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## CHURCH ELECTIONS.

At the annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings held on April 16th, the Churchwardens and Sidesmen (whose names appear on the front cover of the magazine) were all re-elected to serve for another year.

The following parochial lay representatives were also elected:

To the Ruri-decanal Conference—Miss Read and Mr. Abbott.

To the Parochial Church Council: Mrs. Rawnsley, Mr. Penny Peel, Mr. Sharp, Sir James O'Dowda, Sir Robert Ewbank, Miss Squance, Mr. and Mrs. Macalpine, Mr. E. J. Wilson, Mrs. Moberly, Miss Barton, Mrs. Marston.

## CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation Service on Sunday, May 11th, will be combined with Evensong at 6 p.m., and will be taken by Bishop Blagden. It is very much hoped that there may be a really representative congregation of parishioners present in Church on this occasion, in addition to parents, godparents and personal friends of candidates. A few candidates from the parish of Brathay will also be presented.

ROGATION SUNDAY (often nowadays popularly called "Farm" Sunday) falls on May 18th. Services will be at the usual hours but will include prayers for all engaged in agriculture.

ASCENSION DAY falls on Thursday, May 22nd. There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and 10-30 a.m. and a School Service at 9-30 a.m.

WHIT SUNDAY falls on June 1st. Holy Communion 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. Matins and Evensong at the usual hours. Children's Service 2-30 p.m.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

April

- 6 £7 8s. 2d. Church Expenses.
- 11 £2 9s. 11d. do.
- 11 £3 4s. 1d. Jerusalem and the East Mission.
- 13 £82 2s. 7d. Easter Offering.
- 20 £12 8s. 7d. Church Expenses.
- 27 £9 17 8 do.

The Rector wishes to express his sincere thanks to all who contributed, for the generous gift made him in the Easter Offering.

## MOTHERS' UNION.

A Bring and Buy Sale for the Funds of the Mothers' Union will be held at The Wray on Wednesday, 11th June, 1952, at 2-30 p.m. Please Come and Help the Mothers' Union.

## SCOUTS.

The Scout Troop will go to Muncaster Head, in Eskdale at Whitsuntide. Bob a Job Week realised over £17.

### BAPTISM.

April 6 Pauline Anne Rowlandson.

### MARRIAGE.

April 26 Geoffrey Duke Hay and Kathleen Robey.

### BURIALS.

April 2 Robert Hodgson Procter, aged 84 years.

„ 12 Catherine Lois Rosalind Brandreth, aged 79 years.

„ 8 The ashes of Frank Ward, aged 64 years.

„ 29 The ashes of Christina Dearman Hills, aged 89.

### IN MEMORIAM.

We express sincere sympathy with the families and closer friends of all those whose deaths we have to record this month. Easdale, in particular, has suffered of late. Since we recorded, in October, the death of Mrs. Fothergill, whose friends both at Church and in the parish still miss her deeply, two of her nearest neighbours—like herself staunch Church members—have passed on within a few weeks of each other. Miss Hills and Mr Procter were both formerly keen members of Grasmere Church Choir, and their links with the life of Church and parish were deep and intimate.

Christina Dearman Hills, after being brought up in the Society of Friends, became a member of the Church of England, and was confirmed, in adult life. She remained to the end a devout communicant, and, in the meaning of the (true) word, a “disciple.” Her critical mind, often rebellious against conventional points of view, remained open to the last to fresh aspects of truth—eager to learn and to understand. Profoundly interested in the advancement of education, she was an early supporter of the Workers' Educational Association, and in later life remained, for some 17 years, a Manager of Grasmere School. Her interest in the National Trust, and in many other good causes, is well known. But, beyond these public concerns, she will be remembered, by those who knew and loved her best, for her own distinctive personality, with its rare combination of humour and gentleness, deliberate courtesy and deep simplicity, which one does not expect to meet elsewhere.

### KING'S MESSENGERS.

The Rummage Sale in the Rectory Room in April raised £14. We sent £12 to Manoharpur, in the Diocese of Chota Nagpur, India, for educational purposes, and to the Diocese of Lebombo, Africa, for the Maciene Hospital. The remainder is for our own fund for books, etc.

The trip planned for 10th May to Barrow to see “The Centurion” has proved to be very popular and the coach is now fully booked.

# May, 1952.

Here in Grasmere we have inherited a church, ancient and renowned, of which we are proud. In six new housing areas, where in each there is, or soon will be, a population of 8000, a church must be provided. After much consideration a design of a Church-cum-Hall has been selected. The people in these new parishes are making great efforts to raise the necessary money: in one £2,600 has been collected in six months, in another 95% of the house-holders are giving a weekly contribution, but the total cost is higher than they can achieve un-aided. £60,000 is needed, and every parish throughout the diocese is asked to help in due proportion. The sum expected from Grasmere is £525. The Bishop will visit various centres in the diocese before the end of this year to receive the offerings.

