiner, D. G. Ogilvy, Mrs. Simpson.
"	30	J. Roach, S. J. H. Robertson, J. T. H. Williams, Mrs. Young.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

It was one James Cabell who said "The optimist believes that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears that this is true". Despite that implicit warning, I find it difficult to keep down my optimism about our Church. Attendance Sunday by Sunday is most heartening—even after the children have gone out! The Sunday School now numbers over three hundred, including the older groups. We have eight new elders who are all very capable and committed. We joined another thirty people by certificate of transference and profession of faith before the February Communion. And in view of Mr. McCance's letter below we can now put the feeling of the burden of debt for our new hall largely behind us and move forward into the future with a revitalised sense of our undoubted potential. These factors, coupled with the health of our Church organisations and the success of the recently instigated Thursday Club, make me feel very happy about the way our Church life is going.

But of course there is never any reason for complacency in the Church. Many members still do not take a regular part in our worship or work. Many households in our parish neither know nor care about what goes on in the Church. And in our area, the number of children who could be learning of Christ's ways far exceeds three hundred. The work of keeping our Church lively is being done by a fairly limited band of very willing people, to whom we are all greatly indebted. There is much still to be done in terms of reaching out and including others. If you, as you read this, can't think of some area in which you are helping, might I ask you to keep alert for any requests or better still come and offer your services for anything with which you feel you could profitably assist?

In terms of my own work I continue to enjoy meeting more and more of the congregation. My responsibilities in both the local primary schools keep me busy, befriended, and still loving children. The need for me to sing in the choir on a Sunday, although disappointing, is also fun. And the activities of Christmas were a great boost to my spirits, the parties, concerts, and services all contributing to a real sense of gaiety and joy around the Church.

No sooner have we turned the corner from Christmas, than we find ourselves approaching Easter. Easter, though not celebrated so widely in secular society is just as much a source of joy for us as Christmas. If Christmas is like celebrating a birthday, Easter is like celebrating a wedding. Marriage brings two people into partnership with an assurance of mutual support, companionship and growth. It also marks out a bond of love which holds eternal validity. With the crucifixion and resurrection Christ committed himself to the Church and to each of us as an ever present friend and partner who gives all, shares all, and expects all.

May you find the deep joy and the surging energy of Christ this Easter.

Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM CARTLIDGE.

MOBILISATION FOR SURVIVAL

I have received, from the Iona Community of the Church of Scotland, a request that all ministers should

bring the need for nuclear disarmament before their congregations. Some may say that this is a political issue. That may be so; but it is not a party political matter, and it is also a deep Christian concern. I offer without further comment one or two extracts from the pamphlets sent, and the proposed declaration.

"Through the centuries, the Church has been governed by the doctrine of the 'just war'; that is, Christians should only be involved if the end justifies the means. In the light of events at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pope John surely spoke for us all when he declared, 'It is impossible to conceive of a just war in a nuclear age'."

"One H bomb dropped on a city will give off a flash, quicker than your eyes can blink in preparation, and burn the eyes of people twenty miles away; it will blow a crater 240 feet deep and up to quarter of a mile across; it will start big fires up to twenty miles away, smaller ones thirty miles away; and it will kill or fatally injure over a million people. One dropped on the centre of Glasgow would kill folk on Loch Lomond, in Ardrrossan, Kilmarnock and Lanark at the same time."

"In 1974 the President of the United States of America was asked by two congressmen if the U.S.A. were 'ready for the Russians'. He replied "I have only to lift that telephone and say the code word, and seventy million men, women and children will be dead in half an hour."

Mobilisation for Survival is an international movement, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and 49 other groups. If you and your friends wish to be counted in this movement write on a card and sign the following, "I support unilateral nuclear disarmament now as the only Christian witness consonant with the gospel in a nuclear age". Give a note of your address and church, and send it to "Mobilisation for Survival", c/o The Iona Community, Candlemaker Hall, Edinburgh 1.

CELTIC BENEDICTION

Deep peace of the Running Wave to you.

Deep peace of the Flowing Air to you.

Deep peace of the Quiet Earth to you.

