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EVESHAM :

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The Easter Festival was celebrated with due solemnity in our Churches. The services were bright and hearty, and there were good congregations at all the services. The Holy Communion was celebrated at Badsey at 7 a.m., also at 8 a.m. (choral), and again at noon. There was a celebration at Wickhamford at 9.45 a.m. The number of communicants in both the Churches amounted to 135, which is the largest number recorded on any one Sunday up to the present time. This increase is very gratifying, but it is partly due to the fact that nearly all the recently confirmed, with very few exceptions, communicated. It is earnestly to be hoped that this good beginning will be kept up, and that those, who have been confirmed this year, will make a definite rule to come to the communion once every month. The collections at Badsey amounted to £ 2 14s. 10½d., and were for Church Expenses. At Wickhamford the collection was 11s. 8d., also for Church Expenses. New hangings for the Altar, a present to the Church, were put up for Easter Day.

Both the Churches had been very effectively decorated, and looked very bright with spring flowers. At Badsey, the decorations were arranged by Mrs. Price, Mrs. H. Keen, the Misses Ashwin, Miss E. and Masters Sladden, Miss C. Savory, Miss E. Jones, and Miss McDonald. We desire to thank them for their kind help, and also those who kindly sent flowers. Mr. J. Marshall, as he always does, most kindly brought a large number of beautiful pot flowers, which added greatly to the beauty of the Church. At Wickhamford, the Church was very nicely decorated by Mrs. Idiens, Mrs. and Miss Pethard, Mrs. Walters, and Mrs. W. Hartwell.

#### VESTRY MEETINGS.

The Annual Vestry Meeting for Badsey was held in the Old School on Friday, April 12th, at 7.30 p.m. The Vicar presided over a small but amicable meeting. Mr. Savory presented the Churchwarden's accounts for the past year. There had been a deficit at the beginning of the year of 10s. 4½d. The total receipts amounted to £ 24 15s. 3¼d., and the expenditure, including the deficit, was £ 25 12s. 8½d. leaving a balance due to Mr. Savory, of 17s. 4¼d. being rather a larger deficit than that in the previous year's accounts. The Vicar also presented a statement of special collections which had been received by him and paid over to the various objects as follows, viz: Society for the Propagation of the Gospel £ 3 6s. 10½d., Evesham Cottage Hospital £ 1 11s. 6d., Worcester Church Extension Society £ 1, Sunday Schools £ 1 4s. 1d. total £ 7 2s. 5½d. The Vicar also gave an account of what had been received from the Concerts, which had been given during the winter, and how the money had been spent.

The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens and Mr. A. Sparrow (Sidesman) for their most valuable services so willingly given to the Church, and said he had very much pleasure in again nominating Mr. A. H. Savory as his warden for the ensuing year, and he very kindly consented to act. Mr. H. Keen was unanimously elected Peoples' Warden, and Mr. A. Sparrow, Sidesman. Mr. A. H. Savory and Mr. J. Sladden were elected as the Lay Delegates to the Diocesan and Ruri-decanal Conferences.

The Vestry meeting for Wickhamford was held at the Manor House, on Thursday, April 11th, at 7.30. The Vicar presided. Mr. G. Pethard, who has been Churchwarden for the past 4 years, expressed his wish to resign the office in favour of Mr. J. Idiens who was unanimously elected. The Vicar thanked Mr. Pethard for the interest he had always taken in the Church in the past, and for his valuable services, and welcomed Mr. Idiens as the new Churchwarden. The accounts for the past year were duly presented, and the balance sheet shall be published in our next month's issue.

Two Entertainments, which had been arranged by Mrs. Savory, were given in the Old School, on April 17th, and were in every respect an unqualified success. They involved an enormous amount of trouble, and we are under a great debt of gratitude to her. Our best thanks are also due to those ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme, and to the kind friends who helped to put the stage up and get the room ready. Tea was provided in the afternoon which helped to swell the funds, and we thank those who so kindly gave all the provisions etc. The proceeds amounted to £ 11 6s. 0d. Out of this £ 3 15s. 0d. was given to the Aldington Band to pay the balance due for their new instruments and 8s. for new music; £ 2 2s. 6d. was paid over to the Churchwardens, to meet certain sums which have become due from the Church funds since the Vestry meeting, and the balance remains in hand for other needs in connection with the Church at Badsey.

The following was the programme :

Part 1. pianoforte duet "Gallop Brilliant" Mrs. and Miss Savory; song "Hybrias the Cretan," Mr. H. Savory; costume song "Three Maids of Lee," Misses Garrard, Suthers, Hogarth, Sladden, and Haynes; recitation "The re-considered Verdict" Mr. J. R. Corder; song "May Morning," Mr. Donaldson; dialogue "A Slight Confusion," Miss Garrard and Miss Suthers; plantation song "Up Dere," Mrs. Savory, Miss Banister, Rev. W. H. Price, and Mr. H. Savory.

Part 2. song "The Three Ravens" Mr. H. Savory, dialogue "He, She and the Poker" Miss Savory and Mr. A. Sladden; song "The Fifes of June" Mr. Donaldson; recitation "Mr. Barker's picture" Mr. J. R. Corder; costume song "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard" Miss Suthers and Miss Savory; part song "Cradle Song" Mrs. Savory, Miss Banister, Rev. W. H. Price, and Mr. H. Savory. God Save the King.

#### COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.

##### BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

April 7th.—Eliza Jane Willis (privately).  
 .. 21st.—Francis Edward Jones.  
 .. 21st.—Florence Jane Brewer.

##### BURIALS.

April 10th.—Eliza Jane Willis, aged 3 weeks.  
 .. 22nd.—Eliza Elizabeth Harris, aged 63 years.

#### MONIES COLLECTED IN CHURCH.

##### BADSEY. WICKHAMFORD.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
April 7, Church Expenses	2	14	10½	0	11	8
.. 14, Church Expenses	0	14	5			
.. 21, Church Expenses				0	17	2
.. 28, Church Expenses	0	16	5	0	6	7½
Totals	£ 4	5	8½	£ 1	15	5½