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THE VICARAGE,

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

You will find below a copy of the Queen's Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, authorising a general Church Collection on behalf of the sick and wounded in the War, and their families. In accordance with this well-timed desire on the part of Her Majesty, the whole of the Offertories on Sunday, January 7th, will be devoted to this purpose. I feel sure that all who can will be present, and that they will give as largely as their means will allow. The needs are tremendous. No ordinary giving can meet the requirements of the case. British blood has been poured out like water. The giving of gold and silver is nothing compared with what those are giving who are face to face with the foe. There should be no parsimony in our gifts, but a real spirit of generous self-sacrifice should be shown. There ought not to be a British subject—not a man, woman or child—who does not make a real sacrifice for the sufferers. We must get beyond the accustomed conventional little coins. Our gifts must be large hearted, "for our credit's sake"; for our Country's sake; for our Soldiers' sakes; for our Queen's sake; and for Christ's sake.

"Our duty must be done,

And so

God helping, we'll get it done."

YES! we'll get it done.

The balance sheet of the Nurse Fund is printed below. The year runs from July to July. Those who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year are asked to do so as early as convenient, either to Mrs. Job, Mrs. Stutchbury, or Mrs. Hubbard.

The Provident Club had an exceedingly good year. The total deposits amounted to £514 5s. 4½d., and the re-payments to depositors, including interest, to £531 os. 8½d., which shows that the parish must be in a fair way of prosperity. We are very much indebted to all those who subscribed towards the interest. The statement of accounts, with the list of subscribers, will be printed at Easter.

The next service for Men only will be on Sunday, January 17th, at 4 p.m. I hope those who have been will come and bring their friends with them.

The Dramatic Entertainment on December 12th was not so largely attended as these Entertainments usually are, but the greatest pains had been taken by all who took part, and they gave us an evening of thorough and innocent amuse-

ment. The following most kindly took part:—Mrs. Hetherington, Miss Griffiths, Miss Hanrot, Miss Foster, Miss Etlinger, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Gerald Griffiths, Mr. Dudley Larcombe, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Voules.

The Day School Children gave their usual Entertainment on the 19th ult., when the School-room was crowded with parents and friends. The Entertainment reflected great credit on both teachers and children. The proceeds were for the Prize Fund. In the course of the evening Mr. Thomas Willis, who has concluded his apprenticeship at the Schools, received a handsome handbag from the teachers and scholars, in token of their respect and good feeling towards him.

The Sunday School prize giving is fixed for Tuesday, January 9th, in the Boys' Schoolroom. Sunday School children will be admitted free by ticket.

The Church Parish Almanack is now published, and may be obtained from the District Visitors, price One Penny.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

QUEEN'S LETTER TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Victoria R.

"MOST REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT ENTIRELY BELOVED COUNCILLOR, We greet you well!

WHEREAS a large portion of Our Forces is presently engaged in operations of War in South Africa by reason of which many men must We grieve to think lose their lives and even a greater number be wounded:

And whereas it has been represented unto Us

That many of those so engaged have left at home wives and families dependent upon them:

That large sums of money are needed in order not only that special care may be given to the sick and wounded on the field of battle but also that assistance may be rendered to those who are disabled in after-life and succour offered to the women and children who may either be separated for a time from their husbands and fathers or have to endure the great loss which makes them widows and orphans:

That Funds for the purposes aforesaid have been set on foot to which contributions of no small amount have been made by all classes of Our people: and

That if We were pleased to issue Our Royal Letters authorising a general Collection throughout the Churches of England and Wales the Funds aforesaid would be greatly increased as is most desirable.

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We taking the same into Our Royal Consideration and being always ready to give the best encouragement and countenance to any movement which may tend to show the approval and high regard felt by Ourselves and by Our whole Empire for loyalty and devotion to duty such as is now being manifested in South Africa, are graciously pleased to condescend to the prayer which has been addressed to Us on behalf of the Church of England, and do hereby direct you that these Our Letters be communicated to the several Suffragan Bishops within your Province, expressly requiring them to take care that publication be made thereof in such manner within their respective Dioceses as the said Bishop shall direct; and that upon this occasion the Minister in each Parish do effectually excite his Parishioners to a liberal contribution which shall be collected in the Church on Sunday the Seventh day of January next ensuing, or if that day be inconvenient on any other Sunday which the said Bishops shall appoint; and that the said Ministers do cause the sums so collected to be paid immediately to Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved the Lord Mayor of Our City of London, to be accounted for by him, and to be bestowed amongst the Funds aforesaid in such manner as you and Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Councillor the Lord Archbishop of York shall in your joint discretion appoint for the furtherance of the above-mentioned good designs.

And so We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Sixteenth day of December 1899, in the sixty-third year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

M. W. RIDLEY."

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 3—S.P.G.—8 a.m., 9/2; 3.15 p.m., 5/7 ...	6 12 2	2 9 11	9 16 10
„ 10—Curate's Fund ...	3 17 9	1 12 9	5 10 6
„ 17—Churchwardens' Fund	3 14 2	1 18 7	5 12 9
„ 24—Churchwardens' Fund	4 0 8	1 11 0	5 11 8
Christmas Day—Poor Fund— 7 a.m., 13/1; 8 a.m., £2 3s. 11d.	13 0 3	0 15 0	16 12 3
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Dec. 10, 4/1; Dec. 17, 3/10; Dec. 24, 4/1	0 12 0
Children's Services (Missions), Dec. 10, 3/10; Dec. 17, 3/-; Dec. 24, 4/4	0 11 2
Special Celebrations—Nov. 30, St. Andrew's, 8/8; Dec. 21, St. Thomas' Day, 4/8; Dec. 26, St. Stephen's, 3/3; Dec. 27, St. John Evangelist's Day, 11/9; Holy Innocents' Day, 4/11	1 13 3
Special Service—Communicants' Meeting	0 11 5
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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."

Dec. 10.—Irene Margaret Southwood.
„ 13.—Nellie Mary Brooker.
„ 24.—Rose Willemien Boulonois.

MARRIAGE.

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

Dec. 25.—Charles Arthur Perryman to Mary Ellen Foster.

VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE NURSE FUND.

Corrected Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	64	4	4½
Subscriptions, Donations. &c.	73	13	6
	<u>£137</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10½</u>

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Nurse Jackson	65	0	0
Mr. Clement—Appliances, &c.	5	0	6
Cheque Book	0	1	0
	70	1	6
Balance carried forward	67	16	4½
	<u>£137</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10½</u>

Mrs. Job, Treasurer.

Mrs. HUBBARD,
Mrs. STUTCHBURY, } Secretaries.

NOTE.—£36 in Subscriptions and Donations have already been received for the current year.

The List of Subscribers will be published next month.