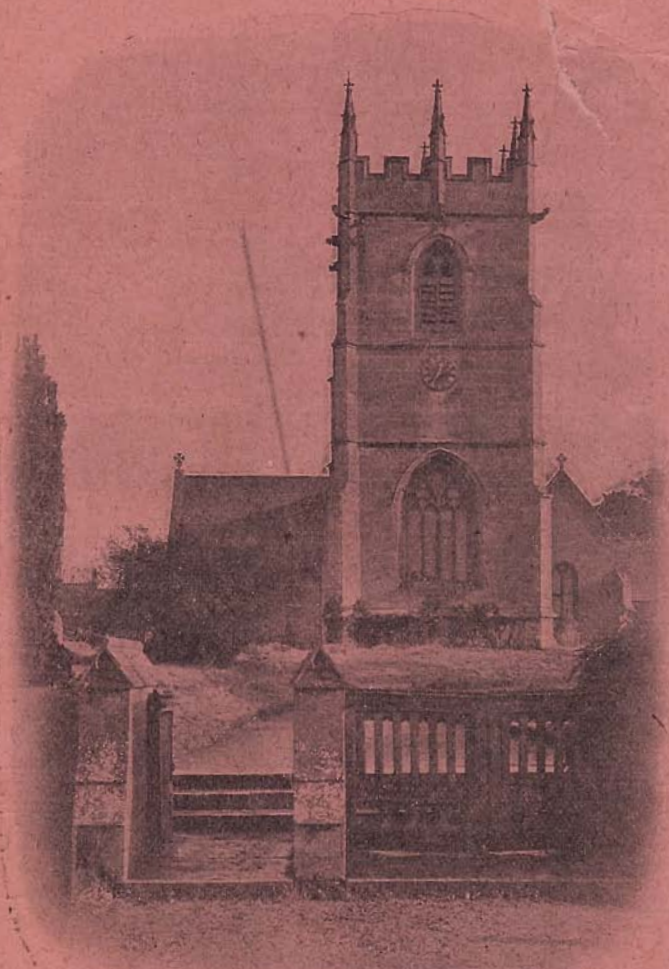


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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sermons on the subject of Foreign Missions were preached at both our churches on Advent Sunday, Dec. 2nd, and the collections throughout the day were devoted to the work of the Church abroad. The preacher at Badsey was the Rev. A. Goldring, of Bermuda. We are sorry to have to record a slight falling off in the amount collected by means of the Missionary Box (due we fear to want of punctuality in circulating the boxes), but there was such a substantial increase in the church collections that we were eventually in a position to remit to head-quarters a larger total than last year. Indeed the collections on Missionary Sunday have been steadily increasing for the last four years. As there are already more boxes in circulation than last year, we may anticipate still better results next Advent. There can be no doubt that the visit of Father Davies did much to arouse interest in the cause of Missions generally, and especially in the Lebombo Mission, which many of our people now regard as in a sense their own. A Mission like that to Lebombo, built up entirely on self-sacrifice, and with no pecuniary rewards to offer to its workers, cannot fail to inspire enthusiasm wherever its advocates obtain a hearing. The Rev. S. T. Harp, of Lebombo, who was obliged through ill-health to cancel his engagement to preach at Badsey, on Nov. 4th, hopes to be with us on the evening of Jan. 20th. Mr. Harp is one who nearly lost his life last year in the service of the the Mission, and we trust that many will come to hear him on the 20th.

Particulars of Missionary Alms

	£ s d.	£ s d.
For S.P.G.—		
Badsey Church S. Andrew's Day	0 0 6	
" " Dec. 2nd ..	1 7 6	
Wickhamford Church, Dec. 2nd	0 8 4	
Boxes:—		
Mrs. Mustoe	0 7 6	
" Sladden	0 6 1	
Miss D. Sharpe	0 5 8	
The Vicarage	0 5 4	
Mr. Leveratt	0 4 11½	
Mrs. E. Knight	0 4 1	
" Orchard	0 1 10½	

For Lebombo:—

Badsey Church, S. Andrew's Day	0 0 6
" " Dec. 2nd ..	1 7 6
Wickhamford, Dec. 2nd ..	0 8 4
Boxes:—	
Miss E. Knight	0 10 3
Mrs. G. Agg	0 5 0
Miss Pendlebury	0 3 0½
Mrs. J. E. Knight	0 3 0
Mr. W. Jelfs	0 2 4½
Mrs. W. Bennett	0 2 0

3 2 3

Total from both Parishes

£6 13 10

CHRISTMAS.

Judged by the number of communicants, which was only 105 for the two parishes, Christmas leaves us with plenty to think about, for the communicants last year numbered 145. At first sight this comparison is very disheartening, but when allowance is made for certain circumstances there is at least some ground for re-assurance. In the first place, there were apparently more communicants last Christmas than there were even at *Easter* in any previous year, and this year's total is in excess of all Christmas totals except last year's. In the second place, allowance must be made for three unavoidable contributory causes: influenza and other ailments kept away from Church a number of regular communicants who felt that a private celebration would unduly emphasize the fact that they were invalids; during the past year death has claimed five who never failed to communicate on the Great Festivals; and we have lost from Wickhamford one household which last year contributed ten or more communicants. Moreover, last year the Vicar called upon each of the newly-confirmed and urged them to come to Holy Communion at Christmas, and these calls were probably in a large measure answerable for many communions. Yet such a "whip" is not deserving of unqualified commendation: each one of us would think less of the greetings of his friends on his own birthday if it were necessary to send round a servant a few days before to urge them not to forget it—and He hath said, "I have called you friends."

