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CLOCK FUND.

The second of a series of lectures on the War was given by the Vicar, in the Old School, on Monday evening, October 31st. The room was well filled, indeed some difficulty was experienced in providing seats for all. Mr. A. F. Alcock, who took the chair, opened the proceedings with a short speech, in the course of which he alluded to the North Sea outrage. The lecture, which gave an account of the progress of the war from its commencement up to the land attack on Port Arthur, was full of interest, and the events described were illustrated by numerous lantern slides, the lantern being manipulated by Mrs. Hands. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Warner, whose untiring energy in the task of disposing of tickets was in a great measure responsible for the size of the audience. Chairs were very kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Orchard, Mrs. Sladden, and Mrs. J. Wilson, and assistance was rendered in other ways by Mr. Agg, Mr. Binyon, Mr. H. Keen, and Mr. Sparrow. The total receipts amounted to £2 1s. 3d., and the expenses to 13s. 7d., thus leaving a balance of £1 7s. 8d. for the benefit of the Clock Fund. The expenses included Hire of Slides 6s. 5d., Postage 1s. 2d., Carbide 2s. 6d., Hire of Room 3s., and Boys (for help) 6d.

E. K. HANDS.

The Clock Committee acknowledge with thanks 2s. 6d. (second donation) from Mrs. H. Emms, of Birmingham, per Mr. Pendlebury; 2s. 6d. from Mrs. Wingfield; and 2s. 6d. from Mr. J. T. Wingfield.

CHOIR EXCURSION.

The Vicar acknowledges with thanks a contribution of 2s. from Mr. J. E. Knight towards the expenses of the excursion to Weston.

CONFIRMATION.

There will be a Confirmation in Badsey Church on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1905, at 11.15 a.m. A Confirmation Class for Boys will be held at the Vicarage on Thursdays from 5.45 to 6.30, and one for Girls on Fridays at the same hour. These classes will commence on November 17th and 18th respectively. Intending candidates should attend personally and give their names to the Vicar at the close of any week-day service. The Bishop's rule as to age runs, 'No candidate under twelve years of age should be presented for Confirmation without permission from the Bishop.'

This rule, of course, only marks the limit of age. Except under special circumstances the age of candidates should not be less than fifteen.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On Advent Sunday, November 27th, the offerings at all services, both at Badsey and Wickhamford, will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. At the 11 o'clock service at Badsey the preacher will be the Rev. W. H. Shawcross, Vicar of Bretforton.

Holders of Missionary Boxes are reminded that they should be returned to the Vicarage not later than Saturday, November 26th, so that the money may be taken out and presented with the offerings of the congregation at the Evening Service on Missionary Sunday.

ADVENT.

At Badsey, during Advent, Evening Prayer on Wednesday will be at 8 o'clock, when there will be a short Address.

THE LATE MR. J. POOLE.

We record with regret the death of Mr. John Poole, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four. After a distressing illness, borne with courage and patience, Mr. Poole passed peacefully away on Monday, October 24th. He was buried close to his parents and brother in Hampton Cemetery, the Vicar officiating at the funeral. R.I.P.

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE.

On Sunday evening, October 30th, the Vicar, after a few prefatory remarks, read to the congregation assembled at Badsey several extracts from the Bishop's recent Visitation Charge to Clergy and Churchwardens, commenting on each of the portions read. As daily services have been introduced at Badsey in consequence of the Bishop's charge, we give the portion of the charge dealing with the subject, as reported by the *Guardian*, with the Vicar's comments on the same. "The Bishop," says the *Guardian*, "pointed out that out of about 265 parishes in Worcester Archdeaconry, 164 had weekly communions—a great change for the better in the last twenty-five years. But not much more than one-third (ninety-eight churches in all) had one regular daily service, and only forty-nine had both daily services on week-days. In this matter he earnestly prayed for reconsideration. Having read the Prayer Book rubric on this subject, his Lordship said there had been nothing to antiquate that rule of the Church except bad custom. If the Church had free power of legislation, it certainly would not be altered to-day. He believed he did his duty in pressing it on many men older and much more

religious than himself. They might not find any response. But they were bound to the saying of their daily offices publicly or privately by the intention of the Church."

