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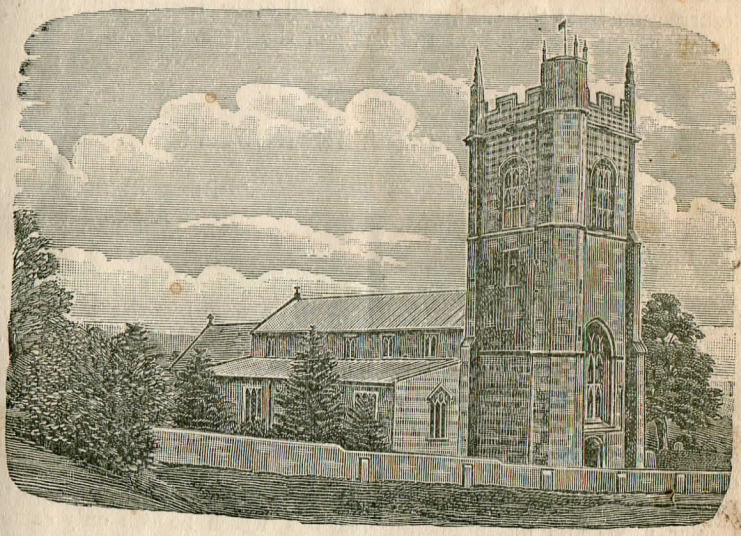

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Church Services.

BERE REGIS AND KINGSTON.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Communion, April 1st and 15th, at Morning Service.

" " April 15th, at 8 a.m.

The Services during Holy Week will be announced later. On Wednesday before Easter, there will be Evening Service at 7-30 ; on Good Friday, Morning Service at 11, and Evening Service at 7.

We hope that these great days, Good Friday and Easter Day, will be well observed. On Good Friday, we commemorate the supreme event on which the Christian Faith is founded, the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ; on Easter Day, we celebrate His Resurrection from the dead, when above all other times, Church people should present themselves at the Table of the Lord.

LETTER FROM THE NEW VICAR.

BERE REGIS,
March 26th, 1900.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

This will he the first issue of the Magazine after my coming into residence as Vicar of the Parish, and I should like to address a few lines to you, in addition to what I have already said from the pulpit.

The acceptance of a new charge by a Clergyman must be to any man who at all realizes his position, the occasion of great interest and also of much anxiety. He is being put in charge of the religious life of a number of persons who are to him strangers, and though his experience elsewhere will be a great help, still every parish has its particular needs and distinguishing features, which he can only come to know through personal intercourse with his new parishioners. What do we mean when we say the Vicar is in charge of the religious life of his people ? Of course, ultimately, every one is responsible for his or her own religious life ; this a burden no one can bear for another ; to our own Master each of us stand or falls. Yet so it is that the Minister stands who represents the Church does largely make or mar the religious life around him ; he does much for his people by the regular and careful performance of the Church Services, the Sunday, Daily, and Occasional Offices ;—but also the personal relation counts for much. If the Minister is a worldly man, there will pretty certainly be a worldly tone in the people ; if the Minister is a really religious man, the religious life of many of the parishioners is sure to be deepened and brightened. Hence his great responsibility, hence much anxiety, but hence also, unquestionably, the great happiness of his work.

Let us pray, my friends, and strive while we pray, that I may be a help to the parish, that we may each of us be strengthened by the others' faith, both yours and mine.

I am very thankful to be able to retain the valued services of the Rev. W. A. Newman.

To speak of more ordinary intercourse the path is smoothed by the fact that I have long been familiar with the name of Bere Regis. Canon Warre, Mr. Langford, Mr. W. O. B. Allen, are old friends of mine—indeed, Mr. Langford and I have been associated together since we were little boys at a private school; and I well remember the time, now 35 years ago, when Mr. Warre first took charge of Bere, and how keenly interested his friends, who were then near neighbours of ours in Somersetshire, were in the future of the parish. What a work he did here! Mr. Farrer I did not know personally till the offer of the living was made to me, but I desire to express my gratitude for the good order in which he has left the Parish, for the full and explicit information he has left me, and for his great kindness to me in every way. Add to this the close connection between Bere Regis and the great College of Balliol, of which we Vicars are so proud to be members. A happy future ought to be before Mrs. Sotheby and myself in our residence among you.

