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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

"Remembrance Sunday" falls this year on November 7th. There will be Holy Communion both at 8 o'clock and at 11-30, and the "two minutes' silence" will be kept at 11 o'clock during the course of Morning Prayer.

There will be a British Legion Parade Service at 3 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Maxwell Gregory, formerly Archdeacon of Singapore, who was a Chaplain to the Forces throughout the period of the war, and was Mentioned in Despatches in 1945. All ex-Servicemen are invited to attend this service.

The collection at 8 o'clock will be given to the ex-Services Welfare Society, of which H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, is Patron, and at 3 o'clock to Earl Haig's Fund.

MOTHERS' UNION

The November meeting, at which Mrs. Blagden will be the speaker, will be held in the Rectory Room on Wednesday, 17th November, at 2-30 p.m., and will be followed by tea.

S.P.G.

It will be remembered that we had hoped to have as our special preacher on "S.P.G. Sunday" in August, the Rev. Brian Harvey who is a Missionary working in India, and a friend and colleague of the Rev. Alastair MacNaughton in the diocese of Chota Nagpur. Mr. Harvey was prevented by illness from coming to us at that time, but fortunately is able to come to preach (at Evensong only) on Sunday, November 21st. It is hoped that there may be many who will be able to come to hear him then, for he has an interesting story to tell of the work actually going on at the moment in the mission field. We are also hopeful that he may be able to speak and show films at a week-night meeting in the Rectory Room, for the benefit of King's Messengers and of course of any others who may wish to come.

Citizens Association.

The Grasmere Citizens' Association has now had a life of thirty years. Over 200 social evenings have been held and there have been many interesting lectures. But the attendance last season was not large enough to produce the sum necessary to cover expenses. At a meeting held on 4th October it was decided that one trial **Social Evening** shall be held from 8 to 11, and the price of admission to be raised to 2s. It was also decided that, unless a sufficient sum is raised to cover expenses, this will be the last of the Social Evenings. If however, it is well supported, it is hoped that two more such gatherings will be held during this winter.

Remember that your presence will make the evening more pleasant for someone else, and therefore determine, wet or fine, to be at Grasmere Hall **before 8 p.m.** (when doors close) on **Thursday, 25th November.** Mr. Jennings, L.R.I.B.A., will show **colour films of the Lake Country.** Doors will re-open 8-45 when there will be tea, followed by dancing till 11 p.m., for which the **Santa Marina Band** will play. Everyone will be expected to pay 2s. admission.

IN MEMORIAM.

Miss Laura Badley

Those of us who heard Psalm XV at her Memorial Service in Church on 13th October, felt that the words aptly describe the character of Laura Badley—she had “lived an uncorrupt life”—and had “spoken the truth from her heart.” She and her sister, Mary, have left a memory of integrity, kindness and generosity, which will be long treasured in Grasmere. When there was trouble they would be the first to help. If any scheme was promoted for the general good their support would be eagerly offered. The purchase of Mr. Frank Bromley’s great picture of **Grasmere Rushbearing**, now hanging in Grasmere Hall, was initiated by them at a time when illness was forcing him to leave his much loved home at Tongue Ghyll. Their generous contributions were among the first to be received to a fund when **Moss Parrock** was for sale for building purposes, and which enabled it to be secured as an open space for the enjoyment of all. They built six cottages in Easdale because they realised the great need for such homes in Grasmere. And who can forget the self-sacrifice and the expense of effort during the war, 1914-18, when day after day Laura Badley would climb to Blind Tarn, collect wet sphagnum moss from the bog, and carry or drag the heavy sack back to Winter Seeds and later—during the winter months—organise parties to pick over and prepare the moss for much-needed surgical dressings. She was always “lowly in her own eyes,” and it is a happiness for us to remember such spirits may find rest upon the Holy Hill.

BAPTISMS.

26th September—Glynis Elizabeth Bell.

10th October—Paul Nelson.

MARRIAGE.

23rd October—Hugh Parker and Olive Mary Wrathall.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—OCTOBER

3—£17	13	3	Diocesan Quota.		
10—£	3	6	0 Missions to Seamen.		
	£	8	15	7	Church Expenses.
17—£	12	3	1	Church Expenses.	
24—£	9	15	2	Church Expenses.	

RAINFALL

15.67 inches of rain fell on 28 days during September. Year’s total (to end of September) 71.22 inches. This year’s September fall has been exceeded four times in the last 60 years; the record being 19.78 inches in 1950.

Carlisle Diocesan News



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My Dear People,

Why do we belong to the Church of England? Here is the answer given by the Archbishop of York and I ask you to read it carefully and remember it as a concise statement of the truth about our Church.

"First it is the ancient Catholic Church of this land. It has come down to us from the earliest days of Christianity in England. It has experienced great changes—at the time of the Norman Conquest, at the Reformation, and during the last hundred years. But there has been no break in all that is essential in its continuity; there has never been a change from an old Church to a new Church.

