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THE LATE LORD KITCHENER.

The Memorial Service held at Badsey on June 13th followed the general lines of the service at S. Paul's the same day. The service began with "Abide with me," the hymn chosen by Kitchener for Gordon's long-delayed funeral as being General Gordon's favourite, on which occasion it is recorded that the Sirdar, man of iron as he was, was so affected that he "could hardly speak or see." This was followed by the 130th and 23rd Psalms, and a short address by the Vicar. Then followed the hymn "Father, we bring our dead to Thee," the Lesson from the Burial Service, the Dead March, and the Prayer for the Departed from the Diocesan Intercession Paper. The Burial Anthem, "I heard a voice," was then sung and the remainder of the Burial Office was recited, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," being introduced before "The Grace."

In the course of his address, after speaking of Lord Kitchener's character and work, the Vicar said; "Lord Kitchener's death at such a time as this seems to point convincingly to the fact that it was only the good providence of God that raised up such a man in such a crisis and spared him thus far. And so, although the nation mourns him as she has perhaps never mourned any one since Nelson, her grief is tempered with humble gratitude. Like Moses, he is taken whilst still full of vigour, with all his faculties and powers of service unimpaired, and, like Moses, buried by the hand of God in an unknown grave. But his life's work was, we know, like that of Israel's leader, accomplished; and we trust and believe that as Joshua was raised up by God to "carry on" after the death of Moses, even so we shall find that God has to-day raised up those who will carry on to a successful issue the great task for which Lord Kitchener toiled and died."

NOTES ON THE MANOR OF ALDINGTON.

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In the year 703, according to the Chronicle of the Abbey of Evesham, Offa, king of the East Angles, included Aldington (Aldintone—Ealda's town) amongst the local lands which he then presented to the Monastery at Evesham, and it appears again in the doubtful Charter of Cenred and Offa in 709. Although it is not mentioned in Bishop Egwin's statement of the lands of the Monastery in 714, it occurs as such in Domesday Book, in 1086, where it figures as a berewick, or outlying portion, of the manor of Offenham.

Its small tithes were for many years assigned to the Refectorer at the Monastery as a part of his income with which to provide the spoons, cups, salt-cellars, and other utensils employed in the Refectory, and for the provision of twelve lamps there, with oil for them. In those times Aldington did not pay annually to the Manciple at the Monastery the three hundred eggs which all the other local dependencies were accustomed to pay, but payments were made to the Almoner to relieve the infirm, the afflicted and the poor, from Aldington Mill and crofts, and ninety eggs were also supplied from there for these purposes annually. During the period of his rule at Evesham (1214-29) Abbot Randolph, according to the Chronicle, bought the mill and built a grange at Aldington, which seems to have superseded an earlier one, and later on Abbot Roger Zatton (1380-1418) replaced it with "a great grange."

It is not clear when Aldington became separated from Offenham, but the change had evidently taken place during the 12th century, when it had become connected with Bretforton, as

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appears from contemporary documents, from which we also gather that, in 1291, Aldington had become joined to Badsey.

In 1535 the clear annual value of Aldington with Badsey annexed (Valor Eccl.) is given as £38 5s. 4d., or some £500 in money-value of today. Together they rendered yearly to the Monastery at Evesham 18 qrs. of wheat, 26 qrs. of barley, and 10 qrs. of peas and beans. At the Dissolution the Manor of Aldington was granted to Richard Pygion, a member of an important Badsey and Aldington family for many years. In 1562 Queen Elizabeth granted the Manor, with that of Badsey, to Sir Robt. Throckmorton. It does not appear how or when Richard Pygion's lease terminated; he probably continued to hold from Sir Robt. Throckmorton as he had formerly held from the Monastery and afterwards from the Crown, or he may have been then deceased.

The manor then followed the descent of Badsey (see Badsey Churchwardens' Accounts, p. 3, published in 1913) until 1598, when it was conveyed by Richard and Margaret Griffin to Philip Bigge, second son Thomas Bigge, of Lenchwick. Philip Bigge held the manor until July 13, 1615 when, jointly with Hester, his wife, he conveyed it to William Courten and John Mounsey, apparently for the use of the former, who afterwards held it.

(To be continued).

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

- June 18—Edna May Hall.
 „ 25—David William Ellison.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGES.

- June 12—George Frederick Groves and Ethel Mary Perrins.
 „ 12—Charles Knight Keen and Elizabeth Grove.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISMS.

- June 18—Florence Heritage.
 „ 25—William James Lloyd George Field.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.		Wickhamford.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
June 1	Sick and Needy ...	9		1	3		4
„ 4	Sick and Needy ...	1		0	2		6
„ „	Church Expenses ...	19	6	½	4	9	½
„ 8	Church Expenses ...	1		6			
„ 11	Sunday School ...	16	1	½			
„ „	Church Expenses ...	1	2	4	14	10	½
„ 13	Sick and Needy ...	1		3			
„ 15	Church Expenses ...	1		3			
„ 18	Sick and Needy ...	6	3	½			
„ „	Church Expenses ...	8	9	½	8		0
„ 22	Church Expenses ...	5		5			
„ 25	Sick and Needy ...	2	4	½	3		3
„ „	Church Expenses ...	17	0	½	6		8
		£5 12 0			£2 3 5½		

