Here Regis
AND
Winterborne Kingston
Parish Magazine
FEBRUARY, 1891.
CHURCH SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.—Sundays, 12 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Communion—
Feb. 1st, at Morning Service; Feb. 15th, at 8.30 a.m. Children’s
Service, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m.

LENT.

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11th, there will be Service at 11 a.m. and
at 7.30 p.m.
There will be Service on Thursday evenings during Lent at 7.30.
The following have kindly promised to preach at these Services:—
Feb. 19—The Rev. G. F. Hooper, warden of the St. Andrew’s
Mission, Salisbury.
March 5—The Rev. D. Colquhoun Smart, vicar of Milborne.
March 12—The Rev. Christopher Wordsworth, rector of Tyneham.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

On Tuesday, the 23rd of December, Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell gave a
tea to the children attending the School at Kingston. Mrs. Pleydell
had intended to give the Kingston children a treat in the summer, and
had kindly invited them to Whatcombe, but owing to the presence of
scarlatina in the village at that time the treat had to be given up. It
was to make up for this disappointment that the tea and magic
lantern were given at Christmas time, and if all disappointments were
so amply atoned for, we should come to look forward to being dis-
appointed. Mrs. Pleydell came over herself to Kingston, and was
thus able to see how thoroughly the children enjoyed themselves.
Our special reporter observed that the lungs of the Kingston children
did not seem to have suffered from the cold or from any other case.

On New Year’s Eve the Bere and Kingston ringers met at the
Vicarage in accordance with immemorial custom for their annual
dinner, and at midnight the bells rang out the old year and rang in the
new in both villages.

On Thursday, Jan. 15th, Mrs. Radclyffe entertained the Heath
School children at Hyde. The meet was at 2 o’clock, and out-of-door
games on the ice were carried on with great spirit until tea-time.
After tea a heavily loaded Christmas tree provided not a present, but
two or three presents for each child, and about 7 o’clock they found
their way home tired and happy.

On Friday, the 23rd of January, Mrs. Farrer had an afternoon party
at the Vicarage, consisting of members of the Choir, teachers in the
Sunday School, and other friends, numbering in all about 30.

A Dance under the auspices of the members of the Reading Room
sums up our list of Christmas Parish doings. This took place on
Wednesday, the 7th of January. In spite of the cold the invitations
were very well responded to, and the party was considered a great
success.

ST. MATTHEW, vi., 1—5.

We acknowledged in our last number some gifts of coal, blankets,
&c. We hold strongly that the text at the head of this paragraph
should be our rule in matters of giving. It is right, however, that
deeds of kindness should be mentioned in a Magazine like ours, which
is intended for the information of our family circle. To proclaim
them in the County papers, smacks of advertisement. To record them
among ourselves is only fitting. Besides those gifts mentioned last
month, Mr. Farrer received £5 from a friend to be spent in coal, &c.,
in the hard weather. Mrs. Radclyffe and Mrs. Lys also added to the
brightness and comfort of many homes in Bere by their generous gifts of coal, as did also Mr. Mansel-Pleydell in Kingston. Mr. Guest's widespread gifts at Christmas were also particularly welcome in the frost and snow, and consequent scarcity of work.

THE CENSUS.

The Census will take place in April, and the Registrar General asks us to make as widely known as possible the great importance of accuracy in filling up the returns. The facts, he reminds us, will be published in General Abstracts only, and strict care will be taken that the Returns are not used for the gratification of curiosity, or for other purposes than those of the Census.

WILD FLOWERS.

Many people laughed at the Bishop's suggestion that the collection of wild flowers and the teaching of elementary Botany might be carried on in connection with Sunday School Classes, but the laugh now is on the Bishop's side. For two years this suggestion has been acted on, and the idea seems to be gaining in popularity. The first year 82 children from 10 parishes collected and tabulated flowers. Last year 15 parishes were represented by as many as 159 boys and girls. Only two boys of Miss Lys' class entered in the competition this time, but we are glad to say Willie Davis has gained one of the prizes offered by the Bishop. His species, or kinds, numbered 370: The highest number was 506. As Mr. Hussey says in his report, "but for prolonged infectious illness, in Bere Regis, the number of specimens brought in there would have been much larger." Fifth out of 159 is a good place. Perhaps a larger number will be encouraged to join the flower class this year.

KINGSTON READING ROOM.

We print below the accounts of the Reading Room for the year 1890. It is satisfactory to notice that the income from members' payments is very nearly the same as it was in 1889.

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**£10 0 11**

Balance in hand: **£11 17 3**

THE BISHOP'S PRIZES.

As of late years the Diocesan Prizes have not often found their way to Kingston, we are the more pleased to be able to report that Bertie Berry has this year earned one of the Bishop's prizes for Religious Knowledge. He obtained 244 marks, the highest number gained being 271.

COLD AND RAIN.

The winter of 1890-91 has established its reputation as having brought with it the longest period of continued frost in the last 50 years. The
frost began with us on the 24th of November, on which night there were 7 degrees of frost. The next five nights were marked by 7, 12, 17, 21, 14 degrees respectively. We then had a few days of milder weather, but it was not too warm, and the night of the 13th December and the following nights the recorded frost was 15, 20, 12, 10, 6. Then on the 19th came heavy snow, which laid to a depth of some inches. Traffic on the roads was in many parts of England almost entirely stopped by the snow, and with us the roads were in a most dangerous state for some four weeks. The snow partially melted, and then froze into a solid sheet of ice, which covered the whole surface. Falls were of course innumerable, but we are thankful to say, we heard of no bad accidents among ourselves. On the night of the 23rd there were again 19 degrees of frost, and on the 29th and 30th, 13 and 17. The frosts mentioned above were not the only ones; the thermometer at Greenwich went below freezing point every night but 7 for a period of 56 or 57 days. The longest previously recorded frosts in the last 50 years have been as follows. The figures are those of the Greenwich Observatory, Began. Lasted. Days 10 degrees or more below freezing point.

1853—Dec. 11 ... 27 days ... 5
1855—Nov. 13 ... 40 " ... 8
1870—Dec. 21 ... 44 " ... 10
1874—Dec. 9 ... 24 " ... 6
1878—Nov. 26 ... 30 " ... 12
1879—Nov. 20 ... 38 " ... 15
1890—Nov. 24 ... 56 " ... 35 or more.

This table shows that the late cold period has been both longer and more intense than any of its predecessors. The coldest nights in January were those of the 6th, 17 degrees; 10th, 18 degrees; 11th, 17 degrees; 17th, 18 degrees; and, coldest of all, the last of the frost, the 18th, 21 degrees. Then came the thaw. The frost broke up, and the roads broke up, and at present they are in such a state that it seems likely it will take "All the King's horses and all the King's men" many weeks to restore them to their usual condition. The chalk resents its long imprisonment by boiling up through gravel and flints and produces in many places regular Sloughs of Despond, ruts and furrows appearing in our best high roads such as you only expect to see in a wood after timber hauling.

The rainfall for the year was below the average. Rain fell at Bloxworth Rectory on 137 days.

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BERE REGIS.

Baptisms.—Jan. 7, Ethel, daughter of Charles and Mary Day (privately); Jan. 25, Ralph Arthur, son of Charles James and Blanche Radclyffe.

Burials.—Jan. 6, William Langdown, aged 68 years; Jan. 12, Ethel Day, aged 16 days.

KINGSTON.

Burials.—Dec. 19, Ellen Wellstead, aged 87 years; Jan. 2, Elizabeth Ballam (of Morden), aged 86 years.