CROSTHWAITE PARISH MAGAZINE.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH ENGAGEMENTS.

1	M	C.A.M. Sewing Party at Vicarage, 2-30 p.m.; Band of Hope, 5 p.m.
2	Tu	District Visitors' Meeting, in Parish Room, 3 p.m.; Portinscale Band of Hope, 6 p.m.
3	W	Choir Practice, 8-30 p.m.
4	Th	Stair Band of Hope, 6 p.m. Bell Practice, 7-30 p.m.
5	F	Service in Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
6	Sat	Children's Sewing Party at Vicarage, 2-30 p.m.
7	SUN	*9th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and mid-day; Services, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.—Sermons for Organ Fund; Applethwaite, 2-30 p.m.
8	M	Band of Hope, 5 p.m.
9	Tu	
10	W	Choir Practice, 8-30 p.m.
11	Th	Stair Band of Hope, 6 p.m.; Bell Practice, 7-30 p.m.; Service at Applethwaite, 7-30 p.m.
12	F	Service in Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.; S.S. Lessons.
13	Sat	
14	SUN	*10th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Services, 10-45 a.m., and 6-30 p.m.—Sermons for Curate's Fund; Service at Applethwaite, 2-30 and 6-30 p.m.
15	M	Band of Hope, 5 p.m.
16	Tu	
17	W	Holy Communion, in Parish Room, 11 a.m.; Choir Practice, 8-30 p.m.
18	Th	Bell Practice, 7-30 p.m.
19	F	Service in Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.; S.S. Lessons.
20	Sat	Children's Sewing Party, 2-30 p.m.
21	SUN	*11th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Services, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.; Service at Applethwaite, 2-30 p.m.
22	M	Band of Hope, 5 p.m.
23	T	
24	W	*S. Bartholomew Apostle and Martyr.*—Service in Church, 11-15 p.m.; Choir Pr., 8-30 p.m.
25	Th	Stair Band of Hope, 6 p.m.; Service at Applethwaite, 7-30 p.m.; Bell Practice, 7-30 p.m.
26	F	Service in Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.; S.S. Lessons.
27	Sat	Pupil Teachers at Vicarage, 9 a m.
28	SUN	*12th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Services, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.; Holy Baptisms and Catechizing, 2-30 p.m.; Service at Applethwaite, 2-30 and 6-30 p.m.
29	M	Band of Hope, 5 p.m.
30	T	
31	W	Choir Practice, 8-30 p.m.

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THE DAWN OF DAY.

On hearing a sermon by the Rev. Phillips Brooks, Crosthwaite Church, Keswick.—10th *July*, 1887.

You came, and with you came a wind from Heaven
  The health and vigour of Atlantic gales,
  Our hearts revived, our souls reset their sails,
And with new courage o'er old seas were driven.
Weak knees were strong which hopelessly had striven,
  Tired hands that felt—what agony avails!
  Cast Death o'er board with this world's cumbrous bales,
And took fresh stores of life your lips had given.

There, as we heard the passionate appeal,
  And watched your body swayed beneath the stress
  Of half you felt, of all you could express,
  We learned again how sped the Holy Ghost
  Thro' flame and wind of that first Pentecost,
And knew your message by the Saviour's seal.

H. D. R.

The month of July, 1887, will be remembered as one of alternate heat and cold. Coming in with a weary parchedness that had burnt the fellsides almost into autumn tints of bronze and yellow, and going out with rain and a kind of second spring-tide green upon the hills. What a drought the Lakeland has suffered from may be gathered from the fact that the lake has been lower than the lowest levels yet recorded—namely, in 1826, 1844, and 1868. The rainfall for the month has been 3·47 inches. The flowers have passed away from the fields and foxgloves from the woods; but by the lake-side the willow herb and meadow-sweet, the tall spires that maidens call "long purples" are still beautiful, and the hedges are beginning to be bright with blackberry blossom. The birds have ceased from song, the corncrake is seldomer heard, and the wood pigeon by day and the owl and nightjar by night have a monopoly of sound.

ENTOMOLOGICAL NOTES FOR THE AUTUMN.

The larvæ of three species of butterflies that appear in August and September are now feeding on the nettle; they are blackish-looking caterpillars, thickly covered with hairs and spines that protect their soft bodies from the sharp stinging hairs of that plant. The commonest with us is the Small Tortoise-shell *(Vanessa Urticæ)*. The stately Peacock *(Vanessa Io)* is not very common here, and the third is the Red Admiral *(Vanessa Atalanta)*. These three species hibernate for the winter as soon as the cold weather commences, and remain so till the first warm sunny days of spring bring them forth. Autumn is the time to look for the large Hawk Moths. The fine specimen of Death's Head *(Acherontia Atropos)* in our local museum was found on some steps in Main-street; and the very rare Sphinx *(Chærocampa Celerio)* was taken in a grocer's shop, no doubt attracted by the gas-light—this also is in our museum. As the winter approaches, insect life gets less numerous and the species not so conspicuous, but still we have certain kinds that are only got in the winter months, and the males only have wings, the females being wingless.

