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QUATER-CENTENARY OF THE PRAYER BOOK

Sunday, June 19th, will be observed in churches throughout the country as a day of thanksgiving for the Book of Common Prayer, which reaches this month, its 400th anniversary.

The first English Prayer Book was ordered by King Edward VI with the authority of Parliament, to be used "in His Majesty's realm of England and Wales" not later than Whit-Sunday, 1549, or "if the book may be had earlier, then three weeks after a copy had been procured." The earliest dated copies which survive are those of March 7th, and it may be taken for granted that by June every church in the land was using it. There were several editions, and minor alterations and additions were made. Not until 1662 did the Prayer Book assume precisely the form in which we now know it. But in all essentials, and largely under the direction of the genius of Archbishop Cranmer, the 1549 Prayer Book remained the basis of the worship of the English church, and next to the Bible, its most treasured possession. Its influence has penetrated to almost every part of the world. It is the foundation on which many other Prayer Books have been built, in America and in every part of the British Empire, and prayers from it may frequently be heard in many churches which would not claim to be part of the "Anglican Communion."

It is therefore fitting that we should, on June 19th, reconsider our debt to this book, and give thanks for the influence for good which it has exerted over millions during the last four centuries.

PREACHERS IN JUNE.

On Sunday June 26th, the preacher will be :

10-30 a.m. The Rev. Canon J. S. Bezzant, Chancellor of Liverpool Cathedral.

6- 0 p.m. The Bishop of Penrith.

BAPTISM.

May 8. Paul Michael Hebson.

MARRIAGE.

May 25. John Lancelot Gibson and Rosemary Belwood

BURIALS.

May 3. Jess Swalwell, aged 18 years.

May 10. May Esther Churchman, aged 69 years.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

THE RUSHBEARING.

The Rushbearing takes place on Saturday, August 6th. Details will be announced in next month's Magazine. Meanwhile the Committee wish it to be known that they are hoping to provide tea this year (on Monday, August 8th), for the Rushbearers and for the mothers of Rushbearers under the age of 5. It is not yet felt to be possible to provide tea for the general public.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

May 1.	£5	17	6	Church Expenses.
„ 8.	£5	18	8	„ „
„ 15.	£7	6	7	„ „
„ 22.	£9	13	0	„ „
„ 29.	£6	4	8	„ „

RAINFALL.

Rain fell in April on 23 days, making a total of 9.13 inches.

BROWNIE, GUIDE AND RANGER NEWS.

Dorothy Benson, Joan Martin and Freda Wilson have the honour of being the first three Brownies to gain the "Golden Hand" badge the Brownie 1st Class. Their final tests were taken by Miss P. Partridge, District Commissioner on May 18th. Brenda Kendall and Betty Allonby have been enrolled as Brownies, and there are two new Brownie recruits.

In Guides, Joan Hardisty and June Palmer have passed their "Laundress" Proficiency Badge. The annual camp is to be at Waddow Hall in August.

Rangers offer their sincere sympathy to the parents, brothers and sisters of Jess Swallow on their sudden sad bereavement. Jess was a Guide and later one of the original Rangers enrolled at the first company enrolment. She was one of the two Rangers to represent the Company at the All England Rally in 1946.

Parents of all members are invited to the "Flying up" ceremony of Freda Wilson who being now 11 years old passes from Brownies to Guides. There will be an evening of games, etc., 7-9 p.m., on June 8th, in the Rectory Room.

SCOUT "ROB-A-JOB" WEEK.

The Scouts are very grateful to all the good people who provided jobs for scouts and offer sincere apologies to those people who expected a visit from the boys in vain. It was found that there were more jobs in Grasmere than 25 boys could cope with in a week and even with extended time many houses were missed. Financially the effort was most successful and nearly £18 was raised a portion of which is returned from H.Q. to our troop funds.

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