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CHOIR OUTING.

(Wednesday, September 22nd.)

We had glorious weather all day, which was a great deal to be thankful for in this cheerless summer of dripping skies. We were thirty-one in all when we were marshalled on the platform of the Midland Station at Evesham. What a joy travelling by train is! First seeing the old familiar landmarks gliding by, then the swift advance into unknown regions, with the occasional station whizzing by, varied by the shooting past of bridges, and, best joy of all, the headlong plunge into the tunnel, and the eager watch to see the first glimmering of returning day. All this we enjoyed to the full. We didn't miss much of what was to be seen. We glimpsed Gloucester Cathedral Tower, the Wellington Monument, and Clifton Suspension Bridge, as well as the less pretentious but none the less interesting coal mines, gasworks and ironworks round Bristol. We admired, too, some magnificent specimens of engines, both Midland and Great Western. A change at Bristol set us exploring the compartment, comparing it, a G.W., with our previous one. Ventilators, racks, communication cord, blinds, seats, everything we scrutinized and criticized.

Then, at Weston, what a pleasure it was walking down unfamiliar streets, with strange unknown names staring at us from the shops. But, alas! one great disappointment awaited us—the tide was out, very much out, in fact almost out of sight. And we had made up our minds that if we could not bathe at least we would paddle; but this was denied us. A splendid dinner, however, cheered us up, and we went back to the sands determined to make the best of things and have a good time. And what with pierrots, fearsome rides on donkeys, football (that never-failing source

of joy to the boys of Badsey) and kite-flying, we were quite ready for tea. The tea, consisting of bread and butter, jam, shrimps, cakes and swiss rolls, we did full justice to—especially the shrimps. (N.B.—So did some of the older ones.) After tea Mrs. Allsebrook gave us sixpence each, and off we went in a body to the Old Pier, and had about two hours of fierce dissipation with Houpla (whence we won prizes galore), bicycle racing, shooting, and other wondrous delights. None of us ventured down the water shoot, but we heard afterwards that four of the men did. How we should have liked to have seen them at it!

We made our way back to the station in plenty of time, and soon were speeding home, singing until we could sing no longer. We marched home from Evesham together, escorted by Mr. G. E. Jones's bicycle lamp. It rather reminded me of a caravan traversing a desert, only never having seen a caravan or a desert I can't be sure how true a likeness that is. At any rate, we marched up to Badsey with a merry whistle and, scattering, were soon safe in bed. The Midland Railway people were most kind in their arrangements, reserving compartments and saving us changes. I saw Mrs. Hands talking to various officials, and no doubt that accounted for a great deal.

ONE OF THE BIGGER BOYS.

A GOOD PRECEDENT.

Dr. H. S. Lunn, who is to contest the Boston Division of Lincolnshire at the next General Election, has set an excellent example in announcing his determination to give no subscriptions, as a parliamentary candidate, to non-political objects. It is to be hoped that many candidates will follow

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his lead, for it is not easy to distinguish between such gifts and bribes pure and simple. To solicit contributions for religious purposes, for example, solely on the ground that the person appealed to is "nursing" a constituency, or has already been returned and hopes to be returned again, is bad for those who do so, and it is not good for the candidate or member if he complies with a view to enlisting support at the polls.

NOTES AND NEWS.

We are asked to call attention to the fact that in future Badsey Post Office will close on Tuesdays at 2.45. The box will be cleared at the usual hour, but 2.45 will be the latest time for posting parcels and registered letters, sending telegrams, or purchasing stamps.

The Badsey Harvest Festival will be kept on Sunday, Oct. 10th. There will be Holy Communion at 7, 8, and noon, and the preacher will be the Rev. G. C. Binyon, M.A. Sunday, Oct. 17th, will be observed as the Harvest Festival at Wickhamford.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

Sept. 5.—Cornelius Alfred Ballard.
 „ 19.—Edith Elizabeth Roberts.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		BADSEY. WICKHAMFORD.			
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Sept. 5.—Sick and Needy	...	2	0	...	2 4
„ 5.—Church Expenses	...	15	0½	...	6 7½
„ 12.—Organ Fund	...	0	14 3		
„ 12.—Church Expenses	...				1 3½
„ 19.—Sick and Needy	...	2	11½	...	4 0
„ 19.—Church Expenses	...	11	9½	...	5 3½
„ 21.—Sick and Needy	...	0	9		
„ 26.—Sick and Needy	...	3	1		
„ 26.—Church Expenses	..	1	7 11	...	10 0½
„ 29.—Sick and Needy	..	1	4		
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