BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

NOVEMBER, 1907.

Sunday Services.

BERE.		KINGSTON.	
Holy Communion	8.0	Holy Communion—(3rd Sunday) ...	10.0
First Sunday	12.0	Mattins—(except 3rd Sunday) ...	10.0
Mattins	11.30	Evensong	3.30
Children's Service or Sunday School	2.30		
Evensong	6.0		

Saints' Days.

Holy Communion 8.0

Week Days.

Mattins 8.50

Longman, Printer, Dorchester.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival took place on October 2nd. Mr. Helps, Vicar of Puddletown, preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation. There were a good number of communicants at the celebration at 7.0 Had the thought occurred to us in time, we should have repeated the successful experiment on Ascension-Day by inviting the attendance of our ever-willing choir. The singing at Evensong was admirable. The anthem chosen was "Thou Visitest the Earth," by *Maunder*. It is a simple and melodious composition, most suitable to the occasion, and of a type that is appreciated by those who are unaccustomed to the more dignified works of the great world famous composers.

The collection amounted to £4 8s. 1d. A further 8s. 6d. was received by the Vicar after Festival, so that we were able to send £4 16s. 8d. to the Dorset County Hospital. The Church Expenses require all and rather more than all that the collections on the first Sundays in the month produce, so we were unable to add to the Festival collection the amount given on the 1st Sunday in October It remains to be added that the decorations were effective and artistic. The chancel contained nothing but marguerites, corn, and a bunch of grapes; the pillars and windows were adorned with troughs and pots of dahlias, and corn was stood in the squint and on the chancel steps; the font was covered with marguerites and other white flowers.

BIBLE CLASSES.

It has been found necessary to alter the days for these. They are being held at 6-30 on Tuesdays for young women, and 8.0 on Mondays for young men. A good start was made, and we hope that the members will tend to increase rather than fall off. The book of Genesis is being studied.

VESTRY MEETING.

A Meeting was held at the Vicarage on October 15th, for the double purpose of electing representatives to the Ruri-Decanal Conference, and of making formal application for a faculty to place a memorial to the late Mr. Erle Drax in the Church. The latter part of the business could not be transacted owing to the fact that the Vicar was unable to produce the plans. He was able however to make a general statement as to what the intention was, and to read the correspondence that he had had with Mr. Drax's friends. The meeting was adjourned 'sine die.' Messrs. James, Gregory and and Hatton were elected as our parochial representatives to attend the Ruri-Decanal Meeting on November 13th, and such other meetings as the rural dean will call.

COLLECTIONS.

	Sept. 30.	Oct. 2.	6.	13.	20.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
8.0 ...	4 0	9 1	3 4	2 3	2 6
10.30	—	—	£1 3 1	—	16 7
6.0 ...	—	£3 19 0	10 6	—	18 5

Oct. 2 for County Hospital.

,, 20 for Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society other dates for Church Expenses.

On November 10th, there will be a collection for the Additional Curates' Society. Special preacher at 11.30, Rev. C. Curzon. This is instead of the usual annual meeting. The Litany will be omitted on this Sunday in order to give more time for the sermon.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 29—Margery Hilda, daughter of Frank and Harriett Alice Gillingham, of Butt Lane.

Oct. 6—Edith Vera Maud, daughter of Arthur and Emily Wills, of Shitterton.

COAL CLUB.

Tenders are invited for the supply of 9 or 10 cwt. of coal each to the members of the Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston Coal Clubs during December. The coal must be screened and of a quality that will give satisfaction to the members. It must be delivered at their houses. There are 52 members of the Bere and 27 members of the Kingston Coal Clubs. Tenders must be in writing, and must reach the Vicar by November 20.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP.

The Bishop hopes that every parish in his diocese will contribute to the Missionary Thankoffering to be made in S. Paul's Cathedral in June next year on the occasion of the meeting of Bishops of the Anglican Communion throughout the world in London during that month.

His lordship writes—

"I think you will like to hear from me what is "proposed to be done in this Diocese in regard to "the Thankoffering, to be presented by myself in "S. Paul's Cathedral at the close of the Pan-"Anglican Congress. Our Diocesan Board of "Missions unanimously resolved that the Thank-"offering from this Diocese ought not to be less "than £5,000. This sum was calculated on the

"basis of what had been found possible in the cases "of the Centenary of the C.M.S. and the Bicen-"tenary of the S.P.G., and on the consideration "that the ordinary contributions for all Missionary "Societies from the Diocese are not less than "£10,000 per annum. If each subscriber gives this "year half as much again as usual the amount "will be raised, but I hope that many fresh persons "will be drawn to take an interest in the cause, "when they perceive the greatness and worthiness "of the task."

