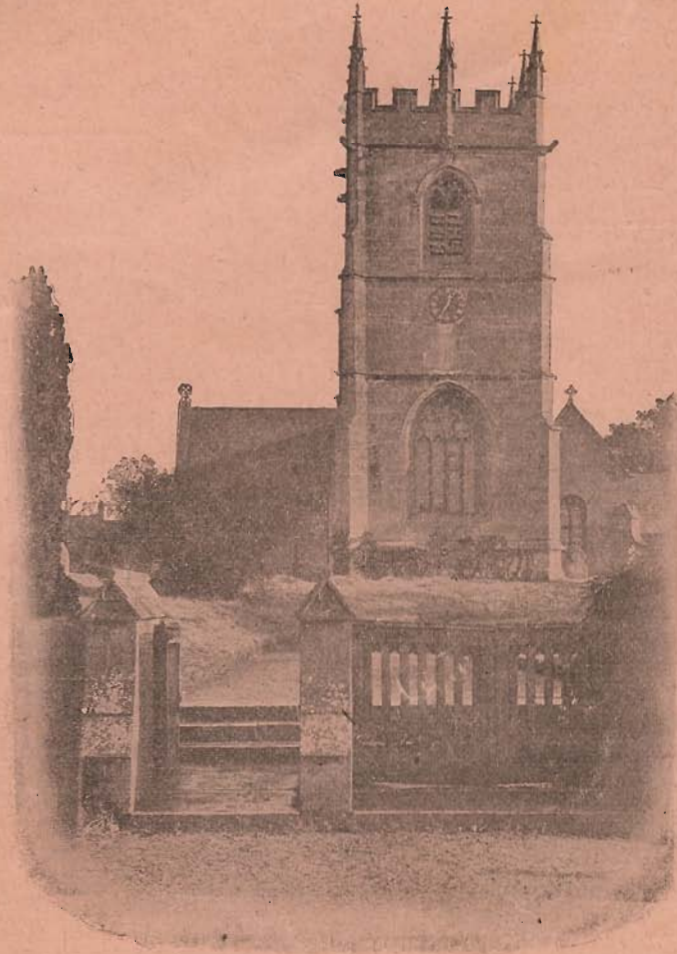


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THE MAGAZINE.

Commencing with the January number we shall revert to our old friend *The Dawn of Day* as the inset of our Magazine, and we again take the opportunity of pointing out that it would considerably facilitate the work of distribution if subscribers would kindly pay their subscriptions for the year (1/-) in advance on receipt of the January number.

Subscribers are also reminded that it would be impossible to produce the Magazine at the price of one penny were it not for the support of those local firms who use it as a medium for advertising, and we venture to express a hope that all our readers will, so far as they are able, patronise those firms who patronise us.

NATIONAL MISSION.

At Evensong, on Advent Sunday, in place of a sermon there will be a SERVICE OF WITNESS. The Form of Service has been authorised by the Bishop and copies have already been circulated in church, worshippers being asked to take them home, read them through prayerfully and bring them with them for the Service of Witness. Copies have also been placed in each church, on the table by the font, so that those who were absent from church when they were distributed may take one.

The collections at both churches on Advent Sunday will be, as usual, for Foreign Missions. In each case 5/- will be given to the Diocesan Board of Missions and the balance divided between S.P.G. and Lebombo.

THE WAR.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we chronicle the death of Corpl. L. H. Sparrow, who was killed by a shell which fell on his dug-out on the night of Sunday, October 22. Corpl. Sparrow, as our readers all know, was one of the first married men to volunteer for service from Badsey and on every side one hears expressions of sympathy with his widow, his parents, and his little children who will soon be old enough to realise what the loss of a father means. A muffled peal was rung on the afternoon of November 14, and a memorial service was held in Badsey Church in the evening, when the congregation was so large that it was with difficulty that seats were found for all. The service, which was choral and was rendered with much feeling, was conducted by the Vicar, who spoke of the deceased soldier as follows:—"I don't think you will regard it as strange if I depart from my usual custom on occasions like the present and say a few words about him, affection and respect for whom have drawn us together to-night. Louis Henry Sparrow had been practically all his life so intimately associated with this church and its services that such a tribute is only his due. It is not an easy task—though one I willingly undertake—for 'Lou' Sparrow was one of my best friends in Badsey; but the difficulty is at least mitigated by the fact that he was one of whom I knew no ill. Upright, honest, clean in life and

clean in speech, he was one of those who are verily the salt of our parishes. If he had never taken any active part in parochial affairs his private life would still have justified us in looking upon him as a man whom we could ill afford to spare. I doubt if he was ever happier than when helping others—I speak that I do know—and it was this spirit of self-sacrifice which led him to offer his services to his country and eventually to lay down his life in her defence. Remember, that had he availed himself of the consideration shown to men situated as he was, he might still have been, like so many others, at home. But as soon as he saw where the finger of duty pointed, he never hesitated for one moment; he then and there made what proved to be 'the great sacrifice.' I might speak of his services to this church, but you know what they were; how, as man and boy, he was a member of this choir, and a faithful member too, in his attendance, not only at services, but also at practices, for he had the honour of God's House at heart. As a ringer also, he treated ringing not merely as a hobby, but as part of the service of the sanctuary, and, when he had taken part in the Sunday evening ringing he did not immediately turn his back on the church, but stayed for the service and took his place in the choir. And it was his interest in whatever work he took in hand and his devotion to duty that led him at last to a soldier's grave. A good son, a good husband, a good father—if there were more fathers like him the keeping of the Fifth Commandment would be a simpler task than it sometimes is—a sincere Christian, a devout communicant, while we mourn his loss we can say to-night with holy, happy confidence—

'Our hearts, our hopes are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith, triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee—are all with thee.'

