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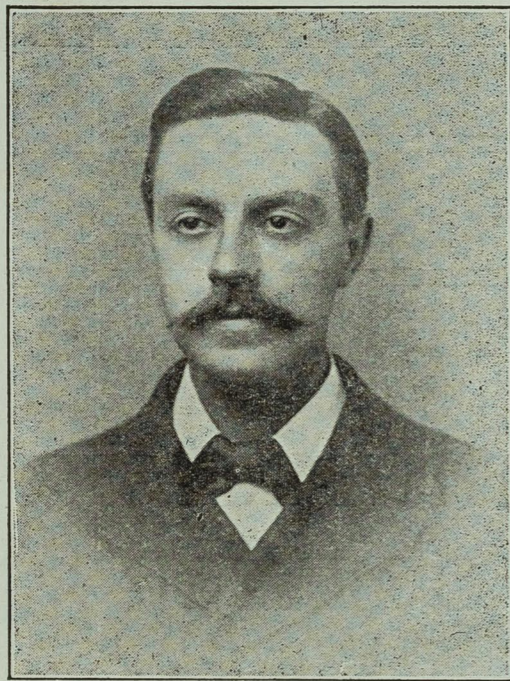
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2	Thomas	Rev. H. Baptist	Kingsgate St	25	Perry Circus	WT	5
-	Mathews	W. J. Baptist	St. John's Church	154	Charing Cross	WT	27
-	Maerca	Rev. A. Scotch Ch	Crown Court	24	John St. Bedford Row	WT	41
-	Harrison	Rev. W. Cong	St. Martin's St	120	Wentworth St. Borough	WT	53
-	Banham	Rev. J. Wesleyan	St. Queen's	44	Doughly St	WT	64
-	Nicholson	Rev. R. W. Baptist	John St. Bedford Row		Letters at the Chapel		85
-	Wheatley	W. W. P. W. Christian Mission	St. Dunstons		Gray's Inn	WT	97
-	Blackman	W. J. P. C. M.	St. Dunstons		Kings Cross	WT	102
-	Chilvers	Pastor H. J. Baptist	Keppel St	30	Baker St	Lloyd Square	121
-	Licence	M. A. L. C. M.	Drury Lane	133	Bridge Rd	Battersea	131



Your faithfully,
Rev. H. THOMAS.

Character of District.

The Rev. H. Thomas, pastor of Kinggate St. Baptist Chapel, is a frank & pleasant-spoken young man, with an expression that suggests kindly feeling but not any great strength of purpose or power. We made his acquaintance slightly some years back, when he was assisting ^{of the Boro} the Rev. Jas Flanagan at Thornton Heath, & called with him to borrow our map. He has been at Kinggate St. 6 years, & has infused some life into an old-fashioned declining congregation, issuing public appeals on behalf of various social efforts amongst the poor of the immediate locality, wh. are headed with a sentence from "Life & Labour," following (says Mr. Abell, & probably truly) on the lines of Mr. Flanagan.

The chapel is situated in a district where there is some pink, but in wh. purple & dark blue (with a black streak) predominate, the first being represented by the house & office-keepers of Southampton Row, Holborn, &c., & the last by a mixture of market porters, labourers, street sellers, newspaper sellers & common prostitutes crowded together, 4, 5, 6 & even 7 families to a house in Eagle St., &c. Nos. of families live

in one room - parents & grown-up children together - & do not seem to recognize as immoral what is ordinarily regarded as such. There are also a good many home-workers. Much of the decorations for the Jubilee came from the worst rookeries in this district.

The neighbourhood is, however, improving, & in the future will do so rapidly. A notorious thieves' kitchen in Dean St. has been abolished, & a lot of old property is coming down to make way for the new thoroughfare wh. the S.P.C. is going to construct. Leases are rapidly falling in, & syndicates are being formed to pull down these old houses & erect modern flats.

The congregation is working class, & consists mostly of office & house-keepers. The lower class are touched to a considerable extent by means of social gatherings & visiting, but they will not come to ordinary service. He offered to give a pair to any poor family in the district, but without result. One great difficulty is want of clothes, & the feeling in this respect he regards as a sign of grace.

Signs of Improvement.

Population worked.

"Can I come like this?" said one poor raggedly dressed woman, "It is all I have!" That is evidence of something good in them. They like to be visited, but public worship is not at all in keeping with their life.

But they will crowd in to the strain social wh. is held on Sunday a month, or opens with free tea, coffee, &c., & is followed by simple singing & testimony just suited to them.

Only himself paid, but a number of voluntary workers - a large number in proportion to church membership - & some do a great deal. His wife helps very considerably (they having no children) - visits, takes charge of Band of Hope, brother's meeting, &c.

Chapel holds 800; lecture hall 150. Both are used for Sunday school. Old buildings, with a small endowment, not at all adapted for mission work. They must come down for the new therefore (Kingsgate St. is to be abolished) & Mr.



Church

Kingsgate St. Baptist Sunday School

Persons Employed.

Buildings.

I. hopes to get the S. P. C. to furnish him with up-to-date mission buildings, on the lines of the West Central Baptist Mission, & fronting on the new road.

Services & meetings

Meetings held at Kingsgate.

SUNDAY.

- PUBLIC SERVICES—Morning, 11; Evening, 7 o'clock.
- PRAYER MEETING (Deacons' Vestry), 10 o'clock.
- SCHOOL and BIBLE CLASSES, 3 p.m.
- TRACT SOCIETY, 3 o'clock.
- OPEN AIR SERVICES, 6.15 and 8.30.
- CHRISTIAN SOCIAL (in Lecture Hall) once a Month.

MONDAY.

- PRaise AND PRAYER MEETING, 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY.

- MOTHERS' MEETING, 3 o'clock.
- SPECIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN, 7.30.

WEDNESDAY.

- PUBLIC SERVICE, 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY.

- BAND OF HOPE, 7 o'clock.

FRIDAY.

- MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY, 8.15.

SATURDAY.

- GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY'S PLEASANT EVENINGS FOR THE PEOPLE, 8.15.

The Temperance Society meets First Tuesday in the Month, 8.15.

Attendance

Work amongst children.

Sunday morning congregation 130; evening 250.
Not large, but good for the City, especially as chapel is
in a back street. Very difficult to get people to
an out-of-the-way place. Hugh Price Hughes found
this out with Heaven Chapel. All right for the
first week or two, but after that he faced no
better than anyone else.

Get a large number of children to the Sunday
schools, recruiting these by means of a children's
mission, wh. meets every Tuesday evg, & gives occasional
treats, &c. Children of the poorest class crowd in.
When he came he found the chapel was not reaching
the lower strata at all, & as a first step to
altering this set the ladies of the congregation to
dress a hundred dolls. With these for the
girls, & toys for the boys, he organized a big
Xmas tree & gave away the tickets himself. This
at once gave him the entry into the children's homes,
& the "tree" is now an annual event. "Father"
snips out a little girl, "here's the gentleman what
gave me the doll," & he is welcome.

altogether, special efforts on a regularly

Organised plan are made to get hold of the children,
& special appeals made to the public for this purpose,
of wh. a sample is attached.

Mothers meeting largely attended, mostly the
mothers of the children who come to the mission.
Clothing & sick fund in connection, to wh. the
women contribute a little, vest being made up by
the church workers.

Christian Social, already referred to. Bill of invitation: -

SUNDAY NEXT.

KINGSGATE STREET BAPTIST CHAPEL,
(Next to SOUTHAMPTON ROW).

Rev. H. THOMAS
Will Preach **MORNING AND EVENING.**

SPECIAL INVITE TO EVENING SERVICE.

(Moody & Sankey's Hymns)
SERVICE COMMENCES AT 7 O'CLOCK, to be followed by

A CHRISTIAN SOCIAL
In the **LECTURE HALL**, at **8.30**,
RIGHT HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL.

"Come thou and all thy house."

SUNDAY NEXT. NEXT SUNDAY. SUNDAY NEXT.



Kingsgate Street Chapel, Holborn, W.C.

SPECIAL MISSION FOR POOR CHILDREN.

President:

Rev. H. THOMAS.

Superintendent: Mr. W. Jackson.

Secretaries: Miss Billy Gurney and Mr. James Ashby



“Behind the fine thoroughfare of Holborn is the third poorest neighbourhood in London.”—CHAS BOOTH

Dear

Kindly give this Circular your consideration, for it is submitted after much thought and care on behalf of some hundreds of the poorest Children of this very poor District, who by their condition cause us to plead for them. They cannot plead for themselves for help, but their need is so real I am sure you would answer it if you knew them as we do.

..... I was eyes to the blind and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not I searched out, and I brake the grinders of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.”—Job.

Our desire is not to give them a special Jubilee Treat, nor is our Appeal because of the Jubilee, but of necessity to help them as in former years, to enjoy, with health of body and soul, a short season in the country.

The following Article from the “Daily Mail,” of Tuesday, June

“When the ear heard me then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me it gave glad witness to me.

BECAUSE I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

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16th, 1896, will give you some idea of the district and the "heavenliness" of the country to these little ones when there:—

"It consists of a conglomeration of narrow courts and passages, intersected by small streets, containing twice as many public-houses and thieves' dens as any district of like size. It boasts of no letter boxes—they would be emptied and broken up for old iron as soon as they were fitted. Its houses are old, shockingly out of repair, and are not numbered, for the reason that they possess no doors. Here and there are gaps surrounded with hoardings which mark the happy demolition of one of their number. On the pavements are a mixture of coster barrows and sprawling children, who look like bundles of filth-stained rags. The staple industry is thieving, for which the above-mentioned barrows are a mere blind," &c.



We have many consecrated workers helping in this Mission to the Children, summer and winter, and throughout the year, seeking by all means (interesting, enlightening and saving) to lift them from the sad condition owing to birth and environment. Every week we have Special Meetings adapted to the very poorest. Much good has been done as letters will show; many saved from the streets are now regular scholars in Sabbath Schools, and eternity will reveal the greater results we are sure.



The Winter is certainly the hardest time for these little ones to endure, and during the cold months we have them continually under our care; but the summer also has its effect upon their health, having to live, as they do, in the stifling atmosphere of the poor one-roomed home(?) May I, therefore, appeal for a little help towards this work amongst "these Little Ones?" We shall be glad to receive Parcels of Material to make up, Ready-made, or Left-off Clothing, etc., or any love gift of money you may choose to send.



As I pen these lines, I am fully aware of the many similar appeals that will be pressed upon your liberality equally deserving, especially in this year of Her Majesty's Jubilee; but I sincerely trust that this Appeal to help some of the pale-faced Little Ones into the Country may not come short of your sympathy and support.

The smallest Contribution will be most thankfully received and acknowledged.

On behalf of the Children,

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KINGSGATE BAPTIST CHAPEL
Mutual Improvement Society.

President :
Rev. H. THOMAS.
Vice President :
Mr. E. WRIGHT.

Committee :
Mr. J. ASHBY,
Miss CLIFTON,
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Miss BARTLETT,
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Programme.

JULY 9th.	The Wonders of Air and Water.	Mr. E. WRIGHT
" 16th.	Books: How to Read them.	Mr. J. SHELLABEAR
" 23rd.	Employment for Women.	Miss L. HOBBS
" 30th.	Recreation for Christians.	Miss GURNEY
AUG. 6th.	Twenty Best Books to Read.	Miss WITNEY
" 13th.	Character.	Mr. J. CLEMENTS
" 20th.	Home Life.	Miss L. SHALLABEAR
" 27th.	Apes and Peacocks.	Miss BARTLETT
SEPT. 3rd.	Commercial Competition (beneficial or otherwise).	Mr. ASHBY
" 10th.	Games of other Nations.	Mr. PREUSS
" 17th.	Man and Men—all sorts.	Rev. H. THOMAS
" 24th.	Historical Buildings in London.	Mr. JESTICO

Meetings commence 8.15 every Friday in Lecture Hall. Any person over 14 years of age is eligible for membership who has been introduced by the Pastor.

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Charitable
Relief.

Kingsgate St. Pleasant Saturday Evenings
(In connection with Kingsgate Baptist Chapel).

President - - - Rev. H. THOMAS.

PROGRAMME OF A
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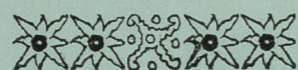
LECTURE HALL, Eagle Street, Holborn, W.C.

On Saturday, October 9th, 1897.

Accompanyist - - Mrs. MILLS.

Hon. Sec. J. W. HARBERD.

Doors Open at 8, commence punctually at 8.15.



programme subjoined.

Visiting done by the pastor, his wife & other helpers.

About £60 a year, provided by monthly communion, given in relief. Visitors report cases to pastor. Never give money if can possibly be avoided. The chapel has 2 houses in Kingsgate St., from proceeds of wh. £10 is given to charitable relief. They used also to have almshouses in Fisher St., founded to commemorate the abolition of slavery, but the leases of these have lately run out, & they now rent rooms for 5 old women.

The money received thro public appeals, all goes to the social & nursing work - not to relief. Sir George Williams is a good friend; he gives them the means for providing a Xmas dinner for 200 old people.

The a/cs are carefully audited. Having an endowment, the Charity Commission look after this, & a C.O.S. agent calls to inspect the a/cs.

Pastor H. THOMAS will
Preach To-morrow



PROGRAMME.



Morning, 11
Evening, 7

Come

First Part

Opening Hymn and Prayer.

President's Introductory Address.

Pianoforte Solo - - - Mrs. MILLS

"To the work, to the work"
The Audience.

Recitation Mine and Thiers
Miss Whitney.

Violin Solo - - - Miss ALLSOPP

Song Selected
Rev. H. Thomas.

Dulcimer Solo - - - Mr. J. LIVINGSTONE

Recitation Selected
Miss Fitch.



Second Part

Pianoforte Solo - - - Mrs MILLS

Five Minutes' Temperance Talk
Mr. Wright.

Song Joe Perkins
Mr. Breen.

Song Selected
Mrs. Mills.

Recitation Selected
Mr. G. Shellabear.

Song The Sanctuary
Mr. W. Reeves, jun.

Five Minutes' Chat Our field—our hope
The Secretary.



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Work of other bodies.

"Quite right too", says Mr. J.

