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CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEA PARTY. On Friday evening last a tea party on behalf of the Town Bank Sunday School (being the first) was given in the Infant School, Ulverston. The party was got up by Mr. William Knight, Mr. James Barrow, and other teachers, and we are glad to say it was a most complete success. The Infant School was artistically and beautifully

Infant School was artistically and beautifully decorated: the elecant banner of the Town Bank School prominently elaced shewed that that school was established in 1787; a periratic of the late Rev Canon Gwillym was also conspicuous, surrounded with a wreath of larnel-besides these were "V R." "T.B.S.S." in evergreens, "God save the Oneen." "God bless the Prince of Wales." "Welcome 1872." "A happy New Year." "Holy, holy, Lord," "Ry faith are we aswed." "Holy, holy, Lord," "We faith are we aswed." "Glore to God in the Highest," "Onward, Hyward, Heavenward, "with many other appropriate ornaments, all tastefully are need. The Misses Benson, Miss Knight, Miss Portlethwaite, Miss Breckebank, Miss Briese, Miss Bell, and Messrs, James Barrow, John Knight, J. Thompson, and Thomas Jackson. An excellent tea was provided, of which upwards of 300 partook, the travs being presided over by Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Harrison (the Lund), the Misses Ashburner, the Misses Salt, Miss Brickel, the Misses Rell, Miss Askinson, Miss Knight, Miss Brockle, and Misse Kelbank, Miss Brockle, and Misse Schulmer, Mrs. Harrison (the Lund), the Misses Ashburner, the Misses Salt, Miss Brickel, the Misses Rell, Miss Askinson, Miss Knight, Miss Brockle, and Miss Lowthwaite, the Misses Woodburn, Miss Benson, Miss Enciebank, Miss Buddleston, and Miss Tyson.

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Miss Atkinson, Miss Knieht, Miss Briggs, Miss Lewthwatte, the Misses Woodburn, Miss Brocklebank, Miss Huddleston, and Miss Tryson.

After tea there was evening service in the Parish Church, when the 77th Anthen was unor, and an impressive address was given by the Rev. G. G. Morton, to lay believes and Studay School teachers—in which was pointed out the difference between clergymen (from klross, Greek, literally to lot or set apart to a special duty) and lay helieves—the ardinous duties and self-denial of the latter, as well as of Sunday School teachers, were commented upon, and reference was made to their valuable assistance to clergymen. The great importance of Sunday School teachers, were commented upon, and reference was made to their valuable assistance to clergymen. The great importance of Sunday School teaching, especially in these times, was adverted to, an earnest appeal was made for continued and further assistance in both these departments, and awarm acknowledgment was given for services rendered in the past.

At the close of the service a public meeting was held in the Infant School, the Rev. G. G. Morton in the chair. The meeting was opened by the carol "Good King Wencelas," sume by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Joseph Benson, Miss Benson was the skilful accommanist. Then followed "Gloria in Excelsia," by the Misses Benson and choir, after which the rev. chairman said that in holding a tea party they had followed the example of their Triends who were not members of the Church of England. He was glad the meeting had been so successful, and expected it would be repeated next vear. Alluding to the metitors in the rown he, in touching terms, referred to the illness of the Prince of Wales and the trying time which the Queen and Princess of Wales had passed. He said with recard to the Town Bank Sunday School that he thought its friends would be repeated next vear. Alluding to the metitors in the rown he, in touching terms, referred to the thore motions, laid especial stress upon the one bearin

Mistake."

The Rev. Mr. McCarthy, formerly curate of St. Mary's, was glad to be present on that occasion: said he was in favour of distinctive religious teaching in schools. He did not believe in "good" ones. He said the heart of the nation had been stirred up as the heart of the nation had been stirred up as the heart of the nation had been stirred up as the heart of the nation had of the great manifestation of sympathy on his behalf in London.

manifestation of apparaty on the document of the Misses Johnson. Duett on the planoforte, the Misses Benson. The Rev. M. Truman, the newly-appointed curate, said Christmas might be looked at from two points: it had its cheerful and aspects. He had before the meeting been taking a retrospective view of several past years and their changes, and had found much to cause sorrowful reflections—but there were also the gladdening thoughts connected with that season which if rightly applied would make a perpetual summer in the heart. the heart. Carol, by the Choir, "Christ was born in thickern."

