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Vergeer : Mr. HIRD KENDALL.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of John Martindale Thompson within a few weeks of his resignation of the post of Verger of Grasmere Church which he had held since 1935. He died peacefully, after a short illness, on 13th December, at the age of 75.

Though his long and intimate associations with Langdale were never forgotten, it was probably at Grasmere that he became most widely known, through his daily attendance at Church, not only to local residents but to the crowds of summer visitors, who never failed to appreciate his quiet courtesy and unobtrusive kindness. It might be said that, in his later years, he had three outstanding interests : first, his family and home, to which he was deeply and tenderly devoted; music, of which he had a much wider and more critical knowledge than was always realised by those who only knew him casually; and his Church, whose history and traditions he knew so well and which he served so long.

At the last Church Council meeting held in December, when his resignation was announced, it was unanimously resolved that parishioners and friends who read this magazine be asked to subscribe, through the churchwardens or any sidesman, to a Testimonial to be presented to him in token of his long and faithful services. Though he did not live to receive it personally, he had, happily, been told that this gesture was shortly to be made, and it is still hoped that all who remember him with respect or affection will respond to this request as soon as possible, and that Mrs. Thompson will be willing to accept, in his name, our combined token of regard and sympathy.

THE VERGER

Before the news of Mr. Thompson's death was received, it had already become known that Mr. Hird Kendall had been asked to succeed him as Verger. We are confident that the appointment will be greeted with widespread satisfaction in Grasmere.

MOTHERS' UNION

The JANUARY meeting will be a Social Meeting and will be held on THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1952, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Rectory Room. All members are invited, and each member may bring two visitors. All who come are asked to contribute to the refreshments for themselves and for their visitors.

The FEBRUARY meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1952, at 2-30 p.m. when the Rector will speak to us on The Bible. I hope that all members will make a special effort to come to this meeting.—E. H. Blagden, Enrolling Member.

GRASMERE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

At the Social Evening, 10th January, at 7-30 in Grasmere Hall, an illustrated talk on GEESE and LAPLAND will be given by Mr. Julian Taylor. Doors close 7-30, re-open 8-15.

The Children's Party will be held in the Hall on 5th January from 3-30 to 6 p.m. ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—DECEMBER

2—£3 18	4.	Church Expenses.
9—£3 15	11.	„
16—£4 19	9	„
23—£5 14	2	„
25—£16 4	4	Sunday Schools.

DIOCESAN LEAFLET.

The publication of the monthly "Diocesan Gazette" ceased with the December issue, and in its place a shorter and more modest "Diocesan Leaflet" is to be published, which it is hoped may have a wider circulation. Without raising the cost of the Parish Magazine we are proposing to include a leaflet with each copy, so that news of diocesan and wider interest may reach every reader. Some may like to make a voluntary contribution to the additional cost involved, in which case 2/6 per annum (handed to your Magazine Distributor or to Mr. Abbott) would be a great help, but we do not propose to make this a fixed charge, nor shall we expect anyone to pay it who does not quite freely offer it as an additional subscription.

CONFIRMATION.

A Confirmation will be held in Grasmere in the Spring. The names of any who would like to attend classes should be given to the Rector soon.

RAINFALL

Rain fell on 26 days in November, a total of 20.21 inches. This has only twice been exceeded in 60 years. The average fall over the last 60 years has been a little over 10 inches.

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