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RUSHBEARING, 1953.

We were fortunate in having unusually fine and warm days, both for the Rushbearing on August 8th, and for the Rushbearing Sports on August 10th. There were 166 Bearings (16 more than last year), and the Grasmere Band played the traditional march. The Bishop of Singapore (the Right Reverend H. W. Baines) preached the sermon.

The six girls who carried the sheet were kindly entertained to tea by Sir Robert and Lady Ewbank, and the Rushbearing Committee is grateful to all who helped in so many ways.

S.P.G. SUNDAY.

Our two "missionary" Sundays are normally held in July and September. This year both have had to fall in August when special preachers were available. Dr. Harry Holland preached for the C.M.S. on August 16th and the Rev. Canon H. McDowall Wilson for S.P.G. on August 30th. Canon Wilson was for many years Principal of St. John's College, Rangoon, and it is regretted that longer notice of his engagement to preach for us could not be given through the Magazine.

LAURANCE TURNER

Laurance Turner and the String Quartette (all members of the Halle Orchestra) are paying a second visit to Grasmere this year, and will play music in church at 8-15 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th September. Admission will be by programme, and we hope for a good attendance. Later the same evening the Quartette will broadcast from the church.

BAPTISM

9th August—Bruce William Barton.

MARRIAGE

15th August—John Robert Hartley and Ann Taylor.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—AUGUST

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| 2nd—£17 | 8 | 4. | Church Expenses. |
| 8th—£10 | 18 | 9. | Diocesan Stipends (Rushbearing Service). |
| 9th—£22 | 6 | 11. | Grasmere School and National Society. |
| 16th—£25 | 13 | 0. | Church Missionary Society. |
| 23rd—£17 | 15 | 1. | Church Expenses. |
| 30th—£15 | 17 | 10 | Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. |

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival will be held on October 4th. Services at the usual times, with the addition of a children's service at 2-30 p.m. in church.

We shall be grateful for gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables for decoration, as early as possible on the morning of Saturday, October 3rd.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next Meeting will take place in the Rectory Room at 2-30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16th. At this Meeting our part in the Deanery performance of "A Pageant of Church History" will be explained, and parts allotted. It is hoped that every member will come to this meeting and will, if possible, bring with her a New Member.

GRASMERE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

It seems early to make plans for the winter but consideration must again be given as to whether the Social Evenings are to be carried on. The annual meeting will be held in the Rectory Room on Wednesday, 16th September, at 8 p.m. All interested Grasmere residents will be welcome and the officials will be glad to know their final opinion. Many of us have found the social evenings a valuable opportunity for visiting our neighbours, and if it is decided to continue them again it is hoped that the valued services given so kindly in the past will again be forthcoming.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School re-opens on Sunday, 20th September. The Kindergarten (ages 3 to 8 years) this year will be working from a new Kindergarten book "That they may know," edited by Mrs. E. Yanovsky, who was one of the lecturers at our Diocesan Summer School at Derwent Hill, Keswick, in August.

The Juniors (ages 9 to 12 years) are studying "The Good Shepherd and His Flock." Both these are the recommended courses of the Children's Council. There will be "stamps" and albums as used last year for each course.

For the Seniors (over 13 years of age, or who will be 13 years old during the early part of 1954) there will be a "Pre-confirmation School" held in Church at 2-30 p.m. and conducted by Mrs. Blagden.

"The Raise" Sunday School held at Meadow Brow meets at 2 p.m., the one in the Rectory Room at 2-30 p.m., and we hope all parents will help their children to attend regularly.

KING'S MESSENGERS—for those aged 7 to 14 years re-opens in the Rectory Room on Tuesday, 29th September, at 5-30 p.m.

RAINFALL

In July 12.58 inches of rain fell on 26 days.

In August 9.56 inches on 22 days. Total for year 47.64 inches.

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VISITING

By Rev. D. G. Blake (*Maryport*)

I was out visiting the other evening and in the course of my rounds I called at one house where I was told 'We're just going out to the pictures.' I said that I would call again another time and went on my way.

Now it happened that the following Sunday one of the regular families was not at evensong at Church and fearing that there might be illness in the family I called to see them. 'No, No one is ill thank you,' I was told. 'Some friends called to see us so we couldn't come to church.'

Lest anyone should think that I am being personal let me hasten to add that both of these incidents occurred, not once, but many, many times!

I didn't expect the first family to give up going out when they had planned to do so. Why should the visitors to the second family expect the church folk to give up going to church just because they called at an inopportune moment?

