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(Contributed by J.F.A.)

The outing of the Badsey Choir has now become a fixture.

So the last one they have just enjoyed these lines will try to picture,

'Twas when at midnight's witching hour the muster-roll was sounded

We started off upon our tour and sleepy thoughts confounded.

'Mongst this gay and happy party were some heroes of renown,

He of the cigar was there as tho' no troubles had he known,

And Jolly Jarge and Bill were there, so were the lusty Twins.

And some who on that glorious day accomplished famous things.

First Dawlish Town in Devonshire was honoured with a call

And there photographs were taken of all both great and small;

The sea—a sheen of splendour—enraptured us with pleasure,

For Nature here has lavished gifts and in unstinted measure.

As the hour was rather early the shutters were not down

And some of us enjoyed a fruitless journey up the town,

But, instead of being downhearted, like true-born Britons we

Were first among the bathers in the bright and sparkling sea.

Here some of Badsey's heroes a new style of bathing set,

One rule is quite a novelty—"O see you don't get

But an unexpected shower-bath damped all their modesty

Amid the peals of laughter and the merry shouts of glee.

To breakfast now we all advanced with grim determination

To make a good impression in this pleasant operation;

Successful was the onslaught and delightful was the view,

While fountains played around us and sweet flowers their fragrance threw.

Until this time our party had been one and undivided

(By Mr. Binyon's skilful hand our fortunes had been guided)

But Jolly Jarge now took in charge a section of the party—

Need it be said that where he led we followed gay and hearty?

To Teignmouth next we went by train and there we drew no blank,

As from there we were escorted by a lady of high rank

Across the sea to Paignton and thence on to Torquay,

Where from her, to our deep regret, we parted company.

Within the Harbour and the Bay was much that claimed attention,

Yachts and submarines of every pattern and dimension;

A collier grim had just come in with cargo black and dusty,

Whereon some hardy sons of toil were getting rather crusty.

Now through the town we wandered seeing plenty to admire,

Especially the gardens being all we could desire,

And here fair Devon's lasses, of Devonshire the cream,

Seem to have reached the acme of the dreamiest poet's dream.

We did not need a clock to know that dinner-time was near__

Once more we found ourselves amidst the very best of cheer;

The dining-hall was beautiful, the tarts they were sublime,

And mid much fun and merriment right gaily did we dine.

Being in the best of humours with the world and all therein

We thought that on some shopping we had better now begin;

Of pretty things of all kinds in the shops there was no lack

To please the kiddies, wives and sweethearts on returning back.

(To be concluded.)

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PRESENTATION.

Mr. Sparrow writes to ask if he may avail himself of the hospitality of our columns "to thank all those who so kindly subscribed to the clock" recently presented to him which "came as a very pleasant surprise." We gladly accede to Mr. Sparrow's request, and also take this opportunity of expressing our own appreciation of his unfailing readiness to assist in anything and everything parochial, and our satisfaction that such consistent kindness should have received recognition.

IN MEMORIAM.

We are sure that we may claim to speak on behalf of all our readers in offering to Mr. McDonald and his family our deepest sympathy

in their present sorrow.

For 20 years Mrs. McDonald's life had been one of suffering patiently borne. In her case this is no mere figure of speech, for her cheerfulness of spirit always stood out in such striking contrast to her bodily infirmities; indeed Mrs. McDonald seemed to be just the embodiment of that "patient hope" and "uncomplaining love" of which the hymn sung at her graveside speaks so encouragingly. May her memory be, as it surely must, a comfort to those who mourn her loss, and an inspiration to those who are called, like her, to "know the fellowship of His sufferings.—R.I.P.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Bishop of Worcester has given permission to the Rev. A. H. Delafield, M.A., Rector of Little Thurrock, Essex, and Rural Dean of Orsett, to officiate at Badsey and Wickhamford during the absence of the Vicar, who expects to be away the whole of August. Mr. Delafield will reside at the Vicarage.

The Badsey Sunday School will be closed until the second Sunday in September, and the Wickhamford one until further notice, and there will be no Children's Service on August 20th.

The Coal Club and Penny Bank will be closed until Monday, September 11th.

The Editor much regrets the delay in issuing this Number.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

July 16.-Harold Hartwell.

- " 16.-Richard Arthur Izard.
- " 16.—Henry Mitchell.
- " 16.—Evelyn Mary Agg.

BADSEY. __MARRIAGE.

July 12. — Charles William Plant and Annie Wasley.

BADSEY, -BURIALS.

July 4.—Alfred George Tomkins, aged 38 years ,, 31.—Margaret Ann Scott McDonald, aged 63 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

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