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THE NEW VICAR.

We are pleased to announce that the governing body of Christ Church have offered the vacant charge of these parishes to the Rev. William Carmont Allsebrook, M.A., who has accepted the same. The new Vicar will not come into residence, we understand, till after Midsummer. We are confident that he will be cordially welcomed by the parishioners, and have every hope that his association with these villages will be of the happiest description, and productive of much good, under God's blessing, to the Church and to those committed to his charge.

The Rev. W. C. Alisebrook graduated at Jesus College, Oxford, took his B.A. degree in 1891, and M.A. in 1895. He was ordained at Liverpool in 1891, and became priest in 1892. His first curacy was that of Great Crosby, Liverpool, from 1891 to 1893; and from 1894 to 1897 he was Curate of Stratford-on-Avon. He is now Chaplain of Christ Church and of New College, Oxford, and was Chaplain of Jesus College from 1897 to 1901. He was also Senior Proctor for the University 1899 and 1900.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

There will be an early celebration of the Holy Communion in Badsey Church at 8 a.m., Morning Prayer at eleven o'clock, and Evensong at 6.30. Afternoon Service at Wickhamford at three o'clock. The collections on Whit-Sunday in Badsey Church will be for the expenses connected with the Sunday Schools; we need hardly commend this very worthy object to the congregations at this Festival.

THE ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION.

At the Visitation held at Stratford-on-Avon on May 1st, the Churchwardens of Badsey were duly admitted to their office. In the course of an interesting charge, which has been reported in the local press, the Archdeacon alluded to the custom of placing artificial flowers on the graves in Churchyards. He said: "We note the rural Churchyard disfigured and made like a foreign cemetery by artificial flowers and glass cases, placed there with the desire to honour the graves." We cordially agree with the Archdeacon, and hope the custom will soon be entirely discontinued here. Friends and relatives desirous of shewing regard and affection for those sleeping their last sleep within God's Acre should deck their graves with *real* flowers, for in them we have a beautiful symbol of the resurrection, as year by year they rise from their winter's sleep and bloom afresh. It is the poet Longfellow who, speaking of flowers, calls them:—

Emblems of our own great resurrection;
Emblems of a bright and better land."

THE CLOCK FUND.

The sum of £6 9s. 8d. has been paid into the Clock Fund. This is the proceeds of the Sewing Class held at the Vicarage during the winter. This sum is considerably more than was expected, and that it is so, is due to the great energy and skilful management of Mrs. Henry Keen. We are all greatly indebted to Mrs. Price and the ladies of the Sewing Class for enabling us to pay in such a large sum to the Clock Fund.

THE SCHOOL.

The report of H.M. Inspector upon the work of the schools for the year ending March 31 last has been received, and is as follows:—

Mixed School:—"The Mixed School continues in a creditable state of efficiency. The discipline is excellent."

Infants' School:—"The Infants' write and sing nicely. They also show proficiency in kindergarten exercises and knowledge of common objects. The rest of their work is of fairly good quality. The Infants' behaviour, too, deserves commendation."

The two candidates for pupil teachership presented at the April examination passed the examination, and M. G. Pethard is recognised on the staff of the Mixed Department as a pupil teacher from January 1st, 1903, and L. R. Cull on that of the Infants' Department from January 1st, 1904. L. R. Cull is not old enough for recognition from January 1st, 1903.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

A long-felt want in the parish has been filled by the formation of a cricket club. The great drawback in the past has been the difficulty of obtaining a suitable practice ground. This, through the kindness of Mr. Mustoe, has been overcome for this year. Should the club be a success it is hoped to make it a permanent institution like the Football Club; and that a good, central ground may be had and laid out in a proper manner.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The annual show is fixed for July 29, and we note several new prizes in the schedule. It is to be hoped the children will compete largely in the class set apart for them. Lady Hilda McNeill has kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Besides the usual attractions the Committee have engaged Messrs. Dowell and Miller, Negro Comedians, Conjurers, Dancers, &c., to give a series of their laughable sketches during the afternoon, and they will be assisted by Professor Macdonald's Royal Punch and Judy Show and Clever Dog Toby.

THE READING ROOM.

A meeting of the members of the Reading Room was held on Wednesday, April 1. Mr. R. Pendlebury took the chair. It was decided to close the room for the season, and to call a meeting of members early in the autumn, with a view to carrying on the Room another winter. The following is a summary of the balance sheet presented:—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENSES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Donations ..	0	15 0	Fuel, Lighting, and Cleaning ..	5	0 0
Subscriptions and Entrance Fees	8	17 0	Papers	1	1 4
Sale of Old Papers	0	4 2	Games, etc. ..	1	15 8
	£9	16 2		£7	17 0

Leaving a balance in hand of £1 19s. 2d.

This the Treasurer was instructed to keep in hand for next year's session.

The Room has been a great success, and has supplied a very great want. Thanks are due to all those who kindly supplied books and papers, especially to Mr. A. E. Jones, and Mr. R. Pendlebury for sending the Graphic and Sphere, weekly.

C. A. BINYON,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

- May 17—Albert Edmund, son of Walter and Clara Jane Harwood.
- May 17—Irene Christabel, daughter of Arthur and Beatrice Alice Sears.
- May 17—Gwendoline, daughter of William and Lavinia Harris (privately).
- May 17—Harold, son of William and Lavinia Harris (privately).

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

- May 23—Henry Edward Smith and Emma Marshall.

BADSEY—BURIAL.

- May 20—Gwendoline, twin daughter of William and Lavinia Harris, aged 5 hours.

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