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Winterborne Kingston

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Church Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, February 1st, midday.

Holy Days:
Feb. 2—Purification, 11 a.m.
" 24—St. Matthias, 11 a.m.
" 25—Ash-Wednesday, 11-30 a.m.
7-80 p.m., with Address.

We shall have entered the Season of Lent before the end of February. Let us not fail to give heed to those Seasons of the Church which are so valuable to all who would “Fight the good fight and lay hold on eternal life.” Be sure, my friends, we cannot keep our minds set on heavenly things, as we are bound to do, without helps, without the means of grace, without tending and watering this soil of the heart, any more than the natural ground can be kept healthy without ploughing and cleaning. The observance of Lent is such a means of grace, and we beg of you not to let it slip by unused.

W. E. H. S.

On the last night of the year the Ringers of Bere Regis and Kingston met at the Vicarage and were entertained at supper by the Vicar. Later in the evening the amount received from the Churchwardens and Subscriptions was divided, and then the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang a peal. Another peal was rung shortly before midnight, and during the first few minutes of the New Year.

The following is a list of the Contributions at Bere Regis:

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On January 1st a party of the elder Sunday School children, numbering about 50, were taken to Bournemouth to see the Pantomime, “The Sleeping Beauty.” They were conveyed to Wareham Station in waggons, and thence by train. This visit to a theatre was a cause of great excitement. Entering at the back of the gallery a little late in the darkened house and descending to the front row (which had been reserved for them), the children seemed to themselves to be about to plunge headlong on to the illuminated stage, and the first-comers were quite surprised to find a comfortable seat, and a substantial barrier between them and the players. In the performance a very ancient youth, who greeted us with the words—“The same to you and many of them,” and sang some capital songs, created great amusement, and a wonderful jugglery display was immensely admired. After the performance an excellent tea was provided at a coffee tavern near the station. All reached home a very enjoyable afternoon by 9 p.m. Happily, in a month of storms, the weather was gloriously fine. The expense of the treat was shared by the Vicar and Mr. Bedford.

On Friday, January 9th an excellent Concert was given in the Hall by Mrs. Jesty and her friends, to whom we owe many thanks for a very pleasant evening. There was a very good audience, and the performance evidently gave much enjoyment. We have only space to mention that the mandolin playing of Miss Yates, and the comic songs of Mr. Fenton, were specially appreciated. The proceeds of the Concert are chiefly to provide for some special repairs to the Hall Piano: a full statement will be given later.

On Monday, January 12th, the younger children had tea in the Hall, with a Christmas Tree and a small present for every one; later the prizes for Good Conduct and Regular Attendance during the past year were given by Mrs. Sotheby and the Vicar. Our best thanks are given to the Sunday School Teachers for their labours on behalf of the children.

On Thursday, January 15th, Mr. E. Baker, of Salisbury, gave us a fine exhibition of Cinematograph Pictures of the Coronation, of Seaside Scenes, of a Cricket and Football match, and views of Foreign Countries, diversified with musical performances on a phonograph. The Choir Boys and Girls and Band of Hope were admitted free of charge. After paying all expenses, there is about £1 for a fund for providing parish tea-things.

The ‘Balance Sheet’ must be deferred, the Subscriptions not having all come in.

BAPTISMS.—Jan. 4, Samuel Walter, child of Samuel G. and Kate Cole.
" 4, Hilda Mary,
" 4, Dorothy May, child of Hiram and Sarah House.

BURIAL.—Jan. 16, Joseph White, aged 72.
KINGSTON

CHURCH SERVICES.
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children’s Service, 2-80 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION:
February 1st, at midday.
” 15th, at 8 a.m.
Ash-Wednesday Services, February 25th, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Lent Services.
There will be Service and Sermon on Thursday evenings during Lent, at 7 o’clock.
The Sermons on March 12th, 19th, and 26th will be preached by the Rev. J. R. Glover, Rector of Clelstone.
The subjects of his course will be announced next month.

Holy Communion.
Will not some of our regular communicants at the midday celebration make an effort to attend the 8 o’clock celebration as well. It would be a great misfortune to have to discontinue the early morning celebration in the middle of the month, but it cannot be held unless there are three persons to communicate besides the minister. Many of those who used to attend this service have left the parish. Will not some more come forward to take their place, and enable this service to be continued?

Sunday School Treat.
The Annual Treat was held this year at the Parsonage by way of a change. After tea the children received a quite unexpected visit from “Old Father Christmas,” who arrived with a large basket of toys and sweets which he distributed amid much uproar and excitement. Everyone seemed happy and the evening passed off very well.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Stacey for kindly providing cake, milk, and butter; to Mrs. Rogers, for cake; to Miss Bailey, for kindly dressing some dolls; to Mr. G. Bailey, for kindly giving sweets, nuts, oranges, &c., and lending us a teapot.

The Prizes this year consisted of Bibles and Prayer-Books. Though our numbers have declined we can congratulate ourselves on the quality of the school. The attendance on the whole has been very good and the conduct excellent. Those who take prizes have to obtain three-quarters of the possible number of marks.

Prize Winners:
1st Class Girls.
N. Applin
M. Hookey
E. Marsh
D. Miller
A. Brierly

2nd Class Girls.
A. Arnold
G. Arnold
E. Burt

1st Class Boys.
P. White
W. Miller
P. Miller
H. White
R. Collins
B. White

2nd Class Boys.
W. Marsh
W. White

We are very grateful to the teachers, Mrs. Stracey and Miss B. Guy, and Miss E. Miller for the great pains they have taken with the work, and the unfailing regularity of their attendance at the School.

Toy Making.
Two of our number have retired from the unequal contest, but the remainder have made steady progress, and some very good work is now being done. We are thinking of issuing a challenge to the Bere Regis Class.

Coal Club.
Money will be taken every Tuesday, at 12 o’clock, at the School. Not more than 2/- or less than 3d. may be paid at one time. No one will be allowed to join after the first Tuesday in May, and all the money must be paid by the first Tuesday in November.
Any one who has not paid up by that date will forfeit any benefit the Club may offer.

Burials.—January 21st, Clara Brown, aged 77 years.
””” Frank Sansom, aged 11 years.