Red Lion Sq^{re} Church does good work in district. Mr. Conner is a very nice man, & has interests of locality at heart. Meets him in School Bd. work, but do not cooperate in Church work. High Church & Baptist do not mix well. There is no Salvation Army in district, & S. P. M. has failed. Had a missionary, but he did very little, & was withdrawn.

Local Government

Decided improvement in sanitary matters. Meets inspectors sometimes. Back streets very dirty.

Poor Law

Does not think the people get much parish relief. Has not come across any cases, & thinks the people wd. not care to apply for it.

Police.

Bloomshury Dispensary a fine institution, & very useful.

Police do their work as well as they possibly can. His experience of them very satisfactory.

Drink & Temperance.

A very hard district in wh. to do temperance work, but they are doing fairly well now. Traces most of poverty to drink, but can quite understand it, considering the miserable wretched places in wh. the people have to exist.

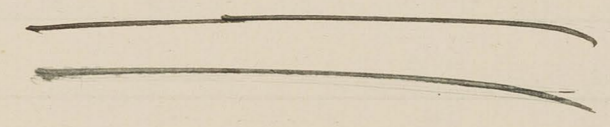
Has a strong impression that injury done to children by allowing them to fetch beer from public-houses. Admits that the surroundings of the p.h. are in no way worse than those of the homes, or the streets in wh. they play, but if children were prohibited from going it wd. at least save them from a double dose of pollution. Thinks these street children have an inherited taste for drink. Mr. J. is the son of a publican, & used to serve in his father's house in Notts, so professes to know something of the mind working of the trade.

Prostitution

A good deal of prostitution of a very low type. He & his wife visited every room in the worst streets in connection with the Jubilee dinner, & were pained to find so many prostitutes occupying rooms. They

usually live 2 or 3 together in a room, & do not
we think bring men there, but ply their calling on
the streets.

There are also a remarkable no. of widows
in the district, attracted by clearing work in offices,
chambers, &c.



Widows.

Mr A. J. Matthews
Secy of Bloomsbury Chapel.

Account

Literature

St. George's parish.

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Interview with Mr J. A. Matthews. Church Secretary of
Bloomsbury Chapel, Shaftesbury Avenue. W.C.

Mr Matthews is an ironmonger in rather a large way of business at 154 Charing Cross Road. He is a deacon and Sunday School Supt at Bloomsbury as well as Church Secretary & holds two or three minor offices. He is a general business man of about 45 but with no special characteristics apparent to differentiate him from others, unless it be a kindly disposition which was revealed when a smile lit up the somewhat expressionless features.

I am not satisfied with the interview. Throughout there was a certain restraint and Mr M. did not talk freely. There always seemed to be something behind & though at times he seemed about to speak freely, he would check himself. Yet he showed no desire to suppress facts but rather refrained from giving opinion or his views.

He gave me a copy of the Church Manual for 1898 & the Magazine. The former is a book of 68 pages & the latter, the Home Messenger localised with 8 pages of local matter.

Buildings Used

Vol. I.

No. 1.



Persons Employed

Church Membership

Bloomsbury Chapel seats 1300 to 1500 people. Have a schoolroom below and several classrooms and vestry. [This chapel was the first built, ^(in 1848) under Mr Norton Peto's dict and marks an epoch in non conformist chapel building. Until that time chapels had been built in back streets & it was popularly supposed that dissenters might not have spires to their buildings. The lease specified that ~~one~~ a spire should be erected & the builders erected two; it is said as a protest against the current delusion.]

Bloomsbury Hall, Meard Street, Soho, (District 3) is also rented as a Mission Hall. It is an old ^{chapel} chapel. Holds 300/400 & has a schoolroom below.

Minister, organist & caretaker at Bloomsbury & a Sister at Meard Street. 74 Sunday School teachers ^(Sister Lily) and 30 or 40 other workers, including 8 deacons & 8 elders. The present minister, Rev B. J. Gibbon has only entered on his ministry in October 1897. The congregation, which showed signs of falling off before the close of Rev J. Baillie's ministry is now increasing under Mr G.'s ministry.

The Church membership declined in 1897 by 66 & now stands at 633. Loss due to erasures chiefly as shown in statistics on next page.

Services &c

Statistics of the Church, 1897.

Number on Register, January 1897	699
Losses during 1897:—	
By dismissal to other churches	29
By erasure through long absence	68
By resignation	1
By death	9—107
Additions during 1897:—	
By profession	21
By transfer from other churches	20—41
Being a loss during the year of	66
	66
Total on Church Books, January 1st, 1898 ...	633

Services, etc.

BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL.			BLOOMSBURY HALL, Meard Street, Soho.		
LORD'S DAY.	Teachers' Prayer Meeting	9.20 A.M.	LORD'S DAY.	Children's Service	10.30 A.M.
"	Prayer Meeting	10.15 "	"	Sunday School	2.50 P.M.
"	*Public Service	11.0 A.M. & 7.0 P.M.	"	Public Service	7.0 "
"	Sunday School	9.45 A.M. & 2.45 "	Monday.	Mothers' Meeting	3.0 "
"	Bible Classes for Young Men and Women	2.45 and 3.15 "	"	Children's Meeting... ..	6.30 "
"	District Visitors meet in N. Vestry	2.45 "	"	Boys' Brigade	8.0 "
Monday.	Mutual Improvement Society (during the Winter)	8.0 "	Tuesday.	Mothers' Meeting	6.30 "
Tuesday.	Dorcas Society, last Tuesday in the month	3.0 "	Wednesday.	Girls' Sewing Class (Juniors)	6.30 "
Wednesday.	Pastor in Vestry to see enquirers, from	8.0 "	"	" " " (Seniors)	8.0 "
"	Christian Band and Band of Hope alternately	7.0 & 8.15 "	Thursday.	Band of Hope	7.30 "
"	Women's Prayer Meeting, SECOND Wednesday in the Month	3.30 "	Friday.	Gymnasium (Girls)... ..	6.45 "
Thursday.	Public Service	8.0 "	"	" (Boys)	8.15 "
"	Church Meeting, on the Thursday PRECEDING SECOND Sunday in the Month (after Public Service, commencing then at 7.30 P.M.)	8.15 "	Saturday.	Entertainment (during Winter)	8.30 "
Friday.	Willing Helpers, THIRD Friday in the Month	7.30 "			

OPEN-AIR SERVICES
(DURING SUMMER MONTHS).

LORD'S DAY.	In Cambridge Circus	8.30 P.M.
Thursday.	In New Compton Street	9.0 "

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the morning of the FIRST Sunday in the Month, and in the evening of the THIRD Sunday.
* A Special Service for Young People is held on the FIRST Sunday evening in each Month, at which all seats are free.

*Congregation on Sunday morning 6.00/7.00, evening 8.00/9.00.
Draw the people from a mile & a half radius. Includes a large number of young people; come from business houses. A middle class congregation: and a large number of visitors.*

Bloomsbury Chapel
CHRISTIAN BAND.

Motto:
"Looking unto Jesus."
—Heb. xii.

President:
REV. B. J. GIBBON.

Vice-Presidents:
MR. G. D. JENNINGS. MR. E. BOMFORD.
MR. W. VINTER.

Leaders:
MR. J. A. MATTHEWS. MR. T. G. BERGIN.

Leader of Junior Band: Secretary:
MR. E. V. BAKER. MR. G. A. COOPER.

Registrars:
MISS BRAY. MR. F. E. BRAY.

Committee:
MISS EDLIN. MR. MARTINDALE.
" SAUL. " YATES.
" SYRETT.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BAND.
THE OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

All Communications to be addressed to the
"Secretary, Christian Band, Bloomsbury
Chapel, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C."

Social Agencies

Sunday School. On Book 480. Attendance M^{rs} 84 After 343.

" " At Theat. On Books 227. Attendance M. 25. After 170

At Bloomsbury, the children are well dressed - middle class. About one third would be children of the congregation. Get a few from Drury Lane, but not many. Mostly come from the streets leading into the Squares - tradesmen's children &c. 200 over 16 years of age. "Have learned the secret of retaining senior scholars. Teachers take a great interest in their scholars." Christian Band. 70 to 80 members in two sections, Senior & Junior.

Have a special monthly service on 1st Sunday in the month when all the seats are free; bills are issued and hymn sheets provided. At this service they get a extra large congregation and a large number of strangers but it does not increase their membership much. The church is fed from the Sunday school

Social agencies are numerous: Tennis, Cricket (2) & Swimming Clubs. Band of Hope 150 members, Total abstinence society - Successful Attendance 247. but have varied meetings. People are abstainers & don't want to be taught over & over again. Can't get the outsiders to come. Held at Temperance Mission in a tent on waste ground in Shaftesbury Avenue to which the people came & the other churches united in the work

PROGRAMME.

.. Second Session. ..

- 1898.
- May 4th.—Discussion and decision of members on a proposed change to the Christian Endeavour Society.
- " 18th.—"Doing our best" ... Address by MR. C. BRANSCOMBE. (From the Metropolitan Tabernacle.)
- June 7th.—"Emblems of Teachers, Life & Work" Address by MR. SINDALL. (Tuesday) (From Brockley.)
- " 15th.—LADIES' MEETING ... Under the Presidency of MRS. HARRIS.
- " 29th.—MISSIONARY MEETING.
- July 13th.—"Lessons from three Psalms, Nos. 19, 23 and 103 } ... Papers by MEMBERS.
- " 27th.—OPEN MEETING.
- Aug. 10th.—"PRAYER AND PRAISE" MEETING { Under the direction of the PRAYER COMMITTEE.
- " 24th.—OPEN MEETING.

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Visiting

Charitable Relief

Penny Bank, Boys Brigade (meadow), Willing Workers, as ladies' assⁿ for working purposes. The Mutual Improvement Society is vigorous. Has 70 or 80 members and gets audiences of 300-400 to some of its ^{meetings} ~~meetings~~. Has a "Parliament" in connection. Another meeting at Meadow Street with usual adjuncts.

Visiting on Sunday afternoons by District Visitation Association (30 voluntary visitors) Lodging houses (Registered) are also visited. Altho' a large area is covered, the visiting can hardly be called systematic. The Sister visits the homes, chiefly of those connected with the Mission, under the superintendency of a lady, mostly in Soho. We can see her: Miss L. Pearce
70 Great Russell St. W.C.

Charitable Relief given by 3 or 4 societies, which ought to be amalgamated. Report gives following:

- Communion Fund £ 61.
- Sick & Destitute Poor Relief Soc. £ 36
- Maternal Society £ 7.
- Fresh Air Fund £ 47. In addition £ 20 by parents
- Cheap Clothing Society £ 14 £ 165

The Elders have charge of the relief of the members. & members of the church are advised not to give

Co-operation

Other Religious Agencies

Police

Prostitution

Marriages

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direct relief but this is probably ignored. The relief at the Mission is in the hands of the ladies but probably rests mainly with the Sister. Beside the funds mentioned on previous page, there is a Christmas Dinner Fund (£86 in 1897) + Mission Charities Fund (£21) at the Mission. Cases of "distress & sickness" are relieved.

Co-operation only in temperance work and by the Free Church Council.

St Giles Church is doing good work. Strict Baptist in Shaftesbury Avenue.

Police. "There are police and police".

Prostitution. Solicitation very bad at corner of Tottenham Court Road.

Get a good many marriages at Bloomsbury: strangers as well as their own people. Used to make no charge for the minister, & people came on Saturdays. Now they make a charge e.g. the people have to come to him (Mr M) & if he thinks they

Housing

Our Jubilee.

The fiftieth anniversary of the erection of our Chapel will be celebrated this year. So notable an event in our history is deserving of unique commemoration. It has been decided to thoroughly renovate and decorate the chapel and school-room, and mission-hall at Meard Street. The cost will be nearly £2,500. This may appear, and undoubtedly is, a large sum, but it will be easily raised if all the friends of Bloomsbury will avail themselves of the privilege of sharing in the effort. Tuesday, June 21st, has been set apart as a Thanksgiving Day. The Pastor will sit in the vestry, from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m., to receive gifts and promises, made personally or sent by post, from all who have reason to thank God, on the ground of blessings there received, that ever, in his providence, Bloomsbury Chapel was built. Further particulars will appear next month. Meanwhile it is earnestly hoped that all will sympathise with the effort, which is not prompted by a desire for personal comfort, but by a wish to make our sanctuary comfortable and attractive to strangers, and so to assist us in our great endeavour to gather them within the sound of the gospel and win their souls for God. Let all who love "the gates of Zion" join us in prayer for the success of this undertaking, and in contributing, as God hath prospered them, towards the expense on the appointed day!

want to get married cheaply - "are stingy" - He will say, "You will have to pay 5/-"; in other cases leaves it to them.

Housing is terrible in Soho but better than it used to be

Whilst they are not growing just now, Mrs M thinks they are about to do so. They are handicapped by the old fashioned pews &c & have a scheme for renovating the chapel and Mission in connection with the Jubilee of the building this year. Their chief difficulty is the people "getting off." They become well-off and have country villas, with the result that they are lost to Bloomsbury.

The new pastor has secured the confidence of the people and Mrs Matthews spoke very highly of him. His address to the people is given on the next page.

The Church altho not so wealthy or influential as in Dr Brock's time is still one of the best known Baptist chapels in London & its people raise over £2300 a year for various purposes.

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Children's Country Homes (S. S. Union)	2	11	6
Collections at the Lord's Table (less Widows & Orphans' Fund)	76	14	10
Continental Sunday Schools	3	3	0
Church Deficiency Fund, 1896	83	19	0
Foreign Missions -Per Baptist Missionary Society ...	223	1	10
Per other Societies	54	1	5
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Open-Air Mission	0	7	6
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Particular Baptist Fund	5	5	6
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Pastor's Address.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
CHURCH AND CONGREGATION.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

For the first time it is my privilege to write you the annual pastoral letter. The short period of my connection with you makes it more becoming that I should address a few words of greeting to you rather than attempt a complete review of our many-sided work. I have to thank you very heartily, on behalf of my wife and myself, for the warm welcome you have given us. The heartiness and enthusiasm expressed at the Recognition Service were not formal, but have met us in every department of the Church. The members are evidently loyal, united, and desirous of earnestly co-operating in service for the Master. These are the conditions of success, and I rejoice to find them so manifestly present with us.

