

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

OF

THE PARISH OF BADSEY, WITH
ALDINGTON,

IN WORCESTERSHIRE

FROM 1525 TO 1571

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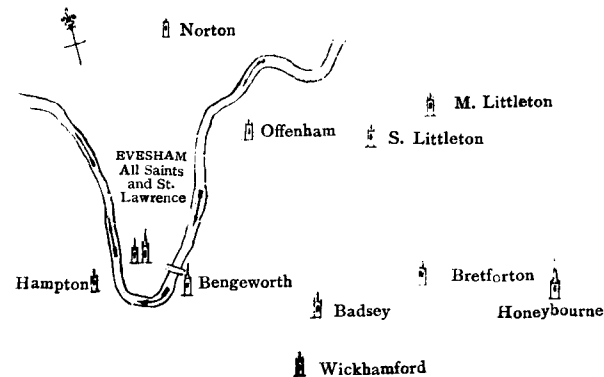
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PREFACE

THE Badsey Churchwardens' Accounts were transcribed from the original manuscript in the year 1898 by the Rev. W. H. Price, who was at that time Vicar of Badsey, and who died very suddenly on Sunday, March 15, 1903, having been seized with heart failure whilst celebrating the Holy Communion in his church. Mr. Price had taken great interest in his work on the Accounts, and had copied the whole of them with a view to publication. A portion of this work, consisting of the earlier Accounts covering the period from 1525 to 1571, has now been undertaken at the request of his sister, Mrs. Drysdale Bowden, and is published as a memorial to her brother, who was held in high esteem in his parish and in the Deanery of the Vale of Evesham.

It is desired to acknowledge here the kindness of Mrs. Price in lending her late husband's transcription for the purposes of this work; the great help received by Mr. Price from his friend, Mr. C. A. Binyon, of Badsey, during the course of the work

of transcription; and also the assistance of Mr. Oswald G. Knapp, M.A., who, with Mr. Binyon, afterwards collated the transcription with the original manuscript. To Mr. Knapp grateful acknowledgments are also due for his permission to use the many notes which he made then, and which have been of great value in the preparation of the Accounts for publication.

Sincere thanks are also offered to the present Vicar of Badsey, the Rev. W. C. Allsebrook, M.A., for the loan to the Editor of the original Accounts, and for the sympathetic interest which he has displayed during the preparation of this memorial to his predecessor.

It may be useful to note that a paper concerning these Accounts, and those of Littleton, was published in the *Journal of the British Archaeological Association* (June, 1876) by the late Rev. Canon A. H. W. Ingram, and there was also a paper upon the same subject in *The Midland Antiquary* (September, 1882) by the late Rev. T. P. Wadley.

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NOTES ON THE PARISH OF BADSEY, WITH ALDINGTON

THE Parish of Badsey,¹ in the County and Diocese of Worcester, is one of the twelve churches comprised in the "Deanery of the Vale," formerly under the peculiar jurisdiction of the Abbey of Evesham. The date of its original grant to the Abbey is somewhat uncertain. The common account assigns it to Kenred, King of Mercia, in conjunction with Offa, King of the East Angles, A.D. 709; but the Abbey Chronicle mentions only King Offa as giving it, along with Aldington and Wickhamford, in 703, while yet another account assigns the gift to Ethelred, King of the Mercians. However this may be, the Abbey seems to have been in undisturbed possession from the eighth century till its dissolution in 1539. In Domesday it appears as the property of the Church of Evesham in the Hundred of Fisseberge (Fishborough), since known as Blakenhurst, a Hundred formed to include the lands of the Abbey of Evesham much as Oswaldslow did those of the See of Wor-

¹ Though for many years united to Badsey for ecclesiastical purposes, the adjacent village of Wickhamford was originally an independent parish, and has always retained its separate parochial organization. Consequently, it does not figure at all in the Badsey Churchwardens' Accounts.

cester. At the time of the Survey it was reckoned for the purpose of taxation at six hides and a half, while the population consisted of twelve villeins with eight ploughs, four serfs, and one widow. Its value to the Royal Exchequer had sunk from six pounds in King Edward's time to three pounds ten shillings. Aldington, which has long been a hamlet of Badsey, was at this period a Berewic, or wheat-farm, with a mill, attached to the adjoining Manor of Offenham. The Abbey Chronicle contains some interesting details as to the way in which the Abbots, in their combined positions of lords spiritual and temporal, utilized the revenues accruing to them from the parish. Thus, early in the fourteenth century, William de Chyryton assigns a house and lands, and all the tythe of corn, to the chamberlain for the use of the monastery, on condition that the said chamberlain finds ten pounds per annum for renewing the monks' clothes. The house itself was to be used as a kind of Convalescent Home for monks who had been bled, or on other accounts required change of air. At the end of the same century Abbot Zaton undertook, for himself and his successors, to find, from the rents of the demesne lands, three cart-loads of straw yearly for the bedding of these monks. In the constitutions drawn up by Prior Marleberge, 1214, and confirmed by Abbot Randolph, the small tithes of Badsey, Wickhamford, and Aldington are assigned to the repairing and renewing of spoons, jugs, cups, napkins, glass windows and salt cellars, along with lamps and oil. From Aldington the almonry received ninety eggs and the rent of the mill; which mill, with that of Twyford, had also to pay to the Abbey kitchen twenty-eight shillings, and forty sticks of eels—each "stick" consisting of twenty-five eels. Lists of the chief tenants and the

rents or services due from them to the Abbey, drawn up for the same Abbot Randolph, are given in Tindal's "History of Evesham." Abbot Randolph also built the Manorial Granges of Aldington and Wickhamford, which were rebuilt some two centuries later by Abbot Roger Zaton.

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the Manor of Badsey, with most of the neighbouring Abbey estates, was granted by King Henry VIII. to Sir Philip Hoby, Kt., who, dying without issue, was succeeded (so far as the Badsey property is concerned) by his brother Richard, whose monument and effigy yet remain in the church. His line appears to have soon become extinct, and the manor passed to other families, till it was purchased by the Wilsons, whose name appears as owners of land here as early as the reign of Charles II., and is still represented at Badsey.

The advowson of the chapel of Badsey belonged to the Abbey of Evesham until the suppression of that house in 1539. When, in 1540, Henry VIII. erected the Bishopric and established the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, he stipulated in the foundation charter for the maintenance of ten Readers at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Two years later he granted to the Dean and Chapter the rectory and church and the advowson of Badsey and Aldington, and other property, apparently towards the support of these Readers. On July 4, 1546, the Dean and Chapter surrendered the advowson to the King, who, on December 11, granted it, with the rectory and church, to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, who still remain the patrons and rectors.¹

There is no record as to when or by whom the first

¹ "V.C.H., Worcestershire," vol. ii., p. 358.

church was built here, but from the days of the Heptarchy no one but an Abbot of Evesham would have been in a position to build or endow it ; while the Norman north doorway, now blocked up, and fragments of mouldings disinterred from the walls in recent restorations, show that a church must have existed here soon after the Conquest. This was rebuilt or enlarged some two centuries afterwards, the new church being dedicated in honour of St. James, by the Bishop of St. Asaph, on St. John's Day, 1295.

The existing church stands on the east side of the main street of this flourishing village, and consists of a chancel with vestry and organ chamber on the north, a north transept, the nave with south aisle and porch, and west tower.

ALDINGTON.

The chapelry or hamlet of Aldington requires but a few words. Though at the time of the Domesday Survey, it was, as above noted, attached to Offenham, it must have been incorporated into the Parish of Badsey not very long afterwards. A family which took its name from the place is said to have been seated here from the Conquest, and they appear as land holders in the Subsidy Rolls of Edward I. Later on, the Hobys seem to have resided here ; and Nash quotes a dispensation under the Privy Seal granted to Sir Philip Hoby, 5 Edward VI., for himself and all that should dine with him at his table during his natural life, to eat meat and dishes made of milk, either in Lent or on any other fast days, freely and without punishment. This, with much other Abbey property, was purchased of the Hoby

family by the Courtenes, who were wealthy London merchants. One of them, Peter Courtene of Aldington, was created a baronet in 1622, but the title soon became extinct. In 1665 the manor was sold by the Committee for Sequestration to Thomas Foley, and it remained in that family for nearly one hundred and fifty years. In 1807, George Day, an Evesham merchant, purchased the manor, and the next year it was purchased by Mr. James Ashwin and still remains in that family.

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OF THE

PARISH OF BADSEY, WITH ALDINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE

1525¹.—Ffor tythyng off shepe.

It. yf the shepe remeyne from myndsomer or w^t in one monyth aft y^t then at the nexth sheryng he shall pay all hys tyth.

It. yff the shepe be bowght at martyllmas² the havff the tyth.

¹ This appears to be the earliest entry in the manuscript. It is in Arabic figures, and is not by the same hand as the subject-matter of the remainder of the page, a considerable portion of which has been cut away at some time or another. On the back of the page are some entries of the year 1558.

The historian May ("History of Evesham," p. 243, ed. 1845) states that these Accounts began in 1524, and quotes two items from 1527 (now apparently lost), viz.:

Paid for painting of the cloth afore our Lady 1s.
Paid for painting of the Rood... ijs. xid.

² Martinmas (St. Martin, Bishop of Tours), November 11. "Formerly a custom prevailed everywhere amongst us, though generally confined at present to country villages, of killing cows, oxen, swine, etc., at this season, which werè cured for the winter, when fresh provisions were seldom or never to be had" (Brand, vol. i., p. 399, ed. 1853).

It. yff he come to ffold in the somere a havpeny a shepe.

It. yff he be shorne att mydsomere and pay hys tyth well, and then goo away att mychsellmas then a ffarthyng ashepe and yff he remayne and be sold be fore holy rodday¹ then he ys a havpeny and yff he be sold aft^r holy rodday and before shere day² then a peny ashepe.³

¹ Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14.

² Sheep-shearing day, and not Shere Thursday, otherwise Maundy Thursday.

³ The following may throw some light on these rather obscure entries. It is an extract from the tithing customs of Godmanchester in 1590 ("Fox's History of Godmanchester"):

"11th. Every Cow and Calf sold before Candlemas day, the sellers of them to pay, because he or they which have bought them are charged to pay to the Vicar, at Easter next, for every cow and calf so bought, 2½d.; and for every gise-cow sold before Candlemas day, the Vicar is to have of the purchaser, 1d.

"12th. every cow and calf sold after Candlemas day, he or they that sold them, stand charged, as it hath been accustomed, to pay to the Vicar, at Easter next, for every cow and calf so sold, 2½d., and for every gess-cow sold after Candlemas day, the Vicar to have of him that sold the gess-cow, 1d.

"13th. if any cow, being with calf shall be sold after Candlemas day, which Cow shall have a calf before Easter day, then the seller shall pay to the Vicar, at Easter next, if the Calf shall live 2½d., but if the Calf do die 1½d. by custom.

"14th. every heifer that hath a calf, that hath not been bought and sold as above said, then the owners shall pay to the Vicar, at Easter, 2½d., and no tithe calf, or tithe milk to be demanded or required.

"15th. for sheep dead before Candlemas day, there is nothing paid for the pelts of them; but for those pelts dead after Candlemas, for each of them at Easter, ½ penny.

"16th. If there be any person or persons within this liberty, that doth sell any ewes with lamb, or any other gest-ware, before Candlemas day, the sellers are discharged of tithe by old custom, but the buyers of them are to pay to the Vicar at St. Helen's day tithe-lamb, and also at *Shear-day*, tithe wool.

