Church Services.

Bere Regis and Kingston.
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, July 2nd, at Morning Service.
    July 16th, at 8 a.m.
Children’s Service, Bere Regis, July 2nd and 30th, at 2-30 p.m.

OFFERTORY.
The Bath Chair which Mrs. Raddyffe presented to the Parish some time ago has proved so useful, and is so constantly in use, that Mr. Farrer has bought a second one out of the Offertory Funds. As we have several times sent patients to the Weymouth Eye Infirmary a contribution of a guinea has been sent to that most useful Institution.

THE SCHOOLS.
The Attendance Prize Winners do not increase in number. Those who attend 95 per cent. of the times the School is open are entitled to a prize. Mr. Farrer gives extra Prizes to those who have been present every time 2 or more years in succession. This year Herbert, Frank and Alfred Barnes received Prizes for unbroken attendance for 3 years, and Cecil, and Bertie Lucas and George Cook for 2 years. The lists are given below:

Boys’ School—open 420 times.
Herbert Barnes ... 417
Bertie Lucas ... 418
Frank Barnes ... 420
George Cook ... 415
Cecil Lucas ... 417
Ross Poore ... 418
Harry Battrick ... 405
Frank Applin ... 406
Herbert Janes ... 407
Charles Toms, junr. ... 408
Cecil George ... 409
Frank Poore ... 403
George Hann ... 402
Jesse Cobb ... 398

Girls & Infants—open 419 times.
Nellie Janes ... 417
Lucy Barnes ... 414
Flossie Barnes ... 412
Nellie Battrick ... 404
Gertrude Miller ... 401
Laura Sheppard ... 400
William Cook ... 419
Alfred Barnes ... 419
Florence Barnes ... 415
Harry Cook ... 411
Harry Poore ... 406
Annie Hann ... 403
Alfred Toms ... 401

Bere Heath School—open 410 times.
Leonard Grant ... 403
Joseph Jerrard ... 393
Freddie Hoare ... 386

“Boys’ School.—Taken all round the boys are making good progress in the Elementary subjects. Handwriting and Arithmetic may be praised for neatness. Reading may be improved a little in expression and intelligence, and spelling, though it shows some improvement, may be brought up to the level of other neighbouring schools by increased attention to oral teaching in the spelling hour. This may be subsequent to the dictation exercises and be based upon them. Notes are making good progress, and the songs are of pretty good quality. Geography is good. Pains are taken in the preparation of Elementary Science lessons. There is a smart drill. Mr. Bugby evidently gives care and attention to the work of his School.”
"Girls’ School. — On the whole the work in the Girls’ School is going on well. Points to bear in mind are increased intelligence generally in the Reading, including instruction in the meaning of the words, neatness and care in the Handwriting and arrangement of the written work, and attention to the present requirements stated in paragraph 2 of the Revised Instructions to Inspectors, especially as to the keeping of syllabus and record books. Geography is pretty good, but in Elementary Science the answering may be more general and intelligent. Needlework is well done, but in order that the higher grant may be continued more class teaching and demonstration should be given. Note singing should also improve for the higher grant next year."

"Infants’ Class. — The Infants are kindly managed, though at times the discipline may be firmer. The instruction is careful and good in all the Elementary subjects, and Handwriting is of special excellence. Object lessons are well given, and varied occupations are taught with care. Needlework is taught by good methods. It is desirable that the importance of ventilation should be habitually recognized.”

The Grants are as follows. Those of the previous year are also given for comparison.

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£2 is deducted from the Boys School Grant under Article 108, on account of insufficiency of staff, making the total received £116 16s. 3d.

"Bere Heath School. — Owing to the serious illness of the mistress, the work of the School has been carried on under exceptional difficulties, and the progress made has not been great in consequence. The discipline is very satisfactory, and there is good work in the lower division of the school. Spelling and composition will require attention; also in arithmetic. Very little is known about problems. An improvement would be expected in Geography next year for the same grant. It has not been very intelligently taught in the upper classes, but the Object Lessons are good. More objects are required for illustration. The Infants have been fairly instructed.”

**GOVERNMENT GRANTS.**

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All the Schools get the best grant given for ‘Discipline and Organization.’ The Infants get the ‘excellent’ under the Principal Grant’ also. Miss Skuse deserves congratulations on this result.

The Bere Heath Grant amounts to £30 7s. 9d.
A DAY AT SWANAGE.

