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Hambleton Rectory,

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My Dear Parishioners,

This will be my last letter to you, as the Rector of the Parish of Hambleton. As you are aware I am no longer Rector after the 30th of this month. The Bishop has provisionally announced that he will Institute and Induct the Rev. Doctor L. M. Tueten on November 2nd. Due notice will be given you as to the time of this Service.

During the interregnum the Churchwardens are responsible for the Services in the Church, etc. As I shall be still in residence at the Rectory on that date, I have offered to take Duty on Sunday, October 6th.

I have had a long sojourn here as Rector and I feel very keenly leaving the Parish. As I shall not be very far away in my new home, we hope from time to time to see you. Dr. Teuten has very kindly expressed his wish that we shall not cut ourselves off from you.

I feel now, on looking back on the years between 1915, when I first came, to this date, how extremely fortunate I have been as Rector here. During this period there has been only three Rector's Churchwardens, and only three People's Churchwardens. Only two Vergers and Sextons and only one Choirmaster and Organist. How truly fortunate we have been. Statistics are generally dull reading but it may interest you to know that during my Incumbancy I have Baptized 266 infants, married 120 couples, and read the Burial Service in our Church 205 times. Of the other Services I say nothing.

There have been some alterations during my time, I will enumerate a few. A new Rectory for one. The Churchyard has been enlarged, and I am sure you will agree with me that our Parish Church has been much beautified and improved. An Organ has been placed there, we have an excellent system of electric lighting, the East end of the Church beautified and enriched, many lovely stained-glass windows, and a very handsome Tablet giving a list of Rectors, besides other improvements. We have now a Church and Churchyard to be proud of. I am sure you will extend a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Teuten and I know they will soon find as many friends in the Parish as we have had and still have.

With this copy of the Magazine you will find a letter from Dr. Teuten.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

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BRITISH SONGBIRDS

The monthly meeting of the Hambledon Women's Institute was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday last week. The president thanked Miss Parker for her invitation to Feathercombe, but the weather prevented the members from taking advantage of it. The secretary gave a brief report on the half-yearly Surrey Federation council meeting. A delightful talk on "British Birds" by Mrs. Nightingale was illustrated by clever imitations of the thrush and blackbird. The competition for next month's meeting is a cake made from a special recipe to be had from Mrs. Tyler, price one penny. A jumble sale in aid of funds will be held on October 23rd.

OFFERTORIES DURING AUGUST

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy Fund	1	16	6
Church Expenses	2	17	10
Church Expenses Box	2	9	0

HOLY BAPTISM

August 25—Patrick Thomas Francis Tierney.