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JULY ARRANGEMENTS

The Rector will be away from home from July 5th to July 23rd. The Rev. G. W. Oram, Rector of East Bergholt, Colchester, will be living in the Rectory during most of that time and will be the preacher on Sundays, July 11th and 18th. He has kindly promised to be responsible for any necessary duty, but it is proposed to cancel the Friday morning Celebrations on July 9th, 16th and 23rd.

C.M.S. SUNDAY.

On July 25th we are to have a visit from Dr. Arthur D. Iliff O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of the Mission Hospital at Bannu on the North-West Frontier of Pakistan. Some will remember that Dr. Iliff last visited Grasmere in 1949. He first went out in 1934 to work with Sir Henry Holland at Quetta, and after the 1935 earthquake was put in charge of the C.M.S. hospital at Dera Ismail Khan on the frontier where he served for six years. He has had many contacts with the Waziristan tribesmen on the Afghan border, knows the hospital at Peshawar very well, where Grasmere supports a bed, and has a most interesting story to tell. He will preach at both morning and evening services on July 25th, and will speak to the Sunday School in the afternoon.

The collections at all services will be for the Church Missionary Society.

It will be remembered that a coffee morning and sale of garments knitted by a working party was held at Tongue Ghyll on March 31st by kind invitation of Lady Ewbank. The proceeds, amounting to £21 1s. 3d., have already been sent to C.M.S. for the mission hospital at Peshawar. This, however, was an additional effort made to meet the growing needs of the hospital there. It is still as important as ever to give as generously as we can to the cause of medical missions when the opportunity occurs.

WOMEN'S OFFERINGS.

Members of the Mothers' Union have been making their annual collection for Moral Welfare work in the diocese, and the offering will be presented at a service to be held in Ambleside Church on Wednesday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. All M.U. members are invited to this service, and it is hoped that many will make a special effort to go.

THE RUSHBEARING.

The Rushbearing will take place on Saturday, August 7th. The proceedings will take the traditional form. The children, with their Bearings, will be on the churchyard wall at 4-30 p.m. The procession will leave the church at 5 o'clock, and will be followed

immediately on its return by Evensong at which the collection will be for the Church of England Children's Society (Waifs and Strays). The preacher this year will be Dr. Brook.

Sunday, August 8th, will be kept as usual, as our Patronal Festival (Holy Communion both at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.) and the Sunday collections will go (after a donation to the National Society) for the maintenance of our own Grasmere Day School.

On Monday, August 9th, the children will fetch their Bearings from church at 3-30 p.m., and go to the School Field for Sports till 7 p.m. Tea will again be provided for all Rushbearers, and for the mothers of those under 5 years of age.

MUSIC IN CHURCH.

On Thursday, July 8th, Mr. Warner will give an Organ Recital in Church at 8-15 p.m. Silver Collection.

On Friday, July 23rd, the Laurance Turner String Quartette will play music in Church at 8-15 p.m. Owing to the heavy expenses involved admission on this occasion has to be by programme, which may be bought in advance from Messrs. Sam Read. It is hoped to have music, in one form or another, fortnightly during the summer.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—JUNE.

6th—£23 5s. 2d., Diocesan Quota.

13th—£11 2s. 7d. Training for the Ministry.

20th—£11 1s. 10d. Church Expenses.

27th—£10 16s. 2d. S.C.M. and S.P.C.K.

RAINFALL.

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30.9 inches of rain fell on 24 days in June. (4.65 inches in 16 hours on June 15th). Year's total 39.33.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND KINGS MESSENGERS.

Our little Rummage Sale held in June raised £12 10s. Thanks to the help of our friends who generously gave gifts and came to buy at the sale. £10 has been sent to S.P.G. for our Scholarship and General Fund.

In the May competition in the Kings Messengers, George Forwick's entry in the "Letter to the Children of Borneo" was judged the best boy's entry and was read at the Annual K.M. Festival in London in June by a London boy K.M. and a recording made which has been sent out to Borneo. Neither the Sunday School nor K.M.'s will meet during August.

The Garden at Allan Bank will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sundays in July.

As in former years there will be a collection box for the funds of National Gardens Scheme.

Carlisle Diocesan News

JULY, 1954.



My Dear People,

Last month I told you about the Anglican Congress which is to be held in Minneapolis, U.S.A., in August. There will be one hundred and twelve representatives attending it from England—Bishop's, Priest's and Laity. Many representatives of the Anglican Communion from other parts of the world will be there and the assembly itself of different races and colours will be interesting. The theme of the Congress will be "The Call of God and the Mission of the Anglican Communion."

My wife and I are due to sail on July 2nd, and to arrive back on August 30th. My wife, in addition to attending the Congress, has been invited to a special Conference at Lake Forest, on "The Life and Work of Women in the Church." I have speaking and preaching engagements in New York, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Galisburg, Abingdon, Minneapolis, Grand Rapids and Montreal—others may be added I fear—and the temperature is not expected to be below 90% in the shade at any place! Don't call the trip a picnic!

