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Dorchester:
SUNDAY SERVICES.

BERB REGIS.

Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Communion — Sept. 4th, at midday.
Other Sundays, 8 a.m.

Sept. 21st—St. Matthew.
,, 29th—St. Michael and All Angels.
The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, September 14, at 7 o’clock. Preacher — Rev. C. Fynes-Clinton, M.A.
Rector of Blandford.

We have the following from Mr. Ball, who is staying in perhaps the loftiest hostelry in Europe, 11,300 feet above the sea level, _Refuge, Torino, Col du Geant._

My journeys always interest me so much that I fancy they may be of some sort of interest to my friends. The train to Paris, via Newhaven, was crowded everywhere, and not at all comfortable. Fortunately I ate a huge dinner on board the boat, for I got no further food, except rolls, for 25 hours. The carriage from Paris was not at all crowded, and we all got corners, and next morning were in pretty country, at Aix-les-Bains and onwards. The ramshackle diligence was full with country people at Moutiers, and I only got a small share of room with back to the horses; intensely hot and dust worse than at Ber; but after awhile I got a front seat, and then the road, cut out on the side of the mountain, was lovely—such wild flowers, if only they had been clean—and butterflies, lizards, and giant horse-flies—cripples,—no English anywhere. We reached Bourg St. Maurice at 1-30, and they told me the diligence left for Little St. Bernard at 5-15; so I dined at a dirty inn, loafed about till 6 p.m., and then was told it was 5-15 next morning.

It was a dirty place, every person was untidy, but they bowed politely to each other, and drank huge quantities of beer and wine. I had an omelette and went to bed and actually slept in spite of noise and smells. At 4 I was called, had coffee, and till 11-30 we ascended up zig-zags, the horses walking, and finally reached the little St. Bernard Hospice. It was a lovely drive, huge mountains, some with sun on them, some with snow—and a soft Italian haze. At the bare and cold Hospice they gave us a capital lunch, 2 fr. 50 c., including wine. Later, rain came on.

At Courmayeur, which we reached about 6 p.m., the Hotel seemed all muddled, several houses connected with galleries. Presently—weather having cleared—I saw my future abode, cold and cloudy—far away up on the mountain.

Aug. 14.—Yesterday I started at 8-30 on my not very pleasant walk—so many zigzags and so little progress,—but at 3 we reached this place: drank some beer and then tea. The landlord, his wife, 2 sons and a daughter live here; he talks English and is most anxious to humour all my fads. There is a sitting-room and another for the guides; 4 bed-rooms, 4 beds in each, wooden partitions one over the other like berths in a ship’s cabin—so far I have room to myself. An Englishman the other day had to sleep on the dining-room table. Soon the travelers began to arrive, all dirty rough creatures (one woman in knickerbockers), talk at the top of their voices, smoke, spit, and stamp about with nailed boots. At 6 o’clock a gale came on with flakes of snow, and I wondered if it would be possible to stay here long. But I had a good dinner, soup, meat cooked in rancid oil, apple jam, bread, tea, a game of patience, and at 10 went to bed (the last boots did not stop till 11), and in spite of the cold, to sleep. It is satisfactory to find how independent one is of superfluities, washing for instance. I keep my toilet things in the kitchen, and wash out of doors like the boys at Milborne; and if one washes for dinner, it is quite needless, tho’ pleasant, to wash again in the morning! Mont Blanc seems to consist of a huge plateau, stone and rock, supported all around by very rugged arrêts; these arrêts supply the sporting climbs—and these by rocky buttresses, on one of which this Refuge is built on a very small cleared plain. I hope to go up this afternoon and explore over the ridge. In front of me is a most glorious view; nothing very sensational, but huge mountains as far as the eye can reach, and leaving plenty of breathing room before they begin. Monte Rosa, Grand Combin, Gran Paradiso. I had no idea these Savoy and Dauphine mountains could be so beautiful. The elder son of the house is a guide and the younger a porter, and I can have the help of either or both when I want them. Presently I am more than content to sit up here and look at it all, and I must get into better training if I am to do any climbing when A. Bill comes. We are about 5,000 ft. below the summit, but it does not look anything like so much.

P.S.—I have just seen Madame start—boots, gaiters, knickers, an axe, a blue blouse, straw hat, her face tightly folded in a white veil—blue goggles, and knapsack—and now an Englishman, A. C. Farrer, has come up after a late breakfast.

Aug. 22.—Yesterday my friend Arthur Bill arrived. One evening after a stormy day two Swiss near here saw a complete circle of rainbow, their own shadows reflected in the centre, and later on I saw the same reflected on a cloud very near to us; when I lifted my arms I saw the action on the clouds. That night which was stormy, we put up 40 persons; in my room there was a man sick from the rarified air, his wife and another. After hearing this a little while, I seized my blanket, rushed to the Salon, and passed the rest of the night on a hard form.

Aug. 25.—Since then we have had snow and frost and mist, and we were on the point of going down, but this morning it has cleared and we still have hopes of the summit.
Village Lighting—1903-1904.

Subscriptions.

