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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Remembrance Sunday this year actually falls on November 11th, and it is the King's wish that the Two Minutes' Silence shall again be observed at 11 o'clock as in pre-war years. For this reason members of the British Legion will parade at the 10-30 a.m. Service, and there will be no service at 3 p.m. as formerly.

MOTHERS' UNION.

There will be a meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday, November 21st, at 2-30 p.m., in the Rectory Room. The speaker will be Mrs. Carpenter, of Crosthwaite, Keswick, and the Rector trusts that all members will do their best to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Under the new Education Act all Day Schools will be teaching Scripture and Bible Knowledge, as it is already done in our Grasmere Church School. The chief responsibility of the Church will therefore be to train the children in worship and knowledge of the family of God of which they were made members at their Baptism.

The National Society, which is the Central Council for our Religious Education, has brought out plans and books to enable Sunday Schools to do this more efficiently, but it is necessary that there should be greater co-operation between the parents and the Sunday Schools and we of the Sunday Schools, realising that the parents and godparents have the chief responsibility in training the children, ask for your help in our work.

The following scheme was thought to be helpful:—

1. During Kindergarten years, from 3 to 8 years of age, the children in Sunday School will each year receive a small picture prayer or story book which can be used by the parents at home and help by deepening the lessons taught on Sunday.
2. When they enter Juniors at 8 years of age they will receive a prayer book and be taught how to use it, because by that age the children are usually ready and anxious to attend Church with their parents.
3. When they reach the age of 10 years and enter Seniors they will receive a Bible and be shown how to develop the regular habit of reading through the use of the Bible Reading Fellowship.
4. At 12 to 13 years of age they are thinking of Confirmation and they will receive special lessons to lead up to the Confirmation Classes and a Manual to help with their daily prayers, prepara-

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tion for and attendance at Holy Communion.

These are *not* prizes in the old wrong sense of being rewards for "being good and regular" but simply the tools of the Christian trade which, if the parents help the children to use in their home lives, will enable them to grow up into live members of Christ's Church.

If supplies are available we hope to start this scheme at Advent. We therefore invite all parents and godparents and any other adults interested, to come to the Children's Service in Church, at 2-30 p.m., on 25th November, to see the beginning and to hear more of what we hope with your help to do in the coming year.

BAPTISM.

Oct. 14. Jannice Gail Kirkby.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.	
Sept. 30. ...	9	8	5	Church Expenses
Oct. 7. ...	9	5	9	Church Expenses
„ 14. ...	15	14	5	Local Hospitals
„ 21. ...	11	5	10	Church Expenses

Contributed by Sunday School children, through collecting boxes, for the West Indies Appeal: £5 : 0 : 0.

RAINFALL.

Total rainfall in September, 8.62 inches. Rain fell on 17 days. The very dry August we have had this year prompted me to examine the records of fifty-five years as a test of the popular belief that the holiday month of August is one of the wettest months of the year. In these fifty-five years August has justly earned this grim reputation six times only, whilst on twelve occasions it has been among the first four driest months of the year and on three occasions has actually been the driest. The heaviest rainfall of any August (17") has never equalled the heaviest falls of October, November, December and January (20" to 26"). March, May, June and September with record falls of less than one inch have been twice approached by August with a fall of less than 2". Between 1911 and 1920 the average fall in August was roughly 6", and between 1931-40 only 4½".

I leave these figures to speak for themselves. Disappointed holiday makers have, I think, contributed in giving August in Grasmere a reputation it hardly deserves.

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