Corpl. Sparrow's colonel writes:—"Much sympathy is expressed at his loss which is deeply felt throughout the battalion."—R.I.P.

The following extract from a letter from Pte. T. H. Roberts (late of Badsey Manor House) to Mr. Binyon tells its own pathetic story.

"I have been hit since the 21st of May, so I have had a long spell of hospital. I was hit fairly bad and thought I was going to die. . . The doctor said I was a marvel for getting over it. I had nine large wounds and several small ones, also a broken leg. I got hit with a bomb; it exploded between my feet, so I had all my wounds on my legs except one which I had in the abdomen. That was the one that nearly finished me, but through a strong heart, a healthy body, and being merry through it all, I pulled through and am now nearly myself again. The doctor would come to me and say 'Let's see you smile,' and of course I would. I could not help it. Then he would tell me that I would be all right soon, being that I could smile

and not worry over it. I was flat on the bed and could not raise my head without pain, so you can see I had a bad time of it. . . . I am much worried over poor old Jeff. It must nearly break his heart to think of home and you do think of it out there, and it is much harder for you when you have no home. I felt it now and then, but I fought it down and would not let it get the better of me. It makes you feel chippy when you see a fellow reading a letter from his mother. You see him smile, and then his face gets cloudy, but he looks at his letter again and then his smile comes again and stays there."

Trooper Cecil Agg has been wounded and is now in hospital in England, and Pte. Walter Halford, of the Worcester Regt., has also been wounded.

NOTES ON THE MANOR OF ALDINGTON.

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

On 15 March, 1664, an indenture was made between Carew, Baldwyn and John Whitfeild, by which they sell to Whitfeild "all that manor of Aunton or Aldington" for £3,500. John Whitfeild was of Maidenhead, co. Berks, and of Middle Temple, London, and his will, which is long and contains some interesting features, is amongst the documents. The item of present interest contained in it runs as follows:—

"Imprimis I devise unto the hono'ble and my most honoured worthy and reall Friend William Willoughby esquire, and my Brother William Cherry, gentleman, and to their heires for ever the Manor of Aunton alias Aldington in the Countie of Worcester to bee by them or the survivors of them sold for the paym't of one Thousand pounds to Sir William Powell Bar't Which is the Remainder of Sir Paule Pindar's debt to Sir William Powell which was the cause of my purchasing the said Manor. . . ." This reference to Sir Paul Pindar recalls another name famous in the number of Merchant-Adventurers of that day.

By an indenture dated 6 June, 1665, "William Courten, esquire, deceased, Samuel Baldwyn, George Carew, William Willoughby, of Hunsdon, co. Hertford, esquire, and William Cherry, of Maidenhead, co. Berks," sold to Thomas Foley, of Witley, co. Worcester, esquire, "all that Manor of Aldington alias Aunton, and all that farm called Aunton Farm now in the tenure of William Jarrett, gentleman," and all other messuages, etc., which Sir W. Courten, grandfather of the aforesaid W. Courten, purchased of Phillip Bigge on 13 July, 1615. Foley, who was a celebrated ironmaster, continued the lease to Jarrett. The manor remained in the Foley family for nearly 150 years; in 1806, some time after the death of Thomas, fifth Baron Foley of Kidderminster, his property in Aldington, at that time comprising about 250 acres, was sold to several persons. The Manor was purchased by George Day, of Evesham, who speculated considerably, and it appears dis-

astrously, in local properties; and he apparently leased it to William Preedy. In Michaelmas Term of 1808 the manor was purchased from Day by Mr. James Ashwin for £12,000, and has, of course, since remained in that family.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mrs. L. H. Sparrow and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sparrow desire to thank all those who, by their sympathy, have helped them to bear their recent sorrow.

Miss E. Barnard, who has taught in the Badsey Sunday School for over two years, has, we regret to announce, left the parish. Her services will be very much missed.

Miss E. Sladden has received from Pte. Geo. Taylor, who is a prisoner-of-war at Friedrichsfeld, a card of thanks for the parcel sent by the Sunday Scholars of Badsey and Wickhamford. The contents were in good condition and, as this was one of the last parcels to be sent, it may be assumed that the others have also been received.

Missionary Boxes should be returned to the Vicarage not later than December 23.

Mr. Binyon asks for news and present address of Geoffrey Jinks, formerly of the 3/8 Worcesters.

The collections on Sunday, December 31, will, as in other churches, be given to the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of S. John.

There must be many of Confirmation age (i.e. 13 and over) who have not yet given in their names to the Vicar and he would be glad if they would do so at once.

The Coal Club has re-opened and deposits are received at the Vicarage every Monday from 12 to 12.30. The Penny Bank will re-open on the first Monday in January.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY — BAPTISMS.

Nov. 11.—Marion Stewart.

.. 26.—Alice Joan Enstone.

BADSEY — BURIAL.

Nov. 16.—Annie Ellison, aged 52 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey, Wickhamford.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nov. 1.—Sick and Needy	...	2	3		
.. 2.—Church Expenses	...	1	3		
.. 5.—Evangelistic Council	1 12 10	1	5 2		
.. 9.—Church Expenses	...	1	9		
.. 12.—Sick and Needy	...	2	6		
.. 12.—Church Expenses	1 4 3			6	10½
.. 16.—Church Expenses	...	1	3		
.. 19.—Sick and Needy	...	3	9	3	9
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.. 23.—Church Expenses	...	1	9		
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