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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I have usually taken my holiday abroad, and it has often appeared that there were matters of general interest connected with my surroundings concerning which I have been tempted to write to you, but this time it is different. An ordinary country parish in England, however beautiful, is more or less familiar to you all in its general characteristics, and therefore there is not much that I could say that would be of special interest. I shall therefore content myself with very few words on this occasion.

The one great event of universal interest during the month was the Coronation of our King on the 9th inst. After the deep anxiety respecting His Majesty's health and the necessary postponement, the actual carrying out of the great event seemed to become much more solemn and important. And when we all knew that Edward VII was indeed crowned, we were conscious of a sense of relief and a heartfelt joy. Everyone, however humble, has the power of exercising influence. The higher a man's position is, the greater is his influence. The power of a king for good or evil is untold. It is therefore of the utmost importance that our Chief Ruler should be a man of unquestionable integrity and honour. And this we believe our King to be. It was because of this that the whole Empire, with confidence and hope, entered into the spirit of the beautiful coronation service, and in heart joined in the prayers that God would bless our Sovereign and grant him "the spirit of wisdom and government, that being

devoted unto (Him) with all his heart, he may so wisely govern this kingdom, that in his time (His) Church and people may continue in safety and prosperity." May he long be spared to rule over this great Empire with that sound judgment, that kindliness of spirit, and that thoughtfulness for his people, of which he has given such abundant manifestation.

The Harvest Festival will most likely take place on Thursday, the 25th., and we shall then be glad of the usual kind offerings for the decoration of the Church. This year it will, I am sure, be felt by all that we have more than usual cause for the deepest gratitude, although the weather has been so uncertain there is every likelihood of an abundant harvest; the year has been one of great commercial prosperity, and there has been plenty of work for everyone; the conclusion of peace in South Africa after three years of terrible bloodshed and anxiety; the recovery of the King from a perilous illness, are all facts sufficient to call forth our heartfelt thanks to Almighty God. The Offertories will be for our Day Schools, which have for many years made great demands upon our Church-people, and which they have always met with such great generosity. It has long been the aim of the Church that the children should have a good secular education, and that they should also be taught those Christian truths which we believe to be the true foundation of sound character and the main source of England's greatness. It is because of this that Church-people, out of their own pockets, have voluntarily given millions for education.

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In a few days I hope to be amongst you again after a refreshing rest amid delightful surroundings in a remote Hampshire village. One of the most pleasant parts of a holiday is the coming home 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.
Aug. 3.—Curate's Fund ...	3 9 7	1 3 0	4 12 7
„ 10.—Church Expenses ...	3 0 5	1 4 0	4 4 5
„ 17.—Church Expenses ...	2 0 7	0 19 9	3 0 4
„ 24.—Church Expenses ...	2 0 9	0 13 10	2 14 7
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Aug. 3, 7/5; Aug. 10, 4/9; Aug. 17, 4/3; Aug. 24, 9/2	1 5 7
Children's Services (Missions), Aug. 3, 2/-; Aug. 10, 3/1; Aug. 17, 3/6; Aug. 24, 2/1	0 10 8
Special Service, Aug. 9, Coronation Day (New Bells)			1 4 3

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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. 10.—Robert Edward Higgs.
- „ 10.—Sidney Francis Dobson.
- „ 10.—Frederick George Roberts.
- „ 17.—Edwin William Brown.
- „ 17.—Ernest Stanley Brown.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Aug. 2.—George Bruce Radcliffe to Susan Fry.
- „ 9.—Charles Henry Wallington to Rose Emily Ward.

BURIAL.

“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. 8.—William John Cooper, aged 60 years.