Church Services.

BERE REGIS.—Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
May 11th, Ascension Day, at 11-30 a.m. and at 7-30 p.m.
Holy Communion, May 7th, at Morning Service.
Ascension Day
" Whit Sunday, at 8 a.m.
" Trinity Sunday, at Morning Service.
Children’s Service, May 28th, at 2-30 p.m.

C. M. S.

There will be a Service in commemoration of the Church Missionary Society Centenary, at 7-30 p.m. on Friday the 5th of May. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. L. Jackson, a Missionary from India. It is hoped that all who are interested in Mission work will endeavour to be present at the Thanksgiving Service.

EASTER.

We had a lovely Easter-Day this year, and the Church was beautifully decorated. Primroses were in great profusion, and Mrs. Daniel Rawles and other friends kindly send us bountiful supplies of daffodils, in addition to which Mr. Bedford, with his usual kindness, gave some lovely white hyacinths, arums, and narcissus.

The Services were well attended throughout the day. The Easter Anthem was a very pretty one, and was listened to with appreciation and enjoyment, the more so as the words were very clearly audible all through the Church, an example to be commended and followed. There were 45 Communicants at 8 a.m. and 32 at the Morning Service. At the Easter Vestry Mr. Jenkins received a cordial acknowledgment of his Services as Churchwarden during the past year, particularly in connection with the collection of the Subscriptions.

CHURCH EXPENSES.

The Collections on Easter Day for the Church Music and Warming Funds were as follows:

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PARISH OFFICERS.

The Nominations and Elections by the Easter Vestries and Parish Councils, have resulted as follows:

**OFFICE.**

- **Vicar's Churchwarden**
  - **Bere Regis:** Mr. Hibbs.
  - **Kingston:** Mr. Stacey.

- **Parish:**
  - **Bere Regis:** Mr. Jenkins.
  - **Kingston:** Mr. Kent.

- **Chairman of Parish Council**
  - **Bere Regis:** Rev. W. Farrer.
  - **Kingston:** Mr. Keynes.

- **Vice-Chairman**
  - **Bere Regis:** Mr. Hibbs.

- **Overseers**
  - **Bere Regis:** Mr. Tozer.
  - **Kingston:** Mr. E. Joiner.
  - **Bere Regis:** Mr. Bedford.
  - **Kingston:** Mr. Little.

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THE ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION.

The Programme for the Visitation on May 19th, at Warcham, is—

- **3-30 p.m.**—Special Service for Church Workers, and the Archdeacon's Address.
- **4-45 p.m.**—Tea, at 9d. a head, at the National School.
- **After Tea**—Meeting of Church Workers, addresses by the Archdeacon of Cornwall and others.

Mr. Farrer will be much obliged if those who would like to go to the Visitation will send in their names as soon as possible. The more the better. He will also be grateful to any who will give a lift to any members of the party, if they will kindly let him know of their intention, with a view to arranging for the conveyance of those who are not so provided for.

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THE SCHOOLS.

It is with much regret that we have to announce that Miss Brown has sent in her resignation of the post of Mistress of the Girls' School. The School has got on very happily and well while under her charge. The Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. E. Hawksley, examined the Bere Regis Schools on Monday the 17th of April, and his Reports are as under:

- **Boys' School.**—"This School has passed a good examination. The portions of Scripture taken have been well taught. Repetition of Scripture and Catechism is a little weak. Order and discipline very good."

- **Girls' and Infants' Schools.**—"This School has passed a very satisfactory examination, and is well taught. Order and discipline are very good."

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CONCERT.

Under the auspices of Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Bellairs, a Concert was given at the Hall on Friday in Easter-week. The programme will testify to the high class of the evening's entertainment, and the enthusiastic reception of every performance witnessed to the appreciation of the audience.

The Programme was as follows:


It was the first time Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Little had sung at Bere Regis, and we hope that the reception accorded to both of them will ensure us the pleasure of hearing them again and again. Mr. Little has a fine voice, and his songs were much appreciated. Mrs. Thompson deserved special thanks for coming to sing at the concert, as she had come all the way from Weymouth. Mrs. Banham’s singing was, as usual, very much enjoyed. Mr. Butler’s banjo solos were first rate, and Miss Moberly’s name is sufficient to guarantee the excellence of the violin performances. It was gratifying to see Mr. Cambridge again taking part in the orchestra. Mr. Bardsley’s comic songs were very amusing, and were loudly encored. Mr. Bellairs and Mrs. Johnson played the accompaniments, and are to be congratulated on the success of the whole concert, and much regret was felt that it was the last time we shall have the advantage of Mr. Bellairs’ efficient help in the management, as well as in the musical parts of our village concerts.

CARVING EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition at Dorchester was a great success. The Exhibits were only too numerous. It is evident that the various arts encouraged by the Technical Instruction Committee have become popular in all parts of the County. There were 12 exhibits sent from Bere Regis, the work of Joseph Hewitt, George Paine, Frank Marsh, Ernest Battrick, Robert Langdown, and Jesse Langdown. G. Paine showed an oak cupboard with carved doors and ends, as well as a bread platter and a book-stand. F. Marsh and J. Langdown each showed 2 bread platters, J. Hewitt and E. Battrick one each, and the other things shown were an inkstand by J. Hewitt, and picture frames by E. Battrick and R. Langdown. There were 88 articles shown in the class in which these exhibits were placed, and some of the work is done by old trained hands and by ladies who are quite professional in their skill. It is therefore with much gratification that we record that Joseph Hewitt gained the 4th Prize in the class for his Bread Platter. It was well carved and nicely finished. The Bere Regis Platters were much noticed and admired by many visitors to the show, as they were quite a special feature. G. Paine’s cupboard also looked very well when alongside of all its competitors.

THE REV. C. BELLAI R.S.

The Members of the Choir at Kingston have presented Mr. Bellairs with a copy of Hymns Ancient and Modern, the largest edition published, with music, as a token of their esteem, and appreciation of his work during the 3 years he has been at Kingston. The children of the Band of Hope are also intending to give him a present, in recognition of his kindness, and the great interest he has taken in teaching and training them for their entertainments.

THE RAINFALL.

We give below the Rainfall for the first quarter of the year:

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The lowest record in Dorset for the three months was 7.71 at Chickcroft Sturminster Newton, and the highest Hazelbury Bryan, 11.18.

EVENING SCHOOL PRIZES.

Mr. Bugby gave some prizes for regular attendance, good conduct, and progress during the winter session of the Evening School. The prizes were awarded to Ernest Marsh, Herbert Jones, Charles Kellaway, William Hoare, Percy Day, and James Standfield.

BERE REGIS.

MARRIAGE.—April 19, Edward Samuel Fooks to Annie Edmonds.

KINGSTON.

BAPTISM.—April 23, Alice May, daughter of Henry and Eliza Ann Sansom.

MARRIAGE.—April 3, William James Andrews to Florence Adeline Miller.