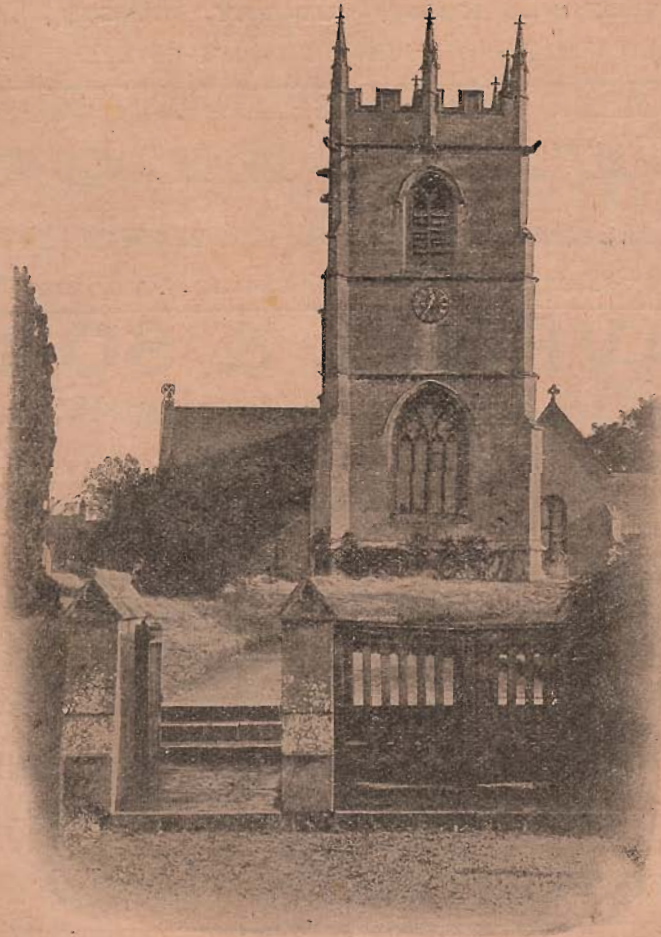


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"A PRINCE AND A GREAT MAN."

We little thought a month ago that King Edward's happy reign was so near its end, and yet, a few days after our last number was in the hands of our readers the nation was mourning the best of monarchs, and the peace-loving world the best of friends. And now, all is over—the shock of sudden bereavement, the solemn progress to Westminster, the people's homage, the pomp and pageantry of woe as the great King was carried to his burial, the final scene at Windsor—all is over; and we have been through the whole of it, at least in imagination.

Moreover, it seems all to have happened so long ago, and press and pulpit have so spent their strength in panegyrics that any comment at this stage is in danger of coming as a kind of anti-climax. We feel that there is little left for us to say or do, except to pray—for him, through whom the Lord has given His people the blessing of peace. that he may find peace; for those near and dear to him, and especially for her whose new title of Queen-Mother is so full of tender pathos, that they may be comforted; for the new monarch that he may have wisdom and strength for what is perhaps the most exacting office in the whole world; and lastly, for ourselves, that we may prove worthy of our goodly heritage.

Not a man or woman among us who knows anything of the sort of life King Edward led, from the day he followed his illustrious mother's bier to the day of his death, can fail to find each day's duties invested with a new dignity and a new nobility. Nor can anyone doubt that if each in his sphere—priest and layman, soldier and civilian, aristocrat and artisan, capitalist and labourer—could only bring to bear on each day's task half the seriousness of purpose with which King Edward faced his endless round

of duties, most of our 'difficulties,' economic and otherwise, would disappear, and

"This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England"

would be secure in the reputation which some politicians assure us she has of recent years lost, and once more provoke

"the envy of less happier lands."

In the seventh Edward England could boast a worthy successor of those

"royal kings,
Fear'd by their breed and famous by their birth,
Renowned for their deeds as far from home,
For Christian service and true chivalry,
As is the sepulchre in stubborn Jewry
Of the world's ransom, blessed Mary's Son."

And, in so far as King Edward's world-wide power and influence were the result of personal effort, they were due to his exalted views of his obligations both to the Empire and to the greater world, for whose peace he was, under God, so largely responsible. R.I.P.

The Memorial Service at Badsey on May 20th was a very impressive one, and it was encouraging to lovers of Christian unity to see men and women of so many shades of religious thought coming together to their parish church to remember before God their beloved King.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Lord Bishop of Worcester held a confirmation at Littleton on May 7th, when there was one candidate from Badsey, Alice Marion Openshaw.

The Altar flowers at Badsey on Ascension Day were given by Mrs. C. Keyte.

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Owing to an unexpected rise in temperature many old patrons of the Sale of Work were busy among the asparagus and failed to put in an appearance on May 24th. As a result many articles were left over, which Mrs. H. Keen will be happy to show to callers at Rose Villa.

The Archdeacon of Warwick held a Visitation at Evesham on May 25th when Messrs. J. Sladden, H. Keen and R. Taylor, churchwardens elect, were admitted to office.

The Parish Library is now closed for the summer months, and the Librarian will be glad if subscribers who have not yet returned their books will do so at once.

There will be no Children's Service on Sunday, June 16th.

At the celebration of the Holy Communion at Badsey on Sunday, June 26th, special intercession will be made for the work of the Girls' Friendly Society.

A Festival of Church Choirs will be held in All Saints' Church, Evesham, on Wednesday, June 29th (S. Peter's Day), at 6.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. H. Scott Holland, Canon and Precentor of S. Paul's. Books of words and music, price 9d. each, may be obtained at Mr. Alcock's music warehouse.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

May 15.—Thomas Jinks.
 „ 15.—Elizabeth Taylor.

BADSEY.—BURIAL.

May 7.—Sam Jelfs, aged 68 years.

OFFERTORIES FOR THE MONTH.

		BADSEY. WICKHAMFORD.								
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.						
May	1.—Sick and Needy	...	0	3	0	...	0	4	0	
„	„ —Church Expenses	...	0	18	3½	...	0	3	10	
„	5.—S.P.C.K.	...	0	8	6½	...	0	2	6	
„	8.—Organ Fund	...	0	16	2	...				
„	„ —Church Expenses	...	0	5	0	...	0	5	2½	
„	10.—Sick and Needy	...	0	0	6	...				
„	15.—Sick and Needy	...	0	7	1	...				
„	„ —Sunday School	...	0	7	0	...				
„	„ —Church Expenses	...	1	2	5½	...				
„	„ —Whitehaven Relief Fund	...	0	0	0	...	0	17	9	
„	16.—Sick and Needy	...	0	1	10	...				
„	20.—Sick and Needy	...	0	5	10	...				
„	22.—Sick and Needy	...	0	1	4	...				
„	„ —Church Expenses	...	0	10	9	...	0	3	10½	
„	„ —Whitehaven Relief Fund	...	3	5	1	...				
„	29.—Sick and Needy	...	0	2	4	...				
„	„ —Church Expenses	...	0	19	9½	...	0	3	9	
			£9		15	0	£2		0	11

