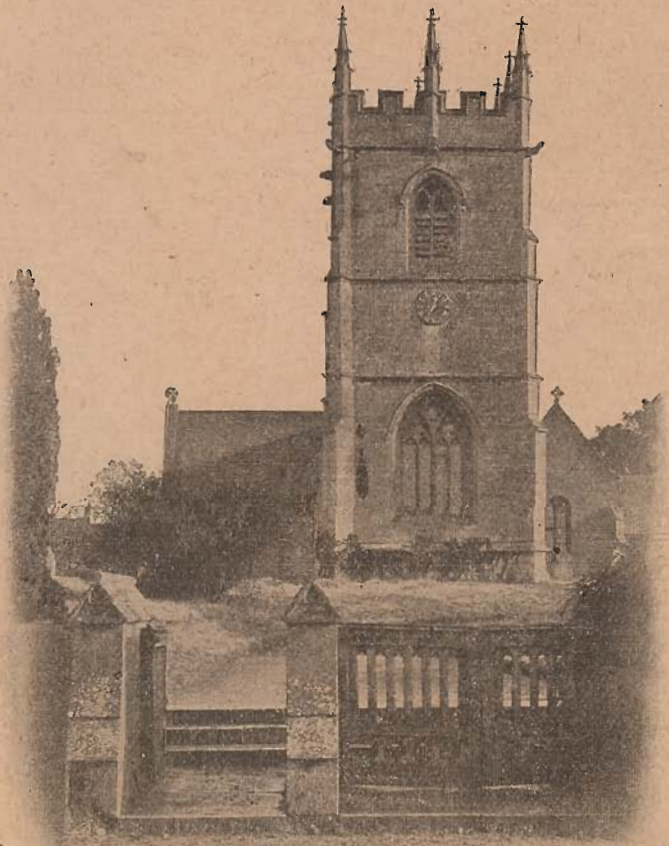


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BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The following prizes have been awarded:—

Boys.

Class i. . A. Brewer, P. Crisp, W. Sparrow.

Class ii. : J. Jelfs, C. Harwood.

Girls.

Class i. : D. Crisp, F. Jones, E. Dore.

Class ii. : D. Jelfs, G. Barnard, S. Crisp.

Infants.

Boys: A. Salter, S. Johns, P. Sparrow, G. Warmington, F. Wheatley.

Girls: B. Wheatley, C. Crisp, L. Mustoe, L. Grove, E. Moisey, E. Agg, M. Warmington, F. Knight.

A Vicar's Prize has been awarded to L. Moisey.

THE SERVICES.

The Vicar expects to be away from home from August 8 to September 2. There will be no week-day services during his absence, and he is taking advantage of the Bishop's suggestion that the number of Sunday services should be reduced and the hours of service altered in order to enable incumbents who are neighbours to help one another.

On Sunday, August 13, there will be Holy Communion at Badsey at 7 and Evensong at 7.30, and Evensong at Wickhamford at 3. There will be similar services on the remaining Sundays, but it may be found necessary to change the hour of the Celebration at Badsey and of Evensong at Wickhamford, in which case due notice will be

given. The Vicar of Bretforton will officiate at Badsey on August 13, and the Rural Dean has kindly undertaken to provide for the other services.

THE WAR.

Pte. Vincent Colley, of the 1st Canadian contingent, who emigrated to Canada five years ago, was killed in action on June 12; Pte. Walter Crane, of the Wores. Regt., died on July 12 of wounds received in action, and Gunner Frank Cox, of the R.F.A., died of heatstroke on July 13. R.I.P.

There was a Memorial Service for Pte. Colley at Wickhamford on July 7, and one for Pte. Crane at Badsey on July 14.

News has also been received of the following casualties:—

Lieut. Brown-Constable, of the London Scottish, who was reported as wounded and missing on July 2, is now known to be a prisoner, and Cpl. W. Barnard, of the Lincolns, has been missing since the same date. We trust Mr. and Mrs. John Barnard's anxiety may soon be relieved by news of this their only son.

The following, all of whom belong to the Worcester Regt., have been wounded:—Sergt. Amos, Cpl. McDonald, Pte. A. Perkins, Pte. W. Malin and Pte. W. Southern. Sergt. Amos's and Cpl. McDonald's wounds are of a very severe character, and Pte. Southern appears to have had a miraculous escape, but all the foregoing are now in England, and are, we are glad to know, going on well.

