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HE holiday season is now more or less over and the glorious summer weather has been enjoyed by all, and especially by those who have been fortunate enough to get away from the ordinary routine of daily life. The whole idea of holidays originated with the Church and that is a fact which we should

remember and for which we all owe gratitude to the Church which instituted the holy days which in course of time became holidays. May we not show our gratitude by 'assembling and meeting together' more often and more regularly Sunday by Sunday? Our Prayer Book bids us to assemble and meet together for various reasons—

'to render thanks for the great benefits which we have received at God's hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most Holy Word and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul.'

Those words have been used for hundreds of years to remind us that church attendance should be recognised as a duty and habit and not a casual pleasure.

Sundays now are given up to a variety of things and churchgoing has become so sadly neglected—and yet thinking people must realise that the whole of our national life has grown from centuries of Christian teaching and worship.

If we in our generation fail in our duty as Christians what are we handing on to the rising generation? It should really be a matter for serious thought.

And will members of the congregation *please* move further up and not have so many vacant seats in the main body of the church.

MEMBERS of the Mothers' Union together with the Kingston members attended a helpful service at Milborne S. Andrew last month.

ON Wednesday, Oct. 12th, the Rev. D. S. Sleigh will speak at 3 p.m. in the W.I. Hut on the work of the Church of England Children's Society. This is an open meeting and should be of interest to all who have child welfare at heart. Members of the Mothers' Union together with those from Winterbourne Kingston will of course attend. Please note the date.

CHILDREN of the Parish Church Children's Service, together with some parents had a delightful day at Weymouth recently The weather was perfect and we all agreed that it was a thoroughly happy occasion.

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THE Vicar has received the following official notification:—
'I am directed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to inform you that the building known as

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situate in the Rural District of Blandford has been included in the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in that area compiled by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 14th of July 1955.'

A SCHEME shortly to come into operation provides that every church in the Diocese will be inspected by an architect appointed by the Diocesan Conference. This will be done in Rural Deaneries and the Vicar has managed to get S. Nicholas to be the first to be inspected in this Deanery and and then we hope to have some professional and practical assistance in dealing with the Tower.

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Holy Baptism

Sept. 4th, at S. Nicholas. Pamela Joy, daughter of Douglas George and Elsie Hilda Legg.