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WICKHAMFORD CHURCH BAZAAR.

After many months of anxious waiting and hard work on the part of those engaged in making preparation the Bazaar is over, and we think that every one will agree that it was an unqualified success in every way. The weather was everything that could be desired, and the presence of Lady Elcho, who opened the Bazaar in a most kind and graceful manner, added very much to the success of our undertaking. Then, too, we were most fortunate, by a very happy accident, to have with us on the occasion the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., and his presence has caused the name of Wickhamford to be made known probably throughout the whole English speaking world. Truly Wickhamford was highly honoured to be able to welcome such a distinguished visitor, and August 21st will be handed down to posterity as a red letter day in the annals of the parish.

The Bazaar was held in the grounds of the Manor, very kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. Idiens, and we desire to thank them most heartily, not only for lending their grounds, but for the immense of trouble and expense to which they went to make the day so successful. When so much kind help was given by so many people on all sides, it is impossible to proportion the credit that it is due to any one in particular, but certainly no words can adequately express all that has been done by Mr. and Mrs. Idiens and their family, for the Church at Wickhamford and the Bazaar.

A most interesting feature in the Bazaar arrangements was the Dramatic Entertainment in the Barn. The programme was arranged by Lady Blomfield, to whom our best thanks are due for her great kindness. Mr. Macarthur very kindly gave most valuable help in the arrangements of the stage and the grouping of the tableaux. The parts in the various scenes were taken by the children of Lady Elcho and Lady Blomfield, and their acting evoked universal praise and admiration. Special mention should be made of the stalls, which were arranged most picturesquely along the one side of the lawn, and contained an abundance of beautiful and useful articles. To all those who presided and assisted at the stalls, and to those kind friends who gave so many gifts, we are most grateful, and we hope they will all understand how deeply conscious we are of their kindness. Mrs. J. Idiens, Mrs. and Miss Pethard presided over the Wickhamford stall, and they were assisted by Mrs. A. South and Miss Miss South and the Misses Idiens. The Aldington stall was well filled by articles given and collected by Mrs. and Miss Savory, and they had received much valuable assistance in making up garments etc. by the people of Aldington. We deeply regretted that Mrs Savory was unable to be present owing to ill-health. Miss Savory presided at this stall, and was assisted by Miss M. Ashwin and Miss Sladden. The Badsey stall was in the hands of Mrs. Price who received great assistance from Mrs. H. Keen, Miss B. Evans and Miss Hughes. Miss Price furnished a complete stall with the help of Oxford and other friends, and she was assisted by Miss E. Jones and Miss B. Havnes. Mrs. Sladden was responsible for the toy and sweet stall together with the Misses Sladden. She also provided flowers and button-holes which were sold at her stall, and at the gate by Master Sladden. Miss H. Ashwin had a

fish pond which attracted a good number of competitors. Lastly there was the refreshment tent which catered in a most satisfactory manner for the wants of the visitors. A very large supply of provisions had been given by many kind A very large supply friends, indeed so much was given that it would be impossible to mention all. We can only hope that the liberal donors will understand, that we are very grateful for their gifts which helped so materially to swell the funds. This stall was under the management of Mrs. Idiens and Miss M. Horsman who received great assistance from Mrs. J. Hartwell, Mrs. W. Hartwell, Mrs. C. Keyte, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Warner, Miss Jellaman, Mr. A. Sparrow, and Mr. J. Agg. So much valuable help was given in so many ways that space prevents us from mentioning everything, but we must not omit to thank Mr. H. Keen and and Mr. J. Mason for taking the money at the gate, and Mr. E. Warner for doing the same in the barn. Mr. G. Pethard kindly provided a quantity of timber for erecting the stalls, which were erected by men kindly lent by Mr. Pethard and Mr. Idiens, free of all charge. We are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. B. Carter for lending crockery, boards and trestles, etc.; to Mr. J. W. Newth, of Gloucester, for flags and decorations, and also to Mr. Arthur Sladden for much useful help in getting ready the barn, and in other ways. At dusk the grounds were illuminated, and there was a good display of fireworks, under the management of Mr. C. A. Binyon. Boating on the lake, pony and donkey riding were great attractions, and in this and other ways we received much valuable help from the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Idiens, Mr. D. Webb, Mr. Osborne, and others. In conclusion we desire to offer our best thanks to all those kind friends who helped to make the day such a success. It is not possible to say at present exactly what amount of money was realised, but a statement of accounts shall be given in our next number.

We are asked to state that Mrs. Sladden hopes to have a Rummage Sale, in aid of the fund for the two new bells at Badsey, about the middle of September. Notice of the date will be given later.

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BADSEY .- BAPTISMS.

August	9th	-Samuel	Med	ley.	
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,, 18th.—Horace Heming Ballard. ,, 18th.—Wilfrid Heming Ballard.

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MARRIAGES.

August 13th.—Arthur Salter and Olive Mary Chives, ,, 19th.—William James Rogers and Ellen Mary Wheeler (by license.)

BURIALS.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

August 7th —Edmund Ballard, aged 77 years. ,, 20th.—Edith May Bird, aged 4 months.

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