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## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Rev. F. D. Binyon, M.A., Warden of S. Matthew's College, Keiskama Hoek, Cape Colony, will deliver a lecture in the Old School on Wednesday, September 26th. The subject of the lecture will be "Work among the Natives." The chair will be taken at eight o'clock and there will be a collection at the close of the proceedings on behalf of the funds of S. Matthew's College. The lecturer is a brother of Mr. C. A. Binyon, of Badsey, and his last sermon before sailing for South Africa was preached in Badsey Church.

## THE BILL.

The Nonconformists' Endowment Bill has now been sent up to the Lords, but the question as to what the Upper House will do with it is rendered more problematical than ever by the sensational "West Riding Judgment." The Court of Appeal has declared that the County Council of the West Riding of York were acting in accordance with the Act of 1902 in deducting from the salaries of teachers in denominational schools a sum proportionate to the time devoted to religious instruction. This decision would, however, seem to imply that such County Councils as pay denominational teachers in full are also acting according to law, and can legally compel contributions for the purpose from unwilling ratepayers. The "passive resister" will therefore presumably continue with us, but he will henceforth have the satisfaction of knowing that his sufferings are the result, not of "clerical oppression," but of "popular control."

Of course, everyone knows that the intention of the framers of the Act of 1902 was to make the full payment of all elementary teachers a charge on the public funds; but the wording of the Act is not quite so definite as it might have been, and the West Riding Council, relying upon the ambiguity of the Statute, have so far triumphed.

That such a blow should have been dealt at Church Schools by an Act intended to secure for them a measure of justice should come as a warning to the framers of the new Bill. The Act of 1902 is a model of lucidity compared with the disjointed and inconsequent document now before the House of Lords, and it is just possible the "passive resister" of to-day may find himself worse off under the beneficent rule of Nonconformist "clericalism" than under the unspeakable tyranny of "popular control."

## NOTES AND NEWS.

By the time this number of the "Magazine" is published the building of the Wickhamford Recreation Room will have been begun. It is hoped the room may be ready for use by about the end of October.

There will be a meeting of subscribers to the Nursing Club at the Parish Room on Tuesday, September 11th, at 8 p.m. The Committee hope that all subscribers will make an effort to be present.



The Bishop of Worcester intends spending a week in this rural deanery from November 10th to 17th, when he will visit all the parishes. His Lordship will be accompanied by a band of mission priests, one of whom will be attached to each parish. Further particulars will be announced later.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

A writer in the June number of "Our Hospitals and Charities Illustrated," calls attention to the splendid example set by the Church of England in contributing to the support of hospitals, as shown by the total amounts collected in London churches and chapels on Hospital Sunday, 1905. They were as follows:—

Church of England .....	£39,677
Congregationalists .....	2,135
Jews .....	1,623
Presbyterians .....	1,254
Wesleyans .....	1,033
Baptists .....	808
Roman Catholics .....	563
Unitarians .....	376
Theistic Church .....	280
Church of Scotland .....	266
German Lutherans .....	114
Catholic Apostolic .....	107
All others .....	718
	£48,954

"It will be seen," the writer adds, "that the Nonconformists, as a whole, gave only some £7,000, which seems a very small proportion. At the present time Nonconformity looms very large in the political world; its demands are many, and comprehensive enough to satisfy the most ambitious

individual; it voices the country on its own showing, and should, therefore, lead the way in all questions concerning the masses. Hospitals certainly do concern the masses, and I would therefore suggest that Nonconformity should endeavour to loom a little larger in the charitable world this year."

OFFERINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
July	1.—Sick and Needy ...	0	8 11½	0	3 9
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	16 4	0	4 1
"	4.—Sick and Needy ...	0	5 0		
"	8.—Sick and Needy ...	0	1 5		
"	" Church Expenses ...	1	8 0½	0	5 0½
"	15.—Sick and Needy ...	0	1 9	0	11 1
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	9 4½		
"	22.—Sick and Needy ...	0	2 9		
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	18 6½	0	2 4½
"	25.—Sick and Needy ...	0	2 0		
"	29.—Sick and Needy ...	0	1 9		
"	" Church Expenses ...	1	6 8	0	4 10½
Aug.	5.—Sick and Needy ...	0	9 4½	0	2 9
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	4 6	0	3 5
"	12.—Sick and Needy ...	0	0 10		
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	16 3	0	3 5½
"	19.—Sick and Needy ...	0	1 1		
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	10 1	0	4 8½
"	26.—Sick and Needy ...	0	0 6		
"	" Church Expenses ...	0	9 2	0	2 0
		£8 14 4½		£2 7 6½	

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

Aug. 1st —Edward Johns to Alice Lucy Mustoe.