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Church Services.

Bere Regis—Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, July 4th, at Morning Service.
Children’s Service, ... 18th, at 8 a.m.
... 25th, at 2-30 p.m.

CHORAL FESTIVAL SERVICES.

A Choral Festival Service will be held in our Church on Thursday the 15th of July, at 7 p.m. The programme is—
Rehearsal at 4,
Tea ... 5-30,
Service ... 7.

Tea for the united Choirs will be either in the Vicarage Garden or at the Hall, according to the weather.

The Cathedral at Salisbury was densely crowded on the occasion of the grand Commemoration Service on the 3rd June. A Choir party, 22 in number, went from Bere Regis, and the Cloisters, the Bishop’s garden, the singing of ‘God Save the Queen,’ the treble solo, and the sunlit Cathedral are possessions for those who had eyes and ears and hearts, nor will the Sermon of the aged Bishop of Minnesota soon be forgotten.

THE 20TH OF JUNE.

The 60th Anniversary of the Queen’s Accession falling on a Sunday, was ordered to be observed as a day of National Thanksgiving for the blessings which, as a Nation, we have enjoyed in having our noble Queen so ‘long to reign over us.’ Both at Bere and Kingston there were good congregations, and the special Hymn and National Anthem were sung as from the hearts of all. By the desire of the Bishop Collections were made at both churches for the Capital Fund of the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustenation Fund. This was the subject of Sermons on the previous Sunday, the Queen and 60 years of Progress, being the only possible theme on the 20th June, 1897.

The Collections were as follows:—

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THE SCHOOLS.

The question of School Association Areas under the new Act has been vexing the souls of Dorset School Managers. It was decided by the Synod by a majority of 101 (124 to 23) that the Diocese should be adopted as our ‘area’: it being understood that Dorset should have its own separate organization and arrange details for itself. It was also made clear that the meetings of the Governing Body would be held sometimes at Salisbury and sometimes at Dorchester. The Bishop and the Diocesan School Officers had spent many hours on the task of drawing up a working scheme for this purpose, and the gratitude of all
concerned seemed due to them. Some of the Dorset landowners and others, however, afterwards thought they had not been sufficiently consulted in this matter; and a meeting of Managers, called by Lord Portman, met at Dorchester; and it was resolved to sever Dorset from the Diocese and set up an entirely separate association for the County. This was carried by 98 to 69, a majority of 29. It may be hoped that the interest which has been aroused in the matter of these Associations will open the eyes of some of those who hitherto have not shown much care for the progress of National Education and the welfare and unity of the Church at large, and to the vast amount of work which has been done, for a long period of years, at great sacrifice of time and money, by the Board of Education and other Diocesan Societies, by which Dorset has always benefitted at least equally with Wiltshire. We hope that the eyes once opened will remain awake.

Meanwhile we await the decision of the majority for Diocese or County with interest. It must be settled by the 9th of July. We trust the defeated party, whichever it may be, will fall into line, and work in a large hearted spirit for the benefit of our National Schools. Unity can only be maintained through sacrifice.

We give below H. M. Inspector’s Reports.

The Grants are as follows:

**GOVERNMENT GRANTS.**

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**Totals.**

£ 8. d.

Boys ... 42 18 0
Girls ... 30 12 0
Infants 32 3 6

Heath School ... £30 9s.

£ 105 13 6

**Boys’ School.**—“The tone of the Boys’ School is good, but as regards the discipline there is inattention and whispering to be observed in the lower division. The discipline might be improved by a good course of systematic school drill. Reading is wanting in distinctness and expression, but Recitation is better in this respect. Spelling is taught with indifferent success in the Second Standard. Writing and Arithmetic appear to make satisfactory progress, but the daily work in the latter subject should be done in exercise books, and be preserved for inspection. There should be evidence of the preparation of notes of lessons for Object Lessons, and suitable objects should be obtained for illustration. Singing is pretty good.”
Girls’ School.—"The Elementary Subjects are on the whole making good progress. Neatness in the written work generally and careful correction of handwriting and copy books are still points which may be aimed at. The girls sing fairly well in unison, and the notes are well advanced. The discipline of the Girls’ School is in a pleasing condition. Geography and Object Lessons are each fairly taught. For the latter more objects for illustration are needed. Needlework is making good progress."

