

ISLAND IS MARTIN THE "WINTERBOURNE BISHOP" INQUEST

ATTENDANCE OF W. H. HUDSON?

READERS CONTINUE THE CONTROVERSY AND REPLY TO EACH OTHER

Further letters from readers this week continue the controversy "Is Martin the 'Winterbourne Bishop' of the late W. H. Hudson?"

THE VICAR'S REPLY

Another contribution from the Vicar of Martin (the Rev. R. Skilbeck Smith) reads: "Some of the points in the Hon. Richard de Grey's letter need modifying, as they are somewhat wide of the mark."

"AUTHOR'S LICENCE"

An interesting general commentary comes from Mr. B. Whitlock, of Piton. He writes: "Investigators seeking to identify localities made famous in literature sometimes forget to take into account 'author's licence'."

"JIMMY" LAWES

Shepherd "Jimmy" Lawes was born at Martin and lived there the greater part of his life. The older Martin folk can remember both him and his father.

MR. DE GREY'S OBJECTIONS

Most of the objections enumerated by the Hon. Richard de Grey are inaccurate. Martin was in Wiltshire when Hudson visited. Hudson did not say that Winterbourne Bishop was on Salisbury Plain.

THE VICAR'S REPLY (continued)
Another contribution from the Vicar of Martin (the Rev. R. Skilbeck Smith) writes: "You have kindly opened your columns to the fascinating theme 'Is Martin the Winterbourne Bishop of W. H. Hudson?'"

"WINTERBOURNE IN ELSTON"

A further letter from the Hon. Richard de Grey states: "If, as another of your correspondents states, Hudson met the original 'Caleb Eyvorne' in Martin then Martin cannot be Winterbourne Bishop, because Hudson met him 'at a distance from his native village' and only went to see it because of the old man's interesting reminiscences about it."

"A PURELY IMAGINARY VILLAGE"
Mr. Austin H. King, of Glaston-House, Forthingbridge, Hants, writes that he has read last week's correspondence with much interest.

W. H. HUDSON AND THE INFIRMARY

The Vicar of Beiford (the Rev. J. B. Jackson) draws attention to Hudson's reference to Salisbury Infirmary. He writes: "You have kindly opened your columns to the fascinating theme 'Is Martin the Winterbourne Bishop of W. H. Hudson?'"

SOUTH WILTS MUSIC SOCIETY

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMING CONCERTS

Arrangements for the forthcoming season of the South Wilts Music Society have now been completed. The Society is again fortunate in being able to provide what should be a most interesting series of programmes.

NEW VICAR OF NETHERAVON

The presentation to the Vicarage of Netheravon and Rectory of PHILTON in Wiltshire, of the resignation of the Rev. A. W. Douglas, who becomes vicar of St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, has been accepted by the Rev. George Frederick Hales, who is a graduate of Jesus College, Cambridge, and was trained at Ely and at Westchester House.

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JURY'S RIDE

An inquest at the Salisbury District Court on Monday morning inquired into the cause of the death of a man who fell from a lorry in a lane near the railway.

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