"17th. Ewes and lambs or ewes with lamb, sold after Candle-

1527.¹—Memoradū y^t y^e wete barley & pulse y^s
p^rsyed att

Y ^e corne at home ...	...	...	iiij ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
It. in schyppe ...	...	...	xli.
It. in oxsn̄ ...	...	...	vij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It. ij kyne ij yerl̄ygs & a bulloc ...	...	...	iiij ^{mks.} = 2:13:4.
It. v horsys ...	...	...	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It. ij marys ...	...	...	xxvjs. viij ^d .
It. iiij yerlyēge colts ...	...	...	xs.
It. in y ^e halle as cubbords, bordys & formē & cheyarys and peyney ^c cloths ² ...	...	...	vjs. viij ^d .
It. y ^e kechē ³ as pāys potts pewt ^r vessel saltesel . . . cādylstykyss brochys coborts ...	...	...	xxvjs. viij ^d .
It. y ^e chōbur ⁴ as beddyng coforys w ^t j cribbe [cub] bordys clothys & towels . . . steds . . . y ^e carts & carte gerys, plough . . . w ^t y ^e harowys yokys & . . .	...	...	...

mas day and before St. Helen's day, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. the ewe and a half-penny the lamb, as it hath been accustomed; and also the buyers shall pay for the residue of the lambs that were to come, halfpence.

"18th. The sellers of wethers, wether shere hogs or any other gest-ware, after Candlemas day, and before Easter, shall pay to the Vicar at *Shear-day*, halfpence.

"19th. Owners of sheep and lambs not bought or sold after Candlemas day shall pay to the Vicar at St. Helen's day, tithe-lamb, and at *Shear-day* tithe wool; and for the lambs, when the owner hath taken three of the best, the Vicar is to take one, and so to go through the whole number," etc.

¹ This date is also in Arabic figures and in a later hand. The items which follow probably constitute the inventory taken after the death of a Vicar of Badsey, or of a benefactor to the church there. This page is also damaged, a portion of it being torn away.

² Cloths striped or panelled in different colours.

³ Kitchen.

⁴ Chamber.

It. y^e wodde
It. pyggs

Hec snt debita capelle de badsey¹

Tomas wellis ² ...	...	...	vjs.
Jhō platū ³ ...	...	...	ijs. ix ^d .
Wyllyā baseley ...	...	...	iiijstryke of barley.
Wyllyā k̄ygs for hev̄yge money ...	...	...	ijs. vj ^d .
Idem Wyllyā for ye bequeste of robarte badsey ⁴ y ^s mod ^r ...	...	...	iiij ^d .
Idem Wyllyā for ye bequeste of M̄gery George ...	...	...	iiij ^d .
Idem Wyllyā ...	...	...	xxd.
Jho broke of Aunt̄n ⁵ for corne ...	...	...	xxvjs. vj ^d .
[Thom]as platū for y ^e seyyd Jhō broke owyth ...	...	...	xxd.
. . . payyd by Alhalow day ...	...	...	viij ^d .
. . . for ole ⁶ ...	...	...	iijs. iiij ^d .
. . . [bis]hoppe ...	...	...	xviij ^d .
. . . corne ...	...	...	vjs. viij ^d . to be payd by Al- halow day.

[1528-29.]

It. resesauyd of y^e bequeste of Jhō
of aunt̄n of bretfartū⁷ ... iijs. jd.

¹ These entries occur on the back of the foregoing inventory and are consequently incomplete.

² Thomas Welles occurs in the Registers in 1542 and 1547.

³ William Platon, of Aldington, occurs in Lay Subsidy Roll, 1273.

⁴ Robert Badsey's mother's bequest. Robert Badsey occurs in the Registers, 1542.

⁵ Aldington, a hamlet of Badsey. A John Brooke, of Aldington, appears in 1592 in vol. i. of the "Calendar of Worcester Wills and Administrations" (Worcestershire Historical Society).

⁶ Probably ale—church ale (cf. 1539-40).

⁷ John of Aldington, of Bretforton. Cf. Richard Auton, alias Aldington, in Bretforton Registers, 1592 and 1595.

It. reseuyd of y^e ged^ryng of ye
yonge mē¹ ijs. ijd.
It. reseuyd of y^e yonge mayds ... xjd. ob.
It. reseuyd of nīche² for y^e hurthe
of pulse lāde³ vjd.
It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of alsu
George ijs. jd.
It. reseuyd of y^e madⁿys gēd'yng⁴ ... iijjs. viijd.
It. reseuyd of robarte badsey for
churche corne vjs. viijd.
It. reseuyd of ye kocke money⁵ ... xxjd.

¹ The gathering of the young men and of the young maidens (*cf.* 1530-31, etc.). In the Churchwardens' Accounts of Littleton, near Badsey, is this item: "Received that the Maydens did gather this year (1551) 2s. iijd." Hone says in connection with the Whitsun Ale, "a tree was erected near the church door, where a barrier was placed, and maidens stood gathering contributions." *Cf.* Churchwardens' Accounts of St. Marys, Reading: "1505. Received of the Maydens gadering at Whitsontyde by the tre at the church door, clerly ijs. vjd."

² ? Nariche or Norris, or possibly Morice (*vide* note, p. 18). There was a Nurrice living at Pershore at this period, and also several of the family of Norris were in the neighbourhood.

³ Hurthe of Pulseland. Beneherth and Grasherth were ploughings due to the lord from the tenants (Seebohm, "Village Communities"). Herthe therefore appears to mean ploughing. Seebohm also says that in 961 the "gedal land" (*i.e.*, land divided into strips) included feldes, mæda, and *yrth*-land. Pulse included beans, pease, and similar green-crops.

⁴ The maidens' gathering.

⁵ Cock money (*cf.* 1532 and 1537). Throwing at the Cock on Shrove Tuesday lingered in some places until well into the nineteenth century. Strutt says the Cock was put into an earthen pot made for the purpose, so that his head and tail were exposed. A rope with the bird suspended from it was then stretched across the street 12 or 14 feet from the ground, to be thrown at, at a halfpenny a throw. He who broke the pot and liberated the cock had him for his trouble. By other accounts the Cock was tied by the leg to a post, round which he could run, till knocked down and killed.

It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of rych-
arde squyar¹ iijjs. iijjd.
It. reseuyd for y^e old pylpet² ... iijjd.
It. reseuyd of Tomas pery for a
schepe xijd.
It. reseuyd for a pese of tȳbur: y^t
robarde smyzt bowgt y^t
at squi[? eres]
It. reseuyd of robarte smyzt for
for olde stāsrys vj. ob.

ROBERT SMYTH } Cū Jocūditate,³ 1529.
RICHARD LANE }

ROBARDE SMYZT | haue made theyre accownte
RYCHARD LANE | ȳ y^e yere of owre lorde
MCCCCXXIX.

On palme sñday all thyng resuyd
& cawntyde haue lefte ȳ the
churche box xliiijd.

[? 1529-30.⁴]

Rycharde lane & Jhō pegyn senior [Church-
wardens].

It. payyd for wax⁵ and makyng a
geynste est^r ijs. viijd.

¹ A copy of the will of Richard Squyere is preserved in the Probate Registry at Worcester. It is in Latin, and the date is February 6, 1528-29. The bequest to Badsey Church appears therein as recorded in the Accounts.

² Pulpits were first ordered by the Injunctions of 1547. *Pulpitum* signifies also the rood screen, or even a movable lectern. The present pulpit in Badsey Church has linen-fold panels, and is doubtless the one which took the place of the "old pylpet" in 1529.

³ Cum jocunditate=merrily. This curious expression, with the names and date, is evidently a later insertion.

⁴ There is no date on this page, on the back of which are the foregoing items of the year 1528-29.

⁵ Wax and making against Easter. Probably the Paschal

It. payyd for y ^e strem ^{er} ¹ ...	... xxd.
It. payyd for ij torchys ² ...	... iijs. ijd.
It. payyd for ij belle ropys ...	... xviijd.
It. payyd for wytledr ³ ...	... vd.
It. payyd for mēdyng of y ^e belle whele ...	... iiijd.
It. payyd for peyntyng of y ^e aut' clothe ⁴ ...	... xijd.
It. payyd for wax & makynge of y ^e churche lyzt ...	... iijs. iiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e lyzt of owre lady ȳ ye chansell ⁵ ...	... xixd. ob.

candle. Cf. "Payd for the makynge off the pascalle...ijs. vjd." (Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts, 1540); "Recevyd for ou'est' tapur agen Est'—ij*d.* (Littleton Churchwardens' Accounts, 1555).

¹ Doubtless the streamer, or pennon, to fly from the church tower at Easter. Cf. "A streamer of white sarcenet with a white cross" (Inv. of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1562. Malcolm, *Londinium Redivivum*); "For a cope of redde velvet | a crosse clothe | and stremer of grene sylke iii*l.* xiijs. 8*d.*" (Littleton Churchwardens' Accounts, 1556).

² Torches. At Easter (cf. 1534, 1539, and 1546). Probably here to be lit at High Mass. Cf. Cant. Visit. Art., 1547: "Item. whether they suffer any torches, candles, tapers or any other lights to be in your churches, but only two upon the high altar." There are examples of torches on wooden staves held by acolytes at the Gospel, and by the clerk at the Consecration in "Det Boexken van der Messen," Alcuin Club.

³ Whiteleather=horseskin. Cf. 1588-89, "for half a horse skyne for bawdricks for ye bells 2*s.*" (Accounts of Redenhall with Harlesden, Suffolk).

⁴ Painting the altar cloth. Cf. "painting a cloth to hang downe before the hye awter," and "peyntyng of an awter cloth with images to hang a pon the hye awter" (Littleton Churchwardens' Accounts, *temp.* Queen Mary). It is suggested that poor parishes may have used these painted cloths as being cheaper than embroidered ones.

⁵ Burnt before the image of Our Lady, which may have been in the niche in the east wall.

It. payyd for a bawderyke ¹ ...	jd.
It. payyd for y ^e gyldynge of y ^e crusifyx ² ...	... vd.

[1530-31].

It. reseuyd of y ^e yonge mē ³ ...	iijs. viijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e maydys ...	iijs. viijd.
It. reseuyd of edwarde bakar y ^s bequeste ...	jd.
It. reseuyd of ye vicarys bequeste of bretfartū ⁴ ...	iijd.
It. reseuyd of byrts ⁵ bequeste ...	xijd.
It. reseuyd of robarte badsey for churche corne ...	vs. viijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e yonge madys ged'ynge ...	viijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e ged'ynge of y ^e corne ...	xxxviijd.

JHō PEGY senior | haue made theyre
ROEARTE GEORGE | a cownte

ȳ y^e yere of owre lorde
MCCCCXXXJ on seynte george
ys day all thyngs recuyd & a
cowntyd haue lafte ȳ y^e churche viij*mks.* iijs. vijd.

¹ Baldrick. Occurs frequently in the accounts (*vide* white-leather, above). A leather strap to hold the clapper to the ring at the crown of the bell.

² Probably on the rood screen (cf. 1552). In 1535 John Smythe, of Badsey, bequeathed "To the gyldyng of y^e Rood Looft of Badsey v*d.*" ("Calendar Worc. Wills," vol. i., p. 7).

³ Cf. 1528-29.

⁴ The Vicar of Bretforton's bequest. Sir John Wodhouse, Vicar of Bretforton, by will dated August 5, 1530, left "To the Church of Badsey—iijs. to be payd yn Barley so far as hyt wyll extend, and after in money."

⁵ A John Byrt, of Hampton, by his will dated January 28, 1529, left bequests to several churches in the Rural Deanery of

[1531-32.]

Roberte george and Roberte pegyn [Churchwardens].

It. payyd for ij belle ropys	... xxjd.
It. payyd for mēdyng of y ^e baldryks & wedyngs ¹	... xvd.
It. payyd for wax & makyng of ij syz ² and y ^e Judasys ³ & iij taprys a fore owre lady y ^e chāsell	... xvd.
It. payyd for a belle rope	... xijd.
It. payyd for y ^e makyng of y ^e iij taprys y ^e chawnsell at ij tymys	... xvd.
It. payyd for y ^e makyng of y ^e tapr y ^t y ^s sette a' fore seynt nycolas ⁴	... xiiijd.
It. payyd for wax & makynge of iij flowyrd taprys & ij a pō y ^e lāpe ⁵	... iijs. iiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e clapur of y ^e foure belle	... xxijd.

