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ROCHEFORT,

BELGIUM,

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Although by the time this is in your hands I expect to be at home again, it is necessary, for the printer's sake, that I should write my monthly letter here.

Owing to the absence from home of the Secretary of the Sale of Work, the Treasurer and myself, it will not be possible to publish a Balance Sheet of the "Sale of Work" until next month. I hoped to have been able to publish a list of the very many kind friends who sent contributions for the "Sale of Work," but the parcels came in so fast during the last few days, and in some cases without names attached, that I find a complete list would now be an impossibility, and therefore it may be better not to publish a list at all. I think, however, that all have been personally thanked, and I am sure everybody knows how thoroughly their most kind help was appreciated. The list of subscribers will appear next month.

Owing to the satisfactory result of the "Sale," we were able at once to enter into a contract with the organ builders to thoroughly clean, repair, and in various ways to improve the organ, at a total cost of £63. According to the report of the builders, this will render the

instrument almost as complete and perfect as it can be made, and I have no doubt this will add to our enjoyment of the services.

You will perhaps expect me to say a few words about Rochefort, where at the present moment Hampton Hill is rather strongly represented, there being eight members of our congregation here besides myself. The town is about the size of Hampton Hill, and is situated in a very hilly district in the midst of large and beautiful forests of oak and pine and thick undergrowth. There are many rivers and streams, which, however, are only full after heavy rains, so the water quickly finds its way into the many grottoes underground. These are of enormous size, and some of them very beautiful with stalactites and crystals, and, being lighted up with electric light, the effect is very marvellous. The ground, being rocky and high, is not very productive. Oats and potatoes are almost the only things grown in large quantities, but the people seem to be prosperous, hard-working and contented. They are, as a rule, much more friendly to the Boers than to ourselves, and until recently English people were often unpleasantly treated by them. However, a better feeling seems to have come about lately; anything but the greatest civility is very rare now. Sundays are very different from what they are with us. It is true the people go to Church in fair numbers in the early morning, but the rest of

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the day is the same as other days, excepting that there are more amusements, all the shops are open and it is the chief day for public entertainment. The quiet restfulness of the English Sunday is entirely lacking. We have our own services in a room in the chief hotel, which is set apart for the purpose for the day, and a very fair proportion of the English people attend.

Our visit here will now very soon be over, and it will be very pleasant to be in the midst of you all again.

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 21—Churchwardens' Fund	2 11 6	1 4 8	3 16 2
„ 28—Churchwardens' Fund	2 17 6	2 0 7	4 18 1
Aug. 4—Curate's Fund	... 3 2 3	1 10 3	4 12 6
„ 11—Churchwardens' Fund	2 11 1	1 5 3	3 16 4
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), July 21, 9/8; July 28, 5/6; Aug. 4, 7/9; Aug. 11, 9/7	1 12 6
Children's Services (Missions), July 21, 11d.; July 28, 1/10; Aug. 4, 1/4; Aug. 11, 2/6	0 6 7
Special Celebrations—July 25, S. James' Day (Treats Fund).			2 5 4
			<u>£21 7 6</u>

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. 4.—Frank Hubert Clevely.
 „ 4.—Marian Flora Clevely.
 „ 11.—Henry James Tomkins.
 „ 11.—Harry Moscrop.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Aug. 5.—Arthur Barnett to Clara Mills.

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 30.—Harry Abbott Durnford, aged 44 years.
 Aug. 1.—Noel Penrose Trevanen, aged 48 years.
 „ 9.—John Frank Barton Hellyer Jones, aged 12 years.
 „ 9.—Maria Alice Boreman, aged 56 years.
 „ 13.—Olive Amelia Chapman, aged 8 months.
 „ 20.—Winifred Margery Young, aged 16 months.
 „ 21.—Jane Hamilton Julia Ward, aged 72 years.
 „ 23.—George Augustus Crowder, aged 64 years.