CROSTHWAITE PARISH MAGAZINE.

DECEMBER, 1890.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH ENGAGEMENTS.

1	M	Band of Hope, 5; K.S.I.A., Parish Room, 7 p.m.
2	Tu	Sale of Work, 2-30; District Visitors' Meeting, 3; Portinscale Band of Hope, 6; Cottage Services, 7-30; Drawing Class in Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
3	W	Mothers' Meeting, Parish Room, 2-30; Mutual Improvement Class, 8; Bell Pr., 8; Choir Pr.,
4	Th	Stair Band of Hope, 6; K.S.I.A., Parish Room, 7-30 p.m. [8-30 p.m.; C.E.T.S. Fesitval
5	Fri	Advent Service in Parish Room, 7 p.m.—Rev. R. Vaughan, preacher
6	Sat	Drawing Class, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
7	SUN	*2nd Sunday in Advent.*—Holy Communion, mid-day; Services in Church, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.; Service in Parish Room, 3; Applethwaite, 6-30; Stair, 6-30; Applethwaite Band of
8	M	Band of Hope, 5; K.S.I.A., Parish Room, 7 p.m. [Hope, 2 p.m.
9	Tu	Drawing Class, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
10	W	Mothers' Meeting, Parish Room, 2-30; Mutual Improvement Class, 8; Bell Pr., 8; Choir Pr.,
11	Th	Stair Band of Hope, 6; K.S.I.A.; Parish Room, 7 p.m. [8-30 p.m.
12	Fri	Advent Service in Parish Room, 7 p.m.—Rev. T. Knowles, preacher
13	Sat	Drawing Room, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
14	SUN	*3rd Sunday in Advent.*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Service in Church, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.; Service in Parish Room, 3; Stair, 6-30; Portinscale, 6-30 p.m.
15	M	Band of Hope, 5 p.m.; K.S.I.A., Parish Room, 7 p.m.
16	Tu	Drawing Class, Parish Room, 7-30; Cottage Services, 7-30 p.m. [8-30 p.m.
17	W	Mothers' Meeting, Parish Room, 2-30; Bell Pr., 8; Mutual Improvement Class, 8; Choir Pr.
18	Th	Holy Communion, Parish Room, 11 a.m.; Stair Band of Hope, 6; K.S.I.A., 7 p.m.
19	Fri	Advent Service in Parish Room, 7 p.m.—Rev. S. F. Whitehead
20	Sat	Drawing Class, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
21	SUN	*4th Sunday in Advent—(St. Thomas Ap. & M).*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Service in Church, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.; Service in Parish Room, 3; Applethwaite, 6-30; Stair, 6-30 p.m.
22	M	Band of Hope, 5; K.S.I.A., Parish Room, 7 p.m.
23	Tu	Drawing Class, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
24	W	Mothers' Meeting, Parish Room, 2-30; Carol Service in Church, 8 p.m.
25	Th	*Christmas Day.*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and mid-day; Service in Church, 10-45 a.m.; Service in Parish Room, 3 p.m.; Tea Meeting at Applethwaite,
26	Fri	*St. Stephen, the First Martyr.*—Service in Church, 11-15 a.m.; Service in Parish Room, 7 p.m.;
27	Sat	*St. John, Ap. & Evan.*—Service in Church, 11-15 p.m. [S.S. Lessons
28	SUN	*1st Sunday after Christmas (Innocents' Day.)*—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Service in Church, 10-45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Holy Baptisms and Catechising, 2-30; Service in Parish Room, 3; Portinscale, 6-30; Stair, 6-30 p.m.; Elder G. F. S. Meeting.
29	M	Band of Hope, 5; K.S.I.A., Parish Room, 7 p.m.
30	Tu	Drawing Class, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.
31	W	

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THE VILLAGE NATURALIST.

[In Memoriam : William Greenip (rural postman), a close observer of Nature : obiit November 2nd, at Keswick.]

God sometimes fills a poor man's patient heart
With His own reverent love and constant care
For all the things He hath created fair,—
Birds, flowers, the wings that fly, the fins that dart,—
And therewithal by Nature's winsome art
Leads him to heights of philosophic air
Where clamour dies, Heaven's ether is so rare,
And bids him walk with gentleness apart.

