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RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

I wish you all a happy New Year; and I thought I should like to write what I have to say this month in the form of a letter, rather than a series of notes, because it seems more friendly and informal, and because—for once!—there seems to be room in our small magazine to do so.

It has often been noticed that, while the Sunday morning congregation at Grasmere remains reasonably good all the year round, the congregation at Evensong sometimes grows thin almost to vanishing point during “the dead of the year”—between Christmas and Lent—when there are no visitors to swell its numbers, when coughs and colds abound, when snow (we won't dwell on this subject) has occasionally been heard of, and when there are no special events to celebrate which make a popular appeal. The question is: can anything be done to make the Sunday Evening Service more attractive to larger numbers, and therefore more helpful than it can be said to be at the present time?

I have long thought that there is room on Sundays for a service of a much more informal kind than either Matins or Evensong, for our needs are all different. I have in mind the remark of a dear old lady who once said: “I like singing a good hymn, but I can't abide all that chanting,”—and the remark of a man of completely different tastes who said to me the same day: “I wish you'd teach the choir to chant properly, and not bother so much about hymns!” Some day (soon I hope) it may be possible to introduce much more variety into the services, so that people will not feel that Evening Service is just “Morning Service all over again.” Meanwhile there can be no doubt that the most popular form of worship today is the singing of hymns: the B.B.C. will supply you with statistics to prove the point if you want them. The popularity of our annual Carol Service (“something different”) is an indication of the direction in which one need may lie.

The proposal, then, is that during January (and longer if the experiment is successful) we shall devote the last half-hour of our Evening Service to “community hymn-singing,” on the plan that has proved so helpful elsewhere. The choir has kindly promised to co-operate, and obviously success or failure will depend much more on choir and congregation than on the rector. The last thing I want to do is to divert those who normally worship in the morning from their attendance then, but there may be others who would find “something different” a help to them. Anyhow—let us try!

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. Tait.

BAPTISM.

28 December—Timothy John Radcliffe Horner.

BURIALS.

1 December—John Harrison Dixon, aged 74.

22 December—Ethel Frances Bullmore, aged 81.

RAINFALL.

8·79 inches of rain fell on 24 days in December. Year's total : 77·37 inches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School Nativity Gift Service held on the Sunday before Christmas was well attended and many toys and books were offered by the children at the Crib. These were sent to the Deaconess Community of St. Andrew : five parcels for Sunday School children in poor parishes in London and one large parcel to their Orphanage. Ordinary Sunday School in the Rectory Room recommences at 2-30 p.m., January 11th.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES.

The Annual School Concert was held in the New Hall on December 12th and parents and friends might like to know of its financial results as distinct from the enjoyment given by and to the children. The concert realised a sum of £13 13s. 5d. for the school fund and from this about £6 was taken to help towards the cost of the Christmas Party. This was an enjoyable affair held in school after tea in the canteen. Father Christmas kindly called with a gift for each child. The headmaster and staff are very grateful to all those parents and friends who went to a great deal of trouble to make these occasions so enjoyable and successful.

"A SCOUT IS A FRIEND AND BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT"

As most people will have heard, a Coronation Jamboree for Cumberland and Westmorland Scouts is to be held in Brathay Hall grounds on the north shore of Windermere next August. Already plans and preparations are well under way and, as the camp is to be held in the district of our local association, local scouts are asked to help a great deal in the work and it is to be hoped that every scout who possibly can will attend the camp. Foreign scouts are to be invited as guests and this association has undertaken to entertain eight foreign scouts. This means providing their camp fees and, if possible, offering them a further week's hospitality either in homes of our own scouts or in suitable camping places. Offers of such hospitality would be welcome. In order to raise money for the camp fees Ambleside and Grasmere scouts are organising separate rummage sales. The Grasmere sale will be in the Rectory Room on Saturday, January 24th, at 2-30 p.m. Any offers of goods which may be collected can be made to the Scoutmaster at the School or any of the scouts.

Parents will no doubt realise what a wonderful and rare opportunity this Jamboree will provide for their boys to mix with other scouts from various parts of the country and overseas.

GRASMERE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

A social evening will be held in Grasmere Hall on Thursday, January 8th. Mr. Bruce Thompson will give an address on "Some Local Churches" illustrated by film strips. Doors close 7-30, reopen 8-15.

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Who Cares ?

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

I have been reading of the plight of Refugees in Europe and Asia. It is a tragic commentary on the condition of the world and the barbarism of our age.

There are over 12,000,000 men, women and children—humans like ourselves—without homes and many of them without hope except the relief which death can bring.