The decline in membership is not to be taken as a serious omen, but as an inevitable consequence of the year's interregnum in the pastorate. The dismissals have been as numerous as ever, and probably more so, while the additions have naturally been fewer. Of the 41 new members received throughout the year, 31 were added during the last three months, when the pastorate had again been filled. We may hope, by the blessing of God, to soon regain the ground which has been lost. That the Church suffered in the interval so comparatively slightly, is extremely creditable to the officers, and a testimony to the solid character of the work of the late pastor, Mr. Baillie.

It is too early for me to speak of attainments. I may, however, be permitted to express my pleasure with the special service for young people, which is held on the first Sunday evening in each month, and is one of the most hopeful features of our work. By a recent arrangement, all seats are free for

service, and special hymn-sheets are provided. The congregations are already very large, and I hope they will further increase until the Chapel is crowded on every such occasion. I am anxious to make this special effort a means towards filling the Chapel at every service, and I earnestly appeal to all the members for their interest and assistance. Another pleasing sign is the usually large attendance at the Tuesday evening service. I hope and pray that the numbers will be maintained and increased. It is in the prayer-meeting that spiritual power is generated. Let that service be especially well maintained, and spiritual prosperity is anticipated.

But I can speak more fittingly of prospects. This year will be marked by the advent of a Church magazine. The "Day School" monthly, which has been long and ably conducted by Mr. H. E. Jones, has been adopted by the Church. It will be altered and enlarged, and made to represent every department of our Church life. Mr. Jones will continue to act as editor, and I bespeak for the magazine a hearty reception, contributing from it very valuable assistance to all the departments of our work. But the chief event of the year will be the celebration of our jubilee. Bloomsbury Chapel was founded on the 5th of December, 1848. The event was significant and important in the history of Nonconformity. Its fiftieth anniversary calls for unique celebration. Bloomsbury Chapel, and the Mission Hall at Meard Street, will be thoroughly renovated and modernized, so that the building which we have learned to love may become to us what it was to our fathers, a "Cathedral of Nonconformity." It is intended to carry out the improvements in the autumn, in order that the evening services may be held at the beginning of December, synchronizing with the original ones. It is estimated that the outlay will exceed £2,000, and the practical help of old Bloomsbury friends who may read these lines, as well as of the present members, is affectionately solicited.

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In conclusion, in order that the ordinary work may not suffer during this year of special effort, allow me to urge upon all the desirability of contributing regularly of their means towards the Church's finances, and loyalty of their strength towards the Church's service. It is not too much to ask that every member shall be a subscriber, however small may be the amount, towards the weekly offering. Envelopes for the purpose will be gladly supplied by the Deacons. And, equally, every member should be a worker. God has laid upon us many and heavy responsibilities. We rejoice in our numerous activities, but they will prove sources of anxiety unless well maintained by willing workers. I shall be happy to introduce to suitable service any unemployed member who will apply to me.

Urging all to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and reminding them of the promise, "they shall prosper that love thee,"

I remain,

Your sincere friend and pastor,
BENJAMIN J. GIBBON.

68, Oakley Square, N.W.
February, 1898.

Rev. A. Macrae
Crown Court Scotch Church

The Building

The Electrophone is fitted in the pulpit & Mr M has been told by people living at Hampstead that they heard him distinctly. "This will spell congregations" said it. "And collections" laughed he.

The objects of the Church

St John, Drury Lane, parish.

Interview with

Rev Alex. Macrae. Minister of Crown Court
'Scottish National Church', Russell Street, Covent Garden
W.C.

GLA. 20/5/98

Residence:

Mr Macrae is a smart young Scotchman. Keen twinkling eyes, slight mustache, courteous in manner, almost effusively so. Frank yet careful in his statements. A man, who while careful about the main chance, probably enjoys life.

'Crown Court' is a branch of the Scottish National Church & bears the same relation to the ordinary Presbyterian churches that the Church of England bears to the non-conforming churches. It is an historic ^{building} church & the records go back 200 years. The Church holds 1000. It is a fine old fashioned building with some old fashioned pews, richly carved pulpit & elaborate carvings round gallery &c. Three schoolrooms & vestry.

The first object of the church is to cater for the spiritual needs of the Scotch in London & in addition it seeks to carry on a museum work in the neighbourhood.

CROWN COURT
 Scottish National Church,
 RUSSELL STREET, COVENT GARDEN
 AND
 "NEEDY NOOK" MISSION
 REPORT FOR 1897

Minister.

Rev. ALEX. MACRAE, 24, John Street, Bedford Row.

Elders.

Rev. J. H. TOD.	A. MACNAUGHTAN.	DAVID STEWART.
JOHN FRASER.	A. MANSON.	THOMAS THOMSON.
JAMES HAIG.	HENRY E. MORGAN	HUGH WILLIAMS.

Treasurers.

J. GERARD LAING, 2, Brick Court, Temple, E.C.
SAMUEL MURRAY, Friern Park, North Finchley.

Session Clerk.

GEO. W. CHRISTISON, 28, Court Road, West Norwood, S.E.

Services.

Morning, 11 a.m. Evening, 6.30 p.m.
 Gaelic Services, 2nd Sundays in February, April, June, October,
 and December.
 Communion at Morning Service on the 1st Sundays of July and December,
 and at Evening Service on the 1st Sundays of March and October.
 Baptisms on the Second Sunday of the Month.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Morning, 10 a.m. Afternoon (Boys), 2.45 p.m.; (Girls), 3 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, 3rd Sunday in the Month, 4 p.m., in the Middle Schoolroom

CHOIR PRACTICE, Fridays at 8 p.m.

WOMAN'S GUILD, Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

YOUNG MEN'S GUILD, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BAND OF HOPE, Wednesday at 7.30. — 53 members.

YOUTHS' CLUB, Wednesday and Thursday 7 to 9. — about 100

BOYS' BRIGADE, Fridays at 8.

MOTHERS' MEETING, Thursday at 7, Service at 8.

NIGHT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Friday at 8. - Drawn from district.
About 60 Factory girls.

THE VESTRY HOUSE, CROWN COURT,
RUSSELL STREET, COVENT GARDEN, W.C.

February, 1898.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Again I am glad to say the dominant note of this letter may be one of gratitude and congratulation. With the close of another year of our congregational history, there is progress all along the lines—success in some points almost beyond our hopes.

Take the case of the Organ. It was not without considerable anxiety that on this occasion last year I asked you to embark upon the undertaking of providing one for our Church. There were grave doubts as to its payment—doubts as to whether it might not seriously trench upon our ordinary revenues. Well, in spite of that we went forward, and, through the generosity of Miss ELLIS and the splendid management of Mr. CHRISTISON, you all know what a triumphant success the affair has proved. We have more than got our Organ; we have had revealed to us many an unknown friend, of whose existence we were formerly unaware.

I am quite clear that our next Congregational move should be towards an adequate endowment. That gives a Church a feeling of stability and permanence that nothing else can give. A *luxury* in the case of a rich Church, it comes to be something like a *necessity* under such conditions as are ours, if the Church is to do strongly the great work which lies to her hand, and which it is now evident she *can* do.

Our Congregation, as you know, is almost wholly composed of those who are just beginning the battle of life—hard enough anywhere, almost appalling in its difficulty here—those to whom a Church is indeed a rock of defence in such a city. Is it fair that as soon as they cross the threshold they should be asked for money? Is it creditable to the Church of Scotland that, with all her endowments at home, she has no free Gospel for her children when they cross the Tweed, no shelter to offer them in this greatest and most dangerous city of the world? Can anyone, who has ever heard it, forget the pathetic remark, “I should like to join you, but I cannot afford to”? I believe

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in *voluntary* giving—would God it were wholly voluntary here. I now know enough to say, Give me an endowed Crown Court, and, with the blessing of God and the help of our loyal workers, it shall be made a power in the Scottish world of London—a harbour of refuge indeed to many a lonely and storm-tossed soul.

All the organizations of the Church are in a thriving condition; some of them remarkably so. I would make special acknowledgements to the Guilds and Choir for the valuable services they have rendered, and which have gone so far in brightening and strengthening our Congregational life. Verily they have not been labouring in vain.

Only one shadow lies upon us, and that is from an undertaking in many ways apart from the Church. I refer to the grave deficit in the “Needy Work” account. To my mind, that should as soon as possible be firmly dealt with by a Committee of our business men, who can place the matter on a strictly business footing.

To our kind friends in St. Columba's we would again offer our greetings and thanks, glad ever to remember that *there* are still many to whom the prosperity of their old Church is dear; and to all who have helped us, whether within or without the walls, and to many former fellow-worshippers now in the ends of the earth, we would say, May God bless you for many a kind remembrance; may you get as you have given.

To the Most High would we humbly offer our tribute of gratitude, even to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and full of strength from the past, and hope for the future, we would go cheerfully on our way, endeavouring, in His strength, simply to do our duty, content to leave results to Him “Who doeth all things well.”

Your Friend and Minister,

ALEXANDER MACRAE.

Church Account for the Year 1897.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand Jan. 1, 1897	...	38	12	6	Minister's Stipend	...	250	0	0
Weekly Collections	...	148	0	5	Supplies	...	14	14	0
Seat Rents	...	72	4	6	Organ and Music	...	32	14	2
*Subscriptions	...	7	10	0	Rent, Insurance, and Taxes	...	83	18	4
Endowment	...	74	9	4	Coal, Gas, and Water	...	22	1	3
Women's Guild--					Church Officer and Attendance	...	32	5	4
Summer Sale	...	43	0	0	Repairs, Printing, &c.	...	14	11	10
Winter Sale	...	9	0	0	Balance in hand Dec. 31, 1897	...	24	17	6
St. Columba's Church	...	106	13	9	Special Collections--				
					Sick and Poor	...	8	10	1
					Hos. Sunday	...	5	0	0
					For. Missions	...	2	0	0
					Organ	...	8	18	0
							24	8	1
							£499	10	6
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* Miss Cumming, 5s.; Miss Ethel Agnes Cumming, 5s.; Miss Jack, £2; J. G. L., £5.

Examined and found correct, Feb. 7, 1898.

J. G. NAIRNE, Hon Auditor

Heedy Hook Fund for 1897.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Collections	...	8	10	1	Balance due to Treasurers	...	129	17	6
St. Columba's Benevolent Fund	...	10	0	0	Relief	...	8	17	6
W. Armstrong, Esq.	...	1	1	0	Clubs--				
Miss Cumming	...	0	5	0	Savings Bank	...	6	10	0
Miss E. A. Cumming	...	0	5	0	Boot Club	...	0	13	6
Mrs. J. J. H. Gordon	...	0	10	0			7	3	6
J. Ranken, Esq.	...	2	2	0	Gas and Attendance	...	3	17	2
D. Simpson, Esq.	...	2	2	0	Night School	...	5	17	0
Due to Treasurer	...	162	1	7	Biblewoman	...	31	4	0
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Persons Employed

Services

Also gets a number of Scotch policemen. There were 22 at Bow Street & 20 at some place near Port Street Chelsea.

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Minister & Biblewoman paid. 20 Sunday School teachers and a few other workers. Teachers come from other churches & denominations; two from St Martin's in the Fields & other workers for a distance. But few of the congregation can help in the work.

The Services see list on previous page.

Ordinary congregation comes from the big business houses in Oxford Street & St Paul's Churchyard and also includes others in Civil Service. Mostly young & consequently changes rather quickly. Draw a number of local people through the Museum ^(Museum Street) but taken as a whole the congregation is not poor as all have an income. Get 170 to 180 in the morning & over 200 in the evening. Morning congregation is better (slightly) than the evening from a social point of view.

The Sunday School: On Book 250. Average attendance 175. This & the mothers meeting are the only meetings drawing the local people.

The Young Men & the Women's guild are the means by which he keeps in touch with the young

Visitation

Charitable Relief

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young people. Each numbers a little over 80 members. The young mens is mainly a social gathering; the womens which includes all the women of the congregation, is religious and social.

District Visitor has been here 40 years. Visits the members & those in district but not house to house. Mr M. visits a little but the long distance at which the members live hinders him. These people do not need visiting much: a strong kind of people, well taught before they came to London, &c. When Mr M. came he told one of the elders that he was going to visit every body. The brother replied "You will have ~~enough~~ enough to do" & evidently thought it was unnecessary.

Charitable Relief about £100 said Mr M. but looking at the account, the amount does not appear to be half that. Mostly goes to people outside. Get a great many people from Scotland & these folk evidently think Mr M. is fair game. He admitted that he had given to men, whom he believed to be impostors & told me how a man who had

Educational

Church Membership

Church going & Public Opinion

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who had successfully bled him, called upon some Scotch ecclesiastical dignity in the West End, whilst he was visiting him & even under those circumstances obtained 10/-, Women attending the mothers' meetings are also relieved.

Had good day schools some years ago. These were taken over by the Board & for some time it has threatened to close them & this threat has just been executed. Are going to make it a school for defective children.

Church membership about 100 (I think Mr In said but I did not note the figure)

Mr In. mentioned the difference in public opinion in Scotland & London as regards church going. In Scotland a man cannot afford not to go to church. Here the feeling is the other way in most of the business houses. The London life affects the young Scotchmen coming here very strongly. They either become much better & stronger or else drift away. They have a system by which young men should be introduced on coming to London but here as in the Presbyterian

The Scottish Corporation

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Churches it does not work well & he only gets occasional letters.

Mr M. is a chaplain of the Scottish Corporation. Replying to questions, he said that a monthly service for the pensioners was held in the Chapel at Crane Court to which the public were admitted but there was no local religious work carried on at that Chapel. The poor, at least those who beg, do not like the Corporation as it makes street inquiries.

Rev. Wm Harrison
St Martin's Street Congregational Church

GLA
May 20/90

The District

Congregation

Persons Employed

St Martin's parish.

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Rev Wm Harrison, Pastor of Congregational Church,
St Martin's Street, Leicester Square. Residence. Menck Square
Family St. 58

Mr Harrison is a man of about 50 but looks younger. Of medium height, sturdy, with massive head, square square jaw, he looks, what he really is, an able & energetic man. He has only been at Range Street about a year, but has been working in St Giles & Soho for the past 25 years and knows the district thoroughly. Was at Inland Hall before he came to Orange Street.

