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THE CORONATION.

With feelings of great thankfulness we are able to record that the King and Queen were crowned in Westminster Abbey, on Saturday, August 9th. The King had happily recovered in a wonderful manner from his serious illness, and was able to go through the sacred ceremony, performed with all the beautiful and ancient ritual of the Church, without great fatigue. In addition to the solemn acts of the crowning and the anointing, two other parts of the coronation service are specially worthy of notice. (1) The Archbishop of Canterbury placed a ring on the fourth finger of the King's right hand saying as follows "Receive this ring, the ensign of Kingly Dignity, and of defence of the Catholic Faith, and (2) the Holy Bible was taken from off the Altar and presented to the King with these words, Our Gracious King,—we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the Royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God."

In our parish the day was observed in a due and proper manner. In the morning the ringers rang out merry peals on the bells, and Divine Service was held in Badsey Church at 11 a.m. The form and order of service drawn up by the Archbishop of Canterbury was used. This consisted of a shortened form of Litany, the service of the Holy Communion together with special prayers and hymns, and the proclaiming of the King. The Vicar gave the address. It is worthy of notice that the Coronation in Westminster Abbey took place in the Communion Service, which emphasizes a fact, very often forgotten, that the Holy Communion is the chief service of the Church, around which all Christian worship centres. The King and Queen both received the Communion in Westminster Abbey. In our own Church the Communion was celebrated entirely, the musical portion being nicely rendered by the choir to the setting of Woodward in E flat, the Te Deum to the music of Smart in F was also sung. With regard to the secular festivities of the day, the dinner for adults had already been held on June 26th, and it was not possible to repeat this, but all the children of Badsey received their Coronation cups and saucers or mugs, and were again entertained at tea out of the balance in hand at the disposal of the committee. After the tea the children had athletic sports, and prizes were given out of the funds. Peals on the bells were rung at intervals during the day, and in the evening a very good display of fireworks was given in the Stockey by Mr. C. A. Binyon, the expense being defrayed out of the Coronation funds. The children of Wickhamford were entertained at tea and had mugs presented to them, and sports were organized for them. The children of Aldington also were presented with Coronation mugs. They had previously been very well entertained on June 26th when dinner was also provided for all the adults.

CIRENCESTER BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The annual Fete Day in connection with the local lodge of this club will be held on Wednesday,

September 10th. A special service will be held in the Church for the members at 11.30 a.m. Dinner will be served in a tent in the Stockey at 1 p.m., at which Mr. J. Sladden will preside. The Bretforton band has been engaged, and there will be athletic sports and other amusements during the day.

THE PROPOSED CLOCK FOR BADSEY.

A meeting of those interested in providing a new clock for Badsey Church was held in the old School, on Wednesday, August 20th, at 8 p.m. There was a fair attendance, and much interest was shown in the proceedings. The Vicar read out an estimate which he had received from Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby. This firm undertakes to put in a clock of the very best workmanship, having the famous Westminster Chimes attached to strike all the quarters and the hours, for £128. The clock could be provided without the chimes for a less cost, but it would be a very pleasant variety in the life of the village to hear these beautiful chimes, and the majority of the meeting seemed in favour of having them. Several of those present gave increased donations on the understanding that these chimes were added to the clock. Messrs. Smith and Sons guarantee, if we accept their estimate, that the clock will maintain true time with less variation than 3 seconds in a week, and they further undertake to keep it in order free of charge for two years. No definite decision was come to, as to giving the order for the clock at once, but a general feeling was expressed that the clock with chimes should be provided, and the following were authorised to canvass the village to obtain donations for this purpose, viz.: Messrs. J. Agg, C. A. Binyon, R. Pendlebury, R. R. Smith, H. Stewart, E. Warner, E. Wilson, and the Vicar. At the present time the sum of £27 15s. 8d. has been paid into Lloyd's Bank for the Clock Fund, received from various sources and including the following donations, Mrs. Leigh, Hill Crest, 10/-; Mr. T. Remington (per Mr. H. Keen), 10/-; Mr. R. R. Pendlebury, £3 3s.; Mr. H. Stewart, £1 1s.; Mr. Charles Hall, £1 1s.; Mr. Henry Keen, £1 1s.; Mr. W. Mustoe, £1 1s.; Mr. C. A. Binyon, £1 1s. Mr. William Knight, 5/-; Mr. J. Sladden (for clock), £1 1s.; Mr. Sladden (additional for Westminster Chimes), £2 2s.; Mr. Arthur Jones, £3 3s.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
August 3,	Sick and Needy.....	0	5 3		
„ 10,	Church Expenses	0	13 5	0	3 6
„ 17,	Sick and Needy.....			0	4 6
„ 24,	Church Expenses	0	12 2	0	3 2
		£1	13 10	£0	11 2

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BADSEY.—BAPTISM.

August 17, Elsie Connie Keen.

BURIAL.

August 15, William Crane, aged 85 years.

WICKHAMFORD.—MARRIAGES.

August 4, Samuel John Long and Betsey Ann Wright.

August 19, Humphrey Edward Wheeler and Leah Harris.