

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

MOTHERWELL

JUBILEE

OF

THE CONSECRATION

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*"I was glad when they said unto me, we will
go into the house of the Lord."—Ps. cxxii.*



THE REVEREND FRANK F. LAMING

RECTOR

FOREWORD

THE RECTORY,
MOTHERWELL.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

I thought it fitting, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Consecration of our Church, that we should have this brochure as a reminder of our joy at this time. Quite obviously, in the compilation of the historical notes, many details have had to be omitted, but I hope I have made a sufficiently full and accurate record.

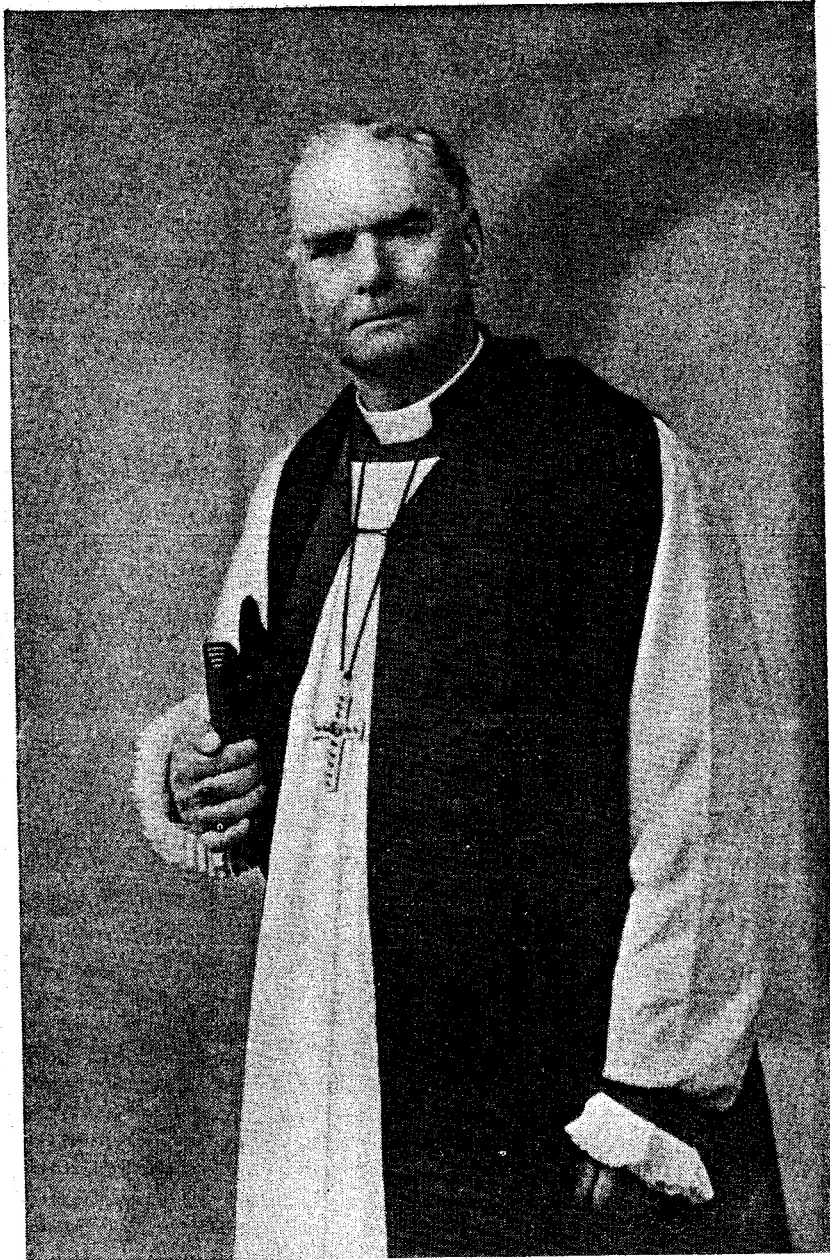
It is with pleasure that I include messages from the Lord Primus and former clergy. I regret that more of them cannot be with us to keep the festival.

I regard it as a great privilege to be your Rector at this important period in the history of the Parish, and I urge you all to make it a really worthy celebration by your prayers, your giving and supremely by your presence at the altar. Let our watchwords be "Thankful rejoicing and rededication."