The colours on the map fairly represent the district. Population is declining in the immediate neighbourhood. In streets near the Haymarket, there are a number of caretakers, many people engaged at theatres and hotels and a great number of prostitutes live near.

The congregation is a working class; drawn large from the buildings & the streets of Bedfordbury, with some caretakers & hotel servants dropping in as visitors.

Minister. 15 S.S. teachers & about 24 others including deacons, open air preachers &c.

Buildings used

Services Held

11th. Concert arranged by Secretary.
 18th. Man.—The Ideal and the Real, by Lady Members.
 25th. An Evening with Shakespeare, by Mr. Garnett and Friends.
 June 1st. How I spent my Whitsun Holiday, by Members.
 8th. Woman.—The Ideal and the Real, by Male Members.
 15th. Concert arranged by Secretary.
 22nd. A Talk about Stained Glass, by Secretary.
 29th. Musical Evening by Members.

Church Membership

Chapel, holding nearly 1000, vestries, schoolroom. Newton Hall (the ground floor of Sir Isaac Newton's House). The upper rooms are up 'to let', but are used as schoolrooms.

ORANGE STREET
 Congregational Church.
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.
 President - Rev. WM. HARRISON.
 Vice-Presidents:
 Mr. W. GARNETT. Mr. W. GRIFFIN.
 „ G. PEARCE. „ E. TAYLOR.
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Buildings used

Services Held

PROGRAMME.

2nd Quarter.

- April 6th. Address by the President.
- " 13th. Social Evening. Tickets to Non-Members, 6d. each.
- " 20th. Impromptu Speeches and Songs by Members.
- " 27th. Musical Evening, arranged by W. Owensmith, Esq.
- May 4th. Object Lessons, by Members.
- " 11th. Concert arranged by Secretary.
- " 18th. Man.—The Ideal and the Real, by Lady Members.
- " 25th. An Evening with Shakespeare, by Mr. Garnett and Friends.
- June 1st. How I spent my Whitsun Holiday, by Members.
- " 8th. Woman.—The Ideal and the Real, by Male Members.
- " 15th. Concert arranged by Secretary.
- " 22nd. A Talk about Stained Glass, by Secretary.
- " 29th. Musical Evening by Members.

Chapel, holding nearly 1000, vestries, schoolroom. Newton Hall (the ground floor of Sir Isaac Newton's House). The upper rooms are up to let, but are used as schoolrooms.

Sunday. Service at 11. & 7. Morning, a few church members & young people. Evening (best) averaged 160 last month. When Mrs H. came place was about to be closed & congregation was only about 12. Attendance now varies with the attractions

Sunday School. On book 200 scholars, attendance averages 150. Fairly well to do, judging by dress. Could double number but lack teachers.

Open air meeting (?) on Sunday evening at Oxendon Street & Charing Cross Road. Get well dressed fast young men to stop at former place. These meetings are well organized. Lamps, large hymn sheets, banners &c.
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Visitation

Charitable Relief

Co-operation

Other Religious Agencies

Police

Prostitution

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Mr H. visits "as much as I can personally". Several deacons also assist. The Ladies of the Maternal & Benevolent Society also visit cases of sickness. Would like to visit regularly but have not sufficient strength.

Not very much relief except such as is sent to Mr H. by friends. Have no funds for the purpose. Deals with cases according to circumstances - Does not believe in indiscriminate giving. Gives children's dinners in winter. Sends about 80 children for country holiday (140/-)

Only co-operation is by the Free Church Council. Is on intimate terms with the vicar (Rev Kettle) & communicates respecting cases to be relieved.

St Martin's Church (Rev Kettle) is working. Has a biblewoman & visits the district.

St Giles Christian Mission. (St Giles Branch) are not strong in visiting.

Police have been our protectors & best friends.

As to prostitution, he does not think it possible to paint the picture sufficiently black. "If there is a spot on God's earth cursed it is this spot." The people

Court at back of Chapel is a notorious place of resort. Has 3 entrances & would require a policeman at each to keep it clear.

Crime

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who wish to live respectable have to watch very keenly in letting rooms & then get bad character in. They have two cottages in court at back of chapel & could let them for enormous prices if they would wink at this traffic. The high rents obtainable is a constant temptation to landlords and they give way to it. The Vigilance Committee deals with cases but it is very difficult to get evidence to obtain conviction. Place must be watched by two or three people & even then do not get convictions as rebutting evidence is obtained.

Mentioned case of a house just behind the chapel. 14 or 15 couples have been seen going in during one hour. Police took the cases up, after the evidence was obtained. The people were evicted & within 24 hours the place was let again to apparently different people but the same blinds were put up again & things went on as before until fresh proceedings were taken. However when they have a clear case proceedings can be taken at once as there is a "standing solicitor" to deal with the question.

Not much crime in this part of the parish.

Soho

Polyglot Soho

National centres

Changes in district

Soho is a 'criminal mystery'. The crime is linked with all parts. Organised. Criminals from abroad come to Soho.

In this connection, Mr H. mentioned the diversity of languages spoken in Soho. Has been in a house in which 5 languages were spoken & in the next 5 other languages. Soho has become more crowded and congested within the past 8 or 9 years; and the foreign influx has been great especially since the tailors' strike. Foreign Jews came in then not only from East London but from abroad. Houses were crowded & sanitary inspectors outwitted. These Jews would be in the houses as visitors; go out & come back after late at night to sleep. Nor was sleeping confined to the rooms but people complained to him of those who slept on the staircases.

Nationalities seemed to select particular streets as their own. Inheard Street and Ganton Street - Russians; Dean Street, Italians

Asked as to his opinion of the changes in the district, Mr Harrison said that in Soho ~~to~~ and in St Giles there had been improvement.

The influence of the Schoolboard had been very marked. At that time he was giving children's dinners in the district. ~~In~~ Two or three years after the establishment of the Board there was an entire change in the physical appearance of the children; they had an intelligent appearance and manner. Change was due to the discipline & education. With this improvement the children became sharper and he has heard some of the keenest repartees come from these children. The poverty of today is not so bad as it was - 25% better. There is not the degradation that existed. It is very rare now to find a room absolutely bare of furniture.

As to the lines of work, he is convinced that the thing is to lay hold of the young people and train them in habits of self respect. This is what he seeks to do at Orange Street. A good education governed by self respect will place the young people in positions of some importance. He has seen the children of the very poor make themselves good positions.

One great improvement of the district was the formation of Shaftesbury Avenue, which swept

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swept away a number of slums. The vice in that neighbourhood in the old time was low and brutal and more like that of the Mont district. Today the vice of the district around Leicester Square is an organized business, carried on by foreigners, at least, so far as the conduct of the houses are concerned. The women are not all foreign.

Of the work at Orange Street, Mr H. is sanguine. They work the buildings thoroughly and are getting people from them & building up a cause, where formerly they had but a 'shell'. His reason for working the Bldgs is mainly because they are inhabited by the class of people for whom they cater.

Mr Harrison does not appear to be recognised by the Congregational Union as his name does not appear in the Yearbook. He mentioned incidentally that the Union would like to sell the place (freehold) & use the proceeds for Mission work elsewhere. Mr H. however dreams of a "Settlement" here on Non-conformist lines.

Rev^d J. Banham, Wesleyan Minister,
& Sister Sara, Deaconess

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June 3/98

Population of the District

Holy Trinity parish.

Rev^d Josiah Banham, Supt of St Queen Street
Wesleyan Circuit & Minister of 41 Queen St. Chapel; and
Sister Sara (66 41 Queen St), Deaconess of 41 Queen St,
seen at 44 Doughty Street. W.C.

Mr Banham is a grey haired, refined old
man (about 60) with a benevolent and beaming
face. A good but probably rather weak man. One
of the old style of ministers; who will seek to combine
the a cultured service with the brightness and
warmth that the poorer folk look for.

Sister Sara is a fine looking woman
of about 30 ^(but looks younger) whom the deaconess's habit suits admirably.
Sensible and sympathetic but not soft. Has been
in the district some years as she remembers Parker
Street in the old time

The people are mainly artizans in the
Dwellings (Peabody), whilst the courts are occupied by
a squalid slum population. A good many theatrical
employees. The Sister knew the district at the back of
the chapel extremely well. Sardinia Bldg, she says
is the worst; it is called "Mill house" sometime. A few

respectable

Persons Employed

Buildings Used

Services to

The congregation

respectable people there but she does not go much as most of the ~~poor~~ inhabitants are poor Irish Catholics. Fere Sheel has several doss houses. Population however is decreasing owing to clearances and closing of houses

After giving particulars as to ministers in charge of other chapel on the circuit, the conversation referred entirely to St. Queen Street, Chapel.

Ministers & deacons paid, & a large number of voluntary workers but could not say how many. 35 to 40 visitors & 23 S.S. teachers beside others but some overlapping between S.S. & Mission Band.

Chapel in St. Queen St holds 1600. Extension premises at back ~~formerly~~ used as day school, including 2 rooms holding 350 each & several class rooms

For Services - see Plan attached to next page.

Congregation varies very much: Better in evening when they get 400 to 500 people. Mixed: artisans from the Peabody Bldg, shopkeepers, some professional men (doctors) and young men from the shops in City & Anford St. Also get a number of visitors & some people from the Bloomsbury lodging houses. Sister Sara interjected that ~~the~~ Americans were noticeable amongst the visitors.

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LONDON :

GREAT QUEEN STREET CIRCUIT.

PLAN AND DIRECTORY

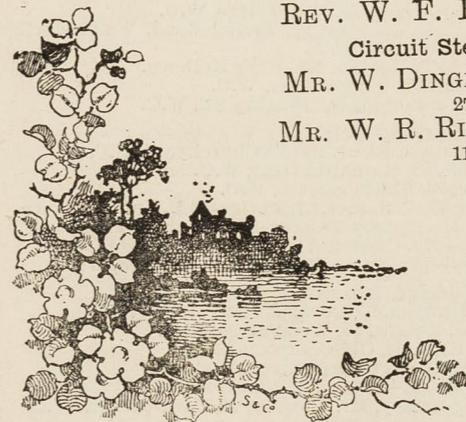
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LEADERS

are specially charged with the spiritual oversight of their respective classes. Besides giving suitable counsel at the weekly meeting, it is incumbent upon them to visit their members; to encourage them to contribute weekly, as a religious duty, to the support of the Work of God (1 Cor. ix. 7-12, and 1 Cor. xvii 1-14); and to pay the sums received punctually to the Society Stewards.

Persons wishing to join the Church, and those who are anxiously seeking salvation, are affectionately invited to speak to the Ministers, and will be heartily welcomed by any of the Leaders to their Society Classes.

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LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. Before any Candidate comes upon the Plan on trial, the Superintendent shall certify that he has passed a satisfactory examination in the Second Catechism with the Appendix, and in the Elements of English Grammar.—*Minutes of Conference, 1874.*
2. No Candidate shall be fully admitted as a Local Preacher until he has been twelve months on probation, and has read the Fifty-three Standard Sermons of Mr. Wesley, and his Notes on the New Testament; and has passed a satisfactory examination in the definitions and Scripture proofs of the leading doctrines of Christianity as there explained.—*Minutes of Conference, 1876.*

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COMING EVENTS.

Grand Circuit Bazaar in Holborn Town Hall, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 18, 19 and 20.

Great Queen Street.

- Sunday School Sermons April 3rd, Preachers—Revs. Dr. Lunn and Silas Hocking.
Public Meeting, Monday, April 4th, Speakers—Revs. C. H. Kelly and John Bond
Missionary Sunday, May 1st, Morning—THE PRESIDENT; Evening—Rev. J. Smith Spencer.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION—GREAT MEETING, Wednesday, June 22nd. Chairman—R. W. Perks, Esq., M.P.

King's Cross.

- SUNDAY SCHOOL SERMONS, April 3rd, Revs. Wynne Jones and W. Foster, B.A.
Meeting, Tuesday, April 5th, Chairman—Mr. W. R. Rider.
Good Friday, April 8th, "The Crucifixion" and "Hear my Prayer."
CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY May 22nd, Revs. J. Banham and J. C. Wright.
Annual Musical Festival, Monday, May 23rd, Stabat Mater and other music.

Prince of Wales Road.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, May 15th, Revs. W. Foster, B.A. and T. Wynne Jones.

Gospel Oak.

MISSION BAND ANNIVERSARY, April 3rd.
CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY, June 19th.

Wealdstone.

