

## Beckford with Ashton-under-hill Parish Magazine

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Much sympathy was felt with Captain H. A. Case and his family when tidings came of the death of his daughter, whose life in the parish won the goodwill and appreciation of those who knew her.

### Beckford Church.

It is arranged that a brass be placed in Beckford Church bearing the inscription: "The bells were re-hung A.D. 1910 in memory of John Crump, for many years People's Warden. He died Aug. 27th, 1909."

The Treasurer of the Memorial Fund reports that the subscriptions amount to £120; that the bells were re-hung at a cost of £150, and there is a deficit, therefore, of £30.

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Everything was done that could be done in the way of careful management to make the Bazaar and Fete successful. An excellent spirit was shown by the projectors, and the result of their endeavours will be reported in our September number.

### Testimonial to Mrs. Clarke.

A cheque for £25 has been handed to Mrs. Clarke by the Vicar, and Miss Parkinson has kindly undertaken to inscribe on parchment the following words together with the names of the contributors - 136 in number. "Presented to Mrs. Clarke, together with a cheque for £25, in recognition of 45 years' faithful service as Head Mistress of Beckford Church of England School, July 9th, 1910."

It was proposed to present the Testimonial at a Meeting of the School Managers, but Mrs. Clarke's absence from Beckford rendered this impossible.

### C.E.M.S

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Beckford Branch of the Church of England Men's Society was held in the Schoolroom on July 12th, The Secretary reported that during the past year one member had been transferred to this branch, one had left the neighbourhood, one lapsed, and one died, leaving 23 members; and that 3 Committee and 10 General Meetings had been held, followed in most cases by an address, debate, or social. The Treasurer presented the balance sheet which showed a balance in hand of £1.18s.11d in the General Account and 11s.1d in the Churchyard Account. A vote of thanks was passed to the Secretary, Treasurer, Committee and Churchyard Sub-Committee. Messrs. W. J. Smith and W. Carr were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Committee was elected by ballot as follows :- Messrs. E. E. Bennett, W. Bowsher, J. Whiteley, J. J. Smith, P. J. Smith, H. W. Baker, R. C. Smith and F. J. Eager. Mr. W. Carr was afterwards elected as Visiting Delegate to represent this branch at the Annual Conference which will be held at Bristol in October. It was decided that monthly meetings should be continued and that debates, a Bible Class for members, and a Bible Class for youths should be started later in the year; also that an Admission Service should be held in the autumn.

Thanks to the very liberal response made by the residents of the Village, to an appeal for help, we were enabled to take a merry company of 24 to Weston-Super-Mare. With several visitors we boarded the train at Ashton about 7 a.m., regretting to leave some behind who were debarred, by their duties, the pleasure of the outing. We picked up several friends at Beckford, including the Vicar. The day was all one could wish, and the journey to Weston was a quick and pleasant one, enlivened by the vocal powers of Company.

On arrival at Weston, some devoted their energies to exploiting the town, several enjoyed a steamer trip to Cardiff, while the lads thoroughly entered into the pleasures of paddling on the sands, donkey-rides, side-shows, etc. The dinner and tea, of ample and excellent character, supplied by host Huntley, were fully appreciated by all. The return journey began at 8-30 p.m., and on reaching home at 11-30 the party had still enough exuberance of spirit to express themselves gratefully to all who had helped in giving them the outing.

Both Choir and Bell ringers desire to express their thankfulness for such an enjoyable day. Though the trip was a costly one, we are thankful to have a credit balance of £1.1s.10d.

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With regret we must refer to the departure of Mrs. Milward and family from the village. Their labour of love for the Church has been apparent to all. The Sunday School, Mother's Union, Girls' Friendly Society, and Lads' Temperance Guild, have all benefited by their untiring services. And many little kindnesses done in the village will be remembered. The regret also extends to the removal of another esteemed parishioner, Mrs. Hart.

We thank God for the use made by Him of these esteemed friends in His Church and among us; and pray that His blessing may go with them in their new spheres and make them a help and blessing to others. We also hope that others may be forthcoming to fill their places, and appeal to those in the village, to back up every effort to sustain the different parochial works, and to further the interests of the Church.

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We are pleased to learn of the continued progress of the Clergyman's warden, and hope that he will soon have rigour enough for his home duties.

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We ask all to remember in their prayers those that are sick and infirm. May God be especially with them in their bodily weakness, to strengthen and comfort them!

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Hay-making is pretty well over, and we are grateful, as a people, for results. The fruit on some orchards has changed hands. Harvesting, by now, will have developed, and we hope that there will be every reason for all to join in the "Harvest Thanksgiving."