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NOTES FROM THE RECTOR.

I am writing this in the little village of Soulby, just outside Kirkby Stephen, where I am conducting a mission. I have finished taking a mission at another little village, Crosby Garrett, where there is a tiny little Norman Church in a parish of about 150 people. I cannot talk about Soulby yet as we are still in the middle of it and no one can tell what will happen. But Crosby Garrett, in spite of many difficulties, bad weather included, has been an inspiration to me. The Holy Spirit has been so active and has pointed the way in which the parish is to develop that it is clear that the Mission will make a real change in the life of the Parish.

Brother Charles is taking a mission in Kirkby Stephen itself: all that I can say at the present is that on the first Sunday it proved necessary to bring in chairs as there was no accommodation for all who wished to come. Other missions are also being taken in the surrounding villages. So far our prayers have been abundantly answered.

I know that many of you at Grasmere have been praying for God's blessing on these missions, remembering the wonderful time that we ourselves had under the leadership of Brother Charles: so I write this to let you know what is happening.

I am only sorry to have had to be away from Grasmere just when the landings in France had taken place. I was glad to be with you on that Tuesday evening and I hope that many of you are continuing to come and pray that no weakness in our resolve, no selfishness in our aim, may mar the establishment of a swift, righteous and enduring peace.

Very suitable prayers will be found at the end of the Litany in our Prayer-Book:—one begins "O God, merciful Father" and the other "We humbly beseech Thee, O Father." Both were composed originally for use in time of war and are still very appropriate.

THE RUSHBEARING.

Full details of the Rushbearing will be in next month's Magazine: but the date will be Saturday, August 5th and the preacher, both on Saturday and both services on Sunday, will be Brother Charles. I am sure that we shall all be glad to see him again and shall especially rejoice that he is coming for his return visit on our own unique festival.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

GREAT DAYS IN JULY.

Sunday, July 2nd—*Visitation of the Blessed Virgin.* This is only a minor day in our Prayer Book, but in the Revised Prayer Book of 1928 it is given a collect, epistle and gospel of its own. It is the day on which we remember how the Blessed Virgin went to visit Elisabeth, the mother of John Baptist and how the Magnificat was then first recited by the Mother of our Lord.

Saturday, July 22nd—*St. Mary Magdalene.* This again is only given a collect and gospel in the Revised Prayer Book. But we shall keep it in Grasmere with a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. For it is grand to number one of the great Sinners among the great Saints.

Tuesday, July 25—*St. James.* He was the first of the Apostles to be martyred and so showed himself able with the grace of God to drink of the cup that his Master drank and to be baptised with the baptism with which his Lord was baptised. There will again be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

AUGMENTATION OF GRASMERE BENEFICE.

In aid of the fund it is hoped a Sale will be held in the Grasmere Hall on 24th August. There will be stalls of Garden Produce, Second-hand Clothing and New Articles for which contributions will be gratefully received. Further notice next month.

IN MEMORIAM.

Harry Kirkby who died in Kendal Hospital at the age of 46 had been warden of the Youth Hostel and so was a well known figure not only to the inhabitants of Grasmere but to very many of the hikers and bikers. He had a fund of good stories and was a notable figure. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy is extended to all his immediate family and his many relations and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

May 28.	£ 24	: 2	: 2	for the Diocesan Quota.
June 4.	£ 6	: 2	: 1	
„ 11.	£ 9	: 15	: 6	
„ 18.	£ 11	: 9	: 11	for the Red Cross.

RAINFALL.—Rainfall in May, 4.56 inches. Rain fell on 15 days.
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