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THE WAR.

Sergt. J. Colley returned from France on February 22 suffering from influenza, which rapidly developed into pneumonia. He was in a critical condition for some days but is now happily convalescent.

We heartily congratulate Capt. T. Mason upon whom His Majesty the King of the Belgians has conferred the Croix de Guerre.

OUR NEW BISHOP.

Our new Bishop (Dr. Ernest Harold Pearce, Canon and Sub-Dean of Westminster, Chaplain to the King and Assistant Chaplain-General to the Forces) was consecrated in Westminster Abbey on S. Matthias' Day. The Archbishop of Canterbury was assisted by the Bishops of London, Coventry, Bristol, Chelmsford, Hereford, Llandaff, Rochester, Southwark, Stepney and New Westminster, Bishop Taylor Smith (Chaplain-General to the Forces) and Bishop Ryle (Dean of Westminster). The preacher was the Rev. Dr. E. C. Pearce, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, brother of the Bishop-elect, who took his text from 2 Cor. ii. 16: "Who is sufficient for these things?" After speaking of the grave responsibilities of the episcopal office and the needs and problems of the Church of to-day, the preacher, addressing his brother, said: "'Who is sufficient for these things?' I am confident that to you, my brother, the answer is well known; it is the answer of the Apostle: 'Our sufficiency is of God;' or as Matthew Parker put it: 'O Lord, I am oppressed; answer for me.' To you the answer has been a guiding principle these many years. I am not going to rend the veil that en-

shrines the sacredness of family life; but to-day you and I, and possibly others, have thought of one who left his children a goodly heritage, and taught us from childhood to know the Holy Scriptures. Those who have known you can commend you to your diocese as one endowed with powers of organisation that have been proved in many spheres and not least in the days of war; as one blessed with a genius for making friends and refusing to have enemies; as one who having work to do, will do it with all your might in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is to Him that we, your friends, intrust you to-day, with earnest prayers that He may make you a "sufficient minister of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.' "

CONFIRMATION.

Bishop Fyson, Rector of Elmley Lovett and formerly Bishop in Hokkaido, North Japan, administered the rite of Confirmation in Badsey Church on Tuesday, February 4th, when the following candidates from these parishes were confirmed:—*Badsey*: William Henry Addis, Francis Cecil Harwood, Geoffrey Austen Jones, Francis Charles Perkins, Frederick Perkins, Alfred Stanley, Enoch Wheatley. *Wickhamford*: Edgar Butcher, Ernest Harold Cox, Frederick Griffin, Leonard Russell Pearce, Cecil Reginald Pearce, Sidney Samuel Pitman. There were also two candidates from Bretforton.

IN MEMORIAM.

We record with regret the death of Mr. Thomas Byrd, who passed away somewhat suddenly at his residence at Aldington on February 13. Mr. Byrd, who was the representative of one of the oldest families in these

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parishes, in his younger days took a prominent part in local affairs and was for many years a magistrate for the county and also a member of the County Council. Latterly, however, he had lived in comparative retirement. The interment took place in the family burying-place at Badsey on February 15, in accordance with Mr. Byrd's express wish that his funeral should be of a quiet character and carried out with as little delay as possible.—R.I.P.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Eight new Lebombo Boxes have been taken out in Badsey. The Vicar has still a few left and would be glad to hear from anyone in Badsey or Wickhamford willing to take one.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

Feb. 16.—Wilson Eric Allchurch.
 „ „ Florence Allchurch.

„ „ Annie Kathleen Olsson.
 „ „ Iris Hilda Olsson.

BADSEY—BURIALS.

Feb. 15.—Thomas Byrd, aged 82 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey. Wickhamford.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 2.—	Sick and Needy	2	0		5	6	
	Church Expenses	1	3	6	4	3	½
„ 4.—	Sick and Needy	2	0				
„ 9.—	Sick and Needy	6	4				
	Church Expenses	1	0	10	10	9	
„ 16.—	Sick and Needy	3	9		3	0	
	Church Expenses	4	6	½	8	4	½
„ 23.—	Sick and Needy	3	7				
	Church Expenses	1	2	7	10	3	
„ 24.—	Sick and Needy	3	0				
		£5	2	2	£2	2	2

