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Church Services.

Bere Regis.—Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, Feb. 6, as Morning Service.
    Feb. 20th, at 8 a.m.
Feb. 23rd, Ash-Wednesday, 11-30 a.m. and 7-30 p.m.
Children's Service, Feb. 27, at 2-30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop proposes to hold a Confirmation in Bere Regis Church on Friday the 11th March, at 3 p.m. The date fixed for the Confirmation is earlier in the year than usual, and as the time for preparation is short, Mr. Farrer hopes the candidates will be as regular as possible in their attendance at his classes, and he will be much obliged to parents and employers if they will try to make it easy for them to attend, and where possible, assist them in their preparation.

C. E. T. S.

In accordance with the Bishop's letter the annual collections will be made on Sexagesima Sunday for the Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

KINGSTON SCHOOL.

The Bishop gives Prizes to those who acquit themselves best in the Written Examination in Religious Knowledge, and this year no less than six of these Prizes have been won by Children in Kingston School, viz.:

Mary Sansom 7/6
Edith Miller 5/-
Norman Berry 5/-
Ethel Wellstead 5/-
Nellie Wellstead 5/-
Kate Ricketts 2/6

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Kingston Subscribers:—Mrs. Bartlett, 2/6; Mr. Berry, Mr. House, Miss Keynes, 2/- each; and 30 paid 1/- each.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

On the last day of the old year Mr. Arthur Guest gave the children of the parish a most delightful treat. All children between the ages of four and 15 were invited, and over 200 were present at the tea which formed the first part of the evening's programme. After tea the kindness of Mr. Guest and Miss Alderson was duly acknowledged by cheers "which rent the firmament." Then followed for over two hours an exhibition of exceptionally good magic lantern slides. Some were comic, some picturesque, some instructive, and the keen interest, and excited pleasure of all was manifested throughout, both by the periods of silent
attention, and also by the constantly recurring bursts of applause and screams of laughter. Mr. Guest has now given the children a similar treat at Christmas time for four years in succession. Toys, oranges, and buns were distributed at the close of the entertainment, and Mr. Guest may be assured of 200 very hearty well wishers for his happiness in 1898.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Miss Lys has lately started a new Lending Library, as a supplement to the old Parish one. A sum of £3 7s. has been spent on books, and presents of books have also been received from Mrs. Besent, Mrs. Fitzherbert, Mrs. T. Shepherd, Mr. Bedford, and Mr. Blackburn. We give below the subscription list. Mrs. Radclyffe, 10s.; Mrs. Lys and Mr. F. Radclyffe, 5s. each; Mrs. Bemister and Mrs. Besent, 4s. each; Mr. Bedford, Mrs. Jesty, and Mrs. Johnson, 3s. each; Mrs. T. Shepherd and Miss Lys, 2s. 6d. each; Mrs. Bullen, Rev. J. Blackburn, Mrs. F. Bedford, and Mrs. Marsh, 2s. each; Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Croft, 1s. 6d. each. There were besides these 14 subscribers of 1s. each.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

Messrs Carter and Co. have undertaken to double any or all prizes won at the Flower Show by exhibitors who have bought the seeds of the prize-winning flowers or vegetables from them this season,—on condition that not less than 10s. has been spent on their seeds, and that cards supplied by them are affixed to the exhibit.

This very generous offer applies in all classes except those in which the prizes are confined to the produce of the seeds of special seedsmen.

The Committee contemplate limiting exhibitors to one of the special seedsmen's classes: as it is obviously almost impossible to ensure that plants from the seeds of several houses are kept distinct.

CONCERT.

A Concert, which proved to be one of the most attractive and successful of many which have been given of late years took place at the Hall on Thursday, the 6th of January. The main credit of this, as of previous Concerts, is due to Mrs. Johnson, who not only conducted throughout, but succeeded in bringing together at Bere Regis so many whose names are sufficient to guarantee not only an excellent Concert, but also a crowded audience. The following Programme, with the names of the Ladies and Gentlemen who so kindly took part, will witness of itself both to the high class as well as to the popularity of the Concert:—

Piano Duet, "La Baladine," Mrs. Johnson and Rev. C. Bellairs; Song, "Stranded," Mr. Pearce; Song, "When the Robins Nest Again," Miss Blackburn; Song, "The River of Years," Mr. Theo. Marzials; Violin Solo, "Killarney," Mr. Lucas; Song, Mrs. Banham; Song, "My Queen," Mr. Halliwell; Song, "Life's Lullaby," Mrs. Duke; Plantation Song, "Who Did?" Mrs. Banham and Rev. C. Bellairs; Violin Solo, "Serenade," Mr. Lucas; Song, "Mary of Argyle," Mr. Halliwell; Song, "The Lost Chord," Mrs. Banham;
Song, "Yes was a Yeoman," Mr. Marzials; Duet, "Go, Lovely Rose," Mrs. Banham and Mrs. Duke; Song, "Soldiers of the Queen," Mr. Pearce; Song, "Yes and No," Miss Blackburn; Song, "The Valley by the Sea," Mrs. Duke; Quartet, "Good Night, Beloved," Mrs. Banham, Mrs. Duke, Rev. C. Bellairs, and Mr. Pearce; Plantation Song, "You Say So," Mrs. Banham and Rev. C. Bellairs.

It is always invidious to pick out any for special praise. To judge by the enthusiasm of the audience each performance in turn deserved more than honourable mention. Encores were continually called for and most kindly given. The comic element found place in the Plantation Songs, which were received with shouts of laughter. But no performance passed without its meed of praise, and both performers and audience were thoroughly well satisfied with one another. The "gate" was one of the largest ever taken at a Bere Regis Concert, amounting to over £8. We may perhaps transgress the rule given above so far as to say how pleased we were to hear again Mrs. Banham, Mr. Marzials, Mr. Halliwell, and Mr. Pearce, and to express a hope that they, as well as the others who had not taken part before in one of our Village Concerts, will "do it again and again."

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THE RAINFALL.

The heavy rains of December brought the total of the year's record up to a figure a good deal above the average, viz.:—33.19.

Our Quarterly record is as follows:

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BERE REGIS.

BAPTISMS.—Jan. 9, Ada Lily, daughter of George and Mary Hawkins. 
" 9, Annie Linda, daughter of Charles and Mary Jane Hansford.

BURIALS.—Jan. 1, Ellen Jane Standfield, aged 39 years.

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