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HARVEST FESTIVALS.

It is most gratifying to be able to record the fact that there were sixty communicants at the Badsey Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 4th. As the Vicar pointed out in his sermon, this is one of the most scriptural of feasts, although not provided for by the Prayer Book, and it is satisfactory to find so many thanking God for the mercies of this life by uniting to offer the Church's highest "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving." Great credit is due to all concerned in the musical portion of the services, especially to Messrs. Agg and Warner and Master W. Mason. The decorations were very tasteful, the chancel being entrusted to Mrs. H. Keen, the font to Mrs. Hands, the pulpit and pillars to Miss Robinson (a guest at Seward House), Miss E. Sladden and Mr. A. Sladden, and the windows to Miss Hands and Miss Sparrow. We must also record our thanks to Mrs. Ashwin and Messrs. Binyon, Marshall and Sparrow, for the loan of a number of beautiful plants. The collections throughout the day, amounting to £2 15s. 2d., were divided equally between the Worcester Infirmary and the Evesham Cottage Hospital. The offerings of flowers, fruit and vegetables were sent to the Christ Church (Oxford) Mission, Poplar, as being a suitable gift from a Ch. Ch. rural parish to a Ch. Ch. congregation in the East End. We were able to fill two large cases, which Mr. Bennett kindly conveyed to the station free of charge, the Vicar paying the carriage to London.

Wickhamford was unfortunate in celebrating its Harvest Festival on one of the wettest days of a very wet season. This would account for the small number at the morning services, but, in spite of the weather, the Church was well filled in the evening. All things considered, the collections, amounting in all to £1 7s. 3d., were good; they were given to the Evesham Cottage Hospital. The interior of the Church looked, as usual, very pretty, thanks to the skill and labour of Mrs. and Miss Hands, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. and the Misses Idiens, Mrs. and the Misses Ingledew, and Mrs. and the Misses Pethard. The Vicar took the offerings of fruit and vegetables, by motor, to the Girls' Industrial Home, Stratford-on-Avon.

RUMMAGE SALE.

A sale in aid of the Badsey Belfry Fund was held in the barn at Seward House on Tuesday, October 20th, and was well attended. The amount realised was £6 12s. 3d., which may be considered very satisfactory in face of the disastrous season experienced in this locality. The sum needed by next January to clear off the whole remaining debt on the bells is £31 8s. 8d. Of this £24 4s. 4d. is now in the hands of the Treasurer, so that the net balance owing is now reduced to the comparatively small amount of £7 4s. 4d. We hope this deficit may soon be cleared off entirely, when a balance sheet will be published showing the amounts collected and disbursed.—J.S.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.

During the winter months the Vicar proposes holding a class for young men in the Parish Room, on Monday evenings, from 7.30 to 9.30. Informal instruction on subjects of interest to churchmen will be given for about three quarters of an hour, whilst the remainder of the time will be devoted to amusement. The class will meet for the first time on Monday, November 2nd, and will be open to all who are over sixteen years of age, or have left school.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In common with other parishes in the rural deanery of Evesham, we shall observe Sunday, November 29th (First Sunday in Advent), as Missionary Sunday. The offerings throughout the day, both at Badsey and Wickhamford, will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

On Monday, November 30th (S. Andrew's Day), there will be a Missionary Meeting in the Town Hall, Evesham, at 7.30 p.m. Addresses will be given by the Revs. Dr. Marks, V.D., sometime missionary in Burmah, and the Rev. F. Perry, who officiated here during the summer months. We hope that all who can will be present. Previous to the meeting there will be a service in All Saints' Church, commencing at 6.45.

It is particularly requested that all who have missionary boxes will send them to the Vicarage on or before Saturday, November 28th.

THE BELLS.

The Vicar has received from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank a card, framed and glazed ready for hanging in the belfry, giving a description of the two new bells and the estimated weight of the old bells. As the ringers consider that the weights of some of these have been under-estimated, they have decided to go to the expense of having all the bells weighed by an expert from Tewkesbury. The result will be made known through our columns. Permission has been given to a band of ringers from Worcester to ring a peal on Saturday evening, November 7th, and another on the following afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

An exceedingly well-attended meeting of Sunday School Teachers was held at the Vicarage on Friday, October 23rd. It was decided that two prizes should be given in each class at Christmas. We would call attention to the fact that marks are given, not only in Sunday School, but also at the Children's Service on the third Sunday of the month.

CLOTHING AND COAL CLUB.

The Club year begins on Monday, November 2nd. Deposits are received at the Parish Room every Monday between the hours of 12 and 1.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

October 18th, Margaret Doris Crane.
 " Frances Louisa Jones.
 " Hilda Mary Nightingale.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

October 21st, Ernest Stanley, of the parish of Bretforton, to Ellen Ann Sears, of this parish.

BADSEY—BURIAL.

October 21st, Elizabeth Cooper, aged 85 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sept.	27th, Church Expenses ^a	12	6½		
Oct.	4th, Worcester Infirmary and Evesham Cottage Hospital	2	15 2		
"	11th, Sick and Needy Church Expenses	2	3		
"	11th, Church Expenses Evesham Cottage Hospital	4	1	1	7 3
"	18th, Sick and Needy Church Expenses	9	7½		
"	25th, Sick and Needy Church Expenses	13	9½		
"	28th, Sick and Needy	1	2		4 4½
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^aOmitted last month.

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