



Events which have taken place during the past few weeks we are glad to record that the S. Nicholas Sunday School outing to Swanage was blessed with a fine day and everyone was happy. This Sunday School meets in S. Nicholas Church every Sunday afternoon and Mrs. and Miss Sheppard are always glad to welcome additional children.

The Parish Church Children's Service is held every Sunday at 2.30 and has had a continued existence for more than 20 years. During that time very many hundreds of children have met for weekly worship and instruction and many of those who started at the beginning are now making homes of their own. These services take the place of the ordinary Sunday School and are unusual insofar that the age of attendance varies from those who are almost infants to those who are approaching school leaving age. We feel that this is an invaluable foundation in prayer, worship and instruction which will never cease to have influence in the years ahead. We do ask parents to see that their children attend regularly.

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THE Garden Party which was held at the Vicarage on September 1st was sadly marred by the weather which was cold and windy and eventually wet. But we were all warmed by the interest and goodwill of those who gave so generously in kind and in help. Financially the weather made our takings a good deal less than would have been the case, but after paying expenses the result was close on £65, which is very welcome. We are very grateful to the following and to all who helped so readily:—

New Stall: Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Wyatt. *Household:* Miss Sheppard, Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Minterne, Mrs. Parsons. *Garden Produce:* Mrs. Lys, Mrs. Chinchin. *Sweets and Cakes:* Mrs. Day, Miss Percy, Mrs. M. Miller. *White Elephant:* Miss Smith, E. Wyatt. *Tombola:* Mr. R. Smith. *Hoop-la:* Mr. P. Minterne.

The following also organised the competitions: Mesdames D. Barnes, Ricketts, Collison, Janes, B. Pitfield, the Misses Harvey, S. Wyatt, Messrs. E. Marsh, R. Poore, R. Parsons, F. Pitfield, D. Herring.

At the draw table were Mrs. C. Berry, Mrs. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Caines. The draw prizes were generously given by Miss P. Marsh, Homemade Sweetmeats. Mrs. Lipscomb, Cake. Mrs. Cook, Tea Cosy Set. Mrs. Harding, Dressed Chicken. Mrs. Harvey, Book Token. Mr. F. Pitfield, Treasure Hunt. Mr. Sharman, Box of Fruit. Mr. Shave, Two Pullets. Mr. Crocker, Cockerel. Mr. Rawbone, Bouquet.

Mrs. Collison was in charge of the Fancy Dress Parade. We are grateful to the parents and children who supplied this entertainment in spite of the N.E. wind.

The home-made teas, for which everything had been given,

including the milk from Mrs. Norman, were ably supervised by Mrs. Marsh, assisted by Mesdames R. Poore, B. Hewitt, R. Stickley, F. Hawkins. Secretary, Mrs. Herring. Treasurer, Mr. P. Minterne. Gate, Mr. C. Berry, Mr. Marsh.

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FUTURE events include the Bere Regis Deanery Festival of the Mothers' Union which will be held this year in the Parish Church on Thursday, November 1st at 2.45. The Archdeacon of Sherborne has kindly promised to give an address. The service is for all who are admitted members of the Mothers' Union, but on this occasion any mothers who are not members will be very welcome to attend.

Tea at the W.I. Hut will follow the service and will be for all Admitted members of the Union.

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THE Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday, September 30th and at S. Nicholas on the following Sunday, October 7th. Evensong at S. Nicholas on that Sunday will be at 7.15 p.m. Gifts of fruit, flowers, eggs, etc., will be very welcome early on the previous day and will be sent to the aged and needy at Wareham and Blandford respectively where they are always so greatly appreciated. We do not send our gifts to the hospitals as we find that those who are in almshouses and such like places so rarely have those little extras which mean so very much to them. Please be generous.

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OVER 150 years ago the Vicar at the time, the Rev. T. Williams, founded what is known as the Williams Trust and is for the benefit of boys in the Parish, some of whom receive a gift of clothing each year. The trustees own certain property in the Parish and there is an annual income from this which provides the cost of the clothing and also a balance which may be used for boys who are in need of assistance in training for their future occupations.

It is proposed to start classes in woodwork probably on two evenings each week. One class will be for boys who have left school and another for senior men. This will be under the Dorset Education authority, subject to the trustees. The Vicar will be very glad to give further particulars to those who are interested.

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Holy Matrimony.

August 11th—Lewis Percival Bartlett and Margaret Ruth Hewitt.

At S. Nicholas.

August 25th—Thomas Harry Pitman and Jean Mary Rolls.

Burial.

August 22nd—Kate Agnes Moss, aged 78 years.