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THE LATE LADY HILDA McNEILL.

The news of Lady Hilda McNeill's tragic death, so soon after Mr. McNeill's visit to Badsey, came as a great shock to us all. Lady Hilda was to have opened our Flower Show on July 27th, and, as the Vicar then said, the people of Badsey and Wickhamford had come to associate her name with every good work in the neighbourhood. They extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. McNeill and his family in the bitter trial, which, in the providence of God, they have been called upon to bear. R.I.P.

SCARLET FEVER.

We regret to have to chronicle another outbreak of scarlet fever. There seems to be little doubt that it is traceable to two principal causes—namely, the inability of the Evesham authorities to deal effectively with convalescents owing to inadequate accommodation, and, want of care on the part of a few of those at home. We trust the advent of cooler weather will see the departure of the epidemic. The School Committee may have acted wisely in deciding to re-open the Day Schools on September 19th, but the matter appears to be open to question. The Children's Service, Sunday School, Penny Bank, and Clothing Club will be discontinued until further notice.

THE BIRMINGHAM BISHOPRIC.

The Bill for creating the Bishoprics of Birmingham and Southwark has now passed both Houses of Parliament, and has also received the Royal Assent. It can, therefore, be put into operation so far as Birmingham is concerned, as soon as the sum required by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners has been paid over to them. This sum is now assured through the munificence of the late Canon Freer. As some of our readers are aware, Canon Freer, who died last June, made in his lifetime a "deed of gift" of £10,000, with the dividends accruing thereupon, to the trustees of the Birmingham Bishopric Fund, subject to the condition of the Bishopric being "actually founded" by April 30, 1906. It now appears that under Canon Freer's will the Bishopric Fund will eventually further benefit to the extent of about £20,000. It is seldom that one hears nowadays of one individual contributing so large a sum as £30,000 for endowment purposes, and a statement made by our own Bishop in his appeal on behalf of the Ordination Candidates' Fund suggests a reason why some Churchmen are less liberal than they might otherwise be in this respect. His Lordship very justly points out that "in inviting the

diocese to contribute to the Ordination Candidates' Fund," he is "only inviting them to do what in great measure our forefathers intended to do by their liberal endowment of our old schools and colleges." This admission naturally prompts the question, "Why have our forefathers' intentions failed to produce the desired effects?" And the answer to this is not far to seek. It is obviously because the intentions of our forefathers have gone for nothing, trusts created by them have been violated right and left, and property left for the propagation of the faith of our fathers has been diverted into secular channels. There can be little doubt that it is the knowledge that there has long been a steady secularisation of funds originally given for the benefit of Holy Church, and the consequent fear that a similar treatment may await present-day contributions for similar purposes, that ties up the pockets of many well-to-do Churchmen.

All things considered, therefore, the rapidity with which funds have accumulated for the foundation of the new See must have exceeded the hopes of its most sanguine promoters, and the Bishop will no doubt soon appoint a day for the offering of thanksgivings throughout the Diocese.

CHOIR OUTING.

The Vicar acknowledges, with thanks, the following contributions towards the cost of the trip to Weston:—Mr. A. Ballard 2s. 6d., Mr. Binyon 3s., A "Badsey Churchman" 5s. An account of the excursion will be given in our next issue.

THE MAGAZINE.

Miss E. Hartwell, who has for some time contributed towards the success of the *Magazine* by undertaking its distribution, finds that she has no longer sufficient leisure to admit of her doing so. Master Harry Crisp will in future deliver the monthly numbers.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.	£	s.	d.	WICKHAMFORD.
Aug. 7th.—Sick and Needy		0	4	0	
Church Expenses		0	10	10½	
14th.—Sick and Needy		0	0	8	
Church Expenses		0	17	11½	
21st.—Sick and Needy		0	0	10	
Church Expenses		0	14	0	
28th.—Sick and Needy		0	1	10	
Church Expenses		0	18	3	
		£3	8	5	

Returns not yet made to the Vicar.

THE REGISTERS.

In the absence of entries for August the following extract from the Badsey Marriage Register may interest our readers:—

Anno Dom: 1654: John Snow and Elizabeth

Frost: July: 24:

John and Elizabeth might have waited for a more appropriate season, Christmas for example. Perhaps they suspected that future generations of

Badseyites might sometimes be disposed to complain of the unseasonableness of the weather, so they determined to leave on record the fact that, during the Commonwealth, at any rate, Frost and Snow were known to penetrate into the Church in the middle of summer. Evidently even the weather in those days caught something of the severity of Puritan rule.

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