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## THE WAR.

Lieut. C. E. Sladden, who was wounded at the Dardanelles on August 12th and is now in hospital at Malta, is progressing favourably.

Pte. C. H. Crane, writing to Mr. R. Pethard under date July 27, says: "Since I last wrote to you I've seen some life and had one or two near ones, but, thank God, they haven't got me yet, although there's only a few of us left now that were in the landing. I daresay you know that Jeffries is wounded, so that I'm the only lucky one out of all the Evesham District now. But I mustn't brag as you never know when your turn is coming, and it makes you think seriously of higher things here when you are seeing death every day in different forms, and you can't help but think that one of these might easily have been you. You may have seen the account of a charge by one company of Worcesters and one of the Royal Scots, on June 4th I think it was. Well, I'm proud to think it was W Co., and we had nothing but compliments for a good many days after. I think we went mad somehow as we only wanted four trenches, but once we started they wouldn't stop, and we had taken seven before we gave in, only we had to go back three because the others were left behind on either side of us. The last position we held was one taken by the Ghurkas. My word, what a sight it was! . . . I suppose you are having a busy time now? . . . The worst part out here is the water which it is a job to get, and we have known the meaning of the word 'thirst' above once, I can tell you, though it keeps getting better. Well, I suppose I must now close now hoping to be remembered to all old pals."

We regret to learn, as we go to press, that Mrs. Cecil Crane has been officially informed that her husband is missing. We hope she may soon have re-assuring news of him.

## OLD BADSEY WILLS AND INVENTORIES.

Contributed by E. A. B. BARNARD, F.S.A.

V. (concluded).

The total of the items thus detailed in the inventory of Robert Pegyn's possessions amounts to £17 11s., but the total which appears at the foot of the original document gives the amount as being £43 4s. 6d. or, as before noted, some £650 in modern value. There is reason for thinking that the first portion of the inventory is missing, but this is not evident from the document itself.

Robert Pegyn's Will is quite brief, and contains only one item of particular interest—the bequest that "my body is to be buried in the church hey of Saint James of Badsey." In the Badsey Churchwardens' Accounts, under the year 1533-34, is an item difficult to decipher, and one which perplexed several antiquaries when it was under discussion during the preparation of the Accounts for publication in 1913. Most of us were agreed that this item read "payyd for harborwyng [storing] of ye church hey, xxvjs. viijd.," certainly a very large sum for the purpose, but, for various reasons which there is not space here to detail, more likely to be intended than "ye halowyng of ye church hey," that is to say 'the consecration of the churchyard,' advocated by one authority. Evidently, as time has proved, he was correct in his choice as to whether the much discussed word was 'harborwyng' or 'halowyng,' and we can now set a date to the consecration of Badsey Churchyard. Before that time villagers, as a rule, would be buried either in their Church or, in many cases, in the Churchyard at Evesham.

In the Will of Walter Walcroft, of Worcester, dated 1555, the testator desires his body to be buried in "St. Mary's Church hey," i.e., the Cathedral graveyard.

Robert Pegyn mentions his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Edward. The witnesses to the Will are Sir Thomas Jamys, curate; Thomas Wellys, Nicholas Grove, and William George. A note concerning this Thomas James, Vicar of Badsey, has already appeared here (May, 1913). The other three witnesses all figure in the Accounts, particularly Nicholas Grove and William George, who were Churchwardens on several occasions in the 16th Century, as also Thomas Smyzt and Richard Haretun, whose names appear with theirs as appraisers of Pegyn's goods and chattels.

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## THE REGISTERS.

### BADSEY—BAPTISM.

August 15. Sidney Arthur Taylor.  
 Thomas Alfred Taylor.  
 Elsie Winifred Payne.  
 Doris May Wheeler.

### BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

August 24. Frank Jarman and Amy Elizabeth  
 Howells.

## OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.		Wickhamford.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Aug.	1.	Sick and Needy	...	2	0		6	7
		Church Expenses	...	15	0½		4	11
„	5.	Church Expenses	...	1	7			
„	8.	Sick and Needy	...	4	11			
		Church Expenses	...	18	6		6	0½
„	12.	Church Expenses	...	2	0			
„	15.	Sick and Needy	...	4	4		5	0
		Church Expenses	...	10	6½		12	4
„	19.	Church Expenses	...	3	10			
„	22.	Sick and Needy	...	4	10½			
		Church Expenses	...	19	6½		6	6½
„	24.	Sick and Needy	...	2	0			
„	26.	Church Expenses	...	2	2½			
„	29.	Sick and Needy	...	4	7½			
		Church Expenses	...	1	1	9	4	3
				£5 17 9		£2 5 8		

