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TWO VICTORIES.

This month begins with the celebration of the greatest Victory this world can ever see, the Victory of the Son of God over sin and death on behalf of the sons of men. There is another victory this Spring in all our thoughts and prayers, the victory of the Allies over Germany and Japan. What is the relation between the two? The Easter Victory is the fundamental basis of every human victory worthy of the name — of every victory, that is, over the spiritual enemy. If the victory of the Allies is indeed a victory over the forces of hatred and cruelty and pride, as it desires and professes to be, then it is rooted in the Easter Victory of Christ. So far as the Allies themselves may njar this cause by pride or hatred or by inflicting any needless suffering, this victory will be but partial and their glory and thanksgiving must be mingled with repentance. We are called of God to accomplish a great deliverance and must pray to be worthy of our calling.

OUR LATE RECTOR.

The interregnum gives us ample opportunity to estimate so far as may be what the Parish owes to our late Rector. Everyone will treasure the memory of his unwavering friendly sympathy and understanding and the congregation will be grateful for his thoughtful sermons. As far as possible from the deadening spirit of routine, his work here was full of fresh resource. One thinks of the Wednesday evenings at the Rectory during the holiday season, of the interesting meetings for discussion, the week-day Services of silent prayer, the long preparation for the Parochial Mission and the great experience when it came; and again of the Sunday morning Choral Communion at 9-15, which Mr. Ashton Smith is so kindly carrying on. Above all in the increase in the number of Communicants, points to successful spiritual work in the individuals, which is the truest test of a priest's work.

And besides his own work, did he not bring Mrs. King? And by and by did not Andrew come too?

It is only right that a comparatively small Parish should have to give up to a larger sphere of work a priest with many spiritual gifts. We do not begrudge him to his new parishioners, and pray that his work among them may be richly blessed. Neither must we cease from earnest prayer in regard to his successes here, nor fail to welcome him when he comes as (in the words of St. Paul) "an ambassador in the name of Christ?"

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

Meanwhile our thanks are due to the Rural Dean and the Church Wardens for arranging for the Services during the inter-regnum and to those who take the Services at their request, sometimes it may be at some personal inconvenience.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Friday, March 9th, the funeral took place of Miss Dorothy Kirby. She was eighty years of age and was all her life a faithful member and communicant of the Church. Her bright and happy disposition won her a wide circle of friends. For some forty years she had been a faithful and devoted servant and friend of the Fletcher family so intimately connected with Grasmere for more than a hundred years.

J.P.M.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL.

(Pending the arrival of a new Rector.)

- April 1. EASTER DAY
The Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11-30 a.m.
- „ 8. 1st Sunday after Easter
The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
- „ 15. 2nd Sunday after Easter
The Holy Communion at 8 and 11-30 a.m.
- „ 22. 3rd Sunday after Easter
The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
- „ 29. 4th Sunday after Easter
The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The 9-15 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion will be discontinued, unless announced in Church.

VESTRY MEETING.

The Annual Vestry Meeting and also the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th, in the Rectory Room at 6-30 p.m.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Feb. 25.	£4 15 3	Mar. 11.	£5 15 8
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RAINFALL.—Rainfall in February, 12.23 inches. Rain fell on 24 days. J.A.

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