In Germany alone in August last, there were 9,500,000 refugees, of whom 7,800,000 were expelled from other European countries and 1,545,000 escaped from Eastern into Western Germany.

It is quite impossible to imagine the sufferings in body, mind and soul of these millions of broken creatures made in the image of God.

Here is a "family" story from a refugee camp—The "family" father mother and three children. The mother had T.B. and therefore could not emigrate. They waited two years in camp hoping for a cure. Father went to Canada alone hoping his wife would soon recover and be able to bring the children there too. The doctor's report was bad! Mother committed suicide so that the children were able to go to their father.

Christians cannot be indifferent to the plight of these people. We must write of them, think of them, pray for them and relieve their needs if possible. Many of them could emigrate if the way could be opened, but these belong to the healthy and fit to work class. Many have no "market value" and therefore will not be accepted in any country unless sponsored by groups of people or organisations.

The World Council of Churches has been giving notable service in this matter for several years and is only hampered from doing more through lack of funds. Space prevents me from giving details of this service but here are a few facts and figures—Through this Council in 1951, £3,000,000 was spent in food, medicines, clothes and providing workers to help with emigration.

Since 1946, over 200,000 have been helped to settle in other countries. 160 Christian pastors, most of them refugees themselves have been maintained to minister to their own people in camps and elsewhere.

Here is an illustration of a tiny part of this Council's work. Agnew House, London, has been provided and equipped as a home for about 40 old men and women where they can spend their declining days in security and comfort. Mrs. Fisher—wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury—has undertaken to raise enough money for the maintenance of 16 of these old folk for the next 7 years. She has asked the women of our church to help her and I have promised to find in the diocese at least £50 a year for this home and would be glad of donations or subscriptions for it. If any of you can help, please send your contribution to Miss Boden, Church House, West Walls, Carlisle.

I emphasise that this is only a tiny part of the work being done but it will make its own appeal as a way by which anyone may share in ministering to some of the homeless millions—God's children with a special claim on God's people.

Let us pray that with the opening of a New Year, new hope for many may dawn.

My wife joins me in good wishes for 1953. May God bless and keep you.

Yours sincerely,



The Coronation Service

THE *Coronation Service: Its Order and Significance* is the subject of the first of a number of special articles in the 1953 issue of "The Official Year-Book of the Church of England" just published by the Church Information Board and S.P.C.K. price 12s. 6d., by post 13s. 5d.

In this article the Dean of Westminster (the Very Rev. A. C. Don, K.C.V.O., D.D.) notes that for nine hundred years all the Coronations have been in the Abbey and that the Coronation Chair with the ancient Stone of Scone encased within it "is treasured throughout the English-speaking world as being the most venerable material link with the monarchies of England and Scotland". After referring to changes in the Oath, Dr. Don emphasises that the Coronation is, in Archbishop Lang's words, "from beginning to end a most solemn religious act" set within the framework of the Holy Communion Service and partaking of its sacramental character; and that the central act of the whole ceremony is not the Crowning but the Anointing.

For Your Information

St. Mary's Church, Carlisle

The Trustees of St. Mary's Church wish it to be known that the under-mentioned furnishings and fittings at present stored in St. Mary's Church, Carlisle, are available free for use in any church or mission church in the Diocese, provided that (1) the consent of the Chancellor of the Diocese is first obtained; (2) arrangements for removal and carriage are made by the parish concerned; and (3) collection is arranged before or not later than 1st January, 1953.

Double main doors to west end with wrought iron hinges and straps; Double main doors to side porch with wrought iron hinges and straps; Circular stone font; Tall wooden pulpit, formerly in Christ Church, and before that in St. Cuthbert's Church; Wooden internal porch screen (oak); Reredos with canopy and panelling (incorporates some old woodwork from the Cathedral); Carved choir stall fronts; Wooden lectern (low in height and rather poor); Large sanctuary chair; Harmonium; 12 brass flower vases of various sizes; 2 large standard candlesticks; Altar frontal cupboard; Wooden kneeling rails.

Inspection can be arranged by appointment, but fittings will be disposed of to first applicants.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Diocesan Registrar at 3 Castle Street, Carlisle.

Religious Drama

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Mr. Lindsay, Lanercost Priory, Brampton, to act as Adviser in Religious Drama for the Diocese.

Enquiries regarding the production of religious plays should be addressed to him as well as brief reports on productions in the parishes.

CONFIRMATIONS

Mr. Lindsay has charge of the collection of plays formerly held by Canon Davenport. Where possible he is willing to speak on Religious Drama at Ruridecanal Conferences, Parochial Church Councils and interested groups.