Shall we just have an extra Missionary collection during 1908 or will some one particularly interested in Missionary work make a collection?

Explanatory papers can be supplied.

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS.

A gentlemen visited Bere Regis in the early autumn and recorded his impressions in the "East Dorset Herald," on September 12. His remarks are distinctly gratifying. He wrote as follows :—

"I had never had an opportunity of attending church at Bere Regis till this very present time, and being but a few miles from Bere, I decided to attend evening service, after I had an excellent tea and refreshment. The church of Bere Regis is really a very creditable building, and furthermore it is kept in an excellent state. In Bere Church every spot that I saw was clean: even the ringing loft—up 100 steps, was clean and sweet and no smoking. Some churches grow a good quantity of cobwebs, but no such thing can be said about Bere. Bere is also a fairly clean town, as it ought to be.

"At this visit of mine I was quite delighted with the nice singing, and the good order kept. The Choir would have done credit to a town of 2,000, and I think Bere does not boast of so many.

"The minister preached an excellent sermon. The best I have heard in Dorset for some time. The best since 10 years ago I heard the then Archdeacon now Canon Sowter."

The visitor is not alone in his appreciation of the tidiness of the interior of the Church, and we are sure that his compliment is deserved both by those who clean and dust the seats and floor, and also by the foreman of the ringers. As to the sermon. Who preached on the occasion of this gentleman's visit? Was it the vicar or one of the two clergymen who did duty for him just about that time? Also, what is the standard for a "good sermon?" Two results of "good sermons" are mentioned in the New Testament. Our Lord preached a "good sermon" in the Synagogue of Nazareth, and the congregation shewed their appreciation of it by trying to throw Him over a precipice. S. Stephen preached a "good sermon" and his hearers promptly stoned him to death. It is therefore not always the "best sermon" that is the most popular with the audience.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

The Harvest Festival took place on September 26. The Church was very prettily decorated and the singing was hearty and bright. Mr. Askew preached the sermon, and not by any means for the first time. He drew from the processes of nature the spiritual lesson of patience. The congregation was fairly large, not we imagine quite so large as in many previous years. The collection on the following Sunday was added to that taken at the Festival service, and the total was sufficient to procure three tickets for the Dorset County Hospital. The vegetables and flowers and fruit were sent to the same Hospital and gratefully acknowledged by the Matron.

The Vicar has not up to the present moment heard of any successor to Mr. Warren. He trusts that he will be able to find some one by the new year. The house and garden are sufficiently attractive. The premises have been left in admirable condition by Mr. Warren. The Vicar spent rather over £20 on the interior of the parsonage before Mr. Warren came, and he has himself spent a good deal more than that on the garden, the garden paths and converting the coach house into a comfortable study. It will be a pity if the place remains long without a tenant. In days gone by when the Parsonage was furnished it was no doubt much easier to find a clergyman for Kingston than it is now. No curate can have any security in his position, and we have to wait until some priest can be found who is willing to go to the large expense involved in moving his goods, and one also who can accept quite a small stipend. We hope that ere long the Churchpeople of Kingston will try to raise some funds on their own account. There is an old proverb about heaven helping those who help themselves, that is not without point in reference to the Church.

Baptism—Clara Millicent, daughter of Charles and Sabina Ricketts. 29th Sept.

Burial—Fanny Henville, aged 77. 3rd Oct.

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	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
8.0	... 5	6	1	3	—		—	
10.0	—		4	4	4	5	4	10
3.30 or 6.0	£2 0	5	5	4	1	10	2	2

NOTICE—Coal Club payments will be received at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the School.

DRAX HALL.

A General Meeting of Reading Room Members was held on October 21st, at which the following Amendments to the Rules were passed :—

(1) "That the Subscription be in future "4/- per annum, payable in the first "fortnights of October and January— "2/- at a time."

(2) "That billiards be charged for at the "rate of ½d. for 50 up."

(3) "That a List of Members be posted in "the Hall, and that no one be allowed "to use the Reading Room whose sub-"scription shall be in arrears."