Evesham, but not to Badsey. This possibly may have been a member of the family of Byrd, of Bretforton.

¹ ? Windings.

² Sizes. Wax tapers.

³ See note on p. 20.

⁴ The taper that is set before the statue of Saint Nicholas.

⁵ Three flowered tapers and two upon the lamp. In the Accounts of St. Michael in Bedwardine, Worcester, under date Christmas, 1547, is the entry: "for flowres for the tapers of the Rood lyght, ijd." The three flowered tapers, therefore, no doubt stood before each of the three figures on the Rood Beam. Tapers ornamented with flowers used on high festivals, to burn before particular images, and to be borne in procession. The lamp was probably a candelabrum before the High Altar. Cf. "for our wold greate lampe & other brasse stuffe" (Littleton Churchwardens' Accounts); "2 pere of candelstyckes, and a lampe before the hye auter" (Maclean, "History of Trigg Minor"); "for the lampe j*li*. of candles ijd. ob. (Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts).

It. payyd for ye bawdryke	... jd.
	xijs. xjd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e yonge mēys gedryng	... xxijd.
It. reseuyd of Jho awodde for y ^e churche corne	... xxvjs. viiijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e cocke money	... xvij <i>d</i> .
	xxixs. xjd.

ROBERDE GEORGE	| yn the yere of owre lorde
ROBARDE PEGYN	| MCCCCXXXIJ haue made
	| theyre a cownte on the
	| secd Sñday aft <i>r</i> est <i>r</i>

al thyngs recōyd and a cowntyd
haue lefte y^e churche box ... v*li*. viijs. iiij*d*.¹

[1532-33.]

Robarde pegyn and Tomas mores [Churchwardens].

In primys reseuyd of y ^e yonge mēys gedryg	... ijs. vd.
It. resuyd of y ^e maydys	... iijs.
It. reseuyd of y ^e yonge maydys	... xd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e beq ^e ste of Thomas Wheler	... iiij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd for y ^e churche corne	... vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd of Tomas Jokys of hātū ² beq ^e ste	... xij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd for a stryke of whete of Yardeleys beqst.	.....

¹ As the Churchwardens constantly used this formula in concluding their year's accounts it is not thought necessary to repeat it after this instance, but only to note the amount of the surplus or deficit, which they announced. The accounts were nearly always presented on the Second Sunday after Easter.

² ? Jowkes, Jukes, or Jukes, of Hampton.

It. reseuyd of Jone yardeley to y ^e bells ... ..	... ..	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for y ^e clarks syrples ¹ ...	...	xxij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a belle rope and y ^e sawnse belle corde ² ... ..	... ..	xix <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a bawdryke of a belle	...	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a clapur ... ..	...	ijs.
It. payyd for y ^e grete belle clapr ...	...	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd to y ^e smyzt of bretfartū for mēdyge of the bellys ... ..	... ..	viiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd to carpȳtr for mēdyng of ye bawdryks ... ..	... ..	jd.
It. payyd for whete v hopys ³ ...	...	xvj <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for y ^e iij ^{de} belle clapr ...	...	xij <i>d.</i>

¹ Cf. 1542, "mēdyng of y^e syrples"; 1551, "mending of y^e syrples"; 1556, "makyge of y^e clarks syrples"; 1570, "for mendig the surples at easter." The parish clerk, or collet, acted as server, and perhaps read the Epistle (*vide* "The Parish Clerk, etc," by Cuthbert Atchley. Alcuin Club Tracts, No. IV. A surplice was ordered to be provided by the parishioners by Robert Winchelsea, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1305. Generally more than one—e.g., Bodmin Inventory, 1566, "viiij pere of surpeles with one new for Mr. Vicar" (Maclean, "History of Trigg Minor"); and St. Peter, Cornhill, 1552, "It. 2 gathered surplyses for the Curat. It. x playne surpleses for the quier ("Hierurgia Anglicana").

² Sawnse Bell Corde (*cf.* 1539). Sanctus Bell (*cf.* 1550). "Cum in celebratione Missæ Corpus Domini per manus sacerdotium in altum erigitur, campanella pulsetur, ut per hoc devotio torpentium excitetur, et aliorum caritas fortius inflammetur" (Constitutions of Walter de Cantelupe, Bishop of Worcester, 1240). *Cf.* also Constitutions of John Peckhamp, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1280, "at populares, quibus celebrationi Missæ non vacat quotidie interesse, ubicunque fuerint, seu in agris, seu in domibus, flectant genua." *Cf.* "smale corde for the Sanctus Bell" (Accounts of St. Lawrence's, Reading, p. 92, under date 1508).

³ Five hopys of wheat (*cf.* 1545, 1546, of barley), a variable measure, usually equal to a peck or a quarter of a strike, but sometimes equal to half a strike.

It. payyd for wax & makȳge of church lyzzt a geynste estr ...	... ..	iijs. viij <i>d.</i>
lafte y y ^e church box ... ..	...	vjl <i>i.</i> vjs. xj <i>d.</i>

[1533-34.]

Robarte smyzt and Tomas mores [Churchwardens].

It. reseuyd of y ^e maydys gēdyng ...	...	iijs. xd. ob.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of evēys of bretfartū ¹ ... ..	... ..	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. reseuyd of Rycharde auntū ² of hys bequeste ... ..	... ..	xxd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e church koc. ³ ...	...	xxd. ob.
It. reseuyd of robarte badsey for y ^e church corne ... ..	... ..	xxxiijs.
It. reseuyd for y ^e Church ale ⁴ ...	...	xxiiij <i>d.</i>

¹ Evēys of Bretfartun, bequest. No doubt one of the family of Hewins or Ewens, perhaps William Ewens of Bretforton, whose will was proved in 1532.

² Richard Alldyngton of Evesham, who died in 1533, bequeathed xxd. to "eu'y church wtyn the Jurysdycton of Evesham" (*vide* "Evesham and Four Shires Notes and Queries," vol. i., pp. 50-54).

³ *Cf.* 1528.

⁴ *Of the church ale* (*cf.* 1538, etc., 1555, 1570, 1585).

The Churchwardens at Whitsuntide brewed ale from malt brought or given, the profits of which, when sold, were given to the poor or the church. In many parishes the "church house" adjoined the churchyard, in which were kept spits, platters, cups, etc., for the village feasts. In other places it took place in the churchyard itself. The church house remains at Bretforton.

By Cratfield Churchwardens' Accounts, in Raven's "Suffolk," it appears that in 1490 they had five Ales—viz., on Passion Sunday (17s. 4d.); the Trental of William Brewse (9d.); Pentecost (9s. 8d.); All Souls (7s. 8d.); and Trental of Geoff: Baret (—) Afterwards the dates were Plough Monday, Refreshment Sunday, Harvest, and All Souls.

Circa 1602.—"For the Church ale, two young men of the parish are yearly chosen by their last foregoers to be wardens; who, dividing the task, make collection among the parishioners

It. reseuyd of y^e yonge maydys
g^ed^ryng ye laste yere ... xjd.
It. reseuyd for barley of y^e bequeste
of Jhon mores¹ and robarte
pe[gyn ?]² ... xvjd.

of whatsoever provision it pleaseth them voluntarily to bestow. This they employ in brewing, baking, and other acates, against Whitsuntide: upon which holidays the neighbours meet at the Church House, and there merrily feed on their own victuals, each contributing some petty portion to the stock, which, by many smalls, groweth to a meetly greatness; for there is entertained a kind of emulation between these wardens, who, by his graciousness in gathering, and good husbandry in expending, can best advance the Church's profit. Besides, the neighbour parishes at those times lovingly visit one another, and frankly spend their money together. The afternoons are consumed in such exercises as old and young folk (having leisure) do accustomedly wear out the time withal. When the feast is ended, the wardens do yield in their accounts to the parishioners: and such money as exceedeth the disbursement is laid up in store to defray any extraordinary charges arising in the parish, or imposed on them for the good of the country or the Prince's service; neither of which commonly gripe so much, but that somewhat still remaineth to cover the purse's bottom" (Carew's "Survey of Cornwall").

Circa 1714.—"There were no rates for the poor in my grandfather's days; but for Kingston St. Michael (no small parish) the Church-ale of Whitsuntide did the business. In every parish is (or was) a Church-house, to which belonged spits, crocks, etc., utensils for dressing provision. There the housekeepers met and were merry, and gave their charity. The young people were there too, and had dancing, bowling, shooting at Butts, etc., the ancients sitting gravely by, and looking on. All things were civil, and without scandal" (Introduction to the "Survey and Natural History of Wilts," J. Aubrey).

¹ John Mores, of Bretforton, who, by will dated December 14, 1533, bequeathed "To Badsey Church 1 strycke of Barley" ("Calendar of Worcester Wills," vol. i., p. 7). William Morice, under Badsey in Lay Subsidy Roll, 1273.

² Robert Pegyn, churchwarden in 1532-33. On December 12, 1538, the Abbot and Convent of Evesham granted a lease of the demesne lands, with the site of the Manor of Aldington, to Richard Pygyon for a term of sixty-one years.

It. reseuyd of y^e ged^ryng of y^e
yonge maydys thys yere ... ix^d.
It. payyd for y^e futte of y^e pyck¹... ijd.
It. payyd for y^e haborwyng of y^e
churche hey² ... xxvjs. viij^d.
It. payyd for wyne and ale ... xix^d.
It. payyd for a torche ... ijs.
It. payyd for medyng of a clapr... iijs. viij^d.
It. payyd for a rope ... xd.
It. payyd for ij bawderykys ... xd.
It. payyd for makyng of a tap^{r3}... jd.
It. payyd for y^e medyng of y^e albe⁴ jd.
It. payyd for y^e medyng of y^e belle
whele ... ijd. ob.
It. payyd for frake & sēse⁵ ... jd.
It. payyd for wax and makyng ... iijs. viij^d.
It. payyd for y^e peynt^yg of y^e
sepulcr clothe⁶ ... xiiij^d.

¹ The foot of the pyx, evidently a standing pyx. When a hanging pyx was generally used for the reserved sacrament, these were employed to hold wafers when there were numerous communicants, as at Easter. Or perhaps a monstrance—*e.g.*, St. Paul's, London, Invent., 1551: "Imp: a longe pix, silver and all gilt, *standing upon a foote*." There was also another used for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.

² Harbours (storing) the church hay.

³ Making a taper. *Cf.* 1537, "y^e lytyll mayds tap^r"; *cf.* 1550, "It. for ij tapers weyinge iij pound for the first mas, ijs. (Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts). The taper was generally very large.

⁴ Mending the alb.

⁵ Frankincense (*cf.* 1537, etc.). At Littleton in 1549, etc., it cost twopence to fivepence "the fyrst wyce of lent." "for sense and coles, 2d" (Accounts of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury). Entries for incense occur in the Accounts of King's College Chapel from 1624 to 1674.

⁶ Painting the sepulchre cloth. After Mass of the Pre-sanctified on Good Friday the Pyx containing the Host over the altar was solemnly carried to the sepulchre and laid there, with the altar cross, till Easter morning, when the Sacrament was

It. payyd for ij Judas¹ ... ijs. iiij^d.
 lefte y the church box marks.

carried round the church in procession and replaced over the altar. Some permanent sepulchres, built like altar-tombs under an arch in the wall, with emblems of the Passion, or sculptures of the Resurrection, still remain (e.g., St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester). "A grete cloth of Tapestry werke for to hang uppon the walle be hynde the Sepulchur" (St. Margaret Pattens, 1470, in Micklethwaite's "Ornaments of the Rubric," Alcuin Club Tract, No. 1). In St. Paul's Invent., 1552: "Two riche clothes for garnishing of the sepulchre. It. 2 other smaller clothes for the sepulchre of needlework. One of them of the sepulchre, and th'other of the resurrection." (Micklethwaite thinks the sepulchre proper was some sort of movable casket, which could be laid on the tomb and removed when done with.)