Deep peace of the Shining Stars to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

CONGREGATIONAL LOG

The life of our Sunday worship continues with one or two normal services, but most having some kind of special event. In our December and January baptisms, we were very pleased to see children in an older age group (ranging up to eight years old) being baptised. We congratulate parents and children and offer them our best wishes. The family gift service on December 18th was a most lively occasion with the Primary Department putting on an enchanting nativity play, and the other departments singing their own hymns. The concert by Woodfarm School that evening, organised by the Fund Raising Committee, was an unequivocal

success. The standard of music was good, the programme was well planned, the songs composed and sung by two of the pupils themselves were especially memorable, and the efforts of Mrs. Binning were greatly appreciated by all those present. Our Watchnight Service, with a candle-lit singing of "Still the Night" to herald in Christmas Day, was a moving and well attended service. And the informal service later that morning gave the children a great chance to show off their favourite gifts. In January we had the joy of ordaining six new elders and inducting another two onto our Kirk Session. That puts our numbers up to fifty-six in the Session, and we wish the newcomers every fulfilment in their work for the Church. One new event on a Sunday morning has been the sight of some lady members of the Board coming forward with the offering. It is very good to see this happening and we thank them.

The life of the Church continues to flourish throughout the week as well. The people of the Crookfur Cottage Homes greatly enjoyed the Christmas Party laid on for them by our Woman's Guild. The entertainment was provided by Mr. Morrison and his choir from Mearns Primary School—and it was colourful to see the girls of that choir in long dresses! The Burns Supper on January 23rd was a great success and could well become a regular event amongst us. On January 28th the Kirk Session went to Largs for the morning and afternoon, and through discussion and general mixing had a most enjoyable and thought-provoking day. One idea given for the reason that the Church in general is contracting rather than expanding, was that it doesn't demand enough. We spoke about the need in our own Church to go outwards more. And in a fine talk from Dr. Stewart of Greenbank Church, we heard of the importance of every elder knowing his district thoroughly.

Many of our younger ladies will already know of the success of the Thursday Club, where mothers and toddlers can mix for exercise and fun every Thursday morning. And the Youth Fellowship seems to be developing good foundations at the moment.

As to the future, Crookfur Homes is to be graced with a visit from the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. John R. Gray, on March 1st. Both he and Dr. Herron who will accompany him are personally known to us here in Newton Mearns. Our Easter arrangements include, at the agreement of the Kirk Session, a short informal communion service to follow our main Easter Day service. I hope that almost all the congregation will remain for that ten-minute service, celebrating the very roots of our faith. Subject to Session approval, I hope also to have a short evening service on Good Friday. The Congregational Annual Meeting is now fixed for April 5th and will be a social as well as a business occasion. Please keep that date free in your diaries. Finally, the Board has decided to try having coffee or tea available after the main Sunday service on at least one Sunday of each month, for an experimental period. We hope you will support this every time and thus expand the fellowship of Newton Mearns Parish Church.

FROM CROOKFUR COTTAGE HOMES

We had a lovely time here at the Cottage Homes during the festive season.

Our thanks are due to many members of the congregation, especially to the Woman's Guild for the party in our own Fraser Hall. Lots of effort has to go into this.

Miss Simmie and some of her Brownie Pack delighted the ladies in the Nursing Wing and Bed/Sits., with a Carol service. We all joined in the singing. So also did one or two mums and dads who came to collect the girls.

We had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Cartlidge and Mr. McKay at our Christmas dinner.

From all of us to all of you a Happy New Year.

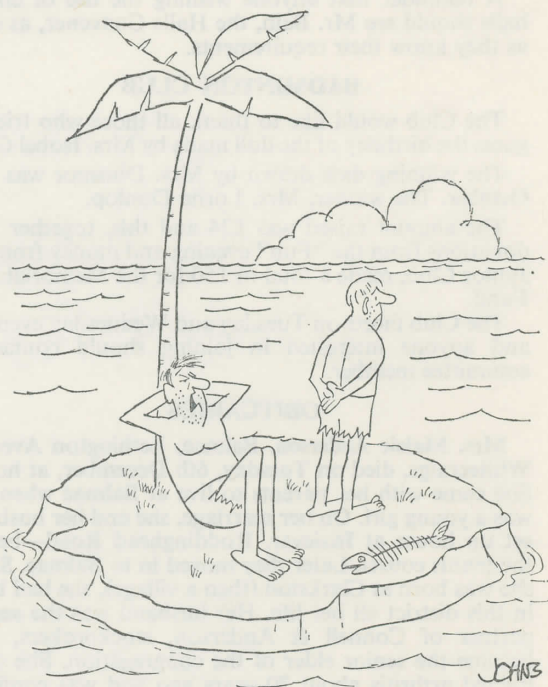
LETTER OF THANKS FROM ARGYLL HOUSE, THORNLIBANK

Would you please convey my sincere thanks to all who contributed the toys which were given to our children. These we shared with Atholl House.

The children were delighted with them and I assure you I do appreciate your kindness shown to our Home.

Yours sincerely,

H. MACLEOD, *Matron.*



"Don't worry! We'll be found. My pledge to the church comes due this week."

