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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

At the annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings held on April 12th, the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, whose names appear on the front cover of the Magazine, were appointed for the ensuing year.

The following parochial lay representatives were elected :

To the Ruri-decanal Conference : Miss Helen Read and Mr. J. Abbott.

To the Parochial Church Council : Mr. J. B. Macalpine, Mr. D. A. MacNaughton, Mr. Penny Peel, Sir William Platt, Mr. E. J. Wilson, Lady Platt, Miss Barton, Mrs. Blagden, Mrs. Macalpine, Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Moberly, Miss Squance.

Mrs. Rawnsley and Sir Robert Ewbank are already ex-officio members of the Church Council as members of the Church Assembly.

The Honorary Secretary (Sir Robert Ewbank) reported on the proceedings of the Council during the past year, and Mr. Abbott presented the annual accounts which were unanimously approved.

In a report on the "fabric, goods and ornaments" of the Church, the Rector referred with appreciation to two generous gifts which had been made as replacements : A new Visitor's Book in a most attractive binding, and the greatly improved book table on which it rests—the gift of Sir William Platt— and a new flag staff, which was erected just in time for Easter to replace one blown down in a winter gale—the gift of Colonel Danson.

It was decided by a majority to raise the number of elected Church Councillors next year from 12 to 15, and that the time of meetings should be 8 p.m. to enable more electors to be present.

Amongst business of general interest the following proposals were made and agreed to :—

(1) That a Junior Roll be drawn up comprising young people who had been confirmed but who were not yet eligible for inclusion in the official Electoral Roll of the parish, with the object of giving them a sense that they "belonged" to the Church. Mrs. Blagden was asked to prepare this Roll, and it is hoped that the young people concerned will see that their names are placed upon it.

(2) That a social gathering be arranged during the summer for the Church members whose names are on the Electoral Roll and the Junior Roll. A small committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements, and it is hoped that an announcement will be made in next month's Magazine.

MAY FESTIVALS

ASCENSION DAY, May 19th—Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 10-30 a.m. Evensong (said) 6 p.m. Collections for the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

WHIT SUNDAY, May 29th—Holy Communion 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m.

10-30 a.m. Matins. Preacher, Rev. Alastair MacNaughton.

2-30 p.m. Children's Service. Rev. Alastair MacNaughton.

6 p.m. Evensong. Preacher, the Rector.

Collections at all services, according to custom, for the Diocesan

Quota, now £121.

BAPTISM

April

24—Charles Kenneth Gerald Horner.

BURIALS

March

26—Fanny May Wilkinson, aged 73.

31—The Ashes of Ellen Sarah Hewitt, aged 78.

The sincere sympathy of parishioners and friends will be with each family, represented above, in their bereavement.

KING'S MESSENGERS

The sum of £10 was realised at the King's Messengers' Sale, held on April 16th, to be divided between the Medical Mission's effort and K.M. funds. We would express best thanks to all who helped to make the effort a success, and to parents and friends who supported us in so many ways.

RAINFALL

2.45 inches of rain fell on 10 days in March, and 4 inches on 17 days in April. Year's total to date: 17.96 inches.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—APRIL

3—£ 9 0 0 Church Expenses.

8—(Good Friday) £9 7 0 Jerusalem and the East Mission.

10—£81 14 9 Easter Offering.

17—£19 1 0 Church Expenses.

24—£10 6 5 " " "

The Rector expresses his sincere thanks to all who contributed for the very kind gift made him of the Easter Offering.

"BOB A JOB" WEEK

The Scouts and Cubs wish to express their thanks to the many people who gave them jobs to do at Easter-time. In all they earned approximately £10 of which 3s. per member goes to Scout H.Q. or County and Local Associations. The remainder (about £6) will go to group funds.

Carlisle Diocesan News



MAY, 1955.

My Dear Friends,

Just before I sat down to write this letter, it was announced that Sir Winston Churchill had resigned as Prime Minister. Although it was generally expected, the broadcast sounded like sombre news—A giant among men, renowned the world over, was laying down a great office. Sir Winston will be remembered in the pages of history as the outstanding personality and leader of this century, but for many years to come he will be affectionately remembered as the man whose voice, defiant, courageous and inspiring, gave hope and stubborn strength to our people in the darkest days of war, and comfort to the oppressed in many lands.

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I expect that most of you have heard or read of the Church of South India, though it is surprising how many have little knowledge of it and that little rather blurred or twisted.

If you could have visited Madras Cathedral on 27th September, 1947, you would have found thousands of people there from all over South India and many visitors from Churches abroad joining in a service which was the climax of twenty-eight years of discussion, planning and prayer. It was the service of inauguration of the Church of South India; the coming together of Anglican, Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of South India to be henceforth one Church.

The divisions in Western Christendom and their historical causes have little relevance for the Christians in India, Africa and Asia and this Church of South India has succeeded in effecting a unity which is impressive and inspiring.

In spite of opposition outside, it has become a Church in which the power of the Holy Spirit is clearly seen at work, and increasingly it becomes an Indian Church with Indian clergy and bishops. It has the four marks of the Catholic Church—the Bible, the Creeds, the Sacraments and the threefold Ministry of bishops, priests and deacons. It is true that in the Ministry there are some not episcopally ordained and these may continue for another 23 years. Episcopacy is fully accepted in principle and has so strongly established itself that it is only a matter of time until all in the Ministry will be episcopally ordained. I can understand the hesitancy of some to accept the Church of South India while these exceptions continue, but I believe with the late Bishop Walter Carey, that if you get the principle right and well established in any matter, you can always agree to temporary exceptions.

The Church of South India has not yet been accepted into full Communion with the Church of England but this question will come before the Convocations in the month of May, before which a Report on the matter will be issued by a responsible Committee.

I am among those who believe that the time has come when definite discussions should be made, and I would ask all of you to pray that Convocations may be guided aright on a question which may have far reaching effects on the whole problem of the Reunion of the Church of Christ. There can be no doubt but that our divisions are a grievous sin, and that we are all called to pray and work for the healing of the wounds in the Body of Christ.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

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