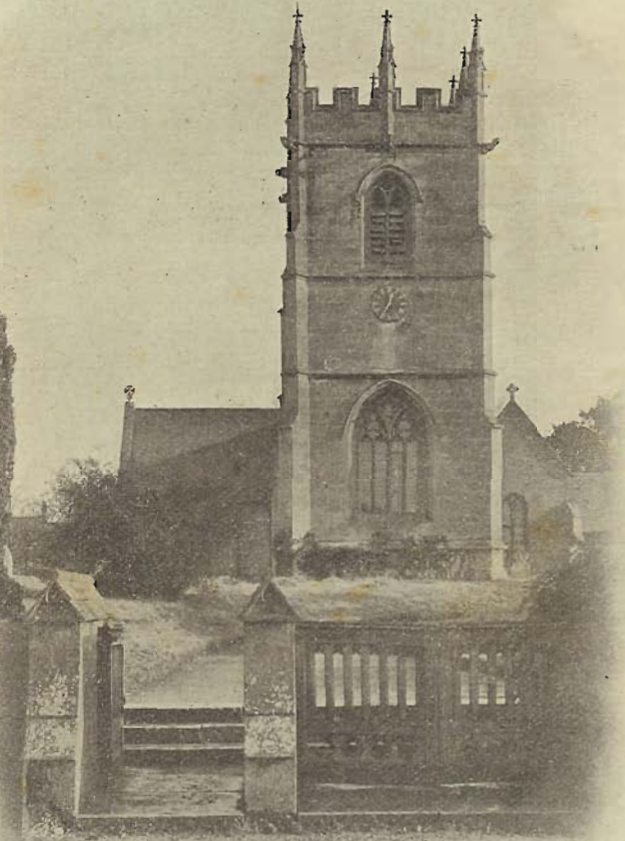


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A QUESTION FOR ALL.

We are sorry to learn from Nurse Beesley that, after giving the Badsey district a three months' trial, she finds it quite impossible to earn a living wage under existing arrangements. Unless, therefore, something can be done without delay to provide her with more adequate remuneration for her work, the parish and neighbourhood must very shortly be deprived of her services. Nurse Beesley has already established such a reputation for skill and attention, and kindness, that it would be a mere waste of time to emphasize the loss to all concerned which her withdrawal from the district would mean. The Vicar is most anxious that such a calamity should be averted, and invites all those who share his anxiety to attend a meeting at the Parish Room, on Tuesday, February 13th, to consider the situation and see what can be done. One possible way out of the present difficulty would be to form a Nursing Club, on the lines of the ordinary medical club, the members of which would be entitled to the services of the nurse on payment of the existing fees, whilst non-members would have to pay *double fees before the nurse undertook the case*. This is of course merely one of many possible suggestions.

It must be clearly understood, once and for all, that if we are to have a resident nurse, and one willing to devote the whole of her time to her profession, the district *as a whole* will have to contribute substantially towards her support. Whether Nurse Beesley remains with us or not will depend in a large measure on the number of households represented at the meeting to be held on the 13th, and everyone desirous of retaining her services should make an effort to attend.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The Vicar gave his annual supper to church-workers on Tuesday, January 2nd. Between 30 and 40 were present, and all appeared to enjoy themselves immensely. After supper music, both vocal and instrumental, was provided by Mrs. Hands, Messrs. G. Agg, A. Dore, G. E. Jones, E. Knight, J. Perkins, A. Sladden, A. Sparrow, L. Sparrow, W. Sparrow and the Vicar, whilst Mr. McDonald gave a most excellent humorous recitation. The Vicar and Messrs. Hooper-Ingledew, McDonald and Mustoe were each guilty of making a speech.

The Choristers' Christmas Tea Party took place at the Vicarage on Thursday, January 4th. In addition to the regular choristers there were also present two ex-choristers, and two other young gentlemen, but for whose help the organ would on several recent occasions have been utterly 'out of wind.' Of the games indulged in after tea musical chairs scored an easy triumph but the chief attraction of the evening was a good-sized hot-air engine which was made to work a number of models of various kinds. Sweets and oranges were distributed before the guests went home, and presents of a more permanent character were discovered beneath the crustless exterior of a bran-pie.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sunday, December 3rd, was observed throughout this Deanery as Missionary Sunday. The Rev. H. H. Staffurth, of Evesham, was the preacher

at Wickhamford, and the Vicar of Bretforton occupied the pulpit at Badsey. The amount collected at each church was in excess of last year's, but the boxes yielded rather less than last year, possibly owing to the character of the season. We give below a summary of the various sums contributed:—

BADSEY.

	£	s.	d.
Collections on December 3rd	2	0	2½
Boxes:—			
Mrs. A. Ballard ...	0	1	5
Mrs. W. Bennett ...	0	1	8
Master C. Crane ...	0	0	10
Master W. Jelfs ...	0	2	3
Mrs. E. Knight ...	0	5	0½
Miss E. Knight ...	0	9	5½
Mr. Leveratt ...	0	3	7½
Mrs. Mustoe ...	0	8	0½
Mrs. Orchard ...	0	1	4¾
Miss Sharpe ...	0	3	1½
Mrs. Sladden ...	0	6	6¾
The Vicarage ...	0	7	9½
		4	11 5

WICKHAMFORD.

	s.	d.
Collections on December 3rd	12	6
Boxes:—		
Mrs. G. Agg ...	4	10
Mrs. Hartwell ...	0	9
Miss Doris Idiens ...	5	6
Mrs. G. Pethard ...	7	10
Mrs. Walters ...	2	4½
	1	13 9½
Total for both Parishes	£6	5 2½

The Vicar assigned a guinea and a half to the use of the Bishop of Lebombo.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Wickhamford Restoration Committee acknowledge, with thanks, 4/- towards the Memorial Window, collected by Mr. W. Mason, of West Bromwich. A Balance Sheet will be published very shortly.

The Chimers beg to thank all those friends who contributed through Messrs G. E. Jones and L. Sparrow to their Xmas Fund. The money collected, amounting to £4 1s. 9d., was divided among the Chimers, according to the number of attendances made by each.

The General Election passed off tolerably quietly so far as Badsey was concerned, the most violent expressions of opinion never going beyond what our neighbours over the Border would call 'auld wives' clavers.'

THE REGISTERS.

WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISM.

January 28th Ruth Mary Cox.

BADSEY—BURIALS.

January 19th William Floyd, aged 73 years.

„ 22nd—Bertha Maud Knight, aged 46 years.

„ 29th—Hannah Floyd, aged 80 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan. 1—Sick and Needy	0	0 10		
„ 7.—Sick and Needy	0	2 0	0	2 0
„ „ Church Expenses	0	11 6	0	4 4½
„ 14.—Sick and Needy	0	1 1	0	3 9½
„ „ Church Expenses	0	13 4		
„ 21.—Sick and Needy	0	1 3	0	7 2
„ „ Church Expenses	0	8 1		
„ 28.—Sick and Needy	0	1 6		
„ „ Church Expenses	0	14 3½	0	3 0
	£2	13 10½	1	0 4