Steps are being taken to form a branch of the Selborne Society for the preservation of birds and flowers in the Lake District. Members of the Keswick and District Footpath Preservation Association will find that their aims coincide with this estimable society. We shall shortly have a meeting.

On the visitors who may read this magazine, it cannot be too strongly urged that the practice of rooting up wholesale the rarer ferns and wild flowers of the neighbourhood is as unkind to the residents, and unjust to the landowners, as it is destructive of all the charms of this beautiful holiday resort, and we commend to their kindly perusal the following circular, which has been issued to the lodging houses and hotels of the town by the Keswick and District Footpath Preservation Society:—

"The public are earnestly requested to keep to the paths, to shut gates, not to take dogs into woods, nor break down walls or get through fences. Their freedom of foot in this district depends largely upon observing these cautions.

"All persons are specially requested not to root up wholesale and remove flowers and ferns from the hedge-rows, fields, woods, or fellsides. Owing to the indiscriminate taking away of these, the locality is losing the very charms which the Visitors most desire, and the residents suffer the whole year round.

"Pic-nic Parties are asked not to allow bottles or broken egg-shells or luncheon paper to remain lying about.

All who find a pathway stopped up which they have used in past years should at once communicate with the Hon. Secretary, H. I. Jenkinson."

The Jubilee Bonfire Committee met in the Parish Room on Friday, 22nd, and the treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. Hogarth, shewed that the incidental cost had been met by subscriptions, leaving a balance in hand of 4s. The rockets from Skiddaw and the neighbouring heights had cost £10 4s. Of this, a sum of £4 was still unsubscribed, and was advanced by the Vicar. The committee feel that some of the many who enjoyed the sight may help to make up the deficit.

The accompanying is a detailed narrative of the Jubilee Bonfires as seen from Skiddaw on June 21st.

The night could not easily have been more favourable. Light vapour hung round the skirts of the hills, a gauzy veil of haze floated about Criffel's side, but the peaks of the hills were clear for twenty miles to the south of us. The day was unfortunately long in dying, and the fires that were lit at 9-30 p.m. lost much of their effect. The Scotch were first in the field with a great fire near the shore beneath Criffel, which was answered about twenty-five minutes to ten by one half-way up Criffel. Then fires seemed to race into sight all along the Scotch coast beyond the great white Solway, which still gleamed with the afterglow. Mell Fell, not visible from Skiddaw top, lit up at 9-30; the Braithwaite folk lit up in answer upon Kinn Edge, below Grisedale. And Uldale Common set a gloriously great bonfire aglow immediately after. Wythop Fell then put touch to the pyre. Moothay, Tallentire village, seemed to answer next, and three bonfires gleamed faintly on the Crosstell range. About ten minutes to ten Greystoke Park bonfire glared out, and by two minutes to ten there were about sixty bonfires burning in sight. Many rockets were seen faintly leaping to the south. A fixed light or a very brightly glowing bonfire was seen over Dunmail Raise—believed to be Gummershow. Behind it, far distant, was one that might have been Farleton Knott, or further back behind Lancaster. A fire appeared now on Coniston Old Man and Blackcombe, and soon tiny points of light appeared upon Bowfell, Scafell and Helvellyn. Helvellyn burned intensely bright; it seemed almost as if a gold yellow electric light was shining there. At 10-15 about 100 bonfires were visible. At 10-30 we saw the rockets at Scafell and Helvellyn, the bonfire on the latter being hardly visible now—burned out. No railway sleepers had been fixed, and only light stuff could be taken to the top—hence the mistake, as it turned out, of lighting the fire at 10. We, partly in fear of not been able to hold out, though we had a solid core of railway sleepers in each of our fires, and partly for the greater darkness sake, refused to answer back rockets or light up till 10-30. As soon as we saw the 10-30 rockets on Scafell and Helvellyn we, at Skiddaw Top and Skiddaw Low Man, answered back as agreed upon with six rockets and lit up our fires, giving three hearty cheers for the Queen as our fire took instantaneous light. Grisedale Pike, Swinside, Catbells, Blencathra, Manisty, Eagle Crag and Shepherd's Crag up in Borrowdale, followed suit, and Penrith and Workington answered, the former firing rockets scarcely discernible, the latter lighting up its bonfire. Three beacon fires now flashed into sight in the Carlisle direction, and the sea coast near Whitehaven and St. Bees was just rimmed with fire. At 11 p.m. I counted 145 bonfires. After this there was no perceptible increase of the fires. We fired signal rockets at 11 p.m. and 11-30. At 12 we burned a green light. Skiddaw Low Man answered, we threw on the rest of the paraffin, pitched the paraffin cask on to the blaze, and whilst the National Anthem was sung, followed by "D' ye ken John Peel," without which no Cumbrian meeting seems complete, the rest of our rockets sailed up and broke into coloured stars above Ullock Fell. Some 450 people seemed to have ascended old Skiddaw to honour the Queen and keep the fiery festival. It was three o'clock when many of us reached Keswick, but all the way down Skiddaw one heard "Eh, man, but it was a grand sight. A wadn't missed sek a sight for forty pund," and they said the honest truth. We shall most of us run a poor chance of seeing a royal Jubilee again. We shall probably never see a National occasion so gloriously honoured by burning faggot and blazing pile. But, if the occasion comes, go to Skiddaw top for the sight!