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	6 in Lent Exod. 9 Matt. 26 1-16	Easter S. Exod. 12 1-28 Rev. 1 10-18	1 af. East. Num. 16 1-32 1 Cor. 15 1-28	2 af. East. Num. 20 1-13 Luke 18 1-30	3 af. East. Isa. 61 John 1 43-51	4 af. East. Deut. 4 1-22 Luke 24 13-35	5 af. East. Deut. 6 John 4 31-54	1 after Ascension Deut. 30 John 7 25-53	Whit-Sun. Deut. 16 1-17 Rom. 8 1-17	Trin. Sun. Isa. 6 1-10 Rev. 1 1-8	1 af. Trin. Josh. 37 to 414 John 19 25-42	2 af. Trin. Judges 4 Acts 3	3 af. Trin. 1 Sam. 2 1-20 Acts 7 35 to 8 4	
MORNING LESSONS.														
GREAT QUEEN ST. Lincoln's Inn Fields	11 3 6½	DrLunns Greeves ss Hockings	Foster Banham Banham	Lowe Banham Little	Wy.Jones J.S.Spen- cer Banham	President Banham Banham	Foster Banham Banham	Wy.Jones Banham Banham	Foster Banham Banham	Wy.Jones Banham Banham	Johnson Banham Banham	Wy. Jones Banham Banham	Banham Wy. Jones Banham	Roberts Roberts Dinsdale Young Leathers
Wednesday	8	Meeting	Banham	E.M.Haw- kins Hawkes	Lowe Mead	District Synod Flathers	Bazaar Leathers	Banham Taylor	West' way Hawkes	Banham Mead	Banham Mead	Re-open- ing Flather		
Saturday, P.M.	7	Banham	Taylor											
KING'S CROSS	11	Wy.Jones	Lowe	Banham	Cuthbert- son	Hodge	Wy.Jones	Faulding	Banham	Fox	Foster	Lowe	Dr. Smith	Clarke
Liverpool Street	3	Lowe ss	Student	Foster s	Foster	Foster	Foster	Foster	Wright	Foster	Supply	Foster	Banham	Wy. Jones
Rev. Wm Foster B.A.	6½	Foster ss												
Tuesday	8	S.S. Meet- ing	Foster	Foster	Foster	Lowe	District Synod	Foster	Musical Festival	Foster	Foster	Wy.Jones	Banham	Lowe
Saturday, P.M.	8													
PRINCE OF WALES Rd. , N.W.	11	Johnson	Wy. Jones	Foster s	Banham	Wy. Jones Parson	Banham	Foster ss	Barber s	Foster	Lawson	Banham	Wy. Jones	Lowe
Rev Wymie Jones	3	Wy. Jones	Clarke	Dr. Smith	Wy. Jones	Parson	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Barber	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Richards	Banham
Thurs. "New. Flowers Society"	6½	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Dennis	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	District Synod	Bazaar	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Fox	Wy. Jones
Friday, P.M.	8													
GOSPEL OAK	11	Foster	Jacquest	Lawson	Foster	Foster	Tooley	Banham s	Peters	Lowe	Banham	Foster	Lowe	Banham
Agin-court Road	3	Low MB	Wy. Jones	Lowe	Heaving- ham	Wy. Jones	Lowe	Lowe	Lowe	Fox	Cuthbert- son	Lowe	Lowe	Lowe
Rev R. P. Lowe	6½	Low MB	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Osborne	Foster	Lowe	Bazaar	Lowe	Wy. Jones	Lowe	Foster	Lowe	Banham
Tuesday	8	Meeting	Lowe	Wy. Jones	Peters	Lowe	Lowe	Lowe	Tooley	Lowe	Mitchell	Lowe	Heal	Lowe
Friday, P.M.	8	Lowe	Morden	Lowe										
HARROW	11	Banham	Poulton	Fox	Richards	Faulding	Lowe	Poulton	Gelling	Banham	Lowe	Poulton	Oglesby	Draper
Wednesday	7.30	Banham	J Hawkins	Clarke	Poulton	Lowe	Cuthbert- son	Lawson	Dr. Smith	Poulton	Gelling	Rouse	Harden	Poulton
		Banham	Foster	Banham			Poulton		Wy. Jones		Foster		Banham	
WEALDSTONE	11	Lowe	Banham	Clarke	Artiss	Lowe	Peters	Lowe	Lowe	Westaway	Wy. Jones	Gelling	A. Hawkin	Wy. Jones
Thursday	7.30	Rouse	Lowe	Harden	Richards	Faulding	J. Hawk- ins	A. Hawken	Oglesby	Banham	Lowe	Wells	Tooley	Heaving- ham
		Foster		Lowe		Banham		Bazaar	Foster		Banham		Wy. Jones	

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References.

- B.—Baptism. Both parents are expected to be present
- B.S.—Benevolent Society Collection
- C.—Collection for Circuit Funds
- C.A.—Chapel Anniversary Collections on behalf of the Trust Funds
- C.F.—General Chapel Fund Collection for the relief of burdened Trusts, and for building new Chapels throughout the Connexion
- C.M.—Compton Street Mission Anniversary
- C.S.—Covenant Service
- E.—Education Fund Collection is made for the maintenance of the Westminster and Battersea Training Colleges, and for the establishment of Day Schools throughout the Kingdom.
- F.S.—Flower Service
- G.F.—Good Friday Service
- G.O.—Gospel Oak Trust Collection
- H.—Hospital Sunday Collection
- H.M.—Home Mission Collection. This important Fund, besides assisting largely dependent Circuits, employs Home Missionary Ministers, chiefly amongst the dense populations of Great Britain; in addition to Ministers who are labouring among Wesleyans in the Army and Royal Navy.
- H.T.—Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Collection
- K.—Schools' Fund Collection for the Education of the sons and daughters of Ministers.
- L.—Lovefeast
- L.M.—Leaders' Meeting
- L.P.A.—Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association Collection
- M.—Foreign Missions
- M.B.—Mission Band Anniversary
- M.B.P.—Mission Band Prayer Meeting.
- M.C.—Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund Collection
- M.P.—Missionary Prayer Meeting
- Q.—Choir Collection
- S.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- S.A.—Sunday School Address
- *—Christmas Day.
- T.—Theological Institution.

References—(continued)

- S.F.—Strangers' Friend Society Collection
- S.M.—Society Meeting
- S.S.—Sunday School Anniversary
- T.—Renewal of Tickets
- T.I.—Theological Institution Collection for the maintenance of the Colleges for Students for the Ministry
- W.O.—Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund Collections, to succour such as by age, infirmity, or bereavement, have been deprived of adequate means of support.
- W.N.—Watch Night Service.
- X.—Christmas Day Service.

GENERAL NOTICES.

THE CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Prince of Wales Rd. Chapel, on Friday, June 23rd 1898. Tea at 6 o'clock. The circuit Stewards will meet the Society Stewards the same day at 5 p.m.

The Quarterly Meeting includes—1. All the Circuit Ministers and Supernumeraries. 2. The Circuit, Society, and Poor Stewards. 3. All the Leaders. 4. Every fully accredited Local Preacher. 5. All Trustees of Chapels named upon the Plan, being Members of Society in the Circuit. 6. Sunday School Representatives.

THE LOCAL PREACHERS' QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at King's Cross, on Friday, June 3rd, 1898. Tea at 6 o'clock.

ATTENTION TO APPOINTMENTS.—Every brother is expected to fulfil his own appointments, or himself provide an accredited substitute.

NOTICES FOR THE NEXT DIRECTORY.—Local Preachers having requests to make about their appointments will be kind enough to send them, in writing, to the Superintendent not later than Sept. 4th. The same direction applies to corrections of Names and Addresses by parties concerned, and to Local Collections and Anniversaries.

THE QUARTERLY FAST DAY is Friday, July 1st, 1898.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Appointments for the LORD'S SUPPER Lovefeasts, Collections, and Week-night Services, should be announced on the preceding Sunday; and no change made without consent of the Superintendent.

WORN-OUT MINISTERS AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.—The Leaders are requested to pay the amount received in their Classes to the Society Stewards not later than the 20th of November. The amount expected is at least 6d. per Member.

The Yearly Collection for Home Missions in Great Britain is made in the Classes at the March Visitation. The Leaders are requested to pay the amount received to the Society Stewards not later than the 20th of April.

MARRIAGES solemnized at Great Queen Street, King's Cross, Prince of Wales Road, and Harrow Chapels.

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GREAT QUEEN STREET.

LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.	LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Dr. Carr	Sun.	10.	June	B	Rev. J. Banham	Wed.	3.30	May	B
Sister Sara	Sun.	3	"	B	Miss Merriman	Wed.	7.45	"	B
Rev. J. Banham	Mon.	8.45	"	B	Mr. Leathers	Wed.	7.45	"	B
Mr. E. M. Hawkins	Mon.	8.30	"	B	Mrs. Swift	Thur.	3	"	B
Miss Rennie	Mon.	8.30	"	B	Mr. Mead	Thur.	8.30	"	B
Sister Sara	Mon.	7.45	"	B	Miss Cowley	Thur.	8.30	"	B
Mrs. Hyde	Tues.	8	"	B	Mr. Cade	Fri.	8.30	"	B
Sister Sara	Tues.	8.45	"	B	Junior Classes	Wed.	7.45	"	B
Mrs. Tharratt	Tues.	8	"	B	Mr. Westaway	Wed.	9.30	"	B
Mr. Garnham	Tues.	3.30	"	B	Mr. Watt	Wed.	9.30	"	B

KING'S CROSS.

LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.	LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Mr. Hanson	Sun.	10	June	F	Mr. Beal	Sun.	10	May	J
Dr. A. Dingley	Sun.	10.15	"	F	Mr. Hall	Sun.	10	"	J
Mr. Tooley	Sun.	10.15	"	F	Mr. Morley	Sun.	3	"	J
Mr. Dingley	Sun.	8	May	F	Mr. Chessam	Sun.	3	"	J
Mr. Artiss	Mon.	8	"	F	Dr. Smith	Mon.	8.15	"	J
Mrs. Taverer	Mon.	7	"	F	Mr. Jaquest	Mon.	8	"	J
Rev. W. Foster, B.A.	Mon.	8.15	"	F	Miss Stubbs	Mon.	8.15	"	J
Rev. W. Foster, B.A.	Tues	3.30	"	F	Mr. Weston	Mon.	8	"	J
Mrs. Carpenter	Wed.	8.15	"	F	Rev. T. W. Jones	Tues.	3.30	"	J
Mrs. Kingdon	Wed.	8	June	F					
Mrs. A. Dingley	Wed.	8.15	"	F					

PRINCE OF WALES ROAD.

LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.	LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Mr. Thomas	Thur.	8.15	May	F	Mrs. J. Smith	Tues.	8	May	J
Mr. Thorpe	Thur.	8	June	F	Mr. Short	Tues.	8	"	J
Mr. Lawson	Thur.	8	"	F	Mr. J. Smith	Tues.	8	"	J
Junior Classes	Mon.	7.30	May	F	Miss Wells	Wed.	8	June	J
Miss Jones	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mr. Smit.	Wed.	7	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mrs. Edwards	Wed.	8	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Miss Grimmette	Wed.	8.30	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mrs. Hall	Wed.	8.30	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mr. Brown	Wed.	8.30	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mrs. Grimmette	Thur.	3	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mrs. Vincent	Thur.	3	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mrs. R. T. Smith	Thur.	6.45	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Junior Classes	Mon.	7	May	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Miss Wells	Mon.	7	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Miss Denham	Mon.	7	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Miss Harbord	Mon.	7	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mr. Weston	Wed.	7	"	J
	Mon.	8.30	"	F	Mr. Jeaneux	Fri.	8	"	J

LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.	LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Mr. Page	Mon.	8.30	May	P	Mr. Timms	Sun.	3	May	L
Mr. Oglesby	Thur.	8.30	June	P	Miss Green	Mon.	8.30	"	L
Mrs. Poulton	Wed.	3	"	P	Mr. Heal	Mon.	8.30	"	L
Mrs. Poulton	Wed.	6.30	"	P	Mr. Renshaw	Mon.	8.30	"	L
Junior Class	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Mrs. Martin	Wed.	8	"	L
Mrs. Walford	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Mr. Morden	Wed.	8.30	"	L
	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Mrs. Bloodworth	Wed.	8	"	L
	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Rev. R. P. Lowe	Wed.	3	"	L
	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Junior Classes	Mon.	7.30	"	L
	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Miss Bush	Wed.	8	"	L
	Thur.	6.30	"	P	Mr. Jarvis	Wed.	8	"	L

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Residences of Leaders and others not found elsewhere

ARTISS, J., 79, Hemingford Road, N.
 BARLOW, Mr. Thos., M.D., 10, Wimpole Street, W.
 BEAL, Mr., 20, Patshull Road, N.W.
 BLOODWORTH, Mrs., 6, Roderick Road, N.W.
 BROWN, Mr. F. J., 51, Nassington Road, Hampstead, N.W.
 BURNAY, Mr., 1, Ingoldsby Road, Holloway.
 CARPENTER, Mrs. 12, Burton Street, W.C.
 Dr. J. W. CARR, 19, Cavendish Place, W.
 CHESSAM, Mr., 28, Healey Street, N.W.
 COWLEY, Miss, 9, Montague Place, W.C.
 CREWDSON, Mr. 50, Roderick Road, N.W.
 CROSS, Mrs., 4, Red Lion Street, W.C.
 EDWARDS, Mrs., 19, Southampton Road, N.W.
 GARNHAM, Mr., Chapel House, Great Queen Street, W.C.
 GRIMMETTE, Mrs. and Miss, 10, Gaisford Road.
 HALL, Mrs., Wear Gifford House, Ryland Road, N.W.
 HANSON, Mr., 83, White Lion Street, N.
 HARBORD, Miss, 197, Adelaide Road, N.W.
 HYDE, Mrs., 108, Long Acre, W.C.
 JEAUNEUX, Mr., 19, Queen's Crescent, N.W.
 KINGDON, Mrs., 32, Hastings Street, W.C.
 LEATHERS, Mr., 8, Adam Street, Strand.
 LILE, Mr. J. H. 57, Russell Sq., W.C.
 MARSHALL, Mr., 53, Torrington Square.
 MARTIN, Mrs., 12, Estelle Road.
 MEAD, Mr., 13, Burleigh Street, Strand.
 MERRIMAN, Miss, William Street, Hampstead, N.W.
 MORLEY, Mr., 13, Lisburn Road, Hampstead, N.W.
 Mr. A. Perkins, 10, Crown Terrace, N.W.
 POULTON, Mrs., The Manse, Harrow.
 RENNIE, Miss, 138, High Holborn.
 SIMS, Miss, 12, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W.
 SMITH, Mrs. R. T., 117, Haverstock Hill, N.W.
 SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. J., 6, Parliament Hill Road, N.W.
 SWIFT, Mrs., 69, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.
 TAVERNER, Mrs., 43, Judd Street, W.C.
 TERRY, Mr., 27, Fortess Road, Kentish Town, N.
 THARRATT, Mrs., 101, New Oxford Street.
 THOMAS Mr., 5, Chesterfield Street.
 THOROGOOD, Mrs., London House, Wealdstone.
 THORPE, Mr., 58, Aldenham Street.
 TIMMS, Mr., 22, Estelle Road, N.W.
 VINCENT, Mrs., 27, Fitzroy Road, N.W.
 WALFORD, Mrs., West Street, Harrow
 WELLS, Miss, 53, Victoria Road, Kilburn, W.
 WESTAWAY, Mr. A., 11, Vere Street, W.
 WESTON, Mr., 10, Makeson Rd., N.W.
 WHITTLE, Miss, 12, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W.

Women's Auxiliary of Foreign Missionary Society
 Circuit Treasurer—Mrs. Carr, 40, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
 " Sec—Miss E. H. Shillington, 30, Fitzroy Square, W.C.
 STUBBS, Miss., 30, England Lane, Haverstock Hill.

Annual Circuit Contributions to Connexional Funds.

