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THE RUSHBEARING

The Rushbearing takes place on Saturday, 8th August, the procession starting from Church at 5 p.m., followed by Evensong at which the Bishop of Singapore will be the preacher. Full details of the arrangements for Saturday, Sunday and Monday appeared in the July Magazine.

C.M.S SUNDAY

Dr. Harry Holland, who was our preacher on 'C.M.S.' Sunday last year, will be the preacher again on August 16th, both at Matins and Evensong, and all collections that day will be for the Church Missionary Society.

FROM CANON GUY ROGERS.

Grasmere Rectory,
27th July

Dear Friends,

It has been a great pleasure to me to be allowed to take services in your historic church and to do duty for my old curate your Rector to whom I owed so much in the past. The weather has not been kind to us but my wife and I have enjoyed a comfortable house with its unique library and our touch with so many interesting people. Everyone has been so helpful including wardens, organist and very specially your verger and his wife. We only hope we may have left as good an impression as we are taking away to our home in Wimbledon!—Yours sincerely,

T. GUY ROGERS.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—JULY.

- 5th—£16 9s. 5d., S.C.M. and S.P.C.K.
- 12th—£10 17s. 11d., Church Expenses.
- 19th—£13 14s. 2d., Church Expenses.
- 26th—£13 9s. 6d., Church Expenses.

TO ALL M.U. MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS.

The M.U. Sale will be held in the Rectory Room at 2-30 p.m., on Wednesday, 2nd September. Gifts of all kinds and cakes and sweets for the stall will be much appreciated and should be brought to the Rectory Room in the morning of 2nd September.

SCOUTS

The Scout Troop will be camping at the Lakeland Coronation Jamboree at Brathay Hall from 1st to 8th August. It is expected that 1,500 Scouts will be there and this district is acting as host to eight foreign scouts from the proceeds of our first rummage sale. On the Wednesday, open day, the Cubs will be visiting to take part in the Scouting Display in the afternoon. The whole event should prove a grand and lasting experience to all the boys.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following reports have been received from Rev. P. A. Apps, Warden of the Hostel at Manoharpur where our scholarship boys have been resident.

"James Horo took matric last year and gained a good pass. He has now left the Hostel and is at present acting as schoolmaster in his own village of Urming, some 20 miles north of Manoharpur. His mother is a widow. James has turned out well. He has quite a good brain, has worked hard, and proved himself reliable. It has been suggested that the district here will give him help to go to college, so he has gained good opinions elsewhere. Now that James' school career is over I must say thank you for all your help given over many years. Your gifts and prayers have borne fruit. Please praise God for this.

"Gabriel Bhengra sat for the matriculation examination of Patna University at the end of 1952, but he failed (but only in English). He intends to try again in 1954. He has plenty of perseverance. He was never specially bright, but always steady and a most faithful church monitor. We hope his perseverance will be rewarded with a pass next February. Thank you for all your help."

Many will remember the Rev. A. P. Apps being our preacher here for S.P.G. Sunday when he was over on leave a few years ago.

THE SCHOOL.

Although at the time of writing the School Prize and Sports Day has yet to be held, the winners of the principal prizes can be announced. The Green's Prize this year was won by Peter Hildrew with Richard Hardisty and Brian Preston second and third. The War Memorial Prize was won by Helen Hunter with Dorothy Benson and Peter Hildrew second and third. A reading prize presented by Lady O' Dowda was awarded to Peter Hildrew with Peter Hardisty second and a spelling prize presented by Mr. Robson went to Wallis Reekie with Daphne Armer and Peter Hildrew tying for second. Daphne Armer also won Mrs. Rawnsley Prize for an essay on Bird Observation and the Headmaster's Prize.

The Headmaster wishes to thank the many kind friends who helped provide prizes for the sports and school work.

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RETROSPECT

By Canon L. D. Mitton, M.A. (*Bowness-on-Solway*)

It was on July the first 1908, that Mrs. Mitton and I first came to live at Bowness. The late Earl of Lonsdale had appointed me as Rector of Bowness in May, 1908, but it was not until July that Mrs. Mitton and I could leave Penrith.

I remember that it was a beautiful summer evening when Messrs. Johnston of Penrith sent two of their large horse drawn wagons to travel all night by road from Penrith to Bowness, some 30 miles, taking all the furniture; while Mrs. Mitton and I followed by train the following morning, arriving at Drumburgh and getting our first experience of the dandy, driven by Mr. Isaac Hickson.

Things were so very different in those old days. There was no water laid on at the Rectory, or in the village at all. It all had to be taken from wells. There was a pump in the scullery of the Rectory, which sent water up from the well, into a tank in the top of the house.

Food of all kinds was very plentiful in those days, very good and very cheap. The roads were in a most terrible condition. When they had to be repaired, they took a load of stones about as big as hen eggs and tipped them on the road, and spread them about, and left the traffic to put them in. Many a time if you were riding your bicycle, you had to get off and walk, until you got past the stones which had been spread.

Salmon and trout were always very plentiful in the season, and could always be bought in the village for a shilling a pound.

Everybody used to cut peat in those days. It was the usual thing to see men and women, and children going off on an April morning up to the peat moss. There are 100 acres of Moss set apart for the ratepayers of Bowness to cut as much peat as they wish. But now there are only a few who bother with it.