The Vicar and Mrs. Rawnsley wish it to be known that on Sunday afternoons any of the parish or congregation are welcome to enjoy the Vicarage garden.

The Church workers did us the honour of coming to a garden party on Monday, 11th. Our friends, the farmers and their wives, did us like honour on Monday, 18th. May we be spared to meet another year. Excellent photographs of the garden party groups may be obtained of Mr. H. Mayson, photographer, Lake Road.

On Saturday, 23rd, the Vicar of Penrith's bible class paid us a visit, and took tea beneath the limes.

We have, on three occasions during the past month, had a short organ recital at the close of the evening service, about 100 people staying to hear the music. Selections from Raff, Chopin, Bach,

Mozart, Handel, and Wely have been played. Surely this chance of hearing good music upon a beautiful instrument must have the effect of urging us to contribute to the St. John's organ for which the bazaar is fixed for August 9th to 11th. The National Church, in cultivating a taste for noble music, can do a national work.

The sermons on behalf of the Crosthwaite Choir and Organ Fund will be preached on August 7th.

The Crosthwaite Curate's Fund will be pleaded for on August 14th. Special preachers have been invited to preach on both occasions.

On July 10th the most eloquent of the Episcopalian preachers in America, the Rev. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, preached in the old Crosthwaite Church from the text, 1 Samuel xv. 1. His sermon was a remarkable one, but when every word has been forgotten, the spirit of the man will live and help us. We recommend to all his last work—two lectures on Tolerance, published by Macmillan. In a letter lately received, he speaks of the delight it has been to him to have had the privilege of preaching in the old Parish Church. To reverence aright so ancient a House of God as this old Mother Church is, one must be an American.

H. M. Inspector has imposed a fine of 2s. a head for our infants at the High Hill School, for want of proper accommodation, and the managers have been obliged, much against the grain, to at once set to work to raise £260 to build an infant school-room. Coming as this burden does upon us, all impoverished by the Jubilee year, we should fairly despair, were it not that for the sake of the little children's health, the duty to give even of our poverty seems plain. A circular is being issued by the managers. Subscriptions if promised need not be considered due till next year, and should be sent to the Rev. J. S. Ostle, treasurer.

On Tuesday, 19th, the Rev. J. H. Henry, spoke on behalf of the Moravian Missions in the Parish Room. The collection realised £2 7s. 6d.

The Keswick School of Industrial Arts, specimens of whose work may be seen at Miss Elliot's, Slack House, Main-street, and at Mr. Birkett's, jeweller, Market-place, has been successful in carrying off first and second prizes and three certificates of merit at the Manchester Exhibition. At the London Exhibition of Handicraft, amongst the many purchasers of their work appears the name of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck.

Private Gardiner's successes at Wimbledon deserve chronicling. He won the bronze medal for the highest score in the first stage of the Queen's Prize competition. In the final stage he tied with three others for the 8th position.

One of the old folk who rode with us in the Jubilee procession has already passed away.

We are all glad that Mr. H. A. Spedding continues to make progress towards recovery.

Parish Register for July.

BAPTISMS.

July 31.—George Banks Wivell, Lake-road.
,, —Mary Bownass, Elm grove.
,, —Mary Elizabeth Mc. Cade, Museum-square.
,, —Mary Ellen Lowden, Woolpack-yard.

MARRIAGES.

July 14.—William Henry Prickett, Main Street, to Harriet Hall, Crosthwaite Vicarage.

BURIALS.

July 1.—Sarah Wise Woolpack-yard, aged 53 years.
,, 9.—Mary Towers, Heads-lane, aged 85 years.
,, 13.—Agnes Edgar, Henderson's-yard aged 65 years.
,, 20.—Mary Auburn, Stair, aged 39 years.

OFFERTORY FOR JULY.

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July	3	— 3	1	0	Poor.
,,	,,	— 2	12	1	Church Expenses.
,,	10	— 0	5	3	Parish Room.
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,,	24	— 2	13	3	do.
,,	,,	— 3	3	2	do.
,,	,,	— 0	10	6	Parish Room.
,,	31	— 5	10	10	Poor.
,,	,,	— 1	16	0	Church Expenses.

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