

# S. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

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August, 1895.

We have few events of importance to put on record from the month that has just passed. True, there has been a General Election, but as Grasmere is not a polling place (as we think it *should* be), and as there were no big political meetings held, this event caused but little agitation. "We" are not accustomed to air our political views, but one thing at least we rejoice at in the result, viz., that a Churchman, and an earnest Churchman, continues to be our representative in the national councils.

An election in a small way, and of quite another sort, was held in the school on the 28th; or rather a competitive examination was held. We refer to the Green's Prizes. Medals are no longer given, but prizes of money and books. Formerly the candidates were young persons who had left school, but as in the course of time these failed to present themselves the Managers now offer the prizes to scholars who are actually in the school. The subjects of examination are "the three R's," and also a fourth R,—Reading, Writing from dictation, Arithmetic, and Religious Knowledge. The examination is conducted by the Rector and other Managers, assisted by Mr. Fuller.

Last year when there were eight competitors, the winners were,—1st, Edith Thompson; 2nd, Winifred Fuller; 3rd, James Kirkby.

This year, out of eight competitors the following are the winners, together with their prizes:—

- 1st, Edward Bowness, £1 and a 5/- book.  
2nd ( Winifred Fuller and ) each 7/6 and a 5/- book.  
    ( James Kirkby, equal )

The prizes were presented on the 31st, the day on which the school was "breaking up" for the August holiday.

The holidays will continue through the whole of the present month, and Monday, the 2nd September, is the day fixed for resuming work.

We would like to add a word about these holidays, as they affect the attendance of children at Church and Sunday School, and the afternoon Catechizings. We have noticed that "holiday" seems to mean absolute liberty to roam about at will on Sundays. Even choir boys forget to be at their places in Church. This should not be; and it is to be hoped that parents will see the propriety of their children's regular attendance at the Sunday School, which will go on as usual, and of the choir boys being at the Morning and Evening Services on Sundays as well as on practice nights.

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## THE RUSHBEARING.

This will take place on Saturday, the 3rd August. The arrangements are as follows:—

- 5 p.m., Children meet outside the Church with their bearings.  
5-30, Procession starts round the village with band.  
6, Short Service in Church.

We should like to see the procession as large as possible. There is a tendency on the part of older boys and girls to hold aloof from it. The Rector would like *all* the school children to join in it, and any others, as he is anxious that this old Grasmere custom should be kept up with undiminished care and interest.

On Sunday the 4th there will be the usual collections in Church for the schools.

On the Monday there will be the Village Tea, with games and (weather, of course, permitting) dancing on the green. The children will assemble at the Church at 3 p.m., and march with their bearings to the playground. Tea soon afterwards.

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#### HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

- August 4. Morn. and Even. Hymn for Rushbearing and  
S. Oswald, also 395, 396.  
August 11. Morn. : 308, 243, 197 ; Even. : 305, 242, 266.  
August 18. Morn. : 292, 261, 241 ; Even. : 235, 260, 277.  
August 25. Morn. : 274, 180, 259 ; Even. : 193, 280, 477.

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#### CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING THE MONTH.

On every Sunday at 8. On the 11th and 25th, a *second* Celebration after Matins.  
On the Feast of S. Bartholomew (the 24th) at 8.

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#### Baptism.

July 14. Margaret, daughter of George and Isabella Coates.

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#### Burial.

July 26. Mary Hemer (died at Staveley on 24th), aged 75.

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RAINFALL.—(Held over till next month.)

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POETS' CORNER.—The following is the sonnet promised us in the Spring by a parishioner.

#### INFLUENCE.

No waste there is, nor ever waste can be,  
In God's great world of busy nature round,  
Which answereth back to us with varying sound.  
The breath we breathe into the air so free  
Fair flowers inspire, to exhale fragrantly.  
All nature, inextricably, is bound  
With wondrous influences, close interwound ;  
It is her teaching and analogy.

So *souls* are wrought together, God hath made,  
For good, or ill, in ev'ry age and clime ;  
And Influence once was measured by the Cross,  
Whose arms, outstretchéd, overbridge all time.  
Oh ! rather let us die than use this force  
To hurt one single soul that Christ hath crav'd !

*Estrel.*