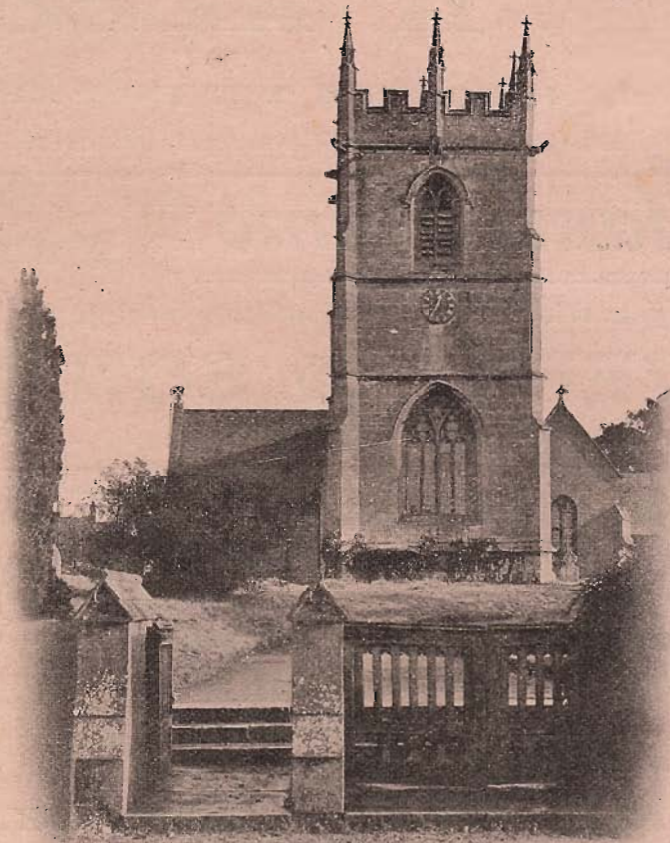


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IN MEMORIAM.

Badsey's death-roll for the past twelve months has indeed been heavy, and yet another name must now be added to it. Mr. W. Pethard, who had been a patient sufferer for a long time, passed peacefully away on Sunday morning, July 5th. Honest and straight-forward in business, and generous in his support of every local enterprise, his death leaves a gap by no means easy to fill. The large assembly at his funeral, and the floral tributes from far and near, testified to the respect in which he was held both in the neighbourhood and also in Birmingham. It was a matter of very deep regret to the Vicar that he was unable to officiate at the funeral. R.I.P.

PARENTAL RIGHTS.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Parents' League was held in London, on Monday, July 13th, at which the principal speakers were Mr. Balfour and the Dean of Canterbury.

Mr. Balfour's speech was mainly important as indicating the course which would presumably be adopted, with regard of Elementary Religious Education, in the event of a change of Government. He emphasized three points which he was prepared to defend

- (1.) Sacrifices made by Churchpeople for foundation and support of Voluntary Schools must be respected.
- (2.) Contracting out must be avoided as disastrous if applied to poor schools.
- (3.) No particular communion must enjoy special privileges.

Mr. Balfour further pledged himself to support the principle to popularize which the Parents' League has been formed, namely, the right of the parent to say what religion the child shall be taught. It seems strange that this principle, which is surely self-evident, has never before been advanced as suggesting a possible solution of the religious difficulty; yet, even the Church of England—perhaps the most tolerant of all religious bodies—has never gone further than to admit the right of the parent to say what religion the child *shall not* be taught. To allow the claim of the parent to decide what religion the child *shall* be taught is a much wider concession, the granting of which in the first instance might entirely have avoided the 'religious difficulty,' though it might also have prevented, or at least postponed the discovery of the Nonconformist Conscience.

However, the long-delayed admission of the Right of the Parent should speedily put an end to all our present troubles, provided parents generally show some concern for the religious training of their children, and provided also they are prepared to put religion before politics.

TEA PARTY.

Over one hundred children attending the Badsey and Wickhamford Sunday Schools were entertained by the Vicar on Wednesday afternoon, July 15. Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn and after tea the usual sports took place with the following results:—Upper School: Boys' race—W. Wilkins 1, A. Wilkins 2, Albert Keen 3. Girls' race—M. Heritage 1, D. Agg 2, H. Grove 3. Boys' three-legged race—F. Jelfs and W. Wilkins. Girls'

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three-legged race—D. Agg and E. King. Throwing cricket ball—T. Keen. High jump—T. Keen. Long jump—T. Keen. Tug of war (six boys v. eight girls)—C. Keen's side (boys). Lower School: Boys' race—G. Dawson 1, H. Wheatley 2, W. Moisey 3. Girls' race—R. Nightingale 1, F. Moisey 2, L. Perkins 3. Mr. Binyon gave away the prizes. Before separating at eight o'clock sweets were distributed among the children, and hearty cheers were given for the Vicar, Mrs. Hands, Mr. Binyon, and other ladies and gentlemen who had helped to make the party a success.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Vicar will be away from July 27th until the second week in September. The Bishop has given permission to the Rev. F. Windley, M.A., Vicar of Amesbury, to officiate at Badsey and Wickhamford during his absence. Mr. Windley will reside at the Vicarage.

Vicar's Prizes have been awarded to:—C. Agg A. Cox, F. Cox, G. Crisp, P. Hartwell, F. Jelfs, A. Wheatley, H. Agg, G. Ballard, M. Ballard, M. Jelfs, M. March, R. Moisey, E. Stanford, W. Wheatley, W. Wilkins, C. March, W. Moisey, C. Sparrow, W. Sparrow, and L. Perkins.

The Vicar has received £1 from Mr. W. Hartwell and 10s. from Mr. A. Ballard for the Organ Fund.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

July 19.—Walter Charles Bird.
 „ „—George Edgar Knight.
 „ „—Elizabeth Mary Kelland.

BADSEY—BURIAL.

July 8.—William Pethard, aged 42 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 5.—Sick and Needy ...	0 3 3	0 2 0
„ „—Church Expenses...	0 17 0½	0 5 2½
„ 12.—Organ Fund ...	1 6 4½	
„ „—Church Expenses ...		0 4 1½
„ „—Sick and Needy ...	0 2 2	0 2 0
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