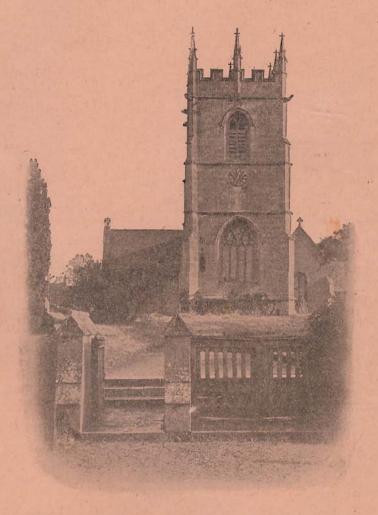
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THE WILL OF SIR PHILIP HOBY.

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Sir Philip Hoby, who purchased the house and site of the dissolved Monastery of Evesham in 1542, together with other monastic property in this neighbourhood, came of a Leominster family.

It is evident that he often resided at Evesham, probably in the old Abbey Gate House, which faced Merstow Green, and that members of his family came here too. His sister Magdalen married Thomas Bigge of Lenchwick, and her effigy, with that of her husband, is in Norton Church. Sir Philip's half brother, Sir Thomas Hoby, also often came to these parts, as is evidenced in his delightfully interesting diary, A Booke of the Travaile & Lief of Thomas Hoby. Sir Thomas, like Sir Philip, had a distinguished and a busy diplomatic career, and it must have been a very pleasant diversion to them both when they were able to snatch a short holiday in the Vale. So, in 1555, Sir Thomas writes in his diary, "About Allhalloutide from London I went to Evesham and there lay a season untill my brother cam thither." In 1556 he writes,, "Abowt Candlemas cam my brother to London out of Flaunders and shortlie after tooke his journey into Worcestershire. . . . , In the Whiteson week I returned to Evesham where the Bisshopp of Worcester cam shortlie after in visitation to set up imags etc.", at the time of the brief return to the Roman Obedience. In 1557 we find Sir Philip again at Evesham. In 1558 Sir Thomas records, "the xviij of Aprill my brother Philipp went to London, there to seek the aide of phisitions where he made his last will and testament, and made disposition of all his lands and goodds Whitesonday, the xxix of May departed my brother out of this lief to a better." In 1560, the "xiij day of Maij my brother Richard maried The xx of September I departed toward Evesham and taried there xv. daies.

Sir Thomas died in 1566 aged 36, leaving his brother Richard to remain long associated with Badsey, the Manor of which, as we shall see, he had inherited from Sir Philip. Here he died, at the Seyne House, on 11th February 1616.

(To be continued.)

THE WAR.

We regret to state that Cpl. A. Huxley, who was recently home on leave, has been killed in France while on sentry duty. This makes the third death at the front among those employed on Mr. Mason's farm when war broke out.

Cpl. Huxley's brother, Pte. F. Huxley, is in hospital at Wimereux, suffering from shell-wounds in the right arm and leg.

Pte, Cecil Agg has gone to a convalescent camp in Ireland.

Signaller A. H. Jinks has been invalided from the front and is in hospital at Perth.

Pte. H. Sadler is still at Netley and going on as well as can be expected considering the serious nature of his wounds.

Pte. A. Heath is deriving much benefit from a course of treatment at Droitwich.

Corpl. F. Jelfs and Pte. J. Bennett are both in hospital suffering from rheumatism, the former at Lichfield and the latter at Hursley, near Winchester.

Gunner C. W. Wilkins is better, but Pte. G. W. Nightingale, Pte. S. Harris and Pte. E. H. Hall are not progressing very satisfactory.

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Sergt. A. Keen has been wounded by shrapnel in the back and leg. He is in hospital near Bristol and going on well.

Pte. E. Yeates is in hospital in France with shrapnel wounds in the right arm and left leg.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Capt. T. Mason on his rapid promotion.

NOTES AND NEWS.

We regret to find that Mr. R. S. Warmington's name was omitted from the list of "senders" to the Ch. Ch. Mission. He very kindly supplied a pot of apples.

Mrs. Drysdale acknowledges with thanks an anonymous donation of 5/- to the Wickhamford Comforts Fund.

The sum of £4 5s, has been collected in Wickhamford for King George's Fund for Sailors.

On Sunday, December 16, the Rev. D. Fitz-Maurice, vicar of Hampton, will officiate at Wickhamford, and the preacher at Badsey will be the Rev. J. P. Shawcross, vicar of Bengeworth.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY_BAPTISM.

November 18 .- Louis Charles Salter.

Wickhamford—Baptism.
November 25.—Joyce Smith.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

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