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Bere Regis.

MR. BERE’S LETTER.

Feb. 5th, 1917.

Dear Friends,

The Bishop of Salisbury has given me permission to stay on with the B. E. F. after the termination of the year, for which I originally agreed. I hope that you will be agreeable to my signing on again. You will understand the feeling which I have, that I am not inclined to come away until the war is over. It is a work—this Casualty clearing Station work—which is so full of interest and opportunity, that it would be a pity to leave it, now that I understand what there is to do better than I did at first. The reason why the Bishop has given his sanction to my renewing my agreement is of course this, that I have been fortunate enough to find a deputy, who commands the confidence both of the Bishop and yourselves.

On renewal of my contract I shall be given ten days’ leave of absence from duty, I hope therefore to be able to spend the Sunday after Easter at Bere Regis.

I suppose that you have been having a cold spell as we have here. I had the misfortune to get a slight attack of influenza a few days after the frost began, and had to go into Hospital. It was a cold ward, the water froze by my bedside, and my first meal up after five days in bed was in a temperature below freezing point. One advantage was that I had the privilege, as a patient, of eating a National Egg Collection egg. I don’t expect that it came from Bere Regis or Kingston, anyhow it was one of the eggs collected under the National Scheme.

Since I last wrote we have been busy in this Hospital, there have not been a very large number of wounded, but a very great many sick, among whom a large number suffer from the complaint known as “Trench Feet,” which appears to be a kind of very large and very painful chilblain.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

SERVICES DURING MARCH.

The Sunday Services will be as usual.

On the Sunday mornings in Lent a Course of Sermons will be preached on the Subject—

“Sore let and hindered in running the Race that is set before us.”

Feb. 25—Lent I. Hindered by Circumstances
March 4—Lent II. Hindered by Others
" 11—Lent III. Hindered by Self
" 18—Lent IV. Hindered by Slackness
" 25—Lent V. Hindered by Lack of Self-Control
April 1—Lent VI. Hindered by Spiritual Misgivings.

On the Sunday Evenings the Subject will be—

“Lent in War-time.”

There will be a Special Lenten Service on the Wednesdays in Lent at 3-30 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 28th. The War-Intercessions will be included in this Service instead of at Mid-day. There will also be a Series of Devotional Meditations on “The Approach to Calvary.”

Feb. 28th—The Last journey to Jerusalem
March 7th—Some Events by the Way
" 14th—Anointed beforehand to His Burial
" 21st—Seeking Him at the Feast
" 28th—Jesus in Tears.

Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter will be announced in due course.

A GOOD LENTEN RESOLVE.

If we have been lax in our Religious Observances, Lent may be to us an “Accepted Time” for setting this right. Let us resolve that our Religion this Lent shall cost us some Self-Denial. May I suggest as one healthy discipline in Lent that we pursue our course of public worship without regard to our own comfort or pleasure? Do not let us stay away if the Church is too hot or too cold, unless we can honestly say our health is in danger. Do not let us stay at home whenever it is rather wet or windy. When we make excuses for our absence at Church let us see that they are honest ones. For God is listening! If we keep Lent in a Self-denying, humble spirit, we may feel sure it will indeed be to us an “Accepted Time.”

ANOTHER OF OUR BOYS.

During the past month we were pleased to see home “on leave” Pte. F. P. Applin of the 16th Ambulance Train. B. E. F. France. This was his first “leave” for 17 months. He looked as if his life agrees with him well, and had many interesting things to tell of his experiences. What will be of much interest to Bere Regis is the fact that upon one occasion, in the course of his Ambulance...
Winterbourne Kingston.

LEN T.

We have now entered upon our third Lent in War time, and it cannot fail to be a time of the deepest solemnity to us all, for we must search out, and try our ways more strictly than we have done in the past. During this special season of penitence, let us examine our own hearts and ways, and see whether we cannot rise to a higher and nobler sense of our Christian duties, and cast away from us all that is hindering us from a more devoted service to God. Let us put on anew our Christian armour of penitence and prayer, and determine to make a manful fight against our besetting sins, and so win the victory over them, fully realizing the glorious promise “To him that cometh will I grant to sit with Me on My Throne”—Let Penitence and Prayer and Self-denial be our watchwords this Lent.

THE CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation classes have commenced, the one for young men being on Thursdays and that for the young women on Tuesdays—As we had a Confirmation only last year at Bere Regis when 9 candidates were confirmed, I am particularly pleased that there are more candidates again this year. The Confirmation will be held on March 23rd, at 2-30 p.m. and I hope that the parents and friends of the candidates may be able to be present at the Service.

BER E REGIS NOTES—continued.

By—1st, Miss Randolph, 2nd, Mrs. Lys, 3rd, Miss Pond; the Consolation prize being awarded to Mrs. Bullen. The Gentleman’s prizes were all won by soldiers. Refreshments were provided, and afterwards the tables were cleared away and a few dances and songs completed the enjoyment of the Evening.

SOLDIERS’ HALL.

A very pleasant Social Evening was spent in the Drax Hall on Thursday, February 8th. The arrangements were organised by the Ladies of the Tea-Room Committee, who invited soldiers and friends to a Whist Drive. Between 30 and 40 of the M.M.G.C. from Bovington were among the guests, and kindly gave the prizes. The ladies’ prizes were won by—1st, Miss Randolph, 2nd, Mrs. Lys, 3rd, Miss Pond; the Consolation prize being awarded to Mrs. Bullen. The Gentlemen’s prizes were all won by soldiers. Refreshments were provided, and afterwards the tables were cleared away and a few dances and songs completed the enjoyment of the Evening.

WEDDING BELLS.

A wedding of local interest took place on January 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, London, when Mr. Harry Arbon Drake, Can. Ex. Force, eldest son of Mr. J. W. Drake of Tarrant Abbey, Blandford, was married to Miss Dorothy Amy Johnson, only daughter of the late Mr. J. J. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, of Bere Regis. The officiating Clergyman was the Rev. E. N. Sharp, Rector of Holy Trinity, Marylebone.

The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Lohengrin’s Wedding March
was played as the bride entered the Church accompanied by her Uncle Mr. T. H. Cothill, who gave her away, and who also presented her with a sheaf of lilies of the valley and carnations. The Bride wore her travelling dress. The Best Man was a Canadian Highlander. The Rector gave a short and impressive address, and Mendelssohn’s Wedding March was played as the happy couple left the Church. The short honeymoon was spent at Brighton, Mr. Drake returning to France on the 31st.

Both bride and bridegroom are well known in Bere Regis, especially the bride, and we wish them both every happiness. They were the recipients of numerous presents and cheques from friends.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of an old parishioner—Mr. George Everett, who passed away at a good old age on February, 13th. Mr. Everett had been ailing for some time past, but the end came rather suddenly. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his widow and relatives. Mr. Everett was the father of Mrs. Bugby, the wife of our esteemed Schoolmaster and Organist.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS.

A Contingent of the V.T.C. has been formed in this parish and has been joined by several who are debarred from entering the regular army. The V.T.C. stands for home defence, and is an important factor in the present crisis of the nation. Drills are now in full swing, and Bere Regis may be proud of its volunteers as well as of those who are on Active Service.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

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BURIALS.
Feb. 6th—Fanny Lane aged 48 years.
,, 19th—George Everett aged 84 years.

OFFERTORIES.
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