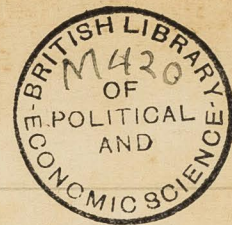


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Interview with Rev. Philip Audmon, Rector
Christian Church, Percy Road, Hillmarn.

Mr Audmon is a man between 30 and 40:
tall, handsome; with a shock of fair curly hair and
a beard: dreamy mystic looking eyes: a Devonshire
man and but for a frequent dropping of the
th. and - of the local country: something in his
appearance and manner which brought "Westward Ho"
and its atmosphere vividly before me.

I am inclined to think that he connected
~~him~~ us with the Salvation Army and I did not
understand him.

I found that Mr C's chapel is situated
just outside London and so far as his work is
local it is mainly extra-metropolitan. As
however we shall probably not see many Rector
Christians, I repeat him shortly.

Mr C. has only been here for six months
having previously been at Blackburn for three years
and in Devonshire.

The Church is one of the few belonging to

Cudmore - Bible Christians

the sch. in London: there is no other nearer than Waterloo Road: it: therefore runs for all the Bible Christians in West London: they do not appear to be numerous as the membership is only 100 and the attendance at Sunday services about 100 in morning and 150 in evening: as however there appears to be no difference between their doctrine and that of the Wesleyan Methodists probably many who come to London are absorbed by the Methodist bodies. Those who stick to their old Church are without exception West Country people and are "very classish"

Since Mr C. has been here he and his Mission Band have been making efforts to get hold of the people in the neighbourhood of the Church: a great deal of visiting has been done in the Carlton Vale and Lambeth Road: Mr C. expresses great disgust with the result: "the Church of Christ" he said "has been a great deal too eager to use doubtful means to get hold of the people: they have been persuaded to and fed with soap and dross: they don't seem to understand that you are concerned with their souls: they don't want to see you unless

Cudmore Bible Christians

You have something to give them: the children too in the Sunday Schools are inoculated with the same ideas." Mr C. said that this was quite a new experience to him as in Mackham the people were independent and would have scorned such treatment. During the winter however Mr C. has had a Free Concert every Saturday night at the Church Hall holding about 400: it has been full each time "yet" said Mr C. "of the numbers who have attended I don't know a single one has come to our service."

Of genuine Gospel Preaching however Mr C. takes a most hopeful view. Open air services were held when he first came and to these he was able to trace several undoubted cases of conversion. "After all" he said "if you get the message the world wants and if it's even only faintly desired it's bound to tell."

There is a Sunday School in connection with the church with about 200 children.

- PERCY ROAD SERVICES, -
 MINISTER ... REV. PHILIP CUDMORE.

Sundays:-

PREACHING ... Morning 11 o'clock. Evening 6-30
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ... Morning 10 o'clock. Afternoon 2-45.
 (Bible Classes at 3 p.m.)
 SPECIAL SERVICE (See over) ... 8-15 p.m

Week-Nights:-

MONDAY ... Prayer and Praise, 8.
 TUESDAY ... Young Peoples' Meeting, 8-15.
 WEDNESDAY ... Temperance (I.O.G.T.) 8-15.
 THURSDAY ... "Forward" (on P.S.A. lines) 8.
 SATURDAY ... Free Concert for the People during Winter, 8.

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
 Luke xix., 10.

Jan. 26th 1895

St Simon's parish

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Interview with Rev. W. Courtney James,
Wesleyan Church, Fern Road, Paddington.

Mr James is a man of 40 or a little
over. Very tall, gaunt, and spare: pale face and
ruddy cheeks: aquiline nose: large skull crown
with long black hair: large black moustache: the
face of a scholar and student.

Mr J. is a Cornishman of birth but has
evidently spent some years in America as he is a
Ph. D. of Illinois, and speaks with a slight
 Yankee twang.

Mr J. has only been here since September:
his local knowledge is therefore very slight. He
was previously in Cornwall and South Wales.

The church seems to be a typical specimen
of the ordinary successful Wesleyan Church: the
membership (to Nov) is 200: the Sunday
congregations are about 500 in the morning and
300 in the evening: they are drawn almost
exclusively from Queen's Park (Artisan's Dublin,

to relate) and its immediate neighborhood: they are almost without exception good class artisans and small tradesmen: all without exception are J. thinks county people who have been brought up as Wesleyans. Mr J. said that in the ordinary circuit-church, such as this, there was he thought never any real aggressive work: this was left to the missions with their sisters and other workers: in the ordinary circuit-church efforts are directed simply to keeping together the Wesleyans in the district: by the agency of their churches ^{Wesleyan} therefore in London ~~Wesleyanism~~ grows only by natural growth and by immigration from the country ^{the latter} the great source of growth: practically no effort is made to touch the great outside indifferent population.

Compared to other parts of London Mr J. thinks this is most favorable ground for Wesleyanism: this means in fact that it is a neighborhood in which are settled a number of county people who have been brought up in the field and stuck to it when coming to London: but compared to the

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county and especially to Cornwall. Mr J. finds the people far less responsive. "Even our own members" he said "don't seem to care to talk about religion: they would much rather talk about the buying or building of houses: in Cornwall they will let you talk of nothing but religion: indeed if you mentioned any other subject on Sunday they would be shocked. Then too every member wants to do some work for his church: here out of our 200 members I doubt if 50 do anything for us: the rest I dare say are very good people but their outward religion does not extend beyond coming to church twice on Sunday: they seem shy of religion: they are just immersed in making a living, and a little bit over." The burden indeed of Mr J.'s talk was the change in the countryman when he comes to London: even if he keeps up religious observances, and he often drops it altogether - his interest becomes much less keen: he becomes a man item in a crowd instead of known to every body, and he finds that the current is all against religious observance.

Another thing which Mr J. noticed was what some other witness has called the large amount of "religious gipsying": speaking of his evening congregation Mr J. said "We get a good many strangers and visitors, most of them I think people who go about from church to church: they come to us one Sunday, will go to Clifford another, and to Foster another, and so on."

With the exception of a State Club of 300 members such social agencies as are connected with the church are confined entirely to members. There is a Temperance Society, a Literary Society and a Band of Hope with 300 members.

The only attempt which has been made at outside evangelisation is through Open Air Meetings in the summer. They have not been productive of any ~~at~~ visible result: such members as have been added to the church have all, Mr J. finds, been connected with a church elsewhere.

The Sunday School is large: about 1000 children, many of whom are not the children of

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members, but in such cases Dr. J. does not think the fact that the children attend the school ever induces the parents to join the church.

Beyond the pastoral ~~visit~~ visitation of the Minister and Class leaders there is none with the rare exception of a sick case which sends for the Minister.

Relief there is practically none: about £5- is raised at Christmas for outside cases and any case of poverty among the members would be assisted.

Of other religious agencies Mr. J. knows little: he thought the Church was inactive in Queen's Park: his own people certainly are not visited by the Clergy.

Mr. James is a man of probity rather above the average ability. I should think a fairly successful minister but ~~he~~ not likely to be widely popular or influential.

✻ **PLAN** ✻
 OF
RELIGIOUS SERVICES
 FOR THE
 Wesleyan Methodist Churches
 IN THE
PADDINGTON
 (Sutherland Avenue)
CIRCUIT

From January 22nd to April 16th, 1899.

CIRCUIT OFFICERS.

STEWARDS:

T. R. STANBRA, 103 Saltram Crescent, W.
 G. GODSON, The Holmes, Brondesbury Road.

TREASURERS:

Aged Ministers and Widows' Fund—
 G. GODSON.

Foreign Missions—

H. O. ELLIOTT, 35 Clifton Gardens.

SECRETARIES:

Quarterly Meeting—

E. G. HARVEY, 6 Croxley Road.

Chapels—

J. W. FOWLES, 15 Malvern Road.

Local Preachers—

E. J. THOMPSON, 163 Mortimer Road.

Foreign Missions and Education—

Rev. DR. JAMES.

Temperance—

C. H. BELLMAN, 180 Fernhead Road.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF CLASSES.

	No. of Membs	Day and Hour.	Date.	Minister.
Sutherland Avenue				
Bro. Odgers ...	9	Sun. 10 0	March 5	Pryor
" Keall ...	18	" 3 0	Feb. 26	"
" Armstrong ...	62	Tues. 8 0	" 28	Jutsum
" Bunce ...	37	" 8 45	" 28	James
" W. Martin ...	22	" 8 0	March 7	Pryor
" Hiscot ...	9	" 8 0	Feb. 21	"
" Harvey ...	35	Thur. 8 30	March 2	Jutsum
" Williamson ...	14	" 8 0	" 9	Pryor
Minister ...	52	Fri. 8 0	Feb. 24	"
Sister Hayman ...	20	Thur. 8 0	" 23	"
" Duncan ...	7	Fri. 3 0	" 24	"
" Gurr ...	5	Thur. 8 45	March 16	"
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Trinity				
Bro. Marsden ...	47	Sun. 10 0	Feb. 19	James
" Menzler ...	14	" 10 0	" 26	"
" Cole ...	45	" 3 0	" 12	"
" Thompson ...	40	Tues. 8 30	" 21	"
" Griffin ...	16	Wed. 8 30	" 22	"
" Mitchell ...	30	Tues. 8 0	" 21	"
" Devening ...	30	" 8 0	March 7	"
Minister ...	41	Thur. 3 0	Feb. 23	"
Sister Allen ...	20	Tues. 8 15	" 28	"
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Hiley Road				
Bro. Daley ...	27	Tues. 8 30	Feb. 21	Jutsum
" Dumbleton ...	7	Wed. 8 30	" 22	"
Minister ...	13	Tues. 3 0	" 21	"
Sister Franklin ...	12	Wed. 7 0	" 22	"
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JUNIOR CLASSES.				
Sutherland Avenue				
Bro. Harvey ...	7	Sun. 10 0	March 15	Pryor
" Long ...	10	Wed. 7 0	" 15	"
Sister Arthur ...	23	Tues. 7 0	" 15	"
" Jutsum ...	12	Wed. 7 0	" 15	"
	52			
Trinity				
Bro. Ireland ...	30	Mon. 7 0	Feb. 27	James
Sister Allen ...	25	Fri. 6 30	" 27	"
	55			
Hiley Road				
Bro. Walker ...	8	Tues. 7 0	Feb. 27	"
Sister Butler ...	10	" 7 0	" 21	Jutsum
	18			
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Officers of the Several Churches.

Sutherland Avenue.

Society Stewards { Mr. W. Salter, 9 Edbrooke Road.
Mr. J. H. Fielding, 30 Sutherland Avenue.
Poor Stewards { Mr. H. Peirson, 51 Croxley Road.
Mr. A. Hargreaves, 68 Elgin Avenue.
Chapel Stewards—Messrs. Salter, Ollin, Kenward, and Harland.
Chapel Secretary—Mr. T. R. Stanbra.
Chapel Treasurer—Mr. E. B. Spiller, 82 Westbourne Park Villas, W
Foreign Missionary Sec.—Mr. A. Hargreaves.
Sunday School:
Superintendent—Mr. F. James, 14 Shirland Road.
Secretary—Mr. E. B. Spiller.
Assistant Secretary—
Treasurer—Mr. S. Bunce.
Juvenile Missionary Association—
Treasurer—Mr. H. Peirson. Secretaries—The Misses James.
Leader of Mission Band—Mr. J. C. Munday, 22 Woodfield Crescent.
Organist and Choir Leader—Mr. F. Scholes, 125 Mortimer Road.

Fernhead Road.

Society Stewards { Mr. J. W. Menzler, 560 Harrow Road.
Mr. Wilson, 11 Ashmore Road.
Poor Stewards { Mr. W. Bilham, 186 Fernhead Road.
Mr. J. Heal, 6 Fordingley Road.
Chapel Stewards { Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Fennell, 42 Wakehan Road.
Mr. Cutler, 54 Nutbourne Street.
Mr. Butler, 160 Kilburn Lane.
Chapel Secretary—Mr. J. W. Fowles.
Chapel Treasurer—Mr. J. W. Menzler.
Sunday School:
Superintendents—Messrs. Marsden and J. W. Menzler.
Secretary—Mr. Skrimshire, 153 Saltram Crescent.
Treasurer—Mr. F. Clark.
Juvenile Missionary Association:
Treasurer—Mr. F. Clark.
Secretaries—Mr. E. Isham, 3 Bradison Road, and W. Fowles.
Leader of Mission Band—Mr. E. J. Thompson.
Organist—Mrs. Pike.
Choir Leader—Mr. C. H. Bellman.

Hiley Road.

Society Stewards { Mr. J. Finch, 13 Mortimer Road.
Mr. Lewis, 58 Linden Avenue.
Poor Stewards { Mr. J. Martin.
Mr. G. Kemp, 15 Ashburnham Road.
Chapel Stewards { Mr. W. Franklin, 10 Chamberlayne Road.
Mr. H. Horsford, 50 Mortimer Road.
Sunday School—
Superintendent—Mr. G. Kemp.
Secretary—Mr. G. J. Prince, 40 Ashburnham Road.
Treasurer—Mr. Finch.
Juvenile Missionary Association—
Treasurer—Miss F. Lane.
Secretary—Miss Butler, 3 Park Terrace, College Road.
Organist—Miss Kemp.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDER OF SERVICES.

Places and Hours of Worship.	January.		February.				March.				April.		
	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16
MORNING LESSONS -	Isalah xlii. Matt. xiii. 1-23	Genesis i.-ii. 8 Rev. xxi. 1-8	Genesis iii. Matt. xx. 17-34	Genesis ix. 1-19 Matt. xxiv. 1-28	Gen. xix. 12-29; Matt. xxvii. 1-26	Gen. xxvii. 1-40 Mark iii. 1-12	Genesis xxxvii. Mark vi. 30-44	Genesis xliii. Mark x. 32-45	Exodus iii. Mark xiv. 27-52	Exodus ix. Matt. xxvi. 1-16	Exodus xii. 1-28 Rev. i. 10-18	Numbers xvi. 1-35 1 Cor. xv. 1-28	Num. xx. 1-13 Luke xiii. 1-17
Sutherland Av. { 11.0 6.30 Wednesday ... 8.0 Sat., Pr. Mtng. 8.0	James Pryor James Pryor	Bond M Pryor M Pryor LM Pryor	James Jackson S Jutsum Pryor	James Pryor James Pryor	Pryor Jutsum Pryor LM MB	James Pryor Jutsum Pryor	Pryor Hocken James Pryor	James Pryor S Walker Pryor	James Jutsum L Jutsum Pryor	James Pryor R Pryor (G.Fri.) MB	Pryor James James Pryor	Lax HM Pryor HM Meeting (Mon.) Pryor	Denton SA Denton SA Meeting (Mon.) MB
Trinity Fernhead Road { 11.0 6.30 Thursday ... 8.0 Fri., Pr. Mtng. 8.0	Jutsum James James James	Pryor James Jutsum James	Jackson E Hocken E Pryor James	Jutsum James S James LM MB	James Pryor Jutsum James	Pryor James L Walker James	James Pryor Walker James	Jutsum James S Jutsum James	Pryor SA James SA Meeting (Mon.) James	Pryor James R James (Good Fri.)	James Pryor S Jutsum James	Pryor James Pryor James	Jutsum James James MB
Kensal Rise Hiley Road. { 11.0 6.30 Thursday ... 8.0 Sat., Pr. Mtng. 8.0	Pryor Jutsum Pryor Jutsum	James c Jutsum c James Prince	H. Keall c James c.S Jutsum Jutsum	Pryor E Jutsum E Pryor Lecture Jutsum	Jutsum James James Kemp	Gordon c Marsden c Walker Walker	Thompson c James c Jutsum Jutsum	Pryor CA Jutsum S.CA James Jutsum	Jutsum Pryor L Jutsum Jutsum	Walker c Jutsum c Jutsum (G.Fri.) Jutsum	Bailey J. Martin Pryor Jutsum	James c Jutsum c.S James Jutsum	James c Jutsum c Jutsum Jutsum

A Collection is taken at each Sunday Service, and when not described, is for the support of the Ministry.

References.—M, Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund. L, Lovefeast. LM, Leaders' Meeting. MP, Missionary Prayer Meeting. S, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. SA, Sunday School Anniversary. CA, Church Anniversary. HM, Home Mission Fund. MB, Mission Band. E, Education Fund. R, Recognition of New Members. C, Church Expenses. Lecture by the Rev. G. King Pryor at Hiley Road, Thursday, February 16th, subject, "John Hunt, Ploughboy, Missionary, and Translator to the Cannibals."

Special Notices.—Sunday School Anniversary, Sutherland Avenue, Sunday, April 16th, Sermons by Rev. G. Denton. Fernhead Road, March 19th, Sermons by Circuit Ministers. Home Missionary Meeting at Sutherland Avenue, Monday, April 10th; Speakers, Rev. W. H. Lax and others.

Ministers.

G. KING PRYOR, 118 Elgin-avenue.
J. COURTENAY JAMES, Ph.D.,
210 Fernhead-road.
H. JUTSUM, 1 Surrendale-place, W.

From Other Circuits.

W. JACKSON, Kilburn.
G. DENTON, Blackheath.
J. BOND, Mission House.
J. H. HOCKEN, Soldiers' Home, W.
W. H. LAX, West London Mission.

Local Preachers.

W. MARTIN, 154 Shirland-road.
H. KEALL, 241 Elgin-avenue.
W. P. MARSDEN, 547 Harrow-road.
J. MARTIN, 1 Hazel-road, Kensal Green.
J. R. GORDON, 19 Delamere-crescent.
G. BAILY, 10 Bristol-gardens.
E. J. THOMPSON, 163 Mortimer-road.
G. WALKER, 9 Victor-parade, Kensal Green.
J. R. GRIFFIN, 30 Fulham-place, Harrow-rd.
A. L. TOLCHER, 13 Bradiston-road.
G. T. COX, 63 Cambridge-road.
W. H. ROBERTS, 434 Harrow-road.
W. RANDALL, 5 Croxley-road.
S. PIKE, 145 Cornwall-road, W.
J. WHEELER, 123 Brondesbury-road.

On Trial.

J. H. VINNICOMBE, 10 Bradiston-road.
HOLMES KEALL, 241 Elgin-Avenue.

Jan. 21^d 1899

St. Mary's parish

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Interview with Rev. C. Barnes, Beulah Baptist Chapel, Hamon Road.

Mr Barnes is a man of 70 : scanty white hair, and white beard : big powerful frame, but rapidly becoming decrepit : healthy pink complexion : the most striking feature in a weak, dreamy face is a pair of fine blue eyes.

Mr B. lives in the hamlet way in an ordinary poor looking class home : typical looking class china : colored ~~or~~ almshouse pinned to the wall etc. He was dressed in the dignified threadbare black, very dirty from dripping of food and snuff or tobacco.

I have called Mr B. the Reverend : whether he expects that title or not I do not know : for out of the 70 years of his life he has only been the Pastor of a congregation for two. Until two years ago he was a farmer in Hampshire : with this for thirty years he has combined itinerant preaching, and told me that he had preached in 14 countries and over 100 pulpits. Whether it be that he neglected business for religion or

whether that his slow and heavy wits were not
suited to these competitive days I know not; but
farming failed and two years ago he accepted the
pastorate of this small ~~the~~ body of Particular
Baptists in Hanover Road.

The work is of little or no importance from
our point of view and the only interest of the
interview lies in the fact that we meet so few
of the pastors of these small bodies, and as showing
the sort of ministrations which one at least of
these bodies is willing to accept, and, on the D.'s
own evidence, to welcome. For he said "I hope
I shall end my days here: at all events I am
sure my people don't want me to go." The D.
no doubt is a genuinely good old fellow, but he
is just a slow witted slow moving, garrulous old
countryman in speech and attainment not far
removed from the 'yokel' class, and probably hammering
out Sunday after Sunday a narrow and antiquated
Gospel to the scanty band of adherents who sit
under him.

The Chapel is on an upper floor in

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Harrow Road. The members number about 40, and Mr D. mentioned with pride that there had been 13 new members since he came. There are the two series on Sunday; prayer meeting on Monday and preaching on Thursday. On Sunday there are from 50 to 100 in attendance. All are of the working class and Mr D. said that some of them came from a considerable distance. Beyond these series there is nothing, no visiting, no Sunday School, no Mothers' Meeting. No attempt is made to get others in or as Mr D. put it "We don't attempt to proselytise; we only want those who come willingly, those whom the Lord sends." However in spite of the rather scanty results Mr D. seemed well content with the work, and talked in the usual way of "qual' reason" and "much to be thankful for."

I had some difficulty in getting away from the old man who was loquacious about himself and his wife etc; how they had not spent £2 on doctor's bills for 20 years etc; wanting me

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to guess his age, (which as he looked about
 80, I unfortunately did right to a year):
 suggesting a tax upon corn, and so on.

Report of an interview with the Rev. Dr. Clifford, of
the Westbourne Park Chapel, at his residence 50 S. Quinton
Avenue, W. (E.A.) Jan. 6. 99. ²³/₃

Dr. Clifford is one of the old war-horses of Nonconformity, with much battle in him still. He stands in the first flight of the Free Churchmen of the country, and in London perhaps only Dr. Parker and Guinness Rogers are better known than himself. In his own denomination, the Baptists, he is, I suppose, the most prominent figure. The following extract from the Westbourne Park Chapel Record gives an American appreciation:

The *Outlook*, of New York, under the heading, "A great English Preacher here," writing of the Doctor's visit to the States, says: "The Rev. John Clifford, D.D., is the most eminent Baptist leader in the world, and among Nonconformists of Great Britain few, if any, of any denomination are more deservedly prominent. He is pastor of the Westbourne Park Church in London, which is both a church and something like a university. Dr. Clifford is much interested in the movement for the federation of the Free Churches, and is at present president of the Congress of Free Churches. As an orator he is impassioned and singularly eloquent, but his eloquence is that of solid thought and earnest conviction rather than of mere sentiment. He is greatly interested in all social questions in London, and perhaps more than almost any man now before the public deserves to be called the Tribune of the People."

The following cuttings from the same Magazine are a pro
pos of Dr. C's address as President ~~of the~~ of the United
Free Church Councils, said to be representative of some
6,000,000 persons worshipping in this and in other countries

Dr Clifford - Baptist

The Daily Chronicle says that our Pastor's Presidential address to the Congress at Bristol "took an hour and twenty minutes in delivery, and was punctuated with cheers from beginning to end." *The British Weekly* says "A strange thrill held the meeting as Dr. Clifford quoted from Walt Whitman when dealing with the increasing spirit of union among the Churches:

'What whispers are these, O lands, running ahead of you,
passing under the seas?
Are all the nations communing? Is there going to be but
one heart to the globe?'

The noble address was responded to in every sentence by the audience with eager loving enthusiasm"

Even as far north as Aberdeen the Press were cognisant of this great and influential gathering of the Free Churches at Bristol. A good portrait of our Pastor was presented to the readers of the "*Evening Express*," and in its appreciative sketch of the Doctor the writer says: "Dr Clifford, who is the pastor of Westbourne Park Baptist Church, London, is, with the possible exception of Dr. Maclaren, of Manchester, the most outstanding figure in the Baptist denomination since the death of Mr. Spurgeon. He is one of the best known and most popular speakers on London platforms, and in the recent County Council election he rendered splendid service to the Progressives, by whom he is regarded as one of their strongest men. Dr. Clifford enjoys the respect of men of all classes and all shades of opinion, his strenuous and successful work, his breezy optimism, and his genuine disinterestedness making troops of friends. Dr. Clifford is an Evangelical, but by no means a strait-laced one; in fact there are few men with wider outlooks and more catholic sympathies, and the social side of his work has always been prominent."

Note: In looking through the numbers of the Chapel Magazine the number of things by and about Dr. C. is very noticeable, and the quotations appear to be too eulogistic to be always in the best taste. It should be noted, therefore, that the Magazine is not actually edited by Dr. C. and, although he could of course control insertions, there is a good deal to be said for letting things of this kind go in, for there is nothing so interesting to the Westbourne Park people ^{as such} as information about their own pastor, and signs that other people, as well as themselves, hold him in high esteem.

The last sentence in the above quotation from the Aberdeen paper points to a difference between Dr. C's work, & that of Dr. Parker. The latter interests himself, it is true, in all sorts of questions, but he remains first and foremost a preacher, almost a fixture at the City Temple. Dr. Clifford on the contrary is everywhere, and has thrown in

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his lot with all sorts of propagandist bodies. Dr. P. thinks that all forms of Socialism make for subversion, while Dr. Clifford proclaims himself a Socialist. His Socialism is of the Christian type and the whole of his political and social activity is instinct with moral fervour and with idealism. I come in, as he said to me, to try "to heighten ideals", and thus we find him on the war path at times of School Board or Municipal elections. But idealist and stimulating force though he be, he is a political Socialist, and in reply to my direct question avowed himself as such, and as a member of the Fabian Society. But he is always a Socialist of the Pulpit, and on the platform is still the preacher. A few touches in the course of a long conversation made me think that if he were confronted with a practical industrial problem he would be found wanting in real mastery, and his approval of Bruce Wallace's co-operative schemes and his estimate of this excellent dreamer as "a practical man" shook my confidence in his practical judgments. But he is none the less a powerful and commanding figure, interesting, attractive and genuine. He is the President of the Christian Social Brotherhood, of which Will Reason is the Secretary and which corresponds in Nonconformist circles to the Christian Social Union of the Church of England.

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The portrait gives a very good idea of Dr. Clifford's face. The mouth has however a pleasanter expression than is suggested by the print, and ⁱⁿ the eyes lose their attractiveness. They are good eyes, light~~ix~~ and grayish in tone. The bushy eyebrows and the fine brow attract attention. Dr. C. speaks well and easily, and his manner suggests what the man is -- a straightforward, zealous, ethically-minded minister of the Gospel. A certain massiveness begins to make itself felt in the course of conversation, you suspect a great simplicity of character, but are hardly made to feel that a remarkable character confronts you. And, indeed, I hardly think that ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ he is this.

He lives at almost the extreme West of London, in a modern street almost running out on to Wormwood Scrubbs. He moved here about four years ago, doubtless to secure greater quiet than was possible quite close to his chapel. The house is unpretentious, and an untidy maidservant opened the door. I was shown into a fireless drawing room, and the Dr. joined me there. He was ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ wearing a dressing-gown, and appears to eschew the white tie and the special collar that so many of the cloth affect. We were alone till about eleven, when Miss Clifford came in and suggested a cup of cocoa. This is an eleven o'clock beverage with him, and

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the suggestion of a warm drink apparently made him realize the empty grate. So we adjourned to a fireside and took our cocoa there. Life, as reflected by his menage, appeared to be very simple. The lady, who I think was his daughter, was not distinguished in appearance. The Doctor was exceedingly responsive and friendly throughout.

Dr. Clifford began his ministry with his present church, not the present building, 41 years ago. This was at the Praed St. Chapel. Now they have 3 places: the old Praed St. chapel with a separate pastor; the Bosworth Road Mission; and the Westbourne Park Chapel itself. In all there are 1160 members: 850 at W'bourne Park; 180 at Praed St; and 130 at Bosworth Road. Of the total some 600 are from Paddington and district and the rest come from further afield. The people who form the W.P. congregation are mainly middle-class, of all sections. The congregation, as distinct from the members, consists largely of young men. They "cater for them", and the catering is largely through the Institute (see later) though this is for young women equally.

