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With this number the Parish Magazine enters upon the sixth year of its existence—a good sign that it is appreciated by many of the Parishioners. The number of copies sold has not been quite so large as in the previous year, and the receipts do not cover the expenses of producing it; there is about one shilling loss on each month. We should be sorry to give it up, as we feel it supplies a want in the parish, and is certainly a good medium for chronicling events of interest in the parish for future times as well as the present. We hope more of the parishioners will take it in during the coming year and thus encourage us to keep it on, and help to pay the expense of producing it. If the circulation were seriously to fall off we should be obliged to give it up. It is not possible for us in the small space at our disposal to refer to the many events of importance which have happened during the past year. The year 1902 will certainly be handed down to history as a most important time, and will be remembered with feelings of deep thankfulness to Almighty God for bringing about the end of the South African War, for the restoration to health of our King after his serious illness and for the Coronation of the King and Queen on August 9th. In our own parish history the events of the year have been the beautifying of our grand old Church in Badsey by the insertion of that very noble and artistic window over the altar in memory of the late Rev. T. H. Hunt, and by the addition of two good new bells to complete the peal of eight. The other important event of the year has been the decision to insert a new clock with Westminster chimes, and it is most gratifying to be able to record the enthusiastic manner in which the scheme has been taken up, and the very liberal way in which money has been given. We trust that very shortly the clock will be placed in the Tower.

Certainly the parish has advanced in a wonderful way during the past year in these material things. Can we say that there has been the same advance in spiritual matters? Are people living a more Christian life than they were a year ago? Are they more interested in the Church? Do they come more regularly to her services and value more highly the means of grace provided in the Sacraments? These are questions difficult to answer, and we can only leave them to our people's consciences. At all events we can but hope on, and we will never give up trying as long as God gives us strength to work. In this spirit we enter upon the New Year, and earnestly pray that God's Holy Spirit will move us all to greater earnestness and greater devotion and self denial in His service. With a deep sense of His many mercies to us during the past year, and with full confidence in His all-ruling Providence for the future, we wish our Readers a very prosperous and happy New Year.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following are the sums collected for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts during the past year:—Badsey: Collections in Church on Sunday, November 30th, 17s. 0½d.; Boxes—Miss Ashwin, 10s. 6½d.; Mr. E. Ballard, 3s. 2d.; Mrs. Mustoe, 5s. 10d.; Mrs. Sladden, 3s. 9d.; Mrs. Summerton, 4s. 9d.; The Vicarage, 7s.; total, £2 12s. 1d. Wickhamford: Collection in Church, 6s. 4d.; Boxes—Mrs. W. Hartwell, 1s. 9½d.; Miss D. Idiens, 6s. 0½d.; Mrs. G. Pethard, 6s. 4½d.; Mrs. Walters, 1s. 4d.; total, £1 1s. 10½d. The total for Wickhamford is rather more than was collected in the previous year, but the total for Badsey is not so good. We sincerely hope more of the Parishioners will take boxes, even if they are only to collect small sums. Every mickle makes a muckle says the old Scotch Proverb.

## THE BELLS.

The two new Bells have been successfully fixed in the Tower and give great satisfaction. The larger bell weighs 5cwt. 1qr. 1lb and bears the following inscription: "A.M.D.G. Victoriae Reginae Dilectissimae Regnum nos canimus MCMII." The letters A.M.D.G. stand for the Latin words "Ad majorem Dei Gloriam," and the complete translation is "To the greater glory of God. We celebrate the reign of the most beloved Queen Victoria, 1902. The treble bell weighs 4cwt. 2qrs. 16lbs., and has on it the inscription: "Gul: Henr: Price A.M. Vic: Jul: Sladden, Henr: Keen, Ecclesiae custodibus MCMII (William Henry Price M.A. Vicar; Julius Sladden, Henry Keen, Churchwardens 1902)". Tuesday, December 30th, was a memorable day in the annals of the parish. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks., very kindly brought over to Badsey a select band of members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who rang the first peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples on the eight bells in two hours and fifty-two minutes. The ringers were W. Finch 1, A. Fox 2, H. Judge 3, W. Bennett 4, T. Payne 5, W. Large 6, Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor) 7, F. Webb tenor. The following is Mr. Robinson's own criticism of the bells: "The two new bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were much admired by all the band, their tone being bright and melodious, harmonizing well with the original six." This is very high praise from such an expert in bells as Mr. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Sladden very kindly entertained at dinner on Dec. 30, the visitors, together with our own ringers and chimers, and they had tea at the Vicarage.

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th and 8th of January, there will be entertainments at 7.30 each evening in the Old School. The first entertainment will consist of scenes from "Cranford" by Mrs. Gaskell, and a short musical programme, and will conclude with a performance of Maddison Morton's well-known farce, "Box and Cox." On Thursday evening there will be a longer musical programme, and "Box and Cox" will be repeated. The proceeds will be devoted to the Bell Fund. For further information we refer our readers to the bills, which will be posted later.

THE NEW CLOCK.

The new clock has not yet arrived, but we hope to see it fixed soon, certainly before the next number of the magazine is issued. The following additional sums have been received for the Fund: Per Mr. E. Warner, 13s. 6d., including 5s. from Messrs. Yates and Sons and other small sums; per Mr. Pendlebury, Miss Wilson (London) 10s. 6d., Mrs. Wingfield 10s. 6d., Mr. J. Wingfield 10s. 6d. Mr. F. A. Alcock, 10s. 6d. (per Mr. J. Sladden). The total sum in bank now is £80 12s. 1d., including 10s. Bank interest. The Bishop of Worcester has kindly promised to come to Badsey on February 12th to dedicate the new Clock and Bells.

It may not be generally known that a Sewing Class is held each Thursday at the Vicarage at

2.15 p.m. for the Clock Fund. Mrs. Price will be very glad to see any one at these meetings, who would care to come and help with the work. A number of garments have been already made, and Mrs. Henry Keen has kindly undertaken to sell them. Application should be made to her by any one who wishes to buy them.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 7th, Sick and Needy	0	5	0½			
„ 14th, Church Expenses	0	12	7½	0	3	10
„ 21st, Sick and Needy				0	6	7½
„ 25th, Church Expenses	1	3	6	0	7	5
„ 28th, Church Expenses	0	12	8			
Totals	£2	13	10	0	17	10½

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BADSEY—BAPTISM.

December 21st, Amy Lavinia Jelfs, daughter of Frederick and Phoebe Jelfs.

BURIAL.

December 19th, Jane Knight, aged 64 years.

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