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KING GEORGE VI.

Everything that can be said about the King and in tribute to his memory has already been said, in the Press, from the pulpit, over the wireless. The shock of his unexpected death in middle life has brought home to the whole nation a vivid realisation of the staunch qualities of character which won him first the respect, then the confidence, and at last, in full measure, the true and loyal affection of his people. It remains only for us to record that Grasmere took its full share in honouring the King's memory both on the day of his funeral at Windsor (Friday, February 15th) when there was Holy Communion at 8, and a short Memorial Service (attended by the children of Grasmere School, and many others) at 3 o'clock; and again at the crowded Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, February 17th, which was attended by members of the British Legion, and at which Bishop Blagden was the preacher. Almost the whole of the late king's reign was a time of crisis and national difficulty, and we, the ordinary folk, have been deeply grateful to remember that all through the harsh and baffling years we have had, at the centre of our national life, a man of steadfast character, remarkable for his devotion to duty, his love of home and simple ways, his high Christian standards. Let our prayer for the new reign, now begun, be that it may not only be "long and prosperous" but that in it, Queen and people together, may dedicate themselves afresh to the same high causes to which King George VI put his hand so faithfully.

THE ORGANIST

Probably before the next Magazine appears our new organist, Mr. W. E. Warner, will have arrived to make his home in Grasmere. The occasion must not pass without an expression of deep and sincere thanks to those who have made it possible, during the last five years, for the musical parts of our services to be maintained. It was at Easter, 1947, on the retirement of Mr. Sidebotham and his removal from Grasmere, that Mr. Noble first began his weekly journey from Kendal on Sunday mornings, and it was at the same time that, with occasional help from Mr. Geoffrey Singleton, Miss Williams took charge of the organ at the evening service. We shall not be saying "goodbye" to either of them, but this seems an appropriate moment for expressing our warmest thanks for so much willing help through some difficult years.

Mr. Warner, who is a Bachelor of Music of Durham University, is a retired schoolmaster with a long-standing love of Grasmere. He comes to us from St. Osyth, in Essex, but was formerly organist at St. Nicholas, Radford, Coventry, when the present Bishop of Singapore was Vicar there, and left only when that church was

totally destroyed by enemy action during the war. We are confident that parishioners and friends will do all they can to make Mr. and Mrs. Warner welcome in Grasmere.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes are now taking place on Sunday afternoons at 2-30 p.m. If there are any more who would like to attend, with a view to Confirmation on May 11th at Grasmere, their names should be handed in without delay.

MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19th, at 2-30 p.m. in the Rectory Room, and the speaker will be Bishop Blagden. Subject: "Prayer and the Sacraments."

There will be a Corporate Communion on the Feast of Annunciation (Tuesday, March 25th), at 10-30 a.m.

GRASMERE CHORAL SOCIETY

A sale of new and second-hand goods, in aid of funds, will be held in the Rectory Room on Saturday, March 15th, at 2-30 p.m. Articles for the sale can be left at the Rectory.

BURIAL

30th January, 1952—James Lomas, aged 78 years.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

3rd Feb.—£3	1	9.	Church Expenses.
10th Feb.—£3	12	9.	"
17th Feb.—£7	17	4.	"
24th Feb.—£5	4	11.	"

RAINFALL

8.04 inches of rain fell in January on 18 days.

SCOUTS

The scout concert, rather badly affected by an enforced change of date, raised a sum of about £8 for the group funds. It is hoped to use more of this money together with funds raised during Bob-a-Job week to keep the cost of the summer camp within the pockets of all boys so that the whole troop may go to camp.

"Bob-a-Job" week is the week before Easter, April 5th-April 12th. During this week scouts will be asking for jobs they can do to earn money for the movement. This year we are asked to earn "an extra bob for an extra job" so that we may send at least two shillings for every scout to I. H. Q. to help finance the movement.

Out of the remainder of the money earned some goes to county funds and the rest is for the group. Will anyone who can make use of the services of a scout or scouts in this week please inform Mr. Hildrew at the school, or Mr. Colwell at the post office and the scouts will endeavour to cope with all demands.

Carlisle Diocesan News

FROM THE BISHOP

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am writing this letter at a time when we are all deeply grieved by the sudden death of His Majesty, King George VI. The Nation and Commonwealth mourns, but it is more than general mourning for there is a sense of individual and personal loss as though a true friend had passed out of sight.

