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*S. James, Badsey,*

With ALDINGTON,

AND

*S. John Baptist,*

WICKHAMFORD.

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## THE LATE VICAR.

It is with unfeigned regret that we record the death, after a painful illness, of the Rev. C. G. Gepp, which occurred at Wood Norton Rectory, Norfolk, on January 19, 1903.

Succeeding the late Rev. T. H. Hunt in 1887 as Vicar of Badsey with Aldington and of Wickhamford, Mr. Gepp soon made himself acquainted with his parishioners, and in a short period gained their complete respect and esteem.

Of considerable scholarly attainments, genial in sentiment and kindly in disposition, he possessed many of the best attributes of a Clergyman of the Church of England.

To him is to be ascribed in great measure our annual Flower Show, of which he was the first and indefatigable Hon. Secretary, and those, who so heartily welcomed him at the prize giving at that festival in 1901, could have little thought it was a farewell visit to the scene of his former labours. To his energy we owe the start of a Reading Room at the Old School—now happily re-established—and, after the election of the first Parish Council, he was unanimously invited from outside that body to act as Chairman, a position to which his good business qualifications fully entitled him. The general church restoration was completed prior to his coming, but he threw himself with great energy into the scheme for the re-hanging of the church bells, and on his resignation left a substantial sum in hand towards carrying out the work.

And now, all too soon to us as it would seem, his life's work is ended; no more shall we see his well remembered face among us, or catch the pleasing influence of his genial presence, the eloquent voice is hushed for ever in the Church on earth, but his work will surely live, and the echo of his words long abide in the hearts of those, for whom he faithfully laboured as a Christian Minister. J.S.

We are desired by the family of the late Rev. C. G. Gepp to express their warm thanks to many old friends in these parishes for much sympathy and kindness, to thank the ringers for their muffled peal on the day of the funeral, and also those who sent the floral cross, as a token of affectionate regard and esteem for their former Vicar.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

Two very interesting entertainments, arranged by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sladden, were given in the Old School on the evenings of January 7th and 8th, on behalf of the fund for the two new bells. The programme of January 7th consisted of (1), pianoforte solo by Miss Cull; (2), scenes from Cranford, entitled "Miss Barker's Tea Party," in which the characters were acted by Mrs. John Idiens, Miss M. Sladden, Miss K. Sladden, Miss E.

Sladden, Miss D. Idiens and Miss E. Idiens; (3), selections on handbells by the Bengeworth Ringers; (4), the farce "Box and Cox," in which the parts were taken by Messrs. Arthur, George, and Cyril Sladden.

On January 8th, the programme was of a more miscellaneous character, and included pianoforte pieces by the Misses Sladden and Miss Cull, songs by Mr. A. Sladden and Mr. E. Mustoe, and selections on the gramophone, concluding as on the previous evening with the farce "Box and Cox." We are greatly indebted to all those who took so much trouble to get up these entertainments.

## CONFIRMATION.

Notice has been received from the Bishop of the Diocese, that a Confirmation for this neighbourhood will be held at Evesham on March 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar will be very glad to prepare candidates for this Confirmation, and requests that the names of those, who desire to be confirmed, should be given in at once. The Bishop's rule as to the age of candidates is as follows:—"That no candidate under thirteen years of age be presented for confirmation without permission from him."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The parties for the children attending our Church Sunday School in Badsey were held in the Old School for the elder children on January 22nd, and for the younger children on January 23rd. The arrangements for the teas were kindly made by Mrs. Sladden, and on each evening a magic lantern entertainment was given by the Vicar. Views of London and slides illustrating various stories were shown by the aid of the acetelyne gas. There were 125 children present on the two evenings, besides the teachers. We are very much obliged to Miss N. Sears and Miss B. Dore for collecting £1 18s. 9d. in Badsey towards the expenses, and to Miss Sharp and Miss G. Jelfs for collecting 5s. 9d. in Aldington. We also desire to thank those who gave the subscriptions to the funds. We should add also that Mr. and Mrs. Idiens very liberally entertained the children at Wickhamford earlier in the year, and amused them very much afterwards by selections on the gramophone.

We take this opportunity of saying how greatly we are indebted to Mr. Binyon for managing the Penny Bank for the Sunday School Children at Badsey, and to Mrs. Warner for doing the same at Wickhamford.

## THE NEW CLOCK.

We are glad to be able to announce that the new clock is now being fixed in the Tower, and we hope that, soon after the magazine is in the hands

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of our readers, it will be completed. The formal Dedication of the Clock and Bells will take place on Thursday, February 12th. The Bishop has promised to come to Badsey on that day, and the special service of Dedication will be at 3 p.m., when the Bishop will preach. We are sure that the parishioners will be glad to have the opportunity of listening to the earnest and eloquent words of the Bishop.

It is proposed on the day of the Dedication (February 12th) to have a Parochial Tea followed by an Entertainment in the Old School. Notices giving details of the arrangements will be issued later on. The proceeds will be equally divided between the funds for the new clock and bells. Any gifts of money or provisions for the tea will be gladly received at the Vicarage. Offers of help in preparing for the tea will be also welcomed, as there will be much work to be done.

The sum of 8s. 6d. in small amounts has been received for the Clock Fund since January 1st. The total sum now in hand is £81 os. 7d.

#### CHIMERS' FUND.

The sum of £3 5s. was collected by Messrs. E. Ballard and W. Sparrow for this fund at Christmas. This sum was divided amongst nine chimers in proportion to the number of attendances each had made during the year, and the sum of 3s. was given to the Clock Fund. The Vicar and the Chimers desire to thank all those who were good enough to subscribe to the fund.

#### CLOTHING AND COAL CLUB.

It does not appear to be quite understood that this Club is being carried on as usual this year. Deposits will be received from Parishioners in Badsey on Mondays, at the Vicarage, from 12 till 1 p.m. Mrs. Idiens will receive deposits for Wickhamford at the Manor House on Mondays, from 12 till 1 p.m., and Miss Sharp will receive the deposits in Aldington. The money received will be paid out at Christmas, either in clothing or in coal. It is expected that no money will be withdrawn before Christmas, except under very exceptional circumstances.

#### MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 4th,	Sick and Needy	7 6½	
" 11th,	Church Expenses	13 8	4 6
" 18th,	Church Expenses		3 8
" 25th,	Church Expenses	13 9½	3 4½
Totals		£1 15 0	11 6½

N.B.—The sum of 3s. 4d. collected at Wickhamford on Sunday, December 28th, for Church Expenses, was omitted by accident in last month's magazine.

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