Tuesday the 30th of May must be marked with red in our Calendar for 1899. The cold and showery weather of the Queen’s Birthday week was followed by a spell of lovely sunny weather, and the Band of Hope and Boys’ Brigade Excursion, was favoured by a beautiful bright warm day. We have to thank Mr. Bedford, Mr. Jones, Mr. Jestly, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Radclyffe for lending wagons to convey the party to and from Wareham. Mrs. Erle Drax and Mrs. Lys very kindly contributed a joint of meat each and Mrs. Lys also gave batter for the tea. Mr. Bedford gave an unexhaustible supply of oranges. It is on record that some children ate five. Five times ninety-eight is? The railway journey is always a great enjoyment on these occasions, the number of ‘tunnels’ between Wareham and Swanage being a source of great interest and wonder. The wagon rides too are found only too short. The horses seem to enjoy them as well as the children of all ages. But the day at the sea side, the dinner and tea on the beach, the crab catching, paddling, globe trotting, cave exploring, lighthouse visiting, &c., &c.—It is gone only too soon, and the muster of the full number at Swanage Station at 6.45 is not the least happy moment for some of those on whom the weight of responsibility has been resting somewhat heavily. Mrs. Farrar was Commander-in-Chief, and was ably assisted by Mrs. Bully, Mrs. Jestly, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Lys, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Bugby, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Newman. The party numbered in all 98. The accounts show that we have to thank two or three other friends for help towards the expenses of the excursion. Mr. Sturt also deserves our thanks for prevailing on the S. W. R. to take our party at the reduced rate of 9d, for those over 44d, for those under that age. Once more we accord our best thanks to all who helped to make the day such a complete success.

BAND OF HOPE & BOYS’ BRIGADE ACCOUNTS.

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SUMMARY.

Band of Hope—In hand | £5 0 7
Boys’ Brigade | £10 11 1

Deduct for the Excursion | £3 15 3

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Thanks to Mr. Kellaway and other friends who have subscribed and helped so generously in various ways, we are able to show a satisfactory Balance Sheet. We want a few pounds in hand for the expenses of the next session.

WHATCOMBE.

February 21st and 22nd of June were devoted to the celebration of the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell. On the Wednesday all the friends, tenants, and workpeople in all the villages on the Estate were invited to Whatcombe. The dinner-hour was 3-30 p.m., and the gaily-decked wagons, so kindly lent by the farmers in the middle of hay harvest, all deposited the guests under the beautiful trees of Whatcombe Park in very good time for dinner. Not less than 800 sat down to dinner, which was served in an enormous tent with four rows of tables running its whole length. After dinner Mr. Bebb proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell, and spoke of the hearty good feeling which had existed for so long between them and all their tenants and neighbours. Needless to say the toast, was, figuratively speaking, drunk with great enthusiasm. Mr. Pleydell responded, speaking of the great pleasure he felt in welcoming so large a number of his friends and neighbours. He also spoke of the advances which had been made in science, education, locomotion, and in the amenities of life during the 50 years of his married life. Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell also spoke, alluding more especially to the happy relations which had existed for so long between the family at Whatcombe and all around. Both speeches were eagerly listened to and received with applause and cheers. The remainder of the evening was spent very happily in the Park among the beautiful trees, which are a treat for Bere Regis eyes to look upon, and Mr. and Mrs. Pleydell may feel assured that the many congratulations and good wishes expressed during the day were true and heartfelt.
THE CHILDREN’S TREAT AT WHATCOMBE.

On Thursday the young people and children to the number of about 700 were entertained. They reached the Park at about three o'clock and at four sat down to a splendid tea. Both before and after tea several cricket matches were played, but the most attractive amusement of all was a Punch and Judy Show. There were also swingboats, and merry-go-rounds. The Whitchurch Band played during the afternoon and there was a good deal of dancing after tea. Before leaving the Park at half-past seven, the children were called together, and, on the invitation of Mr. Besent, hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell and their family. The weather at one time looked very threatening but luckily it kept fine. Every one enjoyed themselves immensely, and Mr. and Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell’s Golden Wedding will long be remembered and talked about in the neighbourhood.

BERE REGIS.

BAPTISMS.—June 4, Frank Harry, son of William and Eliza Ann Russell.

June 11, William Gover, son of Charles and Mary Jane Hansford.