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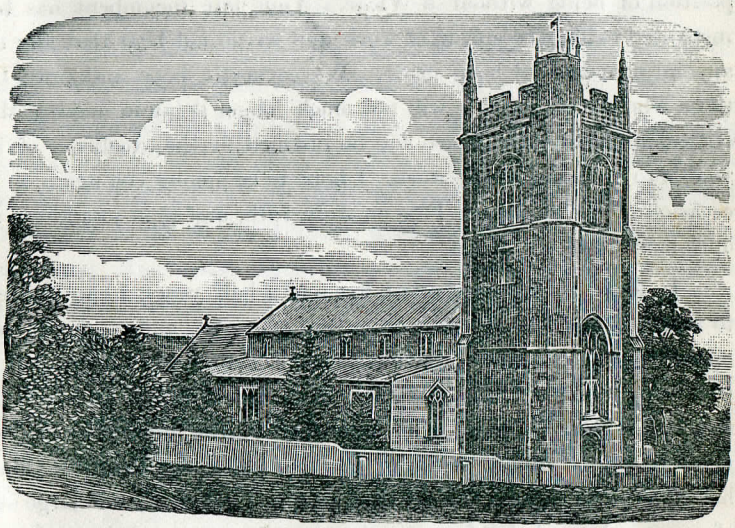

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion :
July 2nd, at mid-day.
,, 16th and 30th, at 8 a.m.
June 25—St. James the Apostle.

St. John Baptist Day.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The parish of Bere Regis is still I fear in the unfortunate position of being without a Vicar. Your late incumbent has been instituted to his new sphere of work, and we do not hear that any new appointment has yet been made. We earnestly hope and pray that those who are responsible will not much longer delay in making their choice, and that their choice will be justified by the excellence of him who is to be called to the work. I hope to be among you again on the occasion of the Foresters' Fête on July 12th, and then to address you once more from the pulpit.

In looking back on the last five and a half years, I can see much to regret in the way of omission on my own part, and no doubt many mistakes in the methods I have followed. I am sure I have had the well-being, temporal and spiritual, of the parishioners at heart, and striven to promote those ends according to the light that has been given to me. I do not think, in the first place, our beautiful Church has suffered as regards the outward fabric. Before I came large sums of money have been for many generations expended on it, and recently certain additions have been made, which whether or not the parishioners take much interest in them, I cannot doubt have been a permanent gain.

As regards more really spiritual matters, while our congregations have been good, it is a sad reflection that so large a proportion of the *male* population, at least, abstain from worship within its walls. While gratefully acknowledging the loyal help and cooperation of the Churchwardens and Teachers and many others, I often wonder how it is that I have apparently failed to commend the Church and its Service to so many others. The number of Communicants in particular, except on Easter-Day, has been far from what the Vicar of the parish could have wished to see.

Again, having a very strong conviction that present, as well as future, happiness is closely bound up with religion, and that healthy religion is promoted by good social work outside the Church walls. I have been very glad to secure a Reading Room and Club, on an open basis, for the men of the place. This I need not tell you could hardly have been done without the munificent help of Captain Palmes and others, who will do all they can to secure its permanence ; and for myself, as I have said elsewhere, I will, if necessary, make myself *responsible* for the rent of the Hall, at least for the next two or three years. I am sure the educating influence of the management of such an institution is a very valuable asset in the moral life of the young men of the parish. Mr. Charles Hewitt is the acting secretary.

We gladly welcome the assistance of more young men in the Choir. May they be good Churchmen as well as good singers.

It would not be right to pass over without mentioning the work, often inconspicuous, but often laborious, that has been done at the Vicarage and at various gatherings, in which I have borne very small part myself, in the way of Library, Coal and Clothing Clubs, Band of Hope, and Missionary Agencies. Such matters, which make for righteousness, have cost a great deal of anxious care and labour, and I trust they will not be suffered to fail for want of interest.

Mrs. Sotheby is very sorry that she had only time for a few farewell visits before coming away. She wishes to express her regret to all friends whom she did not see at the last, and to say that she feels very sad at the thought that her time at Bere has come to an end.

I must close. Thanking you for great kindnesses, and for abundant trust, I commend you to the care of the Providence "that shapes our ends," and ask for *your* prayers in my new work.

Ever believe me,

Your sincere friend and late Vicar,

WALTER E. H. SOTHEBY.

