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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I expect to be home again before this Magazine is published, but I am writing my monthly letter in the midst of the Swiss mountains, at the close of a most delightful holiday. The Church here is very interesting. It is very old, having been built about 600 years ago. It was originally part of a monastery which by some means fell into the hands of the Swiss Government. There is a large group of buildings, very massive and strong. Parts of them are offices connected with the local Council. The Chancel of the original Church is separated from the rest of the building by a wall, and this is the part that is now our Church. It is lent to us by the Government, who charge us no rent for it, and who in their generosity provide for the cleaning and repairs and the ringing of the bell. For more than twenty years this privilege has been granted to us. Governments, as a rule, are not so kind as this. Another portion of the original Church, the north transept, is lent to the Scotch Church, and the nave is used by the French Protestants. The Roman Catholics have a very fine Church. So that religious worship is very well provided for, and not only that, but it appears to be very fully observed, for although in some respects Sunday here does not vary much from other days, people do certainly go to Church. Early in the day one meets crowds of people on their way to worship God. And I am glad to say many English and Americans make a point of attending their own service.

The Harvest Festival at St. James's is fixed for Thursday, October 6th. There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., and at 11 a.m. An address will be given at the latter by the Rev. D.

A. Callum, Missionary from China, and the offertory will be for the Church Missionary Society. There will be a choral service at 8 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. J. Latham, vicar of Beckenham, and the offertory will be for the Day Schools. I am afraid we cannot say that the Harvest has been a good one, owing to the continued wet weather, but we always have a great many blessings for which we ought to thank God, and we are told that there are now signs in the country of a return to prosperity, and we have hope that we shall hear less of people being out of work. I hope we may have large congregations at the Festival services. We ought to look upon it as the occasion when we make a special effort to go to Church and thank God for all His mercies. We shall be very grateful for the usual help for the decorations.

Our classes and meetings will resume their usual course this month.

The Missionary Working Party will re-commence on Friday, the 14th inst. The meetings are held at the Vicarage every alternate Friday, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. We hope that all our old members and many new ones will come. Ladies willing to help should not wait for a special invitation. The Working Party is under the management of Mrs. Job, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Handcock and Miss Barnard.

The C.E. Men's Society has its programme out for the coming season. We shall be very glad to hear of new members willing to join. All particulars may be obtained from Mr. Charles Evans, the Secretary, and from members of the Committee.

There will be a short Intercession Service for the work of the local Rescue and Preventive Society on Thursday, the 13th, at 3.30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the 25th inst., there will be a meeting in the Church Room in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Secretary,

the Rev. J. Jones, will attend and give an address on the work of the Society. So good a cause deserves our warm support, and I hope we may have a good meeting.

On Friday, the 28th inst., St. Simon and St. Jude's Day, there will be a United Service for the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund, at St. James's Church at 8 p.m. The Fund was founded by the late Queen Victoria, and is for the purpose of increasing the stipends of very poor clergy so that they may all have a "living wage." At present there are some thousands that have not. Every year a service is held in this Rural Deanery for the Fund, and this year, for the first time, it is to be here, and I want to make a very strong and special appeal to members of the congregation to be present and show their interest in a movement which it is the duty of all Churchmen to support. The choir will be increased by additions from other choirs in the neighbourhood, and we shall have a distinguished preacher, the Rev. W. S. Swayne, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY. The new session will re-open on Monday, the 10th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

QUEEN VICTORIA CLERGY FUND AND CLERGY PENSIONS INSTITUTION.

(London Diocesan Branches.)

MANSION HOUSE MEETING.

By kind invitation of the Lord Mayor a meeting will be held this year again in the Mansion House, the date fixed being Monday, October 24th, at 4 p.m. The Fund will be honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of London, who has kindly promised to preside over the meeting, and who will be supported by many influential Clergy and Laymen of the Diocese. The Speakers will be the Right Hon. Sir William Kennedy (Lord Justice of Appeal, Alderman Sir John Bell, Bart. (if possible), Sir E. Stafford Howard, C.B., and W. Joynson-Hicks, Esq., F.R.G.S. There will be a limited number of reserved seats, application for which may be made to F. W. Dawkins, Esq., Ayot Villa, Stanley Road, Teddington. Tickets will only be sent from the office, if applied for direct, to applicants who enclose an envelope addressed and bearing J.D. stamp. Office address:—The Chapter House, St. Paul's, E.C.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTAL.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Aug. 21—Church Expenses	...	3	0	5	1	12	4 12 9
" 28—Church Expenses	...	2	17	3	1	8	4 5 9
Sept. 4—Curates' Fund...	...	2	17	7	1	16	4 14 6
" 11—Church Expenses	...	3	0	0	1	6	4 6 1
" 18—Church Expenses	...	2	17	10	1	6	4 3 10
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Aug. 21, 8/9; Aug. 28, 14/-; Sept. 4, 12/-; Sept. 11, 9/6; Sept. 18, 13/6	2 17 9
Children's Services (Missions), Aug. 21, 2/8; Aug. 28, 5/3; Sept. 4, 4/-; Sept. 11, 2/7; Sept. 18, 3/3	0 17 9
Special Celebrations, Aug. 24, St. Bartholomew's Day	0 7 7
Thursdays, Sept. 1, 3/9; Sept. 8, 3/1; Sept. 15, 3/8	0 10 6
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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. 28—John Frederick Richard Hunt.

Sept. 5—Doris Bushnell.

" 11—Alfred Benjamin Thomas Adley.

MARRIAGES.

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

Aug. 21—Harry Alexander to Sarah Willoughby.

Sept. 7—Samuel Henry Riggs to Nellie Lynn.

" 18—Henry Griffiths to Maria Martha Miller.

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.

Aug. 23—Sarah Skinner, aged 64 years.

Sept. 3—Richard James Isaac Tisdale, aged 56 years.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.		AFTERNOON.		EVENING.	
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" 12	385 292		573		295 383	
" 16	185 553		338 334		166 Anthem 334	
" 19	...		337		587 381	
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