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AND

S. John Baptist,

WICKHAMFORD.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the past year our parishes have contributed the sum of £3 4s. 5³/₄d. to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. This amount was made up as follows:—

| BADSEY. | | WICKHAMFORD. | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Collections in Church on Sunday | | | |
| November 29th | | 1 5 6 | 0 7 9 |
| Boxes:— | | | |
| Mrs. A. Ballard | | 0 1 4 ¹ / ₂ | Miss Idiens 0 4 1 |
| Miss Sharpe | | 0 12 0 ¹ / ₂ | Mrs. Pethard 0 7 1 ¹ / ₂ |
| Mrs. Sladden | | 0 5 2 | Mrs. Walters 0 1 5 ¹ / ₂ |
| | | <u>£2 4 0³/₄</u> | <u>£1 0 5</u> |

Although the offerings at both churches are in excess of last year's, our total contributions are nearly ten shillings less. The decrease in the amount collected by means of boxes is due, not to a falling off in the average amount put into each box, but to the small number of boxes taken out—only six in 1903 against ten in 1902! Already thirteen boxes have been taken out for the current year, but, as the supply is not yet exhausted, the Vicar earnestly hopes to receive applications for more.

BADSEY AND WICKHAMFORD PENNY BANK.

The money deposited in the Penny Bank during the past year was paid out on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at the Parish Room. The amount deposited in Badsey was somewhat less than last year's total. No doubt this was caused by the bad season. Wickhamford showed an increase, due to the fact that many more children made use of the Bank.

BALANCE SHEET.

| | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|
| Total amount deposited | | 57 9 10 | Paid out:— | | |
| Interest allowed by | | | | | |
| Lloyd's Bank | | 0 9 2 | Badsey | | 42 10 6 |
| Interest added by the Vicar | 0 6 10 | | Wickhamford | | 15 15 4 |
| | | <u>£58 5 10</u> | | | <u>£58 5 10</u> |

C.A.B.

The Bank will re-open on Monday, January 11th. Deposits will be received at the Parish Room every Monday between the hours of twelve and one. Depositors must have attended Sunday School the previous day.

"IT'S AN ILL WIND ———"

A few weeks ago the Vicar had the misfortune (?) to lose an acetylene lamp from his motor. A reward of one shilling was offered, which the finder of the lamp very generously doubled and handed over to the Clock Fund.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

In the first place our best thanks are due to the ringers for welcoming Christmas with a merry

midnight peal. The Christmas Services, which were bright and hearty, were, on the whole, well attended. On Christmas Day, at Badsey, there were 16 communicants at 7 o'clock, 35 at 8, and 15 at noon. The only celebration at Wickhamford was at 10, when 15 communicated. No doubt some, who have not yet made their Christmas Communion, will do so on New Year's Day (Circumcision of Christ and Octave of Christmas), when there will be a celebration at Badsey at 8 o'clock.

The decorations at Badsey, which were exceedingly good, were the result of the united efforts of Mrs. and Miss Hands, Mrs. H. Keen, the Misses Orchard, the Misses Sladden, Miss Sparrow, Mrs. Warner, and Messrs. A. and G. Sladden, the latter gentleman displaying quite extraordinary skill as a carpenter. We are indebted, as usual, to many kind friends, including the choristers and several other boys for evergreens, and to Mr. J. Marshall and Mr. H. Keen for flowers.

The decorations at Wickhamford, which were simple but pretty, were entrusted to Mrs. and the Misses Idiens, the Misses Pethard and Mrs. South.

We would remind our readers that on the first Sunday of the New Year there will be Holy Communion at Badsey at 7 as well as at noon.

THANKS.

The Vicar and Churchwardens wish to express their warmest thanks to all those friends who so kindly undertook the washing of the choir surplices, and to Mr. Leigh for a donation of 5s. towards the expense of tuning the organ.

DIOCESAN SOCIETIES.

In accordance with the Bishop's wish, there will be collections on Sunday, January 31st, at Badsey and Wickhamford, for the Church Education Society and the Church Extension Society for the Archdeaconry of Worcester. Both these Societies are doing excellent work and are worthy of substantial support. January 31st is dangerously near to February 14th, which is to be observed as "Bishopric Sunday," but the Bishop expresses a hope that, so far from the one appeal prejudicing the other, each may rather help the other by developing the sense of Diocesan unity.

THE CLOCK FUND.

We hope that the tea, concert and dance on Tuesday, January 5th, will be well patronised. We had intended issuing an urgent appeal, but the following letter which has just reached us, with a request for insertion, to save the cost of postage to the writer's many friends, renders any words of ours quite unnecessary,

Badsey, Xmas Eve, 1903.

My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Though I look down upon you all, I am far from being proud; but I do feel my present inability to meet my Xmas Bills very acutely.* You all know how it has always been my endeavour to come up to time, and failing now to do so, I am so ashamed of myself† that I feel as if I ought to hold my hands before my face. Trusting you will assist me in overcoming my present financial difficulties,

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

THE BADSEY CLOCK.‡

* The original document is here very badly tear-stained.

† More stains.

‡ Our correspondent was so agitated by the time he had finished his letter that his signature is scarcely legible.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY - BAPTISMS.

December 20, Llewellyn Joseph Jones.
" 20, Ruby Winifrid Jones.

BADSEY BURLALS.

December 16, Mary Ann Knight, aged 19 years.
" 17, Alice Sears, aged 65 years.

WICKHAMFORD - MARRIAGES

December 24, George Henry Bates to Sarah Ann Jelfs.
" 26, Eli Edgar Halford, to Eliza Elizabeth Smith.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

| | BADSEY, | | | WICKHAMFORD. | |
|----------------------------|---------|----|-----|--------------|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | s. | d. |
| December 6, Sick and Needy | | 8 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| Church Expenses | | 7 | 2 | | |
| " 13, Sick and Needy | | 11 | 10 | | |
| Church Expenses | | 11 | 10 | 2 | 1½ |
| " 20, Sick and Needy | | 1 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| Church Expenses | | 9 | 5 | | |
| " 25, Sick and Needy | | 12 | 2½ | 8 | 7 |
| Sunday School | | 12 | 3 | | |
| " 27, Sick and Needy | | 3 | 2½ | | |
| Church Expenses | | 9 | 10½ | 2 | 4½ |
| | £3 | 17 | 5½ | 19 | 9 |

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