¹ Two Judas. (Cf. 1531, y^e Judasys; 1544, 4 Judassys; 1547, y^e Judas; 1551, 4 Judassys; also 1554 and 1558.) The exact meaning of the word is elusive: "Judas light, a wooden imitation of the Paschal Candle" (*vide* "Glossary of Liturgical and Ecclesiastical Terms"). It is difficult to understand, however, why an imitation was necessary: "There bith 6 Judas Staves for Torchis peynted . . . to set in torchetts to bere with the sacrament on Corpus Cristy daye, and other times" (*vide* St. Christopher le Stocks Inventory, 1488). This would account for the numbers 2 and 4. But at St. Stephen's, Walbrook, 1480, "Judas Candyll" means small tapers on a triangular frame for the new fire. Again, "the tymbre that the pastall is driven upon weigheth 7 lbs." Thus Mr. Micklethwaite concluded that the term is not often used for a sham candle, but either to mean a triangular candlestick ("herse light"), or a wooden core or stiffener round which the paschal candle was cast, or any movable thing to set a candle or candles on ("Ornaments of the Rubric," Alcuin Club Tract, No. 1). Abbot Gasquet ("Mediaeval Parish Life," p. 175) says: "At this service (*i.e.*, Tenebræ) a triangular candlestick with twenty-five candles was placed in the choir. This candlestick was called in England the "tenebræ," or Lenten "herse," and is so named in many church accounts. It was one of the ornaments which had to be paid for by the parish, and it was sometimes known as the Judas candle. On p. 181 of the same work Abbot Gasquet says: "For some reason not known, the wooden part (*i.e.*, of the paschal candle) was called the "Judas of the Paschal."

[1534-35].

Tomas platu and Robarte smyzt [Churchwardens].

It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of Mr gery smyzt¹ ... ijs. iiij^d.
 It. reseuyd of y^e mayds gedryng ... iijs. jd.
 It. reseuyd for y^e church corne ... vjs.
 It. reseuyd for ale ... ijs. iiij^d.
 It. reseuyd of y^e lytyll maydys ... viij^d. ob.
 xvjs. iiij^d. ob.
 It. payyd for y^e scowryng of y^e canope² ... viij^d.
 It. payyd for yrne to mēde y^e iiij^d belle clapr ... xvij^d.
 It. payyd for y^e makyng of y^e same clapr ... ijs. iiij^d.

¹ Margery Smyzt (*vide* "Calendar of Worcester Wills," vol. i., p. 7). Her will was made in 1534. She bequeathed her body to be buried in the "Chauncel of St. James at Badsey," and left to the Church there three shillings and fourpence and "a coverlett."

² For the scouring of the canopy (*cf.* 1544, "wyppercord to y^e kanope"). "The altar often had a canopy of wood, cloth, or other material" (Micklethwaite, "Ornaments of the Rubric"). On the canopy of the pyx, when the latter, usually in form of a dove, was hung over the altar by a cord. The canopy was a round, tent-shaped covering of linen or silk stretched over a ring (Micklethwaite, otherwise a pyx-cloth). The sole surviving example, from Hessett, Suffolk, 2 feet 4 inches square, is of linen, ornamented by drawing and knotting threads, with a silk fringe, and was shown at the Church Historical Exhibition at St. Albans, 1905. But most probably it was the canopy supported by staves borne over the Blessed Sacrament in procession on Corpus Christi Day, Palm Sunday, etc. "Payd upon Corpus Christi Day, for pynes and poyntes to dresse the canopie"; "Payd for a brekefast to them that dyd cary the canopie"; "In pyns and poyntes to dresse the canpie to beare over the sacrament on Palme Sondag" (Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts).

It. payyd to y ^e sklat ^{r1}	...	...	ijd.
It. payyd for sklatt ²	...	...	jd.
It. payyd for a bawdryke	...	...	vd.
It. payyd for a bawdryke & a nod ^r	...	...	vd.
It. payyd for wax & makynge	...	...	xixd.
It. payyd for frāke & sēse	...	...	jd.
It. payyd for gyldynge of sēt pet ^{r3}	...	...	...
and ye lyzt yn ye . . .	...	...	xvj . . .
It. payyd for barley a stryke & helpe	...	...	ixd.
It. payyd for yernes ⁴ of y ^e gyldynge	...	...	viijd.
lafte y y ^e churche box	...	...	xmks. xijd. ob.

[1535-36].

Jhon smyzt and Thomas platū [Churchwardens].

It. reseuyd of Rycharde russell for loppe ⁵	...	...	...	xxd.
It. reseuyd of the bequest of Mr Jhō Cocsey	...	...	...	xxd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e yonge mēys ged ^r ynge	...	...	...	ijs.
It. reseuyd of roberte george ⁶	...	...	...	vjs. viiijd.
It. reseuyd of roberte badsey ⁷	...	...	...	xls.
It. reseuyd of rycharde bryge ⁸	...	...	...	vjs. viiijd.
It. reseuyd of Jhō pegy senior	...	...	...	vjd.
It. reseuyd of Mr colarde	...	...	...	iijs. iiijd.
It. reseuyd of Jone Yardeley	...	...	...	xviijd.

¹ Slater.

² Slats (of stone). "Slat or slat stone" (Prompt. Parv., MS. Harl. 221).

³ The gilding of the statue of St. Peter.

⁴ Earnest money. *Vide* note, p. 37.

⁵ The faggot wood of a tree (Halliwell).

⁶ Churchwarden in 1531-32.

⁷ Cf. 1527.

⁸ Richard Bryge. Richard Bridge, buried January 17, 1538-39 (Badsey Registers).

It. reseuyd for a schyppe skyne	...	...	vd.
It. reseuyd for a nod ^r	...	...	iiijd.
It. reseuyd for a wed ^{r1}	...	...	xijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e mayds ged ^r ynge	...	...	iiijs. jd.
It. reseuyd for a cocke	...	...	ijd.
It. reseuyd for a felle ²	...	...	vd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of Jhō smyzt	...	...	...
It. reseuyd for ij platys	...	...	xli. ixs. xjd. ob.
It. payyd for cordys to byde y ^e scafolde	...	...	xvjd.
It. payyd for a locke to y ^e font ³	...	...	iiijd.
It. payyd to y ^e sklatt ^r	...	...	ijd.
It. payyd to wyllyā evenys	...	...	vd.
It. payyd for lyme	...	...	iiijd.
It. payyd for sklats	...	...	iijd.
It. payyd to fransys gyld ^r	...	...	iiijli. xvjs. viiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e mēdyng of mare & Jhō ⁴	...	...	...
It. payyd to y ^e plūm ^r	...	...	xvjd.
It. payyd for waxe & makyge of y ^e torchetts ⁵	...	...	ijs. iiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e makyge of y ^e brasse of y ^e for belle	...	...	xxd.
	...	...	ijd.

¹ Wether.

² Fell, skin (*vide* "schyppe skyne" above).

³ Cf. 1556. A cover of wood fastened to the bowl was first ordered by St. Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1236 (Lee's "Glossary"). This was necessary because the font was always kept full, the water being only consecrated occasionally, and not, as now, for every baptism.

⁴ The attendant figures on the rood loft.

⁵ Cf. 1553, "torchetts." Torchettes carried on staves; or here, possibly the staves themselves. At the consecration of Archbishop Parker in 1559, "the Archbishop entereth the Chapel . . . with four torches carried before him" (Strype's "Life of Archbishop Parker").

It. payyd to y ^e smyzt for y ^e hearthe & colys	ijd.
It. payyd for wytled ^r & mēdyg of ij bawdryks ... ..	...
It. payyd to wyllā gyld ^r & hys felow ... ..	...
It. payyd for naylys	xd. ob.
It. payyd to wyllā eueys for churche warke	viijd.
It. payyd for y ^e medyge of ye iij belle	ijd.
It. payyd for sope & grese	ijd.
It. payyd for wax & makyng	xviijd.
It. payyd for frāke & sese	jd.
latte yn y ^e churche box	viijs. ijd.

[1536-37].

Wyllam haretū and Tomas Wells [Church-
wardens].

Tomas platū ¹ hathe reseuyd of y ^e forseyde sume of wyllā evēys	iijs. vjd.
It. payyd for grese & whytte led ^r ...	iiijd.
It. for makyng of y ^e p ^r sessyonars ²	ijd.
It. for ij lokys & keyys	xd.
It. for naylls	jd.
It. for y ^e wyne botell	vjd. & a old cruet. ³

¹ Thomas Platun, churchwarden 1535-36.

² The processional (cf. 1544, when they cost 8d.; 1546, 7d.; 1547, 8d. From the frequency and price clearly not the Processional (Processioner), or book, for use at litanies and other processions. Probably processional lights. Cf. fourth following item from here.

³ Cruets: small flagons for wine and for water for use at Mass. It seems that in this case one of the old cruets and sixpence had been given in exchange for a new flagon for the wine.

It. for wax & makyng to Jhō yardē of y ^e p ^r sessyonors ...	vd.
It. for a wold belle rope to m ^r get yardē	iijd.
It. for frāke & sēse & sope ¹ ...	jd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e lytyl mayds ...	viijd.
It. reseuyd of elyzabet badsey ...	xxd.
It. reseuyd of sād ^r ys ²	xviijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e churche cocke ...	xd.
It. payyd to robarte pegy for whete	iijs. vjd.
It. payyd for a stryke ³ of barley and a helfe	xd.
It. payyd for makyng owre lady lyzt	xd.
It. payyd for wax & makyng of y ^e lytyll mayds tap ^r	xijd.
latte y ^e church box	ijs. & ijd.

[1537-38].

Tomas platū & Robarte smyzt, wardeys.

Ite. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of Jone waddowys	xijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of elnor pegy	xxd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of Yelyā Yardley	xxd.
It. reseuyd of anes best	iiijd.
It. reseuyd of bagley	viijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of anies watsū ⁴	xjd.

¹ Frankincense and soap. Cf. 1545, "for pynnces and sope" (Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts).

² ? Sanders.

³ Probably for a church ale. A strike usually was accounted to be two bushels, but varied from half a bushel to four bushels.

⁴ Agnes Watson.

It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of elzabet platū ¹	xijd.
It. reseuyd of Jho pāt ^r for churche ale	viijd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e grete mayds ...	iijs. iiijd.
It. payyd for belroppe ...	xd.
It. payyd for wytled ^r to y ^e baw- deryke	iiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e makynge ...	iiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e medyng of ye bells ...	iiijd.
It. payyd for frāke & sēse ...	jd.
It. payyd for ye wȳt ^{er} ying of a church shepe ³	iijd.
lafe y ^e churche box ...	xxxiijs. vijd.

[1538-39.]

Robarte george and Thomas Wells [Church-wardens].

It. reseuyd for y ^e churche corne ...	vjd.
It. reseuyd of gedryng money ...	xxiijd. ob.
It. reseuyd for a chypskn ⁴ ...	iiijd.
It. payyd for medyng of y ^e goy ^y ⁵ of thyrde belle	iiijd.

¹ Elizabeth Platun, daughter of William Platun, buried March 12, 1542-43 (Badsey Registers).

² John Panter. A Littleton family.

³ Cf. 1554-55, "wyntering of y^e bulle." Most cattle, as before mentioned, were slaughtered at the beginning of winter; those kept for breeding would have to be boarded out with a farmer. At Badsey the bull seems to have been bought by the wardens on behalf of the parish, but at Hitchin (a royal manor) the obligation to find the common bull fell on the rector (Seebohm, "Village Communities").

⁴ Sheepskin.

⁵ Gogyn=gudgeon. The metal pin in the ends of the wooden shaft on which the bell revolves.

