SUNDAY SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion:
  January 3, midday.
  „ 17, 8-30 p.m.
Jan. 1—The Circumcision.
  „ 6—The Epiphany.

WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Any of our neighbours who are not as yet subscribers to the Magazine will contribute to the happiness of its promoters by becoming such. The minimum subscription is One Shilling a year; but we are glad to have a few subscribers of Two-and-six, or more, in order that the expenses may be met.

NEW ORGAN.
The event of the Christmas Season as regards the Church is the arrival of the new organ, for such it virtually is. At the Easter Vestry it was decided that the more costly of three estimates should be accepted, the amount being £380; only about £350 however has been received. As the erection was completed only two days before Christmas it was not practicable to have a grand opening, for which long days and brighter weather would have been needed. A short Dedication Service, however, was held on December 26, at which Mr. W. A. Pickard Cambridge gave a Recital, and a good number of the neighbours attended. We shall hope to have some further Recitals later on.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.
The Christmas Day Services were well attended. The weather was favourable, being neither wet nor very cold; and there was a larger number of communicants than in former years (68). The decorations were very effective, though for some reason we did not get many helpers. We must remind our friends that the temporary addition this winter to the clerical staff must not be made an excuse for slackness of effort as regards church people generally.

CHURCHWARDEN.
* We are glad to say that the office of Churchwarden, vacant by the death of Mr. G. Hibbs, has been offered by the vicar to Mr. W. Bullen, who has expressed his willingness to serve.

CONFIRMATION.
The Bishop of Salisbury has signified his intention to hold a Confirmation at Bere Regis on February 24th.
Particulars of classes will shortly be announced.

PRECEPTOR OF SALISBURY.
We are promised a visit from Preceptor Carpenter on Sunday, January 31st. He will be glad to give some instruction to the Choir on the Monday.

Capt. Palmes very kindly proposes to give an entertainment to the villagers on Tuesday, January 6th. The children are invited in the afternoon, men in the evening.

PARISH NURSE.
Through the kindness of several subscribers a fund has been raised for training a Nurse to work in Bere Regis, Kingston, Bloxworth and Affpaddle parishes. A very suitable person was selected, Mrs. Duke the widow of a London School Teacher, and she has been at work since the middle of April at the Nurses' Training Home, Kingswood, Bristol. She comes to Bere Regis, on January 2nd, and will lodge at Miss Chard's, West Street. Anyone requiring her services must apply for an order at Mr. Lys's, or at the Vicarage. She will work entirely on the Benefit system; the fees charged being proportioned to the circumstances of the patient. On Thursday, January 7th, an Address will be given at the Hall on the Benefit Nursing System, by Mrs. Hobhouse, who kindly comes from Corsham, Wilts, where the Nursing Association which she started 10 years ago has extended to 11 villages round, with a central staff of 13 nurses.

FLOWER SHOW BALANCE SHEET, 1903.

Receipts | £ s. d. | Expenses | £ s. d.
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Balance from 1902 | 4 1 4 | Tent | 4 0 0
Gate | 4 9 0 | Band | 3 10 0
Subscriptions | 22 16 0 | Printing | 2 14 0
Returned Prize Money | 1 10 0 | Labour | 1 11 0
Profit on Dance, Oct. 17 | 11 0 | Mr. Remister's bill | 6 10
Adverse balance | 11 0 | Judges' expenses | 12 6

| £33 18 4 |

This result, though not what we could wish, is more satisfactory than we once thought likely. It will be observed that all the balance we started with is swallowed up. The deficiency in the receipts arises solely from the disastrous weather on the day the Show was held. The rain was equally persistent when a supplementary entertainment was to be given, and nearly so on the occasion of a dance, the proceeds of which were to go to the expenses.
SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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10/- from the following:

5/- from Messrs. Bemister, Besent, Bullen, Jesty, Mrs. Johnson, Rev. W. A. Newman.
4/- Mr. Hobbs.
3/- Messrs. Drake and George.
2/- Messrs. Nuttall and Killaway.
1/6 Messrs. Beckham, C. Paine, Welch, Miss Cotton.
1/- Messrs. T. Boyte, Brierley, Edwards, Hiram House, Pople, Smith, Mrs. Paine.

BERE REGIS MINSTRELS.

A capital Entertainment was given by the “Bere Regis Minstrel Troupe” on Tuesday, December 28, under the able tuition of the Rev. F. Ball and Rev. H. Long, who are heartily to be congratulated on the success both of the performance and of the audience. We may hope for further performances.

BAPTISMS.—December 20, Frederick James, child of Levi and Eleanor Standfield.

", 27, Stanley Spencer, child of Francis C. and Catherine Joiner.

MARRIAGE.—December 26, Thomas Legg and Annie Cornelia Farr.

BURIALS.—December 4, Frederick Toms, aged 79.

", 8, Lavinia Poore, ” 75.

", 30, Harriet Mate, ” 88.

KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children’s Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion:
January 3rd and 10th, at midday.
31st at 8.30 a.m.

ADVENT SERVICES.
The Afternoon Week-day Service, during Advent, was very well attended, and the addresses were much appreciated. We hope to have a similar Service during Lent.

CHRISTMAS DAY.
The Services were well attended, especially the one at 6 p.m. There were very few berries to be had, but the church looked very nice, and our thanks are due to all those who helped decorate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Our members have increased lately to “forty,” and the attendance on the whole is very good.

As the whole school had an outing in the summer, we had decided to have no treat at Christmas; but on second thoughts we had resolved to have a Tea, followed by Games, etc., at the Prize-giving. Owing however to an outbreak of diphtheria it was decided to postpone the Tea, and the prizes were distributed on Sunday, December 27th.

The prize winners are as follows:

Class 1.—Boys.  Class 1.—Girls.
P. White        M. Hookey
H. White        C. Ballam
W. Miller       N. Applin
W. Marsh        D. Miller
W. White        E. Marsh
B. White        E. Burt
                 G. Arnold

Class 2.—Infants.
R. Hayter       A. Hayter

Special prizes for “Answering” at the Catechising in Church were awarded to:—
Class 1.—Boys.
                 H. White

Class 1.—Girls.
                 E. Marsh

Class 2.—J. Jeans

With regard to the postponement of the “Tea” it is a consolation to know that the doctor considers that it was much the wisest thing to do.

COAL CLUB.
Payments for the New Year can be made at the School every Tuesday, from 12 till 12-15 o’clock.
All the money must be paid by the first Tuesday in November.

BURIAL.—December 21st, Ernest Sansom, aged 4 years.