BUILDINGS: The Westbourne Park Chapel, with 1153 sittings; Praed St. Chapel (450); Bosworth Road -- the Kensal New Town Mission; deaconess in charge; an ordinary mission; very successful; the neediest district they have to deal with and into which th so

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with, and into which, therefore, they put all their available energy and surplus funds. The Sunday evening services here are taken by a barrister and are well attended by a congregation of the poor. Boxing Day is a great occasion, and they always make a point of carrying on the programme until after midnight, when the pubs. will be closed. For further particulars of the Mission, see the Report. Rooms are hired in one or two places for S.S. Schools. Of these they had five, but one which was in Lisson Grove has been given up lately. More and more of their own people were coming from further West, and it was difficult to man the School. He thinks that most of the children have probably been drafted into Mr. Yerburch's school, since he had one in another part of the same Board School. Also, the Chapel is largely responsible for a School in Church St. Paddington Green -- an undenominational affair. Their own home schools are held in rooms under the Chapel, and in some of the Institute rooms. The Servants' Home is another building; 16 beds; established with mainly a preventive object; worked by ladies (see Report, p. 12).

The attendances at the Chapel are 1000 or more in the morning, and the place is "packed" on Sunday evenings.

His present membership he regards as a fixed proportion

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to congregation, about the same number, 100? coming in and leaving yearly. He thinks that the proportion above which you can hardly expect to go is about two-thirds.

STAFF: In addition to himself there is an assistant-minister; the minister at Praed St; the deaconess at Bosworth Road; and the Matron of the Home. For additional helper of whom there are very many, see Report.

The various agencies connected with W.P. Chapel are described in the Report, but the following were mentioned as being perhaps somewhat distinctive in character: The Young People's Afternoon Conference; average attendance about 150; v. Report, p. 8; The Young People's Socials, after the evening service on Sunday. Dr. C. now goes once a month, and is open to be catechised on all subjects that people care to broach, be they connected with heaven or earth. At other times there are lectures, etc. concerts. Coffee is always served, and the idea is to make the meetings occasions when the young people can play the part of missionaries and have an opportunity of inviting their friends. There is a membership, for which shilling cards are taken. This nearly pays for any direct expense incurred, such as the coffee. From 2 to 300 come. The thing began in a Young Men's Bible Class, about 17 years ago, but the evenings have always

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been open to both sexes. At first there was a good deal of opposition, even among some of his own people, to whom the idea of any social function on Sunday was startling and repugnant, and he undertook to be present always. Then they were held once a month, ~~later~~ once a fortnight, and now weekly. They have proved an admitted success, and have been adopted by Dr. Allon and Mr. Snell among others. Price Hughes too has something of the same kind.

But the great Social Agency is the Westbourne Park Institute. This began in classes that Dr. C. started 40 years ago when people had not so much leisure as now-a-days. To get over the difficulty, they had the classes at 7 a.m. He himself kept up a Ruskin (Political Economy) class at this hour, until about four years ago. They had an average attendance of 23, and one enthusiastic lady member used to bicycle down from Clapton. (In the course of conversation Dr. C. mentioned, by the way, that the sexes had practically equal privileges in everything both at the Chapel and the Institute "except at the Mothers' Meeting!"). The ~~Institute~~ ^{Institute} has grown to a big thing since these early days, and the membership ~~of the Institute~~ is now from 1300 to 1600. ^{There are} two classes of members, one for the lectures, which includes all sorts of people, including two or three judges; and the class registered

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which is mainly composed of young people. Their special lecture list is one of the best in London, and an active Sec. prides himself in getting all the best people. Thus Nansen came, and they had to pay him £80, and £30 to £40 per lecture is common. Sir Robert Ball is an annual favourite. They have University Extension Lectures, and many other classes and Societies, ~~of every kind~~, many of them of a utilitarian kind, but many of them designed for more strictly educational purposes. For many of the particulars, see the Lecture List and Institute Journal. The place is now managed by an independent committee, of which Dr. C. is Chairman, but his position is now that of a titular king rather than of an active governor. He is President of the whole thing, but among the V.Ps. are the Chief Rabbi and Frederic Harrison. Three years ago there were some 270 Jews members, and the total is growing. But he has had no difficulty; Jews and non-Jews mix in a friendly way. The relation to the Chapel is largely one of finance, as in case of a deficit, the Chapel would be corporately responsible. But it is clear that both in constitution and in aims, the objects of the Institute are considerably wider than anything ordinarily annexed to either church or chapel. It contains an excellent Chemical Laboratory.

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In talking with Dr. C. one is apt to forget that he is a Baptist, and that his is a Baptist Chapel. But he mentioned that his people give a good deal of help to their "institutional" organizations. He has, he says, a splendid body of deacons, with Mr. Gaze, of "Gaze's" as Sec. He is a first rate hand at business, and among other things that he gets done is to print all the diaconate ~~xxxxxxxx~~ reports, weekly. They thus possess an admirable record, and much time is saved. Reference is so easy, and procedure becomeed simplified. He himself has now little to do with ~~much of~~ the detail of much that goes on around him, but he has a regular plan of keeping in touch with all. At fixed seasons of the year, Oct., Jan., and generally in June or July, he sees every one who is in any position of responsibility. The deaconess of the Bosworth Road Mission comes to see him and to report weekly. Every week on Thursday evenings he is in the Chapel parlour for two hours, and prepared to see all comers. He finds that this plan saves a lot of time.

The educational work centres pretty much in that of the Institute, but outside of any of his local work Dr. Clifford is well-known as one of the figur^eheads (that fight) in the Progressive cause. If He acted as, I believe, an Hon. Sec. for the Central Progressive Council, and the following

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^R resolution, which they have forgotten to localize, illustrates the position that he maintained and the work he did. I have never heard him speak, but on the platform he is by repute a veritable Boanerges. He is very well satisfied with the outlook at the present time, believing that unless they make any serious blunder, the present Progressive majority will hold its own. At the present time the Council is trying to do something to stimulate interest among the parents, mainly by means of illustrated lectures. Dr. C. believes like most other sensible people that the best machinery for ensuring attendance is ~~xxx~~ found in the interest of the parents in the schools, and he thinks that in this matter time is all on the side of those who are keen for the cause of education. A recent visit to Massachusetts has greatly impressed him by its revelation of the practical absence of any truancy question there. The parents' interest eliminates it.

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Jan.

THE EDUCATION CONTEST.—As a sample of the estimate put upon our Pastor's services in the cause of National Education, we print the following:

"This meeting records its deep sense of the obligations under which all lovers of unsectarian Bible education are laid, by the noble conduct and untiring labours of the Rev. John Clifford, LL.B., D.D., during the recent School Board contest in London. We beg to assure the rev. gentleman of our admiration of the uncompromising attitude that he has assumed, on behalf of the Free Churches, in his earnest and courageous advocacy of truth and righteousness as the only safe-guards of child-life against the teaching of an insidious and aggressive sacerdotalism. We pray that the rev. gentleman may long live to be the eloquent exponent of Free Church principles, and a consequent blessing to the nation."

From the
Chapel Magazine for
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enforcement of the closing Act appeared to be the chief offences suspected. The use of the streets round the Royal Oak Station was mentioned as ^{an} area in which there was a good deal of solicitation. As regards the age of MARRIAGE, he said that there was no doubt but that ~~it~~ it had gone up in his time. During the 40 years of his ministry, he puts the rise at 7 years, and he thinks that it has gone up three during the last 12 years. But there are not many marriages celebrated at his chapel. In connexion with THRIFT he mentioned the Westbourne Park Building Soc.~~xx~~ which still has the Chapel as its registered address, but which has become a "tremendous" affair, with offices at 58 Portchester Road. The retention of the Chapel address and the endorsement that this implies, is the only connexion still existing. It is, he says, really a Savings' Bank.

He has nothing to ^{do} directly with the Vestry, but, although it has improved a good deal, still has a poor opinion of this body ~~xx~~ in Paddington, and still worse of that in Kensington. The sanitary administration in the latter district is much the worse of the two. He was especially emphatic as to the bad state of things in the Bosworth Road area, to the neglect of which he would like to have attention drawn. He describes the conditions as regards no sing, drink

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etc. as "awful". Physical conditions appear partly to explain the degradation of the area, as it is shut in by railway and canal, but beyond this, there is no other proximate cause save perhaps that it is a laundry area, that is, an area in which so many of the women are bread winners that the men can more easily loaf and go to the bad. Thus the wage-earner there is not a very satisfactory sort of person, and has "to be held up a good deal". Dr. C. is hoping to get a Lipton depôt established in the n'hood, and has written making an application to Sir Thomas. He wants it especially "to counteract the drink."

But, as implied, he has but little to do with actual administrative work of any kind. Speaking of the Vestries, for instance, he said, "My people are on these things". His recognized function is to try "to heighten ideals", and to stimulate, and from this standpoint he always enters into electoral contests.

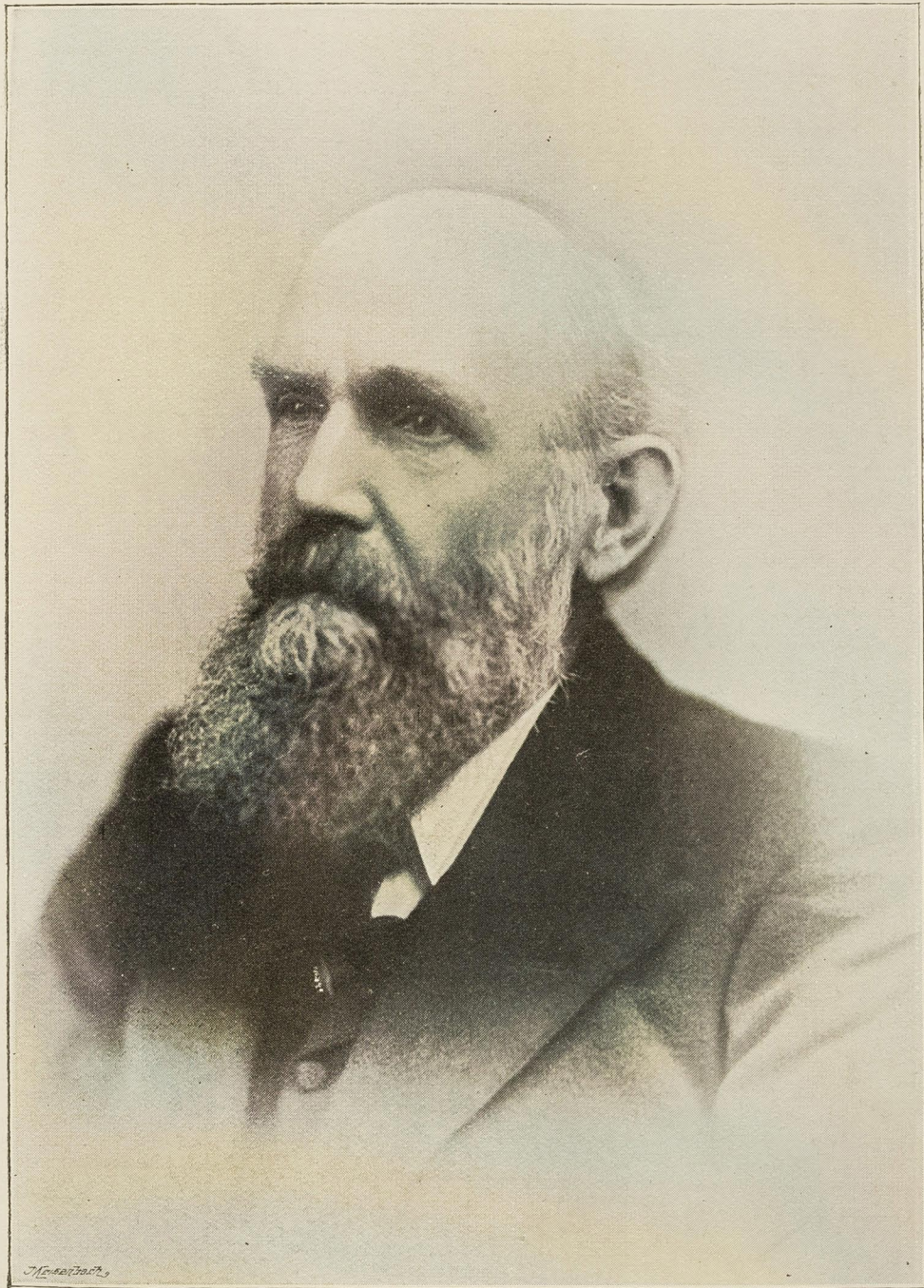
On the general attitude towards religion of working-men as a class, he has no very great knowledge, as the comparatively few who attend his chapel have passed through his S. School or some similar branch of their work. On the opinions of young people of the middle-class, mainly of the lower middle I suppose, he has wide knowledge and decided

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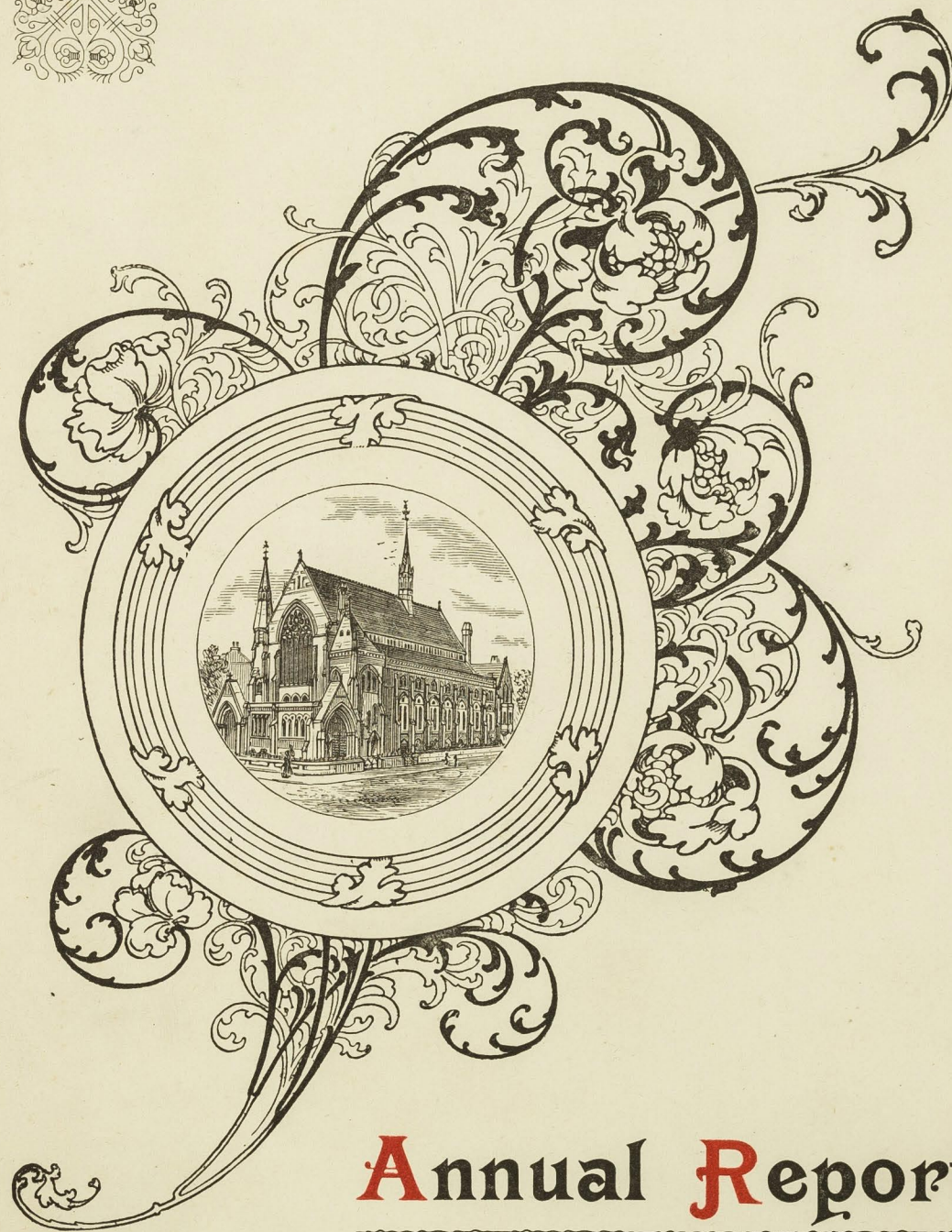
views. [He considers that some 20 years ago men were almost invariably inclined to assume a conflict between Science and Religion. This has passed by, and, teaching as he does and as he always has done, an "applied Christianity", he now finds that when men come to him it is rather to ask of what use to them the religious life can be, and they come with some expectation that he will be able to show them that Christianity is something that will give them help and add to the brightness of life. Young women, on the other hand, are much more critical than they have ever been in the past and the kind of difficulty that they bring, often turning on the authority of the Bible and showing a reflection of modern textual criticism of the Scriptures, leads him to see in their attitude a sign of "the intellectual awakening of the sex."]

As regards the power to get work done and people to help, things have very greatly improved. Applied Christianity comes in, and has helped to make people more ready to recognise their social duties than they were 20 years ago. The "social idea" is abroad now, in a quite new fashion and to a quite new degree. He says this, in spite of the set-back of the last three years. ~~This~~ For the moment people have "lost the power to fight", but to those who come to him in thi

disheartened state of mind, he says that it is only a passing phase, and that things will soon right themselves again. He thinks that the phase in question is largely traceable to the baseless hopes that people entertained a few years back of speedily reaching, even in a few years, a social millennium. People are getting wiser now, but meanwhile many are despondent. His own faith does not appear to be in any way dimmed, and he remains, as he appears always to have been, a zealous, optimistic Christian Socialist.



Westbourne Park, Praed Street,
and Bosworth Road Church.



Annual Report

For the Year 1897.

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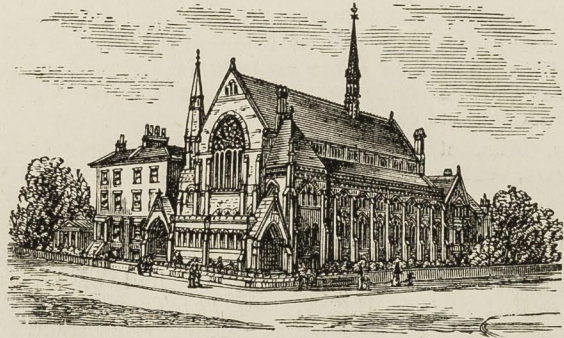
BOSWORTH ROAD CHURCH,

For 1897.

Motto for the Year:

"Jesus went out, bearing the cross for Himself. . . . And they laid on Simon the cross to bear it after Jesus."

—JOHN xix. 17; LUKE xxiii. 26.



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Church Order.

I.—The Monthly CHURCH MEETING is held on the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday in the month. Topics vital to Church progress and work are discussed, and intercourse between the members is promoted.

II.—BELIEVER'S BAPTISM. The Pastor can be seen after any service on this subject, and also according to appointment. The Leaflets "Need I be baptized?" "What's the use of Baptism?" may be had of the Seat Stewards.

A Service for the Dedication of Infants to God is held at the Chapel or at the homes of friends whenever desired.

III.—The LORD'S SUPPER is administered at each Chapel on the first Sunday Evening of the month after the usual service; and also on the third Sunday Morning at Westbourne Park and Praed Street Chapels. All Christians are welcomed.

It is necessary, for correct registration in the Church books, that the Communion tickets should be delivered by all members at each Lord's Supper service which they attend. These tickets may be obtained by application to the Officers, who should be immediately informed when any member's address is changed.

IV.—It is earnestly requested that in cases of illness intimation to that effect be at once given to one of the Officers or Pastor of the Church. "Is any among you sick, let him call for the Elders of the Church."—James v. 14.

V.—When any member of the Church is removing to a distance, it is particularly desired that the Officers or Pastor may be made aware of the fact, so that the letter of introduction to some other Church provided for the purpose, may be promptly supplied.

VI.—SITTINGS.—(a) Applications for sittings may be made at Westbourne Park Chapel, to any of the Seat Stewards. Praed Street sittings are all free. (b) Tickets for admission by private entries at Westbourne Park Chapel can be had on application to the Seat Stewards, both by seat-holders and members of the Church and Congregation. These tickets admit to seats up to five minutes before commencing service, it being understood that all sittings not then occupied may be appropriated to other worshippers. (c) Families from home will confer a kindness on Seat Stewards and visitors, if they will notify their absence to the Seat Stewards. (d) Each Seat-holder will understand that it is his privilege to welcome strangers into any sittings of his not occupied, and do all he can to make each worshipper feel that he is in the Father's house, not as an intruder, but as a welcome guest.

VII.—All applications by Societies for Rooms for Meetings other than those already arranged for, should be made as long in advance as possible to the Secretary to the Church Officers. Requests for Rooms on Friday and Saturday should be avoided as much as possible.

VIII.—Notices, bills, etc., must not be posted outside the buildings, nor distributed in pews, vestibules, etc., without the consent of the Officers of the Church.

IX.—Complaints as to any cause of discomfort in worship or inconvenience in work should be addressed to the Secretary to the Church Officers.

X.—The Union or Baptist Hymnal may be had of the publishers, E. MARLBOROUGH & Co., 51, Old Bailey, and *The Treasury: a Companion Tune Book to Psalms and Hymns*, may be had at 25, Bouverie Street, Fleet Street.

XI.—The Westbourne Park Monthly Record can be had of any of the Seat Stewards at the Chapel, or from the Editor, 264, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, W., on the first Sunday in each month.

The following accounts have been audited by Mr. E. SPINK and Mr. A. STEWART, to whom the Church is much indebted for this useful service.

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Assistant Minister.

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W. EARLEY.	W. KLOSZ.	F. WYAND.

To any of whom application for Sittings may be made.

Organist.

Mrs. LAYTON, F.C.O., Stanley House, Milner St., Cadogan Sq., S.W.

Chapel-Keeper.

H. COOMBES, 149, Droop Street, Queen's Park, W.

Obituary, 1897.

Mr. FITZHERBERT JAMES	May.
Mr. ROBERT LANGFORD HANSFORD ...	June 11th.
Mr. GEORGE J. UNITE	June 12th.
Mr. THOMAS JOSEPH MAY	July 30th.
Rev. J. WHITFORD... ..	April.
Mr. ALFRED TOWERS	October 29th.
Mrs. MARGARET WEARE	November.

I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy Spirit
Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit,
Nor street of shining gold.

Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace—
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place.

Sorrows humanize our race;
Tears are the showers that fertilize the world;
And memory of things precious keepeth warm
The heart that once did hold them.

They are poor
That have lost nothing; they are poorer far
Who, losing, have forgotten; they most poor
Of all who lose and wish they might forget.
For life is one, and in its warp and woof
There runs a thread of gold that glitters fair,
And sometimes in the pattern shows most sweet
Where there are sombre colours.

Let us turn
Oft, and look back upon the wondrous web,
And when it shineth sometimes we shall know
That memory is possession.

—Jean Ingelow.



To the Church of Jesus Christ

ASSEMBLING IN

WESTBOURNE PARK, PRAED STREET, AND
BOSWORTH ROAD CHAPELS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

THIS collection of "Reports" of the work done in the various departments of service during 1897 supplies abundant evidence of the guidance and blessing of God. The year has been exceptional in several ways: but like those which have preceded it, its first call is for gratitude, and its second to the encouragement of a great hope.

The Lord has added to our numbers such as are in the way of being saved. Your work of faith and labour of love has been unflagging and enthusiastic. Your gifts to Him "Who sits over against the treasury" have risen above their usual mark, and in many instances are the signs of genuine self-sacrifice, and of "a year" of self-denial, pleasing to Him Who summoned the attention of His disciples to the contribution of the woman who gave most because "she cast in all the living that she had."

The removal of our friend and fellow-worker of many years, Alfred Towers,* gives an exceptional character to 1897. It is a long time since we were called to part with one so completely identified with our Church life and work: and no week passes without reminding us of his service. Long will his memory be an inspiration to those who seek "the coming of the Kingdom of God" in the finer manhood of Christian young men.

I cannot forget that I was, owing to your great kindness and that of our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Huddart, absent on a journey round the world for seven months. These reports, read in the light of that fact, are evidence of your chivalry and devotion. Led by most self-sacrificing and devoted officers, you worked the manifold and comprehensive machineries of the Church with a courage and faith, zeal and devotion, that I shall not forget as long as I live.

* See Record for December.

Dear brethren all, you are "my hope, my joy, and my crown of glorying before our Lord Jesus."

I rejoice greatly in the work of the Young for the Young: in our Sunday Schools, in our Christian Endeavour Societies, and in our Temperance and Social work, and pray that "it may abound more and more in knowledge and all discernment."

Bosworth Road has been transfigured by the Kyrle Society. The School-room at Praed Street has been thoroughly renovated, and is as healthy and clean as it can be made. Manifold repairs have been carried out at Westbourne Park.

"I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ: even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart."

Yours always,

JOHN CLIFFORD.

Constitution of the Church.

I.—The Church is Congregational or Independent in its polity; recognizes Jesus Christ as its supreme authority; and takes the principles of the New Testament communities as the expression of His will concerning the basis and conditions of united Christian life. Membership is therefore open to all who are members of "His body," *i.e.*, to all who confess faith in Christ, strive to learn and obey His law, not only in their individual life, but in and by association for mutual help, common worship, and beneficent work.

II.—The Church teaches that Baptism into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the privilege of each believer in the Saviour. Every applicant for membership is urged to consider the Lord's will on this subject, but the rule followed is, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind," and act according to his judgment of the Master's teaching. The whole question is left to the individual conscience. The obligation to be baptized springs out of the relation of the soul to the Saviour, and not from the relation of the believer to the Church.

III.—The Church is a brotherhood of workers for God and men. Each member is asked to contribute his full share to the spirituality and glow of worship, to the effectiveness of the whole work, and to the funds of the Church and its manifold organizations. Every one has some gift, whose use enriches the life and enlarges the usefulness of the Society. *Rom. xiii. 6.*

IV.—In Foreign and Home Missions, the education of Ministers, and similar aggressive work, we are in union with the LONDON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION; the BAPTIST UNION; and the BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REPORTS.

Westbourne Park Chapel.

Teachers' Social Union, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions from Sunday Schools—		Balance due to Secretary ...	0 0 4
Bosworth Road £0 5 0		Postage	0 4 0
Westbourne Park 0 5 0		Printing	0 13 6
Praed Street..... 0 5 0		Stationery	0 1 5
	0 15 0	Balance in hand	1 5 9
Sale of Lantern.....	1 10 0		
	£2 5 0		£2 5 0

Sunday School.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Superintendent—Mr. E. M. JONES. Assistant Superintendent—Mr. J. R. RYAN.
 Treasurer—Mr. G. D. UNITE. Secretary—Mr. C. A. GAZE.
 Registrar—Miss A. V. STEVENSON. Collectors—Mrs. WOOD & Miss STEVENSON.
 Literature Secretary—Miss L. BAIL. Librarian—Mr. F. W. CLIFFORD.
 Missionary Secretary—Mr. E. W. GAZE.
 Superintendents of Evening Separate Service—Messrs. MARSON and TIPPETT.
 Secretary of Evening Separate Service—Mr. WATTS.
 Registrar, Morning School—Mr. H. H. MOORE.
 Senior Girls' Guild—President—Miss CHERRY.
 Secretary for I.B.R.A.—Miss BRAGG.

Teachers—The Misses R. ANNESS, L. BAIL, M. BRAGG, CHERRY, CHILTON, DUDDRIDGE, G. EADES, R. GREENFIELD, A. GREENFIELD, JAMES, KING, MOIR, K. RICE, SAUNDERS, STEVENSON, A. V. STEVENSON, WIGHTMAN, Rev. J. HEAP, Messrs. BASS, BREADMORE, W. H. JAMES, TIPPETT, and A. WOOD.

We close the year 1897 with a total of 29 teachers and officers, and 220 scholars on our roll. The average attendance has been, morning 49, afternoon 147, and at the separate services, morning 40, evening 50. Six of our scholars have joined the Church during the year.