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The Rev. T. Pinches on being called upon made a few remarks, and wished all present the compliments of the season.
Dr. Barber thought the holding of a tea party in connection with the church was a very good thing, and trusted it would be continued. He said he held strong opinions with regard to the Town Bank School, but from his position with resucct to it, thought he ought not to express such opinions at that meeting. He advocated lay-help in connection with the church.
Catch, "Ah how Sophia," Messra. Benson, Wilcock, and Butterworth.
Song, Mr. E. Satterthwaite, "I don't believe they do"—enored, and "The Railway Porter" was sunc.

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Mr. James Hedgson, as treasurer of the Town Bank Sonday School, was nuch obliged to those who had sitended it, and would be glad to receive the surplus on behalf of the school. Mr. Morton had referred to the deed relating to that school, but he (Mr. Hedgson) was glad to say it was going on well in the old-fashioned system as it had been for nearly 100 years.

Duett, by the Misses Benson.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem. All the pieces of music (both vocal and instrumental) were exceedingly well rendered, and the evening's proceedings, which reflected great credit on the promoters, seemed to give general satisfaction. After the public meeting was ended, the teachers of the school held a private party, when several innocent games were heartily enjoyed.

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Grassor.—The annual ball and card assembly took place at the well-known hostelry of Mr. David Orr's. the Commercial Inn. on Tuesday evening week. A room adjoining the hotel had been specially prepared for dancing and towards eight o'clock a goodly number had assembled, and kept it up with great spirit until an early hour on the following morning. At ten o'clock a substantial tea was provided by the worthy hostess, at which 130 aat down, and high eulogiums were passed on the excellent catering abilities of Mrs. Otr.

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A Scandalous Strony.—A report is current in High Furness which will cause strangers to think that the roads in that locality are like the one leading from Jerusalem to Jericho. The story is as follows:—A man, who had been summoned to the death-bed of his son, arrived at Greenodd late on the evening of the 23rd nit. The son was lying at a farm house a few miles from Greenodd. The father, being a stranger to the locality, engaged three different persons to conduct him to the farm-house, and each of the three had us about got the pay for such service than they slipped away from the poor man, leaving him in a locality of which he knew not a foot. It is to be hoped that the above statement is false, for a more fixely to bring disgrace upon the locality. Those who heard the late Dr. Wolfe betture in Ulverston will remember his telling how he was treated in a manner similar to the above when travelling through Kurdistan. The doctor concluded by stating that the Kurds were the greatest knaves in the world. Wolfe was a foreigner amongst the Kurds, and was simply travelling for curiousty, not seeking the death-bed of sick friend. So when all things are considered the Kurds may be considered more honourable than those to whom reference has been made above.—Cor.

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On Monday evening, the annual gathering was held at the Wesleyan Chapel, Ulverston, when near 400 members and friends had tes; the tables being presided over by Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. and Miss Ripley, Miss Swainson, Mrs. Thos. Barrow, Mrs. Lockett, The Misses Wearing, Mrs. Jas. Briscoe, Mrs. S. Bigg, Mrs. C. Winston, Thos Misses Stones, Mrs. S. Biscoe, Mrs. S. Bigg, Mrs. C. Winston, Thos Misses Stones, Mrs. R. Mashiter, Miss Mashiter, Miss Mashiter, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. R. Mashiter, Miss Mashiter, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. R. Mashiter, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Haden, Mrs. Botcher, Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. E. Briscoe, and Miss Dars. Though the might was unfavourable, the attendance was nearly equal to that of any previous meeting, and had the weather been propitious there is no doubt but this would have been the most successful meeting ever held by the Wesleyans.

At the public meeting, John Gunson, Esq., of Hopefield, occupied the chair, and in his introductory remarks adverted to the illness of the Prince of Wales and his much-desired recovery.

The meeting was afterwards addressed by Mr. John Lawn, of Dalton, whose observations had reference mainly to the value and importance of honesty in the various relationships of life, and in matters of religion.

He was succeeded by the Rev. J. Bell, of Barrow, who took as his subject, "Christian duty, and how to succeed in doing it;" and urged his hearers to try in the future to do something for fold, more astisfactory than anything they had done in the past, saying each one had, at least, one talent; and each should try to find what work he was specially adapted for, and should set himself, by God's grace, to accomplish that work thoroughly by industry and dilipence. Though commencing in a humble sphere, they might reasonably hope to press forward to a more honourable one; and he said all such work should be undertaken with a view to glorify God.

After singing the Sighty had greatly impeded the progress of the Goopel. He advocated, at some length, unity in the Church

Hymn 633, by the choir.

Mr. Nicholas Cook, of this town, now a student at Headingiey College, was then called upon, and he adverted to the self sacrifice connected with the erection of new chapels. His remarks were mainly devoted to chape building and to chapels, which he said should be comfortable, well lighted, warmed, and ventilated; and made as comfortable for the poor as the rich.

