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EDITORIAL.

With this number we begin the second volume of the Magazine. We hope it has supplied a want in the parish, and provided interesting reading to many. It has certainly not been a commercial success, as we are about £2 out of pocket in the year's accounts. This is owing to cost of printing. Too much local matter was given in the early numbers, which largely increased the expense. We have now curtailed the amount, and have made arrangements for an advertisement, which will enable the Magazine to pay expenses in the future. We thank all those who have taken in the Magazine, and we hope they will continue to support it. The Calendar will be found on the inside of the last page.

Advent and Christmas have come and gone, and we trust they have left some permanent influence upon the lives of many. On the Sundays in Advent a new departure was made by holding an after-meeting after the usual Sunday evening service, when addresses were given by the Vicar on Preparation for Holy Communion. We hope to continue these meetings at certain seasons of the year. We were very glad to see that there was a large increase in the number of communicants on Christmas Day at Badsey, there being 77 this year as against 45 last year. This is very encouraging, and we hope that it means the beginning of a habit of more regular Communions. The Bible and the Prayer Book are so strong on the value and necessity of the Holy Communion that it is difficult to understand how regular Church-people can abstain from presenting themselves at this holy service. Both the Churches were very appropriately decorated for Christmas—viz., Badsey by Mrs. J. Agg, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Warner, Miss F. Bennett, Miss E. and Master Sladden, and the Misses M. and L. Keen, B. Stewart, K. Walker, R. Hardiman, E. Knight, and R. Sparrow, Mr. J. Marshall again very kindly sent a number of flowers in pots. The Church at Wickhamford was decorated by Mrs. G. Pethard, Mrs. E. Pethard, Mrs. W. Hartwell, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Hacklett, Miss Sherwood, and Miss Staite.

With this number of the Magazine we think of the past, and thank God for all His mercies and blessings, and we look forward in hope to the unknown future, wishing all our readers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

A meeting of the Bell Committee was held on December 3rd, when Mr. A. H. Savory (the treasurer) presented a complete statement of accounts of the restoration of the bells. A balance of £15 15s. 7d. remained in hand after paying all expenses, and it was decided to carry this forward as a fund towards the proposed two new bells. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Savory for his indefatigable labours as treasurer. It was also decided unanimously by the Committee to start a

fund for a new clock, to be kept separately from the Bell Fund. There are now therefore two schemes before the parishioners—(1) A fund for two new bells, (2) A fund for a new clock. Anyone who desires to do so can give a donation to either of the funds, or to both. Donations for the bells will be received at the Capital and Counties Bank, and donations for the clock at Lloyd's Bank, in Evesham. Mr. Savory and the Vicar are joint treasurers for both funds, and will gladly receive any donations, but it should be made quite clear for which fund the gift is intended. The Clock Fund has been started, because many parishioners have felt the need of a clock going again in the parish, and some have expressed a wish to give a donation towards it.

A meeting for men only was held on December 12th, when there was a fair attendance of men. The Vicar read a paper on "Some points of interest in the history of our parish." Several interesting facts were mentioned by the men present. A similar meeting for men only will be held in the Parish Room at Vicarage on Monday, January 9th, at 7 p.m., when the Vicar will continue (by request) the history of the parish. All men are cordially invited to this meeting, and discussion is invited.

The sum of £3 1s. 3d. has been sent up from Badsey to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in London—viz., collections at children's service on April 17th 6s. 8d., on November 20th 7s. 6½d., collections on November 27th £1 7s. 10d.; boxes, Mrs. Sladden 6s., the Vicarage 5s., Mrs. Dipper 4s. 4½d, Mrs. Mustoe 3s. 10d. We thank all those who have given to the Society, and we hope very much that more parishioners will take boxes this year.

The following are the number of entries in the registers for the year 1898:—Badsey: Baptisms 28, Marriages 3, Burials 9. Wickhamford: Baptisms 7, Marriages 0, Burials 2.

An entertainment is being arranged by Mrs. Sladden in the Old School for Thursday, January 12th, at 7 p.m. The prices of admission will be 1s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., and the proceeds will be divided between the Bell Fund and the Clock Fund.

A miscellaneous entertainment will be given by the children, under the management of Mr. McDonald, in the Old School, in the last week of January, to commence at 7.30 p.m. Prices of admission, 1s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. The actual dates will be announced later.

A Confirmation will be held in Evesham on Monday, March 13th, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar will be glad to prepare and take in any candidates for this Confirmation. Names should be sent in as soon as possible.

ENTRIES IN THE REGISTERS.

None.

Note.—An entry of a Baptism was given incorrectly in December Magazine. It should be as follows:—

Nov. 20, Edith Graham Taylor Cotterell.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 4 Sick and Needy	...	0	7	9		
" 11 Church Expenses	...	0	14	2½		
" 18 Sick and Needy	...	0	11	0½	0	2
" 25 Sick and Needy	...	1	8	5½	3	1½
" 25 Church Expenses	...	1	8	5½		
Total	...	£3	1	5½	0	5
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Calendar for January.

1	A	<i>Circumcision of Our Lord</i> (H.C. after Mattins). 1st. <i>Sunday after Christmas.</i>
2	M	(Meeting for Young Men 7 p.m.)
3	T	(Band of Hope Tea 5 p.m.)
4	W	(Mothers' Meeting at 2.15 p.m., and every Wednesday)
5	Th	(Meeting for Girls 5 p.m., and every Thursday.)
6	F	<i>Epiphany of our Lord.</i> Fast. (H.C. at 7 a.m.)
7	S	
8	A	<i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i> (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
9	M	(Meeting for Men only, 7 p.m.)
10	T	
11	W	
12	Th	(Concert in Old School 7 p.m.)
13	F	Hilary Bp. and Confessor, A.D. 368. Fast.
14	S	
15	A	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> (Badsey, H.C. 8 a.m. Wickhamford, Mattins 10.15; H.C. (choral) 11 a.m.)
16	M	(Meeting for Young Men at 7 p.m.)
17	T	
18	W	Prisca Virgin and Martyr, A.D. 270.
19	Th	
20	F	Fabian Bp. and Martyr, A.D. 250. Fast
21	S	St. Agnes Virgin and Martyr. A.D. 305.
22	A	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> , (H.C. 8 a.m.)
23	M	(Meeting for Young Men at 7 p.m.)
24	T	
25	W	<i>Conversion of St. Paul.</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
26	Th	
27	F	Fast.
28	S	
29	A	<i>Septuagesima.</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
30	M	
31	T	

Daily Services at Badsey as usual.

N.B.—Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7 p.m.

THE MOON.

5th, Last Quarter, 3h. 22m. mtn. | 18th, First Quarter, 4h. 36m. aft.
11th, New Moon, 10h. 50m. aft. | 26th, Full Moon, 7h. 34m. aft.