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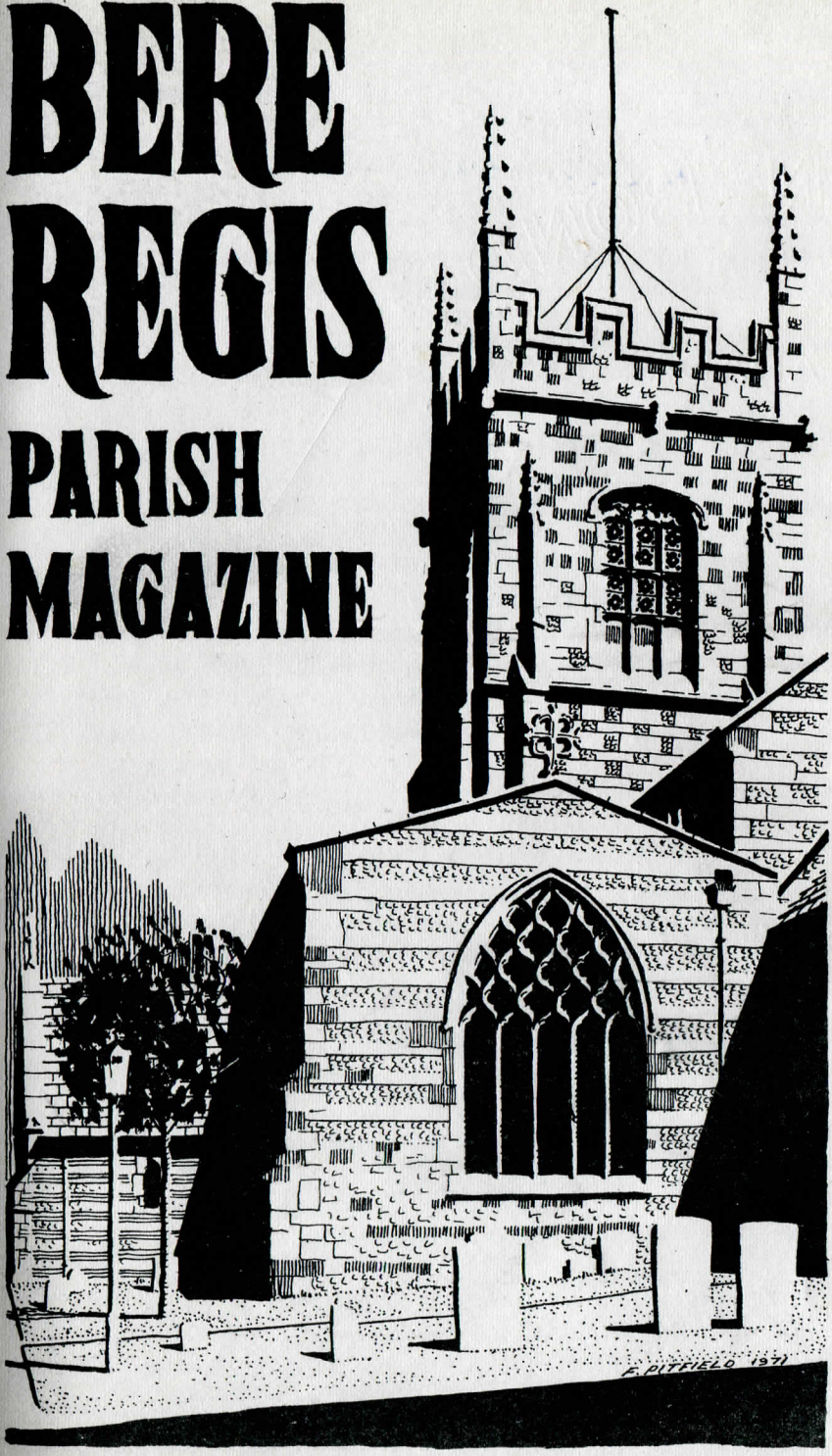

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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

Exactly a year ago in the September issue I wrote about the findings of the Commission which was set up to enquire into the Constitution and Rules and Objects of the Mothers' Union, and said that their decisions were to be referred back to the Mothers' Union itself. The Commission proposals and the alternatives have, over the past year, been discussed throughout the country - members have voted on them and finally the Central Council have voted upon them at a big Conference held at the Royal Holloway College at Egham, Surrey.

