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## THE HARVEST.

The unseasonable weather, during so much of the summer, is causing, at the time of writing, a good deal of anxiety about the crops in many parts of the country. The President of the National Farmers' Union has approached the Archbishop of York, asking him to call for prayers in the churches that the harvest may be saved. We shall continue to hope and to trust that fine weather during September may help to redeem the situation, and that by the time of our Harvest Festival on October 3rd there may be local, as well as national, cause for thanksgiving.

But, in the circumstances, it is all the more important to bear in mind what the purpose of a Harvest Festival really is. We do not only return thanks, on the rare occasions of "bumper" harvests, for exceptional plenty. We keep such occasions to acknowledge that the prayer for "daily bread" has not failed. And we, who live in a country that eats more food grown in other lands than any other nation on earth, should be careful to take a wide enough view of the harvest. When there is uncertainty and the possibility of failure at home, we should be all the more ready to give thanks for the vast wheat harvest of Canada, and the produce of many lands in the Empire and beyond—and the ships and the men who bring so important a part of our food supply to our shores.

We shall therefore be the more grateful for the usual tokens of fruit, flowers and vegetables, on Saturday morning, October 2nd, for the decoration of the church. The preacher at 6 p.m. on October 3rd will be Canon Bradley, our Rural Dean.

## RUSHBEARING, 1954.

1954 will be remembered as the year when the Rushbearing procession started twenty minutes late, owing to a deluge of rain which occurred at 4-45 p.m. Most of the Bearers took refuge in the Rectory Room until it was over, but it is feared that some went home. Eventually the procession reformed and followed the usual route, a few gleams of welcome sunshine appearing before the church was reached. There were 150 Bearings, and the Grasmere Band played the traditional march. Dr. Brook preached the sermon at Evensong, and the six girls who carried the sheet were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by Sir Robert and Lady Ewbank.

On the Monday following, the Rushbearing Sports had to be cancelled, owing to rain, but the tea took place as usual in the school. The Rushbearing Committee is grateful to all who helped in so many ways.

## BAPTISMS.

25th June—Charles Winston Dixon.

15th August—Alan Young.

## MARRIAGES.

14th August—Harry Dugdale and Elizabeth Louisa Thompson.

24th August—John Wilson and Mary Ponsonby Fleming.

## BURIAL.

9th August—Andrew Wilson, aged 87 years.

By the death of Mr. Andrew Wilson, Grasmere has lost one of its oldest residents, who was esteemed by all who knew him and held in deep, affectionate regard by those who knew him well. Though not born in Grasmere, he had lived here for 53 years, and so had become, by long association and the love he bore the place, a native in all but name. His keen interest in all that concerned the well-being of the parish is well known locally. His reputation in business, for knowledge and integrity, is known to a very much wider circle. He will be much missed, and the deep sympathy of parishioners and friends will be with Mrs. Wilson in full measure.

## MOTHERS' UNION.

The Mothers' Union Sale, which was being planned for 9th September has been postponed until later in the year owing to the British Legion Garden Fete planned for the same week, which all will wish to support. A new date will be fixed later.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday Schools will reopen on Sunday, 12th September, and King's Messengers on Tuesday, 14th September.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS—AUGUST.

1st—£15 17s. 3d. Church Expenses.

7th—£11 18s. 7d. C. of E. Children's Society.

14th—£21 16s. 0d. Grasmere School and the National Society.

15th—£20 16s. 5d. Church Expenses.

22nd—£15 3s. 0d. Church Expenses.

29th—£17 18s. 0d. S.P.G.

## RAINFALL.

6.84 inches of rain fell on 25 days in July. 9.39 inches on 25 days in August. Year's total 55.56 inches.

The August rainfall has been the lowest for 5 years and has not exceeded 28 times in the last 60 years.

# Carlisle Diocesan News

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## FROM THE BISHOP OF PENRITH

The whole Diocese will have been full of concern for the Archdeacon of Carlisle in the ordeal through which he has passed.

It is a terrible experience to appear in a court of justice on a charge brought by the Police. No-one who knows him would believe for an instant that there could be any possible truth in what was suggested, and to our satisfaction the Magistrate stopped the case even before counsel had concluded his evidence for the defence.

I was there, of course, to give testimony on behalf of the Bishop as well as myself; the Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland came with the same purpose; so did the Archdeacon of Wells also representing his Bishop; so did Canon Bush, a lifelong friend; and also a gentleman from Weston-super-Mare who, having seen an earlier newspaper report, had taken the trouble to find out when and where the court would be held and had journeyed there to give his testimony.

But there was no need to call on any of us. The facts on which the charge was based were shown by the medical evidence to have been capable of an innocent and natural interpretation, as the Archdeacon had affirmed.

Let us then dismiss the matter from our minds. We would assure him of our undisturbed confidence and of our sincere sympathy.

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The Bishop on his return will arrange "Services of Ingathering" in different centres in the month of December—so that we may bring our gifts for the Three Years' Action. I expect there will be many special efforts made this summer and autumn, in one parish and another to help towards our target. May they be completely successful.

God be with you,

VICTOR PENRITH.

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