It is with regret we record the loss of the valued assistance of Mrs. Worley, Misses Dunster, Sherren, Pocock, White, Messrs. Watson, Thos. Brown, and W. D. Edwards (who was Assistant Secretary). We are glad to report the vacated places have been filled by new friends who are now working with us. Miss M. Stevenson, Mrs. Wood, and Mr. Folly, have rendered us much appreciated occasional service.

The usual Summer Excursion took place in July, to Bricket Wood. Although the day was enjoyably spent it was somewhat marred by the inclement weather on the homeward journey.

The Anniversary Services were held in December, the weather was unfortunately bad both on the Sunday and the Wednesday, the attendances, however, were very good.

W.P.C. Sunday School (continued).

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	0 2 10½	Subscriptions — Teachers'	
Subscriptions	12 17 0	Social Union	0 5 0
Collections — Westbourne		Subscription—Sunday School	
Park Chapel	23 3 4	Union	1 1 0
Teachers' Subscriptions	5 0 1	Anniversary Tea and Treat	19 18 4
Anniversary Tea—Cash and		Printing, Prizes, and Hymn	
Subscriptions	8 0 9½	Books	11 1 0
Hymn Books	0 10 0	Subscriptions—W.P.C. Reno-	
Hire of Magic Lantern	2 3 6	vation Fund	6 13 4
Magazines	4 1 10	Lighting and Cleaning	15 0 0
Library Subscriptions	0 12 5	Purchase of Magazines	3 19 3
Scholars' Missionary Collec-		Purchase of Magic Lantern, &c.	4 14 5
tions	16 5 4	Repairs	0 2 6
Collection for Bosworth Road		Missionary Subscriptions	16 5 4
Mission	0 10 0	Bosworth Road Mission	0 10 0
Boys' Guild Subscriptions	1 5 6	Boys' Guild Gymnasium Rent	4 0 0
Balance due to Treasurer	11 3 1	Postage and Stationery	2 5 7
	£85 15 9		£85 15 9

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mr. E. Cayford	1 1 0	Mr. J. R. Ryan	0 10 6
A. Cayford	0 10 6	Phillippo	0 5 0
Miss Cayford	0 10 6	Pearson	0 5 0
Mr. H. Chilton	0 10 0	R. Robinson	0 5 0
J. W. Chapman	0 5 0	Stevenson	0 10 0
Ford	0 10 0	Mrs. Taylor	0 2 6
Jones	1 1 0	Mr. G. D. Unite	1 0 0
A Friend (per Mr. Jones)	2 10 0	Mrs. Waylett	0 10 6
Mr. Klosz	1 0 0	Mr. Thompson	0 5 0
Kluht	0 10 6		
J. Ryan	0 15 0		
	£12 17 0		

W.P.C. Sunday Afternoon Conference.

President—Mr. J. WALLIS CHAPMAN.

Vice-Presidents—Mr. C. T. FOLKERT, Mr. C. H. HARVEY, Mr. W. S. STROUD.

Secretaries for "Socials"—Mr. F. G. CHURCHARD, Mr. ALLAN WOOD.

By the death of Mr. Towers, our Sunday Afternoon Conference lost not only its Founder and first President, but also the personal friend of the Members, and one who, when his counsel was needed, placed himself unreservedly at their disposal. As leader and friend he has, by his gentleness and tact, his insight and sympathetic breadth of view, left to the Conference a loved memory to be cherished and established a tradition worthy to be followed.

Dr. Clifford's New Year's Address on January 1st was characterized by those qualities of keenness of thought and directness of speech for which we always look—and find—in these annual messages.

At the meetings which have been held in the Chapel, for the consideration of public questions, addresses have been given by Miss Florence Balgarnie, Mrs. Ormiston Chant, the Revs. Hugh Price Hughes and Bruce Wallace, and by Messrs. H. R. Fox Bourne (of the Aborigines Protection Society), A. E. Fletcher (Editor of the *New Age*), and A. G. Shephard (of the London School Board).

W.P.C. Sunday Afternoon Conference (continued).

At our ordinary Sunday Afternoon Meetings, held in Room No. 6, we have had papers and discussions on Biblical, philosophical, social, educational, and literary subjects; the average attendance at these meetings being 48. In our consideration of many of these questions we have been helped by the use of a box of books lent to us by the Fabian Society, a service for which we tender sincere thanks.

"The Socials" have been again carried on as a branch of the work of the Conference. This year we have had the hearty co-operation of the Christian Endeavour Society in our joint efforts to make these meetings successful and useful. The Opening Meeting was held on October 17th, 1897. Addresses were delivered by Miss Annie S. Swan (Mrs. Burnett Smith), and the Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross, M.A., and Dr. Clifford; Madame Kate Cove contributing solos. During the Winter, we have been favoured by a visit from Mrs. Ormiston Chant, who gave an address on "Sociability," and also very effectively rendered "The Holy City." At our Closing Meeting, March 27th, Mr. H. J. Wilson, M.P., gave an address "On the duty of the Christian in Public Affairs."

The attendance has averaged about 150, and has consisted largely of those we desire to assist, viz.: the young people connected with various business houses in the neighbourhood. The thanks of the Committee are tendered to Mrs. Layton, the Westbourne Park Chapel Choir, and the Kyrle Society, for assistance rendered in the musical programme; also to Miss Chant, Miss Esther Franklin, Miss Liddiard, and Miss Briggs, for solos given at various meetings.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
December 31st, Donations		January 1st, amount due to	
and Subscriptions	2 7 6	Treasurer	1 2 11½
Collected at Weekly Gather-		Printing and Stationery	6 6 8
ings	9 10 6	Postages	2 13 1
Collected at Annual and		Expenses Annual and Quar-	
Quarterly Meetings	2 18 10	terly Teas	1 19 4½
Collected at Special Chapel		Printing, Advertising, etc.,	
Gatherings	10 15 10	Special Chapel Gatherings	12 1 2
Collected at Dr. Clifford's		Printing and Advertising Dr.	
New Year's Address	7 2 0	Clifford's New Year's Ad-	
Library Receipts	0 3 3	dress	6 4 4
Receipts Sunday Evening		Weekly Advertisements	2 10 2
Socials to March, 1897	18 4 4	Library Expenses	0 7 0
Balance due to Treasurer	2 15 0	Special Advertisement in	
		Institute Syllabus	1 1 0
		Sundries	0 5 0
		Expenses Sunday Evening	
		Socials to March, 1897	18 5 6
		Contribution to Engineers'	
		Fund	0 11 0
		Contribution to Bosworth	
		Christmas Dinner	0 10 0
	£53 17 3		£53 17 3

W.P.C. Sunday Afternoon Conference (continued).

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
<i>Sunday Afternoon Conference.</i>			
Mr. J. Wallis Chapman	1 0 0	Mr. F. G. Churchard	0 5 0
„ A. P. Griffiths.....	0 1 6	„ G. Cordmer	0 2 6
„ E. W. Marson.....	1 5 0	„ H. J. Ford	0 2 6
„ Hy. Walker, F.G.S.	0 1 0	„ E. W. Marson	0 5 0
		„ H. T. Marson	0 4 0
		„ W. F. Marson	0 1 6
	£2 7 6	„ Norton	0 1 0
<i>Sunday Evening Socials.</i>			
Mr. J. Wallis Chapman	0 5 0	„ A. J. Reeves	0 2 0
„ T. Brown.....	0 5 0	„ A. Towers	0 10 0
			£2 3 6

Young Women's Christian Association.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Superintendent and Treasurer—Mr. J. RYAN. Hon. Secretary—Miss HERRING.

Librarian—Miss ANNIE WRIGHT. Secretary of Tract Workers—Miss LOCKYER.

Secretary of Literature—Mrs. RYAN.

Hon. Workers—Mrs. BONWICK, Miss GREGSON, Mrs. MORANT,
Mrs. WILSHIRE HILL.

This Branch, which holds its meetings in the Young Women's Home, closed the year with a membership of 197, an increase of 30 over the previous year. The attendance at the Sunday Afternoon Meetings has averaged 50, and we are indebted to Mrs. Bonwick, Miss Gregson, Mrs. Morant, Mrs. Wilshire Hill, the Rev. John Heap, the Rev. C. H. Smyth, of Chefoo, North China, and the Hon. Mr. Dass (the first Indian Christian holding a Government appointment), for Bible lessons and addresses.

The Annual Picnic took place on July 6th, when 70 members and friends visited Southend-on-Sea. The weather was fine, and the day much enjoyed by all present. We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends for their gifts of free tickets.

Among the several Social Meetings held during the year, we should mention that on the August Bank Holiday, when 50 friends met at the Home for tea, and spent the afternoon and evening in social enjoyment, closing with family worship.

Weekly Sewing Meetings have been held under the direction of Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. Ryan, the profits being devoted to the Home funds.

Our members have generously subscribed to the General and Benevolent Funds, the latter has been the means of assisting members in times of sickness and special need, and of aiding those requiring rest and change of air, practically carrying out our motto, "By love serve one another." The Members have been actively engaged in Christian work as Sunday School Teachers, Tract Distributors, and Domestic Mission Visitors. One of our Members has entered a Training Home with a view to Foreign Mission work.

Young Women's Christian Association (continued).

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members' Subscriptions to General Fund	11 9 0	Members' Annual Tea, Social Meeting, etc.	4 14 11½
Sunday Class Box	9 19 2½	Division of Sunday Class Collections—	
Sale of Badges, Almanacs, and profit on sale of Gazettes	1 7 2½	Mrs. Wilshire Hill (Zenana)	1 1 0
	22 15 5	Mrs. Wilshire Hill (Indian Famine)	4 0 0
<i>Benevolent Fund—</i>		Young, W. H.	2 15 3
Members' Quarterly Subscriptions	11 2 2	Benevolent Fund Annual Subscription to the Y.W. C.A. Head Quarters	1 1 0
Sunday Class Box	2 2 11½	Presentations to Members	0 7 8
Mr. Ford	2 12 0	Religious Tract Society (for tracts)	1 3 2
Collected for Y.W. C.A. Convalescent Sick Holiday Fund	0 12 0	Printing Monthly Letters, Tuning Piano, Postages, etc.	16 16 8
Mrs. Morant	0 10 0		34 2 8
Mrs. Donkin (returned payment)	0 5 0	<i>Benevolent Fund—</i>	
A Friend, per Miss Herring	0 5 0	Disbursements to Y.W.C.A. Members	19 3 0
Mrs. Lewis	0 3 0	Convalescent Sick Holiday Fund... ..	0 12 0
Sale of Tickets... ..	0 3 0	Mrs. Marshman's Home, Brighton	1 1 0
	17 15 1½		20 16 0
<i>Library—</i>		<i>Library—</i>	
Cash in hand from 1896	0 12 9	Cost of 1 Book	0 1 2
Members' Subs.	0 4 6	Balance in hand to 1898	0 16 1
	0 17 3		0 17 3
<i>Picnic—</i>		<i>Picnic—</i>	
By Sale of Tickets	13 5 6	Provisions and Accommodation	8 19 3
Free Ticket Donors,		Gt. W. Rly. a/c... ..	9 6 0
Mrs. Batten	0 5 6	Sundry expenses	0 7 3
Mr. Cayford	1 2 0		18 12 6
Mrs. Blake.....	0 5 6		
Miss E. M. King	0 5 6		
„ Davis	0 5 6		
Mrs. Morant.....	0 5 6		
„ Phillippo	0 5 6		
Misses Crick and Conn	0 5 6		
Mrs. Tyler.....	0 3 0		
Mrs. Ryan.....	0 11 0		
Mr. Stewart	0 5 6		
	17 5 6		
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan to balance	15 15 1½		
	£74 8 5		£74 8 5

Members of the Choir, W.P.C.

<i>Soprano.</i> Black, Mrs. Blaskett, Miss C. Galloway, Mrs. Harris, Miss Kingsford, Miss Pearce, Miss Pink, Miss Reeves, Miss Riggs, Miss Stevenson, Miss Smith, Mrs.	Towers, Miss Todd, Miss <i>Bass.</i> Barker, Mr. Canning, Mr. James, Mr. S. Lucas, Mr. <i>Contralto.</i> Ayres, Mrs. Earley, Miss Higgs, Miss Pearce, Mrs.	Smith, Miss Trinder, Miss <i>Tenor.</i> Earley, Mr. J. Galloway, Mr. Harris, Mr. Keen, Mr. Rees, Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams, Mr. H. J.
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Young Women's Home.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.
Hon. Secretary—Mrs. J. RYAN. *Treasurer*—Mr. A. H. GAZE.
Matron—Miss C. M. HERRING.
Committee—Mrs. BATTEN, Mrs. BERRY, Mrs. BLAKE, Mrs. CAYFORD, Mrs. CHAPMAN, Mrs. CLIFFORD, Mrs. CROCKETT, Mrs. GAZE, Mrs. MORANT, Mrs. PHILLIPPO, Mrs. STEWART, Mrs. WILSHIRE HILL.

The eleventh year of work in the Young Women's Home has been marked by progress and blessing; many coming to London for the first time have been met at the various termini and docks. Of the 226 who have availed themselves of our accommodation, the larger number were seeking situations, but some have made it a holiday home during a visit to this city.

The Annual Gathering of those who have resided in the Home during the previous year was held on Tuesday, January 26th. The tea and social evening were much enjoyed in the company of those whose acquaintance had been made in our Institution.

The Annual Meeting of the Home and Y.W.C.A. was held on Wednesday, February 17th, presided over by our President, Dr. Clifford; addresses were given by Mrs. Bonwick, Mrs. Wilshire Hill, the late Mr. Alfred Towers, and the Rev. John Heap.

Special reference should be made to the kindness of Mr. W. Scott Durrant, who in November last, at considerable cost to himself, delivered a most interesting Lecture entitled "from Jaffa to Jerusalem," illustrated by magnificent limelight views, and Arab costumes, and as a result upwards of £12 was added to our Home funds.

The Registry attached to the Home is open daily from 10 till 4, Saturdays, 10 till 1. Five hundred and eighty-two applications have been received from employers, and 318 from employees; as far as possible these have been supplied.

Letters have been received from America, India, Australia, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and many parts of England, in which late residents speak of the good influence the Home and its associations still have upon them.

We would take this opportunity of thanking the friends who have, by subscriptions, sympathy, and prayer, aided this effort for the spiritual, moral, and temporal welfare of young women.

Young Women's Home (continued).

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896	0 5 2	Annual Entertainment for 1896 Inmates	1 14 2½
Subscriptions to Annual Entertainments for 1896 Inmates	1 5 0	Housekeeping, General Expenses, Coals, Salaries, etc.	230 6 7¼
Registry & Booking Fees.....	£15 7 11	Rent (less Property Tax) ...	72 10 0
Payments by Inmates	226 6 10½	Gas, Water, Rates & Taxes	38 6 2
	241 14 9½	Advertising	3 13 7
Subscriptions and Collecting Cards	49 19 6	Printing	2 0 0
Four Collections at W.P.C.	37 11 0	Balance in hand to 1898.....	0 2 8¼
Collection at Annual Meeting	2 5 7		
Lecture by Mr. Scott Durrant	12 3 0		
Sales of Work.....	2 9 2½		
Rent for private use of Rooms	1 0 0		
	<u>£348 13 3</u>		<u>£348 13 3</u>

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

<i>Subscriptions.</i>				<i>Collected by Boxes in Y.W.C.A.</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mrs. Batten ...	3 3 0	Mrs. Wilshire Hill.....	0 10 0	Afternoon Class	2 15 3
Mr. Jones	3 0 0	Mrs. Marks ...	0 10 0	Miss Herring...	2 0 6
" Kluht	2 2 0	" Newstead	0 10 0	" Harris ...	2 0 0
Mrs. Moore ...	2 0 0	" Robinson	0 10 0	" Boxes in Home	1 6 1
Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Chapman	1 11 6	" Stewart	0 10 0	Miss E. White	0 17 0
Mrs. Berry ...	1 1 0	" Unite ...	0 10 0	" Cole	0 15 0
" Blake.....	1 1 0	" Walker	0 10 0	" Leader ...	0 14 6
" Cayford...	1 1 0	Miss Goodson	0 5 0	" Lockyer...	0 14 0
" Gaze	1 1 0	Mr. Hutson ...	0 5 0	" Boulton...	0 13 0
Mr. Grant	1 1 0	Miss E. M. King	0 5 0	" Thurston	0 11 6
Mrs. Morant ...	1 1 0	" Mitcham	0 5 0	" Crick	0 10 10
" Pearson...	1 1 0	Mr. Sparrow...	0 5 0	" Jewiss ...	0 10 0
" Phillippo..	1 1 0	Miss Wall.....	0 5 0	" Yeomans	0 10 0
" Ryan	1 1 0	" Walton...	0 5 0	" A. Wright	0 8 4
Miss Towers ...	1 1 0	Mr. Wood	0 5 0	" Bailey ...	0 5 0
A Friend, per Mrs. Clifford	1 0 0	Miss Wright...	0 5 0	" Bendel ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Hind	0 10 6	" Tilbrook	0 4 0	" Nunn	0 4 0
" Barrow ...	0 10 0	Mr. Breadmore	0 2 6	Mrs. Beecham	0 3 6
" H. Chilton	0 10 0	Miss Cobley ...	0 2 6	Miss Ransome	0 3 0
" Compton	0 10 0	Mrs. Edwards	0 2 6	Mrs. Tyler	0 3 0
Miss Crick	0 10 0	" Fielder	0 2 6	Miss Pomroy...	0 1 6
Mrs. Dixon ...	0 10 0	" Kingsford	0 2 6		
A Friend, per Mrs. Ryan ...	0 10 0	" Nicholls	0 2 6		
"	0 10 0	" S. Palmer	0 2 6		
		" Reid	0 2 6		
		" Sandford	0 2 6		
			<u>£34 8 6</u>		<u>£15 11 0</u>

Westbourne Park Institute.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.
 Treasurer—Mr. H. W. GAZE. Financial Secretary—Mr. A. FELLOWS.
 Secretary, Science and Art Classes—Mr. W. H. BROWN.
 General Secretary—Mr. ALFRED P. GRIFFITHS.

The Institute balance sheet for the year ending June 30th, 1897, covers a period of considerable effort and enterprise. The Spring examinations of 1897 produced Honours and Queen's Prize results, and the work of the teachers generally has been solid and good. The University Extension lectures—a new feature at the Institute—were scarcely as successful as the Council hoped. The notable event of the year was the visit of Dr. Nansen and the rare treat enjoyed in listening to his lecture. The healthy and brightening influence of the Tuesday Lectures proved as potent as ever.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand and at Bank, July 1st, 1896					55	3	1
Grants, 1895-6		377	1	6			
Equipment Grant, 1895-6					35	18	7
Members' Subscriptions	£457 8 6						
Admission (including Dr. Nansen's Lecture)	321 6 8						
		778	15	2			
Students' Fees		247	3	10			
University Extension Lectures, Fees and Donations		91	13	6			
Donation from W.P.C.		100	0	0			
Reading Room		0	5	6			
Library		10	4	4			
Cricketer Club		23	18	1			
Cycling Club		8	6	8			
Sports, 1896		14	19	6			
Students' Society		7	12	8			
Industrial Exhibition		99	11	5			
Advertisements in Syllabus	£30 9 0						
Sale of Syllabus	2 15 2						
		33	4	2			
Prizes and Examinations Fee		8	19	0			
Hire of Gymnastic Apparatus		1	10	0			
					1,426	3	10
Grants, 1896-7 (Estimated)					380	0	0
Guarantee Fund and Advertisements a/c due					13	1	0
					2,287	8	0
Loan due to W.P.C.		650	0	0			
Outstanding Accounts		268	5	3			
					918	5	3
Less Cash in hand and at Bank	£87 4 6						
Guarantee Fund and Advertisement a/c due	13 1 0						
Estimated Grants, 1896-7	380 0 0						
		480	5	6			
					437	19	9
					£2,725	7	9
Receipts, 1896-7 a/c, as above	£1,426 3 10						
Estimated Grants and Outstanding a/cs	393 1 0						
		£1,819	4	10			
*Balance on 1896-7 a/c	24 10 3						
		£1,794	14	7			

* See opposite page.

Westbourne Park Institute (continued).

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding Accounts, 1895-6					201	13	11
Lectures and Entertainments (including Dr. Nansen's Lecture)		382	15	1			
Teachers and Assistants		554	16	8			
Newspapers and Magazines		25	13	6			
University Extension Lectures		128	14	1			
Library		16	9	2			
Industrial Exhibition		126	11	5			
Cricketer Club		43	2	9			
Cycling Club		8	5	2			
Sports, 1896		22	2	0			
Students' Society		3	10	6			
Prizes and Examination Fees		40	0	10			
General Repairs and Special		24	10	7			
Firing, Gas, and Cleaning		160	0	0			
Postages, Stationery, &c.		36	19	10			
Printing Syllabus		37	0	0			
General Printing and Advertisements		149	14	6			
Interest on Loan and Bank Charges		34	8	6			
					1,794	14	7
Repayments on Loans					78	19	3
Loans					650	0	0
					£2,725	7	9

1896-7 Expenditure.....£1,794 14 7

	£	s.	d.
Estimated Liabilities, June 30, 1896	446	10	10
Grant over-estimated	15	19	2
	462	10	0
*Balance on 1896-7 a/c	24	10	3
Estimated Liabilities, June 30, 1897	£437	19	9

This account is made up to June 30, 1897.

Dorcas Society, W.P.C.

For Report and List of Subscriptions, see next page.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1896 Account	0	16	1
Proceeds from June Sale	19	1	8
December Sale	23	1	2
Members' Subscriptions	19	3	6
Profit on Teas	0	13	8
Goods Sold	0	5	0
	£63	1	1
Materials purchased	58	6	10
24 Maternity bags 3/- each	3	12	0
Printing	0	8	6
Stamps, etc.	0	1	4
Balance to 1898 Account	0	12	5
	£63	1	1

Young People's Missionary Working Party.

President—Mrs. CAYFORD.

Secretary—Mrs. BOWSER.

Treasurer—Mrs. PHILLIPPO.

Meets on the first and third Tuesdays in every month. Tea at 4.45 o'clock.

Considering the very limited number of workers engaged in this branch of Christian effort, the results of the year's work are gratifying, as shown by the box of work, sent in the Autumn to Miss Leigh, Cuttack, Orissa, India.

The contents of this box were varied and attractive, and adapted to the requirements of the European residents in our Mission Station, who look forward to the arrival of pretty English-made articles, which they may purchase.

The value of our consignment amounted to £21 17s. 4d.

We are indebted to many friends for helping us by their kind gifts of work.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand	5 5 10 ¹ / ₂	Expenditure	11 9 1 ¹ / ₂
Subscriptions	7 3 10 ¹ / ₂	Balance in hand	1 0 7 ¹ / ₄
	<u>£12 9 8³/₄</u>		<u>£12 9 8³/₄</u>

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bowser, Mrs.	Klosz, Mrs.
Barrow, Mrs.	Hewitt, Miss.....
Bail, Miss	Pearson, Mr.....
Cayford, Mrs.....	Phillippo, Mrs.....
Cayford, Mrs. (donation).....	Phillippo, Mr.
Cayford, Mr. E.	Phillippo, Miss.....
Cayford, Miss.....	Wilshire, Miss
Cayford, Miss (collected).....	Ryan, Mrs.....
Chapman, Mr. J. W.....	Stewart, Mrs.
Coombes, Mrs.	A Friend
Green, Mrs.....	
Hill, Mrs. Wilshire	
	<u>£7 3 10¹/₂</u>

GIFTS OF WORK.

Bowser, Mrs.	Hill, Mrs. Wilshire	Poole, Mrs.
Barrow, Mrs.	Morant, Mrs.	Tagg, Mrs.
Bail, Miss	Phillippo, Mrs.	Wilshire, Miss
Cayford, Mrs.	Phillippo, Miss	
Cayford, Miss	Phillippo, Miss M.	

Mothers' Meeting.

Conductor—Mrs. FIELDER.

Treasurer—Mrs. A. STEWART.

Visitor—Mrs. WYKES.

Secretaries—Miss STEWART and Mrs. E. S. RYAN.

The Monday afternoon Meetings continue to be well attended, the Members being a little in excess of those of last year.

Through the kindness of friends we were able to provide the usual day's outing in the Summer, which was much enjoyed.

On Tuesday, February 1st, we held our Winter tea, about 80 sat down. Mr. Stewart presided, and Dr. Clifford said a few words of encouragement. A magic lantern entertainment, provided by Mr. A. Stewart and Mr. E. W. Gaze, with connective readings by Mr. Jones, enhanced the pleasure of the evening.

Gifts were presented to the workers by the mothers as an expression of their love and esteem, and the mutual feeling was one of thankfulness for the past and encouragement for the future.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896.....	2 6 0	Expenses—Tea Meeting	2 4 9
Collected for Excursion	8 11 0	Envelopes for Club Cards ...	0 1 0
Paid by the Mothers	6 8 11	Excursion expenses	13 12 0
Visitors to Excursion	1 16 0	Disbursed for needy cases ...	0 10 0
Mrs. Stewart for Stamps ...	0 3 0	Repaid to Club Members,	
Subscriptions to Thrift Club	6 4 0	inclusive of interest	65 0 1
Paid by Mothers into Club...	60 6 5	Coals.....	1 2 0
Interest	0 16 9	16 Christmas Dinners	2 0 0
A Friend	0 10 0	Balance in hand	2 12 3
	<u>£87 2 1</u>		<u>£87 2 1</u>

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mrs. Batten.....	Mrs. Phillippo
Miss Barnes	" Robinson
Mrs. Blake	" Rowden
" Chapman	" Ryan
" Chilton	" E. S. Ryan.....
" Fielder	Miss Seymour
" Gaze	Mrs. Stewart
" Gill	" Alex. Stewart
Miss E.M.K.	Miss Stewart
Mrs. Klosz	" Towers
" Leishman	Mrs. Unite
" Lilley	" Vine.....
" Morant	" Walker
" Newstead	" Wilshire Hill.....
Miss Oates	
Mrs. Percy	
	<u>£6 4 0</u>

W.P.C. Temperance and Social Crusade.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Vice-President—Mr. J. K. PRETTEJOHN.

Treasurer—Mr. A. W. PETERS, 238, Harrow Road.

Secretary—Mr. BENJAMIN PEARCE, 16, Westbourne Park Crescent, W.

We have held 23 meetings, commencing in March with a series of monthly social gatherings at 8 p.m., music, songs, recitations, etc., and at 9, addresses, discussions, etc. At our Summer open-air temperance meetings, held in the Harrow Road, several pledges were taken. Meetings have also been held at Bosworth Road Mission Hall, Carlton Vale Mission Hall, and the Lockhart Hall, Hammer-smith, and at a meeting of the Sunday Afternoon Conference an address was given on behalf of the Crusade.

We have taken part in the re-organisation of the Paddington Local Option Union, and a public Local Option Meeting was held in the Chapel under the auspices of the London Auxiliary of the United Kingdom Alliance, the Local Option Union, and the Temperance Crusade.