	£	s.	d.
Schools' Fund	44	13	10
General Chapel Fund	25	12	1
General Education Fund	18	2	8
The Theological Institution	19	5	9
Worn-out Ministers and Widows' Fund	73	6	2
Home Missions	115	1	5
Foreign Missions	254	5	3
Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund	33	3	5

Number of Church Members in the Circuit.

	Dec. Quarter	
Great Queen St.,	231	
King's Cross	236	
Prince of Wales Road	619	
Gospel Oak	94	
Harrow	24	
Wealdstone	42	
	1,246	

Number on trial for Membership	69
Number in Junior Classes	218
Number of Sunday Scholars	1,811
Number of Sunday School Officers and Teachers	203
Number in Bands of Hope	842
Number in Temperance Societies	582

Circuit Financial Statement, Dec. Quarter, 1897.

Ordinary Income	£319	7	0
Expenditure	317	14	10
Balance in hand Dec. quarter	1	17	10

Dec. Quarter, 1897.

Great Queen Street	71	9	6
King's Cross	68	16	4
Prince of Wales Road	141	6	6
Gospel Oak	20	15	1
Harrow	11	5	7
Wealdstone	5	14	0

Annual Income from the Societies—June to June.

	1895-6,	£284	15	4	1896-7,	£295	0	7
G. Q. S.	243	7	3	261	7	2		
K. C.	497	8	7	501	13	8		
P. W. R.	52	0	3	63	4	10		
G. O.	43	6	3	43	4	0		
H.	19	11	3	20	17	4		
W.								

£1,140 8 11 £1,185 7 7
 The ordinary expenditure 1896-7, £1,149 18s. 1d.

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Lodging house Services

Social Agencies

73
The Great Queen Street Lodging House & also in the Municipal Lodging House, Parker Street (once a month). These services have been successful & form the Church's attempt to reach the slum people, whom they do not attempt to get to the chapel. Sister Sara ^{said} "they do not care to come". She however gets them to come to her Bible class & this forms a sort of stepping stone to the church.

The Services at the Parker Street Lodging House were taken by 4 churches in succession during the month but the men petitioned that Sister Sara should take one a month & so she goes with a band of women once a month so that the Wesleyans really take two.

Boys' Brigade, Band of Hope.
Saturday night Temperance Mtg. or Concert. Orchestral Band with about 50 performers. Temperance Society - about 50 members: try to get the poorest of the poor & ~~in~~ we do get them. Two slate clubs (men & women) These with most of the foregoing are worked by the Mission Band, ~~most of these engagements are in connection with the Mission Band,~~ a fairly active organisation. See programme ^{on next page} ~~opposite~~.

Social Meeting on Sunday after evening service; greatly valued by Mrs B. for reaching the young men: get about 150 to come.



THE GREAT QUEEN STREET
WESLEYAN
Home Mission Band

.. REPORT ..

For the Year 1897.

President --

REV. J. BANHAM.

Vice-President --

MR. J. FLATHER.

Treasurer --

MR. G. E. HAWKES.

Secretaries --

MR. J. KNIGHT,
18, Wood Street, E.C.

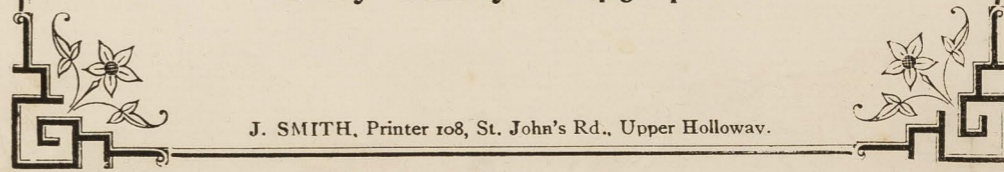
MR. A. E. ELLIS,
54, Old Compton Street, W.C.

Deaconess --

SISTER SARA.

+ General Assembly of Workers +

Every Sunday at 4.30 p.m.



J. SMITH, Printer 108, St. John's Rd., Upper Holloway.

THE MISSION BAND.—GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
... ..	£30 6 4	28 11 4
		Balance in hand	1 15 0
	<u>£30 6 4</u>		<u>£30 6 4</u>

CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND.

Money collected	18 5 0	Cost of Dinners and Teas	18 5 0
	<u>£18 5 0</u>		<u>£18 5 0</u>

MEN'S SLATE CLUB.

Income	78 7 2	Sick Benefits and Money returned to members	78 7 2
	<u>£78 7 2</u>		<u>£78 7 2</u>

WOMEN'S SLATE CLUB.

Income	96 9 2	Sick Benefits and Money returned to members	96 9 2
	<u>£96 9 2</u>		<u>£96 9 2</u>

BOY'S BRIGADE.

Income	30 15 3½	Expenditure	30 15 3½
	<u>£30 15 3½</u>		<u>£30 15 3½</u>

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Income	12 3 8	Expenditure	7 17 0
		Balance in hand	4 6 8
	<u>£12 3 8</u>		<u>£12 3 8</u>

ORCHESTRAL BAND.

Income	13 1 2	Expenditure	14 8 5
		Due to Treasurer	1 7 3
	<u>£13 1 2</u>		<u>£13 1 2</u>

ANNUAL + SUBSCRIPTIONS.



Collected by Miss Rennie and Mr. Knight.

	£ s. d.
Mr. Hyde	1 1 0
Mrs. Harrison (In Memoriam G. Harrison)	1 0 0
Mrs. Garnett	0 10 0
Rev. J. and Mrs. Banham	0 10 0
Dr. Howard Barrett	0 5 0
Mrs. Carr	0 5 0
Dr. Padman	0 5 0
Miss Sims	0 5 0
Miss Whittle	0 5 0
Mr. Goodman	0 5 0
Mr. Garnham	0 5 0
Mr. Hall White	0 5 0
Miss Siems	0 5 0
Mr. James Smith	0 5 0
Mr. Hawkes	0 2 6
Mrs. Couzen	0 2 6
Mrs. Horton	0 2 6
Mr. Snell	0 2 6
Mr. Nation	0 2 6
Mrs. Bourne	0 2 0
Mr. Barker	0 2 0
Mrs. Pyke	0 2 0
From Members of Mission Band...	2 12 6
	<u>£9 2 0</u>

Church Membership

Visitation

Charitable Relief

77

Church membership -	237	
On trial	<u>22</u>	249.

The Mission Band visitors distribute about 1000 handbills every week in the dwellings & neighbourhood. Sister Sara give all her days to visiting and finds nearly enough to do following up people who come to one or other of the meetings. Also visits from house to house, chiefly in the district behind the chapel. Visits different classes on certain days: Wednesday, class members; Thursday, Cripples for Ragged School Union; Friday, lodging houses to leave tracts & papers, sick & other cases every day.

Leads also visit the class members. "Should be a sort of sub pastor".

Reckons relief amounts to about £100 a year. Sacramental fund for poor members. Good Samaritan Fund (40 or 50 members give 6^d a month) for other poor. Christmas dinners; clothing. The amount & character of relief seem to depend upon the visitors; & Mrs Hawkes & Sister Sara visit nearly all cases that are relieved. In reply to questions as to class of cases.

relieved, the deaconess said it depended on the cases & gave two cases. One she visited for the Stranger Friend Society - found the woman had 4 dogs & 3 cats & thought as she could keep these creatures she did not need help. The second was a man, wife & 8 children; man came to London & opened a little shop which thrived until another was opened in the same street. Man became unwell & was sent to hospital. This case was assisted. They look upon drunken people suspiciously. Mr Bankham said that he was becoming strengthened in his views of the evils of indiscriminate giving and was hardening his practice. He however said that he did not always act up to his principle but gave to better beggars, of whom larger numbers come to him. "I fear it is not doing good but it is difficult to say no."

People who beg are the most undeserving; best cases are found by visiting (Sister Sara)

Practically no co-operation. Free Church Council does not help in this matter & seldom see the Church of England. In London "you seem to be absorbed in your own work"

to you

Co-operation

Other Religious Agencies

Police & Drink

81
Wheatley (St. Felix Mission) visits constantly. Have 36(?) paid
works.

Holy Trinity works more. Has several workers and
mission. St. Clement Daves is in a similar position.

Police are helpful. Drink is a fearful curse. A
large percentage of the lodging house population have come
down through drink. Sister Sara was at Bow Street a
few days ago & 20 women were brought up as
"drunk & disorderly". Police deal kindly with them.
Some of the larger publichouses have a "Ladies Entrance".

Mr B. thinks the prospects are improving. The church
has been growing slowly with a decreasing population.
He expects that dwellings will be shortly erected on the cleared
spaces & reckons on drawing from this source. The
service is made high class enough to attract the
well to do while at the same time he seeks to have
the warmth & glow that is appreciated by the working
people. Lose a great many through removals.
Lost 57 out of 229 during last year by removals & the
Society changes every 3 or 4 years.

The Lodging House Services

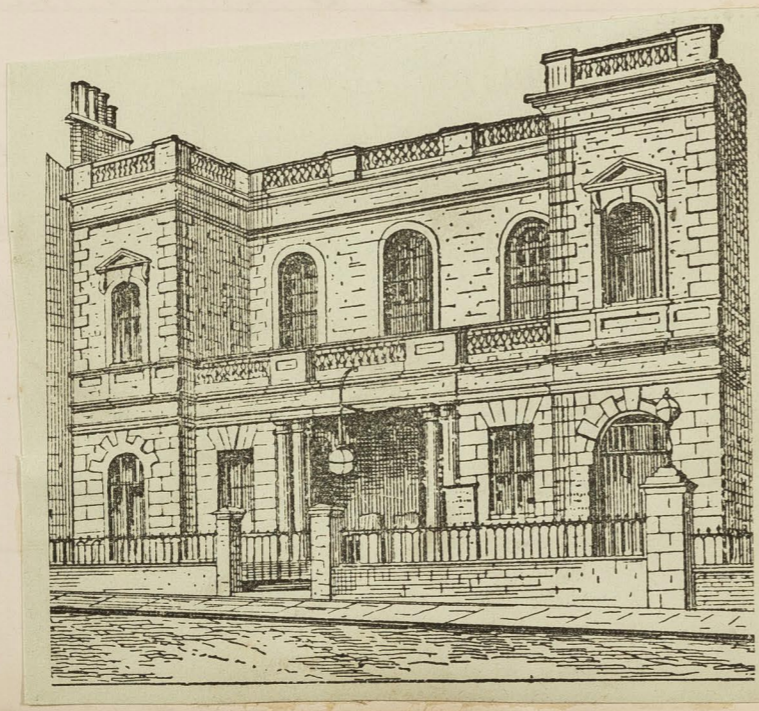
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Respecting the results of the Lodging House service the Sister gave some details. The services are appreciated by some but they do not draw any of the lodgers directly to the chapel. ^{by} They do gain them by an indirect process. The Sister asked them to attend her bible-class. e.g. such as are interested. They come and after a time do attend the services. She has 50 in this class now and there are several members of the church who were inmates of the Lodging house.

Then who wish to better their condition are sent to the Besbrook House (Mrs Keates') of which Mr B & the Sister spoke highly. Young Women are sent to the Working Girls Home in Starhope Street, a Church of England Institution.

This ~~at~~ shows the good feeling that apparently exists between the various denominations here as does another remark about by Sister Sara, who said that when she visited Sardinia Buildings, she always spoke to Sister Louise (the R.C. sister) before she gave any relief there.

Rev F. St. Nicholson (Baptist)
John Street Chapel

The Buildings.



Holy Trinity parish
(Gray's Inn St)

Interview with

Rev Frank St. Nicholson. Pastor of John Street
Chapel, Theobalds Road. W.C. Seen at the Chapel.

June 4th 98

Mr Nicholson is a young man, in the twenties. The interview was delayed by his ill health & he looks weak and has little reserve strength. Thin and with a long face which looks longer owing to the plentiful dark hair being brushed up from the forehead. He was trained at the Pastors' College and settled here in 1896. His first pastorate.

The chapel is an historic building and was the scene of Rev Baptist Noel's ministry. Then it was crowded by a middle class congregation, including not a few carriage folk from the neighbouring squares. All this is changed now. The residents in the district are mainly lodging house keepers, law & medical students and some poor folk at the back of the chapel.

The Chapel is a large building (1300 sittings) & has just been decorated & fitted with the electric light, ^{the} funds being derived from a legacy of £500. Attached there are a very complete set of schoolrooms & classrooms, with entrances in John St & John's Place.

Persons Employed

Services

The Pastor is the only paid worker. Could not specify the voluntary workers. There are 20 Deacons & Stewards & 42 Sunday School teachers beside other workers.

Services.

SUNDAY.

PUBLIC WORSHIP. Morning, 11; Evening, 7.	
Communion—1st Sunday Evening of the month.	a.m.
Special Sermon to Young Men and Maidens, second Sunday Evening in the month.	
Prayer Meeting (Lecture Hall)	10
" During Winter months, 6 p.m.; and after Service.	
During Summer months, Open-air Meetings are held at 6 and 8.30 p.m.	
Sunday School: Morning	10
Afternoon	p.m. 2.45
Bible Classes—For Young Women, Mrs. Bubb (in Class Room)	3
For Young Men, Rev. Frank S. W. Nicholson (in Lecture Hall) ...	3

WEEK-DAYS.

Monday. Mothers' Meeting (in Lecture Hall) ...	p.m. 2.30
" Pastor in Vestry to meet enquirers and applicants	7-8
" Prayer Meeting	8
" Choir Practice	9
Tuesday. Band of Hope <i>120 members, average 90.</i> 7-8	
" Mutual Improvement Assn. (Oct. to April) 8.15	
Wednesday. Public Service—Lecture Hall	8
Thursday. I.O.G.T.—Olive Branch Lodge—Lect. Hall 8.15	
Friday. Christian Workers' Evangelical meeting ...	8

Morning congregation about 200, evening 600. Is growing. Mainly middle class cong. Lot of clerks & young women in business and a good sprinkling of artisans. Some poor old folk. come from Shankarung Bldg. Also get some law & medical students.

Sunday School has 439 scholars on books with an average attendance of 302 in the afternoon. Come from all round.