Incumbents should note that no religious play may be presented in Church without the Bishop's knowledge and approval.

Lent Confirmations

Group 7—Farlam, 24th March C; 9 Cathedral, 24th March P; 10 St. Cuthbert, Carlisle, 24th March (7-0) P; 12 St. John, Carlisle, 19th March (7-0) C; 14 Currock, 4th March (7-0) C; 18 Kirkandrews-on-Eden, 10th March C; 19 Arthurct, 3rd March C; 23 Shap, 5th March C; 26 Netherton (evening), 17th March (7-0) P; 27 Aspatria (afternoon), 25th March C; 29 Flimby, 17th March P; 32 Christ Church, Penrith, 1st April (7-0) P; 43 St. Mary, Windermere, 12th March C; 44 Ambleside, 18th March C; 46 St. Michael, Workington, 19th March P; 51 St. Thomas, Kendal, 26th March C; 53 Winster, 21st March P; 56 St. John, Keswick, 1st April P; 60 Heversham, 27th March P; 62 Christ Church, Whitehaven, 19th March (7-0) P; 66 Distington, 8th March C; 67 St. Bees School, 21st March (noon) C; 71 St. Mark, Barrow, 15th March (6-30) C; 74 St. James, Barrow, 15th March C; 77 Thwaites, 31st March P; 83 Beckermert, 13th March P; 84 St. Mary, Ulverston, 26th March P; 85 Broughton-in-Furness, 13th March (7-0) P.

Confirmations at 3 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

The Bishop

The Bishop will attend at the Registry 11 a.m.—1 p.m. on the Wednesdays of January, except January 14th.

The Ministry

GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

Advent Ordination

On Sunday, 21st December, 1952, the Lord Bishop of Carlisle held an Ordination in the Parish Church of St. Bees when the following were admitted into Holy Orders:—

PRIESTS

SAMUEL BERTIE MEADS of St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead—Curate of Holy Trinity, Kendal.

JOSEPH CORNELIUS ROCK—Curate of St. George, Millom.

ALBERT JOHN SOWDEN of Chichester Theological College—Curate of Workington, St. Michael.

Clergy Discipline Act, 1892

The following have been elected Assessors for the ensuing three years:—

TO REPRESENT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH
Rev. Canon Phythian-Adams: Rev. Canon Rimmer: Rev. Canon Bertram Jones.

TO REPRESENT THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
FURNESS
Rev. A. E. Glover: Rev. Canon Nurse: Rev. Canon Thompson: Rev. R. Lemmon.

TO REPRESENT THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
WESTMORLAND
Rev. C. R. Shepherd: Rev. L. M. S. du Toit: Rev. G. D. Jackson: Rev. G. W. Ellison.

TO REPRESENT THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
CARLISLE
Rev. Canon H. B. Wilson: Rev. T. Brown: Rev. J. C. Rogers: Rev. E. W. Somner.

Incumbents (Disability) Measure 1945

The following have been selected to form the Ministerial Committee for the Diocese under the above Measure for the ensuing three years:—

Nominated by the Clergy—Rev. H. W. Cragg: Rev. Canon C. E. Nurse: Rev. Canon J. Stuart Rimmer: Rev. Canon H. A. Thompson: Rev. J. Olive.

Nominated by the Bishop to make up

the required number of twelve—Rev.

Canon T. J. Jones: Rev. Canon B. D. L. Wilson: Rev. J. C. Rogers: Rev. W. E. Hearn: Rev. A. P. Kirkpatrick: Rev. H. Whiteley: Rev. Maxwell Gregory.

The last six named will form the reserve members.

Licensed Preacher

The Rev. R. Olive, Christ Church Vicarage, Whitehaven.

Churchyard Memorials

The Chancellor of the Diocese desires it to be known that permission should not be given for any memorials to be placed in a Churchyard which are not made of plain English stone or wood. If a memorial made of any other material is desired a Faculty should be sought.

Church News

The February issue will include news from the deaneries.

Grants to Church Day and Sunday Schools

For some time, S.P.C.K. and the National Society have supplied books and pictures at half-price to Church Day and Sunday Schools provided that applications were approved by the Diocesan Boards or Councils of Education.

This scheme of grants has been withdrawn. In its place S.P.C.K. will consider applications for grants of 50% of the cost of Bibles and Prayer Books (to include New Testaments and Catechisms) from parishes which are clearly in need of such help.

Forms of application will be forwarded to incumbents upon request.

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