We publish in this issue the results of their deliberations, which will be legally binding on all Branches of the Mothers' Union when they come into full effect in the autumn. These decisions have not been made lightly, there was a very lively debate over every Section at the final Conference and before that every Branch has been consulted so we can really say that they are the will of the majority of members.

They will mean far reaching effects on the membership of the M.U. and we sincerely hope that they will be of real help in extending the appeal, influence and membership of the M.U. all over the country. Please read the Summary of the decisions made with great care.

I am sorry if any of our regular contributors have had difficulty over the early date which articles for this issue have had to be in if they were to be included. This, I am afraid, happens every year due to the Editor going on holiday.

We shall be looking forward to a visit of the Dorset Blind Choir at the time of Evensong on Sunday September 23rd. They will be taking over the whole of the period and I hope we may be able to give the collection towards work among the Blind.

I am most grateful to Mrs. Stranger who has taken the Services while I have been on holiday and to those who have helped in keeping the mechanics of the Services running while we are still without a Verger.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

September 2nd	Mrs. Boyd.	Mrs. Ward.
September 9th	Miss Llewellin.	Miss Murray.
September 16th	Mrs. R. Barnes.	Mrs. M. House.
September 23rd	Mrs. Jeeves.	Mrs. Wheeler.
September 30th	Mrs. Howard.	Mrs. G.R. Griffin.

SIDESMEN'S DUTY ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept.	2nd	11 a.m.	Messrs. K.Woolfries & W.F. Lys.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. R. Barnes & H. Dashwood.
Sept.	9th	11 a.m.	Col. A. Barne & Mr. G. Ward.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. J. House & M.A. Bloomfield.
Sept.	16th	11 a.m.	Mr. I. Mullins & Major J. Hudson.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. D. Poore & M. Barnes.
Sept.	23rd	11 a.m.	Major H. Knowler & Mr. W.F. Lys.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. M.A. Bloomfield & H. Dashwood.
Sept.	30th	11 a.m.	Brig. D. Tadman & Col. A. Barne.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. R. Barnes & J. House.
Oct.	7th	11 a.m.	Messrs. K. Woolfries & W.F. Lys.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. M. Barnes & M.A. Bloomfield.

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SIDESMEN'S MEETING.

The Quarterly Sidesmen's Meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Monday September 10th at 8 p.m. The Vicar hopes that as many Sidesmen as possible will endeavour to be present to help in making up the quarter's rota of duties.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Sept.	5	Wed.	Bere Regis School term starts.
	12	Wed.	Mothers' Union Social Evening 7.30 p.m. Autumn Leaves Birthday Lunch.
	14	Fri.	Bible Study. 2.30 p.m. 19, South Mead.
	17	Mon.	3 p.m. School Managers.
	23	Sun.	6 p.m. Visit of Dorset Blind Choir.
	24	Mon.	7.30 Parochial Church Council.
Oct.	5	Fri.	Church decoration for Harvest.
	6	Sat.	7 p.m. Harvest Supper. Drax Hall.
	7	Sun.	Harvest Festival.
	9	Tues.	Floral Group Show. 'Autumn Medley.'
	19	Fri.	Youth Week commences.
	20	Sat.	W.I. Autumn Sale. Drax House 2.30 p.m.
	25	Thurs.	2.30 Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.
	28	Sun.	6 p.m. Youth Club Service.
Nov.	4	Sun.	Purbeck Deanery Service at Swanage. 6.30 p.m.
	27	Tues.	Floral Group Christmas Fair.
Dec.	12	Wed.	2.30 Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage.
	23	Sun.	6 p.m. Carol Service.
	29	Sat.	Forresters Carol Service.