Both churches were very prettily decorated, indeed an old parishioner said he thought he had never seen Badsey look quite so pretty. The decorators at Badsey were Mrs. Hands, Mr. and Mrs. H. Keen, Miss Brown-Constable, Miss Hands, Miss E. Sladden, Mr. J. Sladden, and Mr. Sparrow

Mr. J. Marshall as usual sent some beautiful plants. At Wickhamford the work was carried out by Mrs. Lees-Milne, Miss Pethard, Mrs. G. Agg, Misses M. and F. Pethard, and Mrs. Hartwell.

Mauder's anthem, "Christians awake," was rendered excellently well at Badsey on Christmas morning, Mrs. Hands and Mr. G. E. Jones taking the solos. Climatic conditions had much to do with the inferior rendering of the chorus portions the following Sunday evening.

The Vicar acknowledges with thanks 3s. from Mrs. C. Jones and 5s. from Mr. Mustoe towards a Sunday School harmonium.

THE BISHOP'S MISSION.

We are presenting our readers with a photograph of the Bishop, taken in the library at Hartlebury Castle. His lordship has signed and dated it, and we hope that many will have it framed as a memento of the Mission. Mr. Woolley, of Evesham, is prepared to frame the portraits in good style at the reduced charge of 1/- each if ordered through Mrs. Warner, or at the Badsey Post Office.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Vicar's Prizes have been awarded to L. Crisp, W. Barnard, C. Keen, W. Wilkins, T. Keen, Albert Keen, Arthur Keen, M. Agg, C. Agg, K. Nightingale, A. Wilkins, F. Jelfs, C. March and M. March.

Mr. Richards has for some time kindly provided beautiful blooms for the altar at Wickhamford, and Mr. Binyon has once more done the same for Badsey.

"Unwept, unhonour'd and unsung," is the appropriate epitaph which the *Church Times* inscribes upon the tomb of The Late Bill. Acting upon the motto, "if you cannot convince a man, knock him down," the chief mourners are now meditating a most determined assault on the House of Lords. The principle above enunciated is one that should contain the elements of ultimate failure.

The sum of 30s. was collected in our parishes for Dr. Barnardo's Homes and forwarded to the Hon. Director (Wm. Baker, Esq., M.A., LL.B.), who in a letter to Miss McDonald thanks the contributors for their efforts on behalf of his "Waifs and Strays."

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

December 16.—Harold Agg.
 " " Ivy Doris Barbara* Dore.
 * Born Nov 20th, 1906, on which day the Bishop visited Badsey.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

December 25.—George Harcourt Edward Brotherton, and Sarah Ann Moulbery.

BADSEY.—BURIAL.

December 20.—Mary Walker, aged 72 years.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

December 2.—Edgar John Hacklett.

During the past year there have been at Badsey 25 baptisms (13 boys and 12 girls), 6 marriages, and 14 burials, and at Wickhamford 6 baptisms (4 boys and 2 girls), 0 marriages, 3 burials.

REMARKABLE.

The following statement will doubtless prove interesting:

	1606	1706	1806	1906
BADSEY—				
Baptisms	8 (6 m & 2f)	13 (9m & 4f)	11 (7m & 4f)	25 (13m & 12f)
Marriages	0	2	0	6
Burials	4	4	4	14
WICKHAMFORD—				
Baptisms	2 (2f)	5 (4m & 1f)	6 (4m & 2f)	6 (4m & 2f)
Marriages	3	1	1	0
Burials	3	2	5	3

It is remarkable that in these parishes for many generations the birth-rate (indicated approximately by the number of baptisms) has shown the number of male children to have been considerably in excess of the female. This would account for the comparatively small number of marriages, the wedding usually taking place from the home of the bride. In the case of Badsey, however, the disproportion is gradually disappearing.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 30.—Foreign Missions	...	0	1	0		
Dec. 2.—Foreign Missions	...	2	15	0	0	16
" 9.—Sick and Needy	...	0	1	4		
" " Church Expenses	...	0	14	2½	0	1
" 16.—Sick and Needy	...	0	1	9	0	3
" " Church Expenses	...	0	12	10½	0	3
" 23.—Church Expenses	...	0	14	8½		
" 25.—Sick and Needy	...	0	15	6½	0	5
" " Sunday School	...	0	15	0	0	5
" " PoorClergy Relief Corporation	...	1	0	0	0	6
" 28.—Sick and Needy	...	0	2	0		
" 30.—Sick and Needy	..	0	3	3	0	2
" " Church Expenses	...	0	12	7½	0	3
		£8	9	3½	£2	7
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