If we can only realize the need, we shall have the will and the power to do our part. Will you ask yourself what you can give? remembering the privileges—gifts of God—which we have ourselves. Several contributions have already been offered, among others a donation of £25, and a promise of 3d. a week from Easter till the end of 1952.

Donations should be sent *as soon as possible* to the Hon. Treasurer, JOHN ABBOTT, Esq., Meadow Brow, Grasmere.

P.T.O.

If you would prefer to give a small sum weekly or monthly till end of year and will inform the Hon. Treasurer, arrangement can be made for collection.

R. C. TAIT,

*Rector.*

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W. J. BARTON,

} *Churchwardens.*

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} *Parochial Church Councillors.*

# Carlisle Diocesan News

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MAY, 1952

FROM THE BISHOP

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The circulation of the Diocesan News has reached over 25,000 a month and is still increasing. This is very gratifying and fully justifies the enterprise of the Publications Committee. In order that the News may be printed in time for insertion in parish magazines, it is necessary for my letter and other material to be with the printer by the 4th of the previous month. Thus, my letter for May has to be written about the beginning of April.

This makes reference to current events difficult, as anything written may be out of date by the time it is circulated, yet now and then it is desirable if not essential to write about such events in the light of, or in relation to, the Christian Faith and work of the Church.

We have become so accustomed to crises in our country that we run the risk of regarding them complacently. One young man recently told me that he could not remember a world without crises and wondered what his elders had in mind when they talked of normal times!

We have been passing through an explosive age, but it is time we emerged from recurring financial crises in this country and it is to be hoped that whatever measures may be necessary for this end will be taken with boldness and speed. Unless this is done there is the danger that confidence in economists, financiers and politicians will be completely undermined and will give way to general cynicism. It is surely time that the people of this country gained the stability and strength that come from being self supporting and independent before the world.

I believe that this end can be gained by honest hard work, thrift, self discipline and a heightened sense of social and moral responsibility on the part of all, even in spite of world influences upon our national economy and I do not believe it can be gained without these virtues.

The financial crises have affected greatly the work of the Church. Had it not been for them, the problem of clerical poverty might now have been solved, but every increase in stipends has been wiped out by rising costs. This will be the subject

before the lay house of the Diocesan Conference next June when the afternoon session will be devoted to the consideration of the "Archbishop's Appeal to the laity."

While the laity confer on this matter, I wish to meet the clergy to consider questions of primary concern for the spiritual work of the Church in the diocese. Any of the clergy who wish to bring up questions or problems of fundamental importance to their work may send them to their Archdeacon. I cannot, of course, promise to deal with all such questions, but I will confer with the Archdeacons and select those which are of widest or deepest concern.

Yours sincerely,

*Thomas Carlisle*

## Diocesan Notes

### Some of the Bishop's Engagements

May

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| 1—    | 3 p.m.     | Appleby. Institution.                         |
| 2—    | 11.15 a.m. | D.B.F.  |
| 7—    | 11 a.m.    | The Registry.                                 |
| 10—   | 6 p.m.     | Opening Youth Hostel, St. John's-in-the-Vale. |
| 11—   |            | Barrow. "Happy Families Exhibition."          |
| 13—   | 2.15 p.m.  | Carlisle Annual Meeting. Moral Welfare.       |
| 14—15 |            | York Convocation.                             |
| 20—   | 2.30 p.m.  | The Cathedral. M.U. Service.                  |
| 21—   | 11 a.m.    | The Registry.                                 |
| 22—   | 3 p.m.     | The Cathedral. Adult Confirmation.            |
| 28—   | 11 a.m.    | The Registry.                                 |
| 29—   | 6.30 p.m.  | Bowness-on-Solway C.                          |
| 30—   | 3 p.m.     | Casterton. C.                                 |

### Diocesan Quota

The amounts received from the Deaneries for last year show a splendid return from the Diocese of 99.7 per cent. of the £8,550 asked for. The Archdeaconry of Furness paid in full.

In accordance with the decision of the Diocesan Conference to stabilize the apportionments for three years, the Deanery figure for 1952 will be the same as that for 1951.

### The Women's Offering

The Services this year will be as follows:—

Dalton-in-Furness, June 30th at 2-45 p.m.; Penrith Parish Church, July 1st at 2-30 p.m.; Windermere St. John, July 16th at 2-30 p.m.; Milnthorpe Parish Church, September 17th at 2-30 p.m.; Cockermouth All Saints, September 22nd at 2-30 p.m.; The Cathedral, Carlisle, October 8th at 2-30 p.m.

### Three Years' Action

A leaflet setting out the needs of the diocese has been prepared and is available for use in the parishes. Enquiries about it should be addressed to Mrs. Riley, Burbank House, Blencowe, Penrith.

In last month's issue it was stated that the people of Belah, Carlisle had raised over £2,500. This referred, of course, to the whole parish of St. Michael, Stanwix.

### Trinity Appeal

The response last year to the Appeal towards the cost of training candidates for the Ministry was £692, received from 172 parishes. This means that approximately one third of the parishes in the Diocese made no contribution. It is earnestly desired that a vigorous appeal should be made again this year by all Incumbents.

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