1974. June 29. Saturday. BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY.

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

Result of the Central Council Debate 2nd-6th July 1973 at Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey.

"We are all set to go with renewed enthusiasm." This was the feeling of Mrs. Jeacock, MU diocesan president for Chester, at the end of the Mothers' Union Central Council meeting last week at the Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey.

After four days of praying, talking and working together, days when they made momentous decisions for the MU, the representatives returned to their homes: thirty-nine to Ireland, twelve to Scotland, twelve to Australia, one to Canada, two to New Zealand, thirteen to Africa, three to the West Indies, one to Korea, one to Bangladesh, and the rest of the 320 to the dioceses of England and Wales.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE.

1. A new constitution to be prepared. 2. The aim of the Society to be: "The advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life." 3. The objects of the Society to be:
(1) To uphold our Lord's teaching on the nature of marriage.
(2) To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church. (3) To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service. (4) To promote conditions in society favourable to stable homes and happy childhood.
(5) To help those whose family life has met with adversity.
4. The summary of aims to be used in the Society's publications to be:- "To be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life." 5. Full autonomy for overseas councils accepting the aims and objects of the Society. 6. One class of membership, open to all those who:- (1) Have been baptised; and (2) Declare their support for the objects of the Society. 7. Official workers to be communicant members of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith. 8. The term "official worker" shall apply to enrolling members but not to other members of branch committees. 9. Christian Family Groups should be allowed to evolve as and when the need arises. 10. No new association to be set up, and no change of name for the Society.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

The next meeting of the above group will be held at 19 South Mead on Friday September 14th.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Hodges would like, through the pages of the magazine, to thank all those who have been so kind and helpful to him in the difficult times he had during the long illness and subsequent death of his dear wife.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

Autumn Leaves will be one year old next month. A Birthday Lunch is being arranged on September 12th in the Youth Hut at 1 p.m. List for names at Butchers, one guest may be taken for 25p.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Our September meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, September 12th at 7.30 p.m. and as I indicated last month, will be a special meeting to mark the beginning of our autumn Session. We are proposing to have a 'get together' with special refreshments and a 'bring & buy' sale.

We shall be most grateful for offers of refreshments, which should be made to Mrs. England, our Secretary, 10 South Mead.

You will see that the Vicar has written about the results of the big Conference concerning the M.U. and I do not think there is any need for me to add to this except to say that I do hope you will study the Results of the Debate most carefully.

Looking forward to seeing all our members at the September meeting and indeed will very much welcome any non-members at this social occasion.

PHYLLIS TRANTER.

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HARVEST ARRANGEMENTS

HARVEST SUPPER. Saturday, October 6th. DRAX HALL 7 p.m. Tickets 25p each from Churchwarden Smith or from Church Councillors. Numbers limited so book now to avoid disappointment. Bring your own knife, fork and spoon.

HARVEST SERVICES. Sunday, October 7th.

8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins; 3 p.m. Children's Gift Service; 6 p.m. Evensong.

Gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables will be welcomed, preferably on Friday morning, October 5th, when the Church is to be decorated. Groceries are also welcome as our goods are given to Christmas Home, Wareham.

The Family Service usually held on the 2nd Sunday, will for this month be moved to the 1st Sunday, so as to co-incide with the Harvest. We hope all our children will bring a gift to the Harvest.

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YOUTH CLUB

The mini-bus has been bought for the club's outside activities. It now provided the transport for going to such activities as the rounder tournament at Sturminster Newton. There will be in the near future a sponsored walk, probably on the footpaths and bridleways around Bere Regis, to help with raising of money to repay money received to help us pay for the mini-bus.

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MILK BOTTLE TOPS.

I would like to thank those who so kindly collect tops in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. When I delivered them to the organiser at Swanage she told me that foil containers from frozen foods are also welcome. If anyone who does not already save them for me and

who would like me to call please let me know.

