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Hambledon Rectory,
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My dear Parishioners,

The great Easter Festival has passed. It is a matter of great thankfulness that the Services in our Churches seem everywhere to have been well attended. Here, we certainly had large congregations and our number of communicants was larger than in some previous years. The Church was excellently decorated, largely, but not entirely, due to our Easter Lily Fund, but when we bought we had to pay very high prices. We owe another debt of gratitude to Mr. Eric Parker for a gift of white markers for the Lectern Bible which were used for the first time on this day. I wish now to record my thanks and gratitude to all of you for your generous Easter Offerings.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

WAIFS AND STRAYS SOCIETY.

The children in our Schools gave in Lenten Savings the sum of £3 10s. 0d. to this Society. Last year the total was £2 8s. 6d. Congratulations for this effort!

ARCHBISHOPS' CALL TO PRAYER.

The two Archbishops issued a Call to Prayer on St. George's Day, April 23rd. The day was appropriate for such a call, for St. George is the Patron Saint of England, and the time was equally appropriate, for, as the Archbishops reminded us, we are entering a very critical phase in the war and that we must expect to pass through some testing experiences. We should from this day on continually dedicate our country and ourselves in prayer for the days of the war and the equally exacting days of peace.

THE LIVING OF HAMBLETON.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have issued a Scheme called K to try and bring up the value of Livings in England to £500 per annum. The Scheme provides that if parishioners would undertake under covenant to provide half the necessary money for a period of seven years, the Commissioners would provide the other half. The value of the Living of Hambledon is £440 per annum gross. This Living is therefore eligible to enter this Scheme. The matter was placed before the P.C.C. and the Finance Committee, and it was resolved to take advantage, if possible, of the Scheme. The present Rector is not likely to benefit under the Scheme, but it was rightly deemed wise to think of the future. The necessary money from the parishioners is, thanks to the generosity of members, assured, and the Scheme may therefore go through. It is important for this reason. Queen Anne's Bounty points out that under the last Tithe Act the Living of Hambledon will lose £51 per annum at the next vacancy