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GRASMERE RECTORY,

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My dear Friends,

My first August in Grasmere will always be memorable for me by reason of two events — the Rushbearing and the end of the war. The former is almost a commonplace to you who have seen so many, but I saw it as a "first experience" and enjoyed every moment of it. These ancient customs are growing too few now in England, and too frequently are allowed to lapse through lack of interest. It is good to know that Grasmere has kept up her ancient Rushbearing with so much care and pride and that so many parishioners, besides visitors, take a personal interest in it.

The ending of the war is a world event which has been greeted far and wide with relief and rejoicing. While we realise that the cessation of hostilities does not by any means imply "the end of all our striving," we rejoice to know that the tasks ahead are "to build up and not to destroy." While rationing restrictions remain of necessity in force it will hardly be possible to celebrate victory in quite the old-fashioned way, but a committee is busy arranging to provide the children of Grasmere with as worthy a party as possible to mark the occasion.

We gave our collections at the Thanksgiving Services on "VJ" Day to the "West Indies Appeal" issued by the S.P.G. The islands are among our oldest colonies and they were among our proudest possessions in the days of the slave trade. Now they are desperately poor and in urgent need of help. The Government plans to help by means of Public Health Services, Education, Farming on Scientific lines, new Industries and Land Settlement. But the Church is asked to join in these plans by finding £100,000 to provide more clergy, better churches and school buildings. I want to interest the young people of our parish in this venture, through the Sunday School, and propose to issue collecting boxes to them so that they may feel they are taking a share in helping our own West Indian children to a happier life. The Appeal closes at the end of September, so I hope you will encourage our young people to fill and return their boxes as quickly as possible.

Yours very sincerely, R. C. TAIT.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP.

In order to check the numbers using these booklets before ordering for 1946, would all subscribers and any new members wishing to have them please put their names under the type they wish to have on the paper to be found on the Book Table in Church before the end of September. There are four types of Bible Reading leaflets available:— "A" for adults; "Y" similar but rather simpler; "C" for children; "S" shorter notes for Service people.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

GUIDE NEWS.

Those friends and parents who attended our VE Social, the collection (£1) of which was sent to buy supplies for some of our sister Guides in Europe, may be interested in these extracts from a letter received from Miss M. Bailey, leader of the 5th G.I.S. Team who took out our parcel:— "We are working with the Polish people who are so nice and friendly. We hope to start Guides with them very soon. When we arrived there were two camps of Polish men, women and children, and one was very overcrowded. The conditions were not good and they had very little water and soap, but my goodness there is no need to teach the Polish people the Health rules! they were amazingly clean and their rooms also.

The girls have all made pretty brooches from curtain rings and your pretty bits of wool which you sent and fastened them with your safety pins. When any of the grown-ups do anything for us we give them a ticket and they come to our "shop," there they choose what they would like from our counter. Things we have to sell have all been supplied by Guides. The women usually choose soap and cottons and the men cigarettes.

We have had two parties for the women and children. We help in the hospital each day and take people to hospital, 25 miles away, if they need any special treatment. When we get the Guide Companies going we will give them your books and gifts."

Bits and pieces of wool or material or anything suitable for this work would be gratefully received by any member of the Guide Company for our next parcel.

CHILDREN'S VICTORY TEA.

At a public meeting held in the Rectory Room on August 19th a committee was formed to make arrangements to provide the children of Grasmere with as happy a party as possible to mark the occasion of victory. Boxes are being placed in the Post Office and several shops in Grasmere, and donations may be sent to the Churchwardens or to the Rector.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

July 29. ...	£18	18	0	Church Missionary Society.
Aug. 4. ...	20	16	11	Relief Fund for Dutch and Belgian Children and Rushbearing Expenses.
.. 5. ...	15	9	8	Church Expenses.
.. 12. ...	19	10	4	Diocesan Quota.
.. 15. ...	18	8	8	(Thanksgiving Service) W. Indies Appeal.
.. 19. ...	22	2	0	Church Expenses.

RAINFALL.— Total rainfall in July, 5'89 inches. Rain fell on
16 days. J.A.

The Rector will be much obliged if he can be informed in all cases of sickness.

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