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## GET READY—GO.

If Lent, as I have suggested before in this Magazine, was originally a time of preparation for Easter, so that this greatest festival should not take us by surprise, then do let us use it particularly this year.

We do not want Easter and the Spring to catch us unawares. From the national point of view I imagine that this Spring we shall be able to foretell a little more about the duration of the war and the date of peace. For we shall know of the possibilities of the second or third or fourth front and shall have seen, we hope, the end of the Tunisian campaign. Do not let us be taken by surprise. Make sure that we are living the sort of life that will fit the days of victory and peace.

From the Christian point of view we never want to let Easter take us haphazard: for if Christ be risen from the dead then are we to rise to newness of life; for that new life we must prepare or we shall be found like the foolish virgins with no oil in the lamps.

And in this parish this year we need to prepare because all our thoughts and hopes are more and more centred on the Parochial Mission: we are to learn to follow Him who is the Way of Life—a new and living Way. Don't let it take you by surprise. Begin now. Use the Lent Services: come to Church regularly: come regularly and frequently to the Holy Communion: pray yourself privately night and morning (and don't forget the Mission prayer): mark down the date when the Missioner will be here for his first visit.

This year is our great opportunity, both nationally and parochially, let us get into training for it. Just before the fight starts in the boxing ring, or the race in the field or on the river you hear the same words—the motto for Lent—GET READY.

### THE PAROCHIAL MISSION. FIRST VISIT OF MISSIONER.

On Saturday, 27th March, the Rev. Charles Preston (Brother Charles) will come to Grasmere and will conduct a Quiet Afternoon for all those who are willing to help or who are interested in the Parochial Mission. The arrangements will be:

2-45 p.m.	1st Address.	4-45 p.m.	2nd Address.
4-0 p.m.	Tea.	6-0 p.m.	Evensong.

Tea will be provided in the Rectory but people must bring their own food. It is earnestly to be hoped that all who possibly can will come that afternoon to receive the real inspiration that can so be given. So put everything to one side and come.

Brother Charles will also preach at Mattins and Evensong on Sunday, 28th March.

For further parochial news see 3rd page of cover.

## CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation for this year will be held in Rydal Church : probably on Tuesday, 30th March, but it may be on the 29th. The candidates will be told when it is quite definitely known. In the meantime I hope all will pray that the candidates will use the great gift rightly all through their life that so they may daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more.

## MOTHERS' UNION.

The Mothers' Union are giving a Social Evening to the members of the Timber Corps on Friday, March 5th, from 7-30 to 10 p.m., in the Rectory. There will be games, competitions and refreshments. Any member who can come may bring a guest between the ages of 16 and 25. If any can give a small contribution towards the refreshments, Mrs. King will be glad to know as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th March, at 7-30 p.m., in the Rectory.

## LENT SERVICES.

On Tuesdays in Lent, beginning on March 16th, the Rev. H. Watson, Vicar of Hawkhead, will give a talk immediately following Evensong at 6 p.m. That is to say the talk will begin at about 5-15 p.m. If there are any who cannot come as early as 6 p.m. but wish to hear the instruction, there will be a hymn sung before the talk begins and it will be easy for them to come then.

On Sundays in Lent as last year Evensong will be changed for a more informal service. Also there will be a box for questions at the door: those questions will be answered either the same evening or the following week.

## BAPTISMS.

- Jan. 31. Michael Norris Kirkby.  
Feb. 7. Brenda Elizabeth Marshall.  
,, 21. Mildred Valerie Wells.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Jan. 24. £4 18 10	Feb. 7. £3 12 3	Feb. 21. £4 11 9
+ 31. £2 9 7	,, 14. £4 9 11	

## RAINFALL.

Rainfall in January, 15.83 inches. Rain fell on 27 days.

G. M. Simpson.

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