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## IN MEMORIAM

The Right Reverend Claud Martin Blagden, D.D., formerly Bishop of Peterborough, died at The Wray on 7th September, at the age of 78.

Obituary notices in the national press have naturally dwelt, in the main, upon Bishop Blagden's public life, in which we, in Grasmere, were not privileged to have any part. Though he had known and loved this neighbourhood for half a century or more, and had, for many years, stayed here on holiday, few of us could claim to have known him well until his public life was over. But since he retired and came to live at The Wray in 1949, he had gained so rapid and so secure a place in our affection and esteem, that there can be few who do not share a sense of personal loss at his death. Always willing to help when called upon, he had been active, as he would have wished, to the last, and had taken services in August both in Grasmere and Kendal. Perhaps the two occasions when he took Confirmations in Grasmere will remain as specially cherished memories, for all who were present at them, of one whom we had come to regard, in an intimate and quite unofficial sense, as "our own" Bishop.

The sympathy and prayers of a very wide circle of Parishioners and friends will be with Mrs. Blagden in her bereavement.

A MISSIONARY EXHIBITION arranged by the Action Group of Hawkshead Parish Association of the Church Missionary Society, will be held in The Town Hall, Hawkshead, on 23rd, 24th and 25th October, from 2-30 to 9 p.m. each day.

The Openers will be :

- Oct. 23rd.—Rev. Howard Rose, Rector of Windermere. Chairman : The Bishop of Penrith.  
Oct. 24th—Mrs. Rawnsley of Allan Bank, Grasmere. Chairman : The Archdeacon of Westmorland.  
Oct. 25th—The Lord Bishop of Carlisle. Chairman : Canon W. E. Bradley, Rural Dean.

Exhibits from India, China, East and West Africa, Egypt and Persia will be on view in the Courts, together with photographs and diagrams of the Evangelistic, Medical, Educational and Industrial work of the C.M.S. The programme will be continuous, except for one short break at 5-20 and will consist of film strips, films based on India and Africa, two Missionary Plays by young people and children : "Poison for One" and "The Morning of the Sale." Talks in the Courts by a Missionary. The latest interesting books will be on sale of articles from countries overseas. Teas will be served from 3-45 at 1/- each. Admission by programmes or at the door 1/-, children with parents 3d.

The Vicar of Hawkshead and the Action Group sincerely hope that many from our parish will visit the Exhibition with a view to increasing interest in the world wide work of the Church, and they will give everyone a warm welcome. The 2 p.m. bus from Ambleside arrives at Hawkshead at 2-20 p.m.; it will be augmented.

### THREE YEARS' ACTION

The sum of £237 has now been subscribed by direct giving towards the £525 required.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The October meeting, which will be addressed by Miss M. V. Medd, organiser, Diocesan Council for children's work, will be held in the Rectory Rooms on Wednesday, 15th October, at 2-30 p.m.

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS—SEPTEMBER

7—£14	16	0.	Diocesan Quota.
14—£24	14	0.	Church Missionary Society.
21—£10	15	6.	Church Expenses.
28—£	8	12	1 Student Christian Movement.
—£	2	13	4 Church Expenses.

### RAINFALL

Rain fell on 20 days in September; a total fall of 8.40 inches. Total rainfall to date in 1952, 53.53 inches.

### GRASMERE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

The first Social Evening will be held at Grasmere Hall on Thursday, 2nd Oct., at 7-30. (Doors close 7-30, re-open 8-15). Lantern Lecture Mr. Carey Gillson, M.A., on his experiences at Lake Titicaca 12,500 ft. above sea level on the borders of Bolivia and Peru.

### SCHOOL

The football season has commenced again and the school team in its first two matches looked very ragged in the blue and white jerseys which are now almost completely worn out after many repairs by the girls in sewing lessons. A new set will cost approximately £5. Is there any well-wisher in the parish who would care to come to the rescue?

### SCOUTS

The troop began meetings again in full strength at the beginning of December. George Kirkby has now gained his first class badge and also the Green Cords, the first ever gained in the troop. Perhaps we shall have some Queen's Scouts shortly! He is now helping to run the troop.

The thanks of scouts and cubs are due to the parents' committee who organised a successful dance, now an annual event, which realised over £10 for the group funds.

# Carlisle Diocesan News

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OCTOBER, 1952

FROM THE BISHOP

My Dear Friends,

It is nearly twelve months since we started our diocesan "Three Years Action" to raise £60,000 for the building of new churches in new housing areas, and I have been asked several times in the last few weeks how the enterprise is proceeding, but I am not in a position to give any clear answer at present.

Our aim was to call the Church in the diocese to take action as a family to provide for the spiritual needs of people in new areas. Every parish was given a target as its contribution to the general fund and every parochial church council knows or should know what is the sum it is asked to raise. The initiative is left to the incumbent and parochial church council stimulated by the rural dean and representatives on the diocesan committee. The members of this committee are drawn from the rural deaneries and have the duty of arousing local interest and activity in the rural deanery in which they live.

The rural dean has the right to expect them to visit parishes to further the cause and members have the right to enquire from incumbents and councils what is being attempted in the parishes.

Where this has been done, then all depends on the parishes and I know of several parishes where the full amount has already been raised. One incumbent has written to tell me that his parish which aimed at raising £150 was so successful in its effort that it is sending in £250. We can hardly expect all parishes to do as well as that, but most parishes will surprise themselves when they make a keen effort. We have good grounds for being hopeful.

Two of the six churches have been built in the past twelve months at a cost of over £20,000. I dedicated St. Aidan's, Barrow-in-Furness, on 5th July and hope to dedicate St. Mark's, Carlisle, on 28th September before this letter is published.

In them men and women are meeting to join in the worship of Almighty God, children are being instructed in the Christian

faith and way of life, organisations for young and old are being formed, new homes in these new areas are being linked together by an assistant curate who cares for the people, ministers to the souls and seeks to serve them as a Christian community. God has given us this work to do and therefore it is His Call to us to provide for the spiritual needs of our brethren.

By the end of this year I hope to give a definite answer to the question of how we are progressing, for it is my intention to hold six "Ingathering Services" in six different parts of the diocese in the month of December to receive the offerings of the parishes. All parishes are asked to send representatives to one of these services bringing with them a parochial gift. Those parishes which send in their gifts to Church House before December—and it is hoped that many will do so—will receive a special receipt card for presentation at one of the services.

I think I ought to let you into a secret. It was my wish to ask the diocese to raise this £60,000 in two years, not three, but I was dissuaded by experienced and wise advisers. I still think that we could achieve our end in two years and I urge all parishes to go all out for a finish by the end of 1953. This indeed would be a great performance and if accomplished, my advisers would. I am sure, forgive me a moment of impish delight as we met to give thanks. To silence any suspecting friends I promise not to issue any additional appeal before the end of the third year!!

Yours sincerely,

*Thomas Carlhol*

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### THREE YEARS' ACTION

"Ingathering Services" provisionally arranged:

8th Dec.—	S. George's, Barrow
11th	„ The Cathedral
12th	„ Whitehaven
16th	„ Kendal
17th	„ Penrith
18th	„ Windermere

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