Mrs. Sotheby very much regrets that it is not possible to arrange for the usual Missionary Meeting this summer, with a Sale for obtaining the money required for the little Indian Scholar, whom we have undertaken to pay for. A Meeting will however be held shortly at Tolpuddle, at which we propose to provide a Stall which might bring

in the necessary sum of £3 10s. The Band of Hope and other workers have already supplied more than £1's worth of articles, and we hope that other friends of the Missionary Fund will now contribute also. Miss Jesty and Miss Bedford, who undertake the management of the Stall will be glad to receive all articles for it. The date of the Meeting will be announced as soon as the speaker can name the day when she can come.

BAND OF HOPE.

The Members, assisted by other friends, gave a Performance of Songs, Maypole Dances, Musical Drill, etc., on Wednesday, June 7th. It was very disappointing that the meeting could not be held in the Vicarage garden as planned, owing to the down-pour of rain, which came just in time to make the grass "impossible" for such a gathering. A good number of spectators however braved the weather and came to the Hall instead. The Performance was very creditable, and included a Recitation from Miss Clee, and Songs from Misses J. Hewitt and E. Janes. Among the Band of Hope "items" special commendation should be given to the sweet singing of the boys, the Maypole Dances of the girls, and the Irish jig danced by George Horne and Harry Battrick. At the close Mrs. Sotheby thanked the teachers and other friends who had helped at the meetings throughout the season, and expressed her regret that in the future she would have no part in the work. She trusted that the Band of Hope would continue and prosper.

On Thursday, June 15th, all the Members had a day's Excursion to Bournemouth, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the weather being all that could be wished. Mr. Newman, Mrs. Bullen and Miss Isabel Hewitt, kindly went with the party, and Mr. Bedford kindly supplied conveyances to and from Wareham.

HALL ACCOUNT, 1904.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Payments for Concerts, Dances, and other occasional purposes	9	11	10
Rent, Constitutional Club	8	6	10
Rent, Captain Palmes	1	6	8
Sunday School and Band of Hope ...	3	3	0
	22	7	6
Deficiency	0	3	3
	£22	10	9

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Caretaker	9	12	3
Lamps	1	7	9
Fuel and Light ...	2	10	9
Rent	9	0	0
	£22	10	9

S.P.G.

The Secretary at the London Central Office sends thanks to the Bere Regis workers for the pracel of native clothing just received.—"Tell them how very grateful we are to them for their help. The garments are all to be sent to our Mission at Trinchinopoly where they are much needed."

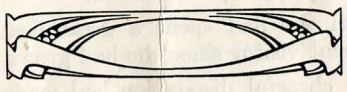
MISS JESTY.

Just as the Magazine for this month is going to the printers the news has come of the death of Miss Nellie Jesty, after a very short and very painful illness. She had been away for the benefit of her health, and we were glad to see her so much better on her return, and her sudden death has come as a great blow to her many friends.

Those to whom she brought the Magazine, month after month, the children whom she had, until quite recently, taught in the Sunday School, the sick and aged whom she visited, will miss her kindly face, —in fact, it is no idle compliment to her worth to say that we all shall miss her, for we feel that an influence for good has been taken from the midst of us. God has seen fit in His good providence, to bring her life's work to an end at an early age, but she leaves behind her an example of love and sympathy for others which will never die.

BAPTISM.—June 4th, Morris Edward, son of William Henry and Jane Langdown.

MARRIAGE.—June 19th, Charles Prince to Charity Hewitt.



KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES:

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Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion:
July 2nd and 16th, at midday.
,, 30th, at 8 a.m.

THE CHURCHYARD.

Many of the headstones have recently been cleaned, and the appearance of the churchyard has been much improved thereby. An effort will be made to have the grass cut more frequently in future, but it would much assist the work of keeping the churchyard neat and tidy, if those who have relatives or friends buried there would themselves keep the mounds cut. It is but a small service to ask in memory of those we have "loved and lost awhile."

MISS MABEL STACEY.

The news of Miss Stacey's sudden death came as a great shock to us all. She had only just landed in South Africa, whither she had gone to take up hospital work, when she met her death in a serious gas explosion in Adderly Street, Cape Town.

As a young girl she had spent a great deal of her time here and had been a frequent visitor since she had grown up.

Her bright and cheerful disposition had made her popular with everybody, and the greatest sympathy is felt with her relatives in their loss.

BAPTISM.—June 11th, Mary Eliza, daughter of Joseph Richard and Betsy Hannah Symes.