If you analyse it you will see that the second family gave way to public opinion. It is generally recognised that you can't be expected to give up important engagements for chance callers, but it is only an unimportant fixture then courtesy demands that you attend to your guests. And public opinion does not look upon church going and the worship of God Almighty as an important engagement.

Here is a opportunity then for good Christian people to help to convert public opinion.

The signalman, the busdriver, the doctor and countless others cannot stay away from work because a friend has called. The Christian who is in duty bound to engage in the work of prayer and worship cannot with impunity absent himself from his duty of worship.

Perhaps it is that even some Christians do not recognise that church attendance is a duty and not an optional thing.

When visitors call, be clear in your mind what your duty is, and come to church and bring your visitors with you. You may in this way be able to revive the excellent habit of church going in your visitors, who will think none the less of you for your attention to duty.

S.S. TEACHERS' FESTIVAL

A Sunday School Teacher's Festival will be held in the Cathedral at 4-30 p.m. on Saturday, 26th September, 1953.

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Westmorland, Diocesan Director of Religious Education.

Tea will be provided from 3 p.m. to 4-15 p.m. in St. Cuthbert's Hall, West Walls, at a charge of 10/6d.

There will be a bookstall and exhibition of children's work open from 3 p.m. to 4-15 p.m. and from 5-30 p.m. to 6-30 p.m.

Tickets for tea will be issued to those who apply for them to Miss M. V. Medd, Church House, West Walls, Carlisle, on or after 11th September, but not later than 21st September, 1953.

AMBLESIDE

The collection at the Archbishop's meeting amounted to £198 7s. 6d. The total expenses were £174 2s. 3d. and the balance of £24 5s. 3d. in accordance with the Bishops' direction at the meeting, has been paid into the Ambleside Steeple Restoration Appeal Fund. Ambleside has to raise 5000 guineas for restoration work. The appeal was launched in March and the sum in hand for the work is now just over £2,000.

EMBLETON AND WYTHOP

At a meeting held in the Public Hall, a large representative gathering of Managers, friends and scholars, both past and present, met to express their appreciation of the thirty years' service of their schoolmaster, Mr. Leonard Hodgson.

The Vicar, who presided, said that Mr. Hodgson had done splendid work among the children, and the number of scholarships gained by them under his tuition was a matter of great satisfaction to all concerned. The excellent tone of the school, the good manners and self-reliance displayed by the scholars had greatly impressed the Vicar when he first came to the parish. Everyone was sorry to lose Mr. Hodgson and they wished to give him a small farewell present as a token of their appreciation.

Mrs. Mary Hodgson, an old scholar who had started school the same day as the headmaster, then handed to Mr. Hodgson a cheque for £32 and a book containing the names of scholars and friends who had subscribed, and Mrs. Browell, one of the School Managers, handed to him a Parker Pen Set.

On behalf of the present scholars, Marion Moffat made a charming speech as she presented a beautiful picture of the lake.

Mr. Hodgson, after thanking everyone, said that he was a believer in hard work and he had made the children work, because he wanted them to get on and make a success of life.

CALDBECK

Haytime is by no means over unfortunately, and it seems very early to be thinking of the Harvest Festival. But there is a special reason. Some time ago, the B.B.C. asked the Bishop if they might broadcast a Harvest Festival Service from a country parish in the Diocese. He has paid Caldbeck the great compliment of inviting it to be the parish. Unfortunately, the B.B.C. could not offer us any date but October 4th. This is a week sooner than usual; but we hope people will not mind making the change for this particular reason. Arrangements have now been made for Evensong to be broadcast at 7-45 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th. The Bishop will preach.

DEAN

Churches are like people, they grow older as the years roll by, repairs and restoration become necessary. This is now the case of our own ancient Church. We have a record of Rectors from 1185 A.D. This means that the people of the Parish of Dean have been baptised, married and buried for at least 768 year's in S. Oswald's Church. This is a wonderful record of which any Parish might well feel proud, but the time has come when the Church is in need of complete restoration and over and above this the cost of maintenance has risen very sharply in the past few years, heating, lighting, cleaning and the Diocesan Quota just to mention a few of the items which we have to meet year by year.

CLERGY QUIET DAY

A Quiet Day for Clergy will be held at Lanercost Priory and Vicarage on Wednesday, 30th September, 1953. The Conductor is the Reverend Canon R. R. Williams, Principal of S. John's College, Durham. Full particulars of the Quiet Day and transport to Lanercost may be had from the Rev. R. Lindsay, Lanercost Priory, Brampton, Cumberland. Tel. Brampton 178.

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