The Rev. A. F. Fogwell thought Dalton had been fairly represented at that meeting. He afterwards took for his subject man's responsibility to God, and said each one should commence the new year with a deep sense of his own reponsibility, seeking to attain such a state of mind as would enable him to look upon the porformance of his duty as a blessed privilege, and so aim at reaching a higher level.

The Rev. E. Abraham proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, the speakers, the choir, and its leader, the accompanyisat, the ladies who preaded at the trays, and their assistants, to Mr. Thomas Barrow for his exertions, and to all others who had in any way helped in bringing about that successful meeting. The vote was carried by acclamation, and the theeting closed after the benediction had been pronounced.

THUSDERSTORN IN JARVARI.—The neighbourhood of Coniston Lake was visited with a storm of thunder and lightning, accompanied with heavy showers of hail, about noon, on the 2nd inst.

Southeast Consureational, Currecu. Ulverston.—On Sunday evening, the Rev. B. Briggs deliwered an address at the Soutergate Congregational Church, on "Missonary work in Madagascar." At the close a collection was made in aid of the London Missionary Society. In the curse of his remarks, Mr. Briggs said that missionary work had been more successful in Madagascar.

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carried unanimously. A pleasant evening was now brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Boothe Independent Chapel Anvial Tambers, and Emtrion.—The annual tea meeting in connection with this chapel was held on Friday, the 29th ult. During the early part of the week the interior of the chapel had undergone a most extensive renovation, the walls having been tastefully decorated with evergreens and appropriate texts of Scripture, under the survillance of Miss Ireland and Miss Wilson; so that the place presented a very refreshing appearance indeed. At half-past six about 170 persons and down to tea, which was prepared and served up by the undermentioned ladies, namely, Mrs. and the Misses Metcalfe, Mrs. and the Misses Kitchin, Mrs. G. Metcalfe, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Baillie, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Ireland, Miss Hodgson, Miss Wilson, Miss Morris, and Miss Holmes. After tea a most interesting meeting was held, when appropriate gaspel addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Baillie, minister of the goapel at Bothe; Rev. A Gaibraith, and Mr. G. Nelson, of Whitehaven. During the evening a number of hymna were sung, the music led by the choir, the Misses Kirkby presiding at the harmonium. Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies, the choir, the speakers, and the chairman, which were moved and seconded by Mr. Kirkby, sunr., Mr. Angus Galbraith, Mr. Charles, sunr., Mr. Angus Galbraith, Mr. Charles, sunr., Mr. Angus Galbraith, Mr. Sunr., Mr. Angus Galbraith, Mr. Charles, sunr., Mr. Angus Galbraith, Mr. Charles, sunr., Mr. Angus Galbraith, Mr. Charles, su

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On Sunday last two excellent sermons were preached by Professor Rogers, of the Rev. C. II. Spurgeon's College, in the Victoria Concert Hall, Ulverston, to large and attentive audiences; and on Tuesday evening, the services in connection with the recognition of the Rev. T. Lardner, as pastor of the Church, took place, being preceded by a tea party, at which about 200 sat down. The trays were presided over by Mrs. Lardner, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Elleray, Mrs. Ormandy, Mrs. Warhurst, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. W. Briggs, Mrs. S. M. Briggs, Mrs. Robinson, and Miss Murthwatte.

The Rev. T. Taylor, of Tottlebank, conducted the recognition services, and after the 901st byunn had been sung, called upon the Rev. D. Thomas, of Daiton, who read the 4th chapter of II Corinthians and afterwards engaged in prayer.

Mr. Taylor then asked one of the members or deacons of the Church to recognize the Rev. T. Lardner, when Mr. Thomas Huddlestone did so, and gave an account of a meeting on the 23rd of February, 1871, when a few baptists met and considered it advisable to form a Church in Ulverston. They applied to the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon for a munister, who sent Mr. Lardner, and he (Mr. Huddlestone) believed he was expressing the opinion of all the members when he said they gladly recognized him as their pastor.

The Rev. T. Lardner then gave a history of his religious experience, teld of his conversion under the Rev. C. Spurgeon; of his tesching a ragged school, then going out to aid in street preaching and being requested to speak; of file being a being requested to speak; of his being a subsequently requested to eater the ministry; of his giving up business to do so; going to Mr. Spurgeon is college; and of his being requested by that gentleman to take the pastorate of the Church at Ulverston, where he had met with much kindness in his illness soon after his arrival. He then enunciated the doctrines which he held, and asked his congress of Rogers gave a long and inturpressive

enunciated the doctrines which he held, and asked his congregation never to forget him in their prayers.