The Committee has now arranged for the social meetings to be held on the first and fourth Mondays in each month, in the Church Parlour, with the exception of June, July, and August.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance	1 0 3	Printing	5 6 0
Subscriptions and Donations	5 17 6	Advertising	0 10 10
Collection at Annual Meeting	0 5 4	Postages and Stationery ...	2 0 8
Grant from collection, West-		Hire of Piano, &c.	1 1 3
bourne Park Chapel	2 8 7	Postages <i>re</i> Proposed Vigil-	
		ance Committee	0 5 4
		Balance in hand	0 7 7
	<u>£9 11 8</u>		<u>£9 11 8</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mr. C. Bell	0 2 6	Mr. Thos. Lilley.....	0 10 0
„ T. Brown.....	0 4 0	„ W. H. Marshall	0 2 0
„ J. W. Callow	0 2 0	Mrs. Pearce	0 1 0
„ E. Cayford, J.P.....	1 1 0	Mr. B. Pearce	0 17 0
„ J. Wallis Chapman	0 5 0	Mrs. Peters.....	0 1 0
„ F. G. Churchard	0 5 0	Mr. A. W. Peters	0 2 6
Miss Crick	0 1 0	„ J. K. Prettejohn.....	0 10 0
„ Dearle	0 1 0	„ J. Stewart	0 10 6
Mr. L. Fielder	0 2 0	Mrs. Tagg	0 1 0
Miss Hann	0 2 0	Miss Thurston	0 1 0
Mr. E. Hellis	0 1 0	„ Tisdale	0 5 0
Miss Herring	0 1 0	Mr. G. D. Unite.....	0 2 6
Mrs. Jackson	0 2 6	„ W. Walker	0 1 0
Mr. J. E. Jones	0 1 0		
Miss King	0 1 0		
„ Latter.....	0 1 0		
			<u>£5 17 6</u>

Westbourne Park Chapel Band of Hope, 1897.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Superintendent—Mr. G. D. UNITE.

Treasurer—Miss CLIFFORD.

Secretary—Mr. ERNEST S. RYAN.

Registrar—Miss L. BAIL.

Assistant Registrars and Visitors—Misses M. BRAGG and R. CLIFFORD.

Pianiste and Collector—Miss CHERRY.

We have to report a year of steady progressive work; out of a total membership of 120 we have had an average attendance of 70 at our 36 meetings, at some of which addresses have been delivered by speakers sent by the Band of Hope Union, etc.

In addition to the three quarterly tea meetings, five competitions for prizes have been held in music, recitation, spelling, and in the cultivation of flowers. Prizes have also been awarded for regular attendance, the first being given for a full number of attendances.

Two entertainments have been given, the one at Westbourne Park in aid of our funds; the other at St. Matthew's Mission Hall, Salisbury Street. An operetta was also given by Mr. Phillips' choir, the proceeds being devoted to the Bosworth Road New Piano Fund.

While doing our utmost to interest and entertain our young Members, we do not lose sight of the fact that our chief object is to instil temperance principles in their minds.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896	1 11 0½	New Year's Collection	0 10 11
Grant from Social Work		Band of Hope Collection ...	1 6 11
Collection	5 0 0	Marylebone Band of Hope	
Subscriptions	2 12 0	Union	0 7 6
Members' Subscriptions	3 9 0½	Bosworth Road Piano Fund	2 10 0
New Year's Collection.....	0 10 11	Refreshment for Teas, etc.	4 1 3
Band of Hope Jubilee Collec-		Entertainment Expenses ...	2 6 9
tion	1 6 11	Lecture Expenses	0 15 8
New Year's Entertainment	3 15 8	Printing and Stationery ...	2 0 5
Entertainment "Too bad"	4 2 0	Prizes, Medals, etc.	3 13 5
Sale of Medals	0 1 2	Members' Cards, Badges,	
		Certificates, Hymn Books	2 6 2½
		Balance in hand	2 9 8½
	<u>£22 8 9</u>		<u>£22 8 9½</u>

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mr. E. Cayford	1 0 0	Miss Herring	0 2 0
„ J. W. Chapman.....	0 10 0		
„ J. Ryan	0 10 0		
„ G. D. Unite.....	0 10 0		
			<u>£2 12 0</u>

Westbourne Park Chapel.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Seat Rents	698 14 3	Pastor, Supplies, Chapel	
Use of Class Rooms	13 13 0	Keeper, &c.	1,047 4 0
Envelopes	178 11 2	Organist, Choir, &c.	64 0 0
"Record"	46 10 7	Printing.....	50 4 7
Contributions from Institute		Lighting and Heating	156 4 8
and Societies.....	180 5 0	Furniture	42 4 2
Teas and Sundries	17 11 4	Petty Expenses and Repairs	139 10 0
Collections	237 11 0	Insurances	37 19 10
Special Contributions.....	336 5 7	"Record".....	63 18 8
		Subscriptions to Baptist	
		Union Funds	7 7 0
		Donation to the Westbourne	
		Park Institute	100 0 0
		Balance to 1898 Account ...	0 9 0
	£1,709 1 11		£1,709 1 11

CONTRIBUTIONS TO 1897 DEFICIENCY FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Apsey, Mr.	0 2 6	Dickinson, Mr.	0 10 0
Allen, Miss S.	0 10 0	D. W.	5 0 0
Annes, Mrs.	0 10 0	Dixon, Mr. and Mrs.	2 0 0
Beeson, Mr. G.	0 5 0	Dickins, Miss Martha	0 2 0
Brown, Mr., Senr.	0 10 0	Davies, Mr. J.	0 2 0
Bail, Mr.	2 0 0	Davis, Miss F.	0 5 0
Barnes, Miss	0 5 0	Dearle, Miss	0 1 0
Baker, Mr. and Mrs.	0 3 0	Egerton, Mr.	0 5 0
Barrow, Mr. and Mrs.	1 1 0	England, Miss	0 5 6
Bowles, Miss	0 2 0	Emms, Mr.	0 5 0
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.	1 0 0	Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. E. J.	1 1 0
Bell, Mr.	0 10 0	Ford, Mr.	2 0 0
Batten, Mr.	2 0 0	Fraser, Mr. W.	1 0 0
Bruce, Mr. Jas.	0 7 6	Franklin, Mr.	0 2 6
Blackwood, Mr. J.	2 0 0	Fielder, Mr.	0 5 0
Blant, Mr. and Mrs.	0 2 6	" Mrs.	0 5 0
Berry, Dr. and Mrs.	1 0 0	" Miss	0 2 6
Brown, Miss	0 15 0	" Master	0 2 6
Buckingham, Miss	0 5 0	Fisher, Mr. John	0 5 0
Bowles, Miss	0 2 0	Friend, per Dr. C	5 0 0
Crick, Miss L.	0 10 0	Fellows, Mr. A.	2 0 0
Cayford, Mrs.	1 6 0	Gadd, Mr. W.	0 3 0
Cayford, Mr. E.	50 0 0	Gaze, Mr.	10 0 0
Churchill, Mrs.	0 5 0	Griffiths, Mr. A. P.	0 2 0
Constable, Mr. C.	0 10 0	" Mrs.	0 2 0
Chapman, Mr.	10 0 0	Grant, Miss Janet	0 3 0
Cherry, Mr.	0 10 0	Green, Mrs.	0 10 0
Chilton, Mr.	25 0 0	Grant, Mr. J.	1 10 0
Churchard, Mr.	1 0 0	Galloway, Mr.	0 2 6
Churchard, Mr. and Mrs. ...	0 5 0	Gibbons, Mr.	1 1 0
Churchard, Miss	0 2 6	Gingell, Mrs.	0 2 0
Cutting, Mr.	0 5 0	Hodge, Mr. and Mrs.	0 5 0
Davies, Miss M. J.	0 10 0	Harding, Mr. J.	1 0 0
Dexter, Mr. B. C.	0 1 0	Haan, Miss	0 15 0
Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs.	1 0 0	Hughes, Mrs.	2 2 0

Contributions to 1897 Deficiency Fund (continued).

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Hume, Miss.	0 2 6	Phillippo, Mr.	2 2 0
Hayman, Mr. J. W.	0 10 0	Rowden, Miss L. A.	0 4 0
Hughes, Mrs.	0 10 0	" Miss E.	0 2 6
Hudson, Mr. A.	0 10 0	Sampson, Mrs. and Miss.	0 5 0
Harris, Miss	0 1 3	Stillman, Mr.	0 5 0
Herring, Miss.	0 1 0	Smith, Mr. H. O.	0 5 0
" Mr.	0 1 3	Smith, Mr. John	0 2 6
" Mrs.	0 1 3	Smith, Mr. S.	0 5 0
Heslop, Mr. and Mrs.	0 3 6	Spink, Mr.	5 5 0
Jones, Mr. E. M.	1 0 0	Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. ...	0 10 0
James, Mr. and Mrs.	3 0 0	Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J.	4 0 0
Jones, Miss	0 2 0	Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J.	0 10 0
Klosz, Mr.	25 0 0	" Mr. T. F.	0 5 0
Kluht, Mr. J. H.	5 0 0	" Mr. R. E.	0 5 0
" Miss	0 10 0	Tillbrook, Miss E.	0 1 0
King, Miss E. M.	0 5 0	Thompson, Miss Marie	0 2 0
Kingsford, Mr. and Mrs.	0 5 0	Towers, the late Mr. A.	100 0 0
Lewis, Mr. W. J.	0 2 6	Tyler, Mrs.	0 5 0
Limmond, Mrs. Campbell ...	2 2 0	Tomkin, Mrs. and Miss	0 5 0
Little, Mr. A.	0 10 0	Unite, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. ...	7 10 0
Marson, Mr. E. W.	3 3 0	Usherwood, Miss	0 10 0
Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs.	1 0 0	Vowell, Miss	0 10 0
Marriott, Mr. and Mrs.	0 7 0	Walker, Mr.	0 15 0
Merry, Mr. W.	0 2 0	West, Miss Ann.	0 5 0
Marson, Miss	0 2 6	White, Mrs.	0 1 0
Newstead, Mr. and Mrs.	4 0 0	White, Mrs.	0 5 0
Northcroft, Mr.	0 10 0	Willis, Mr. and Mrs.	0 10 6
Oates, Mr.	0 10 0	Wemsley, Miss	0 2 6
Parkman, Mrs.	1 0 0	White, Mr. and Mrs.	0 10 0
Poole, Mrs. and Miss	0 5 0	Wilkinson, Miss R.	0 2 6
Parker, Mr. R. H.	0 10 0	Wills, Mr. A.	10 0 0
Parker, Mrs. and Miss.	0 10 0	No. 365	1 0 0
Penny, Mr. A.	0 2 6	X.Y.Z.	2 14 4
Pearson, Mr.	0 10 0		
Pearce, Miss E.	0 5 0		
Park, Miss	0 5 0		
			£336 5 7

W.P.C. Renovation Fund.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mr. Bates	1 0 0	Mrs. M. Thompson	0 5 0
J.C.B.	1 10 0	Mr. Vine	4 0 0
Mrs. Featherstone	0 10 6	Two Members	0 2 0
Miss M. A. Goodson	0 12 6	W.P.C. Sunday School	13 6 8
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones.	1 1 0		
Mr. Harding	0 16 0		
Miss E. M. King	1 0 0		
Miss Kluht	0 10 0		
			£24 13 8

MISSIONS AND COLLEGE OF THE CHURCH.

BAPTIST HOME MISSION.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. W. Klosz 0 10 0	Miss E. M. King 0 10 0
Mrs. Batten 1 1 0	Dr. Clifford 1 0 0
Mr. Edwards 0 2 6	Mr. Ryan 1 1 0
„ Phillippo 0 10 6	Church Collection 14 10 0
„ Stewart 0 10 0	
„ Pearson 0 5 0	£20 2 6
„ Draycott 0 2 6	

NOTTINGHAM COLLEGE.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dr. Clifford 2 0 0	Mr. Pearson 0 5 0
Rev. W. Hill 0 10 6	Miss E. M. King 0 10 0
Mr. W. Klosz 0 10 0	Mr. Ryan 0 10 6
Mrs. Batten 0 10 6	Church Collection 14 7 6
Mr. Chapman 0 10 6	
„ Phillippo 0 10 6	£20 15 6
„ Dixon 0 10 6	

MISSION ACCOUNT, W.P.C.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. Bail 0 5 0	Mr. Stewart 0 10 0
Mrs. Batten 0 10 6	Mrs. and Miss Tomkins 0 16 0
Mr. Chapman 1 1 0	Mr. Unite 0 10 0
„ Cherry 0 10 6	„ Walker 0 10 0
„ Chilton 0 10 6	„ A. Wills 1 1 0
Dr. Clifford 2 0 0	Miss Wilshire 1 13 10
Miss L. Crick 0 10 0	Mr. Wise 0 14 6
Mrs. Crockett 0 5 0	Collection W. and O. Fund 7 14 11
Miss K. Crowne 1 5 0	Westbourne Park Christian Endeavour (per Miss Dunster) 1 0 0
Mr. Dixon 0 5 0	Collection Sunday Afternoon Mission Address 1 5 4
„ Scott Durrant 1 1 0	Hall Park Sunday School 7 0 0
„ and Mrs. Edwards 0 2 6	Bosworth Rd. Sunday School 7 19 3
Rev. W. Hill 2 2 0	Collected by Miss Wilshire 1 6 3
Mr. and Mrs. James 0 10 0	W.P.S. School (per Mr. Unite) 15 0 0
Miss E. M. King 0 10 0	Church Collections 29 14 6
Mr. W. Klosz 1 0 0	
Mrs. Marks 0 10 6	£92 11 7
Mr. Newstead 0 10 6	
„ Phillippo 1 1 0	
„ Pearson 0 5 0	
„ Ryan 1 1 0	

Missions and College of the Church (continued.)

ORISSA BIBLE WOMEN.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. Pearson 0 5 0	Mr. Edwards 0 2 6
„ Phillippo 0 5 0	
	£0 12 6

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

Mr. Dixon	£0 10 6
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BAPTIST ANNUITY FUND.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. J. Wallis Chapman 0 10 6	Mr. Pearson 0 5 0
„ Ryan 0 10 6	
	£1 6 0

BAPTIST BUILDING FUND.

Mr. J. Wallis Chapman	£0 10 6
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Auxiliary to the Zenana Missionary Association.

President—Mrs. CLIFFORD.

Secretary—Mrs. WILSHIRE HILL.

Treasurer—Miss GREGSON.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Collected by Mrs. Wilshire Hill.</i>	
Mrs. Batten 2 0 0	Z..... 0 5 0
„ Blake 0 10 0	<i>Collected by Mr. Klosz.</i>
Mr. Blackwood 0 5 0	Mrs. Batten 1 1 0
Miss B. Barnes 0 1 0	Miss K. Crowne 2 0 0
Mrs. Bonwick 0 4 0	Mrs. W. Klosz 0 10 0
„ Bowser 0 10 0	Mr. Pearson 0 5 0
„ Churchill 0 10 0	„ Ryan 0 10 6
„ Clifford 0 10 0	Miss Towers 1 1 0
A Friend 0 4 0	Mr. J. W. Chapman 0 10 6
Mrs. Wilshire Hill 1 1 0	<i>Collected by Miss Phillippo.</i>
Missionary Working Party 3 0 0	Mrs. Phillippo 0 10 0
Mrs. Morant 0 10 0	Mr. Phillippo 0 10 0
„ Rutland 0 5 0	„ Ryan 1 6 6
„ Saphin 0 1 0	„ J. R. Ryan 0 4 4
Mr. Temple Smith 0 4 0	„ E. S. Ryan 0 4 4
Mrs. Stewart 0 10 0	„ Towers 0 10 0
„ J. Thompson 0 5 0	Miss Wright 0 4 4
E.U. 0 5 0	A Friend 0 1 2
Young Women's Christian Association 3 0 0	
	£23 8 8

Praed Street Sunday School (continued).

Our Schoolroom has been thoroughly renovated, and has now a much more cheerful appearance.

Our Anniversary Services, on March 21st, were times of much joy and blessing.

At our Social Meeting held March 19th, our esteemed friend, Mr. James, who had been connected with the school for 31 years, felt compelled, through failing health, to resign his position as Superintendent. The Officers and Teachers took the opportunity of presenting him with an illuminated address.

From April 25th to 30th, Mr. Inwood, of Worthing, conducted a very successful mission for children, the expenses being defrayed by voluntary contributions.

Our Excursion to Chorley Wood took place on July 5th, and we spent a very enjoyable day.

Our Harvest Festival Services were held on September 26th and 27th, and were well attended.

During the time our schoolroom was undergoing repair, we met in the chapel, and listened to addresses from Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Rev. J. Sleeper, of Marble Head, Mass., and others.

We are thankful that the Missionary spirit in our school is well maintained. We have adopted a girl in India and a boy on the Congo.

Our total collections for mission work, including the Indian Famine Fund, amount to £17 10s. 9½d., in addition to £2 collected for the Continental mission work.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Collected for Indian Famine Fund.....	1 0 3	Balance due to Treasurer...	4 1 10½
Collected Anniversary Sunday	4 0 0	Indian Famine Fund	1 0 3
" " Monday	0 12 3	Sunday School Union—	
" " Tea.....	3 9 10	General Fund	0 10 6
" Mrs. Henson.....	0 10 0	Teachers' Social Union	0 5 0
" Prize Books	0 19 0	Anniversary Tea	2 7 0
" Excursion	14 18 3	Printing, Stationery, &c. ...	4 13 2
" Continental Mission	2 0 0	Excursion	17 13 3
" Baptist Mission ...	16 10 6	S.S. Union for Books.....	2 13 3½
" Children's Special Mission, held by Mr. L. E. Inwood	2 4 9	S.S. Union Continental Mission ..	2 0 0
Special Donations for Library—Mr. Drysdale, Mrs. Gegg	2 0 0	Baptist Mission	16 10 6
Subscriptions as per list	5 5 6	S.S. Union for Library Books	2 0 0
Due to Treasurer	6 17 8	Children's Special Missions	2 4 9
		Cards, India-rubber Stamps, &c.	0 8 5
		Cleaning and Lighting	4 0 0
	<u>£60 8 0</u>		<u>£60 8 0</u>

Praed Street Sunday School (continued).

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Rev. James Briggs	0 5 0	Mrs. Thomson	0 5 0
Mr. W. Carter	0 10 0	Miss Dixon	0 5 0
" C. Carter	0 2 6	" Sanders	0 3 0
" Drysdale	0 2 6	" Thomas	0 5 0
" Danvers	0 2 6	" Usherwood	0 5 0
" Hill	0 10 0	" Wilkinson	0 2 6
" James	0 10 0	" Quick	0 5 0
" Prout	0 2 6	In Memory of Mrs. Quick ...	0 5 0
" Sanders	0 10 0		
Mrs. Sanders	0 10 0		
" Salisbury	0 5 0		
			<u>£5 5 6</u>

RENOVATION ACCOUNT, PRAED STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Receipts in 1896.....	15 10 6	Miss Rush	0 5 6
Mrs. Cayford	5 0 0	" Raven	1 0 0
" Henson	0 10 0	" Sanders	0 1 0
" Crown.....	0 2 6	" L. M. Sanders	0 2 8
" Salisbury	1 11 0	" Young	0 10 0
Mr. Cooper	0 5 0	Re-opening of Schools	1 6 4
" E. A. Danvers	0 12 0	Proceeds of Harvest Festival	3 8 5
" James	1 0 0	Proceeds of Lectures, &c. ...	7 10 9
" Morris	0 2 6	Rev. James Briggs, &c.	5 10 0
Miss Beeson	1 9 9	Transferred from Property	
" Dixon	4 10 0	Account	39 3 8
" Foster.....	0 4 9		
" Luff.....	0 2 0		
			<u>£89 18 4</u>

Mothers' Meeting.

Superintendent—Mrs. CROCKETT.

Secretary—Mrs. GREEN.

In reviewing the work of the past year we desire to express our gratitude for the willing help of many friends who have contributed to the brightness and usefulness of our meetings. Our staff of workers has received a valuable addition in Mrs. J. E. Hill, whose earnest addresses are much appreciated.

The work has been well maintained during the year; about 25 new members have been received, and the average attendance has considerably increased. We have lost two of our members by death. The usual free tea was given to about 150 recipients, who afterwards enjoyed a lantern lecture kindly given by Mr. Sanders and Mr. Carter.

The Provident Club has been largely used by the mothers, £42 10s., including interest, having been saved by them during the year.

The kindness of the Westbourne Park Dorcas Ladies in giving tickets enabling the mothers to obtain clothing at a reduced price, is much appreciated.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand.....	1 10 0	Paid with Interest.....	42 10 0
Deposits by Mothers.....	39 4 0	Free Tea	5 11 8
Interest	3 6 0	Balance	2 18 4
Collected for Free Tea.....	7 0 0		
	<u>£51 0 0</u>		<u>£51 0 0</u>

Domestic Mission.

President—Rev. J. BRIGGS. Leader—Mr. W. C. MAUNDERS.
Treasurer—Mr. C. CATER. Secretary—Mr. G. E. DANVERS.

We are glad to report a year of active work. Free grants of Tracts have been secured from the "Baptist," the Religious, and the Stirling Tract Societies.

Our eight visitors have distributed about 450 tracts weekly in the districts around our chapel allotted to them. It is with regret that we record the loss of three of our tract distributors—one has left the neighbourhood, and two have accepted other spheres of Christian labour amongst us.

We have also distributed 150 tickets for bread, coal, and grocery, to the deserving poor visited by our workers, and appeal for increased contributions to enable us to extend this most useful branch of our operations.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from Com- munion Fund ...	1 0 11½	Due to Treasurer	2 15 8
Subscriptions and Cards	7 15 8	Secretary's Expenses	0 7 0
		Grocery Tickets.....	1 4 0
		Bread Tickets.....	2 9 10
Balance due to Treasurer ...	8 16 7½	Meat Tickets	3 0 0
	5 4 10½	Printing	0 6 6
		Tracts	2 17 6
		Religious Tract Society	0 10 6
		For Domestic Mission, per Rev. J. Briggs	0 10 6
	<u>£14 1 6</u>		<u>£14 1 6</u>

For List of Subscribers, see previous page.

Band of Hope.

President—Rev. J. BRIGGS. Registrar—Miss L. SANDERS.
Superintendent—Mr. J. E. HILL. Accompanist—Miss BEESON.
Treasurer—Mr. W. APPLEBY. Secretary—Mr. G. E. DANVERS.

Although our average attendance of 15 is not so large as could be desired, we are glad to report that it is gradually, if slowly, increasing under the leadership of Mr. Hill. We have provided magic lantern entertainments, spelling bees, temperance addresses, and other attractions, with a view of interesting and then instructing young people in temperance principles.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
October 5th to December 31st, Cash received from Band of Hope Members by weekly payments	0 13 6½	October 21st, Tickets for Band of Hope	0 1 0
		December 20th, Prizes for Band of Hope	0 5 7½
		December 21st, Expenses of Lecturer	0 1 0
		Balance carried forward ...	0 5 11
	<u>£0 13 6½</u>		<u>£0 13 6½</u>

Young Women's Christian Association.

President—Mr. J. MOORE.
Teacher—Mrs. BRIGGS. Secretary—Miss WHEBELL.

Under the able and efficient leadership of Mrs. Briggs the past year has been one of steady progress, while on some occasions our attendance has been over 30, we have maintained an average of 25. We are rejoiced to observe the spirit of unity and concord which exists among our members, several have united themselves with the Church, others have pledged themselves as total abstainers.

While we regret the loss of several members by removal, we are much encouraged by the correspondence which we have had with them since they left us.

Our weekly collections, a new feature, have enabled us to contribute £3 8s. 8d. to the Baptist Missionary Society, and a number of garments suitable for native use have been made and forwarded to our Mission Stations in India.

"Our Own Gazette" has a circulation of about 50 copies monthly.

We have sustained a loss in the removal of Miss E. Platten, who had rendered us valuable service in playing the harmonium.

The Sunday Tea Meetings continue to be well attended, and much appreciated.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances from 1896—		Sunday Teas.....	4 17 0
Treasurer	6 0 9	Our Own Gazette supp.....	1 17 8
Library	1 6 9	Bound Vols., Christmas No.	1 4 4
Secretary	1 18 3½	Subscriptions to Association	0 5 0
	9 5 9½	Christmas Dinners for Poor	0 17 6
Sunday Teas	7 5 0½	Attendant at Teas	0 12 6
Our Own Gazette	2 14 0	B.M. Society School Fund	3 8 8½
Bound Vols., Christmas No.	1 8 0	Tickets for Albert Hall	0 14 0
Members' Subscriptions	1 11 0	Printing Class Cards	0 10 0
Christmas Dinners for Poor	0 17 6	Books sold in class	0 9 0
Books sold in class	0 9 0	Hymn Books, &c.	0 9 3½
Tickets for Albert Hall	0 14 0	Monthly letters, &c.	0 11 10
Self-Help Fund Collections...	0 4 0	Stationery, postages, &c. ...	0 14 7
Self-Help Fund	0 6 2	Balances due to	
Collected B.M. Society School Fund	3 8 8½	Treasurer	6 10 11
		Library	1 6 9
		Secretary	3 14 1½
			<u>11 11 9½</u>
	<u>£28 3 2½</u>		<u>£28 3 2½</u>

Bosworth Road Mission.

Preacher—Mr. W. R. WARREN, LL.B., Barrister-at-law.

Deaconess—Sister RUTH.

General Secretary—Mr. ALFRED WILLIAMS.

Sub-Treasurer—Mr. J. R. RYAN.

We are glad to record that the year of labour amongst the poor in Kensal New Town has been, notwithstanding many difficulties, one of joy and encouragement.

During the seven months of Dr. Clifford's absence, although sadly missing his direct and inspiring leadership, we rejoice that friends and workers remained steadfast, constantly helping by their gifts, sympathy, and untiring service on behalf of oppressed humanity.

By the kind aid of the Kyrle Society we were enabled to take a fresh step towards our ideal of a "Transformed Bosworth," for our Mission Hall is now beautified by pictures illustrating the legend of St. George and the Dragon, a story suggested by Dr. Clifford as being most suitable for such a purpose, by bringing constantly before the people life's combat with evil. The pictures were specially designed, painted, and generously given by the Kyrle Society, a gift for which we are deeply grateful. The change from unsightliness to beauty which has thus taken place in our Hall we hope may prove as leaven permeating throughout the homes and surroundings of many of our poorer and less privileged brothers and sisters; for all changes or reforms which tend to elevate the environment of our people are urgently necessary, and must go hand in hand with all our efforts to reach the goal for which we labour and wait, viz.: a transfigured manhood and womanhood.

The different agencies which have been working towards this end have been well sustained throughout the year and consist of the visitation of the homes of the people; religious services, mothers' meeting, connected with which are provident and boot clubs, blanket and maternity bag loans, and sale of second-hand clothes; Temperance Concerts; Band of Hope; Men and Women's Slate Clubs; Soup Kitchen during Winter season; Girls' Club; Boys' Brigade; Drum and Fife Band; Sunday School; Children's Special Service; Penny Bank; and Children's Country Holiday Fund. Space will not permit our giving details of each of these branches of work, suffice it to say that God does not leave us without proof of His blessing, for men and women in destitution and despair have been cheered and helped, some addicted to drink have become sober, while others have united with us in Christian fellowship.

Bosworth Road Mission (continued).

