

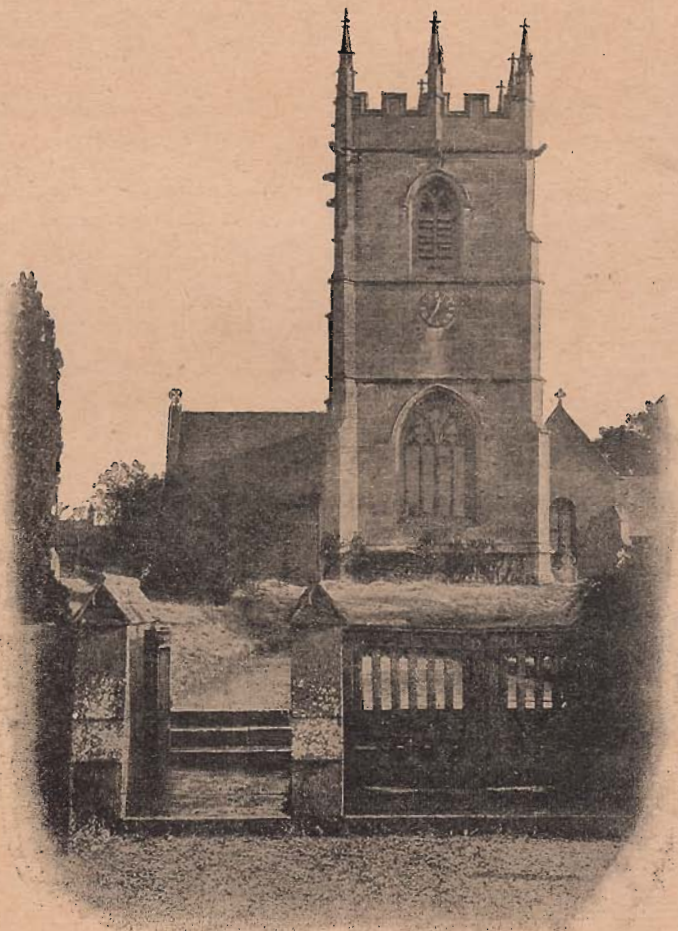
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IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN HENRY McDONALD.

After a long and trying illness, patiently borne, Mr. McDonald passed away early in the morning on May 8th. He was happily spared all violent pain during the last few weeks of his life, and his end was altogether peaceful. He was laid to rest in Badsey Churchyard the following Monday (Whit Monday) with every token of sorrow and respect. Surpliced choirmen bore the coffin from the School House to the church, school children lined the path as the sad procession passed through the churchyard and afterwards drew up round the grave for the concluding portion of the service, and the funeral was attended by a large and representative congregation many of whom had followed from the School House. The service was sung to Helmore's simple music, and, although there had been so little time for practice, the choristers acquitted themselves most creditably. But by no means the least impressive part of the service was the reverent and sympathetic behaviour of the children above referred to; it was a most eloquent tribute to the character and influence of their late schoolmaster, and one with a wide experience in such matters said that, had he not been there to see for himself, he could not have believed it possible for any such body of children to have behaved so beautifully as the Badsey children did that day.

At the conclusion of his sermon the Sunday after the funeral (Trinity Sunday) the Vicar referred to Mr. McDonald in the following terms: "I cannot close to-night—you would not expect me to—without saying one word about him whose mortal body was laid to rest in this churchyard on Monday last, though it is hardly necessary for me to dwell on what it has meant to these parishes to have such a man as John Henry McDonald as schoolmaster for some 20 years. On the occasion of his retirement I wrote in the Magazine what I knew to be the truth. Happy is the village with a schoolmaster such as ours was—conscientious, straight, a shrewd and discriminating judge of character, like S. Paul's ideal bishop, 'vigilant,' 'patient,' 'apt to teach,' and, withal, a good Christian man and faithful son of the Church. He stands in need of no word of commendation from me or any other, for his credentials may be 'known

and read of all men' in the long record of faithful work which he leaves behind.

"We had hoped that he might have been spared to spend a long period of retirement in our midst. We hoped for it, and—we prayed for it. But God, Whose ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts than our thoughts, saw otherwise, and he has been called from this changeful world to the Paradise of God." R.I.P.

EVELINE MARY SWIFT.

