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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those to whose timely help on the 19th ult. I owe not a little, and also those whose attention and sympathy during the past fortnight I appreciate so much. Especially would I thank Mr. D. Hartwell, Mr. T. Marshall, and Mr. Warmington, who were most kind, in conveying me home with a minimum of pain, and Mr. G. Moulbery, to whom the speedy arrival of the doctor was due. I little thought, when I met with what appeared a slight accident, that I should be laid up for several weeks. I am, however, under the painful necessity of writing these lines in bed, and, I am sorry to tell you, the doctor cannot yet say when I shall be able to leave it; neither does he care to speculate as to when I shall be fit to attend to my public duties. I very much regret having been compelled to discontinue the Confirmation Classes, but fortunately there will be ample time for preparation if they re-commence any time in January.

You will see that fewer services than usual are announced for Xmas Day. The reason for this is that I do not yet know who will be officiating then, and it would hardly be safe to presume that it will be someone who is equal to the eight services which I have been in the habit of conducting on all Great Festivals. If, as I hope and pray I may be, I am able to assist on Xmas Day, there will be at least one Celebration more; if, however, I am still a cripple, I trust that the reducing of the number of Celebrations will not have the effect of diminishing the number of communicants, but that all who are accustomed to communicate early on such occasions will make a special effort to be present at half-past seven.

Again thanking all those who have so generously extended their sympathy,

Believe me,

Your servant for Christ's sake,

December 1, 1904.

W. C. ALLSEBROOK.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Missionary Sunday at Badsey and Wickhamford had its bright and its dark side. The morning congregation at Badsey was small, owing no doubt in a great measure to the sharp snap of winter, and the fact that the principal stove cannot be used, being broken beyond repair. We may mention that Messrs. Collins & Godfrey have the matter in hand, and we are daily anticipating the arrival of a new stove. The smallness of the congregation in the afternoon at Wickhamford, and in the evening at Badsey, was due we fear principally to the attractions of skating. Now whatever may be said of people who are confined in shops and workshops from Monday to Saturday, there is little to be said for those who are not so unfavourably circumstanced. There are indeed but few in Badsey and Wickhamford who cannot find time for skating during the week, as they do at this season of the year for football, and, as for those who devote the greater part of their time to amusements, to deny to God the honour due unto Him, for the

sake of the pleasures of the ice, is to deliberately dismiss religion from the serious concerns of life.

When we turn to the amount raised for Foreign Missions this year, we note with thankfulness an improvement. Last year the collections at Badsey were 50 per cent more than the year before, and the collections this year, amounting to £1 8s. 8d., show a still further increase. At Wickhamford the offerings amounted to 6s. 7d. as against 7s. 9d. last year. When we consider that part of this 6s. 7d. came from Badsey we do not hesitate to say that such a beggarly contribution to the cause of Foreign Missions reveals an almost incredible indifference, at any rate on the part of some, to the claims of Christ upon his professed followers.

The Badsey boxes brought in £3 11s. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., and those from Wickhamford £1 4s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., so that the two parishes have raised altogether the sum of £6 11s. 2d. The boxes yielded as follows:—*Badsey*—Mrs. A. Ballard 2s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Mrs. W. Bennett 2s., Master C. Crane 2s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Mrs. E. Knight 4s. 8d., Miss E. Knight 10s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mr. Leveratt, 16s. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Mrs. Mustoe 6s. 6d., Mrs. Orchard 5s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Miss Sharpe 6s. 11d., Mrs. Sladden 4s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., The Vicarage 4s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mrs. Warner 1s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Old boxes found at Vicarage 3s. 7d. *Wickhamford*—Mrs. G. Agg 3s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Mrs. Hartwell 1s. 2d., Miss Idiens 8s. 4d., Mrs. G. Pethard 9s. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., Mrs. Walters 2s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. We were fortunate in securing two special preachers to preach the cause of Missions, namely, the Vicar of Bretforton and the Rev. J. Butler Johnstone, Incumbent of Beaufort, Victoria, Australia.

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH.

The Vicar has been in consultation with Mr. C. Ford Whitcombe, whose reputation as an architect is considerable, with reference to the proposed restoration of the East Window. Mr. Whitcombe has given advice upon which the Committee will doubtless act, and is now engaged on a subject for the stained-glass. The whole scheme will include the substitution of a stone gable for the existing brick one, the restoration of the mullions, and the erection of a stained-glass window. If the Committee follow Mr. Whitcombe's advice the work will be begun as soon as we are safely beyond the reach of frosts, and will be completed by about the end of May.

GIFT TO KILBURN ORPHANAGE.

By the kindness of many friends in Badsey nearly 8 cwt. of fruit and vegetables has been sent to the above Institution. The following is an extract from a letter received by Mrs. Sladden from Miss Ashdown, the Secretary:—"Your gifts have just arrived, and we are delighted with them, and thank you and all who have helped in sending such welcome help. Such a large quantity of fruit and vegetables will be an immense assistance to our housekeeping sisters, who find it no easy task providing for such a large family as ours.

E.N.S.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.
 November 11th, Leonard Charles Mitchell.
 " " Edith Ada Mitchell.
 WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.
 November 27th, Phyllis Colley.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 1st.—Sick and Needy	1	7				
" 6th.—Sick and Needy	6	10		3	5	
" " Church Expenses	7	7		2	3	
" 13th.—Sick and Needy	1	3				
" " Church Expenses	15	7		6	0	
" 20th.—Sick and Needy	2	7		5	2½	
" " Church Expenses	8	6½				
" 27th.—S.P.G.	1	8	8			7
	£3 12 7½			1 2 4½		

SERVICES FOR XMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

XMAS DAY.—BADSEY.

7.30 Holy Communion.
 11.0 Morning Prayer and Litany.
 11.45 Holy Communion.
 6.30 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

WICKHAMFORD.

9.30 Holy Communion.
 3.0 Evening Prayer and Sermon.
 The Offerings on Xmas Day will be divided between the Sunday School Fund and that for the Sick and Needy

CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.—NEW YEAR'S DAY.

BADSEY.

8.0 Holy Communion.
 11.0 Morning Prayer and Litany.
 11.45 Holy Communion.
 6.30 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

WICKHAMFORD.

9.30 Holy Communion.
 3.0 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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