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hands of Sub-Treasurer brought on	9 0 7	Balance due W.P.C., brought on	130 5 6
Collections, W.P.C.	51 10 4	Heating and Lighting	31 3 3
Subscriptions	79 12 0	Taxes	1 8 1
" for New Piano	7 5 0	New Piano, including £13 15s. subscribed in 1896	21 0 0
Use of Class Rooms.....	0 10 6	Interest	5 0 0
Special Donation for Gas Fittings (Mr. Williams).....	1 0 2	Repairs.....	23 18 3
Balance in hand of Services Committee	1 16 1	Grant to Penny Bank	1 8 2
Collections at Services	5 16 2	Sundry Expenses	4 17 6
Repayment of Loan	1 0 0	Chapel Doorkeeper, &c.	39 0 0
Boys' Brigade Subscriptions	1 16 0	Travelling Expenses.....	7 4 0
Balance due to Sub-Treasurer	4 1 9	Disbursements by Services Committee	4 9 3
Balance due to W.P.C.	116 16 3	Boys' Brigade Expenses	10 10 10
	£280 4 10		£280 4 10

Collected by Mrs. Chilton, 1896-7.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sir J. Akerman	1 0 0	Mr. Thomas	1 0 0
Mr. Batten	0 10 0	" Towers	5 0 0
" Bowser	0 2 6	Miss Towers	5 10 0
" Cayford	2 2 0	Mr. G. D. Unite	0 15 0
" J. W. Chapman	2 2 0	" Walker	0 10 0
" Churchard	1 0 0	" Williams	2 0 0
Dr. Clifford	1 0 0	Mrs. Batten	1 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. Chilton	4 0 0	Mr. Chilton	10 0 0
Mr. A. Davis	1 0 0	Mr. Egerton	2 10 0
" Dixon	0 5 0	E.L.	0 10 0
" Durrant	1 0 0	Miss Hume	0 10 0
" Gaze	2 0 0	Mr. Maberly	10 0 0
" Grant	6 0 0	" Thomas	1 0 0
Miss Haan	0 10 0	" Spink	5 0 0
Mr. Huddart	2 0 0	Mrs. Vine.....	2 2 0
Mr. Klosz.....	1 0 0	Mr. W. R. Warren	1 1 0
" Pearson	0 10 0	" J. Wise.....	1 1 0
" Phillippo	0 10 6	Miss Wise	0 10 6
" J. R. Ryan	1 0 6		
" Stewart	2 0 0		£79 12 0

FOR PIANO.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mr. C. A. Gaze	0 5 0	Band of Hope, W.P.C.....	2 10 0
" Phillippo	0 10 0	Bosworth Rd. Sunday School	0 17 6
" Spink	0 10 0	Christmas Dinner Fund	2 0 0
" A. Stewart	0 2 6		
" G. D. Unite.....	0 10 0		£7 5 0

Boxing Day Dinner and Entertainment.

Secretaries—Messrs. E. S. RYAN and H. W. GAZE.

The Annual Boxing Day Dinner and Entertainment took place on Monday, December 27th. The dinner, which commenced at 4.15, consisted of hot roast beef, vegetables, and Christmas plum pudding, and was much appreciated by the guests. The number who sat down to dinner was 235, besides which a number of dinners were sent round to the houses of those who were unable to attend. Several of the Westbourne Park officers were present, as well as a number of friends, who all rendered valuable assistance. The Entertainment commenced at 6 o'clock with music, songs, and recitations. At 7.30, there was an exhibition of Animated Photographs by Mr. Tester, who also gave some selections of music and songs with the Phonograph. At 8.15, tea was provided together with cakes and biscuits, and was much enjoyed. Dr. and Mrs. Clifford came in after the tea and were greeted with loud applause. Dr. Clifford spoke into the phonograph, which was afterwards made to repeat his words. A song by Mr. Arthur Wills was also reproduced by the same means. At half-past nine there was another show of Animated Photographs, followed by more music, songs, and recitations. The Entertainment concluded with a lime-light lantern Exhibition, including a number of photographs of the Bosworth workers, specially taken for this purpose. Oranges were handed to the audience as they left the building soon after midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Horsley, for bread, sweets, and bon-bons; Mr. Little, for milk; Miss F. Gratia Smith, for cake; Mr. E. Spink, for meat and loan of cart; Mr. S. Spink, for meat; Mr. Cherry, for groceries; Mr. Bass, for ivy for decorations; Mrs. Klosz, Mrs. Gaze, Mrs. Lucas, and Miss Moore, for puddings; and also to Miss Moore for again superintending all the cooking arrangements for the day; and to all the numerous friends, who by their assistance contributed to the success of the dinner and entertainment.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Collecting Cards	24 2 6	Meat, Vegetables.....	6 1 3
Donations	7 17 3	Cake, Groceries, &c.	3 18 11½
		Cost of Entertainments.....	4 7 1
		Decorations	0 15 0
		Hire of Crockery, &c.....	3 17 6
		Printing, Washing, and Sun-	
		dries	1 9 4
		Wages	3 12 11
		Carriage of Goods, Hire of	
		Van, &c.....	1 11 0
		Postages and Sundry Ex-	
		penses.....	0 15 4½
		Lighting and Cleaning	2 2 0
		Balance to next a/c	3 9 4
	<u>£31 19 9</u>		<u>£31 19 9</u>

Boxing Day Dinner and Entertainment (continued).

LIST OF DONATIONS AND COLLECTING CARDS.

Collected by—	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Miss M. W. Klosz	2 8 6	Miss L. Bail	0 4 0
„ Fuller	1 14 7	„ Duddridge	0 4 0
„ Dearle	1 12 6	„ Gaiger	0 2 9
„ Crick	1 5 2		<u>£24 2 6</u>
„ Cayford	1 5 0		
„ Horsley	1 2 6		
Mr. W. Joy	1 1 0		
Miss E. Gaze	1 1 0		
„ Pocock	1 1 0		
Mrs. Ryan	1 0 0		
Mr. Harvey	1 0 0		
Miss Lawrence	0 16 6		
„ L. Pearson	0 16 6		
„ A. Wright	0 16 0		
„ Rice	0 14 6		
„ Griffiths	0 13 6		
Mr. H. Constable	0 13 0		
Miss L. Forder	0 10 6		
Mrs. Jackson	0 10 0		
Mr. C. Constable	0 10 0		
Miss Stevenson	0 10 0		
„ E. Trinder	0 10 0		
„ Herring	0 8 6		
„ Phillippo	0 7 0		
„ Pile	0 7 0		
„ Walker	0 6 6		
„ James	0 6 0		
„ Wilshire	0 5 0		
			<u>£7 17 3</u>

Children's Country Holiday Club.

Secretary—Mr. GEORGE H. HISCOCKS.

During the past year 19 of our scholars (all having paid their subscriptions in full) have availed themselves of the advantages offered by the Club, and spent an enjoyable fortnight's holiday at the Country Home of the Sunday School Union at Clacton-on-Sea.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896	0 0 4	Sunday School Union Child-	
Members' Subscriptions	8 12 1	ren's Country Homes	
Bank Interest.....	0 0 11	Committee, maintenance	
Donations—		of 19 Members at Clacton	
W. P. I. Cycling		for two weeks, and return	
Club.....	£0 11 6	railway fares	10 1 0
Miss Mary Chap-			
man.....	0 5 0		
Miss E. Harvey	0 2 6		
„ F. Harvey	0 2 6		
Mr. A. A. Kennedy	0 2 0		
„ G. H. Hiscocks	0 2 6		
„ P.H.O.S.”	0 1 8		
	<u>1 7 8</u>		
	<u>£10 1 0</u>		<u>£10 1 0</u>

Women's Slate Club.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Treasurer—Hon. Sub-Treasurer to the Chapel, Mr. J. REDMAN RYAN.
Secretary—Miss R. DEARLE, 30, Harvest Road, North Kensington.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Amount of Reserve Fund	2 2 10	To Sick and other claims.....	2 5 10
„ Entrance Fees, Subscriptions, Fines, Levies, &c.	23 9 7	„ Metropolitan Provident Dispensary for Medical Advice.....	1 17 0
„ Medical Advice	2 0 0	„ Printing.....	0 5 0
„ Interest	0 7 6	„ Postages and Stationery	0 3 0
„ Four new Members, 1/6 each, retained on payment of Dividend	0 6 0	„ Auditors.....	0 4 0
		„ Amount shared out:—	
		16 Members at 12 months at £1 6s. 4d. each.....	21 1 4
		„ Reserve Fund	2 9 9
	<u>£28 5 11</u>		<u>£28 5 11</u>

Men's Slate Club.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Treasurer—Hon. Sub-Treasurer to the Chapel, Mr. J. REDMAN RYAN.
Secretary—Mr. A. J. BASS, 2, Milton Villas, Marlborough Road, Wealdstone.
Committee—Messrs. J. T. KING, T. POWELL, G. PETTYFOOT, A. RUMBLE, C. J. ARTLET, F. REEVES, and A. DAVIS.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Amount of Reserve Fund, 1896.....	9 6 8	To Death Levy, Member's Wife (Mrs. Stower) ...	3 0 0
„ Subscriptions and Quarterages.....	48 13 6	„ Amount expended for Sick Pay:—	
„ Fines, Cards, and Rules	0 16 6	F. Reeves, 16 days £1 6 8	
„ Death Levy	1 14 0	C. Finch, 3 days ...	0 5 0
„ Entrance Fees.....	0 11 6	C. Rutterford, 11 days	0 18 4
„ Medical Advice.....	7 10 11	A. J. Bass, 3 days	0 5 0
„ Five new Members, 2/6 each, retained on payment of Dividend.....	0 12 6	T. Clarke, 12 days	1 0 0
„ Interest on Deposit, Westbourne Park Building Society	0 18 0	G. Kedge, 6 days ...	0 10 0
		H. Johnson, 12 days	1 0 0
			5 5 0
		To Dr. Crosbie Conry	7 0 0
		„ Printing.....	0 18 0
		„ Secretary's Salary	1 15 0
		„ Postages and Stationery	0 17 0
		„ Auditors' Fees.....	0 8 0
		„ Amount shared out:—	
		34 Members at 12 months at £1 4s. 1d. each.....	40 18 10
		„ Amount carried to Reserve Fund	10 1 3
	<u>£70 3 7</u>		<u>£70 3 7</u>

Penny Bank.

Treasurer—Mr. A. H. GAZE.

Secretaries—Mr. H. W. GAZE and Mr. HAROLD KLOSZ.

The Penny Bank is doing useful service in cultivating thrift among the young connected with or living in the neighbourhood of Bosworth Road. As we offer to pay interest at the rate of one penny per annum on each shilling deposited and not withdrawn for a period of at least two months, and the receipts are placed in the Post Office Savings Bank, there is a loss of £1 10s. 9d. on the year's working, which will slightly increase as our work develops. The Secretaries would thankfully acknowledge any subscriptions towards covering this loss, and appeal for help in this matter, feeling assured that as there is no other expense connected with the carrying on of this work, friends will see that it is not desirable that any deficiencies should fall upon the general funds of the Bosworth Road Mission.

Deposits are received from 8 to 9 each Saturday evening; 221 separate accounts have been opened, being an excess of 36 over the previous year. The deposits have numbered 2,690, the withdrawals 342, making a total of 3,032 transactions, an increase of 703 over the number reached in 1896.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896	13 13 0	Cost of Bank Cards, etc....	0 16 9
Amounts deposited.....	108 6 11½	Amount withdrawn	
Received for Cards.....	0 10 10	£95 14 5½	
Interest from Savings Bank	0 18 0	Interest paid on	0 11 11
Mr. Chilton, Donation	1 0 0		96 6 4½
Bosworth Road General Committee Grant	1 8 2	Amount due Depositors	27 17 2
Due to Depositors £30 4 7		Interest	2 7 5
Cash in hand ...	28 13 10		30 4 7
Deficit for 1897.....	1 10 9		
	<u>£127 7 8½</u>		<u>£127 7 8½</u>
Total number of deposits during year	2,690		
„ „ „ withdrawals „ „	342		
Total number of transactions.....	3,032		

Bosworth Road Sunday School.

COLLECTIONS.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Morning Collections.....	0 3 2½	Baptist Missionary Society	5 0 0
Afternoon „		Sunday School Union Country	
Boys	2 9 5½	Homes Central Fund	3 0 9
Girls	5 7 5½		
Bank Interest.....	0 0 7		
	<u>£8 0 9</u>		<u>£8 0 9</u>

Hall Park Sunday School.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Superintendent—Mr. C. E. MORRIS, 184, Ashmore Road, Paddington.

Treasurer—Mr. J. RYAN.

Secretary—Mr. H. A. ANDERS, 19, Gascony Avenue, West Hampstead.

Assistant Secretary and Registrar—Mr. A. DORNEY.

Librarian—Mr. E. PHILLIPPO.

Teachers—Mrs. ELLIS, Mrs. HYSLOP, Mrs. ANDERS, Misses CANNING, K. CUTLER, F. and A. DORNEY, E. HORSLEY, E. and L. PHILBEY, TARBART, WEEKS, WILKINSON, WILLIAMS, and Messrs. BARKER, CALLOW, ELLIS, E. and F. HART, HARVEY, E. S. RYAN, and TOWNSEND.

Lacking as is this year's work at Hall Park in any remarkable advance, either in numbers, efficiency, or in the realization of ideals, it has yet been characterised by a steady, plodding earnestness, and a fruitfulness which will, we are confident, assure us of the continued support of our many kind helpers and subscribers. In numbers we are practically as we were; financially we have slightly improved, but notwithstanding this improvement we have not been able to keep pace with increase in expenditure due to hiring additional accommodation for the establishment of a Young Women's Bible Class and a class for the members of the Boys' Brigade. The former has but recently been started, but under the able direction of Mrs. Hyslop it already shows signs of rendering signal service to our cause. The loss to the School due to the enforced resignation of Miss Phillippo was happily counterbalanced by the return of one of our much valued helpers, Mr. Barker, and the arrival of another teacher in Miss Canning. Nevertheless, we are still in urgent need of a teacher for our "Infants" class, which consists of 150 children. The Parents' Meeting in February, the Annual Excursion in July to Bricket Wood, the customary Flower Service in the same month, followed by the distribution of flowers among the inmates of Christian Union Almshouses, and the Anniversary Celebrations in November, each proved a great success, and were heartily joined in and enjoyed by teachers and scholars alike. £9 10s. 0d. has been added to the Missionary Fund. The Boys' Brigade, under the direction of Mr. Edwart Hart (Captain), has continued to flourish. From its inception two years ago, altogether 57 boys have been enrolled, 27 of whom enlisted during 1897, and our present corps consists of 32 boys, 21 being scholars in our School. Altogether, we are encouraged by the result of our year's work, and are greatly indebted among others to Dr. Clifford, for his inspiring lectures and advice, to the Rev. J. Briggs, and to Mr. J. Ryan, who generously gave to the School a number of prizes for distribution among the scholars.

Hall Park Sunday School (continued).

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896	2 13 1	Rent to London School Board	22 6 6
Subscriptions	8 9 6	Rent for Room for Teachers' Meetings	0 11 0
Proportion of Collections, W.P.C.	16 18 2	Anniversary Tea Expenses	3 9 10
Collection at Praed St. Anniversary £2 7 6		Parents' Tea	2 1 3
Sale of Tickets for Anniversary Tea 1 16 4		Lantern Lecture	0 18 1½
	4 3 10	Sunday School Union for Exam.	0 2 0
Sale of Tickets for Lantern Lecture	3 3 3	S.S.U. for Magazines	£3 10 5½
Scholars' Entrance Fees to Scripture Examination ...	0 1 0	S.S.U. for Binding	4 14 1½
Sale of Magazines, 1896	£4 1 2½	S.S.U. for Hymn Books, Lesson Books, &c.	3 0 5
Payments for Binding do. (half cost) 0 11 10		Hire of Piano	0 10 0
	4 13 0½	New Thermometer	0 1 0
Sale of Hymn Books	0 4 3	Printing	1 0 0
Library Subscriptions	0 4 1½	Excursion Expenses	12 17 2
Subscriptions and Collecting Cards for Excursion	16 4 8	Infants' Treat Expenses ...	1 17 9½
Balance due Treasurer	0 8 4	Caretakers, for Attendance	2 14 0
	£57 3 3	Secretary—Postages, &c.	1 0 0½
			£57 3 3

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
John Aird, Esq., M.P.	1 1 0	Mr. Philbey	0 10 0
Mr. Ryan	1 1 0	„ G. D. Unite	0 10 0
„ Thos. Lilley	1 0 0	„ J. Bail	0 5 0
„ C. E. Morris	1 0 0	„ J. W. Batten	0 5 0
A Friend, per Mrs. Clifford ...	1 0 0	„ G. Phillippo	0 5 0
Mr. E. Cayford, J.P.	0 10 6	„ W. J. Newstead	0 2 0
„ W. Carter	0 10 0		
„ J. Pearson	0 10 0		£8 9 6

Stephen Street Sunday School.

President—Dr. CLIFFORD.

Superintendent—Mr. E. SPINK, 102, Crawford Street, W.

Treasurer—Mr. W. H. LEISHMAN, 11, Park Place Villas, Paddington, W.

Secretary—Mr. H. A. HODGE, 12, Kylemore Road, West Hampstead, N.W.

Collector—Miss BEESON, 111, Carlisle Street, N.W.

Registrar—Mr. J. FIELDER.

Teachers—Mrs. WEAKLEY, Misses BEESON, D. HENKEL & RYAN, Messrs. CHARLES, J. HODGE, MINNS & KNIGHT.

The year 1897 has seen many changes in the staff, and many of the vacancies have not yet been filled up. This has resulted in a considerable falling off in the attendance of scholars, and we trust that some energetic workers will not fail to "come over and help us" to restore previous conditions. The Anniversary Services at Praed Street on the 30th May, were a source of help and inspiration to all who were present. The Summer Excursion to Bricket Wood, near St. Albans, and the Winter Teas have been held as usual. We have to tender our grateful thanks to all the friends who have assisted us both by subscriptions and personal service.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Proportion of Collections, W.P.C.	16 18 2	Balance due to Treasurer...	2 4 4
Praed Street	2 0 0	Rent of School	20 2 8
Subscriptions	6 0 9	School-keeper	2 0 0
Teachers' Subscriptions	4 7 0	Attendance at Praed Street	1 3 0
" Collections for teas	3 1 9	Sunday School Union	0 5 0
" " for excursions	4 19 0	Children's Tea	1 11 4
Teachers' Tickets for excursions	2 7 6	Parents' Tea, &c.	2 16 4½
Scholars' Tickets for excursions	1 7 0	Infants' Tea	1 7 5½
Collected for Missionary Society	4 7 9	Summer Excursion	7 9 3
	£45 8 11	Scarves for Infants' Treat...	0 10 9
		Printing	0 11 0
		Missionary Society	4 2 1
		Continental Fund	0 5 8
		Petty Cash to Secretary	1 0 0
			£45 8 11

SUBSCRIPTIONS.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mr. Bail	0 2 6	Mr. Leishman	0 9 9
" Cayford	0 10 0	" Robinson	0 2 6
" Edwards	0 5 0	" Ryan	0 5 0
" Ford	0 5 0	" J. Unite	1 1 0
A Friend per Mrs. Clifford	1 0 0		
Mr. and Mrs. Jennings	2 0 0		
			£6 0 9

The Westbourne Park, Praed Street, and Bosworth Road Church.

Summary of Receipts.

CHAPEL FUNDS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Westbourne Park	.....	1,609 0 11	
Praed Street	.....	303 18 4	
Bosworth Road	.....	147 10 2	
			2,060 9 5
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
Westbourne Park	.....	74 9 9½	
Praed Street	.....	53 10 4	
Bosworth Road	.....	69 6 5	
Stephen Street	.....	45 8 11	
Hall Park	.....	54 1 10	
Sunday School Conference	.....	2 5 0	
Band of Hope, Westbourne Park Chapel	.....	20 17 9	
" " Praed Street	.....	0 13 6	
" " Bosworth Road	.....	8 18 3	
			329 11 9½
YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.			
Westbourne Park	.....	74 8 5	
Praed Street	.....	18 17 5	
			93 5 10
DOMESTIC MISSIONS.			
Westbourne Park	.....	53 8 11	
Praed Street	.....	8 16 7½	
Mothers' Meetings including Deposits	.....	
Westbourne Park	.....	84 16 1	
Praed Street	.....	49 10 0	
			196 11 7½
SOCIETIES.			
Dorcas, Westbourne Park Chapel	.....	62 5 0	
Ministers' Aid, W.P.C.	.....	16 19 0	
Young People's Conference, W.P.C., and Socials	.....	51 2 3	
Christian Endeavour, W.P.C.	.....	6 5 3	
" " Praed Street Senior	.....	20 19 6	
" " " Junior	.....	4 3 0½	
Temperance and Social Crusade, W.P.C.	.....	8 11 5	
School Renovation, Praed Street	.....	35 4 2	
Young People's Missionary Working Party, W.P.C.	.....	7 3 10½	
			212 13 6
MISSIONS.			
Home	.....	20 2 6	
Annuity Fund	.....	1 6 0	
Nottingham College	.....	20 15 6	
Religious Tract Society	.....	0 10 6	
Foreign	.....	92 11 7	
Special Zenana Work	.....	23 8 8	
Bible Women's Fund	.....	0 12 6	
Baptist Building Fund	.....	0 10 6	
			159 17 9
COMMUNION FUND.			
Westbourne Park	.....	66 4 6	
Praed Street	.....	14 14 4½	
			80 18 10½
Carried over		£3,133 8 9½	

Summary of Receipts (continued).

	£	s.	d.
Amount brought over	3,133	8	9½
COLLECTIONS.			
London Baptist Association	6	3	0
Irish Missions	10	10	0
Kensal Rise Chapel	8	13	0
Duke of Westminster's Greek Fund	4	17	9
Metropolitan Hospitals	12	1	6
Queensbury Street Chapel	5	6	6
Welsh Quarrymen	40	7	2
Weekly Contributions for Welsh Quarrymen	40	14	3
			128 13 2
SPECIAL FUNDS.			
Westbourne Park Institute	1,271	0	9
" " Young Women's Home	348	8	1
" " Chapel Renovation Fund	24	13	8
Forward Movement	130	4	2
Bosworth Road Christmas Dinner	31	19	9
" " Benevolent Work	158	12	6
" " Men's Slate Club	60	16	11
" " Women's " "	26	3	1
" " Penny Bank	112	3	11
" " Children's Country Holiday Club	10	0	8
Contribution towards Dr. Clifford's Round-the-World Holiday Expenses	180	0	0
			2,354 3 6
			<u>£5,616 5 5½</u>

Total Receipts for the last Twelve Years.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1886 ^b	5,869	9	10	1892 ^a	6,266	12	7
1887 ^a	5,037	1	10	1893 ^d	4,146	4	2
1888	5,008	12	2	1894	5,328	7	9½
1889	4,843	11	7	1895 ^e	5,406	18	5¼
1890 ^c	5,824	4	9	1896	5,229	19	3¼
1891	5,392	10	4¾	1897	5,616	5	5½

Total Contributions since 1877, the year of the opening of Westbourne Park Chapel, £102,510.

- ^a These were Bazaar years.
^b In this year the Chapel debt was cleared off.
^c In this year the Renovation debt was reduced by over £1,000.
^d This year only includes a portion of the Institute Receipts in consequence of its financial year closing in June.
^e Includes Sale of Work for Bosworth Road.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

DR. CLIFFORD AT WESTBOURNE PARK.

THERE has been no more striking career in modern Nonconformity than that of Dr. Clifford. At eleven a 'threader' in a lace factory, working sometimes from 4 a.m. on Friday till 6 p.m. on Saturday; at twenty-two settling at Praed-street as the pastor of a church with a membership of sixty; at thirty an M.A., LL.B., and B.Sc. of the London University, as the result of studies pursued without any neglect of the duties of a busy pastor; at forty-one the minister of a new £15,000 chapel, built to provide a home for his overflowing congregation; and now, twenty years later, the most popular platform speaker in London, and one of the most influential forces in the country in behalf of political, social and moral reform. At many recent gatherings on public questions, as for instance on the Armenian and Greek crises, it has been notable that the largest metropolitan audiences have given this Baptist preacher such a welcome as they have denied to men who are very bright stars in the firmament of the West-end and even great lights in the Parliamentary world.

The chapel at Westbourne-park, though large and comfortable, is not perfect in its arrangements. It is never satisfactory, from a musical standpoint, to have the organ and choir, as here, in the gallery over the entrance lobby. The space behind the preacher, where they ought to be, is filled with plain wooden chairs surmounted by an oddly-shaped wooden screen with a text emblazoned on it. The platform has a plain desk, with an equally plain table by its side, and in front an open railing. Precisely at eleven o'clock Dr. Clifford, who wore a frock coat and a reddish-brown tie, ascended this platform and deposited a small bundle of books and papers on the table. Phrenology would be an easy science if all heads were as easy to read as Dr. Clifford's. No manipulation of bumps is necessary to assure one that its owner has something of importance sheltered behind the protection of that strong forehead. The further covering of hair has long since vanished, but the red beard and moustache, now turning grey, are another indication of temperament. Altogether the impression left by that slim, compact, intense figure is that it carries as much electricity to the square inch as can safely be supported by any human constitution.

Dr. Clifford was accompanied by a very timid (or modest) assistant, who gave out the hymns, but took no further part in the service. The prayer touched a wider range than most petitions. It pleaded, for instance, that we might not succumb to the maxims of the world or to the policies of the hour, and especially that we might be saved from cowardice and fired with courage. The bereaved and afflicted were not, however, omitted, but were remembered in words of tender sympathy. After the second lesson

(the account of the walk to Emmaus) came an innovation which other preachers might often follow with advantage—namely, the reading of a poetical version, taken from Jean Ingelow, of the same story. The notices revealed the astonishing variety of the work undertaken at Westbourne-park. Besides such usual items as prayer-meetings, Christian Endeavour and Band of Hope, there was a conference the same afternoon, when a paper was to be read on *Coisolanus*, a performance by the Choral Association during the week of Mendelssohn's *Athalie*, in connection with which Dr. Clifford would preach this evening on the Bible story of Athaliah, two courses of University Extension lectures, a young people's missionary working party, the Christian workers' training institute, a local option meeting, and, lastly, an appeal for more canvassers for the County Council election.

During the hymn before the sermon Dr. Clifford sat with his elbows on the table and his hands supporting his forehead, studying his notes as industriously as a schoolboy getting up his lesson. The hymn ended, he left the notes on the table, and advancing to the rail spoke right out without the assistance of a scrap of paper. The sermon was evidently one of a series. The previous Sunday, it seems, it had been pointed out that the resurrection of Jesus made no breach in the continuity of His own consciousness, for it meant to Him simply emancipation from certain restrictions of the flesh. To the disciples He was the same Jesus as during His earlier ministry. But the question now to be considered was, What was the value of the ministry of the risen Jesus to His disciples and in consequence to us to-day? Having first called attention to the significance of the fact that such a question could be asked—for biographies usually end at the tomb—Dr. Clifford illustrated from the history of the development of the early Church the revolution effected by the Resurrection in the minds of the disciples. The whole of their action was determined by what they saw of Jesus in those forty days. His resurrection-ministry meant to them the creation of a new church, a new literature, even a new world. There were five conclusions to be drawn from this ministry, of which Dr. Clifford now discussed the first two only. The first was that God in Christ is seen eternally renewing the faith of men in Himself. It was here shown in detail how the despair of the disciples was banished, and they were attached to Christ more firmly than before. 'And isn't that precisely the ministry that is needed in all ages—that we should stand in the presence of our broken plans and yet believe they'll triumph, that we should make defeat a stepping-stone to success?' Secondly, it resulted in the creation of faith in those who had it not. The illustrative instance here was the conversion of James, who, with the other brothers of our Lord, did not at first believe in Him. They thought Him demented. 'Any man who has a soul in him is credited with being'—(a short pause here)—'a little loose.' There were also the multitudes at Pentecost, converted through the ministry of those to whom Christ had appeared. Thus 'God makes believers through believers. They are not simply messengers, but spiritual forces.' In conclusion came an appeal for faith in God as the beginning of all true patriotism, and of all unselfish service.

The sermon was delivered from beginning to end with a vehemence which, while perhaps a natural expression of the preacher's earnestness, seemed hardly as appropriate here as in Hyde-park. The perpetual gesticulation became, indeed, quite tiring to one at least in the congregation, though the speaker himself appeared as fresh as ever at the close.

The churches and the nation need just now leaders who will fearlessly and powerfully bring the principles of the Gospel to bear upon the most difficult present-day problems of thought and action. And in the very forefront of these is Dr. John Clifford.

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Rev R.R. Connell
Primitive Methodist

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Rev R.R. Connell. Primitive Methodist.
4 Oakington Road, Harrow Road. W.