Every good wish and blessing.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

FRANK F. LAMING.



THE MOST REVEREND JOHN C. H. HOW, M.A., D.D.
BISHOP OF GLASGOW AND GALLOWAY

Primus

Greeting from the Primus

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BISHOP'S HOUSE,
14 CLEVEDEN CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, W.2.
12th September, 1946.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am delighted to think that I am invited to share with you in your Jubilee Festival by coming to preach at Holy Trinity Church on 24th November.

I rejoice to think that the life and work of your church at Motherwell goes forward strongly and happily, and I pray God it may go on from strength to strength.

That, as you know, depends not only on your priest and rector, but on yourselves. It is, in the end, the keenness of the congregation that makes a really live church and carries the work forward to the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom. When the centre is red-hot, it radiates its heat out over the wider circle and warms up the cold spots.

There are many—too many—cold spots around our churches. Somehow they must be warmed up into the Love of God. This can be if all our members are ablaze with God's love themselves.

So, good friends, draw close in to the fire of God's love, and let Him set your hearts aglow.

All blessings on you all.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

✠ JOHN, GLASGOW AND GALLOWAY.
Primus.

HISTORICAL SURVEY

Priests who have served the Congregation

Mr. F. G. Copeland, Lay Reader in Charge	- 1884-1885
Rev. H. de Burgh Sidley, Priest in Charge	- 1885-1887
Rev. J. M. Fergus, Priest in Charge	- - 1887-1888
Rev. G. F. Garwood, Priest in Charge	- - 1888-1890
Rev. A. Stephen, Priest in Charge	- - - 1890-1899
Rev. L. R. Gloag, Priest in Charge	- - - 1899-1906
Rev. W. Pennie, Priest in Charge	- - - 1907-1911
Rev. C. A. Kirk, Priest in Charge	- - - 1911-1915
Rev. W. H. Wiggett, Priest in Charge	- - - 1915-1919
Rev. C. D. Ovens, Priest in Charge	- - - 1919
Rev. C. D. Ovens, Rector	- - - - 1920
Rev. J. Bullough, Rector	- - - - 1920-1935
Rev. D. Burke, Rector	- - - - 1935-1942
Rev. M. Coyle, Rector	- - - - 1942-1944
Rev. F. F. Laming, Rector	- - - - 1944-

A preliminary meeting of churchmen was held in the Dalzell Arms Hotel on April 25th, 1882, to consider "the advisability of starting a Mission in Motherwell in connection with the Episcopal Church in Scotland." A congregation was gathered and services were held in Mrs. Keith's School-room, under the leadership of Mr. Copeland, a Lay Reader.

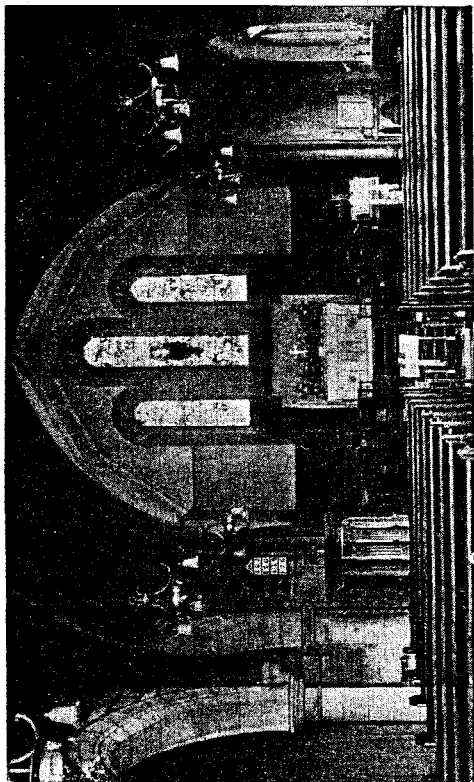
On March 13th, 1884, a meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Reverend J. Edmund Sedgwick, when it was intimated that funds in hand amounted to £240; and it was resolved to erect a corrugated iron church to accommodate 250 people. This building dedicated to St. Stephen was opened on June 6th, 1884. It was decided to increase Mr. Copeland's salary to £72 for 3 months and to £85 for the ensuing 6 months.

