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The close of one year and the beginning of another always provide an occasion for pause and reflection. We take stock of the past and we look forward to the opportunities which lie ahead. No one can look back on 1945 without deep thankfulness that it brought victory and the ending of the war. And though we are all conscious now of the aftermath of war and of the many problems that remain to be solved, no one can look forward to 1946 without a new hope and a keen desire of the fresh opportunities it must bring. 1946 calls us to the tasks of peace, "to build up and not to destroy." That, in itself, is a cheerful and an encouraging prospect. Let us pray that all our building may be upon sound secure Christian foundations. If it is, it will not be a "wish" but a certainty that the New Year will be a happy New Year for us all.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

On Dec. 13th, at his Southport home, Mr. John Taylor, of Helmside, died in his 85th year. His long associations with Grasmere and his generosity and keen interest in all that concerned the well-being of Grasmere are well known. The sympathy of parishioners will go out in full measure to Mrs. Taylor and her family, at whose wish a Memorial Service was held in Church on Dec. 17th, at the same time as the Funeral Service in Southport.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

During Advent all the Sunday Schools have been busy preparing for Christmas. The "Raise" S.S. have been preparing a small Nativity play to be given on 30th December. The two schools at Church prepared a "Christmas Mime," a Nativity service of carols and hymns, the reading of the Christmas stories and the acting of the stories by the children of the Sunday Schools assisted by the Methodist Sunday School, the Scouts and Guides. The Rangers formed the choir.

The service took place on the afternoon of 23rd December when the centre of the Church was filled with parents, friends and many visitors, all of whom joined heartily in the singing of the carols.

Toys which were offered at the Manger have been sent to Sunday Schools in poor parishes in London.

#### GUIDE NEWS.

Each year all in the Guide Movement plan "Christmas Good Turns" which are our offering, our Christmas gift, to the Christ Child.

Ours was, the same as last year, a party for the "two to five

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years old," and was held on the 15th December. Owing to the return of the evacuees and the illness of some of the young guests our numbers were greatly reduced, but sixteen guests arrived in spite of a wet, foggy day. They and their hostesses enjoyed a large Christmas tea, a large tea! and carols and games. In spite of the fears of one very small guest, who doubted the arrival of Father Christmas because the Rectory Room chimney was not the proper shape! That gentleman did arrive and gave presents to everyone, old and young, leaving presents for our ten wee guests who could not attend the party. On leaving for home each guest received a block of chocolate off the Christmas tree and a piece of Christmas cake. May we offer our grateful thanks to all parents and friends who helped us to supply such a marvellous tea for the little ones and to those who helped at the party.

BAPTISM.— Nov. 25. Elizabeth Hilda Wilson.

#### MARRIAGES.

- Dec. 1. Thomas William Thompson and Sarah Catherine Green.  
 „ 12. Denis Walter Bailey and Nancy Hope Hodgson.  
 „ 15. Richard Joseph McKenna and Mary Elizabeth Pape.

#### MOTHERS' UNION.

There will be a meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday, January 16th, at 2-30 p.m., in the Rectory Room. The speaker will be Miss Margaret Cropper.

#### CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Nov. 25.	6	7	4	Dioc. Quota	Dec. 16.	4	19	4 Church Exp.
Dec. 2.	4	18	10	Church Exp.	„ 23.	3	16	0 „ „
„ 9.	8	6	2	Dioc. Quota	„ 25.	14	18	5 Part Sunday School: part Church Exp.

#### RAINFALL.

At last this phenomenal year has given us a record: the driest November for at least 55 years. The rainfall was .44 inches. On two occasions only in this period has the rainfall of any month been less: .22 in June, 1905, and .11 in February, 1930.

For November the record is an outstanding one. On five occasions only has the November rainfall been less than 3 inches, the previous lowest fall being 2.29 in 1942; in twenty-two years out of the fifty-five the rainfall has been over 10", in twelve years it has been over 14" and eight times November has had the greatest day's rainfall in the year.

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