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CHRISTMAS.

The Rector sends best wishes for a very happy Christmas to all readers of the magazine, and would draw attention to the following arrangements which are being made at church for the Christmas season :—

The church will be decorated on Wednesday morning, December 24th, when we shall be grateful for any gifts of suitable evergreens. Evensong for Christmas Eve will be said at 6 p.m. and the Crib and Christmas Tree dedicated. Children, in particular, are welcome at this short service.

On CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday, December 25th, there will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. Sung Matins will be as usual at 10-30 a.m., but there will be no Evening Service. The collections at all services will be primarily for our Sunday Schools, but if the total exceeds £10, the balance will go towards the Three Years' Action Fund.

On St. Stephen's Day and St. John the Evangelist's Day (December 26th and 27th) Holy Communion will be at 10-30 a.m.

On Sunday, December 28th, services will be at the usual hours, but the Evening service at 6 p.m. will be the annual CAROL SERVICE of Nine Lessons and Carols, and there will be no sermon.

THREE YEARS' ACTION.

The Bishop refers (in the Carlisle Diocesan News enclosed) to a series of "Ingathering Services" to be held this month at various centres. Our nearest centre is ST. MARY'S, WINDERMERE, and the money we have already raised for Three Years' Action will be handed to the Bishop personally (in token form, since a cheque for £250 has already been sent in). The time of the service has been altered since the "Diocesan News" was printed to 6-30 p.m. on DECEMBER 18th, and it is the Bishop's particular wish that Churchwardens, Parochial Church Councillors and a really representative number of contributors and Church members should be present. Will you please do your best to attend, and will those going by car kindly offer lifts? It will be a help to the Vicar of St. Mary's if he can know in advance the approximate numbers from each parish who hope to be present. Will you therefore please notify the Rector or either Warden as you may happen to meet them of your intention to be there.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 2-30 p.m. in the Rectory Room, and the speaker will be Mrs. Blagden.

GRASMERE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

A Social Evening will be held on Thursday, 4th December. Lady Chance will give a talk, illustrated by lantern slides on "A Visit to South Africa."

It is proposed to hold the Children's Party on Saturday, January 3rd, in the Grasmere Hall, 3-30 to 6 p.m. All children in Grasmere under 14 will be welcome, BUT ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. Names of children, other than those attending Grasmere School, should be sent to Mr. Hildrew, School House, by 15th December. Donations towards expenses will be gratefully received and should be sent to Miss Campbell, Ball Dale. It is hoped that those who have kindly given their services in the past will again help. Offers of assistance should be made to Mrs. Moberly, Stubdale.

BAPTISM.

23 November—Janet Allonby.

BURIAL.

4 November—Jane Knowles, aged 71 years.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—NOVEMBER.

2—	£ 6	2	3.	Church Expenses.
9—	£15	12	0.	(Of which £9 for Earl Haig's Fund, and £1 12s. for Ex-Services' Welfare Society).
16—	£ 6	0	4.	Church Expenses.
23—	£ 4	3	2.	„
30—	£ 2	9	9	„

RAINFALL.

9.67 inches of rain fell on 24 days in October, and 5.38 inches on 14 days in November. Year's total to date 68.58 inches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Annual Carol Tableaux Service and Gift Service will be held on Sunday, December 21st, at 2-30 p.m. in the Rectory Room. Toys, books and other gifts brought will be sent to London for Sunday Schools in poor parishes.

NO Sunday School on December 28th.

Crib Service in Church on Sunday, 4th January, 1953, at 2-30 p.m.

All children and parents are invited to these services.

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

My Dear People,

You will see below the places and times where Ingathering Services will be held about the middle of December. I hope that all parishes will be well represented whether or not they are able to present offerings.

The "Three Years' Action" means action through prayer, service and giving, and I am most anxious that it should be the means of deepening our devotion to Jesus Christ, heightening our sense of responsibility for spreading the Gospel and giving us a clearer awareness of our membership one of another as people and parishes in the fellowship of Christ's Church.

We must see this work of providing for the spiritual needs of our people as God's claim upon us. It is our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to spread His Kingdom and we can only do it through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.

I exhort you all to prayer and invite you to attend one of these services that we may pray together, make our offerings and commit ourselves more deeply to Our Lord and His Church.

Below is published a statement concerning the future of Rose Castle which I made at the Diocesan Conference.

By the time you read this letter, the great Festival of Christmas will be drawing near. My wife joins me in sending you our warmest greetings and good wishes for your happiness.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



Three Years' Action

INGATHERING SERVICES

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| December | 8th at 7-30 p.m.—St. George's, Barrow-in-Furness. |
| " | 11th at 5-30 p.m.—The Cathedral. |
| " | 12th at 7-0 p.m.—St. Nicholas', Whitehaven. |
| " | 17th at 7-0 p.m.—St. Andrew's, Penrith. |
| " | 18th at 7-30 p.m.—St. Mary's, Windermere. |

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Diocesan Finance

Lt.-Col. C. H. F. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Finance, presented the Estimate for 1953 at the Diocesan Conference.

THE Diocesan Estimate for 1953 does not call for much comment as the amount of the grants, with some small variations, follow closely those presented a year ago. The reason for this is that the year 1953 is the last of the triennium for which the Quota is stabilised, and the budget has perforce been limited to the 1952 total of £9,450

I hope you will bear with me when I use a few words about the future. I think that all members of this Conference will be aware that when preparing the estimate for 1954 next year it will be necessary to ask for a considerable increase in the Quota assessment. From what I have already said it will be apparent that the Diocese is committed to large obligations under the headings of Training for the Ministry and the Equipment of Training Colleges. I will not detain you by going into detailed figures now but I think you may anticipate that the minimum increase on the budget in 1954 will be in the neighbourhood of £2,000, made up as follows:—

Training—£2,063.

Maintenance (i.e. curates)—£900.

Pensions—£100.

Church Property—£300.

Education—£250. (Diocesan Contribution to Barchester Scheme for Aided Schools).

Training Colleges—£1,350.

Added to the present Quota of £8,550 this would mean a 1954 Quota amounting to £13,550, representing an increase of 58 per cent.

There is one important item of Church finance which I have not yet mentioned—Clergy stipends. In the past no provision for stipends has been made in the diocesan estimate. Augmentation has been provided through generous grants from Central Funds,

our own Diocesan Incomes Fund and Scheme K in the parishes.

The question whether grants towards stipends should be included in the budget is of supreme importance, and the matter will be the subject of careful investigation by the Administration Committee of the Board during the coming year. There are arguments for and against, but at the moment it is impossible to give any accurate estimate of this further need because the question of the continuation of Scheme K or something like it has not yet been decided, although the Diocese will receive a block allocation which can be used for this purpose. We do not yet know the full extent of the action now being considered by Parochial Church Councils in accordance with the Archbishop's statement on £500 net. I am glad to say that some response is being received to the appeal made by the Laymen's Committee, but if it is decided that some provision towards stipend augmentation will have to be made in the budget, this will, of course, entail a still further increase in the Quota assessments.

All these matters will, as I have said, be the subject of a careful survey of existing resources and future needs which will be undertaken by the Administration Committee of the Board during the next six months, and which will be the subject of a special Report to the Conference.

The response to the Quota has almost become stabilised at 100 per cent. and I feel confident that when the time comes for the parishes to undertake still further obligations to assist the necessary work of the Church in the Diocese and generally the response will be as prompt and generous as it has been in the past. I have much pleasure in presenting the 1953 Estimates.

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