

St. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION: Every Sunday at 8; first and third Sundays, after Matins; Saints' Days at 8 and 11.

MATINS: Sunday, 10-30; other days, except Wednesday, Friday, and Saints' Days, at 9-30; Wednesday and Friday at 11: Saints' Days at 10-30.

EVENSONG: Sunday, 6-30; other days at 5-30.

LITANY: Second and fifth Sundays after Matins; Wednesday and Friday at 11.

HOLY BAPTISM: First Sunday at 2-45.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND CATECHISING: First Sunday at 2-45.

Notice of Baptisms, Churchings, Marriages and Burials should be given both to the Rector and the Verger.

NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

- Feb. 2nd. Purification of the B. V. M. Holy Communion at 8 and 11.
- .. 3rd. Communicants' Guild (Women's) at 8 p.m.
- .. 9th. Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion at 8. Morning Prayer, Litany, and Communion Service at 10-30. Evensong, 7-30.
- .. 10th. Teachers' Preparation Class, 8 p.m.
- .. 16th—19th. Ember Days.
- .. 17th. Meeting of the Mothers' Union in the Rectory Room at 2-30 p.m.
- .. 24th. S. Matthias. Holy Communion at 8 and 11. Meeting of the Men's Guild in the Rectory Room at 8.

LENT.

Easter falls early this year and Lent will soon be here. It is hoped that during this solemn season appointed by the Prayer-Book for self-examination, repentance, and renewed consecration, every Parishioner will do his and her utmost to make use of the opportunities provided in the services of the Church. There is no need to multiply services. Let us try, rather, to avail ourselves more fully of the usual means.

1. There will be Celebrations of Holy Communion every Sunday. Let us all **make a special effort** to attend this regularly. **It is the best spiritual privilege and opportunity that we possess.**

2. A course of Lenten Sermons on the "Temptation of Christ" will be given on Sunday mornings, and a another course on the "Central Verities of the Christian Faith" on Sunday evenings.

3. Morning and Evening Prayer will be said at the usual hours, except on Thursdays, when Evensong will be said at 7-30. There will be a series of Lenten Readings.

MOTHERS' UNION.

It is hoped that a meeting of the Mothers' Union may be held once a quarter; and that one of them will take the form of a corporate Communion of the members.

The first meeting has been fixed for Thursday, February 17th, in the Rectory Room at 2-30 o'clock. Prayers will be said by the Rector and an address will be delivered by Mrs. Jones, of Low Nook, Ambleside.

Tea will be served after the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Annual Winter Treat and Prize-giving in connection with the Sunday School was held in the Rectory Room on Friday evening, December 31st, when all the Scholars, except three, attended. The children sat down to the tables at 4 o'clock and were amply served by the Teachers and other friends who generously gave their assistance. After tea, the children joined in games until 6 o'clock, when the Rector introduced Mr. Bramley, who again this year showed his warm interest in the Grasmere children by being present and distributing the prizes. The following are the names of the children who won prizes for last year's work:—

GIRLS.

Class I. Kathleen Peel, Agnes Eleanor Baisbrown, Margaret Woodburn, Ethel Fletcher.

Class II. Emily Phillipson, Elizabeth Green, Mildred Borwick.

Class III. Lily Green, Eugenie Peel, Elizabeth Kirkby.

Boys.

Class I. Charles Wilson.

Class II. James Green, William Peascod, Thos. W. Wilson.

Class III. Tom Borwick, Willie Sanderson, George Coates.

Class IV. Edward Wilson, George Davidson, John Palmer.

INFANTS.

Division I. Norah Phillipson, Lottie Whittam, Florrie Sanderson.

Division II. Tom Sanderson, Nellie Davidson, May Goodall.

Mr. Bramley also presented Certificates and Prizes to the following, who won them in the Diocesan Examination of the Band of Hope held April 1st, 1909 :

Margaret Woodburn, 90 marks, First Class Prize and Certificate; Kathleen J. Peel, 78 marks, First Class Prize and Certificate; Agnes Eleanor Baisbrown, 75 marks, First Class Prize and Certificate; Margaret Hodgson, 60 marks, Second Class Certificate.

