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### S. P. G.

During the past weeks the Church has been celebrating the Bi-Centenary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. On June the 28th, a Festival Service was held in Worcester Cathedral, when an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Newbolt, of St. Paul's Cathedral. After the service, a meeting was held in the Deanery Gardens. We were very glad to see that some of our parishioners were able to get to Worcester on that day, and enjoy the beautiful service in the Cathedral. In our own Churches, attention has been called to the work of this valuable Society on several occasions. Sermons were preached in Badsey Church on behalf of the Society on July 1st, when the collections, amounting to £1 4s. 0½d. were given, with the consent of the Churchwardens, to the Society. After evening service, special intercession was offered up to Almighty God for a blessing on the Society. A sermon was also preached at Wickhamford on July 8th, and 11s. 4½d., was collected for the Society. On Sunday, July 15th, a service was held for the children, when an address was given, urging the children to take an interest in missions, and 5s. 2d. was collected. Thus, in all, the sum of £2 0s. 7d. has been collected so far this year for the Society in our parishes. Last year the following sums were sent up to the Society from Badsey:—Collections in church £1 9s. 1d., meeting in schoolroom (Dec. 1) 6s. 9d., boxes £1 9s. 1d.; total £3 14s. 6d. These sums have been duly acknowledged in the official report which has been issued by the Society, a copy of which has been posted on the church door, and may be seen by any persons interested in the same. We are glad to say more collecting boxes have been taken out this year, but the number of collectors is still comparatively small. The Vicar will be glad to send a box to any person who is willing to collect for the Society. Any sums, however small, will be gladly received, and will help to swell the amount sent up by our parishes. The Bi-Centenary year is a very good opportunity for those, who have not hitherto taken an interest in missions, to begin to do so. Surely our Lord's own words (St. Matt. xxviii., 19), "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," have a claim upon the consciences of all christian people.

We call attention to the fact that the Annual Flower Show will be held on Wednesday, August 1st. On the same day the Festival of the Badsey Lodge of the Cirencester Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society will be observed. We are glad that the Rev. C. G. Gepp is going to visit his old parish again, and will preside at the Club dinner, at 1 p.m., and give away the prizes won at the Flower Show. At

the request of the members, a service will be held in church for the members of the Benefit Club, at 12.15 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. W. A. Preston, Vicar of Offenham.

We are sorry to say we have no further news to report at present of the proposed restoration of Wickhamford Church. We are still waiting for the revised estimate from the builder, and hope it will shortly arrive, so that the work may be carried out before the winter comes on. It was thought better not to attempt a bazaar this summer, as the work had not been commenced, and we did not know exactly how much money we required, but we hope to have a small sale of work later on in the year, and another bazaar next year. It is an unfortunate year for getting money, as there have been so many claims on people for the war and other things, and our list of subscriptions has not much increased recently.

We are very glad to hear that another letter has been received by his wife, from Mr. John Roberts, in South Africa, dated June 15, and that he was well on that day. We feel sure a few extracts from this letter will interest his fellow parishioners. He says: "We have been to Pretoria; we got there on June 5th. We marched past Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener on the Square; no doubt you have heard that we took it. We are back again in the Orange Free State, about 30 miles from Kronstad. We are at a place where the Boers have been blowing up the railway bridges. The Boers captured our convoy and mail, and the Derby Militia. They killed some of them, and took the others prisoners, and they burnt all our mails. I found one letter of mine in among the lot that was burnt. I found this letter yesterday and I am sending it back to you so that you can see how they served us. I think it is a shame that they should be allowed to take a mail at all; this is some of the paper that I found among the ruins belonging to the regiment that the Boers captured. I do hope that we shall soon be settled down for a week or two, for we are on the move all the time, we never know when we get to camp how long we are going to stop. It was in Brigade orders the other night, that our Brigade had marched 627 miles and been in ten general engagements. We fought the enemy 27 days out of 31 days and marching all the same. I think that is good work. Lord Roberts has given us great praise for the hard work and hardships that we have gone through. We have had between 400 and 500 killed and wounded belonging to our Brigade."

How much Mr. Roberts will have to tell us when he returns, and as we hope he will, God willing, safe and well! And how glad we shall all be to see him!

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
July 1, S.P.G. ....	1	4	0½			
" 8, Church Expenses ...	18	3				
" 15, S.P.G. ....				11	4½	
" 15, S.P.G. (Children) ...	5	2				
" 15, Church Expenses ...				5	4	
" 22, Church Expenses ...	14	0		9	9	
<b>Totals</b> ...	<b>£3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5½</b>	<b>£1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5½</b>

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BADSEY--BAPTISMS.	
July 15.	Emily Joyce Rainbow.
"	Evelyn Lavinia Cull.
"	George Baden-Powell Hartwell.
MARRIAGES.	
July 17.	Thomas Henry Willis and Elizabeth Harris.
"	Walter Harwood and Clara Jane Addis.
BURIAL.	
July 20.	William Warmington, aged 73 years.

Calendar for August.

1	W	Lammas Day.
2	Th	
3	F	Fast.
4	S	
5	<b>G</b>	8th Sunday after Trinity [H.C. after Mattins.]
6	M	Transfiguration of Our Lord.
7	T	Name of Jesus.
8	W	
9	Th	
10	F	S. Lawrence Martyr A.D. 258. Fast.
11	S	
12	<b>G</b>	9th Sunday after Trinity [H.C. at 8 a.m.]
13	M	
14	T	
15	W	
16	Th	
17	F	Fast.
18	S	
19	<b>G</b>	10th Sunday after Trinity. [H.C. at Badsey, 8 a.m.; Mattins at Wickhamford at 10.30 a.m. followed by H.C. choral.]
20	M	
21	T	
22	W	
23	Th	
24	F	S. Bartholomew Ap. and Martyr. Fast.
25	S	
26	<b>G</b>	11th Sunday after Trinity. [H.C. 8 a.m.]
27	M	
28	T	S. Augustine Bp. of Hippo. A.D. 330.
29	W	Beheading of S. John Baptist.
30	Th	
31	F	Fast.