A prayer was offered by the Rev. T. Taylor, and the S98th hymn was sing, after which. Professor Rogers gave a long and impressive charge to the minister, founding his remarks upon the words "For them that honour me I will honour" (I Sa unell, is).) He said the minister should honour God in his thoughts; in his salvation; 'in his call to the ministry; in his salvation; 'in his call to the ministry; in his salvation; 'in his call to the ministry; in his salvation; 'in his call to the ministry; in his worldy affairs; in bis life and conversation, and in all that he did. The speaker concluded with wishing him the utmost success in his efforts, under God. After the 935 hymn had been song.

The Rev. T. Howells, of Coniston, addressed the church on its duties in relation to their minister, but in the first place congratulated them on the progress they had made, and in having chosen Mr. Lardner as their pastor. He took as a text, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things (Gal. vi, 6) and pointed out that the man who preaches the Word of Life; that the congregation should be supported by those to whom he preaches should be supported by those to whom he preaches the Word of Life; that the congregation should manifest sympathy with him; should be carriest and constant in their attendance upon the means of grace, and at prayer and other meetings; should take an interest in his family; endeavour to lighten his burdens; give him their cordial co-operation, but most especially should help him by their prayers; and be trusted Mr. Lardner's labours would be the means of winning many souls to God.

Anthein, "I will arise and go to my Father." A few appropriate remarks were made by the Rev. T. Taylor pronouncing the benediction.

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CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE HAVER. THWAITE SCHOOL-ROOM.

The originator of a Christmas tree for the children in the villages of Haverthwaite, Low-The originator of a Christmas tree for the children in the villages of Haverthwaite, Lowwood, Backbarrow, and Browedge was Mrs. Reynolds, of Levenside House. She was assisted by Miss Bigland, of Bigland Hall, the Misses Ainsworth, of Backbarrow House, and Miss Baldwin, of Woodcroft. Each of the abovenamed ladies contributed to the adornment of the tree with tox and other articles too numerous to mentin. Several beautiful specimens of insect and flower painting on boxes. &c., we understand were the work of Mrs. Reynolds. About 2 til children were present yesterday week. to whom good buns, coffee, and tea were supplied in abundance in the class-room attached to the school. The above-mentioned ladies, assisted by Mrs. R. H. Kirby, of Haverthwaite Parsonage, waited upon the children. At six o'clock the tree was suddenly presented to the gaze of the children. Who gave one spontaneous burst of joy and astonishment. The numerous articles on the tree were all distributed before eight c'clock, and after some amusement had been provided for the children all dispersed to their homes highly delighted. This day will long be remembered by the children as one of the hapoest of their lives; and we trust that the good ladies who provided this treat for them will annually do the same. Mr. J. B. Storey, of Meanhouse, presented the tree—a fine spruce fit. The Misses Sunderland, Miss Reynolds, Miss Bolleau, and the Misses Townley were present.

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This popular hunt took place on Friday last, the 29th olt, when the merry little pack of beagle harriers of M. Kennedy, Esq., was in attendance. The day was very favourable for the occasion: the sun shining forth with almost vernal splendour, lighting up the lovely lakeland scenery around, which was a great additional charm to the syortaman. And let me say here that I consider hunting one of the mest exhibitating, health-giving, and enjoyable of English sports, and amid scenery like that which the Furness fells presents, I envy not my fellowman of any other pleasure. After questing a short time, a hare was started behind the Lake Bank Hotel. The shaped her course down the Crake Valley, with the merry little hounds holty pursuing, and giving delightful music to the enchanting scenery. Making a round by Pickthall woods, she crossed the swollen river by the bridge, and thence scaled the heights of Arkhd covers, making a very fox-chase of it, the hounds still pursuing with unabated speed till they nearly approached Whitestook Hall, when a fresh hare arose before them, and so released the dead-run hare from being run into. Batty, the huntsman, got his hounds back again to Blawith with all speed, and very soon another hare was aroused from her sleeping place near Greenholm, which proved to be equally as good as the preceding one, taking a similar wild end-way course, ending somewhere in Lwick, with what result, as the shades of evening had come in, is uncertain, though Batty said that there was alway cry in the woods, and then suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and then suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and then suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods, and the suddenly all was sharp cry in the woods

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cease, out of a vain and absurd idea that you are protecting your trade, cease from calcumnating and bespattering with coarse abuse one of the finest discoveries of the day.—Yours, &c., F. (We must now conclude this correspondence.— Ep. U. A.)

BAPTIST MEETING AT THE CONCERT HALL.