



THESE notes which are written just after Easter must first of all record the fact that the Festival was very well observed in both churches and never have they looked more beautiful with masses of spring flowers used with great skill.

The Vicar wishes to express his thanks for the Easter Offering which from both churches was perhaps a record. The Easter Offering is a very ancient custom being known originally as Easter Dues whereby parishioners have an opportunity for expressing their goodwill in a very practical and helpful manner.

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MEMBERS of the Mothers' Union attended the Lady Day service at Dorchester together with a representative number from the Winterbourne Kingston branch.

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THE attendance at the week day services during Lent was very good and we are very grateful to Canon Girling for his weekly visits. These are the only services in the year when members of the congregation sit more or less together and what a difference it makes with the singing and in other ways and not least to the speaker who, on these occasions, does not see the congregation seeming to attempt to be as far away from him as possible! Will some of our 'back benchers' think about this on Sundays?

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THE amount received from the Envelope Collection in aid of the Diocesan Clergy's Stipends Fund was £20-10-0.

The Parochial Church Council are very grateful to the following ladies who so kindly undertook the work. Mrs. J. Joyce, Mrs. R. Barnes, Miss Lyster, Mrs. B. Hewitt, Mrs. T. Woolfries, Mrs. E. Snook, Mrs. E. Day, Mrs. J. Cleall, Mrs. R. Poore and Miss Smith.

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THE date of our Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry will be announced shortly and we hope that there will be a good attendance. At Winterbourne Kingston there cannot be a constitutional Church Council as it forms part of the ecclesiastical Parish of Bere Regis. It is however desirable to have a body representative of the S. Nicholas congregation and a meeting will shortly be called to discuss the matter.

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EVENSONG at S. Nicholas has been at 7.15 during Lent and on Easter Day the evening congregation was asked by show of hands whether the usual hours of 3.15 or 7.15 was the most con-

venient. Not one hand went up for 3.15 and so we will continue at the later hour, at any rate during the summer months. With six services to fit in it is admittedly not easy to avoid some inconvenience but as the congregation on Easter evening was considerably larger than the ordinary one on Sundays and the vote was unanimous we shall look forward to really good congregations in future.

Register

Holy Matrimony.

March 29th. Francis Herbert Dean and Beryl Leonora Corbin.

At St. Nicholas, March 15th. Eric Wellstead and Joy Rosemary Painter.

Burials.

March 31st. Albert Edward Hall, aged 71.

April 4th. Thomas Henry Lockyer, aged 90.

At Winterbourne Kingston, March 29th. Emily Flora Warr, aged 78.