BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

FEBRUARY, 1922

BERE. Church Services for the Month. KINGSTON.

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February 2nd — Purification of B. V. Mary
February 24th — St. Matthias, A.M.

Celebrations at 8 a.m.
Village Social Club.

The Bere Regis Village Social Club was formally opened on December 23rd, when a successful whist drive was held. During the interval Captain Jesty introduced General Hannay, who commanded the 5th Dorsets during the war and was therefore well-known to many of those present. General Hannay then declared the club open, and in the course of his speech suggested as a motto for the club the following:—“Nothing is done well, that can be done better.” There are already a fair number of members, and it is hoped that more will soon join.

Organ Recital.

On January 1st, after evensong an organ recital was given by Mr. Noel Ponsonby, M.S., B.C., Organist at Ely Cathedral. Needless to say it was a musical treat much appreciated by a large congregation, and we all hope that we shall be favoured with a further visit at not too distant date.

The programme was as follows:—Pavan, an ancient dance, William Byrd (1542–1623); Pavan, a song of victory, Basil Harwood (b. 1859); Prelude on an old Christmas Carol, Johannes Brahms (1833–1897); Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes, Vaughan Williams (b. 1872); The Holy Boy, a song of the Nativity, John Ireland (b. 1879); Prelude and Fugue in C major, J. S. Bach (1685–1750).

Parochial Church Council.

A meeting was held at the Vicarage on the evening of Wednesday, January 18th. The first question which came up for discussion was whether for financial reasons it was desirable to continue the publication of the Parish Magazine: as our readers know, it was decided to carry on for the present year, and then to reconsider the matter in the light of further evidence.

A small committee was appointed to deal with the continuance of a Lending Library upon the lines adopted in 1921: another, also, to examine and report upon the Parish properties which have been accumulating at the Vicarage for many years past. It may be added that the Parish Room at the Vicarage is in process of being refitted with a view to storing such properties as are thought worthy of retention so that they may be more readily accessible when occasion arises. Another committee was appointed to go into the whole question of Church Finance for the ensuing year (1922–3): to consider the allocation of offerteries to special objects, and any other contingencies. This seems to be a matter of first-rate importance. In any case, intelligent anticipation is the best way of avoiding unwelcome deficits at the end of a financial year. It seems clear, too, that the fabric of our Church (roof, walls, etc.) will stand in need of a thorough spring cleaning. This must involve additional expenditure: but, apart from all other considerations, we have inherited a magnificent church through the generosity mainly of our restorers of fifty years ago, and it is nothing less than our privilege to keep in thorough repair the work which they did so well.

Diocesan Church Fund.

At a meeting held at the Vicarage, on the evening of Monday, January 25th, the collections for this fund were found to amount to £11 12s. 2d., and a cheque for this amount was forthwith handed to the Rector-decanal Treasurer.

The thanks of all are due to those ladies who organised and carried out the collection for us. It is a most creditable result—the more so when we remember that it was all done in the absence of a Vicar—and we only hope that the collectors will be willing to resume their labours in this good cause when the Autumn comes round again.

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Winterborne Kingston.

We are glad to notice that the Sunday School has continued to make satisfactory progress under the management of Miss Hames, with occasional assistance from Mrs. Butler. It is very greatly to their credit that it has not been allowed to lapse altogether during the absence of a curate and we are duly grateful to them for their self-denying labours.

The Services of the Church during the past month have been fairly well attended in spite of some rather unfortunate weather on Sundays. We are pleased to find that we can now have a morning and an evening service every Sunday and though the hours are not quite what they used to be, it is a great relief after the series of afternoon services which had fallen to our lot for four long months. We cannot leave this subject without offering a word of congratulation to our organist upon the efficiency of the choir. It is not perhaps as strong in numbers as we have known it to be in the past, but time, tone, and tune are alike excellent, and, if proof of real enthusiasm were needed, it would surely be found in the regularity of their attendance.

WEDDINGS.

On Jan. 2nd, at Winterborne Kingston.
Henry Martin Rowney to Linda Ethel Henville.

On Jan. 5th, at Winterborne Kingston.
William James Desborough to Florence Annie White.

FUNERALS.

On Jan. 11th, at Bere Regis.
John Hewitt, aged 78 years.

On Jan. 14th, at Winterborne Kingston.
Thomas Miller, aged 78 years.

On Jan. 31st, at Winterborne Kingston.
William Charles George Biles, aged 20 years.