

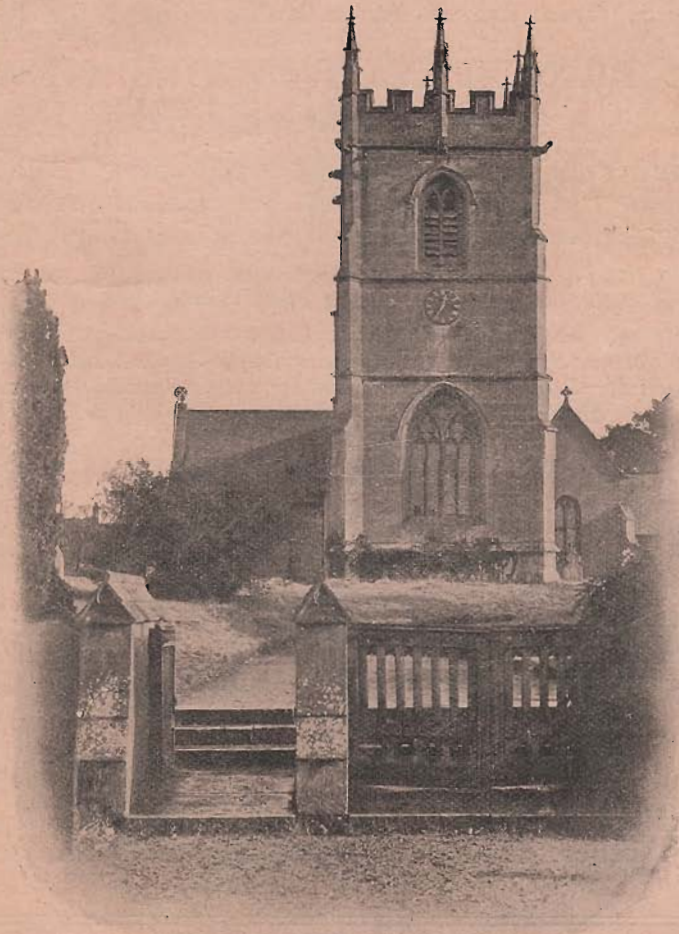
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(Continued.)

I have as yet omitted an important word to say:  
A visitor from Africa accompanied us that day,  
From where the hungry crocodiles their hungry  
jaws expand  
And where camels are more numerous than taxis  
in the Strand,  
From where the dusky beauties are not troubled  
with long bills  
For fascinating mysteries of silk or satin frills,  
From where such lovely feathers as our charming  
ladies wear  
Adorn the birds of greatest speed and those of  
plumage rare.

The main division of the band the rugged cliffs  
ascended  
And there the view they had below in grandeur  
was extended,  
The glittering beauty of the deep was viewed in  
silent wonder,  
The billows breaking on the shore with voice of  
ceaseless thunder.

They then took boats and braved the deep and  
lived the tale to tell  
(Although some of the party were affected by the  
swell)  
Of how an angler skilful in the practice of his  
art  
Bewailed his luck because he failed to catch a  
"crab" or shark.

In pony-racing on the sands some found exhilar-  
ation  
But to two faint trenchermen the dinner brought  
no consolation—  
They played along the Warren, as happy in their  
glee  
As the inmates of a "warren" are quite rightly  
said to be.

To Exmouth now they started and by way of  
variation  
Gave the silent musing of a cave a startling  
visitation;  
The docks were then inspected and a schooner  
much admired,  
But further fishing tactics still left much to be  
desired.

And now some dental instruments were handled  
with much skill,  
And, after tea had been attacked with vigour and  
goodwill,  
A building competition, with all materials free,  
Was started, but all differences were levelled by  
the sea,

Two bright young hopefuls of the band with slight  
romantic leaning,  
Who left us early in the day, returned with faces  
beaming,  
And told with animation (to give every one his  
rights)  
Such tales as are not often heard outside Arabian  
Nights.

The absence of the ladies was regretted most  
sincerely,  
And this we'd like them all to feel and understand  
most clearly;  
And will our genial Vicar a twelvemonth's notice  
take  
That next year we expect him to a journey with  
us make?

J.F.A.



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## THE STRIKE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

The outstanding feature of August, 1911, has not been, as was once anticipated, the action of the House of Lords in the matter of the Parliament Bill, public interest having been suddenly and rudely diverted by the labour troubles which have now happily to some extent subsided.

Let it be granted that the railwaymen and others concerned in the recent strike have real grievances. Their lot would indeed be enviable if they had none. Let it even be admitted that some may have been the victims of gross and palpable injustice. It nevertheless does not follow that they were justified in their effort to redress their alleged wrongs by an attempt to make the whole community suffer. The spectacle of milk being conveyed to hospitals under an escort of armed soldiers is not creditable to those responsible for such a state of affairs, and the pitiable plight of men, women, and children stranded at sea-side towns without money or credit, their hard-earned savings spent, is scarcely calculated to inspire sympathy with the strikers. Indeed the fact that at one time the services of practically every available soldier were requisitioned to protect law-abiding citizens suggests that it was to the friends of anarchy that the case of the strikers appealed most forcibly.

It is impossible to ignore the regrettable fact that there are thousands of employers of labour who seem to take as their ideal the man, abhorrent to God, "that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;" but the unfortunate proprietors of our railways, few of whom receive usurious interest on their investments, whilst some receive no return at all, can hardly be classed with this blood-sucking crew. The lot of the railway-servant may be in some respects hard, but this cannot with justice be attributed to the rapacity of railway shareholders. If, however, the principle of "recognition" rather than wages or conditions is the main point at issue, then the action of the strikers would appear still less justifiable, for recognition means larger powers of coercing not merely masters but fellow-servants.

Conditioned as we are to-day an efficient and dependable transport service is as essential to the life and health of the community as an efficient and dependable medical service. It may therefore help us to view the recent situation in its true light if we consider what our opinion would be of members of the medical profession who, in defence of either principle or pocket, not only withheld their services, but by force, or threats, or even milder means of dissuasion, deterred other doctors from attending their would-be-patients.

One ultimate effect of the strike may be the redress of some grievances—it has already resulted in a wicked waste of life, the wanton destruction of property and the alienation of much sympathy.

## THE REGISTERS.

### BADSEY.—BAPTISM.

August 20—Alan Harwood.  
 „ 27—Arthur James Harwood.

### BADSEY.—MARRIAGES.

August 10—William Henry Bromley and Edith Mary Keen.  
 „ „—Walter Henry Green and Florence Elizabeth Keen.

### BADSEY.—BURIAL.

„ 15—Thomas Crane, aged 60 years.

## OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	Badsev.	Wickhamford
August 2.—Sick and Needy ...	3 0	1 11
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