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Dorchester:
SUNDAY SERVICES.

Bere Regis.
Sundays, 11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Communion:
September 3rd, at mid-day.

,, 17th, at 8 a.m.

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THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

We have been asked to publish the accompanying announcement of the coming Church Congress. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity of learning something of the questions which are at present occupying the attention of the Church, by attending at least some of the Meetings:

WEYMOUTH CHURCH CONGRESS.

Oct. 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

The visit of the Church Congress to the Diocese for the first time is an event of exceptional interest—Weymouth was selected on account of the accommodation which it possesses for large meetings. To have held the Congress in the Cathedral City in many respects would have been more convenient, but it would have involved the erection of large temporary buildings, the cost of which, and the unusually short time for preparation, made it impracticable. The programme has been drawn up with great care by the Subjects Committee, a numerous and representative body of clergy and laity of the Diocese and the Church at large. The opening sermons on Tuesday, October 3rd, will be preached by the Bishops of London, Durham, and Rochester. The Bishop of London also speaks at the Working Men’s Meeting on Monday evening and at the Women’s Meeting in the afternoon of that day. The President (the Bishop of the Diocese) will give his Address at the Jubilee Hall on Tuesday at 2.30, and this will be followed by an important discussion on the “Permanent Value of the Old Testament,” in which the Bishop of Gloucester, Chancellor Bernard, the Dean of St. Patrick’s, Dr. Kirkpatrick, and the Rev. J. G. Simpson (Principal of Leeds Clergy School) will take part. Meetings will be held daily at the Jubilee Hall and at the Sidney Hall. The following are the subjects to be considered:—Temperance, Revivals, Lay Work, Christian and Non-Christian Religion, Christian Marriage, Education, Foreign Missions, Church Work in the Navy and Army, The Church and Prisoners, The Church and the Sick. On the Friday morning is the Devotional Meeting, which is usually very large and impressive, differing as it does from the other meetings in the absence of applause. Meetings will be held at Dorchester, at which “The Church in the Villages” will find a place, and “Foreign Missions;” Meetings for Men and for Women will also be held there. There will also be Meetings at Bridport on Monday, and at Blandford on Wednesday. The full Programme will be found in the Diocesan Gazette, and may be on application. It is impossible to enumerate in a short space the long list of the Readers and Speakers. A considerable number of them are, for various reasons, well known throughout the Church and

Country, e.g., Lord Hugh Cecil, M.P., Mr. R. Bosworth Smith, The Earl of Shaftesbury, The Bishops of Bath and Wells, Truro, Manchester, Worcester and Derby; the Deans of Windsor and Salisbury, Mrs. Creighton, the gifted authoress of “Life and Letters of Bishop Creighton,” Mrs. Sumner, foundress of the Women’s Union; Rev. W. Carllie, founder of the Church Army; Mr. Eugene Stock, one of the greatest living authorities on Missionary Work; the Master of Marlborough College, the Warden of Kelso College, Oxford, &c. &c. The Mayor of Weymouth will give a Reception, and also the Mayor and Reception Committee of Dorchester. There will be the usual Ecclesiastical and Art Exhibition, for which a large special building is being erected at the Jubilee Hall, and to which Clergy, Churchwardens, and others are invited to lend any objects of interest. Member’s Tickets, admitting to all the Congress Meetings, except those specially for Men and for Women, are 7s. 6d. each, and may be obtained of the Secretaries, Congress Office, Weymouth. Reduced Railway Fares are allowed, and late trains have been arranged as far as Bournemouth, S.W.R., and Yeovil (including Bridport), G.W.R. The General Secretary—Precentor Carpenter, The Close, Salisbury, will be glad to give any information.

S.P.G.

The weather on August 4th was unfortunately wet and stormy, so that all the arrangements for the Missionary Meeting at Tolpuddle (at which the Bere Regis “King’s Messengers” provided a small sale) had to be indoors. Mrs. Besent kindly provided conveyance for taking the Band of Hope Members who had worked for the Sale to the meeting. A most interesting address was given by Mrs. Salfey, a Missionary from the Lebombo diocese.

In spite of the bad weather, the sum of £1 17s. was made at the Stall: some extra sales and other contributions bring the total up to £2 9s. 6d., and there is 14s. 11d. in hand from last year, so that we are not far short of the £3 10s. required for our Indian scholar. The money will not be sent to the Central Office till October, and Mrs. Sotheby will be glad to receive contributions towards making up the remainder: they can be sent to her in stamps by post to Gillingham Vicarage, or left with Miss Bedford to forward.

Missionary Box-holders are requested to send in their boxes to Mrs. Jestly, by 1st October. They can be left at the Post Office, addressed to her “To be called for.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lys, the Sunday School Treat was held this year in their field. The weather was beautifully fine. What with a cricket match, races and games, the children found plenty of amusement, while dancing was kept up by the adults to a late hour, to the strains of the Whitechurch Band.
FLOWER SERVICE.

A Flower Service was held in the Church at 3 o’clock on August 27th, and was very well attended. A large quantity of beautiful flowers were brought by the children. The offertory, amounting to 17/7, together with the flowers, was forwarded to the West End Hospital for Paralysed Children, Welbeck Street, London.

FLOWER SHOW.

The Annual Show was held in Mrs. Davis’ Field, Townend, on August 25th. Owing to the dry summer there was a slight falling off in the quantity of exhibits, but they did not suffer in quality. The attendance was quite up to the average.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

Since the South African War, efforts have been made all over England to bring home to our young men the necessity of learning to use the rifle. To encourage this, a Miniature Rifle Association has been formed in London with branches all over the country. We have at Bere Regis, in the Village Hall, an excellent place for putting up a Miniature Rifle Range.

A Public Meeting will be held in the Hall, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, September 9th, at which the principles of the Scheme will be described and an effort made to start a Rifle Club in Bere Regis.

It has been estimated that the initial cost will be about £25, towards which Capt. Palmes has kindly promised £15. When once started the Club can with small annual subscriptions and a charge for ammunition, be made self-supporting.

It is much to be hoped that this excellent scheme will receive from the parish the support it deserves.

KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 7-30.

Holy Communion:
September 3rd and 17th, at 10-30 a.m.

I much regret that owing to the long delay in filling up the Living of Bere Regis, I must ask you to attend the Services at the same hours as last month. It has been a cause of great thankfulness to me to see the Church so well filled each evening. I do not feel the extra work if I do not have to preach to empty benches.

W. A. NEWMAN.