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"S.P.G." SUNDAY

Two Sundays in the course of the summer are always set aside in Grasmere for remembering, in particular, the work of the Church overseas, when our offerings are wholly given for the support of the two largest Missionary Societies of our Church. "C.M.S." Sunday was observed this year on the last Sunday in July, when Dr. Norman Macpherson brought us news of his present work as surgeon-specialist at the Christian Medical College at Vellore, South India, as well as first-hand information of the Mission Hospital at Peshawar on the North-West Frontier, which is entirely run by the Church Missionary Society, and in which Grasmere supports a bed.

Grasmere has also a close and personal link with the Indian diocese of Chota Nagpur, where the Rev. Alastair MacNaughton has been working for a number of years with the other, and still older, Missionary Society—the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He will be the preacher, both at 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 28th August, and all collections that Sunday will be for "S.P.G." At the request of the Bishop, and by resolution of the Church Council, a proportion of the collections will be earmarked for the Church of South India—that most interesting experiment in Christian reunion. It is hoped that offerings that day will be on a really generous scale.

GRASMERE SCHOOL

At a small gathering at the School on Wednesday, 27th July, Mrs. B. M. Smith was welcomed back to Grasmere after months of illness away from home, and was presented, on her retirement from the teaching staff, with gifts of a bedside table, an angle-poise reading light, an electric clock and a cheque which had been subscribed by past and present pupils, managers, staff and friends. She asks that the following letter may be printed here, since she has no more convenient way of expressing her thanks to all concerned.

Gilburn, August 1st.

Dear Mr. Tait,

May I take this opportunity of thanking the scholars present and past, the Staff and School Managers and the many kind friends who subscribed to the wonderful gifts given to me on my retirement. After all, I only did my duty and thoroughly enjoyed it. I am going to miss the children very much, but I hope that while I am fast in the house they will come and see me and bring their Daddies and Mummies. Then when I can walk alone I shall be able to go to school to see them. Even though I have had to retire from teaching I hope there will be many ways in which I can be of use to the village and I hope that people will not hesitate to ask for my help if I can be of use. Again with very many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

BESSIE M. SMITH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND KING'S MESSENGERS

King's Messengers closed at the end of July until Tuesday, 20th September. The prize-winners for the past year were : Seniors, 1 Mavis Wilson, Michael Kirkby (tie); 2 Janice Kirkby; 3 Stella Colwell; 4 Pamela Haynes. Juniors, 1 Patricia Murdoch; 2 Rosemary Lunn, Peter Bailey; 4 Barry Thompson. Kindergarten, 1 Sandra Griffiths; 2 Sheila Knowles, Martin Kirkby; 4 Sylvia Wilson.

The Sunday School is closed all August and re-opens on Sunday, 18th September. During the past year the seniors have been working on the "Companion Method," the modern method of research, and completing five projects based on the teaching of the Church's Year. We congratulate Peter Hildrew on completing the full course.

BAPTISM

31st July—William Tilbury.

MARRIAGE

1st August—John Bernard Byrom and Tamar Annie Alcock.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—JULY.

3—£10	16	0	Church Expenses
10—£13	2	7	„ „
17—£15	17	0	„ „
24—£18	6	7	„ „
31—£24	0	0	Church Missionary Society.

RAINFALL

5.10 inches of rain fell on 20 days in June, and 3.2 inches on 3 days in July. Year's total to date 31.91 inches.

On six occasions only in 65 years have the first seven months of the year had a smaller fall than this year, but the July figures have been beaten 7 times in 65 years, the last occasion being 1941. All the July rain fell on the first 3 days of the month

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EXTRACT FROM THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

TURNING to domestic concerns in the Diocese, we find much encouragement in the record of recent years. There has been a considerable increase in the numbers confirmed and numbers of regular communicants. There is an increase in numbers of men offering for ordination. I have fewer parishes vacant than at any time since I came to the diocese. Parishes on the whole are in good heart and meeting their material needs, parochial and diocesan, with quiet confidence.

Through the Bishop's Appeal for £50,000 and the Three Years' Action for £60,000 over £115,000 was raised. For Church Schools £15,000 was raised and the Barchester Scheme so successfully established mainly through the efforts of the Director of Education, Archdeacon Bulley, that about half of the Church Schools of the diocese are given aided status.

We have built three new Hall Churches, two in Carlisle and one in Barrow, are building a new Church in Barrow, a new Church Hall in Carlisle, are about to start building a new Hall Church at Mirehouse, and are transforming a Hall Church into a parish church in Workington.

We are soon to start building a new Secondary Modern School at Cartmel which will cost about £100,000, of which the Church's share will be £20,000. I promised £10,000 from the diocese and we can honour that promise when required. The local parishes have undertaken to raise £5,000 towards this, and I am glad to acknowledge the gift of £1,000 received only a few days ago for this purpose.

