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THE CLOCK FUND.

We take the liberty of re-producing from the columns of our contemporary, the *Evesham Journal*, the following account of the recent dramatic performances, as being inspired by an independence and impartiality of judgment, for which the parochial critic might fail to receive credit. "On Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon and evening (January 17th and 18th) excellent amateur theatrical entertainments were given in the Old Schoolroom in aid of the church clock fund. There were good attendances on each occasion. The first part of the programme consisted of a farce entitled "Sarah's Young Man," the characters being taken as follows: Mr. Moggridge, Mr. George Sladden; Harry Fielding, Mr. Bert Idiens; Sam Sloeleaf, (grocer), Mr. Arthur Sladden; Mrs. Moggridge, Miss Kathleen Sladden; Araminta, (Mrs. Moggridge's niece), Miss Daisy Idiens; Sarah Tibbs (the Moggridges' servant), Master Cyril Sladden. Scene—Mr. Moggridge's drawing room. Mr. George Sladden as Mr. Moggridge was well got up, and his acting was perfect. Miss Kathleen Sladden was excellent as Mrs. Moggridge, and Mr. A. Sladden as Sam Sloeleaf, Sarah's young man, played with much spirit, his adventures whilst paying a visit to Sarah creating roars of laughter. Miss Daisy Idiens made a very charming Araminta, and Master Cyril Sladden as Sarah Tibbs (the Moggridges' servant) was well made up, his voice suiting the part excellently. Mr. Bert Idiens as Harry Fielding, the jealous lover of Araminta, played in a capital manner. The second part of the programme consisted of a comedy entitled "Done on both sides," the characters being as follows: Mr. Whiffles, Mr. George Sladden; Mrs. Whiffles, Miss May Sladden; Lydia Whiffles, Miss Flora Orchard; Mr. Brownjohn, Mr. Arthur Sladden; Mr. Pygmalion Phibbs, Mr. Sladden. Scene.—An apartment in Arabella-row, Pimlico. The comedy was even more amusing than the farce. Mr. George Sladden as Mr. Whiffles was again very successful, and proved that he is an ideal amateur actor. Miss May Sladden as Mrs. Whiffles, looked the part, and was never at a loss for a word; and Miss Flora Orchard made a very graceful Lydia Whiffles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whiffles. The part of Mr. Brownjohn, who paid his attentions to Lydia Whiffles in the mistaken belief that her parents were well-to-do-people, was excellently interpreted by Mr. Arthur Sladden; and Mr. Sladden as Mr. Pygmalion Phibbs caused a great deal of amusement. Altogether the performances were highly creditable, and it is hoped that similar entertainments will be arranged at some future date."

It should be added that the excellent scenery, which assisted the efforts of the players not a little, was the handiwork of Messrs. A. and G. Sladden. The performances realised a net profit of £6 13s., and the Clock Committee tender their warmest thanks to Mr. Sladden and the rest of the company for this handsome and welcome contribution to the Clock Fund.

The Committee also acknowledge with thanks the following contributions:—Mr. G. Harwood 1s., Mr. L. Richardson 5s., Mrs. Poole 2s. 6d., the Vicar £1, per the Vicar (sale of Picture Post Cards) 7s. 9d. The final instalment of £32 will fall due in a few weeks, and the total funds in hand amount to £22 12s. 7d., thus leaving the guarantors responsible for £9 7s. 5d. We have, however, reasons for believing that a dance will be arranged to take place about the end of February, the proceeds of which, added to the earnings of those ladies who labour for "the common good" every Wednesday afternoon, ought to go far towards removing all liability.

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH.

A vestry meeting will shortly be held at which it will be proposed to apply for a faculty authorising the restoration of the east end of the chancel, the erection of a stained-glass window, and, possibly, the carrying out of other improvements. The window, which is intended to be a memorial to the late Vicar, has been designed by Mr. C. Ford Whitcombe, and the subject of it is the Crucifixion. As the sum of £40 is still required to carry out the work indicated, Mr. Price's old parishioners, both in Wickhamford and Badsey, will have an opportunity of contributing to this memorial. One or two have kindly volunteered to collect subscriptions, and in order that none may be deterred from contributing through inability to afford more than a small sum—even a few pence—it has been decided to publish only the names of contributors and the total subscribed, without specifying the amounts of individual subscriptions.

GENERAL NOTICES.

The Confirmation Class for *Boys* will be held on *Mondays* at 8 o'clock, as some candidates find it difficult to attend at an earlier hour. The Class for *Girls* will continue to meet on *Fridays* at 5.45.

Owing to the outbreak of measles and chicken-pox, the Sunday School, Penny Bank, Clothing Club, and Parish Library will be closed until further notice.

Mr. Binyon has recently taken up the study and practice of photography. He will be happy to take photographs of individuals, houses, pets, prize specimens of tomatoes, apples, plums, onions, "grass," and other products of the Vale—in fact, anything tangible and capable of artistic reproduction, and will supply prints of the same at the ridiculously cheap rate of 2s. 6d. per dozen. Out of the profits on each dozen Mr. Binyon has kindly promised to hand over 1s. to the Treasurer of the Clock Fund.

THE REGISTERS.

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WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

January 8th, William Henry Addis.

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