The Rev. C. H. Hamilton, of St. Mary's, Hamilton, gave collection plates to the church. In October, 1884, the Vestry was able to offer the organist £2 per quarter as a salary.

In November, 1884, the somewhat speedily erected church was found to have a leaking roof, a matter of urgent concern to the Vestry of the day. As early as 1885, a system of seat-rents, which had been in operation, was discontinued. It was decided, moreover, to increase the Lay Reader's salary to £100, but to take the necessary steps to secure an Ordained Clergyman. At this time, children were being taken to Hamilton for confirmation, and the provision of a covered brake for their transport was considered a necessity.

In September, 1885, intimation was given of one, Mr. Sidley, who was seeking a charge, and it was agreed that he should be given an interview and an opportunity to preach a sermon, "as no objections are raised as to his age." As a result of this interview, the Rev. H. de Burgh Sidley was engaged for 3 months at the end of which period he was asked by the Vestry to give "his ideas as to conducting services in the future." His ideas were evidently acceptable, for, in February, 1886, Mr. Sidley was appointed Curate in Charge by Bishop Wilson, his stipend being £150.

In October, 1886, there is an account of a special meeting at which the Treasurer complained he couldn't pay the Curate's stipend, and the deficit had been paid by the Rector of St. Mary's, Hamilton. The Organist complained he had received only £5 in 14 months (the salary had been increased to £20 per annum!); one who had lent £100 was withdrawing his loan; and Mr. Sidley, whose appointment was to terminate on December 1st, was to be replaced if possible



CHANCEL PRIOR TO 1940

by a clergyman willing to accept £120 per annum. Altogether a tale of woe.

In December, 1886, we find the Vestry discussing the behaviour of a choir-boy and resolving "to write the boy's father to the effect that, 'as he has repeatedly been warned, he will not be allowed to sit in the choir again,' which was duly attended to."

Shortly afterwards the congregation was in the charge of Rev. J. M. Fergus, being replaced after 2 years by Rev. G. F. Garwood, who ministered here until 1890. It was during his regime that the Vestry were able to increase the stipend to the former figure of £150. Vestries of those days seemed alive in the matter of Church discipline, for a certain gentleman was invited to fill a vacancy "when he has complied with the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer respecting Holy Communion."

It is of interest to record that Mr. Dunderdale, later to benefit the whole Church by his munificence, served on the Vestry from 1889 until moving to Edinburgh, 10 years later.

In February, 1890, the Rev. A. Stephen, formerly Curate of St. Mary's, Port Glasgow, was appointed and began a ministry of 9 years. In the early days of his regime, steps were taken to form a building fund, and a stone church and parsonage were much in the minds of the people, "(1) because the present structure, being of iron, cannot last long; (2) because trade is in a prosperous condition; (3) because the sooner we are in the field the probability is the sooner the object will be attained."

(The iron church is our present, very satisfactory church hall.)

A Building Committee was formed, and Mr. Miles S. Gibson engaged as the architect, and negotiations entered into with the Duke of Hamilton for a building site. Finally, after much discussion about the possible effects of later underground workings on any building erected on the site, the foundation stone of the present church was laid on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, 1894, by R. K. Stewart, Esq., Right Worshipful Master of the Provincial Masonic Lodge of Lanarkshire. The Honourable Alice Hamilton of Dalzell, in the name of the congregation, presenting the trowel to Mr. Stewart.

In 1895, Lord Forbes intimated the gift of a chalice and paten from the Scottish Church Union. The new church, built in red stone at a cost of £1,800, is Early English in style and was dedicated to the Holy Trinity on September 28th, 1895. "The pulpit, which is the gift of the ladies of Lord Hamilton's household, consists of 12 panels, 9 of which are beautifully carved, the handiwork of the Hon. Misses

BY AUTHORITY OF
The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,
MIDDLE WARD OF LANARKSHIRE.

FORM OF CEREMONIAL
TO BE OBSERVED ON THE OCCASION OF

Laying the Foundation Stone
OF THE
Holy Trinity Church at Motherwell.