Infants’ Class.—"The Infants’ Class is very orderly and has been well and carefully taught. Short notes of lessons on Objects should be regularly prepared by the Teacher, and be preserved in the Teacher’s Note-book."

Bere Heath School.—"Arithmetic is very neat and careful. Exercise books should, however, be used. Handwriting is now, as a rule, well formed, and seems to have had special care during the year. Copy books with head lines are desirable in addition to the black board instruction, which is nicely given. Reading is going on well on the whole. Geography has been well taught, and the children remember their instruction in Object Lessons. For the latter it would be well to collect a small School Museum of objects for illustration. The general discipline is good. The Infants are well advanced excepting in simple arithmetic."

KINGSTON JUBILEE.

The village of Kingston held its Jubilee festival on Friday. The early date was fixed to fall in with the arrangements of Mr. Mansel-Pleydell, who was anxious to take part in the celebrations in several villages on his estate. Queen’s weather prevailed, in spite of the forestalling of the date. Mr. Mansel-Pleydell provided a large tent, a band, tables and seats, fireworks, and tea for the children, as well as contributing to the general funds. This very generous start was responded to in a like spirit by all in the parish, and the result was a most successful Jubilee day. An influential committee arranged the details of the programme, and the way in which everything was carried out was a credit to all concerned. The village was gay with flags and loyal mottoes, and at twelve o’clock a procession was formed at the school and paraded the village, headed by the Milborne band. The children carried flags and were decorated with medals, both flags and medals being the kind thought of Mrs. Rogers. The celebrated Kingston Christy Minstrels were also prominent in their gay dresses. At one o’clock a large congregation of loyal subjects attended the Thanksgiving Service at the parish church, in which there was not a vacant seat. At the conclusion of the sermon the preacher’s invitation to “sing with heart and voice” “God Save the Queen” was heartily responded to, and afterwards all found their way to a most convenient field, which Mr. Stacey had placed at the disposal of the committee. About two o’clock 300 parishioners sat down to a good English dinner, provided by Mr. Champion, of Blandford. After dinner Mr. Mansel-Pleydell proposed the toast of the day and of the year—“The Queen.” After musical honours and hearty cheers Mr. Farrer proposed “Mr.
Mansel-Pleydell’s health,” which was also received with due musical honours. The afternoon was fully occupied by tea for the children, and a very attractive sports list, arranged and carried out with commendable energy by Mr. Bellairs and Mr. Brierley. Mr. Rogers proved himself a most efficient judge. The starters were the Rev. C. H. Bellairs and Mr. J. Brierley, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Stacey.

Mr. Mansel-Pleydell’s swing boats were also kept going all the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Berry carried out all the arrangements for the tea to the satisfaction of everyone. Towards evening the nigger minstrels gave a performance which beguiled an hour very pleasantly, and dancing was kept up with great vigour till ten o’clock. There was a glorious moon, which seemed to smile benignly on the fireworks, which were ably managed by Mr. Pope, and came as a very pleasing conclusion to the long day’s amusement. Altogether it was a day to be remembered with satisfaction, and the Kingston people may be quite sure that few villages will outshine them in the loyalty and harmony which marked their celebration of Queen Victoria’s Great Jubilee.

KINGSTON JUBILEE.

The Committee consisted of the following — Mr. Bartlett, Rev. C. Bellairs, Mr. Berry (Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. Joseph Henville, Mr. Kent, Mr. Keynes (Chairman), Mr. Rogers, Mr. W. Sheppard, and Mr. Stacey.