It. payyd for y ^e makynge of ij keyys and ij lokys to a coffere ¹	xijd.
It. payyd for a torche & makyge of y ^e lyzts a geynste est ^r ...	xviijd.
It. for y ^e sawnse belle rope ...	ijd.
It. payyd for ij belropys ...	xijd.
It. y expēs for y ^e bybyll ² ...	iijd.
It. payyd for barley ...	ijs. ixjd.
It. lefte y ^e churche box ...	xxxiijs. xd. ob.

[1539-40.]

Jhō pegy senior & Jhō pegy junior [Church-wardens].

It. reseuyd for y ^e churche corne ...	xxvjs. viijd.
It. reseuyd for ole ³ ...	ijs. vjd.
It. reseuyd for loppe ...	xviijd.
It. payyd for y ^e mēdyng of y ^e thyrde belle	viijd.
It. for mēdyng of y ^e same belle ...	iiijd.
It. for y ^e stockynge of y ^e same belle and mēdyng of y ^e frame ...	xd.
It. for rowdelyzt ⁴ a geynst Est ^r ...	ijs. xd.
It. for yrne warke ...	xviijd.
It. to y ^e smyzt here ...	iijd.
It. for mēdyge of y ^e cofur key ...	jd.
It. for wyne at est ^r ⁵ ...	viijd.
It. payyd for sope ...	ob.

¹ Locks to a coffer (cf. 1548). As there was more than one lock, this would refer to the Parish Chest, and not to the Poor Man's Box, which was not ordered to be used till 1547 (*vide* 1548 following).

² This year the first version of Cranmer's Bible was issued by authority.

³ Cf. note 6, p. 9.

⁴ The rood light against Easter. Lights placed on the rood beam, before, or on either side of the rood.

⁵ Wine at Easter (cf. 1544, etc.). In the Littleton Accounts, when the wine is specified, it is always Malmsey: *e.g.*, "Bredde and wyne for the whole parishe at Easter"—"iiij quarts of Maumsey, le quart vjd., xxd."

[1540-41. The page recording the items for this period is wanting, or possibly never existed. The demolition of the abbey at Evesham was in full progress at this time.]

[1541-42.]

It. payyd to the plum^r for ledde and
warmāschyppe ... xiijs. xd. ob.
It. payyd for y^e belle ... iij*h*.
It. payyd for expēses for caryynge
and facchȳg of ye belle ... vjd.
It. payyd for hāgyge & medȳge of
y^e clap^r ... vjs. xd.
It. payyd for y^e bybyll¹ ... vjs. viij*d*.
It. payyd for mēdnge of y^e churche
durse key ... ijd.
It. payyd for a bawdryke ... vij*d*.
It. payyd for medyng of y^e syrples ... iij*d*.
It. payyd for wax & makynge
ageyste est^r² ... viij*d*.
It. payyd to Jhō Pegȳ for wȳtryng
of a schype ... vjd.
[This last item is crossed through.]
lafte ȳ the churche box ... viijs. iij*d*.

[1542-43.]

Thomas platū and Roberte smyzt [Church-
wardens].

It. reseuyd of Jhō pegȳ senior ... ijs. jd.
It. reseuyd of Jhō pegȳ junior ... vjs. ijd.

¹ This year all parishes were ordered by proclamation "to buy and provide Bibles of the larger volume to be set and fixed in the parish church."

² Wax and making against Easter (*cf.* 1544, etc.). Probably the Paschal candle. *Cf.* 1544, "gathering for the Pascal." Littleton used two and three pounds of wax, the price varying from sixpence to one shilling per pound.

It. reseuyd of rafe harwarde¹ ... xij*d*.
It. payyd for y^e last paymēte of y^e
belle ... iij *marks*.
of ye wyche we must be a lowyd
lafte ȳ y^e churche² ... xij*d*.

[1542-44.]

Rycharde lane & Roberte george [Churchwardens].

It. reseuyd of Jhō pegȳ senior for
a schyp skyne ... vd.
It. reseuyd of the bequeste of Jhō
Yardeley³ ... xij*d*.
It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of malpas
mod^r ȳ lawe ... viij*d*.
It. reseuyd of roberte smyzt ... vjs. viij*d*.
It. reseuyd of Jhō pegȳ yonger ... vjs. vij*d*.
It. reseuyd of Jhō pegȳ y^e eld^r ys
sūme ... vjs. vij*d*.
It. reseuyd of wyllya george⁴ ... vjs. vij*d*.
It. reseuyd of y^e bulle hyde ... iij *marks*.
It. reseuyd for thornys⁵ ... ijd.
It. payyd for a belle rope ... xjd.
It. payyd for wytled^r ... vd.
It. payyd for mēdȳge of ij balrykys ... jd.
It. payyd for wyppe cord to y^e
kanope⁶ ... jd.
It. payyd for mēdyng of y^e baldryc ... ijd.

¹ A Bretforton family from 1539.

² Written in a space near this entry is the item: "1630. Bells £21:16:4."

³ John Yardeley de Aunton, buried April 2, 1543 (Badsey Registers). Members of this family were also living at Evesham at this time.

⁴ In Badsey Registers in 1543, etc.

⁵ Briars.

⁶ Canopy. *Cf.* 1534.

It. payyd for the bere¹ more thē we
gedrd xij*d*.
It. payyd a pownde of wax and
makyngē viij*d*.
It. payyd for the threde ob.
It. payyd to robertesmyzt for barley
and y^e bere xix*d*.
It. payyd for y^e p^rsessyonarys² viij*d*.
It. payyd for y^e iiij judas viij*d*.
It. payyd for bredde & wyne at est^r
& y^e halfe yere afore ijs. *jd*.
It. spēde on roger clarke spek^yge
for y^e bere *jd*.
lafte y^e church box xxiijs.

[1544-45.]

Jhō pegy minor & Nicholas grove [Church wardēys].

It. payyd for iiij stryke & a hope of
whete vijs. *jd*.
It. payyd for y^e p^rsessionarys viij*d*.
It. payyd for y^e torche to vicet³ w^t viij*d*.
It. payyd for y^e p^rsession boke⁴ iiij*d*.

¹ The bier ordered to be provided by every parish (Constitutions of Archbishop Robert Winchelsea). A necessity when burial in coffins was an exception. "Have you a bier, with a black herse-cloth, for the burial of the dead?" (Bishop Cosin's Visit. Art., 1662). Cf. Ludlow Accounts, 1545, "for mendyngē of the berre"; 1560-61, "for making a new cradle for the bere, and naylinge the jointes of the bere, and otherwise mending the same, xx*d*."

² The Procession Book (in Latin). Cf. 1554.

³ A torch to visit with—*i.e.*, to be carried by the collet or clerk before the priest who was bearing the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and infirm. Usually in the form of a lantern for protection from the wind. So ordered, in 1305, by the Constitution of Archbishop Robert Winchelsea.

⁴ For the Procession Book. King Henry VIII. expressed a desire to Archbishop Cranmer (June 11, 1544), that on account of the wars, etc., of Christendom, there must be "general pro-

It. payyd for y^e er^yge¹ of y^e churche
acur v*jd*.
It. payyd y^e mēdyg of a bawdryk *jd*.
It. for a belle clapar ijs. viij*d*.
It. to y^e plūmarys for ledde and
warkemās-chyp viijs. *vd*.
for y^e bordying of thē² xij*d*.
for wodde ii*jd*.
for a gyrdell of threde³ *jd*.
for a bawdryke *jd*.
for brede & wyne iijs.
for a roppe viij*d*.
It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of wyll^{yā}
marcholde⁴ xv*jd*.
It. reseuyd of elzabet Mores xij*d*.
It. reseuyd for y^e churche corne vs.

[1545-46.]

Rafe Harwarde & Robert pegy [Churchwardens].

It. payyd for y^e mēdyngē of y^e iiij^{de}
belle iiij*d*.

cessions in all Churches, Towns, and Parishes," and "certain suffrages said or sung with due reverence" in English. This was the first English Litany, compiled by Cranmer from the old Latin Processional to be sung on Sundays and festivals. It was first sung by St. Paul's choir, October 18, 1544, being St. Luke's Day and Sunday.

¹ Earing—*i.e.*, ploughing—the church acre. "I have half an acre to eryl by the highway" ("Vision of Piers the Plowman," Passus vi. 4). Cf. 1 Sam. viii. 12, and Isa. xxx. 24.

² Boarding of them—*i.e.*, the plumbers (cf. 1556, 1562, 1563). From the entries it is clear that this relates to workmen employed on church repairs, from Evesham or elsewhere, who had to be boarded in the village.

³ A girdle of thread for an alb. Cf. "payd for ij gyrdells of whyte threde plattd to gyrdē the pryst at Mass" (Littleton Churchwardens' Accounts).

⁴ William Marshall, of South Littleton, by will dated October 28, 1544 ("Calendar of Worcester Wills," vol. i., p. 75).

It. payyd for y ^e makynge of y ^e p ^e sessionalls ...	viijd.
It. payyd for a hope of barley ...	iiijd.
It. payyd for mēdyng of y ^e baw- dryke of y ^e grete belle ...	ijd.
It. payyd for ij belle roppys & y ^e sanse belle roppe ...	xxd.
It. payyd for a bawderyc ...	iiijd.
It. payyd for y ^e p ^e sessyonallis ...	vij d.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of Jamys Wathemō ¹ ...	iiij d.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of nyco- las hañys ...	xijd.
It. reseuyd for y ^e church corne ...	xd.
It. reseuyd of roberte smyzt for polls ² ...	vjd.
It. reseuyd for bredde & wyne ...	ijs. viij d.
lafte y ^e church box ...	nihil. ³

[1546-47.]

Rafe harwarde and Robarte pegy [Churchwardens].

It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste [of] y ^e goodwyfe Wodhusse ...	viiij d.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of Jhō pegy ⁴ ...	iijs. iiij d.
It. reseuyd of y ^e church corne ...	vjs. viij d.
It. reseuyd for drykȳg at Wytsūtyde	ijs. xd.
It. reseuyd for bredde & wyne ...	ijs. viij d.

¹ There is a James Watheman in the Badsey Registers in 1541, but more probably this is the James Waytheman who made his will at Bishampton in 1545 ("Calendar of Worcester Wills," vol. i., p. 115).

² ? Pulse.

³ "and y^e church owys harwarde. xvij d" follows, but is crossed through.

⁴ The will of John Pegyn, of Badsey, October 31, 1545 ("Calendar of Worcester Wills," vol. i., p. 13).

It. a stryke of barley y ^e y ^e costode of rafe harwarde ...	xs. viij d.
It. payyd for iiij stryke of barley ...	iijs. iiij d.
It. payyd for a bawdryke ...	iiij d.
It. mēdyng of y ^e ropys ...	j d.
It. for makynge of y ^e p ^e sessyonalles	viiij d.
It. for y ^e Judas ...	xd.
It. for a stryke of vacchys ¹ ...	iiij d.
It. payyd for bredde & wyne ...	iijs. iiij d.
& for y ^e church baryt ...	viiij d.
lafte y ^e church box ...	ij d.
Roberte pegy debit ...	vjs. viij d.

[1547-48.]

Roberte Smyzt and Jhō pegyn Wardēs.

It. payyd to y ^e sklatt ^r for his wurke- māschyppe lyme sklatte lath & nayle ...	xiiij d.
It. payyd for y ^e cofor lokys & makȳg ² ...	ijs. xd.
It. payyd at Wyssettr ³ ...	iiij d.
It. payyd to mast ^r sauege for owre āswer ⁴ ...	viiij d.
It. reseuyd for y ^e medow ⁵ ...	xiijs. iiij d.

¹ Vetches.

² The coffer, locks, and making—of the poor man's box probably. There was a bequest to the poor man's box in 1549.

