

# Craigsbank Church of Scotland

## CORSTORPHINE

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### Sunday Services:

11 a.m.—Morning Worship

6.30 p.m.—Evening Worship

### Communion Services

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, 2nd June. Visitors' Cards may be had on entering.

Special Retiring Offering on behalf of Church Funds.

### PRAYER

All through this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for Thee, and every life I touch do Thou by Thy Holy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. In the name of Jesus.

(SIR THOMAS BROWNE).

### MINISTER'S LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

This year is proving a thrilling year for Craigsbank, and I hope that all members and friends, without exception, are on the alert to share in the opportunities and challenges which are opening up before us.

For one thing the General Assembly at its meeting this month will be considering our position for full status, which, if granted, will mean, that as a Congregation we will no longer be a Church Extension Charge under the Home Board, but entrusted with full congregational responsibilities and on the same footing as any other *Quoad Sacra* Church in the city and Presbytery of Edinburgh.

Then as we have rejoiced to welcome back about half of our members serving with the Forces, and as we look to the early release of many more, we are seeking to plan together for the development of our congregational activities along new lines. It is much to be hoped that what we propose calling our "Social Centre," will not only make a worthy appeal to Service folk who have been accustomed to mix together regularly in friendly fellowship, but will make its mark as a community effort in our parish. I would ask for the interest of all in an experiment which may have profound social and spiritual significance.

The staffing of our Youth Organisations is already being helped by those who are now free to offer their services, but we still require further assistance. Accommodation may in the near future be somewhat taxed, and that problem is also receiving attention. Though it may be several years before the Church itself is built, we will have to be prepared for the expansion of our existing work.

In view of all these developments, and because Christians everywhere reading the signs of the times know that they have a great chance to bear their witness, let us strive to take a more active interest in all that prospers our heritage of Christian faith and fellowship, and determine that though we may feel heavily committed, the oppor-



tunities of the present will not be missed, for they provide us with a real venture in which all can play a part.

Our greetings are extended to those still serving abroad, and to our younger members recently enlisted. To all, not forgetting those whose ways have been darkened by affliction or sorrow, we add the word—Rejoice in hope. "The God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Yours very sincerely,

GRAHAM M. LITTLE.

**Craigsbank Social Centre.**—As already announced in the Church, an attempt is being made to form a club for adult members and friends of our Congregation. The club will take the form of a recreational evening, meeting at least once weekly, when indoor games from draughts, chess, dominoes, etc., to table tennis and badminton will be played.

Our two main requirements are—(1) Equipment, and (2) Support. Dealing with the first requirement, we are asking Church members to give or loan as many indoor games as possible. All will be welcome, so please look out that old set of chessmen, draughts, table tennis, etc.

Secondly, we require support. It is sincerely hoped that Church members and friends of all ages upwards of 21 will come along and join us in our effort to provide a Social Centre worthy of Craigsbank. Ex-service men and women are especially welcome.

**Woman's Guild.**—At our closing meeting on 19th March, the speaker was Mrs Kibble, who after a long period of service in a College near Madras had much to tell us of the opportunities and problems of missionary work in India. Accompanying Mrs Kibble were two personal friends who also addressed the meeting, and by their earnest appeals showed us how we too could strive to be more worthy witnesses of our faith.

The knitted jackets and leggings for the patients in the Babies' Ward of the Deaconess Hospital were duly handed over to the Lady Superintendent of the Hospital. After thanking us for the work of the members of the Guild, the Superintendent added—"When you are working for us, you are thinking of us too."

Will you help to continue this labour of love for the sick babies?

Mrs Little will be glad to give more particulars of the work to anyone willing to help with the knitting. A. R.

### **Garden Fete—Bring and Buy Sale.**

You are keeping in mind, I hope, the date, Saturday, 22nd June 1946, when we are having our Bring and Buy Sale for Church Funds.

We shall be glad to receive gifts for the Sale at the Church Hall either on Friday evening from 7-8 p.m., or on Saturday forenoon from 11-12 o'clock.

Gifts suitable for the General Stall, cakes, sandwiches, garden produce or flowers will be much appreciated.

Afternoon Tea will be served in the Hall. The Youth Organisations promise to entertain us in diverse ways. So come along and join in the fun.