It was with feelings of the profoundest sorrow and regret that the news of Mrs. Swift's death, which took place on Friday evening, May 16th, was received in these parishes. Mrs. Swift had only been ill for a fortnight and, although for some days her condition had been critical, the fact had not been generally realised and the news of her death came to most people as a painful surprise. For Mr. Swift the deepest sympathy is felt.

Mrs. Swift, who was a devoted Churchwoman, was deeply interested in all departments of Church work, and had for years been actively associated with the G.F.S. She was Hon. Sec. of the Evesham Branch of the Society and, in conjunction with Mrs. Drysdale, had for a long time conducted weekly meetings of members resident in Wickhamford. Mrs. Swift was the only daughter of the late Alderman A. H. Lock, of Dorchester (Dorset), and her widowed mother survives her.

The funeral took place at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 20th, the officiating clergy being the Warden of Keble College, Oxford (Mrs. Swift's uncle and godfather) and the Rev. M. W. Kinloch, Rector of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, in which parish Mrs. Swift was for many years a diligent worker.

A Memorial Service was held in Wickhamford Church at the same hour as the funeral. The service consisted of the Burial Office, with Versicles and Responses in place of the Committal, and the musical portions were rendered by the Choir with much feeling. Helmore's music was used for the Anthems and the hymns were the same as those sung at the funeral. The church was practically filled with friends and sympathisers and the Vicar preached a short sermon on Job xxvi., 14, in which he spoke of the lessons of Mrs. Swift's life and death. R.I.P.

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## WESTWARD HO!

By J. F. Agg, of Toronto;

*Sometime Organist and Parish Clerk of Badsey.*

Here I am! installed in this city of bustle, this city of flowers and beautiful avenues—a city, too, of dust, but, above all, a city of Chinese laundrymen! They are here, there, and everywhere. After a voyage across the Atlantic, in which we experienced all the manifold vagaries of that somewhat unstable ocean, we arrived safely at the port of Halifax. Having passed through the hands of the immigration officials, who, by the way, showed us every civility, we were set at liberty on the shores of this vast and certainly interesting continent of America, to find, what? our fortunes staring us in the face? No. What then? Why, a vast and never-ending vista of snow—but then it was Canada.

Before boarding the Grand Trunk train for Toronto we spent about four hours in Halifax, getting a few things for the railway journey which was to last about 48 hours. We reached the old city of Quebec at midnight, and spent about an hour there. We had a look round, but, being night, we could not see much, with the exception of the afore-mentioned snow intermixed with a few Frenchmen, about as intelligible to the average Englishman as the programme of Mrs. Pankhurst. [N.B. The Editor is not to be held responsible for the opinions expressed by Contributors!]

*(To be continued.)*

## NOTES AND NEWS.

On Thursday, May 8th, a party of American pilgrims laid a bunch of flowers on the tomb of Penelope Washington in Wickhamford Church.

Mrs. R. Taylor has very kindly worked a deep edging for the new fair linen cloth at Wickhamford.

The lilies on the Badsey altar at Whitsuntide were kindly provided by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

The family of the late Mr. J. H. McDonald wish to thank all who, by enquiries and otherwise, showed their sympathy both during Mr. McDonald's long illness and also after his death, and with many of whom they have found it impossible to communicate.

We fully anticipate that the second instalment of Mr. Agg's contribution to our pages will be followed by an immediate spurt in the "rush for Canada."

## THE REGISTERS.

### BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

May 18—Henry Forrest Brailsford.  
 „ 18—William John Cole.  
 „ 18—Frances Mary Knight.

### BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

May 15—John Henry Welch and Elsie Bennett.

### BADSEY—BURIAL.

May 12—John Henry McDonald, aged 63 years.

### WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISM.

May 4—Eliza Helen Mary Hanks.

## OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey	Wickhamford
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
May	1.—Sick and Needy .....	10 11	1 9
„	4.—Sick and Needy .....	1 0	1 6
	Church Expenses .....	16 7½	5 11
„	6.—Sick and Needy .....	3 6½	
„	11.—Sunday School .....	1 18 6	1 2 10
„	17.—Sick and Needy .....	3	
„	18.—Sick and Needy .....	8 9½	3 0
	Church Expenses .....	12 5	6 6½
		£4 12 0½	£2 1 6½

