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WICKHAMFORD HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Sunday, October 6, was observed as the Harvest Festival at Wickhamford. There was a fair number of communicants in the morning and a crowded congregation at night. The collections amounted to nearly £6. A splendid supply of fruit and vegetables for the Ch. Ch. Mission was contributed by the following:—Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. G. Pethard, Mrs. W. Cox and Messrs. Lees-Milne, B. R. Swift, G. Agg, G. Sutton, W. Jones, C. Walters, J. Colley, W. Pearce, E. Hall, and J. Moisey. Mrs. Drysdale kindly lent her dray for collecting and Mr. Swift helped to defray the carriage to London.

THE WAR.

We record with deep regret the death of Pte. Harry Sadler which took place at the Northumberland War Hospital, Gosforth, on October 18. Pte. Sadler only joined the colours on September 19 and his death was the result of pneumonia following influenza. He was buried at Badsey on October 23. Local members of the V.T.C. formed a bearer-party but, in accordance with the wishes of Pte. Sadler's mother who desired the funeral to be as quiet as circumstances would allow, there were no volleys and no "Last Post." The choir, however, attended and sang the Psalm and a hymn in church and another hymn at the graveside, and the organist played the Dead March. — R.I.P.

At the very time that Pte. H. Sadler was lying ill at Gosforth Mrs. Jordan received news that another son, Pte. F. Sadler, had been wounded in the arm and head on October 6. He has reached England and is in hospital at Bristol where he appears to be progressing favourably. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Jordan in her sorrow and anxiety.

Dvr. R. Ballard has recently been sick and in hospital in France. Almost immediately after his return to the lines he was wounded in the arm and is now in hospital at Doncaster.

Sergt. B. S. Cockerton has had a narrow escape in France. He was buried by a shell and, on being disinterred, was found to have sustained wounds in the back and arm, his legs also being badly bruised. He is in hospital at Treport and progressing rapidly.

Pte. S. Harris was discharged from the army on September 30 as unfit for service. He was sent into hospital at St. Omer after being wounded in the foot and, while there, the hospital was bombed by enemy airmen. Two sisters who were attending to him at the time were both killed and, as a result of the terrible injuries he then received, one of his arms is now completely withered. It is to be hoped that, when the time for reckoning comes, neither the criminals responsible for such attacks on hospitals nor those whom they have maimed and crippled for life will be allowed to go unrewarded.

THE WILL OF SIR PHILIP HOBY.

VI.

To the daughter of his sister Juliana there is a bequest of £40, and also bequests of money to "the daughter of my sister Carter" who is to have a deep French bowl double gilt. He further wills that his two unmarried daughters, Margaret and Frances, are to have one hundred marks on the day of their respective marriages, and other financial arrangements are made concerning them into which the name of "Walter Welche their brother" enters. There is also a bequest of money, &c. to "Seton my newewe."

Sir Philip then wills that his servants shall have such sums of money as are detailed in a codicil, and he further wills that his servants — Spragn, John Welshoo "of my chamber," Rock-old Thomas of Rother, Thomas Smith, John Cooke and Charles "the Waggayner" shall have "some convenient farm or coppieholde whiche shal happen to be voide at or after my death in any my manors or lands, paying the accustomed rent for the same and without any fyne to be paid therefore."

A sum of One hundred marks (£66 13s. 4d. in money of that day and probably of the spend in

power of about £500 in these present days) is to divided "amongst the poore folke aboute my houses at Bisham and Evesham."

Further bequests are of a great basin and cover graven with the Story of the New Testament, to Mary Elizabeth Grace; "my best jennett," a small Spanish horse, to Sir Henry Paggett; a serpentine cup with a cover double gilt, to Sir John Mason; a maudelin cup double gilt, to Mr. Agmondsham; and "to my twoo faithfull freendes Sir Willm Cicill and Sir Richard Blounte," two double gilt basins and ewers. He also appoints them as executors, with his brother Thomas.

As stated above, a codicil to the will gives the names of his "howsholde servauntry" totalling 41, with the various sums of money he left them and which ranged from £20 to £1. It is possible, of course, that some of the men came from this neighbourhood. The list is as follows:—Thomas Keymes, Steward; William Page; John Cooke; Richard Sprag; William Baker; John Jownes; George Clerke; John Welshawe, otherwise John of the Chamber; Robert Seton; Humphrey Rockold; Thomas of Rother; Richard Aldeford; Gregory Goodaye; John Willimotte; Nicholas Abbot; Claude de Buskyn Frances; John Thomas otherwise Butler; Anthony Anthony otherwise Antony of the Wardrobe; Richard Racke; Thomas Smith the porter; John Hitchekins otherwise John Cooke; Thomas Smithe of the stable; John Dyas otherwise Blacke John; John Shropshire otherwise John of the stable; Charles the Coucheman; Edward Turnour the Warrener; Henry Brodefeeld the butcher; Thomas Dutton otherwise Fawconer; John the Showsmith otherwise John Smith; Christofer of the Bakehouse; John of the Kitchen; Dicke of the Stable; Haunce Engle the Joiner; Ewstace his boy; Tice the Locksmith; "two joyners almaynes"; Anthony Derowder the wagon maker;

Henry Pilgrim; James Pilgrim and Sparrowe. Sir Philip signs his will in the presence of William Cicill; William Sheldon; John Lovelace; William Amondsham; Edward Warren and others. It was proved on 2nd July, 1558. E.A.B.B.

(THE END).

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BURIALS.

- Oct. 23.—Harry Sadler, aged 18 years.
 „ 26.—Rosa Helen Hall, aged 36 years.
 „ 30.—William James Hands, aged 68 years.
 „ 30.—Alice Sandford, aged 37 years.
 „ 31.—Louisa Elizabeth Hall, aged 32 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

| | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
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| | | Badsey. | | | Wickhamford. | | |
| Oct. 6 | Cottage Hospital | | | | 5 | 15 | 0 |
| | Sick and Needy | | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | Church Expenses | I | 8 | 7 | | | |
| „ 13 | Sick and Needy | | 5 | 5 | | | |
| | Church Expenses | I | 3 | 4½ | 11 | 5½ | |
| „ 18 | S. Luke's Hostel | | 5 | 0 | | | |
| „ 20 | Sick and Needy | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | |
| | Church Expenses | 10 | 6 | ¼ | | | |
| „ 27 | Sick and Needy | | 4 | 11 | | | |
| | Church Expenses | 17 | 11 | | 7 | 3½ | |
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| | | £5 | 4 | 0¼ | £6 | 19 | 10 |

