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THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Public opinion, which is not seldom wrong, has on the present occasion proved to be correct—Dr. Gore has accepted the Bishopric of Birmingham. Although Dr. Gore has ruled this diocese for so short a time, his influence has made itself felt in a remarkable manner in every department of Church work; indeed, we do not hesitate to say that, after an episcopate of little more than two years, he will leave behind him a deeper and more lasting impression than some men would have left after twenty years. It has been obvious from the start that the work in and around Birmingham has had more attraction for the Bishop than the more humdrum work of the less populous parts of the diocese; much, therefore, as he will be missed by the clergy and people of those parishes which, like our own, will still owe allegiance to Worcester, we cannot dispute the wisdom of his choice in accepting what must be an altogether congenial sphere. Still, whatever attractions the future may have for one whose zeal, and devotion, and courage, and energy have been both proved and approved, the task that lies before Dr. Gore is no light one. He goes not, however, single-handed to the work; ‘many upturned faces’ are looking towards Heaven on his behalf, and are calling down a blessing from God upon the labours of the first Bishop of Birmingham.

Our new Bishop, the Right Reverend Huyshe Yeatman-Biggs, D.D., Bishop-Suffragan of Southwark, is one whose name is not very familiar in the provinces. He comes to us, nevertheless, with the experience of thirteen years behind him as Suffragan in the large and important diocese of Rochester. During those years he has earned for himself a reputation as a magnificent organiser and an indefatigable champion of Church Schools. Moreover, in the formation of the diocese of Southwark, which is just about to be cut out of the old diocese of Rochester in the same way that Birmingham has been cut out of Worcester, Dr. Yeatman-Biggs has played a part almost as conspicuous as that taken by Dr. Gore in the promotion of the Birmingham Bishopric. We are sure that our new Diocesan will meet with a very hearty welcome.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF IT?

“Year 1792—A Collection made in the Parish of Badsey to buy an Instrument called the Ba/soon with Books and reeds, That is to say, for the use of ye Choir of Singers belonging to Badsey Church, And at Wickhamford Church if its Agreeable to the same Choir Servicewhile, and at no other place without leave of ye Minister and Church-wardens of the Aforesaid Parish of Badsey, So long as ye sd. Ba/soon shall last, Subscribers, The Revd. Mr. Jones 2/6, paying for a stamp 6/1; Wm. Collett 5/-; John Collett 1/6; James Morris 1/-; John Gibbs 1/6; Charles Simpson 2/6; Piercy Jones 5/-; Francis Jones 5/-; John Jones 2/6; Widow Timbrill 2/6; Thomas Byrd 10/6; Widow Byrd 6d.; Edwd. Wilson 3/6; Saml. Rickards 1/-;

William Ballard 2/6; Thomas Smith 5/-; Widow Holland 1/-; William Roberts 1/-; Widow Laugher of Aldington 4/6; Thos. Shepherd of ye same 2/6; Edwd. Darrill Ditto 2/6; Philip Rock Ditto 1/-; Thos. Grove 1/-; Collected in ye Whole £3 5s. 6d.” A perusal of the above document, in the possession of the Vicar, prompts one to ask the question with which we have introduced it. For, although the terms in which ‘ye sd. Ba/soon’ is referred to suggest a limit to its career of usefulness, an existence of only one hundred years would seem to be unreasonably brief, unless ‘ye sd. Ba/soon’s’ end were accelerated by violent means. We therefore give notice that anyone bringing ‘ye sd. Ba/soon with Books and reeds’ to ‘ye Minister and Church-wardens of the Aforesaid Parish of Badsey’ will be suitably rewarded.

GENERAL NOTICES.

The Penny Bank will re-open on Monday, January 9th.

The Singing Class will be resumed on Thursday, January 12th, and the Sewing Class on Wednesday, January 11th.

The Parish Library will not be discontinued during the Xmas Holidays, but will be open as usual every Monday evening.

The Vicar attended Church, as a worshipper only, on Xmas Day, and looks forward to resuming duty about January the 8th.

The Confirmation Classes will probably recommence about the second week in January.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 4th.—Sick and Needy	6	3½		0	1	7
“ “ Church Expenses	7	2			2	1
“ 11th.—Sick and Needy	11	7½			5	9
“ 18th.—Sick and Needy	3	3			3	0
“ “ Church Expenses	7	1½			2	5
	<u>£1 15 5½</u>			<u>14 10</u>		

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISM.

December 18th, Cyril John Rainbow.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

December 14th, Thomas Knight and Fanny Elizabeth Bennett.

BADSEY.—BURIALS.

December 19th, Elizabeth Harris, aged 82 years.
 “ 21st, Harold Harris, aged 19 months.
 “ 22nd, John Holmes, aged 70 years.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

December 4th, Raymond Frank Hacklett.

WICKHAMFORD.—MARRIAGE.

December 24th, Alfred James Halford to Sarah Staite.

WICKHAMFORD.—BURIAL.

December 15th, James Cecil Lloyd, aged 21 months.

THE NEW STOVE.

The Churchwardens of Badsey have just supplied a long-felt want in providing a new stove for the church. The old stove had never been a really satisfactory one. Even in its early days very considerable humouring was required to induce it to 'keep in' all night, and in its declining years no amount of coaxing could prevail over its deeply-rooted aversion to 'long hours.' The result was, the weekly business of fire-lighting had to be deferred until Sunday morning, when one generally found the temperature of the church suggestive of the fire-less days of, say, four hundred years ago; whilst—thanks to twentieth-century methods of en-

couraging combustion—in place of the cloud of sweet-smelling frankincense,† so familiar to the Badsey congregation in those far-off times, one has not unfrequently had to contend with the very-far-from-edifying odour of petroleum fumes. Better things, however, are in store for us, and we may in future expect to find a moderately well-aired church, even at the early services. The new stove is to cost about £14, and, as it is quite clear that it cannot be paid for out of the general fund for church expenses, the wardens will be compelled to make a special appeal. We trust they will be encouraged in their efforts to secure the comfort and health of all, by a willing and liberal response on the part of parishioners.

†Badsey Churchwardens' Accounts A.D. 1533 and *passim*.

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