FINANCE

For many, many years, we have directed a great deal of our financial thought to the building of our new hall. Now, just two years after its completion, I think it right as Treasurer to recommend a change of financial course. The final accounts are now in, the cost proved to be

almost exactly what we estimated—£115,000—and we can pay what remains to be paid within a few years from funds either available or assured by Bonds of Annuity or Legacies.

This means living with a Fabric Fund of £4,375 and a small Reserve of £1,090, but our Congregational Account is in a healthy state and it seems to me to be more important now to develop an outward looking attitude to our finance than to re-establish large reserves for our own protection.

Perhaps we should discuss this when I present my accounts to the Congregational Meeting in March.

Now, let me turn to the Congregational Budget for 1978.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 1978

1977 (Actual)		1978
	Ministry	
	Stipend, Minister's Expenses, Pulpit Supply and contributions to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	£5,171
£4,438	Mission and Wider Work	
	Aid to Maintenance of Ministry Fund, Allocations to Mission and Service Fund, Presbytery and Synod Dues, Benevolent Fund and Donations	3,778
3,326	Salaries and Expenses	
1,004	Church Organist and Church Officer	1,088
	Cleaning and Laundry	
429	Wages and Materials	812
	Services and Insurance	
3,644	Electricity, Gas, Water, Insurance	2,632
	Repairs and Maintenance	
729	Provision	750
	Printing, Stationery, Adverts	
846	Supplements, Accounts, Stationery	852
64	Postages	77
	Magazines and Literature	
106	Cost less Income from Sales	50
307	Grants and Miscellaneous	265
£14,893 (£1,343 ex-Reserve)	TOTAL	£15,475

If the £1,343 transferred from Reserve to pay off an underpayment for electricity for 1975 and 1976 is deducted from the 1977 expenditure, it will be seen that we need approximately £2,000 more in 1978 than we needed in 1977.

To see how to raise the extra funds, first look at the pattern of givings last year.

Bonds of Annuity	£5,428 (Excluding Hall)
Tax recovered	£2,236
Systematic Giving Scheme	£3,958 (Amount promised £4,380)
Open Plate, Seat Rents and M. & S. Envelopes	£1,658
Contributions	437
	£13,717

The extra funds required can be assured if members not yet using Bonds of Annuity would adopt this method of giving.

A. M. McCANCE, *Congregational Treasurer.*

THE SUPPLEMENT

It has been the practice for the minister to be both Editor and Producer of the Supplement.

This is not a task which I am anxious to retain as I would prefer the Supplement to be a Congregational project, edited and produced by a team of church members.

The Congregational Board has already discussed a change of format for the Supplement aimed at reducing considerably the costs involved and what we require is someone who is prepared to co-ordinate and edit the various articles, and a small team to help with the typing of stencils, duplication and collating of the pages.

If you have any experience of this type of work and would be willing to help in this extremely worthwhile field of church service, please contact me as soon as possible.

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK".

The more who are willing to help the more interesting and exciting this project can become.

A PAT ON THE BACK

If Mr. McCance's proposal regarding a general change of course is accepted by the congregation's Annual Meeting in April, then we shall not be hearing the ominous words "Hall Fund" for much longer. This is a great tribute to the generosity, devotion and hard work of many, many people who have unstintingly given of themselves in the living proof that all things are possible to those who have faith. They all deserve hearty and sincere congratulations for our achieving such a healthy financial state so soon after the massive debt was incurred.

DO IT YOURSELF FURNISHING

The Board has approved a suggestion that the Vestry should have a desk. In order to save money, the minister wonders if any of the congregation have a desk (preferably flat topped) which they'd like to see given a good and not too hard worked home! If so, could you please contact Mr. Cartlidge or Mr. Dinsmor, who will look at it to see if it is suitable? Thanks.

THE TALENTS

The parable of the talents should be seen, not just as individuals burying their potential, but as the Church as a body doing so. In a congregation of 970 we must be burying some singing talent. The choir desperately needs more recruits, especially men. So we plead with you, if you have even a reasonable voice (and its not essential that you read music), to consider offering your services to help enhance our services. The choir now rehearses immediately prior to the 11.30 a.m. service, so membership doesn't involve an extra evening commitment. Please mention your interest to the minister or organist at any time, soon.

WOMAN'S GUILD

Our Christmas Party at the Crookfur Cottage Homes passed off very happily. It was enjoyed by all

and we were glad that Miss Meikle who had had a long illness and who died shortly afterwards was able to attend and to greet and be greeted by her friends.