A.L. Coles,
West Street,
Bere Regis.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

held their annual Garden Party at White Lovington by kind invitation of their President, Miss M. Llewellin. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Saker, Chairman of Lytchett United Branch. She was presented with a spray by Miss Jane Mileham, grand-daughter of two of the W.S. members.

Members of the Wyke Regis Folk Dancing Team gave a display: The Disabled Men's Industries stall in charge of Mrs. Presslee and Mrs. Curtis did a good trade and raised £24.

The takings from Raffles and Stalls amounted to £76.

RAFFLE WINNERS. Mr. T.W. Jesty, Mrs. Moxam, Mrs. Mullett, Mrs. Goldie, Mr. B. Bush, Mrs. Bowering, Mrs. Fenton, Miss Trevin, Miss E. Lys, Miss Lush, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Hyde. No. of Smarties, Michael Eastment. TREASURE HUNT - Mrs. K. Locking.

The Officers and Committee thank all those who helped to realize such a good result.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Coffee Evening held at the Vicarage on July 19th raised £19.60. I would like to thank the Vicar and Mrs. Tranter, and all who gave so generously and supported the society, also to all those who so kindly helped.

A special thank-you to boxes holders. The total from the Boxes £24.70.

Edna Coates.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

Mrs. Norma Harris, a National Demonstrator, will be visiting us again on September 11th, when her demonstration will be "Accent on Autumn."

Schedules for the Autumn Show on October 9th will be available at this meeting.

A. L.

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BERE REGIS WOODWORK CLUB

We have completed our first year at our new centre at White Lovington, and have enjoyed a very successful and comfortable time, thanks to Miss Llewellin. Our new session begins on 13th September. We have room for a few more members, any information from F. Marsh at Southbrook.

Last month we published an Editorial from the Church Times. This month we publish another article by the Editor of another religious paper. It is a telling Editorial.

It is said that once in the days of Queen Victoria after a violent and moving presentation of Shakespeare's Othello, when the curtain had finally come down on a stage littered with corpses, one lady turned to her neighbour and remarked: "Dear me! How unlike the home life of our dear Queen."

As we look out upon the British scene of Queen Elizabeth the Second's stage are we not led to exclaim: "How unlike the national life under Queen Victoria?" Did we hear someone say: "Thank God!" Perhaps! For the debunking of the nineteenth century has now lost much of its virulence. Serious historians as distinct from sociologists and writers with a political axe to grind, are finding much to admire, as well as much to condemn in the Victorian era. Most to be admired is the stability of that society, the general recognition of the need for law and order as a guarantee of social liberty.

Since those days authority and freedom have been set over against each other as incompatables. They are not. They belong together and when rightly exercised authority is the pre-condition of freedom. This was never better stated than in the words of the collect: "Whose service is perfect freedom." That seeming paradox is even more emphatically expressed in the Latin version: "Whom to serve as a slave is to reign as a king." Many of us are today in little doubt that a violent attack is being launched against every form of authority for one purpose only, and that to create a condition of anarchy. Large groups of people in almost every country are brazen enough to flaunt the title 'anarchist.' We in the Church should never forget that the sufferings inflicted through compulsive authority, deep and deplorable though they can be, are as nothing compared with the slaughter of innocents where no authority is recognised and anarchy reigns.

In our own country certain institutions are under attack. The home and family-life, for example. Twenty five years ago no more than 3½% of the married mothers with children of school age went out to work: by today the figure has risen to over 30%. One is, therefore, not surprised that among the convictions in juvenile courts the overwhelming majority are of latch-key children. It is true that a high proportion of these children come from broken-homes. No one has anything but sympathy for the widow or divorced mother who from necessity has to neglect her home and family to provide for her children. But the increased number of working mothers fall into the category of the woman

who said in a television interview that she expected her husband's wages to cover ALL essentials and her wages to pay for luxuries, "such as holidays abroad, the car" (which neither of them needed for their work) "fags and drinks."

