



## Harvest Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving service of this village was held on Wednesday evening, October 10th, when the church was tastefully decorated by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Bolton) assisted by the Misses White, Whitting, Mrs. Keyte and Mrs. Oats. The east window was beautifully embellished with the inscription, I. N. R. I., in white flowers on a ground of ferns, whilst the altar was laden with a massive loaf surrounded with smaller loaves and miniature sheaves of corn. The windows contained various pots of flowers, standing on a moss ground spangles with various coloured flowers. The porch contained decorations of the more substantial kinds of vegetables, tastefully arranged, which were taken to the infirmary of the Chippenham Union. The service commenced with hymn 382 (Ancient and Modern) and the anthem, "Thou visiteth the earth," by Callcott, was creditably rendered by the choir. The sermon, based upon the text of the anthem (Psalm 65 - 9) was preached by the Vicar, in which he drew attention to the spirit of thankfulness exhibited by David, in contrast with the less strict religious feeling which too often shows itself at the present time, which is apt to think of the labourer only, forgetting that without God's visitation and blessing their labours would be unrewarded. The offertory was given to the tower restoration fund, which is still some £32 deficient. There was a large attendance, and the service concluded with the Te Deum.

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