³ Paid at Worcester. In the Littleton Accounts under date 1549: "In expense when we went to carry our Church Books of Latin to Worcester," in pursuance of the Order in Council and Act of Parliament to call in, burn, deface, and destroy all old church books.

⁴ The "answer" may have been an inventory of the Church books or goods. The identity of "Master Savage" remains obscure.

⁵ Probably the Church Acre (*vide* note, p. 31).

It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of Jhō
pāt¹ viijd.
It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of Jhō
malpas² viijd.
haue lafte y^e churche box ... xd.

[1548-49.]

Roberte smyzt and Jhō pegyn. Wardēys.

It. reseuyd for y^e churche corne ... ijs. iiijd.
It. reseuyd for y^e churche corne ... xvjd.
It. reseuyd for thys yerys corne ... ijs. iiijd.
It. reseuyd of elnor ap^{er}te³ ... xjd. to y^e pore
box mōey.

It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of jone
Yardeley viijd.
It. reseuyd for y^e bulle⁴ xvs.
It. payyd for a newe boke⁵ vs.
It. payyd for sede barley iijs. iiijd.
It. payyd for a bulle xvjs. viijd.
It. payyd for a belle rope xvjd.
It. payyd for yrne & nayllys &
warkemāschepe xijd.
It. payyd more for y^e box xijd.
It. payyd for bredde & wyne iijs. ijd.
It. payyd for brede & wyne for thys
yere iijs. ijd.

¹ John Panter, buried September 30, 1547 (Badsey Registers).

² John Malpas, buried April 27, 1547 (Badsey Registers).

³ ? Appleton, of Great and Little Comberton.

⁴ Cf. *infra*: "payyd for a bulle xvjs. viijd."; 1555, "winter-
ing of y^e bulle, vd."; 1560, "for a bulle, xvs."

⁵ The Littleton Accounts have: "Paid for a booke in Englys
to say surves on and for chrystening Weddyng & Beryeng vjs.
viijd." The first Prayer Book of Edward VI., published March
7, 1548-9, and ordered to be used June 9, 1549.

It. payyd for parffrasus of erasmus¹ xijd.
It. for rydyng to Oxfor for bokys² ijs. iiijd.
the Churche owzt to roberte
smyzt iijs. vijd.

[1549³-50.]

Jhō pegy & Rafe harwarde, Wardēys.

It. reseuyd for ij tabernacullis⁴ ... viijd.
It. reseuyd for Jhō Harwarde ... vijs.
It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of elzabet
badsey xxd.
It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of Jhō
pese xijd.

¹ "The Paraphrases of Erasmus." Littleton Accounts (1548)
have: "Recevyd of the Coleg of Christs Churche in Oxforde
[a book] callyd y^e paraphracs of Erasm' in Englys"; and later:
"payd for a nother booke in Englys callyd the paraphrasys of
Erasm', xij. iv."; and another entry: "rec^d of the Kyng's new
Colege toward the Booke callyd the paraphrasse of Erasmus
on the N. T. lately rendered into English by procurement of
the Q. Dowager Catherine Parr."

² Riding to Oxford for books. Cf. the Littleton entries
above. The books seem to have been supplied by the Dean
and Chapter of Christchurch as Rectors.

³ This year the Royal Visitation Injunctions forbade the use
of images, sepulchres, stone altars, etc., and all images and
paintings taken out of churches or chapels, or yet standing in
them, to be destroyed and defaced; hence a general demolition
of all such things was commenced, in addition to which stained-
glass windows were smashed and walls defaced.

⁴ Tabernacles. This word is sometimes used for the Pyx,
or Monstrance. Cf. Inventory of St. Mary's, Warwick, 1464,
where there is mention of a "Tabernacle of Silver al gild other-
wise cal'd a Monstrance ordeyned to bere in goddes body on
Corpus Christi Day. Here, however, it doubtless signifies two
niches for the statues of saints, probably St. Nicholas (cf. 1531)
and St. Peter (cf. 1534). In the Ludlow Accounts, 1548, there
is: "A tabernacle that saynt Margett stode in," and "the
tabernacle that saynt Anne stood in."

It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of roberte smyzt	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of roberte george	xx <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd for y ^e churche corne ...	xxjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for glasȳge ¹	vjs.
It. payyd at wyssett ^{r2}	xv <i>d</i> .
It. payyd at euyssā ²	viij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for lyme	v <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for whytled ^r & makȳge ...	viij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for y ^e sanse belle roppe	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to roberte smyzt	ijs. vij <i>d</i> .
lafte ȳ y ^e churche box	xxiijs. ix <i>d</i> .

[1550-51.]

Nycolas grove and Wyllyā Crūpe, Wardens.

It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of Jhō pegȳ senior	xij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd for a ymage ³	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd for stone ⁴	ijs.
It. reseuyd for y ^e churche corne ...	xs.
It. reseuyd for iiij Judassys	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. reseuyd for a plāke ⁵	iiij <i>d</i> .

¹ For glazing (*cf.* 1565) the windows smashed by the Protestant party (*vide* note, p. 49).

² Paid at Worcester and at Evesham. Second Royal Visitation begun, 1549 (?). *Cf.* Littleton Accounts: "Expenses when we went to carry our churche books of latten to Worcester." "For expenses at Evesham at the Visitacyon the fryday before holyrode day."

³ *Vide* 1549: "tabernacullis."

⁴ *Cf.* 1552: "of Jhō smyzt for stone"; and again: "for polȳge downe of stone." Probably the altars, the removal of which was ordered in Nov., 1550. Littleton Accounts for that year have: "To Thomas Daunce for makynge the comunion tabull, iiij*d*."

⁵ Received for a plank. Possibly the rood beam, or some portion of the screen.

It. payyd for iiij stryke of barley	viijs.
It. payyd for a roppe	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for y ^e mēdyng of y ^e syrples	ij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for naylys	j <i>d</i> .
lafte ȳ y ^e churche box	xxixs. ij <i>d</i> .

[1551-52.]

Rycharde harētū and Thomas smyzt. Wardēys.

It. reseuyd for y ^e churche corne of Thomas pegȳ	xxxij <i>s</i> .
It. reseuyd of Jhō smyzt for stone	iiij <i>s</i> .
It. payyd to Thomas truloue	xiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to y ^e sawears	xx <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to y ^e plum ^r ys	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for sklatte	ix <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to Thomas trulove	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for spyke nayls for y ^e tȳb ^r worke	xiiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to Jhō Proset for polȳge ^e downe of stone	v <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for lathe for y ^e plumar ...	ijs. ix <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to y ^e plūm ^r for erneste ¹ ...	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for naylys for y ^e sklatt ^r & plum ^r	ij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for ij bondel of lathe for y ^e sklatt ^r	xiiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for y ^e bawderyc of a belle	xv <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to tymys of wyllosey ² for erneste	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd for a creste ³ for y ^e porche	ij <i>d</i> .
It. payyd to robertegarrat for worke	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .

¹ Earnest money, deposit money given to bind a bargain. *Cf.* a similar entry, p. 22.

² Willersey, a village near Badsey.

³ Crest. A ridge-tile.

It. payyd for a creste for y^e churche iiij*d*.
 It. payyd for ij stryke of lyme¹ ... x*d*.
 lafte ȳ the churche box ... iijs. ix*d*.²

[1552-53.]

Wylliā george & Thomas roberdys, Wardēys.

It. reseuyd for yrne of wyllā
 crumpe ... xiiij*d*.
 It. reseuyd of Jhō smyzt for yrne ... xij*d*.
 It. reseuyd of y^e vycar for torchetts iiij*d*.
 It. reseuyd of wellys³ ... vj*d*.
 It. reseuyd of Thomas smyzt ... vj*d*.
 It. reseuyd of y^e Vycar ... iiij*d*.
 It. reseuyd for gyldynge⁴ ... ijs.
 It. reseuyd for y^e rowde lofte⁵ ... vjs. viij*d*.
 It. reseuyd of auntū ... iijs. viij*d*.
 It. reseuyd of Rychard harētū ... ij*d*.
 It. reseuyd for y^e churche corne ... vijs.
 It. payyd to y^e plymū ... iijs. iiij*d*.
 It. payyd for y^e invintory⁶ ... viij*d*.

¹ Cf. note on 1549 and 1556. This year Littleton paid money to "Jno ffynche of Eveshām for wytyng and peynting of ou^r churche." Cf. 1549, Accounts of St. Michael in Bedwardine, Worcester: "Item for wrytyng of scriptures and payntyng the Church after ij*d*. the yard." Following this item there is inserted in a later hand: "The 39 Articles of the Church of England in the year 1552 in the reign of Edward the sixth first published."

² After this entry there is inscribed, evidently in continuation of the above note: "Revived in the Reign of Elizabeth, A.D. 1562. Suppressed in the reign of Q. Mary."

³ This item and the two following it are apparently crossed through.

⁴ Gilded woodwork, probably from the reredos, or rood-screen (cf. 1529).

⁵ The Littleton Accounts have the entry, also under date 1552: "Recevyd of Ryc brant for ow^r Rode Lofte, xxvjs."

⁶ At the side of these entries is inserted: "Search y^e office

It. payyd for y^e makyng of a bylle¹ iiij*d*.
 It. a creste ... j*d*.
 It. payyd for lyme ... ijs. vj*d*.
 It. payyd for y^e pget^{rs}² ... ijs.
 It. payyd to y^e peynt^{rs} ... xxj*d*.
 It. payyd to Thomas roberds ... ijs. iiij*d*.
 It. payyd for y^e kygs boke³ ... vjs.
 It. payyd for barley iiij stryke ... vs.
 Owed to the church wardēys ... xvjs. vj*d*.

[1553-54.]

It. reseuyd for y^e churche corne ... xviijs. iiij*d*.
 It. reseuyd of y^e bequeste of Thomas
 platū ... ijs.
 It. reseuyd of y^e gedryng for y^e pas-
 call⁴ ... xvd. ob.
 It. reseuyd of churche y^t her did
 owe ys ... xvjs. vj*d*.
 It. payyd for y^e sawnse belle⁵ ... ijs.

in y^e Siyeame." The "Siyeame" may possibly refer to the house which had existed for many years at Badsey for the use of the sick and blooded monks of Evesham, and which was granted in 1545, under the name of the "Seyne house," to Sir Philip Hobby. The inventory and bill of Church Goods for the Royal Commission (*vide ante*).

¹ Cf. preceding note.

² This payment to the pargetters was probably for plastering the walls which had been laid bare by the removal of the altars, reredos, etc. Cf. Ludlow Accounts, 1558: "Paid . . . for pargettyng of the hether side of the churche."

³ The Second Prayer Book of Edward VI., ordered to be used from Nov. 1, 1552. Cf. Littleton Accounts: "to Byrde of Brodforton for the new booke of the Communion, vs."

⁴ Gathering for the Paschal. Cf. St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1555: "for the paskall wth the Crosse Candles" (Micklethwaite, "Ornaments of the Rubric").

⁵ Cf. Littleton Accounts: "payd to Jhon Brygge that he payd to Mr. Cokyssey for ow^r owyn sacrying Bell."

It. payyd for y ^e pēyt̃ge of y ^e rowde ¹	xvj <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for y ^e Judas tapys ...	iijs. ix <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for wyne at est ...	xij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for brede ...	iijs.
It. payyd for brede & wyne a fore ²	xviij <i>d.</i>
lafte in y ^e churche stocke ...	iijs.

[1554-55]

Thomas smyt & Jhō smyt, Wardēys.

It. payyd for bredde & wyne for y ^s	
yere ...	vs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a bawderyece ...	xij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a carte rope & whyt-	
led ...	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for yr̃ne ware & hāg̃ge	
of y ^e bells ...	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for makyge of y ^e baw-	
derykys ...	xvj <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a nod ³ carte rope for	
y ^e bells ...	xxij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for ij strykes of barley ...	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a p̃sessionall bucke ³	iijs.

