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THE MAGAZINE.

The Editor very much regrets that, owing to an unfortunate combination of adverse circumstances, the publication of this number of the *Magazine* has been unavoidably delayed.

S. JAMES'S DAY.

The Badsey Patronal Festival fell upon a Monday this year, and all who have had any experience in the matter of week-day celebrations know that Monday and Saturday are the days upon which communicants are least likely to be forthcoming. The presence, therefore, of ten communicants at the 5 o'clock celebration on S. James's Day can hardly be regarded as discouraging. There were very few parishioners in evidence at Morning Prayer, but allowance must be made for the fact that this is a busy time for those engaged in market-gardening. In the afternoon the Vicar entertained over 100 of our Sunday scholars to tea at the Vicarage. It would have given him much greater pleasure to have seen all whose names are on the books; however, as the party was not parochial, but intended as an encouragement to those who have identified themselves with our Sunday School, it was felt that the line must be drawn somewhere. Consequently, all those who had made more than half the possible number of attendances from the beginning of January to the end of June were invited, and exceptions were made in the case of those who had failed in attending the requisite number of times through illness.

After tea sports were held on the lawn and in the Home Ground (by kind permission of Mr. Sadler) and prizes were awarded. Prizes were also given to those scholars who had made not less than 40 attendances out of a possible 42. Pocket-knives were awarded to George Marshall, Francis Jelfs and Cecil Keen, and a doll to Mary Jelfs, for 42 attendances; pocket-knives to W. Knight, C. Crane, J. Keen, C. Knight, W. Marshall, H. Crisp, R. Hartwell and T. Keen, a silver thimble to E. Keen, and dolls to M. Moisey and K. Nightingale for 41 attendances; and humming-tops to E. Jelfs and G. Nightingale (Infants) for 41 attendances.

Thanks are due to Mr. Binyon, Mr. Sparrow and the teachers for all they did in helping to entertain the children. In spite of the storm which marred the conclusion of the proceedings quite a large number of teachers and scholars attended Evening Prayer.

THE CLOCK FUND.

The Clock Committee acknowledge with thanks a subscription of one shilling per Mr. Sparrow, from 'Sunny Jim' locally known more familiarly as 'Old Jimmy.'

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The Badsey children now look forward to the Flower Show year by year and probably regard it as an institution nearly as old as Christmas. Those who know better and remember the days when there was no Flower Show, think, perhaps with a sigh, that they are not so young as they once were! However that may be Badsey Flower Show is invariably a bright, cheerful little festival, and its fifteenth anniversary which occurred last July 27th was no exception to the rule. The weather was kind on the whole, the few slight showers not proving enough to keep many people away. The show was an excellent one, and there was keen competition in many of the classes. Among the attractions the Pierrots from Evesham gave much amusement, and the sports and tug-of-war were watched by an interested crowd. Mr. McNeill kindly gave away the prizes in the absence of his wife Lady Hilda McNeill.

In the evening there was a novel and most attractive form of entertainment provided, by the Vicar, in the Vicarage garden. Dancing was allowed on the Lawn, which had been beautifully illuminated with a number of coloured lights and Chinese lanterns. The band played under the trees and the dancing was kept up with much spirit until eleven o'clock.

M. E. SLADDEN.

THANKS.

The Vicar and Churchwardens wish to record their thanks to Mrs. Sladden for a set of hassocks of suitable height for the choir. It is impossible to chant when kneeling without having something firm to kneel upon, and Mrs. Sladden's gift is most timely and acceptable.

TO EXPLAIN.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Under ordinary circumstances it would be quite impossible for me to say anything in the *Magazine* about the dance on the Vicarage lawn, on the evening of July 27th, for the originating of which I was entirely responsible. As, however, many of you have ventured to criticise freely the imposition of a charge of threepence for admission to the Vicarage grounds, for which charge I was in no way responsible, I feel that no apology is necessary for introducing the subject.

Some, at least, of those who read these lines will say that I am bestowing upon a molehill the

attention due to nothing of less importance than a mountain. But even molehills have, like mountains, been known to be instrumental in producing fatal consequences, and are therefore entitled to a measure of respect.

The simple facts of the case, which very many have failed to grasp, are as follows:—

1. At one of their meetings I told the Flower Show Committee that, as the Little Stockey was very rough for dancing, I would allow such of the dancers as were parishioners, or friends of parishioners, to make use of my lawn on the day of the Show (if the ground were not too wet) and would, at my own private expense, illuminate it.