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NOTES ON THE MANOR OF ALDINGTON.

By E. A. B. BARNARD, F.S.A.

II.

Sir William Courten or Curteene—he was knighted in 1622—was born in 1572 and died in 1636. His elder son, Peter, died in 1625, and William, the younger, succeeded to his embarrassed estates. Sir William has his place in the Dictionary of National Biography (Vol. xii.) and a very full account of him is given in the Biog. Brit. (Kippis), chiefly drawn from Sloane MSS. in the British Museum. The Calendars of State Papers (Domestic and Colonial) for the reign of James I. and Charles I. supply a few additional details. Besides numerous petitions for redress to the English Privy Council and to the East India Company of the Netherlands, and accounts of Sir William Courten's commercial misfortunes, published in Charles II.'s reign, chiefly from the pen of his friend, George Carew, who apparently lived at Aldington for many years, there appeared in 1681 a pamphlet entitled "Hinc illae lacrymae," or an Epitome of the Life and Death of Sir William Courten and Sir P. Pindar," by Carew, and in 1683 "Vox Veritatis," or a brief Extract of the Case of Sir William Courten," by Thomas Brown, of Westminster. Other accounts of the litigation are to be found in Addit. MS. 28957 f. 116 and Egerton MS. 2395, f. 602. Courten was one of the most prominent merchant-traders of the period, and belonged to the Company of Merchant Strangers. He incurred heavy losses by the failure of his attempt to colonise Barbadoes, which had been granted to him, his colonists being expelled by the Earl of Carlisle in 1629. He also lent large sums of money to James I. and Charles I. which were never repaid. During his prosperous days he plunged extensively in purchases of landed property including, as we shall afterwards see, several manors in this county. Of Sir William and Peter Courten, Habington says that they "left to Mr. William Courteyn, who now succeede the them, yea, to us all, suche an example of bounty and pietie in being more like parentes than landlordes to theyre tenautes, as all must needs prayse, and I wish all able gentellmen would imitate."

(To be continued).

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Vicar has received 9/6 from Badsey for the R.S.P.C.A. Emergency Fund for Wounded Horses and has forwarded it to the Society.

When the Missionary Boxes, which happened to be at the Vicarage when scarlet fever broke out there, were being treated with disinfectant, a £1

note, which had apparently stuck in the metal slide, was washed out. As the label bearing the collector's name had already been removed, and it is not quite certain whether the box had been used for collecting for S.P.G. or Lebombo, the Vicar would be glad to hear from anyone credited with less than they think they should have been, so that the money may be forwarded to the proper quarter.

The Sunday School Teachers' Association for the Deanery of Evesham met at Badsey on July 12. There was service in church at which the Rural Dean delivered an excellent address. After service tea was provided at the Vicarage, the expenses being defrayed out of the funds of the Association, and at the subsequent meeting Mr. Swift gave a very full and interesting account of the proceedings at the Conference held at Worcester on July 8.

Mrs. Bott, who rescued her child from a well on May 22, has been awarded the Bronze Medal and Certificate of the Royal Humane Society. The presentation was made by the Vicar at the Old School on July 31.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

July 16—Basil Morris Hall.
 „ 23—Marjorie Ada Howells.

BADSEY.—BURIALS.

July 3—George Barnard, aged 58 years.
 „ 6—Kezia Young, aged 88 years.
 „ 13—Charles Addis, aged 44 years.
 „ 27—Eliza Sadler, aged 91 years.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISMS.

July 2—Nancy May Winnett.
 „ 16—Catherine Edith Taylor.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.			Wickhamford.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
July 2	Church Expenses ...	7	9		5	5	
„ 9	Sick and Needy ...		5	4			
„ „	Church Expenses ...	18	8		8	9½	
„ 13	Church Expenses ...		2	6			
„ 16	Sick and Needy ...		3	8	3	0	7
„ „	Church Expenses ...	11	10½		7	8½	
„ 23	Sick and Needy ...		2	6			
„ „	Church Expenses ...	16	6½		5	9	
„ 25	Sick and Needy ...		1	3			
„ 27	Church Expenses ...		1	6			
„ 30	Sick and Needy ...		4	3			
„ „	Church Expenses ...	15	7		5	1	
		£4	11	5	£1	15	9