SUNDAY SERVICES.

Bere Regis.

Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion—
January 1, mid-day.
" 15, 8-30 a.m.
" 29, 8-30 "
January 6th—Epiphany.
" 25th—Conversion of S. Paul.

1905.

As the New Year begins on the first day of the week, we hope you will have this Magazine by January 1st, 1905; for its happiness you have our hearty good wishes.

Externally, the Christmas Season has not been bright; a singularly fine autumn has been followed by fog and darkness, of which, though we have not suffered the inconvenience and discomfort of the great towns, even we here have had our taste.

The Church was tastefully decorated by many willing hands; the Services in spite of the damp outside were well attended, and the number of Communicants showed a slight increase on former years; for all which things we thank God. It did not seem quite right at the close of the evening Service to sing the Carol: “See amid the Winter Snow, Born for us on earth below.” But, as the papers record, the same impropriety was perpetrated at the Temple Church.

We hope to distribute the Sunday School prizes next week. An entertainment will be given later on by Mr. Baker, of Salisbury, to which the Sunday School Children will have free admission.

MEMORIAL TO MR. G. HIBBS.

If any more parishioners desire to subscribe to this object, they are requested to let their intentions be known as soon as may be. Liberal contributions have come in from old friends of Mr. Hibbs, not now resident at Bere Regis, but comparatively little has been given by parishioners.

We hope the Vestry Screen will be completed in about six weeks time.

SCARLET FEVER.

Two very sad deaths have taken place in a single house on the Heath both from scarlet fever. The married sister, Mrs. Lockyer, was the first to fall ill, and her sister, Annie Rawes, who nursed her, died within a week of the first to be taken. Happily the fever has not further spread.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.

We are sorry to say that it has been found advisable to terminate the agreement with Nurse Duke, at the end of her first year. The salary was necessarily a low one, inasmuch as the entire cost of the 10 months training had been defrayed by the Association, and the Nurse did not see her way to continue to work on the terms agreed upon. On the whole, therefore, it was felt to be best to release her from her engagement to remain in the service of the Association for 4 years. A detailed statement of accounts will shortly be given to the Subscribers.

CONCERT.

An excellent Concert was given in the Hall on Thursday, the 29th, by the friends of Mrs. Johnson. The proceeds are to go to internal repairs and cleaning of the Hall. The attendance was a large one.

GIRLS’ ENTERTAINMENT.

A very spirited little concert was given in the Hall on Thursday, December 22nd, by the Teachers and Scholars of the Girls’ School. A number of songs were sung, and an amusing piece entitled “Before Nine” was given, in which a number of events in English History, from King Alfred to Shakspeare, from Old King Cole to Robinson Crusoe, follow one another in a topsy-turvy manner, and then it turns out it was all a dream. Miss Cleo is much to be congratulated on the success of the performance.

BAPTISMS.—Dec. 18th, Bessie Mildred, child of John T. and Amelia M. Kellaway
" 25th, Ralph, child of Richard J. and Jane Barnes.
" " Doris Reenie, child of William J. and Catherine M. Cooke.

BURIALS.—Dec. 4th, Annie Rawes, aged 22 years.
" 6th, Julia Lockyer, aged 23 years.

KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion:
January 1st and 15th, at midday.
" 29th at 8-30 a.m.
Children’s Service, 2-30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

It is not possible to have much variety in Christmas decorations but there was plenty of holly, so the Church looked bright.

The raw, damp weather no doubt kept some people away from Church, and the state of Muston Lane makes it almost impossible for those who live at that end of the parish to come up after dark, but for all that the Services were well attended.
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The numbers now on the books is 50. The attendance during the past year has been very good on the whole, but more prizes would have been won if more children had learned the lessons set each week. It would be well if children and parents would bear in mind that prizes cannot be given for attendance only. The following is the prize list.

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BOOT CLUB.

The children attending the Sunday School may bring a penny every Sunday. At the end of the year a penny will be added for every 4 attendances at School. It is thus possible for children who never miss School to have 2/- added to their cards, thus making with their own payments a total of 6/4 for the year.

COAL CLUB.

The members have received 10 cwt of coal each.

Payments for 1905 will be taken at the School every Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

All who wish to join must do so before the end of April, and all the money must be paid by the 1st Tuesday in November.

Not less than 3d. or more than 2/- may be paid at one time.