BY
BRO. R. K. STEWART, ESQ., OF MURDOSTOUN,
*Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Middle Ward
of Lanarkshire,*

ON
SATURDAY, 29th September, 1894,
AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

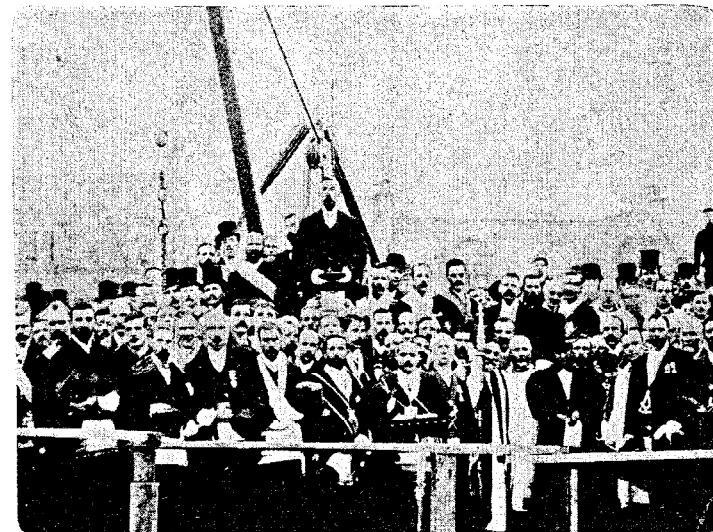
Bro. Major Robertson Aikman of The Ross,	Prov. Grand Deputy Master
Bro. Colonel J. Cunningham Kay,	Provincial Grand Substitute Master
Bro. Major Spence,	Provincial Grand Senior Warden
Bro. Councillor Jas. Davidson,	Provincial Grand Junior Warden
Bro. Provost Arthur,	Provincial Grand Secretary
Bro. Commissioner Arch. King,	Provincial Grand Treasurer
Bro. Rev. A. Stephen,	Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain
Bro. Major Ness,	Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. James Grierson,	Provincial Grand Marshal

*The Musical Part of the Ceremonial will be rendered by the Holy Trinity
Church Choir and the Cambuslangh Brass Band.*

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**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR CEREMONY OF LAYING
THE FOUNDATION STONE**

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Hamilton and a class of pupils taught by them at the mansion house."

The church was consecrated by Bishop Harrison on November, 21st, 1896.

Three years later, Mr. Stephen's health caused him to seek less onerous work, and an exchange was arranged with the Rev. Lennox Gloag, then Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Dalbeattie. During his regime, the present rectory was built, and for a time Church Army Captains assisted in the work of the Parish.

Priests came and went: The Reverend W. Pennie, 1907-1911; the Reverend C. A. Kirk, 1911-1915; the Reverend W. H. Wiggett, 1915-1919; the Reverend C. D. Ovens, 1919-1920; and solid and steady progress was made. In 1920, a new chapter opened with the arrival of the Reverend J. Bullough from Dumfries; for he was to stay in the Parish for 15 years. His ministry was a time of extension and consolidation and of great activity, especially among the young people of that day. During these years, the north transept was added to the church and at first used as a Choir Vestry. The East Window was filled with stained glass, the Central Light, the gift of the children of the church in 1925, represents Christ with the Children; the North Light, the gift of the Woman's Guild in 1928, depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Infant Jesus; and the South Light, which was given by the children in 1929, shows Jesus in the Temple. In 1928 a great Mission was

held, under the leadership of the Rev. J. R. Lumb. Life in the parish seems to have been at its peak during these years, in spite of the deep depression that hung over Motherwell, situated as it is in the heart of industrial Lanarkshire.

In 1935, the Reverend J. Bullough was succeeded by the Reverend D. Burke, who was Rector for the next seven years and carried on sound teaching and built upon the foundations laid by his predecessors. The introduction of candles, wafer bread and later the Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament and a Family Sung Eucharist all brought their quota of controversy, and alas, in some cases, lapses from the fellowship of the church. Many were, however, taught to value the Catholic way of life and worship and are now bringing forth the fruit of their teaching.

In 1940, a new High Altar was consecrated in memory of departed members of the congregation, and the North Transept was furnished as a Lady Chapel, the Altar and furnishings being provided by a member of the congregation in memory of her son, killed in action at Narvik.

In 1942, the Reverend M. Coyle came from England, to find that, for a variety of reasons, the finances of the church were very low. During the two years of his ministry, he gave himself unstintingly to the removal of the burden of debt, to the increasing of giving to Central Funds and the building up of Organ and Fabric Funds. In 1944, owing to severe illness, aggravated by his concentrated efforts in the work of the Parish, he had to seek a more congenial climate, and in November, 1944, the present Rector was instituted.