Then came the snow. We counted ourselves lucky to be able to hold our first meeting of the second half of the session on 9th January when Mrs. Fraser, Convener of the South West Council Overseas Committee, spoke of her work in Zambia, illustrating her talk with slides taken among the villages in the countryside of Zambia. So brilliant were the colours of sky and red-dust roads that we had the illusion of being in the warmth and sunshine though actually it was a bitterly cold night.

Again a clear period made us feel doubly lucky when on 23rd January the roads were open and the rain held off so that all was set fair for the Burns Supper. This was a great success and the lovely bit about it was that everyone was involved. Fears of cold haggis—or at one point no haggis at all—vanished with the arrival of steaming hot haggis, tatties and neeps, which were followed by trifle, shortbread and tea.

The Young Women's Group carried out their arrangements beautifully and the service was excellent. Top marks!

The fun and singing were good too. It would be invidious to single out any one item in particular, but to see and hear Messrs Joiner, McKelvie, Ritchie and Cartlidge, as the only men present, solemnly and sincerely toast the Lasses was indeed something to remember.

On February 6th we were again off to sunnier climes in an excellent illustrated talk by Miss Adams, taking us to Florence—the city of flowers. We shall be travelling again on February 20th, this time with Dr. Herron whom we grew to know so well during our vacancy, and whom we regard with deep affection. He will be taking us on a tour through his year of office as Moderator. This meeting we are throwing open to the congregation as a whole for it has been whispered to us that the men in our midst would enjoy hearing Dr. Herron and we hope they will accept this invitation to our meeting.

On March 3rd, Women's World Day of Prayer is being held in our church at 7.30 p.m. and we are hoping for a good turnout of the women in our whole district which includes Mearns Kirk, Maxwell Castle, Broom, Newton Mearns, St. Cadoc's and the Maple Evangelical Churches. The Leader will be Miss Calder who needs no introduction in our area.

With the exception of a visit on March 6th of the Salvation Army Singers, our season is practically at an end for the last two meetings, March 20th and April 3rd, are more in the nature of business meetings. However of them more anon.

YOUNG WOMAN'S GROUP

Since the last Newsletter our Group has had its Christmas festivities followed by a talk on how to be a successful slimmer!

A very successful Burns Supper with the Women's Guild was enjoyed by all, the only blight in the proceedings being the non-arrival of the haggis, followed by a frenzied run around the shopping precinct at 4.30 p.m. looking for haggis for 90! Ah well, as Rabbie would have said "The best laid schemes. . ."

Our Group are having a sponsored "Knit-In" in aid of funds on Monday, 6th March and we hope for

support from all members of the congregation. The completed squares will be sewn together and donated to a charity of our choice. This venture is instead of a Coffee Morning this year.

A warm welcome is extended to any young women in the congregation who wish to join our Fellowship.

Our A.G.M. is on 20th March, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club meets in the Church Halls each Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., for badminton, table tennis, tea and a chat. A crèche is provided.

Office-bearers:

President—Mrs. Joan Crave (639-7132).

Vice-President—Mrs. Anne McGhee (639-6200).

Secretary—Mrs. Avril Hulley (639-2631).

Treasurer—Mrs. Anne Robertson (639-6305).

New members will be made most welcome.

THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Fund raising activities may appear to have tailed off recently, but if you read on, you will see that it is all about to happen!

Many people seem to be timorous about attending our **Whist Drives**, lest they are crammed with card sharpers who don't suffer fools gladly. We can only plead with those people to come and see for themselves just how wrong this impression is—there isn't an eye-shade in sight! Incidentally, there can be few events which provide better value for money, for as well as the whist itself, the congenial company and haute cuisine, there is the chance to win fabulous (!) prizes, either for the whist or in the raffle. Even if you come home empty-handed, we are sure that you will consider it an evening very well spent. We shall go further—satisfaction guaranteed or your 30p back!

Friday, 10th March, is the date of our **Easter Dance**, to be held in the new hall. Owing to popular demand, we have increased the number of tickets to 200 and will serve the buffet in the old hall. A four-piece band has been booked and although we cannot promise a late licence or even Easter Bunny girls, we can assure you of a good evening's entertainment with a first class buffet supper.

After that, the next fund raising venture is the **Sponsored Walk**, on 15th April. Sponsor sheets will be available next month, after our special envoys have returned from checking out the proposed route (in the vicinity of the reservoir). This will be open to all from 9 months to 90 years, with the stipulation that all children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Further details will be issued later.

