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RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

I did not know when I wrote you a personal letter in last month's magazine, that I should so soon have a still more personal reason for writing another. But so many of you have shown such extraordinary kindness, sympathy and understanding on the occasion of my mother's death—and have so thoughtfully refrained from writing, or asked that your letters should not be answered—that I feel it is right and necessary for me to try, however inadequately, to express my gratitude here.

The loss of a well-loved mother is always a grievous blow, and I was, perhaps, specially near to mine. Such partings are not made easier when one has spent the last years of life in daily intimacy under the same roof, and no words, however kind, can lessen the pain. But while that does, and must remain, I want you to know how full of thankfulness I am at the same time, not only for the swift and peaceful manner of death while she still enjoyed the full use of all her faculties and retained her own eager, ardent spirit; but also for all the love and kindness that has been shown her in Grasmere, where, eight years ago, she was a total stranger, as well as for the wonderful support of your thoughts and prayers during these last weeks. That prayer is a support at such a time, I now know beyond all doubt or questioning, and I would thank you for it with all my heart.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. TAIT.

EVENSONG.

The modest little experiment of "trying to let the hymns preach the sermon" at Evensong, has hardly been tried long enough yet to determine whether it is a "success" or not; and yet there have been some, each Sunday, who have expressed appreciation, and numbers have been better than they might otherwise have been. It is now proposed to continue a few Sundays more, with a distinctive theme each time, and with more "old" hymns than new. On the first Sunday in Lent, however (February 22nd), we shall revert to more normal ways, and the Rector will give a course of addresses on each Sunday evening in Lent on the meaning and purpose of the Coronation.

LENT.

Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th. There will be Holy Communion both at 8 o'clock and at 10-30 a.m., and Evensong will be said at 6 p.m. Evensong will be said in Church each Wednesday during Lent at 6 o'clock, with appropriate intercessions, and the Friday morning service of Holy Communion will be resumed on and after February 27th.

RAINFALL.

January figures are not available as we go to press, but it looks like being one of the driest January records in spite of so much unusual mist and fog which gives about .01—.05 inches daily. 1952 was the 7th driest year on record.

SALE OF WORK.

In aid of the Three Years' Action Fund—and in the hope that the supreme effort will enable us to reach our target—a sale of work will be held in the New Hall on **Saturday, April 18th**. Many are already hard at work in preparation for it, and it is hoped that it will receive the support of all parishioners. Please book the date now, and try to keep it free from other calls. It will not be merely "another jumble sale," but it is hoped to have a great variety of interesting goods—new and secondhand—on sale. More important still, it is hoped to make this occasion the rallying-point of all our efforts in a great cause—the provision of new churches in areas where their influence and their help are greatly needed.

GRASMERE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

A Social Evening will be held on February 5th, when Mr. A. L. Murray will speak on "The Training of the War-blinded in Scotland."

The last Social Evening of the season will be held on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th, when Mr. C. T. Taylor of Long Syke, will give a talk on "The Brontës and Haworth."

Doors close 7-30 p.m., re-open 8-15.

BAPTISM.

11th January—Alison Mary Thompson.

BURIAL.

7th January—Mary Elizabeth Tait, aged 83 years.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

With the exception of the Christmas Day collections, when £10 was for Sunday Schools, and £3 15s. 8d. for the Three Years' Action Fund, all collections shown below were for Church Expenses :

December.	January.
7—£ 3 15s. 9d.	4—£ 5 8s. 10d.
14—£ 3 11s. 10d.	11—£ 4 10s. 7d.
21—£ 5 6s. 2d.	18—£ 4 2s. 4d.
25—£13 15s. 8d.	25—£ 3 11s. 8d.
28—£ 7 13s. 6d.	

Carlisle Diocesan News

FROM THE BISHOP

FEBRUARY, 1953

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The great event to which our Nation and Commonwealth look forward is the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, in Westminster Abbey. It will be a very great occasion, great in its stateliness and solemnity, its rejoicing and hope.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the Coronation is a great religious act placed in the setting of the Service of Holy Communion contained in the Book of Common Prayer.

I rejoice that it has been decided to televise and broadcast so much of the service, but I do so on the assumption that a great effort will be made by the B.B.C. and religious leaders and teachers to prepare our people to share in the service with quiet reverence and understanding. Indeed if such preparation could be well done there would be little danger of people failing to hear or view the most solemn moments of the service with reverent hearts, for chivalry, loyalty and love will combine to quieten the spirits of her subjects as their young Queen kneels to offer herself to God and the service of her people.

In a moving talk on Christmas Day the Queen asked all to pray for her and it was no conventional request.

In our Book of Common Prayer, special prayers for the reigning Monarch are appointed and at least one of these should be said regularly at public services in all Churches in the Diocese. Forms of service will be issued and recommended for use in Churches of the Church of England on the Sunday before the Coronation or on the day of the Coronation. While incumbents will be free to arrange services on the day of the Coronation as suits local conditions, I am of opinion that these should be held in the early hours of the day well before the broadcast service begins. Local Committees will be arranging a programme for the day, much of it for the pleasure and happiness of young and old. I know that the clergy will assist in all this and I hope that the religious services will be given their rightful place in the events of the day.

The Coronation should help all to see more clearly the Source from which what is best in "our way of life" is derived and how it can be preserved. In this great religious service all are called to acknowledge Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and to give to Him their hearts and the service of their lives.

The "Ingathering Services" were well attended and very impressive. I was deeply moved while watching the long lines of parochial representatives bringing their gifts. Many were unable to attend owing to the wintry weather.

The total sum, as set out below, received at the end of the year was £21,950 which is over one third of the amount aimed at in three years.

This first year has given us a good beginning and the parishes are to be warmly commended for their quick and good response.

Two Hall Churches have been completed and we hope to start two more this year.

Under the guidance of God and with His help we press forward with the work He has given us to do.

Yours sincerely,



THREE YEARS' ACTION FUND
SUMMARY OF
RECEIPTS UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1952

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—						
(a) At the following ingathering Services :						
Barrow, St. George, 8th September ..	4,489	13	9 (i)			
Carlisle Cathedral, 11th December ..	5,583	4	8 (ii)			
Whitehaven, St. Nicholas, 12th Dec.	2,218	11	0			
Penrith, St. Andrew, 17th December	1,951	0	10			
Windermere, St. Mary, 18th Dec. ..	3,910	9	5			
	<hr/>			18,152	19	8
(b) Received direct from parishes unable to send representatives to above. ..	2,266	1	0			
	<hr/>			20,419	0	8
DONATIONS				726	0	0
SUBSCRIPTIONS UNDER COVENANT (non-parochial)				423	2	0
INCOME TAX RECOVERED ON COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS				382	15	5
	<hr/>			£21,950	18	1

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