

May 1916

EASTER.- The weather of Eastertide has been delightful, and a strange contrast to all the saddening events which the war is causing us. Never has the message of Easter hopes and consolations been more needed or more welcome in these days of darkness and bereavement.

FOOD CAMPAIGN.- In view of the success of last year, the Education Committee propose that a similar campaign shall be held this year in the schools either in the last week of June or during July. We shall probably be without Mr. Long, who worked it so splendidly last year, but we must do all our best to help.

FOOD AND PATRIOTISM.- All who cannot fight should do everything they can to help in other ways. To the question, "How can I save?" we offer the following answer: 1. Make up your mind to cut down expenses; 2. Don't waste food. Use up scraps. Be sparing of meat. Cheese, herrings, beans or split peas are as nourishing as meat. Freshen stale bread by moistening it and putting it in the oven. Cook potatoes in their skins; 3. Don't buy lamb or veal. Only get nourishing food, it goes further; 4. Plant and sow all vegetables you can, especially potatoes, turnips and onions, and on every available ground. Store these with all the apples against the winter; 5. Help the farmers get their crops in; 6. Don't be tempted to buy anything unnecessary, either from shops or hawkers, or waste your money on entertainments and amusements.

RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE.- A meeting of the Conference will be held by the Rev. T. Harvey, Rural Dean at the Forster Institute, Linslade, on Saturday, May 6th, at 3.30, to take counsel with the members as to the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, which is to be held in the autumn throughout the country.

EASTER VESTRY.- The annual vestry was held on the morning of Easter Monday in the schoolroom. There was, as is always the case now, a somewhat scanty attendance. Mr. Baron F. J. Gates and Mr. William F. Manning were nominated as Churchwardens, and Messrs. R. Ayres, H. Caves, E. Cleaver, B. J. Gates and W. Merry as sidesmen for the year. Much sympathy was expressed with our excellent Parish Clerk, Mr. E. Whitman, in his continued illness. H. Redrup has been called up and is in the Royal Engineers at Chatham. H. Caves is taking his place at the organ. There was some discussion about the enlargement of the Churchyard. The Vicar said he had conferred with Mr. T. A. Dickson, agent of Lady Wantage, and he hoped that a suitable piece of ground would be found near or adjoining the Churchyard. We append the statement of accounts for the year, Easter, 1915-16:-

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on last account	2	7	6
Easter offering, 1915	6	0	5
	£	s.	d.
Special Collections, viz:			
Oxford Diocesan Fund	12	10	2
Foreign Missions	9	11	1
Home Missions	7	4	8
Red Cross	11	6	6
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families	4	0	0
Aylesbury Hospital	7	12	5

Wing Dispensary	5	8	3	57	13	1
Collected for repair of roof				14	10	3
Collected for extra Insurance against Air Raids				10	0	0
Ordinary Collections				74	9	3
Church Allotment dividend				11	17	4
				176	17	10
PAYMENTS						
Special Collections				57	13	1
Sick and Needy				15	17	6
Visitation Fee				0	18	0
Wine for Holy Communion				0	18	0
Insurance for Church				18	5	9
Organist, etc.				16	0	0
Parish Clerk, etc.				7	0	0
Bellringers				3	0	0
Church cleaners and materials				15	0	8
Stoker				2	0	0
Organ Blower				2	10	0
Messrs. Walker, tuners				3	3	0
Coal and Coke				13	14	5
Sunday School expenses				3	3	7
Repairs				19	8	2
				176	12	10