Mr Connell is the minister of Harrow Road
(Blomfield Terrace) P.M. Chapel & has in addition
3 others under his charge. An interview with
him is given in Book LXXVIII. p.33 (District 22)
the principal chapel being in Marylebone.

The chapel at Harrow Road is a leasehold
building and seats about 1200 people

Sunday Services at 11 & 6.30. Congregation is
small, averaging less than 100 & varies
greatly without any apparent reason. Mainly
composed of domestic servants and young men
from business houses (Westbourne Grove & Harrow R^d.)
"Is there our chapel with its services prove a real
religious home?"

Wednesday. Preaching service

Thursday Bible class

In addition there are three society classes
and a young people's Bible class.

Cornell: Prim. Methodist

Sunday school. 60 scholars on books with an average attendance of 30 Morning + 50 in afternoon. 10 teachers.

Church membership. 58.

The work here is in a struggling condition, lack of workers being one of their chief troubles. Mr C's family attend there & they help & the place has improved lately. It is overshadowed by St Clifford's Church & the great organization of St Mary Magdalene. One or other of these naturally attracting those who like large congregations so that the only persons they get are Primitive Methodists coming to London.

Mr Cornell spoke highly of both these Churches altho' not agreeing with St Mary Mag. They ^{Church was} were doing a great work in their own way, with its lady visitors & other agents.

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Taken with ^{over} St. Peter's parish

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Interview with Rev. J. King Pryor, Fatherland Avenue Wesleyan Church.

Mr Pryor is Superintendent of the Circuit of which the plan appears on page 17 of this book. He is a man of about 60: stout: medium height: gray hair and sparse gray beard: sallow unhealthy complexion: face rather heavy and coarse, and almost Jewish; but lifts up and improves in conversation. Mr P. is much less refined than his brother Minister Dr James: drops his H's frequently, and is rough and straight-forward in manner, but exceedingly friendly.

As is so often the case with men of this class Mr P. told me a good deal of his own history: that he was not brought up as a Wesleyan his father being a Congregationalist and his mother a Church woman: how his father had been able to give him a fair education but no money: how he had known what it was to walk the streets of London with only half a crown in his pocket pocket: how he had been

caught in the stream of vicious London life,
 had been in the grip of the Devil" and had
 been wonderfully saved by the power of God; how
 another brother had done well in business in London
 and ^{how} sent his carriage to take his poor relation
 out for a drive; "but I envy no man" said
 Mr P. Most of this sprang out of talk
 in praise of the Wesleyan system and specially
 of its socialistic system of paying the minister,
 who is if he is decently prudent, relieved from
 all worldly care; he has no fear of poverty,
 no hope of wealth, his income increases with his
 family, his children are well educated and he
 is pensioned in old age. ~~He is therefore unusually~~
~~free to devote~~ Mr P. pointed out too that the
 Wesleyan minister stood a middle course between
 sacerdotalism and the other extreme. "Though I
 hate sacerdotalism" he said "I would not
 accept the position of a Congregational minister
 for anything; unless he is strong enough to
 be a complete abolition his position is intrinsically
 wrong without any sacerdotalism we have privileges and

power which give us a real control ~~an~~ over our people."

Mr P's church appeals exclusively to the people in the immediate neighborhood: none come from any distance. Mr P. ~~gave~~ gave the membership at 300 (200 on the Circuit Plan) and growing. They are almost without exception good artisans and tradesmen: "not six of them" said Mr P. "occupy a whole house: the others have three rooms, two rooms and even one room": the poor do come from Amherst Road but that the church does not touch the shams on the other side of the canal (Canada St etc) is proved by the fact that Mr P. did not know of their existence.

The church holds 1000. On Sunday morning there are about 500: in the evening 750.

Mr P. agreed with Dr James that "the country people are our backbone" but in a long comparison between the Londoners ^{and} provincials, especially with countrymen, he was I thought rather

inconsistent. "From the religious point of view" he said "the Londoner is utterly superficial, he has no grit, no wide ideas: he never seems to grasp the idea of the Wesleyan or Methodist Church as a great organisation: he can't see beyond his own church: in the provinces for instance my family will take in our Magazine: here scarcely any one: the Strand Magazine is their mental pabulum".

Mr P. admitted that most of those who attended Wesleyan churches in London were countrymen by birth, but thought that they ~~was~~ were corrupted to some extent by the London atmosphere. He went on to compare them with North country working men in their lack of initiative. "Here" he said "the Minister has to initiate everything, to make all arrangements: if there is a tea meeting to be got up it is 'who will be responsible for this tea?' In Lancashire they would bring a list of agenda all cut and dried: it then would be a resolution down as to who is to mix the mustard, who to cook the ham, and who to cut it". In spite of ~~the~~ the honour of his slowness "for genuine,

unaffected pity than is no one like the Londoner" and "his generosity is wonderful": the way they give week after week for collections and class meetings out of their small wages is amazing. Mr P. then went on to tell me what his people were doing for the Million scheme: at the first meeting they had subscribed over £200: a joiner had given £10, and Mr P. read me a letter from a man who lives in two rooms offering £5: he expects altogether to raise quite £600 from the church.

Mr P. emphasized too the amount of work which the church got out of the people. There no doubt he was thinking of the Wesleyan Church as a whole rather than of the particular church at which he now ministered, for here he only put the actual workers at from 60 to 100. But he said everyone was expected to do some definite work: it is "You love the Lord! What are you doing?" "We never borrow from anyone" he said "he could supply any pulpit in the country with a preacher: why then are men in any Wesleyan church who could

prach the heads off all the vicars and curates in the country. That's why Wesleyans do so well on Town Councils and so on; they are all trained to talk."

The social work is of the usual character in a Wesleyan circuit - church, a Mothers' Meeting, a Band of Hope. The Sunday School has about 300 children.

There is no extensive or systematic visitation. Mr P. visits the members, ~~and~~ ^{and then} there is a Mission Band which does some general visitation. Mr P. thought however that a church spread much more by persuasion than through systematic visitation. "Why," he said "a Sunday School teacher with any gumption ought to get hold of the parents of a large proportion of his scholars. I often tell them they want gumption 'just as much as we do'."

The Relief for an ordinary circuit church is rather large. There are 16 collections a year for poor members of the church, and there is a Permanent Society which gives help outside. The total amount spent would be about £100 a

year.

Mr P. was strong on the necessity of "red hot simple preaching" for the Londoner, preaching which would allow the people to see that their ministers understood the temptations of London life. "I let them have it quite plain," he said, "for instance 'Hem kiss a woman that your mother ~~love~~ would not kiss' I said to my young men the other night." Such preaching, he contrasted with that of the scholar who is "invisible for six days of the week and incomprehensible on the seventh."

Of other religious agencies Mr P. mentioned only Dr Clifford, whose influence however he thought could not be called especially local: it was rather akin to that of Dr Parker. "But the old doctor is a good fellow," he said. "I often come across his people: they're all right: they're all right." On the question of the Wesleyan Ministry he had previously referred to Dr Clifford. "The

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Mr J. Lambourn. London City Missionary.

Paddington Wharves Mission, Church Place.
Residence: 39, Chichester Road, Kilburn, N.W.

Mr L. is a sharp active, undersized man. Strong face, keen eyes, moustache & small side whiskers. He has been 12 years working here on a small district known as the "Dust Yard", which includes the 9 or 10 streets between Paddington Basin and the Harrow Road. His work is chiefly amongst the dust yard employees and his unconventional and direct manner of speech are no doubt very helpful to him in dealing with these men. His clothing carried the faint odour that is usually found in dust yards.

After having the colouring of the streets explained, he thought his district was about right. Dudley Street & Kent's Place (a little entry on N. side of North Wharf Road) are the worst places. Has about 200 families living in one room tenements. Dudley Street houses contain 4 rooms & in the back yards of some of the houses, a one roomed cottage has been put up.

Mr L. came prepared with literature about the Mission: a Special Jubilee Appeal for renovating the Mission, The Committee's Report for 1894-7; and a copy of the Paddington Wharves Messenger, consisting of a copy of Friendly Greetings, localised with some information about the Mission on the cover. These contain much that Mr L. told me, altho' ⁱⁿ not quite the same racy language and I embody much of them in this report.

Extract from Appeal



At the commencement of this Century, Paddington was a rural suburban village—the London of to-day being undreamed of.

In 1801 the Canal was opened for traffic; boats bringing Passengers from the Country long before railways were thought of.

The Canal soon caused a small Town to spring up on its banks, remains of which are still to be seen in what is now called "The Dust Wharf District of the London City Mission." It is a densely populated neighbourhood, there being 900 families living in nine short streets in and around the Paddington Basin, between Bishop's Road Bridge and the Edgware Road. The people are for the most part very poor, who find their employment in the different Wharves—Dust-collectors, Boatmen, Carmen, Road-sweepers, etc. Over 1,200 men and 100 women in winter months are employed sifting, sorting, etc., in the various yards. *Practically all the women are from the locality*

Some of these men are employed by the vestry & others by the large contractors, Ince & Co. The road sweepers have 18/- a week & the others rather more. Their work is fairly regular. Some of the families have lived here for generations, the successive generations ^{be} working

in the dust yard & would not do anything else. Beside
those resident in the district a certain number come from
the Lock bridge District, Co. Worcester, Woodmanchester and
Clarendon Streets. "That is a show - a wretched place"

The trade is not recruited from the failures of London
but the people here send for their brothers to from
the London country, many from Buckinghamshire
where Meads have a farm. These new comers think
the 20/- a very good wages.

The Mission bldgs consist of 2 large rooms on the
ground floors, (150 each), 2 other rooms above and a
class room & caretakers premises (at present not
occupied) on top floor.

Mr L. only paid worker: has about 10 voluntary
helpers. His difficulty is to get workers especially ladies.
Has trained most of his workers. Can't depend on outsiders
For Services: see list on next page.

Get about 40 to Sunday evening gospel service - all
from neighbourhood & all dust people. Sunday school
has 14 teachers & 210 scholars on books. Average attendance
160. About 20 on Thursday to Bible reading.

Building Used

Persons Employed

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Notes on Services

Services

The Brotherhood

ON CITY MISSION
PADDINGTON WHARVES MESSENGER

Church Place, Paddington, W.

J. LAMBOURNE, Missionary.

SERVICES.

SUNDAY ... School at 3; Gospel Service at 7.0
WEDNESDAY ... The Brotherhood meets at 8.0
THURSDAY ... Bible Reading at 7.0
FRIDAY ... Band of Hope at 7.15
The Temperance Society meets first Thursday in the Month at 8.15.
LENDING LIBRARY, WEDNESDAYS ... 7.30 to 8.30.

The Missionary will be glad to visit any sick person who will send name and address to the above Hall.

**PADDINGTON WHARVES MISSION
Brotherhood.**

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**IMPORTANT TO WORKING MEN.
JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD.**

And spend a Happy, Helpful, Homely Hour, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 till 9.

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THE Objects of this Society are to help a Brother in times of distress, by giving money, food, clothes, tools, or any assistance that the Committee shall decide to Members in distressed circumstances, and to provide healthy, happy, helpful Meetings, Lectures, Entertainments, &c., every WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Entrance Fee, 2d. Subscription, 1d. Per Week.

Come and Join at Once. "Let Brotherly Love continue."

Monthly Circulation. 500.

Social Agencies

Thrift Clubs

Band of Hope has 171 on books & attendance about 90. Has done more to teach the parents cleanliness than anything Mrs L. ~~knows~~ has done for years. Teach them that water is for outward as well as inward application.

The Brotherhood has 107 on the books of whom 67 are fully paid. Run on P. S. A. lines. Gives books for attendances.

Mothers' Meeting (Tuesday) limited to 100.

Used to have a boot club & issued 100 pairs from the club during first year. Now children have boots & there is no need for the club.

Goose Club 168 supplied last Christmas.

Beside these meetings, there are 3 successful Clubs for men, women & children, with a total membership of over 1500 now. He showed me the books. These showed that the bulk of the people came from the immediate neighbourhood; numbers came from Cirencester Street district, a smaller proportion from Lission Grove. In some cases, ~~the~~ occupant all the occupants of the house appeared to have joined. Eight & nine names at the same address were entered several times &

these

would include more than one surname.

A SAFE INVESTMENT

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DEATH, & SHARING

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**FULL BENEFITS
ARE NOW BEING PAID.**

MEN - (15 to 50 years.)
Subscription, 7d. per week.
Sick Benefit, 10/- per week, &c.
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Subscription, 6d. per week
Sick Benefit, 5/- per week & other benefits.
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CHILDREN'S CLUB--DEATH & CHRISTMAS SHARING

BOYS (3 to 14 years.)
Subscription, 3d. per week.
GIRLS. Death Benefit, £4 Os. Od.

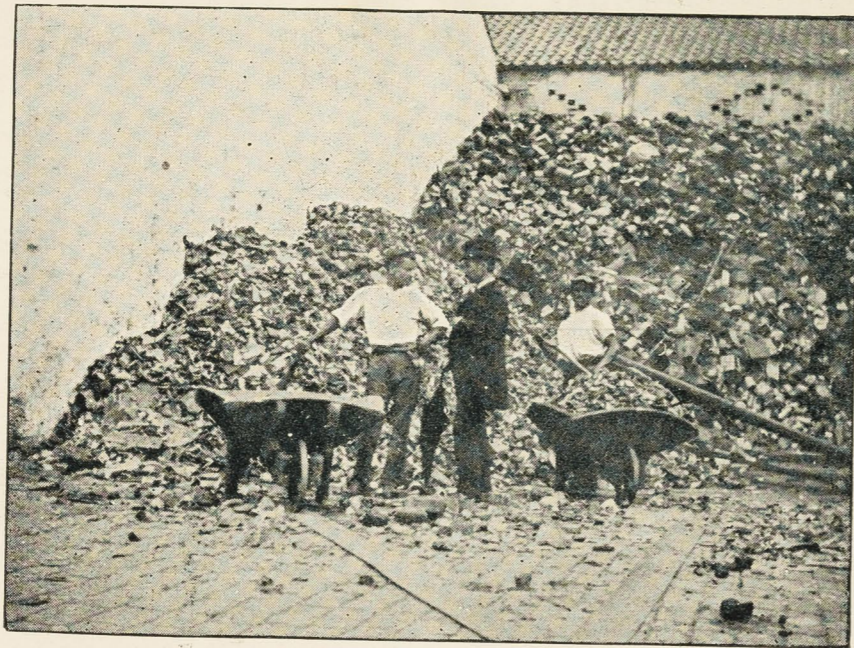
4.60 in this club.

Membership for the first Two Weeks, over 900.

Club Night: Every Monday from 7 to 9.30.

J. LAMBOURNE, Secretary.

Visitation



THE MISSIONARY AT WORK AMONG THE MEN IN THE DUST YARD.



THE MISSIONARY AT WORK AMONG THE MEN IN THE STONE YARD.

From the "Appeal"

Help in Sickness

Charitable Relief

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Mr L. visits from room to room, covering the whole district in a month. He also visits the men in the wharves during the dinner hours. Occasionally visits the men in the stables whilst at work but not in the wharves. Have to be very careful & whilst visiting the men in the wharves would hinder them in their work, you can talk to a man while he is rubbing down a horse. Three ladies also visit a great deal in the homes. One of these, a lady living in Kensington, gives nearly her whole time to this [I met this lady whilst walking over the district, recognising her by Mr L's description].

In sickness the people go to St Mary's Hospital. The Letters for Queen Charlotte's Hospital are given in cases of confinement. The Western General Dispensary is popular. When a nurse is needed he sends to Miss Percy at the Nursing Home.

Has some tickets from the Marylebone, Paddington & St George's Assⁿ for supplying the Poor with coals & bread. (St. W. Bedford Secⁿ.) for 1/2 cuts of coals. Also some of tickets for food. How can I preach the gospel

gospel to a hungry man"? There is some real need, especially in the summer time but always have a number of sick and poor old people.

As to other agencies, there are ~~practically~~ none in the district. The Church does a little. Mr. Scott is friendly but is rather "dead and alive". He is practically "left alone".

Not much out relief. It is "Come in". C.D. have granted several pensions. Still there is a great deal of hardship amongst the "old souls who are being forced into the house."

Fourteen pubs. on the district. Fairly well conducted. Potman + publican of house at corner come to the Brotherhood meeting! "The drink is the great evil but don't hit them too hard. It (the dist) is dirty, thirsty work and the publichouse is their resort." Drink not increasing among the women but still carried on.

Does not know of one disorderly house in the district altho' some are loose morally.

Other Agencies

Poor Relief

Drink

Prostitution

Crime

Marriage

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A few cases of violence and fighting.

A number of people living together, mostly old stagers. Young people marry early.

In his work here, Mr L. has undoubtedly got into touch with the dust people, these people come & no others. He said that the women prefer their own company; any other woman than a dust woman or dustman's wife would not attend their meeting at all events more than once. If a woman or man were converted they would probably have to leave ^{the district}. Mr B. is proud or stuck up would be the verdict. Thus Mr L. "gets the riff raff" & no others.

Note. Boltman's Chapel, Sale Street. The missionary here is Mr G. Smith, 8 Lyndon Avenue, Kensal Rise. Ranelagh Hall, Cirencester St. Edward Hibbert Esq M.D. 1 Walberton Road St Peter's Park. takes a great interest in this mission.

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THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

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23 & 24, Church Place,

PADDINGTON, W.

1894-97.

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23 & 24, CHURCH PLACE,
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SUNDAY—School at 3. Gospel Service at 7.

TUESDAY—Mothers' Meeting from 5.30 to 7.

WEDNESDAY—The Brotherhood meets at 8.

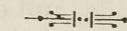
„ Lending Library from 7.30 to 8.30.

THURSDAY—Bible Reading at 7.

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The Temperance Society meets first Thursday in the
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REPORT.



A CHANGE of some importance in the organisation of the Paddington Wharves Mission has taken place during the last few months, but in the first place the Committee feel that a few words of explanation with regard to the character of this Report, should be given to the Subscribers.

It will be seen that the period covered by the Balance Sheet, includes the four years from January 1st, 1894, to December 31st, 1897. No account has as yet been rendered for the work of the Mission during that time. The reason for this has been the great difficulty the former Committee experienced in the appointment of a Secretary and Treasurer—a difficulty which will be understood by those who have had the management of almost any kind of Christian work in their hands. The lack of workers has in this case, as in many others, prevented the complete fulfilment of every department of the work.

Having stated this, the Committee proceed to a review of the work itself. They are most thankful to be able to report to the Subscribers and those interested in the poor people who live in the district, that all the agencies carried on at the Mission premises have been kept up without intermission during the period, and they embody in this Report a statement of the work done during the year 1897, thus bringing their supporters into close touch with the present state of the Mission. A full account of the financial side of the work, as shown by the Banking Account and vouchers handed to the present Treasurer, will be found on page 13. Here it will be seen that the greatest economy has been exercised by the former Committee, and had the subscriptions been collected for 1896 and 1897, as in former years, the accounts would show a very small deficit or, perhaps, none at all.

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The present Committee, therefore, now ask those who were such kind supporters of the work in the past to renew their subscriptions for the years during which no collections have been made, and earnestly trust that by this means the heavy deficit existing at the close of 1897 of £132 may be extinguished.

The foregoing remarks may well prepare the way for a statement of the change which has now taken place in the constitution of the Mission.

To put the matter briefly, the former Committee, finding the executive and financial responsibility becoming too great for the help at their disposal, have handed over the property and premises of the Mission to two Trustees representing the London City Mission. At the same time the new Committee appointed by the Trustees of the London City Mission, include all the members of the former Committee, thus ensuring a continuity of the work on the old lines, and according to the traditions of the place. It should be pointed out that the London City Mission undertake no pecuniary responsibility whatever, and leave it entirely to their Trustees and the Committee appointed by them, to collect the money needed to carry on the work.

As our Subscribers are aware, the London City Missionary working in the district has always found a home for his meetings on the Mission premises, and has in many ways joined in the general work carried on there.

Thus the change is more in name than in substance; and it is the earnest hope of the Committee that the blessing of God will rest upon all they endeavour to do in His Name, even as it has already done abundantly in the past.

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REPORT FROM MR. LAMBOURNE,

London City Missionary for the District.

During the year 1897, each house, room, and person, has been visited in consecutive order, and the people spoken to face to face about the Gospel—man's fall—God's Provision—man's need of salvation, and how their need has been met by the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

During the year I have met with very little insult or abuse. There is a willingness to listen to God's Word and, consequently, His Word has been read or spoken to nearly every person in the district.

THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT

Remain the same as in previous years, viz., on the north, Harrow Road; east, Irongate Wharf Road; south, North Wharf Road; west, Bishop's Road Bridge.

FACTORIES.

The factories, wharves, and parish yards, on the north side of the Canal, around the Paddington Basin, are all under my visitation. I meet about 1,200 men regularly in these wharves, who receive me kindly and listen to me with marked attention. At first it was not so—my message was often ridiculed; but now all are attentive, and much blessing has followed my visits.

SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

The social condition of the people remains very much the same. The houses in which these poor people have to live are, for the most part, old tumble-down places; one half of them not being fit for human beings to live in. Overcrowding still exists—though this evil has been somewhat mitigated in recent years—and I meet with some striking and melancholy instances of it almost daily.

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Here is one of the many cases I have met with during the past year. One Sunday afternoon in November last, I was asked to go and see a poor woman who was thought to be dying; on reaching the house, I was shown up-stairs, where I found the father, mother, eight children, and the grandmother, all living in two small rooms, the latter lying on a small bedstead in the back room, very ill, suffering from bronchitis. In this room was another bedstead also, in which the eldest daughter, eighteen years of age, and her little sister of about five years, and one of the smaller boys slept. The other five boys slept in the same room with father and mother.

I urged upon these people the necessity of having a third room, but I was told that they could not afford to pay more rent. This man's occupation was that of a carman, his weekly wage being 25s. He told me that he was paying 6s. 6d. per week for these two small rooms, and that he could not afford to pay more rent. The way in which this family lives is but typical of many others. The average weekly earnings of the majority of the men living in my district is £1; road-sweepers get 18s. Of course, many of their wives have to work to keep the home together. There are nearly 200 families in my district whose sole accommodation is one room.

THRIFT CLUBS.

Our Thrift Clubs are doing a good work in my district, as a means of making provision for times of Sickness and Death. We have clubs for men, women, and children, every Monday evening—Men (from 15 to 50 years), subscription, 7d. per week; sick benefit, 10s. per week; death benefit, £15. Women (from 15 to 50 years), subscription, 6d. per week; sick benefit, 5s. per week. Boys and Girls (from 3 to 15 years), subscription, 3d. per week; death £4. It is pleasing to note that the poor avail themselves of the opportunity of helping themselves in time of need. The total number of members in all three clubs last year was 1,479. The amount of money paid out for sickness was £262 11s. 6d., and £137

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for deaths. On Monday, December 20th, the clubs shared out the following:—Men, 24s. 9d.; Women 23s. 2d.; Children 12s. 10d. The total amount shared out was £1,255 16s. 8d. How far the benefits of this good work reach it is hard to say; but I know that there is less poverty in times of sickness, and I am able to do real spiritual work when called upon to visit at such times. Another good result is, that landlords get their rents more promptly, and the publicans receive a smaller portion of the hard-earned money.

BROTHERHOOD.

A special effort has been made during the past year to reach the men, and get them to attend our Mission Hall Services. On the evening of March 24th last, I got together a number of men for the purpose of forming a Brotherhood. I briefly laid before the meeting the object in view, viz., That a Brotherhood be formed, having for its object the promotion of a true brotherly spirit towards each other by means of weekly meetings. It was decided that there should be an entrance fee of 2d., subscription 1d. per week; this fund to be called a distress fund, so that a brother when out of work or in distressed circumstances should be helped by gifts of money, food, clothes, tools, or any assistance that the committee shall decide; and that healthy, happy, helpful meetings, lectures, entertainments, etc., should be held every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The attendance and the programme both vary. Sometimes we get a large gathering, sometimes small.

I know that God has been pleased to own and bless these meetings. I have always tried to make them as bright and cheerful as possible, and in this way we secure a class of men that do not attend any place of worship. I trust that these meetings will be a means in God's hand to lead men to the House of God, and to a new life in Christ. Sankey's Hymns are sung; and Bible reading and prayer are never omitted at these meetings.

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BAND OF HOPE.

This branch of our work is most encouraging, and has been very successful during the past year; our average attendance has been about seventy on Friday evenings. I take a deep interest in this branch of my work, because I know the good influence it is spreading throughout the whole district.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

Meets the first Thursday in the month at 8.15. I cannot say this branch of our work is at the present time in such a flourishing condition as it ought to be. The meetings have been fairly well attended on the whole, but new members are not being added, and the old ones do not pay up their subscriptions, so that we are not making much progress. Twelve pledges have been taken at these meetings, five of whom have joined our society.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

On Sundays have been fairly well attended again during the past year. I am thankful to state the Word of God has been blessed to the salvation of some precious souls.

BIBLE CLASS.

I have conducted my Bible Class on Thursday evening, from 7 till 8, since April last, when we changed our day and time.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION

Has been carried on as usual during the past year. My access to the homes of the people is remarkably good, there are but few homes in the district, to which I am not heartily welcomed as a visitor. The Word of God has been read, and many prayers offered in the homes of the people.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Miss Cope, who has for many years carried on a Mothers' Meeting on the Mission premises, gives us the following particulars.

The numbers are limited to 100; almost all are either dustwomen, or dustmen's wives or widows.

The average attendance in summer is 60; in winter it is about 50.

The meetings open at 5.30 p.m. for paying in to the club and buying goods. An address is given at 6.30 p.m. which closes with prayer, and is over at 7 p.m.

The money taken at the meetings is about £40, of which about £30 is paid in for clothing and expended upon that; £10 was taken last year at the sales we have of old dresses and other cast-off garments. The proceeds of these sales is always spent in food and comforts for the sick. We give grocery and meat tickets, and the Vicar of St. Mary's also gives us relief tickets to distribute.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1897.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number of Scholars on the Register	42	89	131
Infant School	...	...	100
Number of Teachers: Gentlemen	...	...	9
" " Ladies	...	...	6
Teachers' average attendance, 8			
Scholars' " " Boys 31, Girls 45	...	...	76
Infant Class " " ... ..	...	...	60

In connection with the School there is a library, but many volumes are beyond the children, and the story books, etc., are so dilapidated through being read and re-read, that they cease to be attractive.

GENERAL INFLUENCE.—It was thought by most of the Teachers that a quiet influence for good was making itself felt among many of their scholars.

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THE ANNIVERSARY TEA again proved very attractive, and was the means of increasing the interest as also the number of children attending our School. Number present at the Afternoon Service 130 children.

The usual Annual Excursion was this year to Norwood Green. We took 123 scholars and 7 friends—all spending a very pleasant day amid the pretty surroundings.

HOLIDAY HOMES.

Thirteen of our scholars enjoyed the privilege of a two-weeks' holiday in the Home of the Ragged School Union, and we trust the wholesome home influence may long prove helpful to the little ones.



List of Subscriptions.