The shooting too was quite good in those days. There were quite a lot of grouse on the moss. At different times I have shot many kinds of birds, such as pheasants and partridges, and black game, and grouse, and even quail; and mallard ducks, and teal and widgeons and snipe and woodcock, and golden plovers, as well as hares and rabbits.

When I first went to Bowness there were no hares. One day I met Lord Lonsdale in Carlisle and told him that it was a great pity that there were no hares, as it was such good hare ground. He said, "I will send you some hares."

Sure enough before very long I heard that there was a box of hares for me at Kirkbride station. Mr. William Poole and I drove over in the pony trap, and got the two boxes on to the

trap, each box being divided into six partitions and a large hare lying in each partition. We took them to Rogersceugh, where we released them. And there have been hares on the Moss ever since.

WOMEN'S OFFERING SERVICES

WORKINGTON, ST. MICHAEL. September 9th, 3 p.m.

Preacher: The Rev. L. M. S. du Toit, Vicar of St. Mary's, Windermere.

CROSTHWAITE KESWICK. September 24th, 2-30 p.m.

Preacher: The Bishop of Penrith.

THE CATHEDRAL. October 7th, 2-30 p.m.

Preacher: The Provost of Newcastle.

CARLISLE BOOK ROOM

It has been found possible to open a Book Room in the Church House, West Walls, Carlisle, where, through the co-operation of S.P.C.K., a wide range of books is now on display in the Board Room on the ground floor. The stock will be renewed and kept up to date by monthly additions, and a representative of S.P.C.K. will be in attendance during the afternoon of the first Monday in every month. At other times books may be purchased and special orders dealt with through the Diocesan Office.

The Book Room includes an Aldis film strip projector (compact in small handcase) which is available for hire at 5/- per day. It is adapted for use with ordinary electric plug or light (AC or DC). There is also a full stock of film strips, with appropriate scripts. Advance bookings may be made at any time but the projector must be collected and returned by hand.

"OUR FLAG"

DO YOU REALLY KNOW HOW IT IS MADE UP?

Not only children, but many grown-ups who are hazy as to the exact shapes, colours, proportions and history of the flags combined in the Union Jack should be interested in "Our Flag: A Painting Book with the Story of its Making and Meaning" which is published for the Church Assembly Children's Council by the Church Information Board, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1. Price 1s. 6d. By post 1s. 9d. It has been designed and drawn by the Rev. John Elphinstone-Fyffe.

Included in it (with clear directions for colouring) are the shields of St. George (England), St. Andrew (Scotland), the first Union (1606), St. Patrick (Ireland), and the Union of 1801; and the Union Jack flag, in two shapes. There are useful notes on each.

Castle Carrock

The oldest thing the Church possesses is the gravestone on the sanctuary floor, cut with flowered cross and chalice. It is the grave slab from the burial place of John de Begho Kirke (Rector 1346) and probably the incumbent smitten with leprosy in 1357 who was ordered by the Bishop to accept an assistant to do his work. The oldest Chalice (not the one in use) dates from 1691. The first register dates from 1679 and was kept by the Rev. Christopher Rickerby, who seems to have been a person of importance. Incidentally he was married three times. The Royal Arms in the Church date from the time of Queen Anne.

Croglin

In the Churchyard is the grave slab of a Bishop of Carlisle, found when the present Church was being built. It is that of Bishop Robert Chause (1258-1278). In the vestry is the old Church Chest.

Diocese of Carlisle

WHAT IS THE QUOTA ?

The Quota is the annual contribution made by every parish towards the total sum required to assist the various departments of Church work in the Diocese and in the Church of England as a whole.

The Diocesan Conference authorised a total Budget of £9,450 for 1953. The sum to be raised by the Diocese through the Quota is £8,550. Income from other sources (subscriptions, etc.) is expected to make up the Total to £9,450, which represents estimated grants allocated to the departments shewn below :—

	£	Proportion of £1 allocated.	
		s.	d.
THE MINISTRY			
Grant for Curates' Stipends	1000	2	1.40
Pensions for Clergy and their widows	590	1	2.98
The Bishop Suffragan, provision for stipend	300		7.62
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION			
Adult, Youth, Children's and Day Schools' Work	1220	2	6.98
Church Training Colleges for Day Schools' Teachers (a third contribution towards £7,200 which the Diocese is committed to raise by 1957)	385		9.78
MORAL WELFARE WORK			
Organising Secretary working with local Welfare Associations concerned with family problems	300		7.62
MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM			
Grants for the organisation of Missionary and Evan- gelistic Work in the Diocese	75		1.90
CHURCH PROPERTY			
Grants towards the improvement of existing churches and parsonages and for new church buildings and the Dilapidations Board	700	1	5.78
Care of Churches Advisory Committee	25		0.63
DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION			
Conference and Publications	180		4.58
Diocesan Church House (open to all Church Members)	200		5.08
Board of Finance and Diocesan Office (administration of trusts, etc.)	1274	2	8.36
Church Assembly, Convocation, and Diocesan Com- mittees, expenses of elected representatives	325		8.25
THE NATIONAL CHURCH ASSEMBLY			
The contribution of the Diocese to the work of the Church of England as a whole	2876	6	1.04
	£9450	20s.	od.

(N.B.—The grants do not represent the total expenditure on the objects named, but are given to supplement invested income received by those committees from trust funds created by Church benefactors in the past.)

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