Bere Regis.

Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion:
  December 6th, midday.
  20th, 8-30 a.m.
  25th, Christmas Day, 7-30, 8-30, and midday.
St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27.
Holy Innocents', Dec. 28.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sermons on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts will be preached on Sunday, December 6th.

The Christmas Feast is now near at hand. We trust that it will be
consecrated by large and devout attendance at the Church Services,
especially at the Celebrations of Holy Communion. This Service
enables the worshippers to realize the meaning of the "Word
that became flesh" on the first Christmas Day, and that has ever since
been the Life and Light of men.

It is a great pleasure to have the help of Mr. Ball and Mr. Long
during these winter months. They are particularly engaged in
developing the local music possibilities, and (as we hope) some interesting
entertainments are in store for our neighbours during the winter season.

The new Organ is still in prospect. We are promised that it shall be
ready for Christmas. Let us hope that this promise will be more faithfully kept than those already given by the builders.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION. [Accidentally omitted for Nov.]

In spite of wet weather, (that almost invariable experience through-
out October,) there was a fair attendance at the Meeting on October
8th. A good deal of work was finished, and we have now sent in a
parcel of 7 skirts and jackets for an Indian Missionary School, with the
sum of £3 10s. It is satisfactory to note that the number of collecting
boxes taken was increased in the year from 2 to 12, and there are
many more subscribers for a missionary magazine. The illustrated
monthly leaflet—"The Church abroad," costing only one penny for the
whole year, might well be taken by all, and would be distributed
regularly with the parish magazine.

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WOMEN'S WORK FOR S.P.G.

Since its foundation by the S.P.G. in 1866, the Women's Mission
Association (formerly called the Ladies' Association) has acted as the
handmaid of the Society to supply the trained women needed in their
Missions, raising funds for this purpose through a diocesan and
parochial organization parallel with that of the Society.

In recent years the annual income raised by the W.M.A. has been over
£10,000, and it has close on 200 missionaries, European and
native, at work in South Africa, Madagascar, India, and the Further
East. But the time has come for further development; the need for
more women evangelists, doctors, and teachers is urged from almost
every Mission.

To promote this development the Society itself now undertakes "the
responsibility for the organization, maintenance, and development of
work for women" throughout its Missions. The scheme of
amalgamation agreed upon in April 1903 by the S.P.G. and W.M.A. Committees,
which comes into effect on January 1, 1904, summarised by Bishop
Montgomery in the Mission Field as follows:—

"In future the W.M.A. will be merged in the Committee of Women's
Work (S.P.G.). The Standing Committee will be responsible for all the
work and will supply the funds, taking over all existing work. All the
standing machinery of the W.M.A. remains, and the women will always
elect their own Committee, it being the intention of the Standing
Committee that every detail of women's work should be carried out by
Women Committees, with of course the proviso that all their recom-
mendations must be brought before the Sub-Committees of the Standing
Committee, and thus reach the Standing Committee. It is hoped that
all the women's organizations for the collecting of funds will remain
intact, although they will pay funds into the general account of the
Society, unless they are ear-marked for special work under the Society's
rules."

From what has been said it follows that—
(a) The W.M.A. Committee becomes on January 1, 1904, the
Committee of Women's Work (S.P.G.)
(b) W.M.A. Branches become local associations of S.P.G.
(c) W.M.A. workers become S.P.G. workers.
(d) Their Work is more than ever Needed.
(e) The W.M.A. General Fund is amalgamated with the S.P.G. General Fund.

(f) Where a special interest is preferred, contributions may be earmarked for a special purpose, e.g. for women's work in school, hospital, Zenana worker, &c.

Such, in brief outline, is the new scheme of working. It promises to make for economy of administration, and to give unity, strength, and stability to the work, with the power of unlimited expansion. All who have the great cause of foreign Missions at heart will congratulate both Society and Association on this new departure, and will heartily wish it success. It remains for the friends of both to ensure that success.

BAPTISMS.—Nov. 15, Marjorie, child of Arthur E. and Florence Lucas.
      " 22, Alexandra Iva May, child of Tom and Agnes
      F. Purchase.
      " 29, Margaret Ellen, child of James and Sarah A.
      Janes.

BURIALS.—Nov. 2, Mary Jane Oliver, aged 76 years.
      "  5, Joseph Hewitt,    79
      " 23, William Harvey,  94

KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion:
December 6th, at midday.
      " 20th,
      " 25th, Christmas-Day, at 8-30 a.m.
      and midday.

During Advent there will be a short Service and Address on Thursday afternoons, at 3 p.m. The Addresses will, it is hoped, be given by the Rev. F. Ball and the Rev. W. Long.

We trust that many will avail themselves of this opportunity of attending a Week-Day Advent Service. It has been fixed at 3 p.m., so that those who attend will be able to get home before dark.

On Christmas-Day there will be Services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Dr. BARNARDO'S HOMES.
Some of the School Children made a house-to-house collection on November 14th, by request of Dr. Barnardo, with the result that £1 2s. 5d. was collected, as under:

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