It has always remained the same Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, with the same creeds, the same scriptures, the same sacraments instituted by Christ himself, with the same unbroken apostolic ministry, and always with the same commission to preach the gospel and to build up men in Christ.

BIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE

"Secondly, it is a scriptural Church. It possesses the open Bible. It requires that its ministers shall study it day by day, and it encourages its laity to read it. In teaching the faith, it appeals to the scriptures as containing all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation, and insists that nothing may be taught as necessary for salvation unless it can be proved by the scriptures. Much of its worship is built up round the scriptures: the psalms and readings from the Old and New Testament occupy a large part of the daily services; and its prayers and thanksgivings bear the impression of the language of the Bible.

OUGHT AND MUST

"Thirdly, the Church of England combines authority with freedom. It speaks plainly and uncompromisingly on the central doctrines of the Christian faith and on the life necessary for the disciple of Christ. But it values spiritual freedom. It keeps its rules to a minimum. It prefers to say, "You ought" rather than "You must." It makes its appeal to reason and conscience. It encourages its members to discuss and criticize in their search after a deeper understanding of the truth. Within limits, it allows a wide freedom in the manner in which its public worship is conducted. For the sake of truth, and in the spirit of charity, it is the most comprehensive of all Catholic Churches.

WITNESS IN HISTORY

"Fourthly, the Church of England has made, through the centuries, a unique contribution to the religious and moral life of the whole nation. Through its clergy, and in its parish churches, it has preached the word and ministered the sacraments to successive generations of Englishmen. Its faithful laity, by their lives, have borne continued witness to God and his claims on man. It has brought to millions knowledge of the love of God, and has given to them strength, help, guidance and comfort in their journey through the problems, joys and sorrows of life."

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

Book Reviews

THE ONLY HOPE OF THE WORLD : Broadcast Talks, published by Mowbray at 5s.

How often listeners wish that they could have in print some words, thought or guidance which they have heard in a sermon or talk. In this book are recorded talks given by members of four different denominations. Having read the book, I am no less an Anglican, but do feel that the other members of the quartet have valuable contributions to make to Christian faith and life. All the talks are in everyday language, and not academic in their illustrations or outlook.

THE ADVENTURE OF LIFE by "The Skipper," published by Cariwal at 1s. 6d. This book bears the sub-heading, "The Things that everyone over Fourteen should know." It has been sent by the Church of England to over 600 Diocesan Chaplains and Youth Organisation Helpers. It could well be given to young people by their parents or god-parents. It is not written from a specifically C. of E. point of view, but gives much sound and sensible advice on social, moral and spiritual problems. At the lowest level. I would commend this book as exceptionally good value for 1s. 6d.

N.C.

Parsonage Houses and Television Aerials

The Dilapidations Board has recently considered this matter and has decided that it will not make any special requirements in connection with the fitting of television aerials as these are usually erected by responsible firms whose interest it is to make a good job without causing damage. Once erected, a television aerial would be treated as part of the parsonage house for the purposes of ordinary insurance effected under the Dilapidations Measures, which covers damage caused by fire, lightning or explosion. Damage to an aerial arising from any other cause would be a matter for the Incumbent or other owner, but where an Incumbent insures the contents of the parsonage under a Householders Comprehensive Policy with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, this would include cover for the aerial.

Christmas Cards

Christmas for Church people is primarily a religious festival, yet many Church members send Christmas cards which have no relation to the religious side of the season. All can testify to their faith and act as Christian missionaries by sending specifically Christian cards. If you do not see them in your shops you can obtain them—some for only a penny from various church publishers. We can commend the cards of S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. (and branches) Mowbrays, 28, Margaret St., London, W.1. (and branches) and Home Words, 11, Ludgate Square, London E.C.4. These firms will gladly send a selection of cards by post.

N.C.

Offer

Would the incumbent of any parish whose mission-church or chapel-of-ease has no chalice and paten, and would welcome a gift, please write to the Editor of the "News." The chalice and paten (silver) will not necessarily be given to the first applicant.

Homes for Retired Clergy

At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance, it was regretfully decided that a scheme to erect two bungalows for retired clergy, on a site in Kendal would have to be abandoned, owing to lack of funds to meet the share of the cost which would fall upon the Diocese after the main cost of building had been found by the Church of England Pensions Board. The scheme had to be abandoned largely because of heavy road charges connected with the proposed site, and the Committee is looking for an alternative site in the South of the Diocese, which may be procured on reasonable terms. The requirements are that the site should be suitable for two semi-detached bungalows, and should be reasonably near a Church, shops, and bus service. It is hoped that advantage may be taken of the help available from central sources, and the Secretary of the Board would be glad to pass on to the Committee concerned any suggestions offered of help which might be sent in to the Church House, Carlisle.

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