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GRASMERE SCHOOL.

The news of Mr. J. W. Smith's retirement from the School has been received with widespread regret, and the probability that he will also be leaving the district, at any rate for the present, will be recognised by all who knew him as a great loss to Grasmere. Appointed Headmaster in 1908, Mr. Smith has given of his best, not only to the School, but to the life of the village. A presentation, in the name of nearly two hundred of his Grasmere friends, is being made to him as we go to press, as a token of esteem and appreciation. Full details will be published next month.

The School Managers have appointed Mr. J. W. R. Hildrew Headmaster of Grasmere School and he will take up the appointment at the beginning of September. Mr. Hildrew, who is a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, had a varied teaching experience before serving with the Royal Navy during the war. Latterly, until his demobilisation last month, he was responsible for the organisation and direction of Handicraft Instructors, whose job it is to train instructors for the Educational and Vocational Training Scheme in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and W.R.N.S.

MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Music Festival on Wednesday, 7th August, at 8-15 p.m., in St. Oswald's Church. Soloists: Joan Brown, L. C. Earl, E. Brockbank. Conductor: T. Noble. Festival choirs of Grasmere, Langdale and Ambleside. Items of the "Mary Wakefield Kendal Festival" will be sung. Organist: E. A. Sidebotham, F.R.C.O., collection in aid of the Bishop's Appeal.

WOMEN'S OFFERING.

The annual collection for Social and Moral Welfare amounted to £7:1:0. The collection, organised by Mrs. Marston, assisted by Miss Helen Smith, Mrs. Stobart, Mrs. C. Thompson and Mrs. M. Wilson, was presented at St. Mary's, Windermere, on July 17th.

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IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. PENNY PEEL.

During the last seventeen years Mrs. Penny Peel has been ill and therefore has seldom been seen outside her home, but until 1929 there were but few persons in Grasmere who were not familiar with her vivid and charming personality. The first recollection that comes to mind is that she allowed nothing to prevent her from being in Church every Sunday, morning and evening, in her place singing in the choir.

She will be most widely remembered for the pleasure she has given to thousands of people who delighted in her acting. She appeared in twenty-three of the Grasmere plays. Never absent, never late at a rehearsal she spared no pains to perfect herself in her part, and whatever character she was impersonating she had the power to convey it simply and subtly with true art across the footlights, and carrying her audiences with her, she could make them weep or laugh as she chose. Her enthusiasm, sympathy and kindness will not easily be forgotten, and many will feel that by her death a link with treasured memories of old days in Grasmere is severed. May she rest in peace. E.F.R.

BAPTISMS.

June 30. June Boag.
July 7. Rosemary Christine Lunn.
July 28. Charles William Wordsworth.

COLLECTIONS.

June 30	£11 10	1	Grasmere School.
July 7	£8 18	2	Church Expenses.
„ 14	£13 2	6	Church Missionary Society.
„ 21	£9 5	7	Church Expenses.
„ 28	£9 10	5	Diocesan Quota.

RAINFALL.

Rainfall for June 7.99 inches; Rain fell on 20 days.

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