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ACH copy of the Magazine this month contains a leaflet headed 'Christian Giving' and the first thing we do is to ask you to read it and not to push it on one side as if it did not concern you personally—because it does. The Church is often accused of being unbusinesslike, and this appeal for a greater interest in Church finance is an effort to arouse interest and help Church folk to realise that the support of their Church, and all that it stands for, is a first rank matter of importance.

The enclosed leaflet explains itself, but we would like to call special attention to the third paragraph as there are still people who consider that the Church receives State aid. The plain fact is that the Church does not receive a penny from the State, and almost all the clergy receive their small income from benefactors past and gone. Our nonconformist friends put us to shame in matters of finance. They support their chapels and their ministers to the very best of their ability because they have no ancient benefactors and therefore have to, but they do it generously and in a right spirit. So please read the enclosed and realise that by far the greater part of money given in church collections is used for the actual maintenance of the buildings and to cover such things as heating, cleaning, lighting, insurance, music, all of which are entirely for the benefit of those who use and value our churches. Our church treasurer, Mr. Berry, will be glad to have more subscribers to our Freewill Offering Fund—it is entirely a free will matter as he will gladly explain. And it is also a matter of goodwill.

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SUBSCRIBERS who hold boxes for the Children's Society met recently at the Vicarage when the boxes were opened and the generous sum of £10 : 4 : 2 has been sent to the Society by our local treasurer, Mrs. Drew, who will always be glad to know of others who will accept a box.

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THE Deanery Festival of the Mothers' Union was held recently at the Parish Church and the large congregation came from most of the parishes in the Deanery. The Archdeacon gave a very helpful address and we were glad to welcome him at the tea after the service.

With usual generosity and kindness the tea was entirely home made and to the donors and helpers we are most grateful.

AN event of importance is the forthcoming S. Nicholas Market in aid of the Restoration Fund. This will be held at Winterbourne Kingston W.I. Hut on Wednesday, December 12th, opening at 6.30. Gifts for sale will be gladly received at the W.I. Hut on the afternoon of the Sale between 2.30 and 4.00.

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Burial, November 2nd. Nellie Louisa Pitfield, aged 52.