	1894	1895	1896	1897
Black, Mrs.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Blacker, J., Esq.	0 5 0	0 5 0		
Bond, C., Esq.		1 1 0		
Burr, Messrs. R., & Sons	1 1 0			
Cayford, E., Esq.	5 5 0	5 5 0		
Collard, Miss	0 6 0			
Cope, Miss	2 10 0	2 2 0		
Davis, Miss	0 5 0	0 5 0		
Dawson, J., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Dixon, A. G., Esq.		0 10 6		
Druce, H., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	
Dumergue, Mrs. F.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Elliott, Mrs.	1 0 0			
Eyre, Mrs.	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Friend, A			2 0 0	
Gaselee, Mrs.	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Gaselee, H., Esq.	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Geaves, S. L., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0
Gibson, E. A., Esq.	0 10 6			
Gladstone, Dr.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Grant from Ragged School Union Committee	5 0 0	5 0 0		
Hill, Miss	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Jackson, Mrs.	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0
Johnston, Capt.	0 10 6	0 10 6		
Knowles, Mrs.	1 0 0			
Lamb, G., Esq.	0 10 6			
Lawrance, Miss	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Lawrance, Mrs. A.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Lawrence, N. T., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Low, A. F., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Mackintosh, A., Esq.	0 5 0	0 5 0		
MacKenzie, Mrs.	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Maitland, Mrs.	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	

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	1894	1895	1896	1897
Malyon, W. J., Esq.	1 1 0			
Maynard, Miss	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Moir, Mrs. W.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Mumm, Mrs. Von	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Nicholson, Sir R.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Newstead, W. J., Esq.	2 2 0	2 2 0		
Pearson, The Misses	0 10 6			
Pearson, Rev. S.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Pearson, J. H., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Penson, Mrs. M. E.	1 1 0			
Ralli, Mrs.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Roget, Mr. and Mrs.	2 2 0	2 2 0		
Russell, Miss	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0	2 2 0
Ryan, John, Esq.	0 10 0	0 10 0		0 10 0
Rougemont, H. de, Esq.		1 1 0		
Sainsbury, G., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0
Spink, W., Esq.	3 0 0	2 0 0		
Squire, Miss	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Thompson, E. W., Esq.		1 1 0		
Towers, A., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	
Two Friends	1 11 6			
Tyldesley, E., Esq.		1 1 0		
Unite, John, Esq.	5 0 0	5 0 0		
Unite, G. D., Esq.	1 1 0			
Unite, G. J., Esq.	1 1 0		1 1 0	
Walker, Mrs.	2 0 0	2 0 0		
Ward, Miss	1 1 0			
Watson, F. B., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Western, E. Y., Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
White, F. R., Esq.	0 10 6			
Wilson, Mrs.	1 1 0			
Gaselee, H., Esq., on account of Mr. Lester's Pension.	6 10 0	6 10 0	6 10 0	6 10 0

General Account Balance Sheet,
January 1st, 1894, to December 31st, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts.			
Rents from 22, Church Place	146	1	0
Subscriptions as per list	..	147	3 0 0
Mr. Gaselee for Mr. Lester's Pension	..	26	0 0 0
Thrift Clubs	..	35	15 0 0
Donation for Gas from the London City Mission	..	10	8 0 0
Hire of Room	..	6	1 0 0
Return of Income Tax for 1895 and 1896 on Ground Rents	..	1	5 0 0
Sundries	..	0	2 0 0
Deficit	..	132	10 2
			<u>£505 5 2</u>
Expenditure.			
Balance due to Treasurer Dec. 31st, 1893	19	4	9
Ground Rent of Schools, and 22, Church Place	..	148	13 4
Rates and Taxes	..	59	13 5
Interest on Loan, Overdraft, and Stamping charges	..	37	14 7
Gas	..	20	0 2
Water Rate	..	7	4 6
Mr. Lester's Pension	..	45	10 0
Mrs. Barrett (Cleaning)	..	45	10 0
Repairs	..	53	9 9
Insurance of School Furniture	..	0	7 6
Interest to Thrift Clubs	..	35	2 0
Interest to Penny Bank	..	1	17 0
Printing	..	4	2 6
Collector's Commission	..	6	5 10
Subscriptions to S. School Union, (2 years)	..	1	0 6
Sundries	..	19	9 4
			<u>£505 5 2</u>
			S. L. GEAVES, Hon. Treasurer.

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"The Wharves Schools," Boys' and Girls' Burial and Sharing Club,

Eighth Annual Statement from 1st January to 31st December, 1897.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance from 1896	.. .. .	By Deaths—June, L. Surety	1 10 0
" Contributions as follows—		Oct., A. E. Hill	1 10 0
459 Members at 13/-	£298 7 0	Dec., S. A. Fowles	1 10 0
12 do. at 9/9, $\frac{1}{2}$ of year	5 17 0	" Secretary and Assistant	4 10 0
5 do. at 6/6, $\frac{1}{4}$ of year	1 12 6	" Steward	17 7 0
26 Cards in arrear, less		" Cards	8 13 6
Sec., Steward, & Fines	6 19 6	" Doorkeepers (Barnes and others), and	4 9 2
30 Cards forfeited, less		" Policemen during the year	1 2 0
Secretary etc.	0 11 10	" Auditor's fee	0 10 6
3 Deceased Members'	1 8 0	" Printing 525 Statements	0 15 0
Cards		" Stationery, Advertising, &c.	0 11 0
535 Total Cards issued	314 15 10	" Sharing out as follows:—	
" Secretary and Assistant	17 7 0	459 Members at 12/10	£294 10 6
" Entrance Fees	8 13 6	12 do. at 9/8, $\frac{1}{2}$ of year	5 16 0
" Cards	0 16 0	5 do. at 6/5, $\frac{1}{4}$ of year	1 12 1
" Fines for 3 quarters year	4 9 2	16 Cards, less share of	
" Fines 26 at 3d. not clearing..	0 10 4	expenses	6 15 2
" Interest	0 8 8	3 Deceased Members'	
	2 2 0	Cards	1 8 0
		595 Balance carried forward	310 1 9
	£349 9 9	Total	£349 9 9

Examined and checked by JOHN A. CURTIS,
20, Barclay Road, Fulham, S.W.
December 13th, 1897.

WILLIAM SPINK, Pres. GEO. SAINSBURY, Sec. WILLIAM C. SAINSBURY, Assist. Sec.

Paddington Wharves Band of Hope.

Balance Sheet, December, 1897.

Income.		Expenditure.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions	.. .. .	Teas and Entertainments	.. .. .
G. D. Unite	2 19 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Xmas Gifts	2 1 11
Miss Burrell	0 10 0	Printing Cards, &c., &c.	1 7 5
Mrs. Harding	0 4 2	Prizes	0 15 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Maitland	0 10 0	Speaker's expenses	0 6 5
" Fores	0 5 0	Hire of Lantern Slides	0 1 8
" Jarrett	0 2 6	Sundries	0 2 6
" Unite	0 2 6	Annual Subscription to Band of Hope	0 4 0
Miss Smith	0 2 0	Union	0 5 0
" Scott	0 1 0	Balance in hand	0 14 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
" K. Ansell	0 1 0		
" Meek	0 1 0		
A Friend	0 1 0		
Balance from December, 1896	0 13 2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
	£5 18 1		£5 18 1

Examined and Checked by J. LAMBOURNE.

Goose Club, 1897.

100 Members at 6s., £30. Goose or Turkey, Plum Pudding and Tea, distributed on the 23rd, December, 1897. The whole purchased by Committee of the Ragged School Union, and delivered to us at our Schools for distribution. Great satisfaction was expressed at the generous return to the Members for their contributions.

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Account of School Treat to Norwood Green, July 29th, 1897.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Per Mrs. Hill	0 17 0	Railway Travelling	2 10 7½
Miss Coppen	0 6 10	Caterer's Account	5 7 5
Miss Ansell	1 4 4	Toys	0 6 8
Miss Weedon	1 0 0	Printing Tickets	0 2 0
Miss Tunley	0 10 6	Mr. Lambourne's Petty Expenses	0 1 4
Miss A. Wall	0 8 0	Balance	1 14 9½
Miss N. Wall	1 7 0		
Miss Dorothy Newstead	0 4 9		
Mr. Lambourne	2 10 6		
Mr. Townsend	0 7 6		
Payment from Scholars	0 10 3		
Mrs. Thain	0 16 2		
	<u>£10 2 10</u>		<u>£10 2 10</u>

Balance of £1 14s. 9½d. carried to Holiday Home account.

Loan Account.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Owing to Bank	300 0 0	By Cash per 1893 Report	32 9 0
	..	1896	..
	..	Dec. 21st. S. L. Geaves, Esq.	5 0 0
	..	1897	..
	..	Aug. 26th. J. Unite, Esq.	20 0 0
	..	E. Cayford, Esq.	10 0 0
	..	Balance, Dec. 31st, 1897	232 11 0
	<u>£300 0 0</u>		<u>£300 0 0</u>

Sunday School Anniversary Tea, February 18th, 1897.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance from Treat Account 1896	0 19 1	Hymn Sheets, etc.	0 7 6
per Mr. Spink	0 15 0	Tickets for 1896 Treat	0 2 0
Miss Unite	0 10 0	Tea, Hire of Slides, etc.	1 8 8
Miss Weedon (sale of bonnets)	0 9 0	Infants' Tea, Toys, etc.	1 5 0
Miss Wall	0 2 6	Purchase of 100 Hymn Books	0 18 9
Miss Tunley	0 3 0	Binding books for prizes	0 4 6
Mrs. Thain	0 3 0		
By sale of Hymn Books	0 2 0		
Cost of binding books per W. J. Newstead	0 3 5½		
Balance W. J. Newstead	0 4 6		
	0 14 11		
	<u>£4 6 5½</u>		<u>£4 6 5</u>

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Holiday Home Account, 1897.

Receipts from Parents and Friends.		£	s.	d.
Payment by Parents	2	3	0
Per Mr. Lambourne—				
Miss Geaves, 6, Inverness Terrace	0	10	0
Miss Coleman	0	3	0
Balance from Treat Fund	1	14	9½
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		£4	10	9½

Balance 9½d. to Mr. Spink for 1898.

Thirteen Scholars for *two weeks'* holiday in the Homes of the Ragged School Union, at Chesham and Hove.

£4 10 9½

Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Payment to the Committee of the Ragged School Union ..	..	4	10	0
Balance carried forward for 1898 ..	..	0	0	9½

Penny Bank Account.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1896	24	16	1
Deposits during the year 1897	40	9	6
Interest from General Fund	0	13	0
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		£65	18	7

Payments.		£	s.	d.
Withdrawals during the year 1897	35	5	2
Balance carried forward to 1898	30	13	5
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		£65	18	7

Ensign Skinner
Salvation Army

G.A.
15/2/99

Corps formerly in Marylebone

District worked

Buildings used

Persons Employed

Strength of Corps

St Mary's parish. ^{Interview} 23 ^{with} 23 107
Ensign Skinner. Marylebone Corps of the Salvation
Army. Seen at the Hall, 55 Harrow Road. W.
Residence: 24 William St. Marylebone.

Formerly this corps had its meeting place in Burne Street but some four years ago, the present meeting place, an old Catholic Apostolic Church was taken and the Burne Street premises converted into a shelter.

The boundaries of this corps' district are not well defined, extending from Marble Arch to the Lock bridge (Clarendon St &c). Practically their work is done in Hall Park, Lisson Grove and the streets around the wharves.

The chapel holds about 900 people and the Junior's Hall adjoining it 200. Beside these they have a number of rooms used for the Young People's Legion and the caretaker's premises.

Beside the two paid officers (The Ensign & his wife), there are 29 local officers, 21 sergeants with the children, a few other officers and a brass band with 25 members.

The corps contains 270 soldiers & recruits and 122 Juniors.

Meetings Held

For Adults

For Children

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The usual meetings are held - 4 on Sunday at 7, 11, 3 & 6.30 for adults with an aggregate attendance of over 700 during the day. Of these nearly 400 would be at the evening meeting. People do not look very poor and form a regular congregation. Those who become soldiers improve their position. Have a good many servants. Get some of the very poor on Sunday night & on week evening. Some come to "have a bit of a sleep" or you would think so to see them nodding.

Meetings every week night at 8 pm: Monday, salvation or special meeting - over 100; Tuesday, soldiers meeting, nearly 60; Wednesday musical festival - about 100.

Thursday, salvation; Friday, holiness, Saturday free & easy.

Attendance varies according to the special attractions.

For the children, there are 3 meetings on Sunday. Have about 300 children in the companies on Sunday afternoon. On Friday they have a lantern service, about 150. & the Band of Love meets on Tuesday & Wednesday. Teach the children, knitting, sewing, fancy work, felt work & picture frame making. Have 52 members.

For those between 14 & 21, they have the Young Peoples

Young Peoples Legion

Visitation

Charitable Relief

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Peoples Legion started a month ago. It has now 18 members + 9 companions. + hold four meetings a week. Have also the Corps Cadets, who are preparing to become officers. These are talight music + singing.

For visitation purposes, the district is divided into wards + visited by the visiting sergeants. Some difficulty here due to employment of visitors. Thus one visitor is a nurse + she can only visit when not employed. The Energy also visits regularly.

Applicants for charity are sent to Burne St. Amongst their own people, charity is not much needed. They help their own when a need arises.

The children are drawn from Hall Park + Dudley St neighbourhoods mainly. Those belonging to the Junior corps are mostly children of Salvationists. The adults are drawn from a wider district and includes dustmen, and railway men.

The corps is growing steadily. They have 5 or 6 converts every week. Made 23 recruits during the

Knows little of other agencies except Mr Cooks services at the Metropolitan Music hall, which is crowded on Sunday.

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The past 3 months and added 19 soldiers to the roll. Those leaving them are mostly servants going to other situations or leaving with their families. These they transfer to other corps. Do not get many transfers from other corps as this district is filled up. Had two hotel servants from Ealing recently.

Financially the Corps does well. Has not been at any corps in London, where the people maintained their corps so well. Last August the contributions averaged £12 a week; in September £20 (this included harvest festival); Oct £9.14; Nov £10.10 -; Dec £13.8. + January £12.17. The expenses are about £10.

Replying to questions whether he had to go short of his allowance at any time, he said that he had never gone short at any London Corps, nor did he think any officer would.

Ensign Skinner is about 30. A vigorous, go-a-head chap with a strong, almost hard face. Quite capable of dealing with the unruly spirits he must have to meet. He varies his plans. Thus one Saturday night 160 of the corps marched out before midnight & brought 300 people in for a mid night meeting.

Rev J Lawson Forster LL.D.
Queen's Park Congregational Church

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9/3/99

Personal Note

Buildings used

Total seating accom^{ts} 2280.

St Jude's parish.

Order west 23

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Rev J Lawson Forster LL.B., D.D. Pastor of Queen's
Park Congregational Church, Harrow Road. W.
Residence: 35 Broadesbury Park, N.W.

Mr Forster is a tall, well built man of 50 or thereabout.
Long face, broad high forehead, short thick beard on chin
somewhat American in style. Right arm hangs helpless
at his side, either a withered or artificial limb. A quiet
deliberate mode of speaking. Was trained at Coburg
(Canada) of which place he is D.D. Has been in the Congregational
ministry ^{nearly} 30, holding pastorates at Markham Square,
Chelsea; Harecourt, Canbury; from coming from
the latter place to Queen's Park, not quite two years
ago.

The place is a veritable hive of industry
& maze of buildings. The first half hour was
spent going over the church and schools & the
Queen's Park Institute. The Church seats 1500;
a modern building, well lighted and with a fine
lofty roof. A new organ has been fitted and is
to be opened this evening. Adjoining the Church & forming
part of the block is the Queen's Park Institute, in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{which}

Queen's Park Magazine.

(Organ of the QUEEN'S PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HARROW RD., W.)

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[PRICE ONE PENNY.]

SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

SUNDAY.—Early Prayer Meeting, 10.15; Public Worship, 11 and 7; School, 9.45 and 2.45; Bible Classes: Young Women, 2.45; Young Men, 2.45; Pleasant Sunday Afternoon for Men, in Church, at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY.—P.M.A. for Women at 3 o'clock. Christian Endeavour, *Junior*, 7; *Senior*, 8.45.

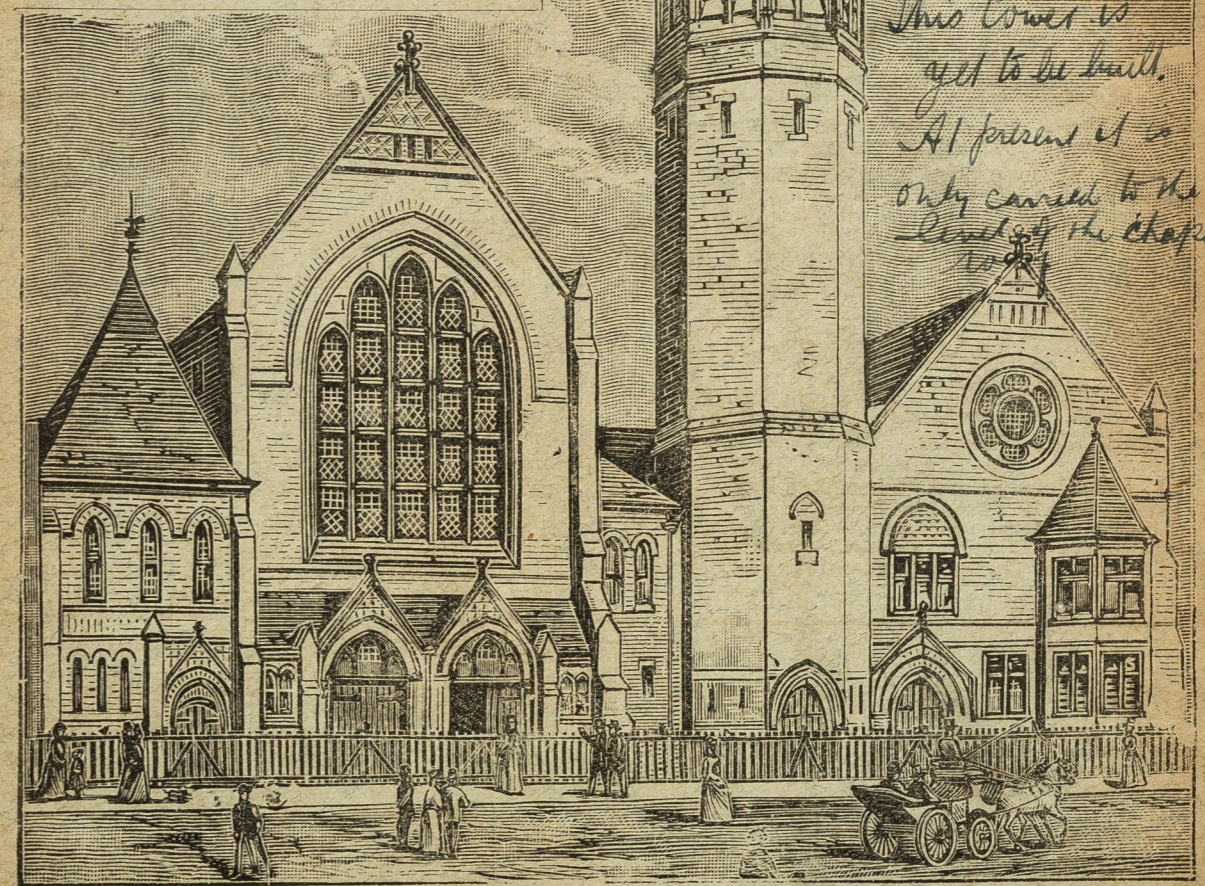
THURSDAY.—Ladies' Sewing Meeting, second Thursday of the Month, 3; Public Lecture 8; Congregational Guild, once a quarter.

FRIDAY.—Band of Hope, 7. Bible Reading, 8.

SATURDAY.—Prayer and Religious Conversation, 8; Savings' Bank, 6 to 7.45; Sick Clubs: Women, 6 to 7; Men, 7 to 9; Medical Society, 6.15 to 7.45.

BAPTISMS.—Third Sunday of Month, Morning.

COMMUNION.—First Sunday of Month, Evening.



This tower is yet to be built. At present it is only carried to the level of the chapel.

* * All communications for the Editor of the Magazine to be sent *not later than the 18th* of the month, addressed to the Editor, Q. P. M., *clo* Mr. PERRY, Third Avenue, Queen's Park, W. Advertisements to Mr. J. T. HALY, 298, Ladbroke Grove, W. Copies of the Magazine may be had of Mr. ELLISON, 10, Mostyn Gardens, Kensal Rise, W.; Mr. BOWDEN, 28, Marne Street, Queen's Park, W.; Mr. H. CHOWN, 116, Lothrop Street, Queen's Park, W.; and of Mr. PERRY, at the Congregational Cottage.

the "Day College" is carried on. It includes a large Hall, a series of class rooms, chemical laboratory, &c. A caretaker's house is built at the back and another house adjoining the church in 3rd Avenue is used for the Young Men's Club. A large building, on the opposite of the road & about 3 minutes walk from the chapel, is rented (£200 a year) for the technical classes. Here we found lads and lasses of 12 to 15 engaged at woodwork, chemical manipulation, &c. The workrooms and schools, especially the new building, were very well equipped. Benches (two work at each), apparatus, were all comparatively new. It was a novel & pretty sight to see the young people zealously planing pieces of deal, their faces flushed with the unusual exertion & the warmth of the afternoon, whilst frocks and jackets covered by large ^{black} holland aprons contrasted sharply with the glowing chertis.

Mr G. R. Parkinson M.A. the head master and also a deacon of the church said that they had about 220 scholars in the school, which is a mixed one. Of these about 120 pay the fees, the remainder coming with L.C.C. scholarships. He strongly favours the mixed system: the boys become more gentle

The Schools

Head master's opinion

Mixed classes

The people of the district

The Congregations.

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gentle & the girls more self reliant. They earn over £2000 a year in grants from the Technical Education Board and the Science and Art Dept.

Also have evening Technical & other classes.

For fees & other particulars of schools - see page of magazine at end of this interview.

The people in the neighbourhood are good working class mainly: clerks, mechanics, labourers, railway men, policemen; tradesmen, some builders in a small way &c. Those living south of the Canal are quite different to those to the north: the latter are self reliant and look down upon the cringing poor to the south. Some are poor but most are in regular employment.

For Services, see list on page 117.

The congregation is working and middle class with some shopkeepers. Have a very large number of young people - the Church is becoming a rendezvous and they get all kinds of people in the evening. 900 to 1000 in the morning - "better say 900". 1500 in the evening, place full; scarcely an evening on which some do not go away. A note.

where people come from

Persons Employed

Notes on Services

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note in this month's magazine refers to the evening cong:
"It is a wonderful & inspiring sight to see our capacious church crowded in every part, with seats up the aisles & within the 'communion rails'; it is also a sight to make a preacher shrink and tremble with a sense of his great responsibility before God & his fellow creatures".

The people come from Queen's Park, Kilburn Vale, St Peter's Park, the new buildings at Kensal Rise (many have their own houses there) and from Paddington. A few come across the Canal from North Kensington, mostly by Ladbroke Road.

Minister & 2 deacons, ^{except in business.} the only paid workers. Nurse has just broken down and has to go. Of voluntary workers "at least 150". 47 S. S. teachers.

P. S. A. Sunday afternoon. 200 men. Open meeting monthly. (Secretary says 300 men).

Week evening service (Thursday) 250.

Sunday School, 750 on book. Average attendance Morn^g 183, afternoon 545.

Womens Class (Monday afternoon). Taken by Mr Forster. About 100 women. Distinctly Bible class. not mothers meeting.

Social Agencies

WHY PAY DOCTOR'S BILLS?
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Visitation

Nursing

Forster - Congregational

Christian Endeavour Society. Very strong - about 120 in the Senior. Does not know the number of Juniors. Helps a L. C. M. in Kensal New Town.

Social Agencies are very active and prosperous. Temperance Society, Literary Society, giving entertainments. Benefit Slate Club about 500 members; Medical Society 600 members. Football, Cricket and Swimming clubs. Young Men's Club, sub-2^d a week, uses the house in 3rd Avenue. Bible classes on Sunday in connection have 80 members. The members are clerks, shopmen, ~~first class~~ mechanics, builders etc. Ages from 17 to 21. Are eligible at 16. Have a Savings Bank also - see magazine at end of interview.

Dr Forster endeavours to visit the congregation twice a year. The deaconesses are always looking out: they go from house to house.

Had a nurse in connection with the place. She has had to leave through failure of health but Mr L did not say whether a successor would be appointed but I expect this will be done.

Charitable Relief

Relation to other Churches

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Have 9 aged persons receiving a weekly allowance from the Communion fund. The P.S.A. has a Samaritan fund for any cases that come under its notice. The people are very friendly and sociable and it is surprising how they help each other. I mentioned a case this week in which £8 was collected for a man. The cases are mostly temporary, and due to illness or other cause. This friendly help of one another Mr L. seems to think is greater than the official relief which is about £100 a year. Generally help their own poor but when they became thoroughly dependent would let them go to the C.O.S. or Guardians.

Also give Christmas and children's dinners. Allow 2/6 for the former. Some from Kensal Town take part in these functions.

There is a very good understanding between the Free Churches and the Anglican churches. Speaking of the latter, he said there was not a narrow minded man amongst the clergy. Specially mentioned Mr Bott (St Judes) as a magnificent man. He passed his wife, whilst walking thro'

Queen's

Temperance feeling strong

Other Churches & their work

The Free Church Council

Church Membership

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Queens Park after the interview. A motherly, ^{looking} old lady. 'A good worker' said Mr Lawson. The churches are united in temperance work and there is little chance of new licences being obtained near the Queens Park Estate, altho' attempts are frequently made.

Of the Churches in the neighbourhood, he mentioned St Jude's (Mrs Bott) & St John, Kenal Green (Mr Thornber) as doing capital work. Also the Wesleyans (Sutherland Avenue). The churches & missions south of the Canal were not doing much. Thought the Church of England was doing the most, altho' there were a great many missions.

The Free Church Council has not had much influence here chiefly because they have not had time to attend to it. The idea however has laid hold and some of his deacons are strong upon it. There is a good feeling of unity and a great interest is taken in every social and moral movement.

The Church membership is now 680. They
added

Poor Relief

Prostitution

Drunk

Marriage

The prospects - excellent.

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added 131 ^{last year.} Get a number of young people from the Sunday School and also some people who come to the neighbourhood. Continual changes going on through removals.

Very Some in Queen's Park, but not many are receiving outdoor relief. But a great many on the other side of the Canal (Kewal New Down).

Very little prostitution. A contrast to Chelsea & Canonbury.

The influence of the publichouses on the fringe of the Queen's Park is marvellous but there is a very strong temperance feeling in the district. Queen's Park a prohibition area.

Marriages are very general. Mostly young people he marries - wonderfully prudent however. Never find any who have not made provision for the future.

Mr. Lawson is very sanguine as to the prospects of the church. They are remarkable. Apart from
from

from the College they raised over £2000 last year. The church has always been popular and a 'draw' and his predecessor, Dr Leach, was an excellent organiser and laid the foundations well. Expects it will be one of the strongest churches in the west and expects that they will have 1000 members in a few years. The chief difficulty is to find room for the people on Sunday evenings. The people ^{are} earnest & intelligent workers and could do much more than they were now doing.

I was charmed with Dr Lawson Forster's quiet unobtrusive manner. Whilst quite conscious that the work was successful, he attributed the result to every other human agency than himself. He has the faculty of winning the esteem of those he meets. The children were pleased when he spoke to one or the other and answered his personal questions without the least sign of shyness. They recognised a friend rather than a minister.

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VESTRY NOTES.

It is important in the interests of the church, to have a perfect roll of members and seatholders, with their addresses. But owing to frequent removals it is difficult to keep track of many of our people. Will our friends kindly intimate to the Pastor, or one of the officers of the church, any change of address at the earliest opportunity.

One of the difficulties connected with the pastorate of a large church is that of getting well acquainted with the people. It is our regret that we have not more time for pastoral visitation, but with our numerous meetings and outside engagements this really cannot be helped. We hope, however, in the course of a few weeks to enter upon a systematic course of "house-to-house" visitation which will compass all the householders of the congregation. We purpose giving up all outside engagements

for a month, in the afternoon, and evenings, in order that we may visit all our people and thus become better acquainted with them.