Clergy stipends in the diocese have been greatly improved through the Church Commissioners, the diocese and the parishes. In 1947, the stipend for a large proportion of parishes was only £350, out of which rates, pension premium and, in many cases, dilapidations had to be paid. This year the minimum will be £570, plus Easter Offering, rates, dilapidations, and pension premium, and we aim to reach a minimum of £600, plus the above items.

A few years ago the Quota was doubled and is now doubled again to assist us in all this. I know that the new Quota will mean a big effort on the part of the parishes, but I am confident they will achieve it—with a bit of a grumble, no doubt—but with a good heart. Already I hear of a great spirit of mutual helpfulness which the new Quota is arousing. As you know, it is the Rural Deanery which is assessed and this assessment is divided up among the parishes in the Rural Deanery by a committee which takes into consideration local parish needs, difficulties and other relevant factors. I have heard of one parish that thought its Quota too high and a neighbouring parish undertook to find £15 a year to help it out. Another small parish was promised £10 by a big neighbouring parish, yet another, when offered help, asserted a sturdy independence with a polite "No thank you." And last, but I cannot vouch for the accuracy, there is a story of a parish very disappointed that it cannot find any parish in need of help! Well, here is the true spirit of helpfulness within the life of the family in the Diocese. This kind of thing can happen elsewhere, but it is not as likely as in this friendly north-west country where hearts are warm and the Church has its roots deep down in the life of our people.

I hope that I shall not be called upon to issue any fresh appeals for the material needs of the diocese for a long time. I have had more than my share of this, and though I do not apologise for seeking the funds necessary, it is not my intention to continue in this way. A famous statesman, in time of war, cried out "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." We greatly needed the tools; I grew tired some years ago of hearing that we were a poor diocese—not like the South. I did not believe it then, and nobody can believe it now.

We have got the tools (or many of them), and we have to get on with the main job, which is to proclaim and spread the Gospel, the Gospel of Salvation and the Kingdom of God.

I intend to call the Church in the diocese to a new *kind of action*—action in every parish by clergy and laity, action far harder than the Three Years' Action—action in evangelism, action for the building up of the Church of Christ by worship, witness and work, and the purifying of our common life by christian duty and service.

Improvements and Repairs to Parsonage Houses

In two or three instances recently, the Dilapidations Board has been asked for financial assistance towards the cost of work carried out in or to parsonage houses without the Board's prior approval of the specification and estimates. Apart from the question of financial assistance being difficult in cases where the Board has not approved the specification and estimate, Incumbents are reminded that it is a statutory requirement (Section 48 Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measures) that no addition to or alterations of the buildings belonging to a benefice should be undertaken without the sanction of the Board.

The Board meets at regular intervals and there are special arrangements for dealing with urgent business, so that no delay need be occasioned by adhering to the proper procedure.

For any alteration or addition to benefice buildings, specifications and estimates should state briefly the work proposed and the materials to be used and, if necessary, should be accompanied by sketch plans. The Church Commissioner's handbook of the standards of workmanship required is a valuable guide. Copies of this handbook were sent to all Incumbents in 1953, and further copies are still available on request at Church House.

In the case of repairs, as distinct from improvements (and apart from the repairs listed in the "Schedule of Immediate Repairs" in the Surveyor's quinquennial report), work costing not more than £20 in any one year may be put in hand and the account submitted for payment on completion but in the case of repairs likely to cost more than that sum, an estimate should first be submitted to the Board.

Heversham Grammar School

The Bishop of the diocese, after his recent visit to Heversham School, suggested that it may be of particular interest to clergy who wish that their sons may have the advantage of a boarding-school education and who are held back by the heavy fees charged by the larger public schools.

The school itself has a high academic standard—six boys are leaving at the end of this term for admission to the universities. The boarding establishment is a non-profit-making concern, controlled by an independent governing body under the local education authority and run by the headmaster, Mr. G. L. Willatt, and his wife, and resident staff. It is organized on public school lines, with an emphasis on individual development and character training. The accommodation is spacious and well equipped with excellent recreational facilities. Heversham is a beautiful and healthy place, which contributes to the excellent health record of the school. The boarding fees are £110 per year with no tuition fees, providing that the local education authority in the county in which the parent resides accepts responsibility, and entry is dependent upon the passing of the Secondary Schools Entrance Examination at the age of 11+. Any inquiries should be addressed to the Clerk to the Governors, who will be glad to forward further details.

Robes for Sale

The Editor of *The News* has for sale (the property of a deceased incumbent) cassocks, surplices, stoles, scarves, college squares, hoods (Lincoln and Birkenhead) and a heavy overcoat. These may be inspected at Haverthwaite Vicarage, or will be sent on approval, enquirers to pay postage.

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