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IN MEMORIAM.

February has seen the removal by death of some of our oldest parishioners. Within five days there were laid to rest three, each of whom had exceeded the allotted span and whose aggregate of years totalled 237—Charles Ballard, a former Badsey resident, but who had lived so long at Aldington as to be identified with that place rather than Badsey, and who had been in failing health for a long time; Eliza Harris, whose death came as a happy termination to several years of acute suffering borne with exemplary patience; and Charles Henry Stewart, late Sergt. 37th Foot, whose long service with the colours was recognised by the attendance at his funeral of a firing party of the Worcestershire Regiment from Norton Barracks. May they rest in peace.

S. CHRISTOPHER'S

February 18 was a red-letter day for the community over which the Rev. J. L. Lopes presides. On that day the old stone house, latterly known as "Montpellier," but in future to be known as "S. Christopher's," was, after its recent restoration, solemnly blessed by the Rev. A. H. Baverstock, rector of Hinton Marvel and formerly assistant-curate of Evesham, who also gave a very beautiful address in the chapel. A large number of sympathisers attended the ceremony and were afterwards entertained to tea.

As is now generally understood, S. Christopher's is to be conducted by Sister Katherine, who expects soon to be joined by other sisters, as a home for little boys, and we are sure all our readers will wish Sister Catherine and her colleague "God-speed" in work of so promising a character. They will also congratulate Fr. Lopes and his excellent architect, Mr. J. A. Crush, on the very successful restoration of what is almost our oldest house. The house is said to have been originally the residence of Sir Richard Hoby, who died in 1616 and is described in the register of burials as "eius nominis in universa Britania antiquissimus." For a long time, however, it had figured as an extremely dilapidated farm-house, whilst within the last few years it had been on the point of being converted into a pair of semi-detached villas and has also had one or two narrow escapes of being demolished. Incidentally, therefore, Fr. Lopes' philanthropic schemes on

behalf of the rising generation have been instrumental in preserving to us a link with the past of which any parish might be justly proud. This is Fr. Lopes' second "venture of faith" in Badsey, and we think we may claim to voice the sentiments of the parish generally in saying that, by his splendid example of self-sacrifice and liberality, he has won the respect and admiration of all—even of his severest critics. We wish S. Christopher's the best of all good wishes—"Good luck in the Name of the Lord."

WARWICKSHIRE BISHOPRIC FUND.

We commend to all who have the welfare of the Church at heart the effort now being made to raise the balance of the sum required to found the new bishopric. If every professing Churchman in the Diocese, or even every church-goer, were to give according to his ability success would be at once assured. Mr. J. S. Douglas, of the Manor House, is Secretary and Collector-in-chief for Badsey, and Mrs. Drysdale for Wickhamford.

LENTEN PREACHERS.

The following clergy have kindly promised to preach at Badsey on Wednesday evenings in Lent:

- Mar. 4.—Rev. Canon Ismay, M.A., Vicar of Eckington and Rural Dean of Pershore.
,, 11.—Rev. W. A. W. Despard, B.A., Vicar of Charlton.
,, 18.—Rev. H. St. John Wilding, M.A., Rector of Nafford-with-Birlingham.
,, 25.—Rev. J. L. Lopes, M.A., Chaplain of S. Edmund's Hostel, Birmingham.
Apr. 1.—Rev. J. L. Lopes, M.A.

Service will be at 8 o'clock.

There was an unusually large congregation at the evening service at Badsey on Ash Wednesday. We trust the increase may be maintained at subsequent Wednesday evening services throughout Lent.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Vicar and Mr. Swift have again been elected to represent the Evesham Deanery on the Diocesan Conference.

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The Bishop has found it necessary to change the date of the Confirmation at Badsey which will now take place on **FRIDAY, MARCH 13**, at 2.30 p.m. His lordship will himself administer the rite this year. The attention of godparents is directed to the order in the Prayer Book: "And every one shall have a Godfather, or Godmother, as a Witness of their Confirmation."

The members of the Badsey choir are indebted to Mr. T. H. Knight for organising a concert on February 23 in aid of the Choir Outing Fund. The profits amounted to about £2.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY — BAPTISMS.

Feb. 15.—Frank Edwin Knight.
 " " Mirel Lucy Field.
 " " Margaret Eileen Alice Johns.

BADSEY — BURIALS.

Feb. 7.—Charles Ballard, aged 84 years.
 " 11.—Eliza Harris, aged 76 years.
 " 12.—Charles Henry Stewart, aged 77 years.

WICKHAMFORD — MARRIAGE.

Feb. 24.—Albert Cox and Joyce Violet May Proctor

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	Badsey.	Wickhamford.
Feb. 1.—Sick and Needy ...	2 0	1 7
" " —Church Expenses	18 0	4 11
" 2.—Sick and Needy ...	2 2½	
" 8.—Sick and Needy ...	4 8	
" " —Church Expenses	18 11½	3 8½
" 15.—Sick and Needy ...	4 7	5 0
" " —Church Expenses	12 6½	14 5
" 22.—Sick and Needy ...	4 6	
" " —Church Expenses	19 7½	8 1
" 24.—Sick and Needy ...	1 9	
" 25.—Sick and Needy ...	5 1	4 6
	£4 13 11	£2 2 2½

