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CHORISTERS' XMAS PARTY.

The Badsey Choristers were entertained to tea at the Vicarage on Tuesday, December 29th. After tea the time-honoured games of the season were solemnly proceeded with. The party would have passed off without accident but for the fact that, whereas the bran-pie proved quite irresistible, the pie-dish proved quite the reverse and entirely collapsed beneath the weight of attention bestowed upon it. A magic lantern exhibition by the Vicar, who showed a good many slides of his own manufacture, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE CLOCK FUND.

The entertainment promoted in aid of this fund should, we think, be considered a success, when the many adverse conditions are taken into consideration. Although the tea was not so well patronised as the promoters had anticipated, the refreshments provided were all disposed of at the dance which proved most popular; while, as for the concert, that was successful beyond all expectation, drawing a full house. The best thanks of the Committee are due to Mrs. H. Byrd, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. H. Keen, the Misses Kelland, Mrs. Mustoe, Miss Pendlebury, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Sladden, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Wilson for providing trays; to Mrs. Hands, Mrs. Orchard, Mrs. Pethard, Miss Gibbs (of Stratford-on-Avon), Miss Pethard, and Mr. Leveratt for subscriptions; to Mrs. Sladden, Miss Cull, Miss Hughes, the Misses M. and E. Sladden, Mr. T. Knight, Mr. Sladden, Messrs. A. and G. Sladden, Mr. L. Sparrow, Mr. Warner, and the Vicar for providing the concert programme; and to all those gentlemen who kindly assisted in preparing the room.

As will be seen from the accompanying balance-sheet, the clock fund benefited to the extent of six guineas.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Tea	1	16 0	Tickets & Printing	0	9 6
Concert	1	7 0½	Tuning Piano ...	0	5 0
Dance	3	0 6	Floor-Dressing ...	0	2 6
Sale of Refreshments ...	1	6 5½	Pianist	0	10 0
Subscriptions ...	0	15 0	Lemonade	0	4 6
			Lights	0	1 0
			Cleaning Room ...	0	2 6
			Hire of Room ...	0	4 0
			Clock Fund	6	6 0
	£8	5 0		£8	5 0

The Committee propose to arrange for another dance to take place on Monday, February 15th.

We are glad to say that our correspondent of last month is now in a position to meet his Xmas bills, and, after paying them, will still be eleven and elevenpence to the good. He has ventured to express his satisfaction in the following terms:—

BADSEY, January 28, 1904.

My Dear Fellow-Parishioners,

Very many thanks for your kindly and prompt response to my appeal for help. I sincerely hope, by continuing my present daily round amongst you with unflinching regularity, to afford a striking

example of gratitude to all those who came to my assistance in the hour of need.

Your obedient servant, THE BADSEY CLOCK,
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

At the close of the Children's Service on Sunday, January 17th, an adjournment was made to the Old School, where the Vicar distributed the Sunday School prizes. They were awarded in the following order:—

Boys: Class I.—W. Jelfs, R. Pethard. Class II.—C. Crane, R. Keen. Class III.—C. Knight, R. Knight, J. Keen, H. Crisp. Class IV.—F. Jelfs, C. Keen, T. Keen, W. Nightingale. Class V.—C. Agg, G. Nightingale, E. Jelfs, H. Stewart M. Agg.
Girls: Class I.—W. Keen, A. Hopkins. Class II.—K. Nightingale, C. Barnard, L. Knight, W. Warmington. Class III. R. Moisey, M. Porter, M. Jelfs, E. Agg, M. Moisey.

BISHOPRIC SUNDAY.

We would remind our readers that on Sunday, February 14th, there will be collections throughout the diocese on behalf of the Birmingham Bishopric Fund. That the needs of this diocese have outgrown its means of supplying them, and that the time has now come when, for the sake of efficiency, the diocese must be divided, cannot be disputed. It must also be obvious to all, that the portion of the diocese which will remain to Worcester and the part that is to be detached will each benefit to a similar extent, inasmuch as each will in future possess a whole bishop instead of half of one. The cost of endowing the new bishopric will be about £115,000, towards which the sum £100,000 already been subscribed. It is hoped that the remaining £15,000 may be raised by the special effort which is to be made on February 14th. There are nearly 500 parishes in the diocese, so that, if this appeal is to be final, rather more than £30 per parish will be required. Although many parishes will doubtless contribute more than the average sum required, it is evident that the majority will, of necessity, fall far below the average, so that it will be imperative to strain every nerve. In parishes like our own, where the religious needs of the place have been provided for by the munificent piety of past generations, the moral claims of this appeal are undeniable; and, what we do towards endowing the new bishopric will in some degree measure our gratitude to those who in ages long gone by provided so liberally for our own spiritual needs. Unless Badsey and Wickhamford increase very rapidly in population, it is hardly likely that the present generation will be called upon to provide anything in the shape of endowment for this locality. The opportunity is therefore unique, and the question for each should be, not "How little need I give?" but, "How much by self-denial can I afford?" We hope that those who cannot be present at any of the services on the 14th will send an offering by a friend. The Vicar will be glad to put into the alms dish any contributions that may be sent to him.

LENT.

The Services on Ash Wednesday will be :—

BADSEY.

WICKHAMFORD.

Holy Communion.

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| 11 Morning Prayer and
Litany. | 10 Morning Prayer, Litany
and Communion Ser-
vice. |
| 7 Evening Prayer and
Commination Service. | |

Throughout Lent there will be Evening Prayer with Reading on Wednesdays at 7, and Morning Prayer and Litany on Fridays at 10, at Badsey, and Morning Prayer, Litany, and Reading on Wednesdays, at 10, at Wickhamford.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

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| Jan. 17th.—Philip Edward Crisp. |
| " " Arthur William Bell. |
| " " Gwendolen Emma Willis. |

BADSEY—BURIALS.

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| Jan 11th.—James Hartwell, aged 75 years. |
| " " Bertha Susan Jones, aged 30 years. |
| " 16th.—Myra Louise Sharp, aged 18 years. |

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

BADSEY.

WICKHAMFORD.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1st.—Sick and Needy	0	1	11				
3rd.—Sick and Needy	0	5	6		0	3	1
Church Expenses	0	9	3				
6th.—Sick and Needy	0	3	10				
10th.—Sick and Needy	0	0	8				
Church Expenses	0	11	11				
17th.—Sick and Needy	0	3	9½		0	5	4
Church Expenses	0	14	3				
24th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	6½				
Church Expenses	0	10	5		0	4	1
	£3	3	1		0	12	6

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