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## THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR £50,000.

Since the Bishop's Pastoral Letter was read in Church on October 21st, more information and more details of the immediate needs of the diocese have become available, and leaflets will shortly be available in Church. No special "efforts" in the parish have yet been planned, as it was felt that donations and subscriptions, offered quite voluntarily, should come first, and any special effort should come later. Each parish in the diocese is being asked to aim at raising, roughly, ten times its Diocesan Quota, which, in our case would be about £500. If the sum seems large, it must be remembered that in view of the immense sums other dioceses, more seriously injured by the war, are having to find, it is modest indeed.

A provisional, and no doubt very rough, allocation of the £50,000 which the Bishop requires is as follows:—

£10,000 as a contribution from this diocese towards the £600,000 required by the Church of England for the training of candidates for the Ministry. The Church's work is seriously handicapped, especially in industrial areas, by lack of man power, but there are many able and promising men now being released from the Forces who would offer themselves for ordination if the necessary financial help during their period of training were available. Secondly, it is the Bishop's desire to assist by grants local efforts *in* the Diocese, as follows:—

£20,000 towards the re-conditioning of Church schools.

£10,000 towards the purchase of sites and preliminary work in the building of new Churches, parsonages and mission halls.

£5,000 towards the permanent increase of benefice incomes and diocesan administration.

£5,000 towards the alteration of over-large parsonages and large and urgent church repairs.

To what extent can Grasmere help? That is the question to which we must find an answer during the next few months. Many are already contributing most generously to our own benefice endowment fund and we cannot, in reason, expect further large gifts from them. But if others, not so committed, would send in a donation, large or small, to the local honorary secretary, Mr. J. Abbott, Meadow Brow, Grasmere, we should be able to make a beginning, and any donations so sent would be credited to our parish.

### MARRIAGE.

Dec. 31. Donald Smith and Hilda Lillie Robertson.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

## REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL.

The attention of parishioners is drawn to the Application Forms for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll, which may be found on the table in the Baptistry. There may still be some Church members — especially among the younger people who are now over 17 — whose names ought to be added. The Roll is simply a straightforward list of those who "belong" to our Church, and enrolment gives them, without obligation, certain parochial rights which they would not otherwise have, e.g., the right of voting in parochial elections, the right to be married in this Church, even though they may not at the moment be living in the parish. Will former Confirmation candidates who have passed their seventeenth birthday please make sure that their names are down?

## MOTHERS' UNION.

There will be a meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2-30 p.m., in the Rectory Room. The speaker will be Mrs. H. P.B. Smith, of St. John's, Windermere.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Isabella Coates, who died at the age of 85 on January 12th, was buried in Grasmere Cemetery on January 15th. She was a native of Lazonby, Cumberland, but had lived in Grasmere for 65 years.

Joseph Oakes, who died at the age of 77 on January 25th, was buried on January 28th. The sympathy of parishioners will go out to the bereaved of both families.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Dec. 30.	£6	6	8	Church Expenses
Jan. 6.	£3	17	1	" "
" 13.	£4	8	9	" "
" 20.	£2	16	10	" "

## RAINFALL.

Rainfall for December, 6.63 inches.

The year's rainfall was 76.54 inches. In the years 1895, 1901, 1933, 1937 and 1941 only was the year's rainfall smaller, whilst in 27 years out of the last 55 years it has been over 100 inches. The year has, over this same period, established one or two records, for not only did November create a record, but the number of wet days in the whole year 1945 was the lowest. In these fifty-five years only one other occasion has the number of wet days been less than 200 — viz., 197 in 1933.

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