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FROM all accounts it appears that Easter has been observed better this year than has been the case for a very long time past. This applies both to town and country and it is true in our own parish where large congregations and our two beautifully decorated churches indicated that the great festival means more than we are sometimes apt to think. The Vicar is very grateful for a generous Easter Offering.

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THE Churchwardens' staves are now in position and any doubt as to their suitability has been removed. They add beauty and dignity to the Parish Church.

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THE envelope collection towards the Diocesan Benefices Fund was a great success and produced the generous sum of £27-6-0.

Contributions were:—

Roke—Mrs. Joyce, £1-5-0.

Sitterton—Miss Lane, £3-15-5½.

West Street—Mrs. B. Hewitt £1-9-0½.

West Street—Mrs. Woolfries, £3-17-11½.

North Street—Mrs. Miller, £1-14-6.

Rye Hill—Mrs. Day, £5-7-8½.

Doddings—Miss M. Cleall, £5-8-10.

Bere Heath—Miss Smith, £1-1-6.

Bere Heath—Mrs. Poore, £3-2-0.

Bere Down—Miss Lyster, 4-0.

The Church Council is very grateful to the collectors.

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THE B.B.C. is to broadcast a short description of the Parish Church in the West Country Diary programme which is at 2.15 on Sundays. The date is not yet fixed but we hope to be able to announce it in good time.

MEMBERS of the Mothers' Union from both our Branches attended the Festival in the Cathedral on April 3rd. The Winterbourne Kingston banner which had been dedicated during Holy Week was carried for the first time in the Cathedral. There were nearly a hundred banners in the procession and Kingston had every reason to be proud of theirs. It was also the first time that the Bere Regis banner was carried in the Cathedral.

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THE Easter Vestry Meeting which this year was held in the Parish Church was well attended. Messrs. Smith and Marsh again accepted office as Churchwardens and Mr. Minterne as Deputy Warden. The Sidesmen elected included the addition of Mr. Gillot. The Vicar expressed his great appreciation of the services of the Wardens and Sidesmen during the past year.

At the Church Meeting which followed the Council was elected with little change. Miss Percy gave a very comprehensive and detailed financial statement which was adopted as being most satisfactory. Church collections showed an increase and the Visitors' Box beat all records.

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GREAT sympathy is felt for Mr. Rawbone on the sudden death of his wife. Mrs. Rawbone was always a willing helper in any good cause.

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IT has been difficult to find a suitable date for the annual Parish Church fête but we hope to give the date shortly.