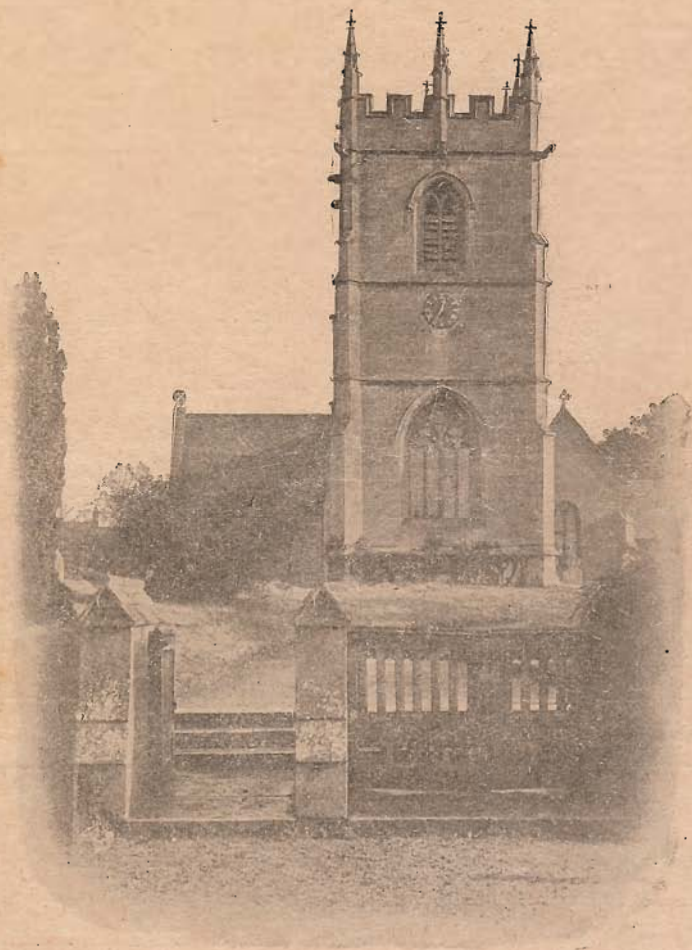


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CHOIR OUTINGS.

BADSEY.

Tuesday, July 7.

(From Our Special Correspondent A.E.B.)

In the early hours of the morning we arrived at Badsey Station. At a quarter to six we were in the train on our journey to Weymouth. We were due to arrive there at 10.30, but on arriving we found that we were three-quarters of an hour late. We were able to see the sea just before we reached Weymouth. After having lunch in a restaurant we went on to the sea-front. The sea looked a light blue near the land, but farther out it looked a dark blue. Some of us had a paddle, and two of the boys had wet knickerbockers when they came out put on their shoes and stockings. At 1.30 our dinner was ready. After dinner we went on board a steamer bound for Portland Bill. Two of the boys enjoyed themselves very much. They had the pleasure of being sea-sick. When we were nearing Portland one of our members had a ducking from a large wave. As the steamer was passing through the opening of the first wall which guards the town I saw a notice warning people not to throw rubbish into the harbour. There are three rows of walls, one being out to sea and the other two being nearer land. At each opening are two forts, one on one side and the other on the side opposite. When we were in the harbour the boys began to get better. We saw many battleships. One was signalling as we passed. After landing our thoughts were of paddling again. Then came tea-time and we returned to the Red House Restaurant to have tea. After doing some shopping we made our way to the river. Here we saw a ship unloading her cargo of flour. Five sacks were lifted at once by a crane on to a dray which stood on the side of the river. We then came on to the sea-front again. On the sands was a moveable theatre. We went into it and heard some comic songs which were sung by some very fine singers. At nine o'clock our train commenced the return journey. Just after we got out of the town we saw that the battleships were lit up with electric light. One of the boys who was not very well on our journey to Portland slept from just after we began our homeward march till we arrived at Badsey Station at 1.40 a.m. on Wednesday.

[With the exception of Mr. R. Pethard, who very kindly assisted the Vicar in looking after the boys, the men, according to arrangement, left the party on arrival at Weymouth and made an independent tour of the places and objects of interest. —Ed.]

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Carol-singing at Christmas	...	1	14	4½
Mr. T. H. Knight's Concert	...	1	15	3
Churchwardens (from Church Expenses Fund)	1	10	0
Collected by Choristers	3	12	6
		£8	12	1½
Expenditure.				
Fares to Weymouth (7 men and 12 boys)	4	14	10½	
Meals, etc.	2	4	11½	
Steamer	0	9	4	
Entertainment	0	2	2	
Trip to Weston (1 man) July 28	0	8	2	
Balance in hand	0	12	7½	
		£8	12	1½

WICKHAMFORD.

Through the kindness of one or two friends, several members of the Wickhamford choir enjoyed a trip to Weston-super-Mare on July 28, advantage being taken of the one of the G.W.R. "rail and sea" excursions via Chepstow. The day was gloriously fine, the sea was just rippled by the lightest of breezes, and the outing, from start to finish, proved a thoroughly enjoyable one. Four members of the choir were unfortunately unable to join the expedition, which is the more to be regretted as the absentees included some of the oldest members and this is the first time the services of the Wickhamford singers have been recognised in this way. We hope, however, that the Wickhamford Choir Outing will in future figure among our annual fixtures.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

We did Mr. Edwin Knight an injustice for which we tender our apologies. He joined the band of ringers in 1867, not in 1877, and will, if spared, soon be entitled to a jubilee peal.

The Sunday School Treat on July 16 passed off most successfully. Thanks are due to Mrs. Drysdale, Miss Pethard, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Hands and the Vicar and Mrs. Allsebrook for contributions, to Mr. Mason for the loan of his meadow, to Mrs. Mason for providing hot water, and to the teachers and others who worked so hard to provide the guests with refreshment and amusement.

The collection at Wickhamford for the Empress of Ireland Relief Fund amounted to £2 3s. 6½d.

The Rev. J. L. Lopes has given a red silk frontal to Badsey Church. This is the third frontal for which Badsey is indebted to Fr. Lopes and was used for the first time on S. James's Day.

The collecting box placed on the Post Office counter was opened on July 29. It contained 19s. which, together with an additional contribution of 1s., has been duly forwarded to the National Institute for the Blind.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

July 22.—Edgar Thomas Ellison and Ada Mary Taylor.

