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HYMNS.

This time last year we had, for a few Sundays, "Community hymn singing" after Evensong instead of a sermon. Enquiries show that while some liked this arrangement very much for a change, others did not like it at all! We have decided to have hymns this year on three occasions only—31st January, 28th February, and 28th March—in each case, that is, on the last Sunday in the month. Please note that on all other Sundays, Evensong and sermon will be as usual.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of Carlisle will take a Confirmation in Grasmere on Sunday, 16th May, at 6 p.m. The service will be combined with Evensong, as on the last occasion here, and is being held on a Sunday so that parents and friends of candidates may have every possible chance of being present.

If there are any who are thinking of Confirmation, whose names have not already been given to the Rector, or who are not already in Mrs. Blagden's class, please let us know as soon as possible.

LENT.

On Ash Wednesday, March 3rd, there will be Holy Communion both at 8 a.m. and 10-30 a.m., and Evensong will be said in Church at 6 p.m.

As in former years, Evensong, with appropriate intercessions, will be said on each Wednesday in Lent, at 6 p.m.

The Friday morning service of Holy Communion will be resumed on and after Friday, March 12th.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Mrs. Brook will be the speaker at the meeting to be held in the Rectory Room on Wednesday, February 17th, at 2-30 p.m. She will speak about her own experiences in the Abbey at the Coronation. We hope for a very good attendance.

GRASMERE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

Social Evening, February 4th at 7-30—Captain Thexton, R.N. on RECENT YACHTING EXPERIENCES.

On Shrove Tuesday, 2nd March—Lantern Lecture, Mr. Harry Pierce on LAKE COUNTRY GARDENS, 7-30 (doors closed until 8-15).

MARRIAGE.

21st January—Standish William Mawson and Alison Edna Towers.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—JANUARY.

3—£7 10	8	Church Expenses.		
10—£6 11	8	„	„	
17—£4 2	9	„	„	
24—£5 19	10	„	„	
31—£4 5	10	„	„	

RAINFALL.

3.31 inches of rain fell on 16 days in January.

KING'S MESSENGERS.

On January 24th an Enrolment service was held at Evensong, when twelve children were admitted to full membership by the Rector, and received from him their membership card and their badge from the Rev. G. Ashton Smith. Those admitted were : Boys, Wallis Reekie, George Wilson, George Thompson. Girls—Sally Hardisty, Helen Swalwell, Mary Dixon, Maureen Wilson, Stella Colwell, Mavis Wilson, Jannice Kirkby, Hilda Wilson, Patricia Murdoch.

During Christmas-tide we received greetings from two of "our" Missionaries, Mrs. Joan Smith of Maseru, Basutoland, and Sister May Simpson of St. Mary's Hospital, Oeandi Ovanboland, and during January we have received interesting letters from our two friends at Murhu India; from Rev. Alastair Macnaughton and Rev. Hilbar Hans, the Indian priest, who visited us in 1952.

Two large cartons of silver paper and metal milk bottle tops have been sent to Mrs. Smith, of West Kirkby, who writes to say that by the sale of these materials from her depot, over £29 has been raised for Medical supplies for Leper Hospitals. We are grateful for the help given in the past for our effort and will be glad still to receive these articles.

Our "King's Messenger" monthly magazine has in it competitions. In the October competition we gained four "Green Stars" (3rd) Sally Hardisty, Stella Colwell, Mavis Wilson and Hilda Wilson. Our November entries apparently were delayed in the post and arrived too late. In the December competition we gained one "Red Star" (2nd) Stella Colwell, and five "Green Stars," Joyce Wilson, Mary Dixon, Margaret Palmer, Peter Kirkby and George Wilson.

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TRAINING CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN THE SERVICES

by *Lieutenant (S) R. M. F. Haigh, R.N.*

Many Christians are finding it invaluable to be able to break out of the busy routine of their every day lives to attend some conference or retreat for a few days for the purpose of deepening their experience of God. They return with a new realisation of God's purpose for their lives, a stronger devotion to duty, and a deeper love for their fellow-men.

The beneficial effects of leadership by men of Christian conviction are recognised in the Services, and in order to encourage Christian leadership special courses were introduced some years ago to help Servicemen to a greater knowledge and experience of the Faith. In the R.A.F. and the Royal Navy, courses in "Moral Leadership" are arranged on an inter-Service basis for men and women of all denominations. The Church of England courses in this country are held at the Royal Air Force Chaplains' School, Dowdeswell Court—a fine old Georgian mansion in the Cotswolds, four miles from Cheltenham. The School, which has existed at Cambridge and Dowdeswell for ten years, is staffed by three R.A.F. chaplains and is visited by a Naval chaplain. During the week there are five-day courses for airmen and Naval ratings, or airwomen and Wrens, and at weekends they hold two-day courses for officers. Special courses and conferences are also run for chaplains and other groups. The programme of a course includes lectures and discussions, and time for recreation. Holy Communion, evensong and "night prayers" in the chapel are part of the daily life of the School.

In these courses it is shown that in the Christian faith alone do our lives have real meaning, and that we must have a strong sense of direction in our own lives if we are to lead our fellows. True leadership in the Christian sense includes the good qualities of worldly leadership but can only come from a man who realises his own inadequacy apart from God. Stressed is the necessity for penitence, of personal faith in the Living Christ, and of offering up one's life to God to be moulded according to His will.

During 1953, the R.A.F. Chaplains' School sent 1,600 men and women back to their units and ships with a revitalised faith and a wider conception of their responsibilities as Christians. Will you pray for God's blessing on this important work?

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