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READING ROOM.

A meeting of those interested in the Reading Room was held in the Old School on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a very small attendance, which is greatly to be regretted as there was important business to be considered in connection with this very useful organization for the benefit of the parishioners. Mr. E. Crisp, who has long acted as a most energetic hon. sec., presented a balance sheet for the past season, and we regret to have to record that there is a deficit in the accounts. The reason of this deficit is that so few persons joined the Reading Room last season or took any interest in it, hence the amount received from subscriptions was comparatively small. We are very anxious to make the room more useful during the coming winter, and some suggestions were made for this purpose. It was proposed that the age at which members are admitted should be raised, and that the amount of the subscription should be slightly increased. An adjourned meeting will be held in the old school on Monday, October 3rd, at 7.30 p.m., when the following questions will be further discussed:—(1) Do the parishioners desire the Reading Room to be continued? (2) How can it be made more attractive to the older men? (3) Is it advisable to raise the age of admission or increase the subscription paid?

We earnestly invite the male parishioners to attend this meeting and give their views. It would be a very great pity to give up the room, but unless it can be made generally more useful it seems useless to continue it. We would point out that the members have the use of the school on very advantageous terms. They pay no rent and no taxes, and they received last season the sum of £2 5s. towards their funds for sub-letting the room for the basket-making class, and the meetings of the Parish Council. Any donations towards paying off the deficit on the accounts will be thankfully received by Mr. E. Crisp.

MEDICAL CLUB.

Only a few persons have at present expressed a desire to become members of this club. If any others wish to join it, the Vicar would be glad to receive their names at once. He would give any further information on the subject to anyone who cares to enquire.

Mrs. Roberts has given up the work of cleaning the Church, and Mrs. Joseph Agg has been appointed by the Churchwardens to the office. Miss May Sladden has very kindly offered to clean the lamps for the Church, thus saving an expense upon the Church funds. We are very much obliged to her for so kindly undertaking this not very agreeable work.

There is, we believe, a feeling amongst some of the Parishioners who attend the Church that some attempt should be made to provide a stipend for the Organist. Mr. W. Mustoe very kindly played the organ for 7 years without any remuneration, and the present Organist has done the same up to the present time. But the duties of the Organist involve a great deal of time and trouble. He has to prepare himself, to attend all the services and practices when music is sung, and cannot be absent from his post without providing an efficient substitute. We hope

that our readers will not think us unreasonable in asking them to show their appreciation of his services by providing some stipend, even if it is ever so small. We understand that there was a time when an Organist was paid to come over from Evesham, and what could be done in the past surely could be done again. We propose to open a fund for the Organist stipend, and the Vicar will be very glad to receive any subscriptions for the fund. He will be very glad to give 10s. a year if other Parishioners will give something. The Churchwardens have consented to this plan, and they have kindly agreed that the collections on Sunday, October 9th, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. should be devoted to this purpose. The collections on that Sunday (2nd in the month) would naturally be for Church expenses, and a stipend for the organist is a reasonable charge on Church expenses.

GIFT OF LAND TO THE VICARAGE.

The Parishioners may like to know, and it is certainly worthy of being put on record for the benefit of posterity, that the authorities of Christ Church Oxford (the Patrons of the Living) have purchased from Messrs. Lords Trustees a piece of land, which they have very liberally presented to the living of Badsey. The quantity of the purchased land is two roods, thirty perches, situated with frontage to the main road, at the west end of the field known as the Stockey, and adjoining the fence in front of the Vicarage.

A happy suggestion was made by Mr. Savory, that a prize should be offered to the children of our day schools, for the best essay written by the children, in order to encourage original thought and composition. The subject selected was "The Harvest," and essays were written by 17 children. The first prize (given by Mr. Savory) was awarded to Douglas McDonald, the second prize (given by the Vicar), to Arthur Summerton, and the third prize (given by Mrs. Savory), to George Collet.

WICKHAMFORD.

Thanksgiving Services for the ingathering of the Harvest were held in this church on Thursday Sept. 22nd, and Sunday Sept. 25th. The Church had been very tastefully decorated with an abundance of flowers, fruit, corn and vegetables by Mrs. G. and Miss Pethard, Mrs. E. Pethard, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Staite. Liberal gifts of flowers, fruit, etc. were sent by many Parishioners, including the above, and Mrs. Mason and Miss Sherwood. The service at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday was fully choral. For the Anthem, a solo was sung from *Handel's* Messiah by Mrs. Taylor, followed by a Chorus "The Glory of the Lord." by *Spinney*. The Vicar preached to a full congregation, and the collection for the Evesham Cottage Hospital amounted to 11s. 5d. (including 2s. sent later by Mrs. Smith of the Mill). The Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday the 25th, at 8 a.m., and Evensong was sung at 3 p.m. with the same music as on Thursday. The Vicar again preached the sermon, and the collection, amounting to £1 1s. 2½d., was towards the debt on the new organ.

The Harvest Thanksgiving for Badsey has not taken place as we write. An account of the service, etc. will be given in our next number.

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BADSEY.

BAPTISMS

Sept. 18th, Theodora Sheaf.
 „ 18th, Edith Mary Jelfs.

BURIALS.

Aug. 10th, Mary Elizabeth Moulbery, aged 3 months
(Omitted by accident last month.)
 Sept. 21st, Obadiah Brooks, aged 73 years.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sept. 4, Sick and Needy	13	8½	.....	.....
„ 11, Church Expenses	12	5½	.....	.....
„ 18, Church Expenses	.....	.....	.....	4 2
„ 22, Evesham Cottage Hospital	.....	.....	.....	11 5
„ 23, Church Expenses	16	1	.....	.....
„ 25, Organ Fund	.....	.....	.....	1 1 2½
Total	£22	2 3	.....	1 16 9

Calendar for October.

1	S	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims.
2	☿	17th Sunday after Trinity. (H.C. after Mattins.) (Meeting re Reading Room at 7.30 p.m.)
3	M	
4	T	
5	W	
6	Th	
7	F	Faith, Virgin and Martyr.
8	S	Fast
9	☿	18th Sunday after Trinity. St. Denys, Areop., Bishop and Martyr. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
10	M	
11	T	
12	W	
13	Th	
14	F	Translation of King Edward the Confessor.
15	S	Fast
16	☿	19th Sunday after Trinity. (Badsey, H.C. 8 a.m.; Wickhamford, Mattins 10.15 a.m., H.C. (choral) 11). Etheldreda, Virgin Queen, Abb. of Ely. S. Luke, Evangelist. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
17	M	
18	T	
19	W	
20	Th	
21	F	(Entertainment in Old School at 7.30 p.m., in aid of Wickhamford Church.)
22	S	Fast
23	☿	20th Sunday after Trinity. (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
24	M	
25	T	
26	W	
27	Th	
28	F	Crispin, Martyr. (Band of Hope at 5.30 p.m.)
29	S	Vigil St. Simon and St. Jude, A. and M. (H.C. 8 a.m.) Fast
30	☿	21st Sunday after Trinity. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
31	M	

THE MOON.

7th, Last Quarter, 6h. 5m. aft. | 22nd, First Quarter, 9h. 9m. mfn.
 15th, New Moon, 0h. 37m. aft. | 29th, Full Moon, 0h. 18m. aft.