Last, but by no means least, we propose to hold a **Barn Dance**. Yes—in your actual genuine neighbourhood barn! This is possible thanks to the kindness of Mr. Baird Basil of Windhill Farm, who promises to chase all his cows out of their barn by the end of May, to allow us in. Details, again, have yet to be agreed, but our Nashville representative is already auditioning bands.

Here, again, is a list of these forthcoming attractions. Please give at least some of them your support:

EASTER DANCE	—	10th March
WHIST DRIVE	—	13th March

SPONSORED WALK — 15th April
BARN DANCE — End of May

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The recently reconvened Youth Fellowship has enjoyed several interesting talks and films on such subjects as Hypnotism, Medical Photography and Hang-Gliding. Future topics are to include an airline pilot, a beautician and a local councillor.

The Carol Singing proved to be a great success and the money raised has been sent to Quarrier's Homes. Another activity enjoyed by all was our Saturday excursion to Edinburgh.

All young people in their later teens or twenties will be made most welcome at our Sunday evening meetings. Enquiries to: Miss L. Paton, 12 Harelaw Avenue, Muirend (637-4498).

CRECHE

Remember that crèche facilities are available during every 11.30 a.m. service now. Mothers, bring a favourite toy, a drinking cup, and your toddler or baby to the kitchen from 11.20 a.m. onwards.

HALLS

A reminder that anyone wishing the use of church halls should see Mr. Bain, the Halls Convener, as soon as they know their requirements.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Club would like to thank all those who tried to guess the birthday of the doll made by Mrs. Isobel Gray.

The winning date drawn by Mrs. Dinsmor was **18th October**. The winner, Mrs. Lorna Dunlop.

The amount raised was £34 and this, together with donations from the "Fun" evening and money from the Junior Club, made a total of £50 for the Memorial Hall Fund.

The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and anyone interested in joining should contact a committee member.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Maisie Anderson, Balmae, Lethington Avenue, Whitecraigs, died on Tuesday, 6th December, at home. She came with her parents to live at Balmae when she was a young girl. On her marriage, she and her husband set up house at Inzievar, Roddinghead Road—beside the tennis courts. Later they moved in to Balmae. Since she was born at Clarkston (then a village), she had been in this district all her life. Her husband was the senior partner of Connell & Anderson, stockbrokers, and became the senior elder of the congregation. She contracted arthritis about 20 years ago and was confined thereafter to the house and to her chair. She never allowed herself to become introspective, facing life with a brave and indomitable spirit, interested in all that went on in the district and in the Church. She had, we understand, a desire in life to be a writer; and she had a wonderful command of the English language, which showed in the letters of thanks she wrote at the time of the Harvest Festival in the Church. She was most faithfully looked after by her two daughters—Sheena and Margaret. Their untiring devotion to her had to be seen to be fully appreciated. To them we extend the deepest sympathy of the congregation.

Miss Nellie Meikle, 45 Crookfur Cottages, died early in the morning of Sunday, 22nd January, in the Crookfur Hospital Wing. Born in 1900 she was soon brought to the Braeside Avenue address in North Kelvinside where she lived right up until her coming to the Crookfur Cottages. After the sudden death of her mother in 1925 she left work and remained at home looking after her father and sister, making their home a place of friendship and welcome. She enjoyed this form of caring, having many good friends in the area and entering the life of the Church—where she sang in the choir for a time. When in the mid-fifties her father died, she followed the example of her sister and began work in the department stores, always having a friendly smile for her customers. On the retirement of her sister, they were fortunate to get a cottage at Crookfur. There they became well established and well loved members of the community. Nellie was a faithful attendee at the Church and will be remembered with thanks for the cheerfulness she showed, as well as for her courage during her illness. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her sister Jean, with whom she shared all her life.

Robert Howie, 51 Beech Avenue, died suddenly on 9th February, at home. He had been a member of our congregation for 15 years, since moving to this district with his wife and two daughters. His death came as a great shock, not only to his family but to the many business associates and friends who deeply admired his natural flair for business and his warmth of spirit towards everyone. Brought up in the Mount Florida area, he was called up at the age of eighteen and showed his alertness of mind in the vital work he did in Malaya with the Signals Corps. On return from the war, he developed his potential as a sales agent around central Scotland and then went in to business for himself. Many English firms depended on his ability to win a big order where there seemed no chance, and his reputation went from strength to strength. He was constantly supported and ably assisted in business, as in life, by his wife Jean. He was a devoted family man, unstintingly generous with time, material goods, and love. And in his daughters' work for the church, he anonymously footed the bill for the Sparks' entertainment for many years. He was a man of conviction, strength, and caring. We offer Mrs. Howie, Elaine and Shirley our heartfelt sympathy and prayers in their sad loss.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born

To eternal life.