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LENT.

Ash Wednesday falls on March 6th, and so the season of Lent begins. Each Wednesday in Lent there will be special intercessions following Evensong at 6 p.m., and on Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion at 8 a.m. It had been hoped that a sufficient number of copies of the Church Assembly Report on the Conversion of England would be available by now, so that a Discussion Group on that subject could be formed. As these unfortunately are not yet obtainable the Rector will preach on the subject of the Report at Evensong on Sundays during Lent, and we shall hope for opportunities of discussion later.

GRASMERE WAR COMFORTS FUND.

After operating since Christmas 1939, Grasmere War Comforts Fund has now closed down.

A meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to finally consider the allocation of the balance of £42 : 9 : 3 remaining in the fund.

After careful deliberation a resolution was proposed and seconded, and passed unanimously, that this sum should be apportioned as a War Comforts gift, to those members of His Majesty's Forces truly domiciled in Grasmere, who were still serving at the conclusion of hostilities in August last.

At the Hon. Secretary's suggestion, it was further resolved that a Sub-committee, to consist of the Hon. Treasurer and three members of the Council should be appointed with executive powers to allocate this gift.

CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation Service will be held this year at Grasmere, on Saturday, March 30th at 3 p.m., and will be taken by the Assistant Bishop. It is hoped that there will be a good gathering of parishioners in Church and especially that parents, god-parents and friends of candidates will do their best to be present.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The last meeting of the season will be held in the Rectory Room on Wednesday, March 20th, at 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Ewbank, of Bassenthwaite, has promised to be the speaker and we hope for a good attendance of members to hear her.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

SCOUT AND GUIDE NEWS.

In January the Cubs and Scouts both held their Christmas suppers and since then have been busy with test-work. Several Cubs have almost completed their 1st Star and in Scouts G. Wilson and B. Bunting have completed their Pathfinder Badge.

In Guides, two new recruits Olive Mason and Mary MacMorrow completed their Tenderfoot Tests and have been enrolled.

In Rangers all have been busy with their Pre-enrolment Test. Sir J. O'Dowda and the Rector very kindly came and spoke on the different parts of the Promise. On 20th February came the great day when in the presence of Mrs. Macan, County Ranger Adviser; Miss Kelly, District Commissioner for Guides; Mr. Hulgrave, District Commissioner for Scouts; the Rector — Lady O'Dowda, County Commissioner for Guides, enrolled the first Rangers of the new 1st Grasmere Company, Sheila Smith, Eleanor Thompson, Margaret and Kathleen Harrison, Margaret Allonby, Sadie Oprey, Jess Swalwell and Eva Sanderson. The ceremony was followed by games and supper. The evening closed with speeches from the visitors wishing the new Company good luck in the future.

Guides and Rangers are now busy preparing for their Annual Sale which will be held in April. During the past four years over £70 has been given from our sales to various objects — Red Cross, War Comforts, Guide International Service (which is working on Relief Work in Europe) and to Scout and Guide Memorial Funds in memory of our Founder, the late Lord Baden Powell. This year we are going to use the result of the Sale to build up our own Company Funds and would be glad of any rummage or materials for handwork, which will be collected by any member of the Companies.

MARRIAGES.

- Feb. 16. Geoffrey Basil Curtis and Mary Thompson Youdell.
" 23. Charles Peter Wayne and Ena Dixon.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Jan. 27.	£2	18	5	Church Expenses
Feb. 3.	£3	7	0	" "
" 10.	£3	10	10	" "
" 17.	£7	8	7	" "
" 24.	£4	7	7	" "

RAINFALL.

Rainfall for January, 16.58 inches. Rain fell on 17 days.

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