2. I also offered to find room for the band and for a refreshment stall to be conducted on temperance principles.

3. The Committee accepted my offer.

4. At the next Committee meeting it was decided, *during my absence*, to make a charge of threepence for admission to the Vicarage Grounds, the money to go to the Flower Show funds; and although, when I heard of this, I protested strongly against any charge for admission being made, the Committee (scarcely, as I think, in accordance with the wishes of the majority), were not disposed to alter their plans.

The charge was therefore made. I did all that I had promised (which involved putting my hand in my pocket a little deeper than is usual with supporters of the Flower Show), and the Flower Show funds profited to the extent of the dancers' gate money.

The only benefit derived by me personally from the imposition of the threepenny charge lay in the fact that my lawn suffered not at all from the saltations of the hundred and fifty or so who came to dance, whereas it would probably have suffered considerably had the adult population of the parish shown up in force; but this was small compensation for the absence of many of my friends whom it would have been a pleasure to welcome to the Vicarage, and who, I am sure, had they had fuller knowledge how matters stood, would hardly have denied me that pleasure for the sake of an expenditure of threepence.

The Committee were in a position to impart this knowledge and were also fully aware of the misunderstanding and consequent ill-feeling abroad, and they ought surely to have instructed their appointed spokesman to make a plain statement of the case, *in public*, when the distribution of prizes gave him an opportunity of doing so.

I write this without prejudice to my right to charge admission to my grounds for any public or charitable object, whenever it may seem to me desirable to do so. On the occasion in question I did not think it desirable.

I have often heard it said that many clergy would say less than do from their pulpits if the 'man in the pew' had the right to reply; therefore, to remove all suspicion that I may be making an unfair use of the *Magazine*, I beg to state that I shall be happy to publish any letters on the above subject which may be addressed to me by parishioners.

In all that concerns the welfare of the parishes of Badsey and Wickhamford, believe me to be, according to my ability,

Your servant for Christ's sake,

W. C. ALLSEBROOK.

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH.

A meeting of the Restoration Committee was held at Wickhamford Manor on Tuesday, July 26th. The Vicar read a letter from the Treasurer of Christ Church intimating that the Governing Body would contribute £10 toward the cost (£25) of restoring the mullions of the East Window. It was unanimously resolved to carry out the work, defraying the balance of £15 out of the funds in the hands of the Committee. As our readers are aware, it is the intention of the Committee to fill the window, when restored, with stained glass in memory of the Rev. W. H. Price. The payment, however, of this £15 will considerably reduce the balance standing to the credit of the Restoration Fund, so the Committee decided to invite personal friends of the late Vicar to assist them in carrying their intentions into effect. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. J. Idiens, Wickhamford Manor, or paid into the Wickhamford Church Restoration Fund Account at Lloyds Bank, Evesham.

HOLIDAYS.

The Vicar expects to be away from Tuesday, August 2nd, to Saturday, August 20th. During his absence the Sunday services at Badsey and Wickhamford will, with the Bishop's assent, be conducted by the Rev. E. B. Roberts, B.A., Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity, Marylebone.

The Vicar of Evesham and the Vicar of Bretforton have kindly consented to be 'within call' should the ministrations of a priest be required on a week-day. All applications for such services should be made to the Parish Clerk.

The Penny Bank and Clothing Club will be discontinued until Monday, August 22nd.

CHOIR OUTING.

The idea of taking the choir to Oxford has been abandoned, in consequence of many members of the choir having expressed a strong wish that the outing should take the form of a trip to the sea. An excursion to Weston will be made as soon as possible after the Vicar's return.

The Vicar acknowledges with thanks contributions of 5/- each from Mrs. Charles Jones and Mr. Cull, making, with the amount already acknowledged, a total of £3 15s.

THE REGISTERS.

WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISM.

July 24th, William Smith.

BADSEY—BURIAL.

July 28th, Frederick James Cotterill, aged 19 months.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
July	3rd.—Sick and Needy	0	5	0	0	2	11½
	Church Expenses	0	16	2	0	4	4½
	10th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	11			
	Church Expenses	0	12	2	0	3	9
	14th.—Sick and Needy	0	3	0			
	17th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	5	0	3	0
	Church Expenses	0	9	1	0	3	0
	24th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	1			
	Church Expenses	0	11	8½	0	4	6
	25th.—Sick and Needy	0	2	6			
	31st.—Sick and Needy	0	1	6			
	Church Expenses	0	16	11	0	3	10½
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