Open air meetings are held by the Evangelical Society on Sunday and Friday evenings during the summer. and Lodging House Services by

Social Agencies

JOHN STREET CHAPEL,

JOHN STREET, BEDFORD ROW, W.C.

PROGRAMME

OF



CONCERT

GIVEN BY

The Misses Kennedy and Friends,

March 5th, 1897.

Admission by Programme,

ONE SHILLING.

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Minister - Rev. FRANK S. W. NICHOLSON.

CONCERT

given by the Misses KENNEDY and Friends

IN AID OF

The Renovation Fund of the Chapel,

ON

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH, 1897.

DOORS OPEN 7.30. COMMENCE AT 8 P.M.

The Concert will be held in the Upper School-room.

ADMISSION BY PROGRAMME,
One Shilling Each.

Chairman:
Rev. FRANK S. W. NICHOLSON.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen have kindly
consented to assist:-

Mr R. BURTON.	Miss EVERETT.
Mr. T. HUNTINGTON	Miss HOLLIDAY, L.R.A.M.
Mr. F. LEWIS.	Miss B. HOLLIDAY.
Mr. A. WESTON.	Miss KENNEDY.
Miss ELLWOOD.	Miss F. B. KENNEDY.
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Accompanist - Madame Wood.

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 Miss HOLLIDAY, L.R.A.M.
- Song ... "The Flight of Ages" ... Bevan
 Mr. F. LEWIS.
- Song ... "Sunshine and Rain" Blumenthal
 Miss B. HOLLIDAY.
- Violin Solo ... Selected ...
 Miss ELLWOOD.
- Recitation "In the Children's Hospital" Tennyson
 Miss EVERETT.
- Song "Love could I only tell thee" ... Capel
 Mr. A. WESTON.
- Song ... "Valley by the Sea" Stephen Adams
 Miss F. B. KENNEDY.
- Song ... "The Warrior Bold" Stephen Adams
 Mr. BURTON.
- Mandoline and Guitar Trio
 "Perla d'Amore" ... Paroletti
 Misses KENNEDY, A. KENNEDY and C. ELLWOOD.
- Song ... "When I was a boy at School" ...
 Mr. T. HUNTINGTON.

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

PART II

- Pianoforte Solo "Rigoletto" ...
 Miss HOLLIDAY, L.R.A.M.
- Song "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"
 J. P. Knight
 Mr. BURTON.
- Song ... "Butterflies" ... Corbett
 Miss B. HOLLIDAY.
- Recitation ... "Paddie's Courtin'" ...
 Miss EVERETT.
- Song ... "Tom Bowling" ... Dibdin
 Mr. A. WESTON.
- Instrumental Quartette
 "La Serenata" ... Braga
 Misses ELLWOOD and KENNEDY.
- Song ... "De' Ole Umbrella" Corney Grain
 Mr. T. HUNTINGTON.
- Violin Solo "Bolero" ... Hans Sitt
 Miss ELLWOOD.
- Song ... "Lullaby" ... Gerald Lane
 Miss F. B. KENNEDY.
- Song "The Lay of the very last Minstrel"
 Lovett King
 Mr. FRED. LEWIS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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"All we have willed or hoped or dreamed
of good shall exist;
Not in semblance, but itself; no beauty, nor
good, nor power
Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives
for the melodist
When eternity affirms the conception of an
hour.
The high that proved too high, the heroic too
hard,
The passion that left the ground to lose itself
in the sky,
Are music sent up to God by the lover and
the bard;
Enough that He heard it once: we shall hear
it by-and-by."

R. BROWNING.

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Charitable Relief

Co-operation

Other Religious Agencies

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Have no special fund for charitable relief. The
Communion Fund for poor of church in 1897. £ 32. 16 -
Christmas Dinner Fund (62 families helped) £ 10. 1
Relief Fund (Mother Meeting) £ 1. 6
Lodging House Mission Relief £ 14. 16 -
£ 59 - -

The In addition some people are sent to Convalescent
Homes; Bags of linen are supplied in maternity cases.
The relief to the lodging house people is given in the
form of tokens, available at Lockhart for foods.
Others provide for a night's lodging. The distribution
~~of~~ is at the leader of the band's discretion.

The Free Church Council is getting into
working order. Its map is now issued by the
only united action has been in local elections
as yet. Very little co-operation between
the churches - might be 100 miles apart.

The Baptist Deaconess Home, 59 Doughty Street.
(Sister Gwendoline) does a lot of work, chiefly in the
Leather Lane district where they have a Mission Hall.
Holborn Town Hall Services (Mrs Waterby) draw the
people from all round. Invitations are given to all
passers by including his S. S. teachers as they pass to schools.

Temperance

Marriages

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Could not say much about drunk. A strong temperance feeling in the church, altho' a number of the people are working at the breweries. Good Templars Lodge is strong. 200 members.

Chapel is licensed for marriages, but Mrs N. does not like to marry the young people as they invariably go to the suburbs. Sees some signs of a return of the residential population however. A house in Doughty street has just been taken by a family coming back & the mansions in Gray Inn Road (Clovelly) ^{tc} are occupied by middle class people.

The prospects are good. Congregation is growing and a growing interest is manifest in the Sunday school & Bibleclasses. Last year 12 members joined the Church from the schools.

Mrs N. is probably a good preacher and popular with the young people, who form a large proportion of his congregation. In the year book, allusions are made to the difficulties the church has passed through & the church is

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no doubt hard pushed to pay its way, altho' the
buildings are freehold. But its stipend is only £145.

Mr W^m Wheatley.
St Giles Christian Mission

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Mission Bldgs

Church Membership

Holy Trinity parish
(Lincoln's Inn fields)

Mr W^m Wheatley, Supt & Secretary of St Giles Christian
Mission. 4 Arnpston Street, Regent's Square, W.C.

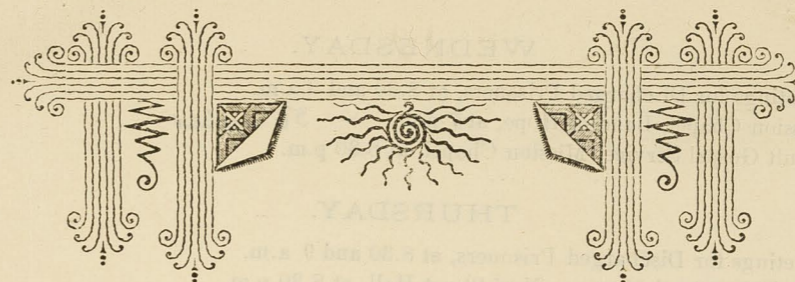
See notes in Book LXII. p 89 for account of
work amongst the prisoners.

Little Wild Street Chapel seats 1000 people; the missions
at Seven Deals, Neal Street, Long Acre & Drury Lane are
regarded as branches missions of this church.
Meetings are also held at 28 & 29 Brooke Street.

The Church has a membership of 725 + from these
folk the workers are drawn.

At Little Wild Street the services are conducted
by various evangelists, the congregation being about
300 in the morning and 700 at night. In the
morning nearly all are church members. The
evening congregation is mixed. Get a number
of poor working class and some very poor people.
Do not look poor. If you were to come you would
not discern that they were poor but he has known
"people go without their dinner and have a pair
of kid gloves".

List of Services



List of Meetings.

SUNDAY.

Adult Services for Preaching the Gospel at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mission Chapel, Little Wild Street, Drury Lane; and at Seven Dials and Drury Lane Halls; also at High Street, Hastings, at 7 p.m.
 Sunday School, Neal Street Hall, at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.
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 Sunday School, Brooke Street, at 2.45 p.m.
 Sunday School, Drury Lane, at 3 and 5.30 p.m.
 Children's Services, Neal Street Hall, at 11 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
 Children's Service, Brooke Street, at 6.15 p.m.
 Bible Class for Young Women, Great Earl Street, at 3 p.m.; and at Drury Lane, at 5.30 p.m.
 Open Air Preaching, Seven Dials, at 3 p.m.
 House-to-house Visitation, at 2.30 p.m.
 Prayer Meetings, Mission Chapel, at 10 a.m. and 8.30 p.m.
 Gospel Services in Men's Kitchens, at 3.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Meetings for Discharged Prisoners. Wandsworth and Holloway Gaols at 8.30 and Caledonian Road, at 9 a.m.
 Meetings for United Prayer, Mission Chapel, at 8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Meetings for Discharged Prisoners, at 8.30 and 9 a.m.
 Women's Meeting, Neal Street Hall, at 6.30 p.m.
 ditto Drury Lane, at 7 p.m.
 Band of Hope, Neal Street Hall, at 6.30 p.m. Senior ditto at 8.15 p.m. — 100
 Gospel Meeting, Temperance or otherwise, Drury Lane, at 8.30 p.m.

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Neal's Street	18	179	130	-
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WEDNESDAY.

Meetings for Discharged Prisoners, at 8.30 and 9 a.m.
 Mission Chapel, Band of Hope, at 7 p.m. - 56 members
 Adult Gospel Service, Mission Chapel, at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Meetings for Discharged Prisoners, at 8.30 and 9 a.m.
 Good Templars' Meeting, Neal Street Hall, at 8.30 p.m.
 Evangelistic Service, Brooke Street, at 8.30 p.m.
 Evangelistic Service, Seven Dials, at 8.30 p.m.
 Mothers' Meeting, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m.
 Young Men's Bible Class, Mission Chapel, at 8.30 p.m.
 Girls' Sewing Class, Drury Lane, and Mission Chapel, at 7 p.m.
 Music and Violin Class at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Meetings for Discharged Prisoners, at 8.30 and 9 a.m.
 Prayer Meeting, Seven Dials, at 8.30 p.m.
 Band of Hope, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m.
 Bands of Hope, Drury Lane, Junior and Senior, 6.30 to 10 p.m. 70

SATURDAY.

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 Meeting for United Prayer, Mission Chapel, at 8.30 p.m.



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Visitation

Charitable Relief

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On Sunday afternoons, a number of visitors are at work in the neighbourhood of Wild Street. The Peabody Bldgs are thus visited, the visitors taking booklets &c. "This is how we get our people" said Mr Whedby. Beside this, the paid agents also visit, especially any cases of sickness & want that are reported by the voluntary workers. He mentioned the names of two ladies engaged in this work.

The charitable relief is considerable in this part of the work as in that amongst prisoners. In the account the following items appear:

Relief by Tickets, Money gifts &c	£ 1236.7
Free Teas, Dinners &c	63.8
	<hr/> £1299.15

In addition the children are sent to Holiday houses & excursions are given but amount cannot be stated as it is combined with Orphanage Expenses.

The two lady visitors "give what is needed". Bread, coals, tea, sugar &c. Is doing away with tickets largely as tickets can be bartered. Hospital and dispensary letters are also given. The dispensary in Stanhope Street is very popular. The

The following extract from the Report shows Mr W's position as to relief:

THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS.

The winter months bring their own peculiar and pressing demands upon our resources.

It is then that work is scarce and the cry of the poor is loudest.

We cannot let that cry go unheeded.

Feed the hungry, and supply warmth to the cold and wretched we must.

As we have said before, we do not administer relief indiscriminately. On the one hand we do not administer it grudgingly or when it is too late.

We investigate and then we help. How we do so, might have been witnessed one evening a few days before last Christmas Day, when in the presence of W. R. McConnell, Esq., Q.C. (Chairman of the County of London Sessions) and several other gentlemen, we distributed hundreds of parcels of provisions to the deserving poor.

Some of them were so weak and aged that they literally could not themselves carry the parcels we placed in their hands.

The Drury Lane district, Mr W. thinks, has undoubtedly improved during the past 30 years, altho he is not so sure about the people. Thinks they are much the same morally but are more polished.

In the Seven Dials district there is 'any amount' of thieves & bad characters.

Asked about the other religious agencies, he said that they had nothing to do with other people. He does not trouble about the sects apparently altho the Church appears in the Union Handbook as Baptist. "If you preach Christ, we are perfectly satisfied that you are the one to come to our place," said he.

Asking if they had a printed list of the services held, my question was misunderstood as an enquiry for statistics and one of his young men produced the following proof of an advertisement of the same.

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FOUNDED 1860.

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

You will, we are sure, be interested in the following number of **Gospel Services** conducted by us annually.

Our only hope of truly "re-claiming" those amongst whom the Gospel of Christ.

We, therefore, hold, **during each year—**

468	Services at Wild Street, with an average attendance at e
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DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

You will, we are sure, be interested in the following figures showing the number of **Gospel Services** conducted by us annually.

Our only hope of truly "re-claiming" those amongst whom we labour is in the Gospel of Christ.

We, therefore, hold, **during each year—**

468	Services at Wild Street, with an average attendance at each of 153 persons	
156	" at Earl Street " " " "	43 "
364	" at Drury Lane " " " "	75 "
260	" at Neal Street " " " "	142 "
208	" at Brooke Street " " " "	80 "
104	" on the Seven Dials " " " "	50 "
26	" in Open Air, Wild Street " " " "	120 "
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Also our Voluntary District Visitors make about 10,400 house-to-house calls annually, distributing Tracts, etc.

Besides this **Spiritual Work**, which is earnestly though quietly carried on, we have the work of rendering **Temporal Assistance** to

Friendless Juvenile Offenders, the better class of Discharged Prisoners, and the Poor and Wretched generally.

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Treasurer—F. A. BEVAN, Esq., D.L., 54, Lombard Street, E.C. Bankers—Messrs. BARCLAY & CO., Ltd.
Superintendent, WILLIAM WHEATLEY, 4, Ampton Street, Regent Square, London, W.C.

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The Mission is extensively advertised and disposed of a large income. It seems highly desirable that some of the Missions should be seen and if possible some of the workers interviewed.

Mr J. Blackman L.C.M.
Shaftesbury Memorial Hall

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Holy Trinity, parish.
Gray's Inn Rd.

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Mr Jas Blackman, London City Missionary.

June 24/99.

Shaftesbury Memorial Hall, Lamb's Conduit Street, W.C.

When I called at the Hall, I found Mr Blackman and his Supt, Mr Bamster, awaiting me. The latter is a tall old gentleman, a solicitor, who told me he had been supt there 30 years. I soon found that he knew very little about the people and was embarrassed as to how to pump the L.C.M. without ignoring the supt., when a third member of the Comtee entered - a fussy little old man to whom I had to be introduced. It then transpired that they held a little meeting on Wednesday morning to talk over the mission affairs & as the little man wanted to get away, I offered to wait whilst the business was done. They then talked over a proposed outing for the mothers meeting & fixed it for the following week, after which the two Comtee men went & left Mr B. to me.

