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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am writing this just before commencing my journey homewards, and so I shall confine myself to very few words, reserving, perhaps, for a future occasion some account of my surroundings here. Saas Fée is a small Village nestling in a valley amongst the highest mountains of Europe, which are covered with snow and ice. For eight months in the year the valley is buried in snow six feet deep, but now the meadows are a deep, rich, fresh green, most delightful to look upon; and while England is parched and burnt for lack of rain, here countless streams from the glaciers keep the mountain sides cool and luxuriant. The nearest railway station is twelve miles away, and the only way of reaching it is either on foot or on the back of a mule. The path is narrow and stony, and rises 4000 feet. But some thousands of people visit it every year, coming from all parts of the world in search of health and recreation. The English Church was built ten years ago, and it is an exceedingly pretty and suitable structure, built in Swiss style. It is not yet out of debt, there was a balance of £188 still due, but this we have been able to diminish a little. We got up an Entertainment, after the style of those well known in Hampton Hill, by which we cleared over twelve pounds, and this sum was

increased to £22 by private contributions. The Church has always been quite full at the Sunday morning service, and whatever the Sabbath may be in some parts of the Continent, here, at least, by both visitors and natives it is kept, for the most part, in a religious and becoming manner.

The Harvest Festival is fixed to take place on St. Michael and All Angels' Day, Friday, the 29th inst. The Preacher in the evening will be the Rev. C. CHEVALIER, Vicar of Netley Abbey. The offertory at the morning service will be for the Church Missionary Society, and at the evening service and the following Sunday, for the Day Schools. Gifts of fruit, corn and flowers will be thankfully received at the Church the day before.

For the first time the Church Congress this year is to take place in London. The Meetings will be held in the Albert Hall, the Imperial Institute, and other places. They are sure to be of the greatest interest and importance. The tickets are 7/6 each, but I have a few free tickets for the Working Men's, the Women's and the Girls' Meetings, and I shall be glad to hear from any who wish to apply for them.

Hoping in a few days to be in your midst again,

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
July 30—Churchwardens' Fund	3	8	9	1	8	5	4	17	2.
Aug 6—Curate's Fund ...	3	17	0	1	3	5	5	0	5
„ 13—Churchwardens' Fund	2	9	6	0	19	11	3	9	5
„ 20—Churchwardens' Fund	3	1	5	1	0	11	4	2	4
„ 27—Churchwardens' Fund	2	0	8	1	0	4	3	1	0
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), July 30, 14/5; Aug. 6, 9/3; Aug. 13, 12/1; Aug. 20, 5/-; Aug. 27, 8/6 ...							2	9	3
Children's Services (Missions), July 30, 2/5; Aug. 6, 1/8; Aug. 13, 2/4; Aug. 27, 1/5 ...				...	...	...	0	7	10
Special Celebration—St. Bartholomew's Day ...				...	...	...	0	3	6
Special Service, Aug. 20.—Volunteer Parade ...				...	...	...	0	16	8
							£24 7 7		

BAPTISMS.

"Grant, O Lord, that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph, against the Devil, the World and the Flesh. Amen."

Aug. 13.—Elsie Mary Dobson.

„ 20.—Eric Alfred Clements Cole.

„ 27.—Arthur Ernest Greville Turner.

MARRIAGES.

"O Lord, send them help from Thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend them."

July 22.—William Henry Tozer to Annie Elizabeth Tozer.

„ 27.—Ernest Robert Dickinson to Louisa Aris Daines.

Aug. 8.—George Edward Pidgeon to Kate Sophia Storey.

„ 27.—George Walter Francis to Alice Mary Willis.

„ 28.—Walter Harry Hall Judd to Clarissa Maude Lane.

BURIALS.

"I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."—*St. John*, xi, 25, 26.

July 26.—Frank Martin, aged 3 months.

„ 31.—Joseph Powell, aged 61 years.

Aug. 4.—Richard Reddington, aged 12 months.

„ 10.—Florence May Dobson, aged 2 months 21 days.

„ 16.—Walter Frank Chapman, aged 3 months.

„ 18.—Emily Neale, aged 44 years.

„ 25.—Charlotte May Jee, aged 10 months.