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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Instead of writing about parish matters this month, I think I must give you a little account of our surroundings here, feeling that a holiday letter from such a place as this may not be altogether without interest to you.

Nauheim is a small town about twice the size of Hampton Hill, but composed chiefly of large hotels and villas. The streets are thickly planted with trees, and about 200 acres of ground are laid out with flower beds, shrubberies and large shady trees and pleasant walks. The importance of the place arises from the variety and efficacy of its mineral waters. There are several springs of warm effervescent water, of different composition and degrees of healing power. From some of the springs the water rises many feet above the ground, from a depth of 600 feet and more, by the force of the carbonic acid gas contained in it, and it sparkles like soda water. The waters are used both for drinking purposes and for baths, and are said to possess wonderful curative properties. There are six large bath houses, in which two or three thousand separate baths are taken every day.

Between seven and eight o'clock in the morning a band plays at the springs, and crowds of people come to drink the waters, which they do with more or less grace of feature, as some of the springs are more health-giving than pleasant to taste. Then there are immense salt works, where the air becomes impregnated with saline properties that are said to be beneficial for people with chest and throat affections, and many go there and read or write letters, and

breathe the air which is delightfully cool and refreshing. The healing powers of the waters seem to have been known to the ancient Romans, but the systematic and scientific use of them only dates back about 60 years. The curative properties are chiefly for heart diseases and rheumatism, and about 20,000 people come every year, and vast numbers seem to get relief, if not to be cured.

The visitors are from all parts of the world, but nine-tenths of them are Germans. This year the number of English is exceptionally small, but amongst them are several distinguished people, *e.g.*, to-day the Duke of Cambridge is here on a visit to Earl and Countess Spencer. Lord and Lady Davy, Lord and Lady Montague, and Lord Ebury are amongst the visitors. The English Church is quite new, and was only consecrated last year. It is small, and very nice, but falls very far short of our delightful Church at Hampton Hill. We try to make up a choir as best we can from the visitors, but as these are changing every week, it is not easy. Last Sunday the lessons were read by Lord Davy, and he and Sir Percy Sanderson, the Consul General at New York, acted as Churchwardens. The English and American visitors seem very thankful to have a Church of their own so far from home, and they make very good use of it. The natives nearly all belong to the Lutheran Church, and there are a few Roman Catholics.

Nauheim is within a pleasant drive or bicycle ride of Homburg, which is a similar place on a much larger scale. Amongst the visitors there now, are the German Emperor, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the King of Greece and the Duke of Sparta.

Homburg is very English. In Nauheim everything is German, there one hears one's native tongue everywhere, and the natives seem all able to speak at least a little English. It is, of course, a most fashionable place, and it seems to be given up entirely to the idea of being attractive to visitors and to making them forget the ills and worries of life, and in most respects it carries out its idea exceedingly well, indeed it would not be easy to suggest what it could do more for those seeking rest and amusement, provided they have plenty of money and do not mind spending it.

Another place within easy distance of Nauheim is Frankfort, one of the largest towns in Germany. It would take much more space than I have at my disposal to even briefly describe Frankfort. Its shops are enough to gladden any lady's heart, its magnificent palm gardens are perhaps unequalled anywhere; and its Cathedral and Library are overflowing alike with interest.

From remarks sometimes made in German newspapers about the English a few months ago, it seemed that the Germans cherished very unkindly feelings towards us, but nothing whatever of that spirit is heard or seen here, but the very reverse. They seem almost to go out of their way to show their courtesy and good feeling.

The change and rest here are very delightful to us, and glad as we shall be to be at Hampton Hill again, Nauheim must always have a pleasant place in our memories.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

		11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTAL.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
July	29—Churchwardens' Fund	3	0 8	1	7 0	4	7 8
Aug.	5—Curate's Fund	...	3 0 1	0	14 11	3	15 0
"	12—Churchwardens' Fund	3	4 9	1	4 2	4	8 11
"	19—Churchwardens' Fund	2	15 11	1	5 5	4	1 4
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), July 29, 5/6; Aug. 5, 6/4; Aug. 12, 8/3; Aug. 19, 5/1		1	5 2
Children's Services (Missions), July 29, 1/4; Aug. 5, 1/8; Aug. 12, 2/6; Aug. 19, 1/10		0	7 5
Special Celebration—Aug. 24 (S. Bartholomew)		0	7 0
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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."

- Aug. 5.—Dorothy Rose Dinnes.
- " 5.—Elsie May Broome.
- " 12.—Sidney George Lansley.
- " 12.—Ethel May Rivers.
- " 20.—Douglas Apedaile Badcock.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Aug. 4.—Thomas Roberts to Lottie Rixon.

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.—Dorothy Evelyn Foley, aged 9 months.
- " 31.—Jane Mutlow, aged 79 years.
- Aug. 21.—Emma Reed, aged 1 hour.
- " 22.—Fanny Backhurst, aged 78 years.