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UR notes this month must inevitably be somewhat more personal than usual as it is now generally known that I have asked the Bishop to accept my resignation both as Vicar and Rural Dean. Needless to say it was a very hard thing to do as it means leaving a host of good friends and a very beautiful church.

Twenty-five years is a large part of one's life and they have been eventful years full of memories of those in the Parish who are no longer here—years during which I have shared in the joys and sorrows of so many. And in the years ahead there will be very many memories of those from whom we will be separated in space but not in thought. And all this of course applies to the loyal and kind folk of Winterbourne Kingston and the Mothers' Union Branch which has met so regularly there under the leadership of Mrs. Herring.

I cannot say anything about my successor but the appointment rests with Balliol College, Oxford, and I can only say that the College takes infinite care in appointing to livings in their gift. We shall not be leaving for about two months and it is likely that there will be a vacancy for some time and consequently a reduction in the number of services. As a Rural Dean I am well aware of the many problems which arise when a vacancy occurs but these difficulties can be overcome by patience and goodwill on the part of those most affected. This, however, is not a farewell letter!

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**M**AY we remind readers of the dates of the Harvest Thanksgiving: Parish Church, Sunday, September 25th and S. Nicholas on October 2nd.

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**W**E are very grateful to Miss McFall who has very kindly given a new flag for the Tower. It is, of course, S. George's flag and it incorporates the arms of the Diocese in colour. It is a very welcome gift.

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### Register

Holy Matrimony.

September 3rd. William Roy Pitman and Shirley Evelyn Hewitt.