Church Services.

Bere Regis.—Sundays and Christmas Day, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, December 2nd, at Morning Service.
16th, at 8-30.
Christmas Day at 8-30, and at Morning Service.
Children’s Service, December 30th, at 3 p.m.

CHURCH MUSIC AND WARMING FUND.

The collections on November 18th, amounted to £3 6s. 3d., 5s. 3d.
at 8-30, £2 8s. 6d. in the Morning, and 12s. 6d. at the Evening
Service. At Easter the Collections amounted to £4 16s. 3d., so that
about £3 is still wanted.

S. P. G.

Collections will be made on December 9th, the Second Sunday in
Advent for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign
Parts.

DIOCESAN EXAMINATIONS.

The Annual Examinations in Religious Knowledge will take place
on the 4th and 5th of December. The Rev. J. L. Bowley, Vicar of
Tolpuddle, has been appointed Diocesan Inspector.

CHURCH DEFENCE.

A Meeting of the Committee and any friends who are interested in
the matter will be held at the Hall on Friday, the 7th of December, at
7-30 p.m. It is hoped that the Committee will encourage all whom they
can influence to come.

PARISH COUNCILS.

Now that ‘the appointed day’ draws near all the world is talking
about Parish Councils, and with a view to clear the way a little for the
Parish Meeting on the 4th of December, for the Election of Parish
Councillors, a Meeting was called by the Overseers, Mr. Janes and
Mr. Daniel Cobb, and it took place at the Hall on Thursday the 15th
of November. Mr. Farrer was asked to take the Chair and to open
the discussion. He pointed out how much time and trouble had been
spent in past years by some few members of the Parish who had
faithfully attended Vestries and Meetings of the Burial Board, and
carried on the business of the Parish smoothly and efficiently. The
main object, however, was to explain the procedure at the First
Meeting. The Hall was well filled, and the interest shewn was very
keen. A good many questions were asked as to matters of detail, some
of which were answered, but some still remain questions.

A second Meeting was held also at the Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th,
when Mr. Brennand gave a lecture in which he traced Local Govern-
ment to its cradle, and showed how it had gradually developed up to
the 4th of December, 1894. The meeting was again very well attended,
and the lecture was listened to with great attention. Unfortunately
Mr. Brennand had to leave at the close of his lecture in order to catch
a train, and there was no time to get answers from him to the many
questions which are seething in our minds. We hope all voters will
attend the Parish Meeting, and vote by show of hands, and agree
beforehand to abide by the result, so as to save the Parish the trouble
and waste of money, as well as strife, which a Poll entails.
A Meeting was held at Kingston on Tuesday the 13th, to discuss the same subject, when Mr. Berry gave a very lucid explanation of the most important points. This Meeting also was very numerously attended.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

Mr. Mansel Pleydell kindly subscribed £1 to the Flower Show Funds, which was not included in the list printed last month. The balance in hand is therefore so much the larger.

THE WEATHER.

The Rainfall for November up to the 22nd is 7.10, and since the 28th of November 9.15. This downpour has caused very high floods in many parts of the South of England. At the same time the weather has been very warm. As many as 55 distinct kinds of flowers were in bloom in the Vicarage garden on the 18th, and Mr. Robert House picked a dish of green peas on the 16th of November.

THE JUMBLE SALE.

The success of the Sale surpassed all expectations. It took place on the 30th of October, one of the wettest days of a very wet week, but in spite of the rain the Hall was filled with eager buyers from 2.30 to 8 p.m. There were twelve separate stalls which were presided over by the Committee, assisted by the Misses Cunliffe and Miss Ella Nash. All worked with a will, both beforehand in collecting, and on the day of the Sale in arranging the things, and in selling them. It was most gratifying to see the pleasure with which all seemed to work together, united by their love for and pride in our Parish Church. ‘Thanks’ for such willing service would be out of place. Mr. Jenkins and James Janes kindly took the money at the doors.

The Accounts of the Sale are as under:

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THE CHURCH FLOOR.

The Floor is finished. The oak blocks have been beautifully laid, and all who have helped in the work, in whatever way, may feel satisfied that it has been thoroughly well carried out. The oak seats on the North side of the Nave have also been made good. Mr. Green’s full account has not yet been received. The income at present is as follows:
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The Parish ought to feel deeply grateful to Mr. Hibbs and Mr. Tozer for the vast amount of time and trouble which they have expended in taking care that the work was done carefully and well. The surplus as has already been stated will be spent on new Chairs, and other Church requisites.

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**CONCERT.**

On Friday the 16th November, a Concert was given in the Hall, which is said by one who has taken part in many Concerts in Bere to have been the best of the many. A Choral Society has been formed this autumn under the leadership of Mrs. Johnson, and the glee were sung by the large chorus most successfully. The room was well filled and the audience was most appreciative. All the performers, and especially Mrs. Johnson as conductor, deserve hearty congratulations upon the success of the Concert. Mrs. Johnson, Miss Ridley, Miss Moberly, the Rev. O. P. Cambridge, the Rev. F. T. Harrison, and Mr. Ffooks formed the Orchestra, and the first piece in the second part met with a most determined demand for its repetition. Mrs. Barnes's songs, especially "Daddie," Mr. Hibberd's "Molly and I and the Baby," and Miss Moberly's violin solos were perhaps the favourites of the evening, but when we say this we must not be thought to depreciate the other songs and performances, almost all of which were greeted with loud and long encores. The money taken at the doors amounted to £5 0s. 3d., and the expenses, including Hall, 7s. 6d., Music for Choral Society, &c., amounted to £2 2s., leaving a balance of £2 18s. 3d. [See Church Floor Account.]

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**THE MOTHERS’ MEETING.**

The bad weather caused the attendance at first to be somewhat like itself, but on the 19th there was a very fair number present, and we have no doubt that the weekly gathering will be a popular one when it has had time to get into working order.

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**THE MAGAZINE.**

The Accounts will be printed in the January number. Mr. Farrer hopes that those who have hitherto so kindly given him their support by taking in the Magazine will continue to do so, and will pay as usual in advance in January. The Parish Monthly seems to increase in popularity slowly, but surely.