¹ This may have been the old one recovered, or a new one painted only, to save time, as seems to have been the case at Littleton in 1555: "Payd John Fynch of Evisham for paynting ow^r Rode wyth the pyctures of Mary & John"; and then, in 1557, "to the carver of Dydbroke for y^e Roode Mary and Jhon, xxs."

² No doubt at the general reconciliation of England to the Papacy. Cf. Littleton Accounts in 1554: "payd for bredde iiij^{d.} and for iiij. quarts of Maunsey le quart vj^{d.} for the hole parysh a pon mydlent sonday whē thē were recōsylyd to the holy churche a gene by ow^r holy fāth^r the pope."

³ Vide 1544. The Latin Processional was revived by Royal Injunction, March 15, 1554.

It. payyd for y ^e mēd̃ge of y ^e holy	
watstocke ¹ ...	ij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for y ^e w̃t̃yng of y ^e bulle	vij <i>d.</i>
It. reseuyd of y ^e churche stocke ...	iijs.
It. reseuyd for y ^e churche ale ...	xxvs. iiij <i>d.</i> q ^d
lafte y ^e churche stocke ...	vijs. xd. ob. q ^d

[1555-56.]

Rafe Harwarde & Wylyā George [Churchwardens].

It. payyd for mak̃ge of y ^e clarks	
syriples & mak̃ge of y ^e stramar	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. for peynting of y ^e stre ^m ...	xvj <i>d.</i>
It. payyd to Thomas Wills for	
w̃t̃yng of y ^e bulle ...	vd.
It. payyd to Ro cotrell and Jhō	
grove for barley ...	ijs. ij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd to trulove for dressyng	
of y ^e bells ...	xxij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a belle rope ...	ijs.
It. payyd for mēdyng of y ^e bells ...	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for y ^e mak̃ge of a gogyn	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for mēd̃ge of y ^e churche	
box ...	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for lyme for westr̃ge ²	
of y ^e churche ...	vjd.
It. payyd for mēd̃ge of y ^e fōte ³ ...	ij <i>d.</i>
It. paid for an aprue ⁴ to y ^e vest-	
mēts ...	viij <i>d.</i>

¹ Cf. Littleton Accounts, —, "for makyng of ow^r holy watre potte of our greate bason that longued to ow^r churche, xij^{d.}"

² Westering.

³ Mending the font.

⁴ Paid for an apparel (cf. 1562). Probably connected with "my lorde cardynells [Pole's] visitacyon at Evesham the viij. day of June." Cf. Littleton Accounts of same year (*vide* note, p. 40).

It. payyd of rafe harwarde to Wyllyā platū	viiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for brede and wyne for y ^e hole yere	viijs. viii <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for a sēsar ¹	ijs. viii <i>d.</i>
It. lafte of y ^e church corne	ijs. iiiij <i>d.</i>
Lafte y ^e church box	viiij <i>d.</i>
but ye church owzt to y ^e seyyd wardēys	xij <i>d.</i>
& tō Jōhō smyt	viiij <i>d.</i>

[1556-57.]

Nycolas grove and Wyllyā crūpe,² Wardēys.

It. payyd for y ^e crosse y ^e church yarde ³	vijs.
It. payyd for ij belle ropys	ijs. xd.
It. payyd for y ^e emanuell ⁴	ijs. ij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for brede & wyne	xiiiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for brede & wyne	ijs. ix <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for frāke & sēse	jd.
It. payyd for taketts & mēdyge of a brawdryg	ij <i>d.</i>

¹ Cf. Littleton Accounts, 1554: "a new sencer for ow, church bowght at Worceter the wyche cost iijs. xd."

² Placed over the name of "Wyllyā George," which, however, is not crossed through. It was evidently becoming customary to choose a churchwarden for Aldington.

³ Cf. Littleton Accounts, 1552: "Recevyd of Roger Maunder for the staffe and hed of ou^r crosse in the church yared." The above item in the Badsey Accounts evidently refers to the restoration of the cross in the churchyard. Cf. Banwell (Somerset) Accounts, in which, in the same year (1556), payment was made for replacing the head on the cross in the churchyard.

⁴ Paid for the Manual (a book of occasional offices). Littleton: "payd to our Vicar for fyndyng iij books that ys to say a Mass Book, a Manuell, & a p^ccessioner," in return for which the Vicar was to have "all the p^fett of the pyggns that use the stepull of ow^r church."

It. payyd for wyne at est ¹	vjd.
& for sk[1]attyng	iiij <i>d.</i>
& for sc...tyng of a yrne of y ^e belle	jd.
It. payyd for a stryke of barley	iijs. iiiij <i>d.</i>
It. payyd for bordyge of y ^e masūys ¹	viiij <i>d.</i>
It. reseuyd of the church ale	xiijs. jd.
It. reseuyd of y ^e bequeste of elzabet mores	xij <i>d.</i>
y ^e church owzt to Thomas roberds ² ... ..	...

[1557-58.]³

Nicolas Grove and Wyllyam Crumpe, Church Wardens.

There remayneth unto the church xvjd.⁴

[1558-60.]⁵

Rycharde pygyn & Thomas Roberts, Wardens.

M^d that Thomas Robards Church Wā for his account fyrstē for a belle roppe price ijs. for his pte more abowte the bells for baudricks and for workmāshippe, ijs. iiiij*d.* bredde & wyne for the fyrst estar, iijs. iiij*d.* also for vj stricks of barley to sowe the church hadland price, iijs. sm^a xs. vij*d.* Rycharde

¹ Boarding the masons (cf. 1544).

² Near to this entry is written, in Arabic numerals, "A^o d^{no} 1558."

³ From the year 1531 until this point is reached the statement of the Accounts is quite clear. They now become confused: the writing is more difficult to decipher, the ink has faded considerably, and the pages are damaged and worn. Contractions become less as the entries are continued.

⁴ There are no items given for this year.

⁵ It is conjectured that Richard Pigeon and Thomas Roberts remained in office for two years.

piggyn his felowe furst he leyde forth for bredde & wine, ijs. ix*d.* for iudas tapures, xii*d.* also for [men-] dȳg of y^e chrosce, v*d.* for whitlether & makȳg off bawddricks for the bells, ijs. viii*d.* Also to John philyppes [for mend]yng of the belles, v*d.* Also 5 whopes of barley . . . Churche Acar, xxi*d.* Also the third belle clapur coste, iiijs. . . . of late. Itē S^r Thomas James Vicar here dyd geue to y^e church, xs. att his deptyng.
 . . . thes church mē dyd make att the laste church
 . . . all thyngs counted clere to the church
 adfantage, Sum^a xiijs. v*d.*

[? 1560-61.]

It. for a bulle	...	...	xvs.
It. at wytsūde	...	...	ijs. viii <i>d.</i>
It. ȳ the boxe	...	...	ixs. viii <i>d.</i>
It. for y ^e church corne	...	...	xvis.
It. for ged ^y ng	...	...	vijs. viii <i>d.</i>
Itē. Reaceved at my comminge in	...	...	iiijs. ix <i>d.</i>
Itē. the towne oweth Thomas Roberts ¹	...	...	xii <i>d.</i>

[1561-62.]²

Thys yere all things counted dothe remaȳe to the church of Badsey in money, vs. v*d.* ob. q^d.
 It there remanethe to the church³ for the husbond . . . in badsey for eu^y mānes lands, viijs. viii*d.*

¹ The rest of the page upon which these entries appear is cut away.

² These entries come on the first page of the Account Book as now bound. Most of the first line is torn away, but there is decipherable: ". . . the y . . . Lord God MVhu. . . ."

³ Above this word is written in a later hand the date 1562.

The church wardes for this yere be Thomas Rob^{tes} Nycholas Grove John bugden of Aunton.
 The church wardens hath leyde for thys yere past ought.
 fyrst Nic grove hath leyd ought
 for a baudryck iiij*d.*
 Item for mending of the surples
 & the vestmēts viii*d.*
 It. for a bell clapur for my ptē is ijs.
 It. for stonne for pauenyng of y^e
 church¹ pryce xv*d.*
 the mānes wags & hys burddȳg² xij*d.*
 Thomas Robtes beyng church mā
 hath leyd ought for hys ptē
 fyrst for stonne xij*d.*
 It. to the pauear for hys paueyng vi*d.*
 It. the kalend & the tabull pryce³ xv*d.*
 Itē. the sūm had of hȳ whē he
 was sūed to evesham for the
 bysshope of cannturbury⁴ iiij*d.*

¹ Stone for paving the church. It is a question if this refers to a general paving of the church where the altars had stood, they having been again removed. Cf. Littleton Accounts, —: "To William Marshall y^e clarke for caryinge the Altare out of the church, xv*d.*"

² The man's wages and his boarding (cf. 1544).

³ The Kalendar and the Table. Vide 1566: "for two tabulls." A Commission was issued, on January 22, 1561, to revise the Kalendar and Table of Lessons, to which this entry seems to refer. The 1566 entry probably relates to the Table of the Commandments. Cf. Littleton Accounts, —: "payd for y^e table of ten Commandments, iiij*d.*" The Commission of 1561 considered the decay of churches, and the unseemly keeping of chancels, and ordered the Commandments to be set up at the east end of the chancel, to be not only read for edification, but also to give some comely ornament and demonstration that the same is a place of religion and prayer.

⁴ The Summoner (or Apparitor) had of him (i.e. Thomas Roberts) when he was summoned to Evesham for the Bishop

It. for the mendyng of the bell
 clapur *ijd.*
 Item for y^e masons burdyng ... *iiijd.*
 It. bugden leyd ought for lyme ... *xiiijd.*
 There remayneth to the churche
 of Badsey *xixs. id.*

[1562-63.]

Newe Churchwardens for the yere before wrytten
 of Williā crumpe Edward Pyggen and Jhō broke.¹

Item Williā crumpe hath leyd owght for mēdyng of
 the churche, *ijs. iiijd.*—*ij* for nayles and *ij* for
 chreste² *ij* for latthes *xij* for lyme *ijs.* to redyng
 for mēdyng of the Belles *iiijd.* ffor nayles for
 burdyng of Redyng and hys servand, *xviijd.* Ite.
 for tȳbur for the mendyng of the belles price,
 price *vjd.*

Ite. Edward piggen for hys pte for
 burdyng of the carpynters ... *xs. viijd.*

M^d that there remaneyth to the churche of Badsey
 the yere of o^r lord god MVCL *xiiij-xiis. xd.* then
 beyng churche wardēs Williā George Ric.
 Harreton Joh Russell.

Ite. John Broke of Aundinton
 oweth to this churche wiche
 was delivered whē he was made
 churche mā³ this *vjs. iiijd.*

of Canterbury (*cf.* 1574, when the Summoner was at Hampton).
Cf. Littleton Accounts, —: "Rec. of R. Taylor, Sumner, for
 cakes that the Sumner use to give the parishioners when they
 came to Evesham"—*i.e.*, on Whit Tuesday in procession with
 banners to pay their Pentecostals.

¹ Above this entry is written in a later hand the date 1563.
 The appointment of a third churchwarden, to represent Ald-
 ington, now becomes general.

² Crest (*cf.* 1556).

³ Churchman=churchwarden.

Itē the mē of Avnton muste paye
 to the churche for th^{is} same
 yere *iiijs. iiijd.*
 w^{ch} ys n^t yet payed.

Itē thes church wardēs above
 writtē hath leyd owght fyrst
 Williā George hathe layed
 owght for mēdyng of a clapp^r *ijs.*

Itē the *iiij* churche wardēs payed
 for y^e homely bocke¹ & a lyttell
 bocke of prayer² *iiijs. vjd.*

Itē thes churche wardēs hath payed
 for a newe bell clapp^r *iiijs.*

Ric harrinton & John Russell dyd
 paye . . . ropes *iijs. xd.*

[1563-64.]