My friends, I thank you for the pleasant and kindly welcome you have given us, and I ask that you will support with sympathy and zeal and generosity the different portions of the parish work as they shall come before us. At present what I have to do is to make your acquaintance; it is futile to attempt to say what I may wish to do till we know one another. After 23 years of work in thickly populated parts of London, it might seem that I am entering on a very different kind of work—on these rolling downs and open heaths,—but I am still more impressed by what seems to be alike in the inhabitants of country and town. Once again then I ask for your cordial co-operation in Church and School and all social organizations for the common good, and above all for your prayers.

I am, your faithful friend and Pastor,

WALTER E. H. SOTHEBY.

Mr. Sotheby begs to acknowledge Magazine subscriptions collected by Miss Lys, at Bere, £9 4s. 10d., at Kingston, £2 5s.; also £1 from the Rev. J. F. Langford. (Details will follow later.)

INDUCTION OF THE NEW VICAR.

The New Vicar was instituted at Salisbury on March 2, and inducted at Bere Regis by the Archdeacon of Dorset on March 13.

On the latter occasion, in the presence of a large congregation, the Vicar was led by the Archdeacon to the Door of the Church, and then to the Belfry, the Font, the Prayer Desk, Pulpit, and Holy Table, and undertook to perform his duties "by the help of God." Afterwards the Archdeacon delivered an instructive Address on the different parts of the Church Service.

THE BAND OF HOPE.

The Band of Hope gave an Entertainment on Shrove Tuesday, and held its last Meeting for the Season on March 14.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEA.

On Tuesday, March 20, Miss Lys very kindly gave a Tea to the Boys and Girls of the Sunday School in the Parish Hall. A very pretty Brooch and Church Service in Case were presented to Miss Lys by the Teachers and Scholars, as an expression of their feelings of regret that we are losing her from the Parish. The departure of so earnest and capable a Church-worker will be sorely felt by her many friends. We thank her for her past services, and hope we may yet from time to time see her amongst us.

THE SCHOOLS.

Meetings of the Managers of the Bere Regis, Bere Heath, and Kingston Schools were held on March 7th, to elect representatives to serve for a period of Three Years on the Sub-Area Committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Voluntary Schools' Association.

The following were Elected:

For BERE REGIS—Rev. W. E. H. Sotheby, Mr. Jesty, and Mr. Hibbs.

For BERE HEATH—Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Gregory.

For KINGSTON—Rev. W. E. H. Sotheby, and Rev. W. A. Newman.

A Meeting of the Sub-Area Committee was held at Wareham on March 22nd, when the Rev. S. Blackett, the Rev. S. W. M. Nash, and O. C. Farrer, Esq. were elected as the representatives of the Wareham Sub-Area on the Central Committee of the Association.

BERE REGIS RINGERS, 1899.

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KINGSTON CONTINUATION CLASSES.

These Evening Classes were brought to a close on March 2nd. All the boys had been very regular in attendance, and had their fees returned. The First Prize for History, given by Mr. Newman, was won by John Wellstead.

Each boy was presented with a Book by the Teachers, Messrs. Berry and Newman at the close of the Session.

It is much to be hoped that more boys will avail themselves of these Classes next Winter. There ought to be more than 11 boys in Kingston who could learn something in the Winter Evenings.

The boys are hard at work on their Allotments. Mr. Newman has promised an Extra Prize of 5s. for the best kept piece of ground. Mr. Huntley will be the judge.

BERE REGIS COAL CLUB.

The Coal Club will re-commence on Monday, April 9th at the Vicarage, at 12 o'clock.

BERE REGIS.

BAPTISMS.—February 25, Maurice Alfred Sheppard.
March 10, William Frederick Lys.

MARRIAGE.—February 24, John Albert Pitfield and Kate Hoare.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

BURIAL.—March 28, Elizabeth Edmonds.

KINGSTON.

BURIAL.—March 26, James Boswell, aged 78 years.