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EDUCATIONAL.

As evidence of the excellence of the instruction given at Badsey School, and the admirable training afforded there to intending teachers, we are glad to be able to record three recent successes. Miss M. Cull and Miss Enstone, on completing their apprenticeship, have been appointed to posts as assistant-mistresses, the former at Worthing, in Sussex, and the latter at Newchurch, near Warrington; whilst Master J. W. Mason has been accepted, after examination, as a candidate for pupil-teachership by the West Bromich Educational Authority. We heartily congratulate all concerned in bringing about these satisfactory results.

WEDDING BELLS.

It is hard to keep a secret in Badsey, and a silver-wedding, which otherwise might have been celebrated very quietly, was announced to all within sound of the church-bells on Saturday, February 13th. On the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hands the ringers were entertained to supper at the Vicarage on the following Tuesday.

BISHOPRIC SUNDAY.

We are glad to inform our readers that in response to the appeal made on Sunday, February 14th, these parishes contributed the sum of £6 11s. to the Birmingham Bishopric Fund. Considering that the date fixed for the collection was about the worst that could possibly have been selected for a market-gardening district, and also allowing for an unsuccessful season, many feared the amount raised would be smaller. It is most gratifying to learn that several, who were unable to attend church on Bishopric Sunday, acted upon the Vicar's suggestion and sent contributions by friends.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

A general meeting was held on February 23rd to receive a report of last year's accounts, and to make arrangements for the future. There was a fair attendance, but we should like to see a greater interest taken in this and other parochial matters; if it were not for a number of public-spirited people in our villages many useful institutions would lapse for want of energy. Last year's Show, so successful in every other respect, was not equally satisfactory from a financial point of view. This was owing, no doubt, partly to the unsettled weather, and partly to the fact that the sum raised by means of collecting cards fell very far short of the usual amount received in the way of donations. The Treasurer's statement showed a deficit on the year of £2 4s. 2d., whereas the former account closed with a credit balance of £3 19s. 9d.; in other words, the expenditure for 1903 exceeded the receipts by £6 3s. 11.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the Fifteenth Annual Exhibition on the Wednesday preceeding the August Bank Holiday, viz.—July 27th. Most of the old members of the Committee were re-elected, with the addition of the Vicar and one or two others. Mr. W. W. Blake undertook the arduous duties of Hon. Sec. once more, and Mr. Sladden consented to act again as Treasurer. Last year's schedule of prizes having drawn such a goodly number of competitors it was decided to make but little alteration with regard to it, a slight revision of the rules and conditions being all that was considered necessary. The prize-schedules will, we understand, be distributed shortly.

The question of some other attractions, to supplement that of the Flower Show, was mentioned, and left to the Committee for further consideration. We have since heard whispered the suggestion of a Pastoral Play, which, under favourable conditions of weather, might prove a most charming and profitable adjunct.

We trust that every effort will be made to enhance the popularity of our already well-known Village Festival, and to make it such a success, financially and otherwise, as to ensure its continuance and prosperity for many years to come.

WHO'LL HELP?

With things, as with persons, cleanliness is very near to godliness. The Vicar and Churchwardens therefore invite all who would not deny the House of God the attention bestowed upon their own houses, and who have the time and power to help, to attend and assist in giving the Parish Church a good "Spring Clean," on Thursday, March 24th, the Eve of Lady Day.

LANTERN LECTURE.

The Vicar will give a lecture on "The Crisis in the Far East" on Thursday, April 7th. The lecture will be illustrated by a set of very fine slides specially prepared with referencer to the war between Japan and Russia. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 31st.—Sick and Needy	0 1 3		
Church Expenses	0 6 11		
Diocesan Societies	0 12 8	0 5 8	
Feb. 2nd.—Sick and Needy	0 0 10		
7th.—Sick and Needy	0 7 9	0 2 0	
Church Expenses	0 7 4½		
14th—Birmingham			
Bishopric Fund	5 1 0	1 10 0	
17th.—Sick and Needy	0 2 0		
21st.—Sick and Needy		0 4 8	
Church Expenses	0 8 7		
28th.—Sick and Needy	0 1 4		
Church Expenses	0 16 0	0 2 2	
	£8 5 8½	£2 4 6	

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.
 DIVINE SERVICE WILL BE AS
 FOLLOWS:—

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Holy Week:

BADSEY.

WICKHAMFORD.

8, Holy Communion.

7, Evening Prayer and Reading.

10, Morning Prayer and Reading.

GOOD FRIDAY:

8, Altar Prayers.

11, Morning Prayer, Litany and Altar Prayers.

7, Evening Prayer and Sermon.

9.30, Morning Prayer, Litany and Altar Prayers.

4, Evening Prayer and Sermon.

EASTER EVE:

8, Altar Prayers and Reading.
 7, Evening Prayer.

10, Morning Prayer and Reading.

EASTER DAY:

6, Holy Communion.
 7.30, Holy Communion.
 11, Morning Prayer.
 11.45, Holy Communion.
 6.30, Evening Prayer and Sermon.

9, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
 3, Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week.

8, Holy Communion.
 7, Evening Prayer.

10, Morning Prayer.

THE REGISTERS.

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 " " Lilian Maud Jelfs.
 " " Evelyn Grace Dore.

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