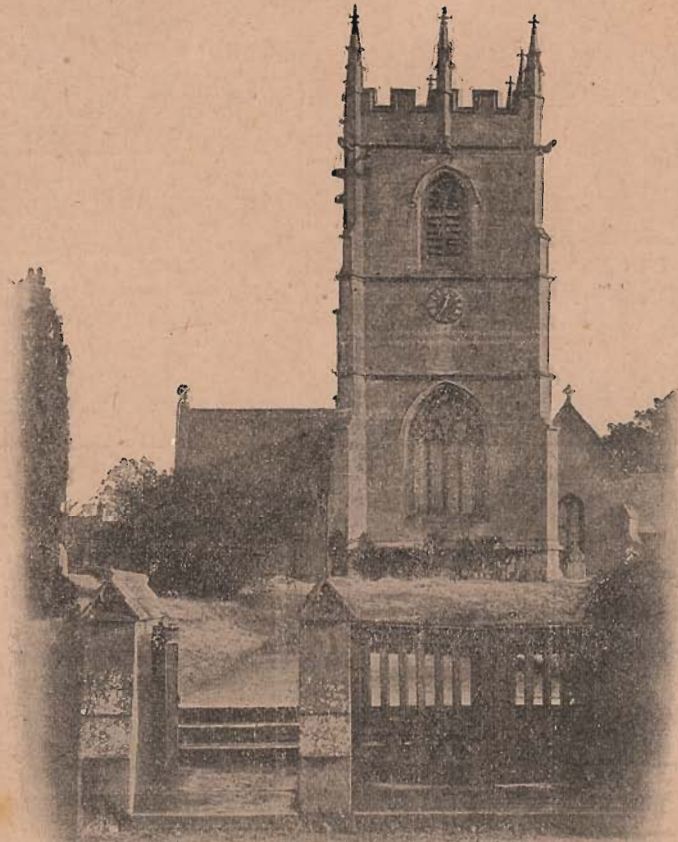


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THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.

People are asking what the National Mission is, and to such a question it is not easy to find an answer at once brief and comprehensive. It may be pointed out, however, that the title "Mission" is not to be understood in the sense in which we use it as applied to a parochial "mission," when we usually mean a concentrated effort of a week or a fortnight's duration. The National Mission is to be a steady and sustained effort to bring all within the Church, clergy and people, to a better knowledge and more faithful discharge of their duty (1) to God, (2) to themselves and (3) to their fellows; so that the Church, both as a body and through her individual members, may convincingly bear witness for God, and that the remodelling of society, which the end of the war is bound to bring, may be effected on a truly Christian basis.

The Bishop, in his opening address to his Evangelistic Council, pointed out that the War was a call to the Nation to return to the realisation of the Majesty and Mastership of God, and that in the National Mission we must keep that leading thought in mind, striving to develop—

- (1) What is due from man to the Majesty of God in WORSHIP.
- (2) What is due from man to God in RIGHTEOUSNESS of Life.
- (3) What is due from man to his brother in God in FELLOWSHIP.

A paper of "Information and Suggestions" is enclosed with this number of the Magazine which all our readers are invited to peruse carefully.

IN MEMORIAM.

By the death of Mrs. Sladden, which took place somewhat unexpectedly on the evening of Low Sunday, the Church in Badsey loses one of its most faithful members. Mrs. Sladden had taken an interest in all departments of Church

work and an active part in many. As Associate of the Girls' Friendly Society she exercised a deep and real influence on all the Badsey members—an influence which will not soon pass away. In years gone by she acted as organist and trained the church choir, and to the very last she was associated with the work of the Sunday School. But, in spite of her many activities during a long residence in Badsey, she will perhaps be remembered above all for her personal piety. As the Vicar said from the pulpit on the Sunday evening after the funeral (commenting on the happy coincidence that on such an occasion the 2nd Lesson should be 1 Thess. iv.), "None knew better than she, for she knew by experience, how the Church's services for the day never failed to supply just what the special circumstances of the day required. . . . Her devotion was wonderful. . . . Her life was by no means one of leisure, and yet she could usually find time to attend the public services of the Church; on Sundays and weekdays her place was seldom vacant, unless her absence was due to ill-health, when she would take her Bible and read the Lessons at home; she was not the one to let less important duties interfere with her church-going, and, as for staying away because, for example, she personally disliked some feature in the service, such an action on her part was utterly unthinkable."

She was laid to rest, on the anniversary of her confirmation, under the shadow of the church she loved, the large and reverent congregation testifying to the respect and affection in which she was held. A number of school-children lined the churchyard-path, and the choir sang three of Mrs. Sladden's favourite hymns, the last one ("Abide with me") being sung at the graveside. The bells were chimed for the service and a muffled peal was rung at its conclusion. R.I.P.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Special Intercession for the work of the Girls' Friendly Society will be made at the celebration of Holy Communion, at Badsey on June

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22 (Corpus Christi), and at Wickhamford on June 25. The service will be at 8 a.m. at Badsey, and at 8.45 a.m. at Wickhamford. It is earnestly hoped that all G.F.S. members who can do so will make their Communion at Badsey on June 22, the day generally observed by the Society, and that those who cannot will make a point of being present at the service at Wickhamford at 8.45 the following Sunday.

Particulars of a Missionary Festival to be held at Dudley, June 19—22, will be found on a bill in the church-porch.

On June 24 (Nativity of S. John Baptist) the 8 o'clock celebration will be at Wickhamford.

On S. Peter's Day (June 29) there will be prayers for the work of the S.P.G. at the Celebration and also at the Intercession Service in the evening.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

May 9.—George Sandford.
 „ 21.—Arthur Edwin Evans Dore.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

May 31.—Alfred William Ballard and Emily Ada Hardiman.

BADSEY.—BURIALS.

May 4.—Eugénie Narcisse Sladden, aged 61 years.
 „ 12.—George Sandford, aged 10 days.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

May 28.—Keginald Arthur Chamberlain.

WICKHAMFORD.—MARRIAGE.

May 3.—Raymond Percy Marston Hartwell and Edith Milly Niblett.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

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