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GRASMERE NEW HALL

A well-attended Public Meeting was held in the Grasmere Hall on Tuesday, 10th May, to consider the question of raising £750 for a new heating plant. After a number of interesting and constructive points had been discussed, the Meeting by an overwhelming majority, agreed to support an Appeal for funds. It is very satisfactory to report that the Board have now decided to increase the share capital by 100 shares of £10 each fully paid and that a sufficient number of these shares have already been taken up privately to cover the estimated cost. A few shares will still be available at par to be taken up by any resident of Grasmere who wishes in either a personal or representative character to take a direct interest in the maintenance of the Hall.

CHURCH SOCIAL GATHERING

As announced last month, a quite informal social gathering for Church members has been planned to take place in the Rectory Garden (if fine!) on Friday, June 10th, at 7-45 to 9 p.m. All whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll, or on the Junior Roll, are very warmly invited to attend. Even if wet, it is hoped that coffee and biscuits in the Rectory Room may to some extent offset the damping effect of the weather. The whole plan is due to the remark someone made that Church members, **as such**, never meet together in a social way. Let us try to reform ourselves in this respect!

JUNE EVENTS IN CHURCH

On **Trinity Sunday** (June 5th) services will be at the usual Sunday hours, and all the collections in Church that day will go, as in the past, towards the training of Ordination Candidates.

On **Sunday, June 26th**, the preacher at 10-30 a.m. will be Mr. R. H. Mander, Headmaster of Kelsick Grammar School, and the collections at all services will be divided between the Student Christian Movement and the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

On **Wednesday, June 15th**, at 8-15 p.m., the Laurance Turner String Quartette will play music in Church, as in recent years. Owing to the heavy expenses involved admission on this occasion has to be by programme, price 3s., which may be obtained in advance from Messrs. Sam Read, or at the Church door. The date is a little earlier in the season than usual, but we hope for a good attendance of music-lovers who live in the district.

CHURCH SOCIAL GATHERING

All members of the Church Electoral Roll and
of the Junior Roll are cordially invited
to a Social Gathering on

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th, 1955 7.45 p.m.—9.0 p.m.

The Rector has kindly offered the use of The
Rectory Garden.

Coffee & Biscuits

MOTHERS' UNION

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 St. Mary's, Windermere, on Wednesday, June 29th, at 2-30 p.m. All M.U. members are invited, and it is hoped that many will be able to attend.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting will be held by kind invitation of Mrs. Horner, at Silver Howe, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 30th, when the speaker will be Miss Swift. If any subscriber to the Society has not received a personal invitation, will he or she please let the Rector know?

R.S.P.C.A.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th, at 3 p.m. in the Dale Lodge Cafe, when the speaker will be Mrs. Eric Crewdson, J.P. (Deputy Chairman, Westmorland Branch). There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and a collection, and tea will be provided. All subscribers are welcome.

MARRIAGE

21 May—Norman Park and Barbara Anne Tyson.

BURIALS

May

9—Charles Kenneth Gerald Horner, aged 11 months.

21—William Allonby, aged 62 years.

The very deep and sincere sympathy of all parishioners will be with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Horner in the tragic loss of their infant son, as well as with Mrs. Allonby and her family in their bereavement.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—MAY

1—	£ 9	3	0	Church Expenses.
8—	£ 9	6	8	„ „
15—	£13	3	7	„ „
19—	(Ascension Day)	£2	3s. 9d.	U.M.C.A.
22—	£10	9	3	Church Expenses.
29—	£23	18	1	Diocesan Quota.

RAINFALL

5 65 inches of rain fell on 22 days in May. Year's total : 23.61 inches.

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BIRKBY HOUSE,
CARLISLE.

My Dear People,

This is likely to be the last letter which I will write to you from the above address, as we hope that by the time you read it, we shall have moved to Rose Castle.

We have been very happy in this attractive corner of Carlisle where we have been surrounded by such good and friendly neighbours and we shall move from among them and from the parish of Stanwix with feelings of regret.

I would like to place on record how happy Mrs. Bloomer and I and our children have been in sharing in the worship and family life of the parish church. The vicar of a parish could be excused if he felt a little embarrassed by his bishop living in the midst of his parish and having an inside view of parochial affairs! Mr. Carroll has never betrayed any signs of this, and I am grateful to him for many opportunities, freely offered, of celebrating the Holy Communion and of sharing in the life of the parish. I believe that every faithful member of the Church of England should find his spiritual home in his parish church, be he bishop or beggar—in some cases the same! And help by worship witness and fellowship to strengthen the religious life of the parish.

When I was made a bishop, I missed very greatly my own church and congregation, but I have found much compensation for this in the parish of Stanwix where priest and people have been so welcoming. It was characteristic of them to invite my wife and me to join them for a cup of tea after their annual parochial church meeting, and then present her with a bouquet and me with a beautiful Altar Book in memory of our eight and a half years in the parish. This Book we shall treasure for its own sake and for the happy associations it will recall.

Rose Castle has been the residence of bishops of Carlisle for over six hundred years. Under the stress of war, my predecessor, Bishop Williams, vacated it in 1942, and it has been unoccupied since. When I accepted the bishopric in 1946, I accepted legal responsibility for the structural upkeep of the Castle. That burden I carried for nearly seven years and it cost me many sleepless nights. Then, at my request, and after consultation with the diocese, the Church Commissioners took it into their possession and it is now reconstructed and renovated. The bishop will in future pay rent for the residence and not be responsible for the maintenance of the structure.

I know that the Diocese feels deeply grateful to the Church Commissioners for preserving this historic house and I believe that in days to come, as in past ages, Rose Castle can serve the Church in the diocese in many ways and witness to its long history, its present strength and its faith in the future. God grant that it may be so!

I know that you will all realize that to move into the Castle will be a formidable undertaking, especially for my wife who will have the heaviest part, but she will do it with her usual calm courage and grace.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

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