SUNDAY SERVICES.
Bere Regis.
Sundays, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion:
"October 1st, at mid-day.
" 15th and 29th, at 8 a.m.

THE VICARAGE,
GILLINGHAM,
September 25th, 1905.

My dear Friends,

It is with very deep feeling that I once again ask permission to address a few lines to you in the Magazine. The cause of my writing is of course the most kind and most unexpected presentation to Mrs. Sotheby and to myself of a beautiful piece of plate, in commemoration of our five years' residence at Bere Regis. I am very sorry to be unable to thank you face to face and by word of mouth.

I write now with mixed feelings. My first and strongest sentiments are those of admiration for the beauty of the silver jug, gratitude to our many kind friends,—the large number of the contributors of all classes is especially touching,—and the pleasure of knowing that any efforts we may have made for the good of the parish have been appreciated. It will be delightful to be constantly reminded by the furniture of our tea-table of this happy portion of our life.

At the same time I am conscious that five and a half years is altogether too short a period for the Vicar of a parish to merit this sort of testimonial from his people; there is too much truth in the words, often spoken—"It seems a pity that just when we were getting to know you, you should be leaving us;" in fact a sort of apology is due to the parishioners for the dislocation of parish machinery which the change of a Vicar necessarily entails.

And further there is a sense of shame that much that has been attempted has been left unfinished, while other kinds of good work have not even been attempted. However, as I have said on other occasions, my justification for leaving Bere Regis is that I am acting under orders. Gillingham is a place a man could hardly decline if his Bishop thinks him suitable for the post, and if he has ground for hoping that so onerous a charge will not overtax his strength.

Anyway Mrs. Sotheby and I thank you, my dear friends, very warmly for your goodwill and generosity; we ask for your prayers in our new sphere of work, and I plead for a hearty welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Montague Bere, with whose family I have long been acquainted, and who comes with an excellent record from those who have known him personally.

Yours most sincerely,
WALTER E. H. SOTHEBY.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.
The Festival this year was held on September 15th. The Church—thanks to many willing helpers—was very well decorated, and the congregation was quite up to the average. The offertory, however, showed a sad falling off, amounting to only £4 4s. Since then an extra £1 has been received, which with the Sunday morning offertory brings the sum to be sent to the Hospital up to over £6, but this is considerably less than the sum usually sent.
The preacher at the service was the Rev. P. A. Butler, Rector of East Stoke. The Thanksgiving Services were, as usual, continued on Sunday, and the Offertories were divided between the Hospital, the Itinerant Mission, and Church Expenses.

WOODBURY HILL FAIR.
The Annual Fair was held in splendid weather, and the attractions in the shape of merry-go-rounds, switch-backs, and other break-neck devices were more numerous than last year.
The Church Army Captain in charge of the Itinerant Mission Van held services on the Sunday afternoon and in the evenings of the days previous to the Fair. The child of one of the van-dwellers was baptized in the Mission Van on the morning of the Fair.

RIFLE CLUB.
At the Public Meeting held on Monday, September 8th, it was decided to form a Miniature Rifle Club for Bere Regis, and a Provisional Committee, consisting of Captain Palms, Messrs. Jesty, Bedford, and Griffen, and Rev. W. A. Newman, was formed, to invite subscriptions, draw up rules, and start the Club.
KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES:
Sundays, 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Children's Service, 2.30 p.m.

Holy Communion:
October 1st, 15th and 22nd, at 10.30 a.m.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

As you are aware I shall shortly be leaving you for a living in Kent, which has been given to me at a most opportune time, as owing to the changes which the in-coming Vicar finds it necessary to make, I had in any case, to seek fresh work.

I feel that I cannot go without a word of good-bye in the Magazine, and without thanking you for the great kindness I have received at the hands of all classes and all denominations during the six years I have been amongst you.

For me they have been on the whole six very happy years, for I have had the good fortune to work under two Vicars, who have both been kindness itself to me, and I have found those to whom I ministered both friendly and sympathetic.

Six years of the prime of one's life is really a long time, and looking back I feel that I have made many mistakes; that if I had it over again I would try in many ways to be different. At the same time it is a great cause of thankfulness to me that in spite of mistakes, I have been able to win your affection, (the regret you have all expressed at my coming departure convinces me of that). I feel that I have made many friends, I trust I have made no enemies.

It has been said "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones," but in bidding you "goodbye" I would ask you to reverse that saying by trying to think kindly of me, as I shall always think kindly of you by trying to forget any mistakes that I have made, believing me when I say that I have always had your welfare at heart. I shall never forget you, and trust that I shall some times see you in years to come. In the mean time I would ask your prayers that God will bless the work he has called me to do in another part of England, as I shall pray that He will bless and prosper you and the new Vicar and his Lay reader who will shortly come amongst you.

Yours very faithfully,

W. A. NEWMAN.

Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival was held this year on September the 8th, and was very well attended. The preacher was the Rev. R. Askew, Rector of Zelstone. There was plenty of help in decorating, but owing to the dry summer flowers and vegetables were not quite so plentiful as usual, there were however enough to make the Church very pretty. The services were continued on the Sunday and the offertory in all amounted to £4 7s. 6d. which was sent as usual to the Dorset County Hospital.

Coal Club.

Will members kindly finish their payments by October 24th, so that the coal can be given before the end of October.

Boot Club.

The Sunday School Boot Club is closed and the children can now have their boots.

Jumble Sale.

A Sale will be held about the middle of October to provide Funds for the various parish needs.

Marriages.—Sept. 21, George Jeans to Kate Giles.
" 27, Reginald James Biles to Minnie Margaret Miller.