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MRS. SHAKESPEARE, the well known Kensington flower seller, has re-opened her stall outside St. Mary Abbotts Church, after long absence caused by road reconstruction. She hopes that she may now see many of her old friends and customers again.

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JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MRS SHAKESPEARE'S BACK

The return of Mrs. Shakespeare. She says: "Everyone's so good to me here, darling."

THE FLOWER PEOPLE of Kensington may like to know that Mrs. Ada Shakespeare is back: back at her pitch outside St. Mary Abbots Church in Kensington High Street where she has been selling flowers for 56 years.

Mrs. Shakespeare, who is 73, and does not claim to be related to the writer, had to leave her pitch six weeks ago when the road was re-laid.

You might already know this if you read the advertisement in The Times Personal columns yesterday (and reproduced above).

It was paid for—six lines of it at a guinea a line—by a woman called Mrs. Ferguson, who is one of Mrs. Shakespeare's oldest customers.

Mrs. Shakespeare said: "Everyone's so good to me round here, darling, really they are.

"Do you know, I hadn't been back at my pitch more than a couple of hours and an old lady who has bought from me for years came up and gave me a fiver.

"'That's for you,' she said, 'to make up for all the custom you lost.'

"And today a lady came up and gave me a box of chocolates. And lots of others have been coming up to welcome me back.

"They're a smashing lot, aren't they, darling?

"Of course, I get all sorts of customers here. I've met all the lords and ladies in my time."

Mrs. Shakespeare was particularly pleased yesterday because a new type of customer is now using her stall.

"It's these young people," she said. "They're harmless enough and I'm very glad they like flowers.

"They call them the flower people, don't they? I suppose I've been a flower person all my life really."

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