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Church Services.

BERE REGIS AND KINGSTON.

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

Celebrations of Holy Communion, July 1st, at midday.
" " July 15th, at 8 a.m.
" " " 29th, "

Children's Service :

Bere Regis, July 29th, at 2-30.

Kingston, every Sunday, except July 29th, at 3.

MUNICH, June 25.

Mr. SOTHEBY'S contribution this month to the Magazine will, we fear, be very limited, and Mr. NEWMAN has kindly undertaken to edit it for him. Next month he hopes to give some account of the very interesting Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau, at which he and Mrs. Sotheby have been present. He hopes to be back for the S. P. G. Meeting at Puddletown on Friday.

Since the last number of the Magazine came out the Choir has been provided with Cassocks, a great improvement.

Haymaking is now in full swing after being interrupted for a week by rain. Not since 1897 has the hay harvest been hindered in this manner, and consequently we have been exercising the Englishman's privilege of grumbling. We sometimes forget that in spite of our changeable climate, we grow almost if not quite the best all round crops of corn and fruit, and vegetables and roots of any country in the world, or perhaps we ought to say that our much-abused climate accounts for our good crops. Even the recent rain has its good points for the root crop, which, had the drought continued, would have been a poor one, but now promises well, and even the hay has not suffered much. Our garden crops all show their appreciation of the rain. So let us be thankful.

THE CAPTURE OF PRETORIA.

Like a good many other places we were rather premature in our rejoicings over the fall of Pretoria. In Bere when the joyful news came, flags were hoisted everywhere. The youths of the place arrayed themselves in military dress, and the effigy of the misguided President of the Transvaal Republic was publicly shot, and then burned amidst general rejoicings.

At Kingston we refrained from this uncivilized method of treating a fallen foe. We hoisted our flags, found three out of the four ringers, and rang "three" bells, and gave the children a half holiday.

But, to speak seriously, we ought to be very thankful that the enemy's capitals have fallen into our hands with so little loss of life. Had not the Boers' courage failed them, we might have lost very heavily. As it is, Lord Roberts is cleverly drawing his net round the commandoes still in the field, many burghers are surrendering and returning to their farms, and it is to be hoped that in a very short time, peace and order will be fully established in our two new colonies in S. Africa.

THE BISHOP'S VISITATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese held his Fifth Triennial Visitation at Wareham on Saturday, June 23rd. He took as his address a portion of a book which he is engaged in writing, called "The Ministry of Grace."

It deals with the history of the Ministry of the Church, and the Church's Rules and Services. The portion read by the Bishop gave us an account of the Sunday Services in the early Church, or rather of the Service; for in early times before Sunday came to be recognized as the Christian day of rest, they had only one service. At first this Service used to commence at sunset on Saturday evening in imitation of the Jewish custom of keeping the Sabbath from sunset to sunset; that is from sunset on the Friday to sunset on the Saturday.

The Service lasted till dawn. This all-night service was due to the fact that the early Christians expected our Lord's second coming to occur in the night, and they wished that when He came, He should find them "watching."

Soon, however, the Service on Saturday was abandoned for one which began early on Sunday morning. Part of this Service always consisted of the Holy Communion.

The Service ended soon after dawn and was the only one of the day as the Christians had their daily work to attend to. In these days among the heathen all seven days of the week were alike. There was no weekly day of rest, and the Christians, many of whom were slaves, dared not neglect their day's work.

What a pity it is that though Sunday is called the day of rest now, many people cannot or will not find the time to come to Church even once.

What a pity it is that the Holy Communion which in earliest days was partaken of by all Christians, should now be the privilege of only a few in each parish.

BERE REGIS EVENING SCHOOL.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

We publish the reports of Bere Heath Day School, and Bere Regis Evening School. The report of the Bere Regis Day Schools will be published in the next number of the Magazine.

"The School has again being very well attended and some very useful work has been done. Mensuration of an advanced kind has been taken, and good progress has been made in Arithmetic. The method of teaching Geography is a commendable one, and the youths have gained some useful information."

"Drawing deserves special mention as it is above the average."

BERE HEATH SCHOOL.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

"The Staff of this School has been for some time in an unsettled state, and the present Mistress who took charge in July, evidently found the School in rather a backward condition. The discipline is well kept. Attention should be given to improving the Writing and general neatness of all the Daily Exercises, which should be regularly dated: also to the still further improvement of the Spelling, which is now the weak point. In the periodical examinations, separate books are better than single sheets of paper. Geography in the Upper Division promises well, but in the Lower Division, where Geography is taught by means of Object Lessons, it will be necessary largely to increase the apparatus for illustrating the Lessons. Singing and Needlework are satisfactory. The Infants are fairly taught, but a quarterly syllabus should be prepared."

KINGSTON.

On June 18th, we had a surprise visit from the Diocesan Van of the C.E.T.S., under the charge of Mr. Langston, the Buckinghamshire navvy. An attempt was made to hold a meeting in the evening, but owing to haymaking and shortness of notice, very few people came, and the lecturer did not consider it advisable to address so small an audience.

BAPTISMS.

BAPTISMS.—June 10, Jennie Tuckwell, daughter of George James and Jane Hayter.

George Ambrose, son of Tom and Nellie Burt.