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CHRISTMAS.

The Celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day will be at 7, 8, 9-15, and 11-30 a.m. Mattins will be at 10-30 a.m.

For the meaning of Christmas let us study the hymn in the 2nd Supplement of Hymns Ancient and Modern. We shall be singing it during one of the services of Christmas-Tide. It is number 642.

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by :
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light —
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary :
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King :
And peace to men on earth.

MEMORIES OF THE MISSION.

We all have our "over." Here are some contributed from different sources. Send yours in next month. All are worth pondering.

Brother Charles' saying "We would all go down rabbit holes to avoid facing our sins."

After their talk on Mission resolutions, a four year old's remark to his mother, "Brother Christopher says we can have prayers in the morning as well as at night."

The singing helped by the violin. Can't we sing now as well as if it were still helping us?

The friendliness of meeting the same people in Church morning after morning and night after night. Are we going to make the same fellowship felt Sunday after Sunday?

The hymn "O my Saviour lifted on the Cross for me."

The story of the man who voluntarily returned to the life of "the Thieves Kitchen" that he might bring others to Christ.

"The Lord bless you and keep you," said to each one of us at the Altar Rail on the last Sunday night.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

YOUR SERVICE.

On the four Sundays in Advent in place of the usual Evensong at 6 p.m. there will be a more informal Service such as we have had in Lent. It is hoped that all those who were in any way influenced by the Mission will try to come themselves and bring others with them. It is Your Service: come! and bring your friends!

MEN'S SERVICE.

A Service for Men will be held on Sunday, 12th December, at 3 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next Meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at 2-30 p.m. in the Rectory or in the Rectory Room. This depends on the heating of the latter: if a new stove has arrived by then the meeting will be in the Rectory Room but at present we cannot heat it. The Meeting will take the form of an informal Brains Trust in which the Rector and others will take part. Mothers are reminded that they can bring their babies and either leave them to be welcomed by Andrew King or bring them to the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM.

Eleanor Kirkby was a very much respected inhabitant of Grasmere, who had worked for many years at The Wray until she retired to live with her sister at Lowfold. Until the last few years when she was unable to get so far she had been a faithful member of the congregation.

Elizabeth Louisa Bunting died after a long period of being bed-ridden. She was much respected in Grasmere and many appreciated her kindly humour. Old age had prevented her from coming to Church lately but she was one of God's flock.

May their souls rest in peace.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

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Oct. 31.	7	11	1	
Nov. 7.	8	15	0	for Diocesan Quota
" 14.	4	5	2	
and	10	0	3	for Earl Haig's Poppy Fund

RAINFALL

Rainfall in October, 13.21 inches. Rain fell on 25 days. Since the end of July there have been 15 days with no trace of rain.

G. M. Simpson.

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