I wish to be spared letters which require an answer, and any matters of serious moment may be referred to the Bishop of Penrith.

Below is printed a prayer for the Congress which I hope you will use and I would also ask you to pray for Archdeacon Bulley, Mr. Anthony Cropper, my wife and myself as we go forth to represent you in the service of Christ and His Church.

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

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PRAYER FOR ANGLICAN CONGRESS

O God, the Heavenly Father of all men, in Whose sight there is neither nation nor race: bless, we beseech thee, the Anglican Congress of thy worldwide Church about to assemble in response to thy call to Christian service. Guide us in our deliberations, enlarge our vision of thy task for us, increase our understanding and fellowship with one another, and use us as instruments of thy will in the building of thy kingdom. All which we ask in the Name and for the sake of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Conference held at Carlisle on June 2nd would appear to have been the best attended in the history of the Diocese, as far as records show. 170 members of the clergy were present and 215 of the laity, and those assembled filled both floor and gallery of the Crown and Mitre Hall.

Momentous decisions of a financial nature might have been taken, and perhaps this was responsible for the unusually large attendance. Actually a decision on the apportionment of the Quota for 1955 and following years was deferred until the November Conference. Both the Bishop and Sir Robert Embank (one of our representatives in the Church Assembly) agreed that this would be a reasonable course. By that time, representatives would have time to digest the proposals presented by the Archdeacon of Westmorland, which included a considerable increase in the total of the Quota—up to 100%.

The Bishop in his review of what had been achieved in the diocese since the war was hopeful of the future. He was quite decided in his own mind that provision must be made for the spiritual needs of the new areas—the one at Harraby was as large as Penrith—whether the parishes responded or not, even at the expense of diocesan bankruptcy.

The gratitude of the diocese for a legacy, possibly £12,000, from the estate of Mrs. Williams, wife of our former Bishop, was expressed by Canon Trevor Jones. It was agreed that our greetings and good wishes should be sent to Bishop Williams at Chester.

At the afternoon session, the subject of the man power of the Ministry was introduced by the Rt. Rev. Richard Brook, until recently Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and now living at Grasmere. The shortage of potential clergy was not new, but the situation had become increasingly difficult owing to a large increase in population in the last fifty years. A similar shortage of man-power was being experienced in most of the other professions. What was the solution? They had to get it into the minds of boys and young men, parents and school masters, that the Ministry of the Church was a worth while job.

Mr. A. C. Cropper raised the possibility of the Ministry of Women. The Vicar of Cartmel felt that two things were contributing to the present situation, the despondent attitude of some of the present day clergy and the undue publicity given in some newspapers to clerical scandal, and parochial disputes of a trivial nature.

A grammar school headmaster felt that the 1944 Education Act gave less than due prominence to religious education in grammar schools.

In closing the Bishop said that the Conference was indicative of the growing spirit of loyalty, co-operation and good-heartedness that prevailed in the Diocese.

Three Years' Action

Parishes or Rural Deaneries wishing to have a speaker should apply to one of the Vicar's of the special areas (Stanwix, Upperby, Barrow, St. Matthew's, Barrow, St. Paul's), which have new Churches in being or preparation. Mr. Carroll (Stanwix) has a film of the development of the Belah area from the first to the completion of the Hall-church. The film includes aerial photographs. J.R.L.

Dalton-in-Furness

St. Margaret's Church has been keeping its jubilee this year. A Golden Jubilee Fund was opened; the amount received by direct giving was £404, and by special efforts, £210. Donations came from various parts of England and from U.S.A. and Canada.

St. Mary, Windermere

Accounts recently published show that the parish contributed over £642 to Missionary Societies during 1953. It is not stated what proportion of the annual Church income this sum constitutes, but considerable interest in the work of the Church overseas obviously exists in the parish.

St. John, Carlisle

With the removal of the Misses Walls to Allonby, St. John's has lost some of its most loyal supporters; their home has been the abode of a number of our bachelor curates.

Barrow, St. Paul

At the end of this term, St. Paul's School will be losing two very loyal and devoted teachers. Both Miss I. M. Helm and Miss E. Martin are retiring after almost a life-time's service in the School.

Kirkby Lonsdale

The death of Mr. Alexander Pearson, a few days before his 84th birthday, has taken from us one who has been identified with Kirkby Lonsdale during the whole of a long and active life.

He was responsible for the imposing list of churchwardens from the Restoration to the present day which hangs inside the door and for the admirable framed ground plan of the building showing the dates and styles of the various parts from the 11th century onwards. It was he who secured for Kirkby the ancient Font bowl (probably originally in Killington Chapel).

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