Friend ! such wert thou : the Newlands valley dew,
The star o'er Grisedale's purple head that shone,
Were not more silent, but each stream and glade,
Each bird that flashed, all dusky moths that flew,
All flowers held commune with thee. Thou art gone :
And Nature mourns the tender heart she made.

H. D. Rawnsley.

From *The Spectator.)*

The month has been one of almost uninterrupted storm, heavy rainfall and wind ; but the glory of Tuesday, 18th, with its marvellous sunset, and the exquisite beauty of Tuesday, 25th, with its clear moonlit evening, atoned for wind, storm, and tempest. Trees still in some parts retain their foliage, and the berries on the hawthorns have as yet scarcely been touched by the birds. First snow on the hills was seen on Monday, Nov. 24th, after a spell of high temperature. Tits and wrens are abundant; geese are seen flying southward ; and teal and golden eyes are on the lake. Speaking of wild birds, it should be noted that during this month there has passed to his rest one of the self-taught naturalists who followed in the footsteps of Jonathan Otley. Since 1856, we have had no such loss among lovers of the flora and fauna of this quiet countryside. William Greenip's life shows us how full a rural postman's daily round can be of wisdom and interest, if only the postman has an eye and heart for the quiet countryside sights and sounds.

The oldest inhabitant, John Hodgson, at the ripe age of 96, has died. He used to speak of seeing a pair of eagles flying about over Helvellyn. No one living now can tell of that sight, which was a familiar one for our fell shepherds in the latter half of last century.

But the town has been visited by death in its most awful form. One of the hardest workers in Keswick, Leonard Grave, perished in Lake Bassenthwaite, as he was returning on a dark night from Cockermouth Fair; and in the same week Mrs. Richardson, of Policeman's-yard, perished in the river Greta, the jury returning a verdict of death during temporary insanity. In the midst of such a cloud of sorrow, there is the light that comes of kindliness ; and touched by the tenderness of the mother suckling her little infant, and then, without a word, going off into the dark, cold river to her death, two collectors, Mrs. Wodehouse and Florence Thornton, of their own accord, went round to the neighbours, and have handed me the sum of £9 18s. 9d., after payment of the £2 offered as reward for the finding of the body, in trust for the motherless bairns.

We are all glad to think that the fever is abating, but none the less glad to think that there is a prospect of having a hospital to which, on the first outbreak of any infectious disease, a case can go. Had this last outbreak happened in June instead of in October, it is like enough that the Keswick season would have been a heavy loss. By the new " Notification of Diseases Act," it will be impossible in the future, as it has always been undesirable, that such outbreaks be hushed up; and when we remember the heavy damages obtainable for letting lodgings that are unsanitary or have seeds of disease in them, we realise how vital it is that we should, here in Keswick, at all cost stamp out infection as soon as it shows itself. The Local Board deserve our thanks for the pains they are now taking to abate nuisances, and we must back them and their medical officer of health up to a man in any well directed effort to render our townsmen free from peril. By the new "Infectious Diseases Prevention Act," if put in force, the Local Board will have power to inspect any milk supply that they think is coming from an infected neighbourhood ; and since milk is about the easiest way of bringing infection into a town if there is any poison in the neighbourhood of a dairy, this is a matter of importance. By the new "Housing of the Working Classes Act," unhealthy areas and unhealthy dwellings will be made slowly to disappear from the face of the earth, and the sooner the better. It is at night that the body is remade for the next day's work. How can a tired out workman or workwoman rise refreshed if the room they sleep in is unsanitary in its surroundings, overcrowded, and ill-ventilated? Sunshine, so the doctors say, is as important as good air for health : it is one of the best disinfectants known. How can sunshine be got into a room in nine out of ten of the houses down our Keswick courts? But at least we can, if the Local Board will help, see that these courts are either asphalted or paved, and decently lighted at night. Let the authorities paddle down the lane from the Heads to Tithebarn-street after the next heavy rain, or walk down Woolpack-yard and so into Back-lane, and they will see what is meant. Let them go in the dark—they will face it easier so—and then let them consider that we are much influenced by our surroundings.