Mr Blackman has been on this district 7 years & previously was stationed at Paddington. He is a big man of about 45 with a frank, jovial face, a good forehead & a merry twinkle in his eye. Well

The Russian District

dressed and altogether one of the most capable of the missionaries I have met.

The district is almost a rectangle bounded by Great Armond Street, Great James Street, Theobalds Road & Southampton Row. He reckons that 2000 families reside within it and of these he can get at about 700.

The poorest bits are New North Street, Emerald St., Armonde Yard, Dunstable place. Armonde yard (marked purple) he thinks as poor as any. Stablemen, drivers & men employed in connection with horses. Peculiar place: will find nearly everybody there tipsy by 11 o'clock in the morning. Occurs occasionally & without any apparent reason. Dunstable place is immoral - prostitutes. Emerald Street, is very bad - worst in the neighbourhood. The result of immorality - not of the girls but married women. New North Street is very crowded but not all poor. Men employed at Maple's & Shoobreds, engineers, farmers &c. As an example he said that at No. 20 there were 10 families; found 7 people in one room; and 9 in a kitchen.

The district is crowded but not more than when
he

he came. The people as they improve in position
move away and the young people always go away.
Many of the families however are too poor to go;
they could not afford the season ticket.

The Hall seats 150 comfortably. It is reached
through a passage from Lamb's Conduit St. Formerly
they had a house in Orde Hall Street, with which
the hall is connected but this was given up on
the account of the expenditure.

Has from 20 to 25 voluntary workers, most
of whom have grown up in the schools.

Sunday School. 11 and 2-45 PM. 135 on the books
and average attendance 50 and 100.

7 PM. Gospel Service. Average 80 to 100. Come
from all parts of the district. A few men, but it
is very difficult to get them. Supposes it is
the same everywhere. He went to the church at
Hendon (where he lives) last Sunday morning.
Attendance was about 200 but there were not
more than 20 men.

The Buildings

Persons Employed

Services Held

Monday. 3. Mothers Meeting. About 25. Good many don't come on Sunday. Regards it as a failure. It is carried on by ladies from ~~the~~ Church Missionary Society's home. These ladies go away for long vacations at Christmas & in the summer during which time the meeting is discontinued & Mrs B. has to get it together again.

7 - Band of Hope - 70 to 100.
8. 15. Prayer Meeting, mainly workers.

Tuesday 8. 30 Choir practice

Thursday 8 - Gospel Service, Temperance Meeting twice a month. Christian Endeavour Society 30 to 40 members.

Saturday. Entertainment for the people

Open Air meeting at Corner of Chapel St on Sunday.

Mrs Blackman used to have a horsekeepers bible class but had to give it up when the house was vacated.

Mrs B. gets over the district once in about 6 weeks. He gives two days to visitation of the sick & interesting cases and Fridays to visiting men, the horsekeepers in 'the Yard' (e.g. Brown) and the mews, engineers, farmers etc. As a rule he is well received

Visitation

Charitable Relief

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received by the men and he prefers visiting men to women. "You can get something out of them. They may not agree with you but they will say what they think." "With the women, it is 'Yes, Sir', 'No, Sir', 'Good day' or something of the soft flattery sort and as soon as the front door is closed it is all over.

They have a Poor Relief Society, worked by the poor people at the Hall. They ~~last~~ distributed about £ 10 last year, mainly on Mr B's recommendation. "They call me the R.O.". Never help with the rent; nearly all are cases of out of ^{real} work or sickness. Asked as to the ~~cause~~ cause of the want, the ~~reply~~ reply was "In 9 cases out of 10 it is drink". In cases where they had to relieve the family of a drunken man, they would take the bread etc to the home.

Give 50 dinners to poor families at Christmas.

Does not see much of other agencies. The Bible-woman in connection with St George's Church, visits but only to collect pence. The chapels don't visit
The

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In cases of sickness, he sends to the Baptist Sisters
at Doughty Street, They will come when sent for.

As to co-operation there is none. "I am isolated";
whilst the vicar (of St George's) is better against him.

Very familiar with the police.

Mr Blackman is a good worker but evidently
hampered by his surroundings but especially the Supt.
Our first letter he showed to Mr B. who promised to
send us a report but did not do so. Mr Blackman
replied to the second letter excusing himself for the
apparent discourtesy. When I saw him, he asked
if the Report had been received and when I
replied 'No' he ejaculated "I expected so".
Mr Baunster when he went promised to
send ~~a~~ Report. It has not yet arrived.

Pastor H. J. Chilvers
Keppel Street Baptist Church

July
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Building used

Persons Employed

The Congregation

Christchurch parish. 2

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Rev Pastor H. J. Chilvers, Minister of Keppel Street Baptist Church, Bloomsbury, W.C. Residence 30 Baker Street, Lloyd Sq, W.C.

The Keppel Street Church belongs to the "Metropolitan Assn of Street Baptist Churches". Mr Chilvers, the pastor, has been settled 4 years. A stoutly built young fellow (25 or 26), medium height; frank full face & high forehead and pleasant unaffected manner.

The Chapel seats 780 people easily, schoolroom (250) & large vestry & 2 other rooms form the accommodation, which is held from the Duke of Bedford on a short lease.

Beside the pastor (paid) there are about 40 voluntary workers including 5 deacons & 21 S.S. Teachers.

The congregation is drawn mainly from the north - Hampstead Road district. From the neighbourhood they get some of the servants and some visitors - mostly Americans. It is a medium class congregation and the noticeable feature is the number of young people - young men & young women, shop assistants, dressmakers &c

Services Held

Other Agencies

Visitation

Some shopkeepers and a few comparatively wealthy
Locally they touch the people, through the other agencies.
The Sunday school children come entirely from the locality.
The news and the buildings (Peabody) in 41 Coram Street.
Those from the news predominate & they are chiefly Cochin
children.

Sunday Services at 11 & 6.30. 100 to 150 in the
morning and 300 to 400 in evening - say 350.

Prayer meeting (Monday) about 50

Service on Thursday. Preaching 60. to 80.

Sunday School On Books 167. Attendance: 9^{am} 43,
afternoon 135.

Other ~~the~~ agencies are:

Band of Hope. 95 members.

Temperance Society - meeting during the winter.

This has the usual experience - the only occasions
they can get the men & outsiders being when they have
a concert or entertainment & get the S.S. children to do
something.

Penny Bank. so fairly prosperous

Goapel Helper Society (Thur 8.30). 60 to 70 members. A kind of training
class.

The Dorcas Society visits the sick & poor - such cases

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Other Religious Agencies

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as come under their notice, and The Tract Society has a number of visitors, visiting the news and poorer streets regularly with tracts. Mostly done on Sunday but some visitors go during the week. Mr C gives one day a week to visitation of the poor and has confined his visits to Somers Town as being the most needy spot near him. Also visits members & sick. When he cannot visit cases, he hands them on to the deacons.

Poor members are helped from the Communion fund & by a collection once a year. Spend £20 to £30 a year. Dorcas Society also makes clothing and sells it cheaply to the poor.

Membership is now 170 & they are growing. Has admitted ^{over} 60 members during the past year.

Christ Church, Woburn Square - Has taken some of the children & Mr C. thinks the vicar (Rev G. Nash) is a good man. A Mission has recently been started in the News near their school. Mr C. has not been able to discover anything about it but thinks it is a church mission. Hold a service at 8 P.M. on Sunday

Co-operation

Drink

Prostitution

Thrift

Housing &c

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Of the Catholic Apostolic Church (fordon Sq) he hears & sees nothing: they might be miles away.

The Gower Street Street Baptists are a rich church but have no pastor, nor have they had for sometime past. Belong to the 'Standard' group.

A little co-operation in temperance work as with Mr Thomas of Kinggate Street.

A good deal of drinking in the mews.

Some bad houses in Keppel Street. Gower Place he also knew as a notoriously bad spot.

Not much thrift amongst the poorer class. Mostly when the husband dies the woman is left unprovided for.

As to the housing, he could not say much. The streets & the mews are kept remarkably clean. A number of the men living in the mews die of consumption in middle life. He has been called to visit 4 such cases.

So far as the residents in the immediate district are

concerned they have not been successful. They have tried to get the coachmen & have laid themselves out to do it but have not gained them. Once a year they get about 300 to 400 of these people & the parents of the children to the Annual Meeting of the Tract Society, when a tea is provided. They have been most successful in the district north of Euston Road, Drummond St &c.

Mr C. is an energetic young fellow and not bound by conventionalities. Although the church is not a strong local influence, it is evidently gaining strength. I notice that in the Annual Report of the .Metis. Assⁿ. a return of the number of ~~the~~ baptisms during the year is given. Mr Chilver's Church stands first of the 66 churches in the Assⁿ in this respect with 17, altho several others have a larger membership

Mr Alfred Licence
London City Missionary.

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July 4/90

St Clement Danes parish. (chiefly)

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Mr A. Licence. 133 Bridge Road, Battersea.
London City Missionary on the Drury Lane District.

Mr Licence has been working ~~at~~ at Drury Lane for 23 years. He is a tall thin man of about 55; high forehead, intellectual face with long iron grey beard. Pleasant chatty man with an inexhaustible fund of anecdote & pithy sayings.

The district is bounded west by Catherine Street, south by the Strand; and east by Starhope Street and north by Kerble Street. The missionary to the east of Starhope Street has been removed and Mr L. also works his district - the Clare market area - so that his area practically extends to the Law Courts.

We walked over the district together, Mr Licence, the while, giving his opinion of the courts and alleys which contain even now the bulk of the 'rentable' families. The courts off the Strand between Catherine Street and Drury Court are occupied by families living in single rooms as a rule, the occupier of two rooms being an aristocrat. The inhabitants are gradually being driven out & the houses turned into business

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premises. In the court next Catherine Street the process
is nearly complete. The clearance of the courts between
Catherine Street & Drury Lane has greatly improved the
district. The worst parts now remaining are White
Horse Court & the other courts east of Drury Lane.
These are now doomed and several of the houses
in White Horse Court are closed. In White Horse
Court a woman's lodging houses remain. It is used
exclusively by young women, mostly prostitutes. ~~and~~^{As}
we passed a well dressed young woman came out, who
looked strangely out of keeping with the surroundings.
Mrs S. said she was one of the lodgers. Round the
corner in Stanhope Street (No 24) is a second house
used by elder women; a couple of bleary eyed, frowsy
creatures were sitting on the doorstep & a third standing
in the doorway. Stanhope Street, though outwardly
more respectable, is as poor & crowded as the courts.
In the back yards of most of these houses is a three storied
erection with one room on each floor. These, like the
houses are let in rooms, access being through the
house in front, the street doors being left open. Mr
L. had been 8 years on the district before he discovered

these

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these tenements. The occupants of one we visited were evidently extremely poor - an old sack stretched across the window of one room for a curtain.

The district as a whole has greatly improved during the time Mr L. has been there; the improvement being in nearly every case connected with demolitions; thus ^{part of} the area between Clare Market & Clements Dunes, formerly a nest of bad women & vile men, is now business premises.

I noticed that Mr L. usually avoided speaking of the moral character of the people, unless compelled to do so. He admitted that the moral tone was very low. The prostitutes are mostly found in the lodg^{ing} houses but immorality is common and he thinks there are very few pure women in the district. You have to keep one eye shut. If you kept both eyes open and noticed all that goes on you would never come into the district ^{again}.

Belting is the great evil amongst the men. Above a bookmaker's shop in New Castle Street (to which Mr L. took me) a bookmaker lives. From 12 to 2 every day he is in the street receiving money & slips of paper, lads being stationed at all the approaches to signal

the police

the police or other danger. Women bet as well as men.

Is exceedingly well received by the people, many of whom have grown up whilst he has been on the district. Sometimes they will say "I haven't a minute to speak to you Mr Licence" and will end with a long talk. "I like that old bloke Licence" they will say.

Has had two or three mission rooms but has none now. Holds a meeting for his people on Tuesday's at 8 PM at the Workman's Hall, Drury Lane on Mr Jadrden's district. Not many attend as it is too far.

Does not give any relief except a present of tea & sugar to a few old people at Christmas when he can get it. Acts strictly on the rule and the people never ask him for anything. Friends he gets on better without giving relief; if you give Mrs Jones something, Mr Brown wants it the next day.

During our walk and talk he dropped many observations about the religious agencies of the district incidently. These I summarise:-

Little Wild St Chapell: Mr Wheatley is a good man. I have been delighted with his way of working (amongst the prisoners & poor) "but he must be head & tail". Told how he tested a man who wanted work by offering him bills to ~~distribute~~ distribute. Refused work as beneath his dignity & consequently was not received. Answering (Mr Andrews) who worked here is dead. No successor has been appointed.

The clergy of St Mary's le Strand give a deal of relief. Told of one person who said "Whenever I am in, I shall like you to come but you know he (vicar of St Mary's) gives us 4/- a week to pay the rent & it makes a difference you know". About 20 to 30 are receiving 4/- a week.

St Clements Daves are great beggars. The people ^{complain} ~~say~~ that the vicar is a thorough beggar but they never get anything out of him. He is also disliked for his ~~best~~ rude & overbearing manner. Has a scripture reader & lay helper. Curate a Irish-man is always on the rush about parish & church work. Give things to the children at the church.

Wesleyans (Gt Queen St) come into the district to visit their own people occasionally

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There is no theft amongst the people and but few cases of real poverty. A great deal of gossiping amongst the women and they live in fear of each other. They are afraid to let it be known if they go to any religious meeting. Told of one woman cohabiting with a man, who came to his meeting. The other women noticed her absence from home; followed her and one day 4 of them came to the meeting for a lark. They liked it & instead of driving the other woman to give it up, were the means of bringing other.

Mr Licence appears to have the confidence of the people & to be regarded as a friend. The clergy however do not like him. "Regard me" as a doormat" and think I have no business in the place. Asked as to results he said that occasionally he had definite cases but with the usual ending - they leave the neighbourhood as soon as may be.

