

S. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1895.

June is looked upon as one of the pleasantest months of the year, and we trust it may prove so once more. This year it opens with the Whitsuntide Festival, and we shall be again invaded by the usual crowds of excursionists. In entertaining these let us try not to forget what it is which Whitsuntide really commemorates, viz., God's great gift of His Holy Spirit to His Church. We have to think of what these Holy-days teach us and should bring to us, as well as of mere "holidays." We note with pleasure some counsels of our Bishops to the clergy and laity with regard to the Festival. The Bishop of Durham, referring to the great desire for the reunion of Christendom which at the present time is filling many hearts, writes that (in spite of all difficulties in the way) God is plainly drawing men's hearts together, and "meanwhile it is our privilege and duty to pray for that unity and concord among believers which can only come through complete and glad submission to the truth. The prayer which is offered in view of our divisions and jealousies cannot but tend to remove the growths of self-will and self-confidence which keep us apart from one another and from God. Looking, therefore, for this chastening and purifying grace, I once again ask all who are called by Christ's name to join together on the coming Whitsun-Day in prayer that through the action of the Holy Spirit all who believe in Him may be one, that so the world may believe that the Father sent him." But the Spirit's work must begin in each individual heart.

We were glad to note that Ascension Day was fairly well observed at S. Oswald's. The three Services were much better attended than last year.

The weather was fortunately fine for the Bishop of Carlisle's visit on the 15th ult., for the Confirmation. The Bishop had the mischance to have his robes and other property taken out of the train at Oxenholme by a fellow-traveller, but he showed himself superior to the occasion, and in his fatherly words and manner he was plainly enough the Bishop, without the usual Episcopal vestments. Thirty-one Grasmere candidates were presented; also 11 from Langdale by the Rev. R. S. Hulbert, and 1 from Rydal by the Rev. E. E. Stock. We hope all may long remember his Lordship's earnest appeal to them to be loyal servants of their heavenly King, and that they will use regularly and earnestly the further means of grace they are henceforth entitled to use. We are sure their parents or employers will not willingly put any obstacle in their way.

"Hospital Sunday" was observed on the 12th May. Our congregations contributed £6 7s. 1d. to the good work. There is a feeling, however, that the Cumberland Hospitals and Convalescent Institutions are out of the way for Grasmere patients, and certainly they do not seem to be ever resorted to. Perhaps it may be as well in future to recognise a little more the Hospital at Kendal. For the Waifs and Strays' Home at Natland the sum of £1 15s. 2d. was given on Sunday Evening, the 19th.

The Drawing Examination at the School resulted again, we are glad to say, in an "Excellent" grant. The General Government Examination was held on the 17th ult., but we do not yet know the results.

The Choir boys of S. Oswald's have been enabled, by the kindness of friends and their own efforts, to start a Cricket Club, and Mr. James Fleming has been good enough to allow them the use of the corner of a field near White Bridge. They are already practising, and have hopes of challenging teams from Ambleside and Langdale. We hope this will create a little *esprit de choir* (!), and that some day this fine English game will be revived among their elders in Grasmere.

The old Rectory is now in ruins, out of which we hope will soon grow a fairer building. The Rebuilding Committee have given the work to Mr. Jackson, of Ambleside, and Mr. S. A. Garside. It was considerably against their feelings to have to pass over some local tradesmen, and they much regret that they could not do otherwise than they have done. The Carlisle grant was £150. The total amount in grants is now £550, and subscriptions £427 7s. — £977 7s. in all. The smaller scheme (i.e., the one omitting the Parish Room and rooms over it) is all that the Committee felt themselves able at present to undertake, and this, it is estimated, will cost £1150 before completion. We hear that many in the village wish to contribute, and are only waiting to be personally asked. The difficulty is to get someone to go and do the asking. In the meantime, the treasurers, Messrs. Graham, Simpson, and Fothergill, and the Rector, will thankfully receive any offerings. They still hope that in time the larger scheme may be carried out.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

June 2 (Whitsun-Day).	Morn. 157, 353, 154.	Even. 156, 207, 30.
„ 9 (Trinity S.)	Morn. 160, 162, 510.	Even. 161, 163, 22.
„ 16.	Morn. 516, 169, 540.	Even. 531, 220, 587.
„ 23.	Morn. 298, 238, 197.	Even. 305, 199, 414.
„ 30.	Morn. 292, 438, 273.	Even. 437, 178, 38.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION IN JUNE.

Whitsun-Day at 8 and 11-45.		Sunday, 16th, at 11-45.
Whitsun Tuesday at 11 (after Matins).		Sunday, 23rd, at 8.
Trinity Sunday at 8.		Nativity of S. John Baptist, 24th, at 8.
S. Barnabas' Day, 11th, at 8.		S. Peter's Day, 29th, at 8.
		Sunday, 30th, at 11-45.

Baptisms.

- May 12. Florence Ann, daughter of Robert and Sarah Dawson.
 May 19. George Edward, son of Edward and Agnes Thompson.

Marriage.

- May 20. Sidney Backhouse and Louise Baldry.

UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA. — A sermon will be preached on the 16th June, at the Evening Service, by the Rev. P. M. Wathen, of York. He writes that "the great Locust Famine in East Africa is causing a great strain on the Mission resources, and that increased support is needed from kind helpers." Mr. Wathen will also address the children at the Afternoon Service. This is a most heroic and deserving Mission; and its workers receive no salary.