The spinsters met for tea at the Vicarage on St. Catherine's day, Nov. 25th. She is always pictured with a wheel, and has been sometimes looked on as patroness of study and the arts, spinning included. Rules were proposed and passed which will produce more regularity in the bringing in of yarn to the loom. We have as many orders as will keep the Keswick wheels busy. The cottage meetings were commenced on the same evening.

The first of the Mounted Volunteer Brigade's drills took place under the command of Lieut. W. Spedding, on Wednesday, 26th. Eighteen mounted men put in an appearance.

A meeting was held in the Parish Room on Saturday, November 29th, to inaugurate a Farmers' Club. Dr. Webb addressed the meeting.

In response to Mr. Fitzpatrick's appeal, books and money to the value of £5 1s. have been given for prizes for the High School boys.

The programme of the Mutual Improvement Class during the past month has been:—Nov. 5th—"John Francis Millet," by Mr. O. Haughton; 12th—"John Henry Newman," by Mr. P. N. Kennedy; 19th—"Queen Victoria," by Mr. E. Turnbull; 26th—"Schiller," Mr. W. R. Fitzpatrick.

The S.P.G. collection at Portinscale realised 8s. 8d., and our thanks are due to the friends who subscribed to the new lamp for the Applethwaite Schoolroom services.

The sale of work for the Central African Missions and the Crosthwaite boy, So Songolo, will take place in the Parish Room on Tuesday, December 2nd.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, the annual C.E.T.S. Festival will be held in the Parish Room.

The Advent lecturer in the Parish Room on Friday, 5th, is the Rev. R. Vaughan; Friday, 12th, Rev. T. Knowles; Friday, 19th, Rev. S. F. Whitehead. Let us all, or as many as can, be present at the Carol Service on Christmas Eve.

We have to request any who will do so to send me books or illustrated papers or magazines to transmit to the Navvy Mission, or to Mr. West, at Legburthwaite; and when nearer Christmas a call is made to give the navvies a good tea, let those who are so minded respond. The navvies' Christmas is a saddish affair.

G.F.S.—Miss Slack conducts a senior bible class every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the old Infants' School. Miss Spedding conducts a junior class on the first and third Sundays in the month at Greta Bank at 3-30 p.m. Miss R. Spedding conducts an intermediate class on the last Sunday in the month at the same place and hour. In addition to these bible classes, a sewing class is held at 3, Southey-street, every alternate Thursday at 7 o'clock, beginning on December 4th. Members are strongly recommended to stay regularly by the class they join, and not go about from one class to another.

Mr. Paulin sends the weather notes for the past month as follows:—Total sunshine, 52h. 45m.; most in one day, 7h. 20m., on Nov. 15th. There were 13 days on which no sunshine was recorded. Total rainfall, 12·03. Maximum fall in 24 hours ending 9 a.m., 2·20in. on the 6th. Rain was measured on 23 days. Temperature: maximum, 53·6 degrees on 30th Oct.; minimum, 20·5 degrees on 27th Nov. Frost on 8 nights.

Parish Register for November.

BAPTISMS.

Nov. 30—Emily Thwaite, Lupton's-yard
,, —Ada Elizabeth Lewis, Stair
,, —Elizabeth Hannah Hind, Millbeck Hall
,, —Anna Isabel Hartley, Cockermouth
,, —Mary Alice Cutts, Lupton's-yard
,, —Luna Hellen, Beckside

MARRIAGE.

Nov. 12—Lewis Killip, Low Grove, to Jane Hodgson, Low Grove

BURIALS.

Nov. 4—Frank Brownrigg, Derwent-st., aged 3 years
,, 14—Leonard Grave, Museum-square, aged 69 years
,, 21—Mary Jane Richardson, Police Station Court, aged 40 years

OFFERTORY FOR NOVEMBER.

		£	s.	d.	
Nov.	2nd—	1	10	7	Poor
,,	,, —	0	12	2	Church Expenses
,,	9th—	1	7	1	Do.
,,	,, —	0	10	0	Do.
,,	16th—	0	3	8	Parish Room
,,	,, —	1	7	7	Church Expenses
,,	,, —	0	18	1	Do.
,,	23rd—	0	2	10	Parish Room
,,	,, —	1	6	2	Missions to Seamen
,,	,, —	2	0	9	Do.
,,	30th—	0	3	1	Parish Room
,,	,, —	1	7	6	Church Expenses

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