The King's greatness was in his Christian character and in his care for his people. We think of him as a King, called unexpectedly to the Throne, noble and true, who gave himself with complete devotion to his arduous duties. We also think of him as a husband and father setting before his people a pattern of happy Christian family life.

It was the combination of these qualities which won our hearts and which will make him memorable in the history of our turbulent times. We thank God for a good King who bore witness to his Christian faith in his public and private life. Well would it be for our nation if more of our people followed his example.

I place on record the loving sympathy of us all in this diocese, with the Queen, the Queen Mother, Queen Mary and all the Royal Family, and I ask all of you to support them by your prayers.

We offer our love and loyalty to our young Queen, whom we have watched growing from childhood to maturity and motherhood, with increasing admiration for the steadfastness of purpose with which she has prepared herself for this great hour. She will need our prayers and I ask all of you to pray for her, both individually in your home, and corporately in the services of your parish church.

In our prayers we shall also remember her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, that he may have the grace of God for the position and duties to which he is called.

May God bless them both in their home and in their service to this Nation and Commonwealth.

It is at such solemn times as these that we realise afresh the wisdom of our Church in ordering, in the Prayer Book, special prayers to be said every day for the Queen and all who are set in authority under her.

This wisdom is also seen in providing such a season as Lent, to bid us see our lives in the light of eternity, that we may prepare ourselves by self-examination and discipline to render true service here on earth and fit ourselves for fuller service in heaven.

Yours sincerely,



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Clergy and Teachers

THE Bishop's Clergy School will be held at Irton Hall, Holmrook, on September 22—26, 1952. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will preside. The lecturers will be the Very Reverend the Dean of Carlisle and Canon L. Hodgson, D.D. Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford.

Clergy are asked to make a note of the date at once. Those who have never yet attended the Bishops' School, as well as those who have attended in the past, are invited to consider coming this time.

A prospectus and booking form will be sent to all clergy of the Diocese in due course. Please do not attempt to book until you receive this. The charge will be £2 16s. od. for the four days. The Secretary is the Reverend Lionel du Toit, St. Mary's Vicarage, Windermere.

THE COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S WORK invites clergy, teachers, and others interested in the work of religious education to consider attending the SUMMER SCHOOL at Derwent Hill, Keswick, for the weeks July 26—August 2, and August 2—9. Notices and forms of application will soon be circulated in the parishes.

Lectures are in the mornings, afternoons are free, and various activities happen in the evenings.

The cost is £3 os. od. for one week; those requiring single rooms pay £3 10s. od. Early application is advisable. Miss V. Medd (Church House, Carlisle) will be happy to answer enquiries.

Church Finances

SOME friends of the Church may still be unaware of a scheme by which additional financial help can be given *without extra cost to subscribers*.

The scheme is as follows:—

1. By a special provision of the Finance Act, a Subscriber who covenants to continue a subscription for seven years enables the Parochial Church Council or the Diocese to recover

Income Tax on the amount of the subscription.

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4. A specimen Deed of Covenant can be obtained from the secretary of the P.C.C. in your parish or from Mr. J. R. Lister, Church House, Carlisle. There is no inconvenience or expense to the subscriber.

This scheme is commended for use in the parishes of the Diocese and in connection with the THREE YEARS' ACTION FUND.

Appointments

THE Rev. D. Court, Curate of Penrith, to the Vicarage of Holme Cultram. Patrons—Oxford University.

The Rev. J. Davidson, Priest-in-Charge of St. Stephen, Carlisle, to the Vicarage of Flimby. Patron—the Bishop.

The Reverend William Hartley, Vicar of Seascale, to the United Benefice of Kirkandrews-on-Eden with Beaumont and Grinsdale. Patron—the Earl of Lonsdale.

The Reverend R. Newsam, Rector of Beeford with Lissett and Dunnington, Diocese of York, to the Perpetual Curacy of Martindale. Patrons—Trustees of the late Lt. Comdr. W. H. Parkin.

The Reverend W. R. M. Chaplin, Vicar of Haverthwaite, to the Benefices of St. Lawrence, Appleby and St. Michael, Appleby, held in plurality with Murton-cum-Hilton. Patrons—The Dean and Chapter.

The Reverend W. F. Ewbank, Vicar of Ings, Kendal, to the Benefice of Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale—Peache Trustees.

The Reverend J. E. Bebb, Vicar of St. Mary, Lower Ince, Wigan, Diocese of Liverpool, to the United Benefice of Silloth, Christ Church with St. Paul, Causeway Head—Simeon's Trustees.

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