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So we start a New Year ; but this year in far more confidence and hope than in 1942. Although we are not likely to see peace in the coming year, yet we may hope to see that first beginning of greyness that marks the near approach of dawn. Please God that when dawn shall really come, we may here truly cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light. Please God that we shall not throw away our opportunity again but that in the days of peace, honour and duty and dignity may be words full of meaning in which we as a nation shall delight. Please God that we shall not sink into a confused medley of selfish pleasure and criminal luxury. Please God, yes, but we shall only please God if we are learning to love and serve Him now. Sometimes I dread to hear those words "after the war," for they seem only too significant of a return to those bad old days of the time between the wars. No, let us use those words in all seriousness ; "after the war" we will give all we can to the starving and debilitated children of Belgium and Greece and Poland : "after the war" we will help to the uttermost of our power to restore to dignity and happiness those whose lives and happiness have been degraded and shattered : "after the war" we will "do unto others as we would they should do unto us" and in our own country we will endeavour "that all things may be all so ordered and settled, upon the best and surest foundation, that peace and happiness, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations."

But that means unselfishness ; and you and I and the whole human race are by nature self-centred. Unless really many of us are grafted into Christ and are partakers of His nature so that we can control the inevitable outburst of selfish passions, little or nothing will come of the present talk or of all our high ideals. Ideals can never be achieved without discipline and self-discipline without religious enthusiasm is too gloomy and morbid to be idealistic.

Therefore let us prepare for peace by a far more definite religion : let us learn to love Christ more, that His perfect love may cast out our fear and pride and selfishness. So will you turn your mind to the Mission to be held in this parish : use the prayer daily : if you have not got a prayer card, get one in the Church : replace the one you have lost : see that the other members of your family know about it.

Then resolve to come to the Holy Communion at least once a month and to come to Church every Sunday, unless physically impossible.

And do not forget the date of the Mission, October 17-25.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

MEN'S SERVICE.

A Service for men only will be held in Church on Sunday, 10th January, at 3-15 p.m.

Will all men please take notice and remember the date ?

SAINTS' DAYS.

Friday, January 1st, is the Circumcision of our Lord : there will be a Celebration at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, January 6th, is the Feast of the Epiphany : there will be two Celebrations at 7 and 8 a.m.

Monday, January 25th, is the Conversion of St. Paul : there will be a Celebration at 8 a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Although it was a very wet afternoon on December 16th and few members were present, £3 : 10s. was made by the bring and buy sale of china for the United Aid to China Fund. As there are a few pieces of china left over they will be sold at the next meeting on January 20th, when the speaker will be Mrs. Stevens. If any members who were not present last month could bring china it would be very welcome.

The meeting will be, as usual, at 2-30 p.m., in the Rectory and babies will be looked after in the nursery if any mothers care to bring them.

GRASMERE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Rectory Room on Monday, January 11th, at 3 p.m.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Nov. 22.	4	17	1	Dec. 6.	8	14	10	Diocesan Quota.
„ 29.	6	3	6	„ 13.	3	17	0	
				„ 20.	4	6	0	

RAINFALL.

Rainfall in November, 2.29 inches. Rain fell on 12 days.

G. M. Simpson.

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