Meanwhile in an Assize in one of our ancient cathedral cities a gang of lads around sixteen years of age were being sentenced to terms in Borstal for terrorising the aged by organised violence. The judge expressed the wish that he could have sentenced them to long terms of imprisonment which their ages precluded. They were latch-key children. They had been left to fend for themselves during their formative years and had never known parental authority.

Now comes the 'Women's Lib' with its demand that all women, mothers of young children included, abandon their role as responsible parents to gain some undefined personal freedom.

Little wonder that this kind of anarchy has already made its inroads into schools and colleges. No one ought now to believe that the rebellion of the last ten years just happened. Within the next few weeks at the time of writing a new President of the National Union of Students is to be elected. There are five candidates. The most moderate is a Marxist. The other four belong to international extreme left groups pledged to disrupting society as we know it today. This has been the plot over the last decade. Students have always been known for their high spirits. One remembers one's own student days when, in company with others, particularly during rag-week, we were up to all kinds of mischief. But that was different. By consent of authority we were allowed a degree of licence in our efforts to raise funds for the local hospitals. But violence against visiting speakers of national and international distinction, terrorising heads of colleges, undermining all authority, belong to another breed of students from the high-spirited young men to who step out of line after a game of rugger, or a win on the river.

Recently it was reported, and not denied, that there is a union of anarchists known as 'Rank and File' teaching in schools in Britain numbering 1250 teachers with a further 10,000 non-member sympathisers. Even if these figures are an exaggeration, they should still cause a shudder through us all. And the riot in the Central Hall, London, at a meeting of school teachers addressed by the officials of the N.U.T. and with six members of Parliament on the platform was organised by a group of these anarchists, as the Communist Senior Vice-President of the N.U.T. Max Morris, admitted.

Now we know where 'pupil power' originates. Children from a very early age are being incited to join school unions designed to defy the authority of head-teachers and school-governors.

Meanwhile, what are you to say when a former Secretary of State for Education, who is the present Deputy Leader of the alternative government in Parliament, boasted that: "The teacher has lost his omniscience. He can no longer baffle his pupils with science. No one stands in awe of his superior knowledge any longer." So much the worse for the students, to say nothing of society. For as Paul Tillich, one of the great thinkers of our time asked: "What would be the plight of a student of science without authoritative text-books and lectures by experts."

"Eternal vigilance" was never more in demand than it is today, if the Western World is to survive the widespread attack on the freedom for which two world-wars were fought and millions sacrificed their lives.

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ANSWERS TO "WISE SAWS AND MODERN INSTANCES."

1. (a) St. Paul (II Cor. ix, 7); (b) William Wordsworth; (c) W.E. Henley. One mark each.
2. Blood is thicker than water. One mark.
3. (a) . . . And spoil the child; (b) . . . but in ourselves, that we are underlings; (c) . . . I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings. One mark each.
4. (a) The camel's back; (b) the hump; (c) digging; (d) Rudyard Kipling. One mark each.
5. That they are all unlucky. One mark.
6. Respectively: VARIETY . . . HONESTY . . . IMITATION . . . SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE. One mark each.
7. LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE. Two marks.

FULL MARKS are 18; over 15 is very good; over 11, fair; under 11, better luck next time!

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BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Sitterton House on July 31st, by kind invitation of Mrs. Howard, when the committee members entertained members and refreshments were served in the garden.

After the August break, there will be a meeting on September 18th in the Drax Hall when there will be a speaker on the Reform of Local Government. Names must be given in at this meeting for those wishing to attend the Group Harvest Supper on September 26th at Morden.

On Saturday October 20th there is to be an Autumn Sale and stalls will be decked out as rooms in the house. Gifts for the stalls will be most welcome from Members unable to attend the sale and may be given to any committee member.

Newcomers to the village will be most welcome at the monthly meetings, held the third Tuesday in each month at 7.0 p.m. at the Drax Hall.

M. C.