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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Holy Week and Easter Services were very well attended, and the offertories were slightly in excess of those of last year. The Communicants numbered 319, which was good, but a little below last year. The total number of "Acts of Communion" for the year was 3299, against 2889 for the previous year.

The Vestry Meeting took place on Easter Monday evening, and was fairly well attended. Mr. W. C. B. Hall and Mr. A. E. Storey, who have faithfully discharged the duties of their office, were re-appointed Churchwardens; and the following were elected Sidesmen: Messrs. H. P. Bowling Trevanion, Geo. Evans, G. Dowsett, G. H. Cremer, W. Singleton, H. C. Garrett, Vine Griffiths, A. Daines, J. Embleton, Major Balguy, C. R. Foster, T. Rudland, and Colonel Philips. The Churchwardens' Report was read and entered upon the minutes, and the accounts were read and adopted. A long discussion took place upon the desirability of better railway accommodation for the parish; and it was resolved that steps be taken to ascertain whether the Railway Company would receive a deputation to represent the matter to them.

The accounts will be found below, and will be studied with interest. As in some cases the lists of subscribers have already appeared, they are not reproduced here; the sum total only being given. The offertories do not show so large a return as for 1893-4, but this is more apparent than real, for in that year there were two Easters, whereas in last year there was no Easter. If allowance be made for this, and for one or two special offertories, the result shows that last year was better than the one before by £29. In the Churchwardens' Fund there is a deficiency, and they would ask for more liberal support for the general expenses. The proceeds of the Winter Entertainments have,

I believe, beaten the record, the amount being £18 14s. 7d. The Church Heating Apparatus cost £85, and this sum has been entirely raised. The parochial fund received very generous support in the winter, and has still a balance of over £9. The Day Schools were very well supported indeed. Evidently the parishioners wish them to go on with their excellent work, and they gave their wishes very practical expression. Several of our Funds will suffer seriously by the removal from amongst us of Mrs. Carr, unless others step in and supply her place, of which I trust there is hope.

The subscriptions for the Curate's Fund for the current year are now due, and Mr. Evans will be glad to receive them.

On Ascension Day (the 23rd), there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7.30 and 11 a.m., and Choral Service and Sermon in the evening. The Offertories will be for the Missions to Seamen Society.

I am glad to say the preparations for the Fancy Fair are moving steadily forward; many additional helpers have volunteered, and at present everything looks favourable. What is required now, is that everyone, without exception, will work and procure the assistance of others. A very large quantity of articles will be needed if the required sum is to be raised, and united and energetic effort alone can accomplish it. A circular has been issued giving the list of Stallholders so far as at present arranged. Copies may be obtained from Mr. H. C. Garrett, by those willing to ask for the assistance of friends.

I am glad to say that Lady F. Dixon-Hartland has very kindly promised to open the "Fair" on one of the days, and I am sure the new wife of our much respected member will be strongly supported on the occasion.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.