Md that thes churche [wardens]
 that were i y^e yere of owre lorde
 god MVCLXiiij w^{ch} were Williā
 George Ric^d harrington & John
 russell have leftē to the pfet of
 the churche all things cōwted *xls. vjd.*³

[1564-65.]

Ite. the church wardens in the yere of o^r lord god
 MVCLXiiij be Thomas Smithe Williā crumpe
 Edward darke.

¹ The new edition of Homilies was ordered in 1562. *Cf.*
 Ludlow Accounts, 1562: "paid the paretor for a booke of
 Omelyes to be rede in the Rogasion weke."

² Not the Prayer Book proper, but probably either the Form
 of Prayer to be used at the end of the Litany against the
 Plague, 1563, or the Form of Thanksgiving for the abatement
 of the Plague, 1563.

³ There are no further entries for this year.

It. thes church mē have leyd owght
for a sawnse bell¹ rope ... vjd.
in yere of o^r lord god a MV hundred LXV be made
the same churche wardens as were the yere
before wiche be these Thomas smythe Williā
crōpe and Edward darke of Avdynton.²

It. payd ffor a bull ... xxixd.
It. payd to the soñnere³ ... ijd.
It. payd ffor a ffantt cloth⁴ ... ijs. jd.
It. payyd ffor cryyng of y^e bull ... jd.
There Remayneth to the proffett
of the cherch ... viijs. xd.
Reseuyd off Wyllm crompe ... viijs.
It. Ryc Haryngton outh unto the
church of badsey ... xixs. vd.

[1565-67.]⁵

These be the church warden^s for the yere of ou^r lord
MDLXVj Wyllm Wattson thom^s wells thom^s
Robert^s.

¹ *Vide ante*. It is probable that this bell was not now used for its original purpose, but, as appears to have been the case elsewhere, to call people to the "second service."

² Between this entry and the one following there are several entries which have been crossed through, and which detail the various sums of money for which the churchwardens are accountable to the parish out of the balance of the last year's account.

³ Summoner (*cf.* note 4, p. 45).

⁴ Font cloth. Visitation at Willesden, 1297: "Pannus de sindone [ad] cooperiendum baptisterium." Used with a wooden cover. Morton (Yorks), 1519 Visitation returns: "Fons baptismalis est defectivus in lez stapill et caret sera et clavi ac coopertorio de panno." Apparently laid over the font, and the cover locked down upon it. But in 1566 the churchwardens of Branstons sold a "painted cloth that coverered the funte," which looks like an outer veil laid over the cover. *Cf.* Accounts of St. Laurence, Reading, under date 1503: "It. a cloth staynd w^t the byrth of o^r Lorde for the fonte and a noth^r cloth for the same of lynn^y w^t panys white and blew."

⁵ Near here is written, in a later hand, the date 1565.

[1566-67.]

Wylliam George, Wylliam Crump, Richard Yardley,
Churchewardens. Lafte in the Church Box, nihil.

[Under this date and the three following there are no items of interest, and practically only the names of the Churchwardens are given, with the amount of the sum they left in the Church Box when they gave up office. But in another part of the MS., under the date 1566, and apparently in another hand than was usual in these Accounts at this period, are the following entries]:

It. layd out for two bell ropes ... ijs. xd.
It. payd by thoms Robarts thom^s
wells ffor glasyng¹ ... viijs. viijd.
It. payd ffor iij baryks² ... ijd.
It. payd att my lord bysshops
vysytasyon ... iiijd.
It. payd ffor a quyre off paper³ ... iiijd.
It. payd ffor ij tabulls⁴ ...
[It. payd] att the vysytasyon at
lyttulton ... iiijd.
It. layd out at the visitation at
Evesham ... xijd.
It. laid out to the sclatter for
mendinge the tower ... xvjd.
It. layd out to the masons ... ijs. viijd.
It. payd to John clouse ... xvjd.
It. layd out for lath and nails ... vijd.

¹ *Cf.* 1550. A Proclamation was issued in 1560 to forbear the defacing of windows.

² Baldricks (*cf.* note, p. 13).

³ A quire of paper, no doubt for the accounts. *Cf.* Littleton Accounts, 1608: "Paper which we put into the book of accountes for our Parrish."

⁴ *Vide* note 3, p. 45.

Ite. for a crest for the porch ... *ijd.*
 Ite. layd out at the visitation at
 littleton ... *iiijd.*
 Ite. layd out for a strike of bris-
 towe lyme ... *xijd.*
 Ite. layd out to Thomas Darke
 for the c[h]arges of the pishe... *xiijd.*
 Ite. layd out for this Rent ... *ijs. ijd.*

[1568-69.]

Richard Pygeon, William Whyte, and John Bug-
 den, Churchwardens.

Left in the Church Box ... *jd.*

[1569-70.]

Nicholas Grove, Thomas Pers and Evans Martyn,
 Churchwardens.

Left in the Church Box ... *vijd.*

[1570-71.]

Thomas smyth Wyllyam crompe & Jhon Russell,
 Churche wardens.

Item payd to thomas watson for
 mēdyg of the belfrye & the
 churche ... *xvijd.*
 Item payd to elizabet platon for
 bruinge the alle ... *xviijd.*
 Item payd for the communion
 boucke¹ to the boucke biñder
 in evesam ... *vs.*
 Item payd to the sumner at
 Hamptō ... *iiijd.*

¹ Canon 67 refers to the Book of Common Prayer as "the
 Communion Book."

to elizabet platōn for mending
 the sarples at easter ... *ijd.*
 Item that the seyde Wyllyam Cromp recevd the sum
 of 40 shillings.
 Thomas smyth Recevid 24 shillings & vi pence
 & he hath payd as appereth by his a cownt
 xxi shillings *id.*
 Item that John Russell of Aunton Receved the sūme
 of 27 shillings 3d.
 payd at hamptō ... *iiijd.*
 payd for hoppes ... *ixd.*
 buter ... *vjd.*
 payd to whittford ... *viijs.*

APPENDIX

I. EXTRACTS FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS FROM 1571 TO 1600

1571-72.—William White, Thomas Wells, & Edward Darcke, Churchwardens.

Item receayved at the churche aell
at Whitsontyd *xd.*
and when the chalys was changed
for a cup¹ Receved of ouer
plusse *xs. vjd.*

1572-73.—Wylliam White, Thomas Wells, & Wylliam W[atson],² Churchwardens.³

¹ There are a large number of cups of this year, made apparently from materials of the old chalices. They are all of much the same pattern and ornament. The late Archdeacon Lee found eighty-three of them in the Archdeaconry of Worcester, and attributed them to a lost Royal Order, perhaps meant as a kind of answer to the Papal Bull of Excommunication in 1570. Someone may have had a patent for their manufacture, which would account for the identity in their design. The existing cup has a "fringed" stem (possibly a portion of the old chalice) and dotted line band round bowl; there is also as usual a cover for paten; no hall-mark. The old pewter flagon and plates are said to have much silver in them.

² This page of the book is loose and much damaged. In 1574-75 there is an item: "Charges layd out since Willm Watson yelded up his accomptes."

³ The last-named to represent Aldington. This order remains throughout the Appendix.

1573-74.—Yardley, Thomas Roberts, & Richard Pyggon, Churchwardens.

1574-75.—Thomas Roberts, Richard Pygion, & John Branden, Churchwardens.

Inprimis pd for o^r dyners when we
were sumoned to the court at
Hampton *xvjd.*
Itm. pd at another tyme for our
dyners *vijjd.*
Itm. pd at the visitacon at par-
shore & for making the bill ... *vijjd.*
Itm. pd for exhibiting of o^r bill there *xd.*

1575-81.¹

1581-82.²—William George & Robarte Smith made theire accomptes the xvjth day of Apriell 1581 . . . in whose steed are chosen Thomas Smithe & William Crumpe, Jhon Yeardeley for [Aldington] & Jhon Bugden.²

1583-84.—William White, Thomas Weelles & Evens Martin, Churchwardens.

Item payd for a booke *xiijs. iiijd.*

1584-85.—William White, Thomas Wells, & John Russell, Churchwardens.

1585-86.—Richard Pigeon, Thomas Robarts, & Thomas Darke, Churchwardens. Thomas Wells is chosen the collector for the poor mans boxe.

Also we the churchwardens re-
ceeeded for our Whitsan alle all
things beinge discharged the
some of *vli. xs.*

¹ There are no accounts for this period.

² No reason is given for the appointment of four churchwardens this year.

1586-87.—Richard Pigeon, Thomas Robarts, & John Watson.

Item the third day of November
layd out at Worcester for my
charges at my own appearance vs. *vjd.*
Item payd to the Paritor of Oxone vs. *ijjd.*
Item payd the viijth day of De-
cemb^r for churche worke ... *xxijs. ijd.*
Item layd out at Worcester for
musculs comon places¹... ... *iijs. vd.*
Item layd out at the chancelors
court *xxd.*
Be it known that Margaret Badsey
gave to the Church of Badsey
at hir Death *xijd.*

1587-88.—Edward Pigeon, Thomas Pearse, & John Branden, Churchwardens.

1588-89.—Edward Pigeon, Thomas Pearse, & John Yardley, Churchwardens.

Paid for mendinge of the com-
munion table² *vjd.*
Item for a balrigge of the bells ... *xvjd.*
Item for two balrigge *ijs. viijd.*
Item for wine and bred *ijs. viijd.*
The daye and yeare above wrytten.³
were chosen collectors for badseye
William George &
Thomas Harrode.

¹ "Muscul's Common Places." Wolfgang Musculus, born 1479, a Benedictine monk, who embraced the Lutheran doctrine.

² Altars were ordered to be taken away by an Order in Council, November 24, 1550, and a table to be set up in some convenient part of the chancel. Canon 82 orders a decent carpet, etc. In 1582, Littleton "paid for a frame for the Communion Table, ijs. ijd."

³ April 20, 1588.

1589-90.—John Grove, Thomas Harward, & John Bugden, Churchwardens. Thomas Weals & John Crumpe are chosen Oversayers for this yeere.

1590-91.—John Grove, Thomas Harward, & Robert Marten, Churchwardens.

1591-92.—William George, Robert Smyth, & John Russell, Churchwardens. Edward Pygeon & John White, Supervisors.

1592-93.—William George & Robert Smythe, Churchwardens.

1593-94.—John Crumpe, Richard Smyth, & John Branden, Churchwardens.

1594-95.—John Crompe, Richard Smith, and Mr. Philip Bygge, Churchwardens.

1595-96.—Richard Hobby¹ Esquyre, Thomas Whelles, & John Yeardlye, Churchwardens.

1596-97.—Richard Hobby, Thomas Whelles, & William Bugden, Churchwardens.

Memorandum this yere 1596 John
Russell of Aldington gave in his
will to the Churche in money ... *iijd.*

1597-98.—Richard Pigeon, Richard Roberts, & Robert Marten, Churchwardens.

1598-99.—Churchwardens chosen and elected for Badsey the yeare of O^r Lord God 1598 ap^rlis 30^o

¹ In 1595 Richard Hoby was residing at the Seyne House, Badsey (*vide* note, p. 39). He died February 11, 1616-17, and his monument, and that of his wife Margaret, is still to be seen against the north wall of the chancel of Badsey Church. The figure of Margaret Hoby is much damaged.

Thomas Pigeon filius Edwardi Pigeon et Thomas Smith Junior. Et p Aldyngton eodem die Georgius Welles.¹

1599-1600.—John Grove, John Roper, and Thomas Darcke, Churchwardens.

II. INVENTORY OF THE BADSEY CHURCH GOODS IN 1604

The bible, y^e comūnyon book.
Erasmus Paraphrases.
The Ecclesiasticall Canons.
Musculus comon Places.
The two bookes of homilies.
Jewels worke.
The Carpet clothe.
The surples.
The Lynyn Cloth for y^e table.
The comunion Cuppe.

¹ This entry is in the same handwriting as appears in the Registers from 1538 to 1600.

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