[The Accounts and Subscribers list must be kept over till next month.]

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The Flower Show will be held on Friday the 20th of August, instead of on the 26th, as announced last month.

THE BONFIRES.

We had talked of having our Bonfire on Woodbury-Hill, and Mrs. Erle Drax had kindly granted her permission, but Mr. Mansel-Pleydell offered to provide a Bonfire for us on Black Hill, being one of five points on his estate on which he was intending to make similar demonstrations of loyalty. Our Committee, with many thanks, accepted Mr. Pleydell’s kind offer, and, under the superintendence of Mr. Gregory, a fine pile was erected, and at 9-55 we fired our signal rocket, and punctually at 10 the fire was lit. It soon blazed splendidly, and was still burning at midnight. About 30 fires were visible from Black Hill. Among these was the Kingston one, which made a fine show, and was attended by a large concourse of people.

THE BAND OF HOPE.

Tuesday the 1st of June was chosen for an excursion of the Band of Hope to Lulworth, but it rained a great part of the night and all the morning, and “the only comfort was that there was no doubt about it.” The excursion was put off till the next day. Wednesday was a perfect day and quite made up for the disappointment of the day before. Mr. F. Radclyffe, Mr. Bedford, and Mr. Janes very kindly lent waggons, and a party of about 70 in number met at the Cross at 9-30 a.m. on
pleasure bent. The children were under the care of Mrs. Farrer, Miss Lys, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Janes, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Farrer, and Mr. Bellairs. Lulworth was reached about 12 o’clock. Shortly after arrival, dinner (for the provision of which many thanks are due to several kind friends) was served on the beach. Then followed an afternoon of real enjoyment, with a refreshing tea on the hill-side previous to the ‘jump into the waggon’ for the home journey. Mr. Bedford received musical honours, more than once repeated, for his kindness in providing a very bountiful supply of oranges.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

We regret that amid the pressure of School and Parish Accounts we omitted to record that £5 was sent to the Mansion House Relief Fund, as the proceeds of the Concert on Easter Tuesday.

The contents of the Collecting Boxes amounted to £1 11s. 3d.; Mrs. Jenkins, £1 3s. 9d.; Mr. Hibbs, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. R. House’s, 2s. 8½d.; and Mr. Bemister’s, 3s. 3½d.

The total sent from the Parish, with the Church Collection of £7 10s. 4d., was £14 1s. 7d.

In Memoriam L.T.

On Saturday, the 5th of June, there was laid to rest in our Churchyard, one who loved Bere Regis, and whom Bere Regis loved.

Lucretia Ley, Widow of the Rev. Carrington Ley, who was Vicar of this Parish from 1818—1864, had kept up her intimate relations with her friends here during all the latter years of her long life. She used to come back each year, as regularly as the nightingales, to spend two or three weeks at her cottage at Barrow Hill. She retained to the last her deep affectionate interest in all the old friends, and her true love for the place where so many happy years were spent. Her vivacity and brightness were remarkable always, still more so in extreme old age. She had a rare power of attaching to her those younger than herself, so that, although she had outlived the friends of her own generation, there are many left among us who will cherish her memory, and often speak of the wisdom, the shrewdness, the sympathy, and the goodness of Mrs. Ley. The Rev. O. P. Cambridge, an old friend of both Mr. and Mrs. Ley, assisted in the Burial Service, and it was felt that those who were present were all friends for whom she cared, and who really cared for her.

BERE REGIS.

BAPTISM.—June 6, Doris Margaret, daughter of Henry Robert and Annie Elizabeth Jesty.

MARRIAGES. — June 7, Joseph Herbert Weare, to Martha Ellen Hawkins.

June 14, Albert Boyt to Alice Mary Stroud.

BURIALS.—June 1, William Augustus Grant, aged 48 years.

June 1, Annie Olieff, aged 33 years.

June 5, Lucretia Ley, aged 91 years.