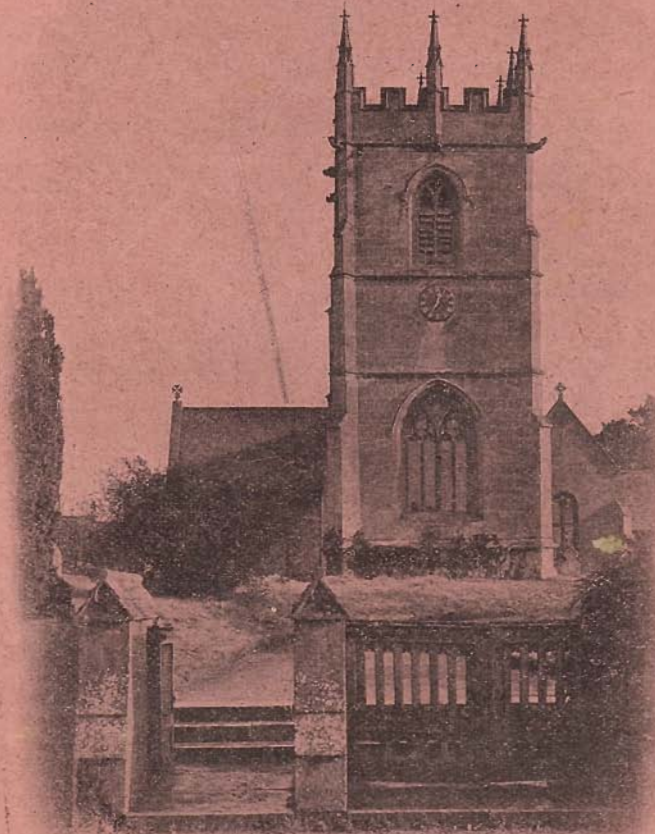


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BADSEY CLOCK.

This Clock, which has gone merrily for over four years, is now in need of expert attention, and the makers have received an order to give it a thorough overhauling. The cost will probably be about £3. As this can hardly be regarded as a legitimate charge on the free-will offerings of church-goers—the clock being a public servant—an effort is being made to establish a permanent Clock Fund to meet the debt now being incurred and to provide against future contingencies. Mr. Mustoe and Mr. H. Stewart have kindly undertaken to collect for this fund and we hope that all who recognise the value to the village of a reliable time-keeper will become annual subscribers. Single donations will be welcomed, but an annual subscription of even 3d. or 6d. is better than a larger sum given just once in a way.

ALMSGIVING.

The *World* is a periodical which, as its name implies, makes a practice of looking at things from the secular rather than the religious point of view; and yet even the *World* finds much that it considers open to criticism in present-day methods of raising funds for charitable objects. In an article entitled "The green fly: a pest of social charity" exception is taken to the alleged practice of paying the restaurant expenses of organisers of philanthropic entertainments out of the proceeds, and the writer of the article goes on to suggest a method by which such impropriety might be effectually avoided.

The *Church Times*, commenting on this article says:—"We regret that we are not in sympathy with the writer's well-meant suggestion. We would rather see bazaars and other experiments in social charity ended than mended. They have bred in many minds the notion that charity means a social "function," the primary object of which is a little flutter of festivity with a side reference to a philanthropic purpose, and the gross incongruity of a number of people dancing in an assembly-room for the benefit of an orphanage or a parochial mission is not perceived. So long as we encourage such questionable methods of supporting a charity, we cannot hope to revive a sense of the duty of almsgiving, of which the object is, not to consider what portion of our alms we can appropriate to our own amusement, but to give it all to some worthy cause."

Does the *Church Times* over-state the case from the religious standpoint? The answer to this question depends entirely on the position which almsgiving occupies, or rather should occupy, in the system of Christianity. Is almsgiving a Christian *duty*? If it is not, then "questionable" is a strong term to use; but if almsgiving is a duty laid by Christ upon everyone of His professed followers, then, to describe the methods alluded to as merely "questionable" is almost to sacrifice truth to politeness.

WICKHAMFORD CLUB

In publishing the following balance-sheet we offer our congratulations to the members of this club on the satisfactory results of the work of its first session.

BALANCE-SHEET

February—June 1907.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions of Ordinary Members	1 17 9	Rent	0 1 0
Other Subscriptions and Donations	1 11 6	Cards, Games, etc.	1 1 6
Visitors' Fees	0 1 6	Coal	0 1
Balance of Fund subscribed for Opening Ceremony	0 8 0	Oil	0 4 1
		Caretaker	0 9 4
		Water Rent	0 2 6
		Cards of Membership	0 5 0
		Balance in hand	1 14 3
	<u>£3 18 9</u>		<u>£3 18 9</u>

- NOTES AND NEWS.

The Rev. F. W. Taylor, M.A., of Bristol, Organizing Secretary of S.P.C.K. for the West of England, has the Bishop's permission to officiate at Badsey and Wickhamford during the Vicar's absence and is in residence at the Vicarage.

Vicar's Prizes have been awarded to Helen Grove and Edward Evans.

Mr. Lees-Milne has very kindly borne the expense of painting the railings of Wickhamford Churchyard.

The Badsey choristers have so far collected £3 6s. for their annual excursion. We defer publishing the names of contributors until next month in order to include those who have not yet had an opportunity of giving effect to good intentions.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

- July 14.—Henrietta Marjory Crane.
 „ 21.—John William Crane.
 „ 21.—Gwendolen Mary Salter.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 7.—Sick and Needy ...	0 1 0	0 1 9
„ 7.—Church Expenses ...	0 13 8½	0 3 10
„ 14.—Sick and Needy ...	0 2 1	
„ 14.—Church Expenses ...	0 13 7½	0 4 6½
„ 21.—Sick and Needy ...	0 2 8½	0 2 0
„ 21.—Church Expenses ...	0 7 6½	0 8 10½
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