**Dramatic Club.**—Our Annual Concert presented on 28th and 29th March was well received by an appreciative audience of friends and neighbours.

This year we are indebted to Mr John Torrance for his help in the production of the plays.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our many friends, who year by year support our efforts and help, often behind the scenes, to make our Concerts a success.

From the proceeds of the sale of tickets, the Church and Comforts Fund benefit by £27.

Members of the Club are requested to note the date of the next meeting, 3rd June, at 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday School.**—The attendances of the children at Sunday School for the past year have been maintained at a very high standard, and I would like to thank all who have so kindly helped in the teaching of the young, and also those who have, by their donations, helped to give enjoyment to the children.

Our Picnic this year will be held at Liberton Park on Saturday, 15th June. The children will meet at the Church at 1.45 p.m., and will march to Drum Brae for trams. Parents and friends desirous of attending, should supply their own picnic baskets. Tea will be provided. Sunday 16th June, which will be observed as a Flower Service, will be a Children's Service, and awards of merit for Sunday School work will be presented.

J. WEIR, Superintendent.



## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Among those recently released from the Services, the following have been presented with *Commemoration Bibles*:—Mrs Atkinson (Grace Skinner), Miss Kathleen M. Fox; Messrs A. C. Dickson, T. H. Kirkpatrick, William Y. Watson and Andrew S. Weir. About thirty members are now "back home," of whom a few have still to receive their copies of this special edition of the Scriptures. Ex-Service men and women will be specially welcome at the "club" nights to be held in the autumn under our Social Centre Scheme. The opening Social in October will, we hope, be supported by all members of the Congregation and friends.

The young folk of Craigsbank are enthusiastic in collecting "*Ship Ha'pennies*" for the Church Building Fund. The Primary children and the Brownies have already collected over a thousand, and the Junior Sunday School have claimed the remaining stock of model church boxes for home collecting. Those who have boxes at home are reminded that, while counting and re-issue can be made at any date, all boxes are to be returned to the Church *before* Sunday, 13th October, so that the grand total for the six-months' effort may be announced on this, the day of our Ninth Anniversary Services. A large collection box, painted with a replica of the famous "ship," is placed in the vestibule of the Church, so that occasional offerings by young and old may be made on any Sunday.

The **Scout Group** are rejoicing in the return of their Scoutmaster, Mr George Paterson who, being released from the Army, has taken up studies at New College. The Troop has held a most successful Social and Beetle Drive with the co-operation of the Parents' Committee, proceeds from which are for the Camp Equipment Fund. The Cub Pack, which is steadily increasing in numbers, are likewise holding an "At Home" this month.

Though reports from the other **Youth Organisations** are not to hand, it can be stated that all are in good fettle, and it is hoped to see evidence of their readiness "to lend a hand" in the provision of entertainments at the **Garden Fete** on the afternoon of 22nd June.

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

- Mar. 17. Lachlan Stuart McInnes, 21 Craigmount Park.  
 April 14. Catherine Lorna Munro, 35 Craigmount Gardens.  
 „ 21. Elizabeth Margaret McLean, 13 Craigmount Gardens.

### MARRIAGES

- Feb. 16. Michael Beales, R.N., to Helen Jean Watt, 18 North Gyle Terrace.  
 April 15. Archibald Ronald Irvine, R.A.F., to Christina Imrie, 42 North Gyle Avenue.

### DEATHS

- Jan. 30. Mr Harry Nimmo, 16 Craigs Avenue.  
 Feb. 13. Miss Grace Reid, 22 Craigs Road.  
 April 6. Mrs Norman MacLennan, 10 North Gyle Road.

## Roll of New Members

### By Certificate

#### Craigmount Park—

21 Mrs H. E. McInnes.

#### St John's Road—

299 Mr and Mrs Robert McCulloch.

## TREASURER'S NOTE

### COLLECTIONS

	1946	1945
January -	£20 11 6	£14 3 8
February -	35 17 9	31 16 2
March -	24 7 6	21 5 9
April -	23 8 7	25 1 10
	<u>£104 5 4</u>	<u>£92 7 5</u>



A Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday first, 14th May, at 7.30 p.m. to consider further the formation of a SOCIAL CENTRE.

All welcome.

Come and help to plan for Adult Meetings and Club activities for the winter session. Ex-service men and women please join in. Your assistance will be appreciated.

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