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On February 15th (Ash Wednesday), we enter upon the solemn season of Lent, and we trust all church people will endeavour to make it, according to the Church's order, a special time of abstinence, self denial and self examination. There will be many opportunities given for attendance at public worship, and we hope the Parishioners will attend the services of the Church more regularly, and be present at the Holy Communion as often as possible. It is a very solemn call from God to repentance and a new life, and it would be well for us all not to neglect such an opportunity.

The prizes were given to the Children attending the Sunday Schools, on Sunday, January 15th. There are a very large number of children on the books, viz., 174 at Badsey, and the attendance has been very good. We are very thankful for this, and we hope such a happy state of things will continue, as a really good Sunday School is a most important part of the work of the Parish. A Sunday School has also been carried on at Wickhamford during the past year, and has been very successful. We are very grateful to all the Teachers for the valuable help which they give to the schools. We here give a balance sheet of monies received and expended during the years 1897 and 1898. Mrs. Sladden has kindly acted as Treasurer. Receipts: Collections in Church (1898) £2 18s. 4½d. Mrs. Poole, 4s.; Mrs. Wood, 5s.; Mrs. Sladden, 10s.; Mrs. W. Keen, 6d.; Mrs. Mustoe, 6s.; Mr. Savory, 10s.; Anonymus, 4s. 3d.; The Vicar, 5s.; Small Sums, 6d.; Balance due to Treasurer 19s.; Total £6. 2s. 7½d.; Payments. Prizes (1898) £3. 3s. 5½d.; Printing, 12s.; Coal, 10s.; Cleaning etc. (2 years) £1 15s.; Broom, 2s. 2d.; Total, £6 2s. 7½d.

The collection in Church on January 8th last, amounted to £1. 7s. 7d. part of which was required to pay off the deficit on last year's accounts, hence there was but a small sum left towards the cost of the prizes given last month. We trust that the Parishioners will be willing to give a small annual subscription towards the expenses. A penny bank has been carried on in connection with the School. The children paid in the large sum of £102 15s. and £2 1s. 7d. was added as interest making a total of £104 16s. 7d. To provide the interest, the Post Office Savings Bank paid 19s. and the Vicar added the remainder viz. £1 2s. 7d. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Mason for managing the Bank at Badsey, and to Mrs. Warner for doing the same at Wickhamford. It has involved much time and labour, and they deserve our warmest thanks.

Two excellent entertainments were given by the children of our schools on January 25 and 26, and we heartily congratulate Mr. and Miss McDonald on the success of their labours in preparing the children. We regret that we have not space to give a detailed account of the performances.

A very pleasant Entertainment, arranged by Mrs. Sladden, was given in the old School on January 12th. It was unfortunately a very stormy day, and prevented many from attending, including some of the performers. The following very kindly helped with the programme. Mrs. Savory, Mrs. and Miss E. Sladden, Miss Robinson, Miss Boulter, the Misses McDonald and Messrs J. Sladden, J. H. McDonald, E. Crisp, J. Knight, T. Knight, and A. Dore. The proceeds, which amounted to £1 8s. 2d., were divided between the funds for the Church Bells and Clock.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

We take this opportunity of offering our best thanks to Mr. William Bennett for giving a half of ton of coke to the Church at Badsey, and also to Mrs. Savory for presenting two embroidered alms bags to Wickhamford Church.

Four lectures on Home Nursing for Women will be given by Miss Edith Sykes in the Vicarage Parish room on Mondays, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, at 7 p.m. Admission free.

Two meetings for men only have been held during the past month. On January 9th the Vicar gave an account of the Parish Registers, and Mr. A. E. Jones showed some Roman coins and pottery which had been dug up at Badsey. On January 24th, Mr. Savory introduced the subject of the restoration of the Parish Church. He said as follows:—"The restoration and enlargement of Badsey Church took place in the year 1885, the Vicar at that time being the Rev. T. H. Hunt, and the Churchwardens, Mr. A. H. Savory and Mr. J. Sladden. The additions included the new South aisle with the porch, and the Vestry on the North side of the Chancel; the building of the new aisle necessitated the removal of the old South wall, the old door being reset in the new wall. The restoration comprised the demolition of the ugly gallery; the removal of the high pews; the rebuilding of the North wall of the nave, and the East wall of the transept; the construction of a chancel arch; an entirely new transept roof; the complete repair of the old oak roofs of nave and chancel with the removal of the whitewashed lath and plaster ceilings; the repair of the tower roof, pinnacles, and battlements, with the addition of a lightning conductor, and the relaying of the floors throughout the Church. The total expenditure amounted to £2,131, which was defrayed by donations £1,443, collections in Church £246, entertainments £110, bazaars and sales £265, and various sources £65. The original scheme included the rehangings of the bells and the reseating of the Church in a permanent form. The former was accomplished last year, and it is hoped that the latter may also be brought to a successful issue in the early future." An interesting discussion followed, in which Mr. Sladden, the Vicar, and others took part.

ENTRY IN THE REGISTER.

BADSEY.—BAPTISM.

January 3. John Barnard (privately).

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan.	1 Church Expenses	0	11 4½		
	8 Sunday Schools	1	7 7		
	22 Church Expenses	0	17 10	3 4½
	Total	£2	16 9½	0 3 4½

Calendar for February.

1	W	Vigil.
2	Th	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (H.C. 8 a.m.)
3	F	Fast, Blasius Bishop and Martyr, A.D. 316.
4	S	
5	A	Sexagesima (H.C. after Mattins).
6	M	(Lecture on Home Nursing 7 p.m. and 3 following Mondays.)
7	T	(Band of Hope at 5. 30 p.m.)
8	W	(Mothers' Meeting at 2.15 p.m., and every Wednesday)
9	Th	(Meeting for Girls 5 p.m , and every Thursday.)
10	F	Fast.
11	S	
12	A	Quinquagesima (H.C. 8 a.m.)
13	M	
14	T	Valentine Bishop and Martyr, A.D. 270. (Meeting for men only 7 p.m.)
15	W	Ash Wednesday (H.C. 8 a.m.) Evensong and Commina-
16	Th	[tion Service 7 p.m.)
17	F	
18	S	
19	A	1st Sunday in Lent (H.C. 8 a.m.at Badsey ; at Wickhamford Mattins 10.15 a.m. ; H.C. (choral) 11 a.m.)
20	M	
21	T	(Band of Hope at 5.30 p.m.)
22	W	Ember Day.
23	Th	
24	F	S. Matthias, Ap and Martyr. Ember Day. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
25	S	Ember Day.
26	A	2nd Sunday in Lent. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
27	M	
28	T	(Meeting for Men only, 7 p.m.)

NOTE—The Forty Days of Lent are appointed by the Church as Days of Fasting or Abstinence (see the introduction to the Prayer Book.)

Daily Services at Badsey as usual.

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