

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER 1937

SABBATH SERVICES

Morning—12 noon. Evening—6.30 P.M.

Sabbath School—11 A.M.

Beginners' Class in Session-House during Morning Service for young children coming to Church with their parents.

Young People's Union in the Hall at 5.30 P.M.

OFFICE-BEARERS AT CHURCH DOOR

Nov. 14. Messrs R. Armour and J. R. Miller.
 ,, 21. ,, G. C. Corcoran and B. C. Maitland.
 ,, 28. ,, J. M'Callum and J. Russell, jun.
 Dec. 5. ,, D. W. Johnston and J. Meiklejohn.

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Systematic Giving	£60	10	8
Church-door Plate		22	19
Retiring for Maintenance of Ministry-Fund		4	13
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The Harvest Thanksgiving Service.—We insert a copy of the letter which came from Mr James Black, the Superintendent of the Paddy Black Memorial Mission, to which the large collection of gifts was sent:

"DEAR MR MACKAY—Please accept and convey to members of your church our thanks for their kind remembrance of us in our work here by harvest gifts. These went forth to cheer many of the sick ones, some in their own homes and others in the various hospitals in the city here. Also a personal 'Thank you' to you and Mrs Mackay for interesting your folks in us in our work here. We do appreciate and are much encouraged I assure you. Again thanking you all.—Ever gratefully yours—JAMES BLACK."

Many people still residing in the district recall with pleasure the time when Mr "Paddy Black" spent his summer holidays in Newton Mearns. His home in Main Street being the centre of his daily walks round the district admiring the beauties of nature, storing his mind with thoughts in preparation for the next winter's work, and so, all are keenly interested in and anxious to assist his son in the good work.

Church Extension.—It is only necessary to confront the congregation with a great and worthy task to see how readily they set to work to complete it.

Once again that has been proved in the amount that has already been subscribed towards the erection of the new Church. The sum of £2400 has already been gathered or promised, and in addition a member of the Church has most generously offered to gift a new Hammond Organ to the congregation. With the grant of £4480 offered from Edinburgh this brings the total to £6880. The sum required is approximately £11,000, but we are confident with the sums that are still to come in, for there are quite a number who have yet to reply, that the money required will be obtained. The Congregational Board have instructed the Extension Committee to proceed at once, and they have also appointed Mr B. C. Maitland and Mr Andrew Russell

to prepare final plans with the architect for the approval of the Board.

November Term.—Members outwith the Systematic Giving Scheme are reminded that their seat rents and subscriptions for *Life and Work* for ensuing half year become due this month. The requisite envelopes will be issued during the month, and it will greatly facilitate the work of the Committee if members will put their name and pew number on the envelopes for *Life and Work* subscriptions before returning same. Should any members be in arrears with their seat rents and/or subscription for *Life and Work*, they are respectfully reminded that as the financial year of the Church ends on 31st December, it is desirable that such arrears be handed in before that date, and be included in this year's statement of accounts.

The Young People's Union.—One of the features of the life of our Church is the meeting of the young people of sixteen years and upwards in the Hall on Sunday evenings at 5.30 P.M. At this meeting which is presided over by a member of the society and at which the praise is led by an orchestra, the deepest questions of life are discussed and an opportunity afforded, of which full advantage is taken, of stating one's personal opinion. A very interesting syllabus has been drawn up by the committee, and we look forward to a most profitable winter under the leadership of Mr Richard Campbell and Mr Laurence Gemmill. The opening meeting will be on Sabbath 7th November.

Hospital Sunday.—The annual collection on behalf of the Infirmaries will be taken on retiring from the Morning Service on 28th November, and it is hoped will meet with a generous response.

Varia.—We congratulate Miss Helen Clyde, one of the leaders of the Primary Class, on the picture entitled "Still Life," which she has had hung in the M'Lellan galleries.

The Forenoon Service on 14th November will be in remembrance of the close of the Great War. The prayers of the congregation on that day will be that men may not lift their hands in strife against their fellow-men, but that they may love one another through Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour.

On the morning of 28th November the congregation will receive a visit from the Rev. Robert Howie, M.A., of Milngavie, and on the morning of 5th December from the Rev. A. Drummond Duff, M.A., of Mearns Parish Church.

REGISTER

Baptisms

Sept. 19. Anne Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Gray, Newtonlea Avenue.
 ,, ,, Doris Myra, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. M'Ewing, Hazelwood Avenue.
 ,, 26. James Sutherland, son of Mr and Mrs James Blue, Main Street.

Supplement.—Contributions for December issue should be sent to Mr Johnston, 9 Redburn Avenue, Giffnock, not later than 15th November.