At the close of the meeting the children expressed their thanks in an unmistakable way to Mr. Bramley, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Paton, who so kindly again this year provided the sweets given to each child on leaving.

MEN'S GUILD.

Notwithstanding the severe snowstorm, a good number of men attended the meeting called for Thursday evening, January 27th. The Rector gave an address in which he pointed out that his original idea of having a class for young men had been very considerably modified as the result of his visiting the men of the parish during the two or three preceding days. So many had expressed their willingness to attend a men's meeting that he had come to entertain the possibility of forming a Guild to embrace all the men of the parish. He wished the Guild to have its centre and home in the old Parish Church—a Guild of Churchmen banded together in a common Brotherhood in loyalty to Christ and His Church for mutual instruction and helpfulness.

It was unanimously decided to form such a Guild and that it should be called "S. Oswald's Men's Guild."

After some informal discussion it was agreed to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, February 24th, when it was hoped a larger number of men would be able to attend, to organize the Guild in readiness for next winter.

MISSIONARY WORKING PARTY.

The first meeting of the Missionary Working Party will be held in the Rectory Room on Thursday, February 10th, from 2 to 4 p.m., when it is hoped that there will be a large attendance to inaugurate the year's work. It is requested that all who hold Missionary Boxes in the Parish will kindly hand them in at the Rectory Room on or before that day.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE.

The financial position of the Parish Magazine has been considered with a view of placing it on a sound basis for the present year. A larger number of advertisers has been secured, and the number of subscribers increased. It is now fully expected that the Magazine will pay its own way. An audited balance-sheet will be published at the end of the year.

We are glad to say that the accident with which the Verger met, a fortnight ago, whilst putting out the lights in the Church, has not proved serious. Fortunately the Rector and Mr. Read had not left the building; and they came quickly to his assistance and extinguished the flames. All the chandaliers have since been overhauled and fastened with clamps and chains to bear ten times the present weight.

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.		1	1	Jan. 16.	1	13	2
„ 2.	2	4	9	„ 23.	1	8	1
„ 6.		4	8	„ 25.		1	6
„ 9.	1	2	5	„ 30.		18	11

RAINFALL.

Rainfall in Dec., 17.32 inches. Rain fell on 21 days.

Rainfall for year 1909, 93.61 inches. Rain fell on 222 days.

VILLAGE NOTES.

Notwithstanding the many engagements during the week, and the inclement condition of the weather, the Grasmere Village Play was again a great success. Notices of

it appeared in the "Times" and other papers, and it is needless for us to say more here than that it was a source of keen enjoyment to all the parishioners who were privileged to see it. The following is the Balance Sheet:—

BALANCE SHEET OF THE GRASMERE PLAY.—JANUARY, 1910.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Tickets sold at Mr. Reads	56	4	0
Taken at door of Hall	16	2	9
Sale of Plays and Programmes	5	15	0

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EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Hire of Grasmere Hall—4 performances	10	10	0
Extra Gas and Heating	2	5	0
Storing Scenery	10	0	0
Hire of Piano	15	0	0
Hire of Hall for Rehearsal on night of another application for its use	2	0	0
Printing Play, Notices, Tickets, and Programmes	8	5	6
Bookseller's Account	2	18	6
Newspaper Advertisements	10	2	0
New Scenery & New Side Lights	9	8	5
Fitting, Cleaning, &c.	4	6	10
Refreshments	1	4	7
Postage of Advertisements, &c.	13	9	0
Meathop Sanatorium	12	0	0
Kendal County Hospital	10	0	0
Winsorton Church Building Fund	6	8	0
Ambleside Home for Waifs and Strays	6	6	0

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It is with deep sorrow that we have to record the death of Mr. SAM. GARSIDE, which took place suddenly on the evening of Monday, January 31st.

To his Widow and Son we desire to offer our heart-felt sympathy in their sad bereavement.