Mrs. Radclyffe .......................... 1 10 0
5/-—Messrs. Besant, Park .................. 10 0
3/-—Mr. T. Sheppard ........................ 3 6
3/-—Mrs. Jenkins .......................... 3 0
2/-—Messrs. Jones, Marsh, H. Gould, Mrs. Johnson, Rev. J. Blackburn, Miss Clee .......................... 15 0
2/-—Messrs. Bullen, Rugby, Welch ........... 6 0
1/-—Messrs. F. Nutbeam, F. Sheppard ........ 3 0
Smaller Subscriptions (9) .................... 8 0
Anon ........................................ 5 0

Total .................................... £ 6 13 6

Balance Sheet.

In hand .................................. £ 8 4 7
Subscriptions ............................ £ 8 4 7
Lamplighter ................................ 4 0 0
Repairing lamps ............................ 4 9
Mr. Jancs' bill for oil ...................... 1 16 8
ditto lamp post ............................ 3 6

Total .................................... £ 6 4 11

S.P.G.

The Women's and Children's Branch held a Meeting on Wednesday, August 17, at which Addresses were given by the Honble. Lady Philippus, who kindly came from Salisbury for the occasion. Sir James and Lady Philippus are well known in the diocese as the founders of St. Boniface College, Warminster, for the training of missionaries. Rain, to our regret, prevented our holding the meeting in the Vicarage garden, but in spite of the bad weather there was a good attendance of adults besides about 50 children. The "King's Messengers" provided a small sale of work (partly done at Band of Hope), and many friends contributed cakes, &c. for an excellent tea at 6d. a head, which altogether brought in a sum of about £3 10s.

Lady Philippus gave a striking account of a visit to some Mission Stations in India, where she was specially impressed by the happy appearance of the missionaries in the midst of arduous and incessant work. The self-sacrifice was great, but it did bring this present reward. She also related a remarkable instance of the impression made on a Hindu of high rank by a visit which he paid to the family of a Harrow School Master: no attempt had been made to convert him, but the experience which he then gained of Christian home-life had such an effect on him, that on returning to India he made a point of getting English ladies to come out and undertake the entire bringing up of his family, with the result that they all became Christians. Lady Philippus concluded her address with an earnest appeal to her audience not to neglect their duty and privilege in supporting missionary work. In accordance with her suggestion it is proposed to undertake the support of a child in an Indian Mission School, for which an annual sum of £3 is required.

The next Missionary Work Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, from 2 o'clock to 4. Those who have Collecting Boxes are requested to bring them to the meeting.

School Treat and Flower Show.

Happily, in a week of very broken weather, we had fine days for both the Sunday School Treat and the Flower Show. On Tuesday, the 23rd, the children assembled in Church at 3-15, and afterwards, led by the Whitechurch Band, proceeded to a field, kindly lent by Mr. Bedford. Mrs. Welch provided tea; there were cricket and swings for the boys, and races and other amusements for the girls.

The Flower Show which was held on Thursday, 25th, was in every way successful. After the disastrous "gate" of last year, it was felt that this year's fortunes must decide whether the Show should swim or sink. The Show in itself was a very good one, as regards flowers and vegetables, though, excepting apples, the fruit exhibits were rather scanty. There was a large attendance and the "gate" realized £12. Great praise is due to the Committee, especially to the energetic Secretary, Mr. J. Bugby.

School Reports.

H.M. Inspector's Report on the Boys' School—Much of the work is very creditable to the Head-Teacher. Attention should be paid to distinctness and audibility in reading. Singing is well taught. Due attention should be given to physical exercises.

Heath School.

Much improvement in the Elementary subjects will be looked for next year if the higher grant is to be again recommended. The points needing most attention are distinctness and audibility in Reading, and accuracy of Spelling. The teaching of Arithmetic should be made as practical as possible. The Infant Class is doing fair work.

Jumble Sale.

It is proposed to hold a Jumble Sale next month (the date will shortly be announced), the proceeds to be given to the 'Nurse' Fund. Any contributions of saleable articles (ancient or modern), will be gratefully accepted by Mrs. Sotheby.

Baptisms.—June 12, Mabel Emily May, child of George William and Harriet Kate Clift.

July 10, William Ernest, child of John and Florence M. Joyce.
,, 26, Ethel, daughter of Thomas and Jessie Easterbrook.
,, 31, Herbert Frank, son of James George and Nellie Travers.


Burials.—June 2, Charles Davis, aged 60.

July 26, Jane Galpin, aged 82.

Aug. 23, Jane House, aged 80.
KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children’s Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion:
September 4th and 18th, at midday.

Harvest Festival.
Owing to the delay in the in-gathering of the harvest caused by the unsettled weather, it has not been possible to fix the date for the Harvest Thanksgiving, but it will probably be about the middle of this month.

Sunday School Outing.
The junior members of the Sunday School were taken to Swanage on August 25th, and had a very enjoyable day. A thunderstorm did try to spoil the fun, but luckily it came on at tea-time, so did no damage to anyone.

Baptisms.—July 31st, Dorothy Beatrice, daughter of Ernest and Beatrice Riglar.
Ang. 14th, Mabel Rose, daughter of Fred and Rose Amy Bartlett.