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MY DEAR FRIENDS.

I find I have the opportunity of sending a short account of our voyage up to this point, which will reach the printer in time for the March Magazine, and I think you may be interested to hear something of what we have passed through and seen. The first five days were very stormy and the terrible Bay of Biscay did more than keep up her terrible character. A number of small accidents happened, but everybody is now convalescent or well. We crossed Trafalgar's Bay on Monday, the spot where Nelson fought and won and fell. In the afternoon we arrived at Tangier, in Morocco, and caught our first glimpse of Oriental life. The people are Moors, with dark skins, Jews in long flowing robes, and Negroes with bare legs and arms. They look most strange and picturesque in their bright many coloured garments of every conceivable shape and style. The Negroes look as if they found life hard, many of them are slaves. The Moors are lively and noisy. The Jews look cunning and sad. There are many thousands of them and they are very much oppressed. They are obliged to live in certain quarters of the towns, and must not be seen outside the boundaries after sunset. They may not marry without the permission of the Sultan. They are compelled to wear dark clothes. They are not allowed to defend themselves against a Musselman, if attacked, except in their own houses. On the four great Mahommedan Festivals they have to make large presents to the Sultan, and also whenever one of his family marries. An insurrection is going on in the interior and we were

told that some prisoners had been brought in the day before. Tangier is the only town in Morocco which is progressing. The electric light and telephone are in use. The climate is delicious and many Europeans go there for the winter. It belonged to England about 230 years ago, but was given up again in 1684. It is safe to say it would be very much better for it if it were still connected with the "Land of the Free." Christian Missions are active and are doing much good. The printing press also is a powerful influence of a hopeful kind. On leaving Tangier a great change came over the sea, "The wild winds hushed, The angry deep, sank like a little child to sleep." The sky became lit up with the most brilliant colours conceivable as the sun went down, and we moved up the Straits of Gibraltar as if we were gliding over a sea of glass. The Great Rock was a magnificent sight in the fading light, and seemed to us like a symbol of England's strength. We have now been four days in the Mediterranean, enjoying what would be midsummer weather in England. The sea is the deepest blue, and fleecy clouds hang in the sky, and every moment the scene changes as we pass along the African coast on the one side or the Spanish coast on the other. Yesterday we landed at Palma in the Island of Majorca. It was not easy to get ashore as a strong wind was blowing and we had to go in the ship's boats. We first visited the beautiful cathedral, where crowds of people were present at the Ash Wednesday service, all looking very devout. The people are of Arabic descent, and appear to be very quiet and contented. We went a long drive of 32 miles, in pretty little carriages made of very light framework covered with canvas. We passed through miles of almonds and apricots, orchards in full blossom, and then through more miles of olive

yards, and orange groves with the fruit fully ripe. We saw fields of peas and beans in blossom, and quantities of narcissus and purple anemones growing wild. Majorca is said to be one of the most beautiful islands in this beautiful part of the world. It never freezes, it never snows, and in the hottest summer there are always cool breezes in the mountains. The chief production is fruit and the famous majolica ware. We are now approaching Marseilles, where we expect to take in a number of passengers, and then we move on to Sicily, and expect to land at Syracuse, where St. Paul stopped for three days when he was being taken as a prisoner to Rome to be tried before Cæsar.

Yours very sincerely,
CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 31—Church Expenses ...	1 13 3	0 19 3	2 12 6
Feb. 7—Curate's Fund ...	6 0 0	1 13 9	7 13 9
„ 14—Church Expenses ...	3 14 7	1 4 6	4 19 1
„ 21—Teddington Hospital	6 4 3	1 18 2	8 2 5
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) Jan. 31, 9/6; Feb. 7, 12/6; Feb. 14, 6/6; Feb. 21, 9/1 ...	...	...	1 17 7
Children's Services (Missions), Jan. 31, 4/9; Feb. 7, 2/4; Feb. 14, 3/3 ...	...	...	0 10 4
Special Celebrations, Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul, 9/6; Feb. 2nd, Purification of Blessed Virgin, 8/2; Thursday, Feb. 18, 5/4 ...	...	...	1 3 0
Special Services, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday (Colonial and Continental)	3 1 4
Jan. 28, Girls' Friendly Society	0 6 4
Communicants' Association	0 11 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.”

- Feb. 14—Dorothy Mardon.
- „ 14—Ruth Louisa Gamgee.
- „ 14—Joseph Hodges.
- „ 14—Thomas Henry Cheeseman.

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.

- Jan. 28—Henry Goldthorpe, aged 45 years.
- „ 29—Maurice May, aged 75 years.
- Feb. 5—Charles Mansell, aged 66 years.
- „ 8—Charles Thomas Hope Durham, aged 25 years.
- „ 12—Ann Nobes, aged 68 years.
- „ 15—Charles Shephard, aged 15 months.
- „ 20—Eustace Joy, aged 53 years.
- „ 22—Sophia Garnons, aged 88 years.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Mar. 2	...	...	263 465 pt. 2
„ 6	490 200	338 261	491 93 287
„ 9	...	333	465 pt. 3
„ 13	112 256 252	290 335	91 356 274
„ 16	...	330	91 254 269
„ 20	96 553	332 334	466
„ 23	...	197	257 466
„ 27	99 110 98	263 567	97 pt. i. 183
		341	95 467
			200 467
			98 267 104
			Story of the Cross

HOLY WEEK.

- Monday, 446, 113, Story of the Cross.
- Tuesday, 467, 111, Story of the Cross.
- Wednesday, 467, 109, Story of the Cross.
- Thursday, 107, 553, 472.