A new oak altar rail is shortly to be erected as a thank offering for the ending of hostilities.

In November, there will be celebrated the Jubilee of the Consecration of the Church, and on November 21st, the Rector is to sit in church to receive donations towards the sum of £1,000 for which he has appealed. Much of this will be earmarked for the heavy expense that will soon be involved in restoring the fabric of the church.

Tradition and records show that there has been a fairly solid block of sincere opposition to any advance in the externals of Catholic worship, and, in some cases, to the teaching of the whole faith. That is perhaps less at the present day than in former years. But withal, records show also the long and devoted service of many faithful lay folk and many names are revered in Holy Trinity. It would be wrong to single out any one for praise, suffice it to say that some names carry on in children and grandchildren and to-day there is a solid core of faithful and diligent church people. We hope they will be all ready to build for the next 50 years with the same zeal as those who have gone before.

F.F.L.

Greetings from Former Clergy

TO THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY TRINITY,

Greetings to you all!

It seems but a few years since I was present at the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of your Church, and among the happy memories of that occasion which still remain with me is the feeling of thankfulness at having met that great-souled priest, F. G. Copeland, who, as a young layman, opened up the work of the church in Motherwell.

In a very short time, you will be celebrating the Jubilee of your Church's Consecration, which should be a marked event in your life, and I look forward to being with you and entering into your joys at the Social Gathering.

I shall miss many of the old faces, but I hope to make the acquaintance of the children and grandchildren of those stalwarts of the past.

God bless you all!

W. PENNIE.

THE VICARAGE,
STONE,
BUCKS.,

22nd May, 1946.

My dear old friends of Holy Trinity,

I have been asked by your Rector to say a few words to you all as you celebrate your Jubilee.

May God fill your hearts with gratitude for what He has helped you to do in the past—and may He fill you with faith as you look to the future.

In words to you my mind has to go back to 1916-1919! Many of my dear old friends of those days have passed on—but thank God some still remain to carry on the good work in bearing witness to the power of the Gospel in Motherwell.

These are difficult days for the Church—but the Church has always written her most glorious pages of history in difficult days.

So may your Jubilee be an inspiration—learn and ponder again over the lessons which the past has taught, and be

ever ready to fulfil the demands which the present and future make upon your faith and charity.

May God bless you all!

With kindest remembrances from my wife and self to all who remember us.

Your sincere old friend and Rector,

W. H. WIGGETT.

ST. NINIAN'S RECTORY,

32 GLENCAIRN DRIVE,

GLASGOW, S.I.

Telephone—Pollok 1247.

TO MY DEAR FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY, MOTHERWELL,
Congratulations!

Fifty years of consecration to God! Indeed a cause for Jubilee. It seems but yesterday that you and I were thanking God for the twenty-five years of history which appeared then to some of us to reach far back in the dim and distant past.

But you are still very young—not yet middle-aged. What are fifty years in the life of the Church in its twentieth century?

The Eternal Lord is going on before and the world is lagging, losing faith and heart.

That is why the great adventure is before you to bring men and women to follow His trail with you. The ancient pagans looked to the past for their Golden Age, but yours lies in the future.

God speed you and your Rector as you set out on the next stage of your journey.

I have you in my heart and prayers.

JOSEPH BULLOUGH.

DEAR MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY,

It is with joy that I send you greeting in the Lord on this your year of Jubilee. Whilst you will naturally look back, with deep thankfulness for all the blessings God has given you in the past as a congregation, yet your chief aim will be, both individually and corporately, to make an act of re-dedication in the Name of the Holy Trinity. "God the

Father, who created me in His own Image of Love that I might be to the praise and glory of His Holy Name; God the Son, who has redeemed me by His Precious Blood, that I might know the Father's Love; God the Holy Ghost, who has sanctified me, and maketh intercession for me always." Is not this Faith, just what the world needs to-day, if unity and real fellowship is to be achieved? You have this Faith, and give thanks to God for it in these your Jubilee celebrations—strive earnestly to realise its fruits by the witness of your corporate worship, and so bear witness to the world of the way of its salvation.

