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PORTRAIT OF THE LATE VICAR.

As announced in our last issue we publish with this month's magazine a cabinet portrait of the late Rev. W. H. Price, and this special number will be sold to regular subscribers at two pence a copy. A further limited number of the portraits will also be issued, together with a reprint of the obituary notices eontained in the April magazine. These will be printed on special paper, and can be obtained from Mr. E. Crisp, the Post Office, Badsey, price 3d. each. Early application should be made to avoid disappointment.

EASTER.

Owing to the lamented death of the Rev. W. H. Price, the great Church Festival of Easter was celebrated in these parishes, as in 1897, without a Vicar. Notwithstanding these untoward circumstances the congregation of worshippers on Good Friday and Easter Day was fairly good in both Churches, and the aggregate of communicants on the last named day exceeded 100. The services on Good Friday were conducted by the Rev. Dr Fletcher, of the Old Grammar School, Alvechurch, and on Easter Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Robert Wilson, Headmaster of Solihull Grammar School, and by the Rev. Collins Ashwin, Vicar of Stanway, who kindly undertook the afternoon service at Wickhamford. It is very satisfactory to note that the attendance of the Badsey Choir has been all that could be desired, and they, with the Organist, deserve every praise for their conduct of the musical portion of the services. The anthem was especially well rendered, and after Evensong on Easter Day suitable carols were sung in the Church. Churches very tasteful floral decorations marked the great annual festival, and many thanks are due to those who assisted therein and sent plants, flowers, and moss for the occasion.

BADSEY EASTER VESTRY.

The annual Vestry meeting was held in the Old School on Wednesday, April 15. There being no Vicar to preside Mr. J. Sladden was elected chairman. The special appeal made by the churchwardens for funds to enable them to present a clear balance-sheet was well responded to and the statement of the Church expenses account was as follows: - Total receipts, £24 18s. 6d.; total expenditure, £24 178. 7d., leaving the small balance of 11d. in hand. Seeing, however, that out of the April 26, Edith, daughter of George Albert and Catherine Agg

amount spent £3 4s. 34d. went to clear off arrears of the former year and that there are no outstanding liabilities on the present occasion the result may be considered very satisfactory. The accounts were duly adopted by the meeting. Messrs. J. Sladden and H. Keen were re-appointed churchwardens and Messrs. A. Sparrow and C. A. Binyon sidesmen, while Messrs. Sladden and Binyon were elected lay representatives of the Diocesan and Ruridecanal conferences. A vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their services closed a very harmonious although somewhat small meeting.

WICKHAMFORD VESTRY.

The Easter Vestry meeting was held (by kind permission) at the Manor House on Friday, April 17. The Church accounts were presented by the churchwarden, Mr. J. Idiens, and duly passed. receipts amounted to 78 7s. 11d., and the expenses (including 8s. 3d. balance brought forward) to £8 13s. 10d., leaving a balance of 5s. 11d. due to the ehurchwardens. Mr. John Idiens was re-elected churchwarden and Messrs. George Pethard and F. H. Ingledew were elected sidesmen.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

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BADSEY-BAPTISMS.

March 15, Thomas Arthur, son of Arthur and Sarah Anne Taylor. April 10, Francis Henry, son of William and Alice Sandford (privately).

12, Arthur Ernest, son of James and Sarah Ann Brower. 12, Amy Louisa, daughter of Thomas G. P. and Mary L Greatrix.

12, Ellen. daughter of William Henry and Sarah Jane Ballard (privately),

19, Cyril James, son of John Waldron and Albena Bird.

BADSEY - BURIALS.

March 18, William Henry Price, aged 42 years. 28, Ann Maria Knight, aged 29 years. April 22, Ellen Ballard, aged 8 days.

WICKHAMFORD-BAPTISM.