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E. Wilson, Jas. Wilson, Jack Wilson.

Organist : Mr. W. E. Warner, Mus.B., A.R.C.O.

Vergers : Mr. Hird Kendall.

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RUSHBEARING, 1955.

If 1954 is remembered as the year when the Rushbearing Procession started late owing to a deluge of rain, 1955 will be remembered as the year when the Rushbearing occurred in the middle of the longest heat-wave that Grasmere can remember. Oddly enough, in the circumstances, there were 14 fewer Bearings than last year—136 in all. The Grasmere Band, augmented for the occasion, played the traditional march, and onlookers declared that the procession was better arranged, and better spaced out, than for many years. The Right Reverend G. R. Vernon, Assistant Bishop of Peterborough, preached to a crowded (and very warm) congregation at Evensong, and the collection was given for the work of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The six girls who carried the sheet were kindly entertained to tea by Sir Robert and Lady Ewbank.

On Monday, August 8th, the customary Rushbearing Sports, arranged by Mr. Hildrew, were held in brilliant sunshine on the School Field, and an admirable tea was provided in the School Canteen by an able and active band of voluntary helpers, organised by the Rushbearing Committee. The Committee is most grateful to all who helped in so many ways.

MUSIC IN CHURCH.

Following three very well-attended organ recitals given by Mr. Warner, the last event of the season will be a second visit which Laurance Turner and the String Quartette are going to pay to Grasmere this year. They will play works by Haydn, Debussy and Mendelssohn on Tuesday, 6th September, at 8-15 p.m. Admission will again be by programme, and we hope for a very good attendance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday School reopens on Sunday, 18th September, at 2-30, in the Rectory Room where we will welcome Mrs. Bell who is taking the place of Mrs. Barton. The Meadow Brow School, where Mrs. Hymas now helps Mrs. Abbott, will not open until Sunday, September 25th, at 2-0 p.m.

King's Messengers re-open on Tuesday, 20th September, 5-30 p.m., all children over the age of 7 years are welcome.

On 28th September (Wednesday), we are having a special open meeting to which all children and adults are welcome. Miss Betty Gaukroger, head of the Blind School, Ranchi, has promised to come and speak to us and to bring coloured slides of the work at the school.

Some of the older children and parents may remember the visit of the late Miss Catherine Telford, who came on her last leave (and taught us how to do sums on a blind slate!) and who wrote regularly to the children until her death in 1952. Miss Gaukroger succeeded Miss Telford as head of the school.

MOTHERS' UNION.

A Quiet Afternoon, for Mothers' Union members in parishes of the Ambleside Deanery, will be held in Grasmere Church on Thursday, 22nd September, from 2-45 p.m. —4-15 p.m., and will be conducted by the Rector. It is hoped that our members will be present in good numbers and will regard this meeting as the first meeting of the season. Subsequent meetings, beginning in October, will be held as usual on the third Wednesday in the month, and will take place in the Rectory Room.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Harvest Festival Services will be held, as usual, on the first Sunday in October—October 2nd. There will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. and the preacher at 10-30 a.m. will be the Rev. J. A. H. Bell. Collections at all services will be for our Diocesan Quota, and we shall be very pleased to have gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables, as early as possible, on Saturday morning, 1st October, for the decoration of the church. There will also be a Children's Gift Service at 2-30 p.m. on the Sunday afternoon, to which children are invited to bring gifts suitable for the use of crippled children in the Ethel Hedley Orthopaedic Hospital.

BAPTISM.

23rd August—Nichola Frances Wicksteed.

BURIAL.

16th August—Margaret Alice Wiper, aged 81 years.

The deep sympathy of friends and parishioners will be with each member of Mrs. Wiper's family in their bereavement.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—AUGUST.

6—£15	5	8	N.S.P.C.C.
7—£22	7	2	National Society and Grasmere School.
14—£18	15	3	Church Expenses.
21—£22	4	8	”
28—£24	6	5	S.P.G.

N.B.—By Resolution of the Church Council, the collections on Sunday, September 11th, will be given to the Aged Clergy Homes' Fund and the Clergy Widows' Fund. It is hoped that there will be a generous response. The need is very great.

RAINFALL.

3·32 inches of rain fell on 10 days in August. Year's total : 35·76 inches. In the last 65 years there have been five drier Augusts. 1947 being the driest with ·2 inches

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ROSE CASTLE,

CARLISLE.



My Dear People,

A few months ago I wrote to you about the Report on the Church of South India, which was to come before the Convocations of Canterbury and York, and I asked for your prayers that the Convocations might be guided to a right decision. It was my opinion that the time had come for the Church of England to make a definite judgement on matters which had been left in abeyance in 1950. That judgement has now been made for both Convocations adopted the Resolutions in the Report almost with unanimity.

In the Resolutions it was recognised that the bishops, presbyters and deacons of the Church of South India, who have been episcopally consecrated and ordained since the Church was inaugurated, are true bishops, priests and deacons in the Church of God. Such bishops, priests and deacons will be permitted, subject to regulations, to celebrate Holy Communion in Church of England churches in this country, on condition that they do not celebrate this Sacrament in non-conformist churches in England.

This condition is right and reasonable here, for to ignore it would create great confusion owing to our ecclesiastical situation. It should be clear that it is this situation, not the question of their Orders, which makes this condition expedient.

The Resolutions included a call to the Church at home to help the C.S.I. to become in reality what it professes to be by its acceptance of the Creeds and Catholic principles. Time will be needed for these principles to work themselves out fully to their logical conclusion, but that they will so do, I have never felt in much doubt. There are bound to be anomalies for a time, but if principles are right, then temporary anomalies can always be allowed.

In accepting the Report, the Church of England has taken a big and definite step forwards towards intercommunion with the Church of South India, though such intercommunion cannot become full until "the unification of the ministry through episcopal ordination is complete."

The Church of South India needs help and the Church at home can do much to meet this need through men or money, or both. One of our best young priests in this diocese—the Rev. Paul Rimmer, son of Canon Rimmer of Ulverston—has recently gone out to South India for a term of service, taking with him his wife and two small children.

We admire his spirit of adventure, his missionary enthusiasm and his zeal for Christian unity. There can be no doubt that this is the way to make the Church of South India what we want it to be—a true part of the Holy Catholic Church in full communion with the Church of England. This is far more effective than much of the criticism heard in recent years, some of it sound, some ill-informed, and some obviously full of prejudice.

Paul Rimmer is a personal link between this diocese and the Church of South India, and I ask you, in your prayers, to remember him, his wife and family, and all our fellow-workers in that part of the Church of Christ in India.

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

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