Having read this, the Vicar said: "With regard to daily services, the rule to which the Bishop refers is to be found at the beginning of your Prayer Books, and runs, 'And all Priests and Deacons are to say daily Morning and Evening Prayer either privately or openly, not being let by sickness, or some other urgent cause. And the Curate that ministereth in every Parish Church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word, and to pray with him.

This rule has long been in abeyance—owing, the Bishop says, to bad custom—and has not been regarded as binding by a majority of the clergy for very many years.

The position which I take up personally is this. With regard to any rule of the Prayer Book which has come to be disregarded by the majority (such as the Ornaments Rubric, which undoubtedly orders the use of the Eucharistic Vestments at the celebration of Holy Communion), if the Bishop speaks, I consider that the Oath of Canonical Obedience, which I took to him on my admission to the benefice of Badsey, demands acquiescence and excludes discussion.

There will, therefore, as a rule, be two daily services in this Church; in the morning at 10, and in the evening at 6.45.

As you will see, the rule cannot be called a harsh one, as it allows considerable latitude, daily services not being required unless the Curate is 'at home,' and not even then if he be 'otherwise reasonably hindered.'

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

The Wickhamford Harvest Festival was kept on Sunday, October 2nd. At the evening service the congregation must have numbered at least 140. The Church had been tastefully decorated by Mrs. G. Agg, Mrs. and Miss Hands, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. and the Misses Idiens, Miss F. Orchard, Miss Pethard and the Misses G. Pethard, Mrs. South and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Hooper-Ingledeu very kindly sent a large collection of flowers, whilst Mrs. J. Mason and Mrs. E. Warner contributed fruit, flowers and vegetables. The offerings in kind were sent to the Christ Church (Oxford) Mission, Poplar, and the collections, amounting to £2 0s. 1d., were given to the Evesham Cottage Hospital.

Badsey celebrated its Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 9th. There were 71 communi-

cants, as compared with 60 last year. The congregation at the evening service, according to a careful estimate made by Messrs. Binyon and Sparrow, numbered 325, the normal accommodation being for about 220 worshippers. This service was particularly bright and hearty, thanks to the efforts of the choir, organist, and violinist. The anthem, "Ye shall dwell in the land" (Stainer), was very well rendered, the solos being taken by Mrs. Hands and Mr. Warner, and the verse part by these with the addition of Miss MacDonald and Mr. G. E. Jones. The Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon (Rev. G. Arbuthnot) preached a forcible sermon from Kings xviii. 32. "A land like your own land," concluding with an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Evesham Cottage Hospital. The labours of the usual band of decorators were more successful than ever. The work of decorating was carried out by Miss M. Byrd, Mrs. and Miss Hands, Mrs. H. Keen, Miss F. Orchard, Miss M. Pethard, Miss E. Sladden, Miss R. Sparrow, and Messrs. Binyon, T. H. Knight, and J. Marshall. Offerings of flowers, fruit, vegetables and bread were received from Mr. A. F. Alcock, Mr. Allchurch, Mrs. Ashwin, Mr. E. Ballard, Mr. Binyon, Mr. H. Byrd, Mr. Cull, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. J. Hartwell, Messrs. Johns & Sons, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. Geoffrey Jones, Mr. G. E. Jones, Mrs. H. Keen, Mr. H. Kelland, Mr. E. Knight, Mr. T. H. Knight, Mr. Leveratt, Mr. J. Marshall, Mr. Mustoe, Mr. G. Nightingale, Mr. W. Pethard, Mr. A. Sears, Mrs. Sladden, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Warner, and the Vicar. Some of the offerings in kind were distributed in the village, but the principal share, which filled about seven or eight pot hampers, went to the Christ Church (Oxford) Mission, Mr. W. Pethard supplying hampers, whilst Mr. A. Jones kindly provided transport to the station, and also most generously paid carriage to London. A word of praise is due to the ringers, especially those who gave a peal before the first service of the day. The collections throughout the day were for the Evesham Cottage Hospital and amounted to £6 5s. 3½d.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Oct. 2nd.—Sick and Needy	3	0		
Church Expenses	3	0		
Cottage Hospital			2	0 1
9th.—Church Expenses			4	0
Cottage Hospital	6	5 3½		
16th.—Sick and Needy		10	4	0
Church Expenses	12	0	4	4
23rd.—Sick and Needy	1	0		
Church Expenses	15	9	4	1
30th.—Sick and Needy		9		
Church Expenses	19	6	5	8
	£9	1 1½	£3	2 2