Mrs. Burke and the family join with me in affectionate greeting, and happy remembrance of all your love.

May God bless you all.

Yours in our Blessed Lord,

DERRICK BURKE.

SAMPFORD PEVERELL RECTORY,

DEVONSHIRE.

DEAR PEOPLE OF HOLY TRINITY,

Whom I remember so well in memory and prayer, I send you affectionate greetings. I ask God's abundant blessing upon the labours of your Parish Priest. I pray that the love of God may abound more and more among you, and that you may bring forth the fruit of good works. I end this little message gathering up my thoughts for you in some of the loveliest words ever uttered:

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

With love and prayer for you all.

MATTHEW COYLE.

The Present Vestry

MR. G. F. HOOPER	Rector's Warden.
MR. N. DALRYMPLE	People's Warden.
MR. H. STODDART	Lay Representative.
	Lay Elector.
Miss R. SMITH	Secretary and Treasurer.
MR. W. LAIRD	
MR. W. SOMERVILLE	
MR. A. HERRON	
MR. H. BOYD	
MR. J. BELL	
Miss J. TOWNSON	

Organisations

Sunday Night at 8—*President* : MISS CHARLOTTE HUTT.

This Youth Group which meets after Evensong is open to all young people of our Congregation and their friends. Programme includes talks, discussions, games, etc.

Monday 7 p.m., *Brownies*—*Brown Owl* : MISS VAUX.

We have a vigorous Brownie Pack, which under expert leadership does much in the training of our smaller girls.

7.30 p.m.—*Drama Guild*—*Producer* : MR. I. SELLAR.

Holy Trinity Church has in the past done great things in the sphere of Drama. Now that the group has restarted we look forward to their first production.

Tuesdays, 5.30 p.m., *League of Lightbearers*—

Leader MRS. LAMING.

This organisation, of which little seems to be known among members of our congregation, is a Church organisation for boys and girls. It aims at teaching children about the work of the Church at home and overseas, and encourages them to pray and work for the Church. As well as instructions the programme includes games and hand-crafts.

7.30 p.m., *A.Y.P.A.*—*President* : MISS M. GAMBLE.

For some years now we have had a branch of the Anglican Young People's Association. With its motto, "For Christ and His Church," and its four principles, "Worship, Work, Fellowship and Edification," it aims at building in our parishes, groups of instructed, serving and worshipping Christians. Mr. Somerville our immediate Past President is President of the Scottish Regional Council, and the Rector is Chaplain to the same body.

Wednesday 7.45 p.m., *Parish Fellowship*—

Secretary MR. DALRYMPLE

Week by week we grow in numbers and in fellowship. This is no watertight group with an upper or a lower age limit, and as we are entertained by our programme of music, or instructed by the various visiting speakers we try to discover together that our religion is for living and as Christians we are part of a worshipping family.

Thursday 3 p.m., *Mothers Union*—*President* : MRS. LAMING.

This valuable organisation needs neither explanation nor commendation. Our Branch with a very happy number of young mothers and small children is a vigorous and vital part of our Church life.

7 p.m., *Girl Guides*—*Guide Captain* : MISS G. STEWART.

The hey-day of Guiding is not as some would have us believe in the dim and distant past, but in the future, and we hope for great things under the leadership of our new Guide Captain.

Friday, *Choir Practice*—*Conductor* : MR. P. F. DONALDSON.

It is often said that Church Choirs are not what they were, ours is no exception. There are several vacancies for Men and Boys. It is still the great privilege it always was to lead the Congregation in the worship of Almighty God.

Other Activities.

Laymen's Missionary Movement.—*Convener*: MISS N. WINTER
In recent years we have given nobly to the work of the Church
Overseas. This is in no small measure due to our box collectors.

Altar Servers—We are particularly short of servers at the moment, and
should welcome recruits. Their training is in the capable hands
of our Sacristan, Mr. A. Lockhart, who devotes much time and
devoted attention to the care of our Altar and Sacristy.

An impressive list of organisations, which should, of
course, include Cubs, Scouts, and Boys Brigade, which for
various reasons are in abeyance. But do let us remember
that organisations are not ends in themselves; they are
only helps to assist us in building up in this place a worship-
ping community, making its contribution to the wider life of
the Church, and what in these days is of special importance
its impact on the Community at large.