We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the gift of £3 to the Organ Fund, from Miss Sergeant's class. This class is composed of young women, many of whom have to work hard for all they possess, and we look upon their kind and generous gift as an expression of real self-denial and Christian beneficence. It was a saying of the heathen of old, "What women these Christians have!" We thank God that the same graces that characterized the women of old are still manifest in the church—gentleness, goodness, and self-denying charity. May God continue to bless our young women and may they be as "corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

At the last meeting of the Pastors and Delegates of the North West District of the London Congregational Union, the Pastor of Queen's Park Church was elected President. We received the following from the Secretary:—

Feb. 22nd, 1899.

Dear Dr. Forster

It is my great pleasure to inform you that you were enthusiastically elected last night by the Pastors and Delegates as President for 1899, and also as one of the four ministerial representatives on the Council of the London Congregational Union.

I will advise you as to date of next District Committee Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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Our Sunday School is an immense institution, and its influence must be wide and far-reaching. What magnificent classes of boys! What a host of girls! What a multitude of young people! And what immense responsibilities in connection with such a work! So we thought on Sunday afternoon, the 19th ult., when we presented the prizes for good conduct and regularity in attendance. The Hall was crowded with teachers and scholars (there must have been over 700 present), and the meeting was a most interesting and exciting one to us. We are pleased to note an impending change in the provision for the musical service. The new hymn-book that is being introduced will, we are sure, contribute not a little to the improvement of the singing. May it be so.

After many delays and postponements, the opening of our New Organ is now fixed for Thursday evening, March 9th. Mr. Edwin H. Lemaire, the noted Organist of St. Margaret's, Westminster, will preside at the instrument, and under his able and ingenious manipulation, we shall listen with pleasure to its soothing and enrapturing tones. Mr. Lemaire is recognised as the leading organist of the day, and his recitals on Saturday afternoons at St. Margaret's are a source of great interest and attraction to lovers of music. The opening will also be brightened by other forms of attraction. Miss Hettie Stammer, Miss Kate Cherry and others, are expected to render vocal solos; and Miss Jessie Maclaren, the noted violinist, will also be present with her instrument.

Some of our friends have expressed a strong desire that the sermons on "Marriage, and Home Life" should be published, either in pamphlet or book form. We have the same desire, and, if spared, mean one day to issue a volume of sermons, but owing to our pressure of work, we must refrain for the present, at least, from shouldering additional responsibilities. The work at Queen's Park is the most enjoyable possible, but it is, nevertheless, rather heavy; and while leading ministers are breaking down in all parts of the country, we are anxious to retain our health and vigour. We do not want our people saddled with the responsibility of either doctor's bills or funeral expenses—certainly not for some time to come. But we hope to issue more than one bulky volume before we "go hence and be no more."

Our congregations on Sunday evenings for some weeks past have been abnormally large, owing, we suppose, to the special course of sermons on "Marriage, and Home Life." It is a wonderful and inspiring sight to see our capacious church crowded in every part, with seats up the aisles and within the "communion rails"; it is also a sight to make a preacher think and tremble with a sense of his great responsibility before God and his fellow-creatures. Our congregational singing is also marvellous in its volume and power, and this feature of the service must never be interfered with. The new organ will, we trust, contribute not a little to our service of praise, and we have the fullest confidence that our music, already bright and attractive, will be materially improved by this important addition. But, think of it! ye sober and grave people of Queen's Park! one of our deacons—a wise, shrewd, and fatherly man—has the audacity to suggest that we should have a cornet (why not two?) to accompany the organ, as at the City Temple! *O tempora! O mores!*

The meetings of the Literary Society, held every Wednesday, are full of interest and growing in size. But we cannot understand why the room is not crowded, and why so few of our own people, comparatively, attend. While strangers are being attracted in large numbers, the meetings do not seem to be appreciated by the people of Queen's Park. Surely this is not the fault of the Society! The last two or three evenings have been simply marvellous in their interest and attraction. Take the lecture given by Miss Emily Rasey on "The Music of Scotland, England, and Ireland," with vocal illustrations—the talent and genius displayed in the entertainment might have delighted the most critical and fastidious. And there was the "Mock Trial," full of interest and amusement from beginning to end. The genuine wit, the smartness of repartee, and the positive genius displayed by the devoted mother of the plaintiff we have never heard excelled in any part of the world; and yet there were not 150 in the audience! In order to awaken the interest of our people, we purpose, if spared to the next winter's session, having an important course of lectures from leading men—travellers, wits, writers, &c., &c. The Queen's Park Literary Society must be made to go! Come and help us!

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QUEEN'S PARK LITERARY SOCIETY.

I AM pleased to say we are improving our meetings from week to week, and the Society has every reason to congratulate itself on its success. On the 15th February, the members had a splendid treat in the shape of a lecture by Miss Emily Rasey on "The National Songs of Scotland, England, and Ireland." The Scottish music was noted for its intensity; the English for its elegance, depending more on art than nature; the Irish, apart from Moore's pathetic melodies, for its rollicking fun and engaging coquetry. "Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon" and "Flora Macdonald's Lament" were well sung as illustrations of the

Scottish song. Shakespeare's "It was a lover and his lass" was most brilliantly rendered, and Longfellow's "Arrow and the Song," set to music by Balfe, was powerfully sung. "The Last Rose of Summer," illustrating Moore's songs, and "Barney O'Hea," as a coquetish song, were loudly applauded, and Miss Rasey must be heartily congratulated on the way she carried out her difficult task.

On the following Wednesday, the 22nd February, there was a most successful "Mock Trial" for breach of promise, and, considering that the whole affair was impromptu, it must be admitted that it was a decided success. There were 120 present, and we had continual laughter amongst the audience from beginning to end. Mr. C. Tindale Davis (Barrister) as Judge, Mr. Draper as prosecuting Counsel, and Mr. W. Lennard Jones for the defence, robed in wigs and gowns, not only looked, but did well. Miss Robinson was Plaintiff in the case, Mr. Smart, Defendant, Miss Madden and Mr. Madden, witnesses, and Mrs. Lynd. Too much credit cannot be given to Mrs. Lynd for the way in which she acted her part, and a great deal of the success of the evening was due to her. Mr. Anderson was good as the foreman of the jury. The verdict was for the defendant however.

Allow me to remind you of the Lectures for the Organ Fund, on March 8th, on "Dickens," by Mr. Harry E. Gaze, illustrated by Tableaux and Music, and on the 22nd, "A Trip through California," by the Rev. J. Curtis Miserve, D.D. preceded by a Grand Organ Recital.

GORDON SMART,
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Miss Hurst
Ranelagh Mission

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The Buildings

Persons Employed

St Mary Magdalene parish ^{West} $\frac{23}{5}$ ^{with} $\frac{23}{2}$ 137

Miss Hurst. Ranelagh Mission Hall,
32 & 36 Cirencester Street, Paddington.
Residence: 8 Portadown Road, Maids Vale W.

Altho' Miss Hurst has no official position ascribed to her in the Report, she is the leading spirit at the mission. A bright vivacious lady with light lines showing here and there in her dark, almost black, hair. With her was a tall, grey haired aristocratic looking lady (Lady Agnes Anderson) who occasionally interjected a few words. ~~but left~~ The ~~con~~ conversation was mainly with Miss Hurst, who seemed to enjoy the idea of being interviewed immensely.

The Mission was originated in Kensal New Town and has been located in Cirencester Street 4 years.

The premises consist of two houses (3 floors & basement) and hall built on the gardens of these houses & that of a third which has been pulled down to provide an entrance to the hall (seats 300). The rooms in the houses are used as classrooms & the upper floor is occupied by the caretaker.

Two biblewomen and a colporteur are paid
and they

An antidote to Ritualism

Notes on Services

Hurst

and they have at least 60 voluntary helpers, including a number of working men, who hold open air meetings etc.

At this point the theological position of the Mission came up. Miss Hurst said they were undenominational being affiliated to the R.S.U.

GA. "I have heard that the Mission is Church of England and is intended as an antidote to the ritualism at the other end of the street"?

Miss Hurst admitted the latter part of my suggestion was correct but the "workers range from Church of England to Plymouth Brethren".

For List of Services, see page 4 of Report attached.

Sunday school has 500 to 600 children on the books and an attendance of 350 to 400 in the afternoon. About 150 on Sunday morning & these remain to the service at 11 am. The children are not extremely poor.

With a few exceptions, they have Sunday clothes. At the Evangelistic Service (7 pm) they get over 200 people; place looks nicely filled. Have a good number of men and also get the poor women. The

extremely

Hurst

extremely poor women (bonnetless &c) they do not get in, except at the Watch night service. At the Service on Wednesday they get 60 to 70; same class as on Sunday. At the Children's service on Friday night they get 300 children during the winter, the number falling in the summer. Here they reach the very poor - some shoeless. Give a ^{test card} ticket to each child. Had some trouble with them at first but they have wonderfully improved and listen to all that is said. "We have no noise" said Miss Hurst in a way that suggested it would be unpleasant for the lad beginning any sort tricks.

The Y. W. C. A. on Thursday has recently been joined from a Bible class. Has 22 members at present - dressmakers and servants.

Social agencies include two mothers meetings (Monday and Tuesday). Each has about 150 members and an attendance of 85 to 90 on Monday & 65 or so on Tuesday. Some of the women come from Kensal New Town (the former locale of the mission) and one from Shepherd's Bush.

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Social Agencies

Hurst

"Put that down: it deserves recording" said Miss H. with a laugh. The meetings however like the other agencies is fast becoming local. Penny Bank. Band of Hope (50 to 60).

The Working Parties (2) make articles for an East London Medical Mission. They were originated by a girl in the school, who has since become a teacher.

Have a Provident Dispensary, the doctor attends daily. Several hundred members: man wife and 2 children pay 2½^d but "you can have" any number of children for 3^d

The Biblewomen & colporters go from door to door & also visit the people connected with the various meetings. Do a good deal of visitation in the neighbourhood.

When a nurse is needed, they send to the Nursing Home in Warwick Road. They are "very good"

"Very little" charitable relief "because they have very little to give". Coals, a little milk or bread, is given to sick or out of work cases. Soup Kitchen during winter.

Visitation

Nursing

Charitable Relief

St Mary Magdalene

Poor Relief

Police

Drink

The District

Hurst

As to the other agencies Miss Hurst sees the St Mary Magdalene people "walking about in their garments." There is no co-operation "We bow, and pass on." Except the church, there is nothing else in the neighbourhood; we stand alone"

Very little poor relief.

Thankful to see the police occasionally but "if we want one, we have to go to the Harrow Road"

Drink is the curse and Miss H. thinks it is increasing. It is not merely a case of the drinking being more open. Has noticed it amongst the mothers. Years ago they did not drink so openly. Mentioned the Spotted Dog as a house, which is often full of women.

Concerning the district the talk was rather long. The result was that Miss H. thinks Cirencester Street the worst of the group, the part near the Mission & between it & the Harrow Road being the worst. It is let in furnished rooms but Miss H. was not sure whether these rooms were

The Growth of the Mission

Hurst

were let by the night or the week. Clarendon Street comes next and that is also poorest near Harrow Road. Woodmanchester Street is better than these. Cirencester Street has grown worse during recent years. The men are bricklayers' labourers, hardy men, draymen & road sweepers, and there are some whose mode of living is unknown. From Miss Hurst's information & another inspection of the street, I think that a part (the Harrow Rd end) should at least be dark blue.

Respecting the results of the Mission, Miss Hurst suddenly became reticent but Lady Agnes spoke up and described it as a "real living work". She had seen it now for some years. It grew very rapidly after the removal from Kensal Town and was still growing but more slowly. Miss Hurst said they had some very good cases, amongst the men especially but there were not so many cases of decided change amongst the women. They had no membership but they kept a book in which the names of those who appeared to

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appear to be truly converted were entered. As a rule those who remained in the neighbourhood became workers in the Mission.

Report of interview with the Very Rev. F.M. Wyndham,
Father Superior of the Oblate Fathers of S. Charles ~~of~~ Bor-
romeo, at the Presbytery. S. Mary of the Angels, Westmore-
land Road, Bayswater. (E.A.) Jan. 16. 99.

In addition to S. Mary of the Angels, the Fathers have
three other churches, one in either Kensington or Westminst
(by Victoria) I forget which; one in Kensal (with Fathers
Baker and Green in charge, address, 68 Hazelwood Crescent),
and the third at Notting Hill (S. Francis, Pottery Lane, with
Fathers Tasker and White in charge). To all these churches
the Father Superior appoints, having theoretically absolute
authority. The districts which the Order takes charge of
was given to it in 1856 or 7, by Cardinal Wiseman, then
Archbishop. One of the first Fathers Superior, if not the
first, was the late Cardinal Manning. He left in 1866, on his
appointment to the Catholic episcopacy. One of the present
staff, Father Joseph Brown, was with us for most of the
interview, and was inclined to date the decline of the dis-
trict from the year of ~~xxxxxx~~ Manning's removal, the depart-
ure of a man of great eminence having, ^{been formed} he thought, by the
removal of many R.C. families of distinction. Father Wyndham
while admitting that there was something in Father Brown's
opinion, attached more importance to the building and expan-

St Andrew's parish

St John's, Ladbroke Grove.

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sion of Kensington, dating from about 1875.

Father Brown has been at the church for 16 years, and is in especial charge of the poor parts in and around Clarendon St. and here also decline is a marked feature in his opinion. It has been going on during the last decade, and is largely attributable to the demolitions for the Great Central Railway, to the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ movement into the district of many of the Lisson Grove poor, and to the exodus of many of the better class people to Queen's Park, etc.

Father W's own experience of this mission parish dates back to 1868, but for some years between then and now he was away. He was appointed Superior in 1891. The parish in his more special care at S. Mary of the Angels is a very large one, stretching from the Canal (N.) to the Bayswater Road (S.) and from Ladbroke Grove (W.) to Westbourne Terrace (E.) In the whole of this area they agreed that there were approximately 6000 Catholics, ranging from Ambassadors down to the poorest. Roughly they think that they have some 500 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ well-to-do. About 500 are servants, and the weekly wage earners they put down at from 3 to 4000, of whom they thought that perhaps 2000 were "poor". The characteristic of the parish is its lack of any thing approaching to homogeneousness

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There are nine priests living at the Presbytery, of whom four work especially in the mission district. The Little Sisters of the Poor help in work with the sick poor. They have a strong branch of the S. of S. Vincent de Paul, which helps as usual in visiting and relief work. In connexion with this Society, Father Wyndham suggested that it wd. save us time if we procured the General Report. The Confraternity of Sacred Doctrine finds its members among ~~the~~ the laity, and its special work is to help in the instruction of those who need it, and especially to carry on the work with those who leave the Schools.

BUILDINGS:-- The Church holds from 7 to 800, and 1100 can crowd in. There are three Schools, including a mixed one in Cirencester St. and one for Boys in Bolton Road, and, in addition, there is a club room.

SERVICES etc. There are 5 Masses on Sunday, at 7, 8, 9, 10, and High Mass at 11. Evening service at 7. Daily masses at 7, 8, 9, and 10, and a service of some kind on most evening. There are always some present ^{at} the daily masses, and the average total is from 2 to 300. On Sunday mornings the aggregate attendance was put at 2000, plus 200 children who come to the 10 o'clock mass. On Sunday evenings from 3 to 400 come. No large proportion of Non-Catholics attend at

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this church. There is always a certain number of converts on hand, and they belong generally either to the poor or servant classes or to the upper middle. As regards their own people they thought that there was only the normal drift away from themselves, and that those who back-slided did so mainly from carelessness ^{rather} than from any definite intention or change of faith or belief. Those who make their Easter duty at the church are something under 2000.

The High Church movement in the C. of E. was thought likely to have two effects, on the one hand to bring a certain number over to the Catholics, and on the other to check the tide towards them, the English Catholic revival meeting needs that would, apart from it, be met only by the Roman communion. But it was thought that if the present divisions persisted, many would with certainty be led to the Roman church. He anticipated however that the C. of E. would "settle down" the inconsistencies and anomalies of the present state of things being so harmful.

Not much money is dispensed in charitable relief, and, apart from the work of the Soc. of S. Vincent de Paul, it is generally managed personally. Father Wyndham is on the N. Kensington Cttee. of Friendly Workers, but the connexion is only a nominal one. The practical difficulty that confronts

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them is that they must visit their own people. If any one else goes therefore it simply means that they have to do the work over again themselves. This is especially true of the Irish. *Although it was stated that no work was given in clear from the school and that money is not scarce. The fathers are able to give largely of themselves.*

SOCIAL AGENCIES are, as usual, unimportant, a Young Mens' Club being almost the only thing mentioned. They have, for instance, no temperance agencies, the heterogeneous character of the people making this kind of work, on any organized basis, of great difficulty. It is otherwise in such areas as Kensal Green or Notting Hill, where the people are mostly all of a class.

VISITING is fairly thorough, but the shifting character of many of the people makes it a task of difficulty.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:-- Street rowdyism, mainly in the shape of disorderly boys is increasing, but they formulated no complaints against the police. As regards Prostitution, the answer was "Not much of that, I think", and the same answer was given, in effect, as regards Crime. As regards Marriage, Father Wyndham thought that most of them were now mixed, but he appeared to regard the matter with equanimity, thinking that the guarantees secured prevented the results from being adverse on the whole to Catholicism. There are many poor and crowded homes, but he is inclined to think

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that conditions depend primarily on the habits of the occupiers themselves. He argued from the differences one saw in the rooms of the well-to-do: sometimes they were pretty, clean and charming; at others they were ugly, untidy, dirty. In the homes of the poor you find analogous differences, the bad characteristics being exaggerated, and involving in cases of the most neglected kind, absolute unhealthiness.

The Confraternity of Prayer for the Conversion of England has a branch at the Church, but they are not rabid Ransomers, and Father W. emphasised the friendliness of their relations with the neighbouring clergy.

Father Browne was a man of perhaps 45, most suave in manner, the ~~most~~ striking feature of his demeanour being his *very* deferential and filial attitude towards his Father Superior. The latter was a much older man, of perhaps 65, with an attractive face, good teeth, a charming ~~xxxix~~ and frequent smile that lit up his face most pleasantly. Both were men of culture.

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In providing for special distress which food tickets could not remedy	13	6	11½
Total	£70	16	2½

The Executive Committee, in dealing with the School Building Fund, have had under their special consideration the serious condition of the Kensal district as to its inadequate school accommodation, occasioned by the abnormal increase in the Catholic population.

The Executive Committee beg to lay before the General Committee the annexed Report of the School Building Fund, containing proposals for providing the necessary school accommodation in the Kensal district.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (BAYSWATER, KENSAL, AND NOTTING HILL).

When this Fund was started in May, 1892, new schools were being erected, entailing an expenditure of £4,805 os. 9d. for building and £548 8s. 9d. for interest on loans, making a total of £5,353 9s. 6d. to December 31st, 1897.

Up to that date the contributions amounted to £2,776 2s. 9d. Out of this sum the interest, £548 8s. 9d. has been paid; £2,227 14s. have been applied to the reduction of the debt, which now stands at £2,600; and a balance of £22 13s. 3d. has been carried forward to 1898.

The amount received includes £100 from His Eminence the late Cardinal Manning; £200 from Mr. Joseph C. Tasker; £71 from the late Mr. Thomas Manby-Colegrave; £670 from the private incomes of some of the Oblate Fathers of St. Charles; and £29 6s. from various non-parishioners: in all £1,070 6s. from these sources.

The remaining £1,705 16s. 9d. have been contributed by the parishioners of Bayswater, Kensal, and Notting Hill.

A great work has been undertaken and carried out. It only remains to pay off the outstanding debt of £2,600.

Several Hundred Children without a School.

A serious emergency has arisen in the Kensal district, where there has lately been an extraordinary increase in the population. This, to a great extent, is due to a large immigration of Catholics dislodged by the clearances effected for the Great Central Railway, which is to have its terminus near Blandford Square.

The existing schools accommodate 412 children. Besides these there are between 300 and 400 Catholic children for whom there are no places in the present schools. And so crowded have they been that the Education Department has required the withdrawal of no less than 83 children.

The site has been secured. Freehold land to the value of £500 has been presented by one of the Oblate Fathers; and an additional plot has been acquired for £1,000 by means of a loan on the security of the land.

The proposed new schools have been approved by the Education Department for 342 boys and 363 infants, a total of 705 children. To build for 705 children, at £8 per head,

Will Cost £5,640.

Towards this sum we have only £150. We therefore appeal very earnestly for the help and co-operation of all Catholics in the whole of our parish, which comprises Bayswater, Kensal, and Notting Hill. If it be unanimously determined that this is a work which shall be done, it will assuredly, with the blessing of God, be accomplished.

Help may be given in various ways:—

1. By donations;
2. By loans (to meet immediate expenditure);
3. By sums given weekly.

The large sheets and leaflets published in May, 1892, show that the contributions of 1,750 persons, paying sums ranging from one penny to sixpence a week, would amount to over £1,000 in the course of a year.

The Catholic population of the whole parish is not less than 10,000. It is not too much to hope that the co-operation of each individual may be so cordial and effective as to bring this,

Our Second Great Work

in the cause of Catholic education, to a

Speedy and Successful Issue.

A Subscription List will be opened and published, on which will be entered the various promises of support. Where it may be desired that the name should not be



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(Signed) FRANCIS M. WYNDHAM,
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ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS,
BAYSWATER, W.,
August 15th, 1898.

LETTER OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

I am extremely anxious that provision should be made at once for the education of
so large a number of Catholic children as are now forced to attend non-Catholic schools
in Kensal from the sheer inability of the Catholic schools to accommodate their numbers.
Among a population of 10,000 Catholics the money ought to be found by weekly
collections to meet the cost of building. Unless the Catholics of the Bayswater district
are much below Catholics of equal number in places I have been accustomed to deal
with in the past, they will not consider this undertaking as overburdensome, but will
cheerfully and speedily take it up and carry it through. God bless all who put a hand
to it.

HERBERT, CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

August 18th, 1898.



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The last item includes outfits for young people, to enable them to start work ; fares to Convalescent and other Homes, and such like. This leaves in hand at the present moment the small sum of £18 3s. 1½d.

Up to date the Society has spent nothing on itself, even its present Office (which is simply an underground kitchen) having been provided by members of the Committee.

But latterly, as the good work has become better known and trusted, its present quarters are proving wholly inadequate to its needs. On the days that the Office is open the poor flock round in such numbers that more space is absolutely necessary.

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Moreover, if the Society is to do more than attend merely to the corporal wants of these hundreds of poor neglected people, a large comfortable room, suitable for Mother's Meetings, Catechism Classes, and Evening Clubs is indispensable. Another pressing want is a dry storeroom, in which to keep the clothes sent to the Society for distribution among the poor. This year, therefore, apart from the usual outlay in the distribution of charity, the Society foresees an extra expense in securing and furnishing suitable premises in which to carry on its work. To accomplish this, and to pay rent for one year it is calculated that £40 will be needed. Special donations for this purpose will be most gratefully received.

As will be observed, the Society looks for its *regular* and settled income principally to two sources, viz., Subscriptions and Jumble Sales.

1. Honorary Members may belong to either sex and to any denomination ; they are not called upon to give any active service, and are only asked for the small Annual Subscription of 5s.

2. The Sales are to be held twice a year, in the months of March and November : and *all* who read this Report are asked to remember how easily, and efficaciously, they can help on a good work by simply keeping (or collecting from friends) broken ornaments, crockery, furniture, old clothes, and, in fact, *any* description of article that is no longer of use to themselves. These things may be sent to the Office at any time ; but just before each Sale a cart is sent round to collect "Jumbles" from all who have sent name and address to any of the members of the Committee.

In conclusion, the Society tenders its grateful thanks to all its generous benefactors, and trusts that the New Year will bring a large increase to the number of its Associates and Honorary Members.

Contributions may be sent to, and further particulars obtained from, any of the following members of the Committee :—

Miss TORROMÉ, 19 Richmond Road, W.

Mrs. FAIRHEAD, 16 Northumberland Place, W.

Mrs. WILLIAMS, 29 York Street Chambers, Bryanston Square.

Miss JORDAN, 17 Talbot Road, W.

Miss ST. LAWRENCE, 26 Lancaster Road.

Major-General SEXTON, 65 Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park.

Or from The Rev. Father BROWN, O.S.C., St. Mary of the Angels
(Priest in charge of the Harrow Road District.) Bayswater.



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Report of an interview with the Rev. J. Mitchell Cox,
Minister of S. Peter's Park (Baptist) Chapel, Shirland Rd.
at his residence 108 Shirland Road. (E.A.) Jan. 17. 99.

Mr. Cox has been the minister of his chapel since 1871.
He is one of Spurgeon's men, and it appears that when he
came the congregation had more means at its command than is
the case at present. Many of their more well-to-do support-
ers have left the n'hood, and at present Mr. Cox has himself
to help a good deal in keeping the finances on the right
side. He is no longer the paid minister, but appeared to be
comfortably off, and to be earning money by agencies and
secretarial work. The chapel itself is mixed up with a Build-
ing Soc. that originally started among its own members but
has grown into a ~~xxx~~ large affair. Of this, having served
in an honorary capacity for some years, Mr. Cox is Secretary.

The congregation is working-class, with a fair number
of servants, and "here and there a tradesman". It was to
avoid the necessity of leaving and in order to keep things
going that Mr. Cox turned his mind to other than ministerial
work. The Chapel is a queer looking little place in a *kind of*
well, off the street, and just by where Mr. Cox lives. It is
said to hold 300, and has a class room attached.

Attendances are not large, in the morning from 50 to

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60, and in the evening from 100 to 150. Men "fight shy" of the place, and, although they have some ^{new} among, the proportion is diminishing. They have a membership of 70. On the Sunday School register there are 200, and the average attendance is from 130 to 140. Mr Cox and his wife, who is "most devoted" to the work and an active visitor, appear to do most of the work connected with the chapel, which may perhaps be almost regarded as a semi-proprietary^e affair that does not pay. There are 12 S.S. teachers. Mr. Cox is on the Paddington Board of Guardians, and most of the relief appears to be in the shape of coal tickets etc, that come to him in that capacity.

As regards the other religious centres of the n'hood Mr Cox naturally fears the Romanizing tendencies of the extreme High Church party, and it is doubtless trying for him that his house should almost face one of the Orphanages belonging to the Church Extension Sisters. Of these he has the worst opinion, but has the satisfaction now of thinking that their works are not very flourishing. The Orphanage opposite is, he thinks, not by any means used to its full capacity, and a portion of it has been recently converted into a college for girls (middle-class). But he sees very few going, and thinks that the attempt is rather a failure.

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Of Roman Catholics there are not many in the district, "but they are strong enough". He described ~~xxx~~ what he called the "really pauperizing effects" of both the R.Cs. and the extreme High Church party, adding, as a pregnant criticism, that ~~a~~ "they seem to want the people to hang on to them".

He spoke of Dr. Clifford as being important, adding "of course" that he personally did not agree with him ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ in everything ~~xxxxxxxx~~ that he did, in the name of religion.

As a Guardian Mr. Cox stands as an independent, and has been twice successful at the poll. He opposes the indoor policy of his Board, fearing that they are on the wrong tack, strengthening the very feeling that they profess to disapprove of. The result of their policy is that they are always having to try and overcome dislike of the House. "An applicant comes up and in reply to a suggestion that ^{he} ~~they~~ had better go into the House, says "I don't want to"; "Bravo" say I. But these good people appear to want to make ~~him~~ feel differently." He thinks the Poor Law hard, and deprecates a policy that tries to make a woman with a husband temporarily laid up let some of her children come into the Schools. And so often with widows. If you overcome the resistance they make to your proposals "you are overcoming ~~xxxx~~ one of the best motives of which they are capable". But Mr. Cox's

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severest strictures were reserved for the lady Guardians. They have four on the Paddington Board, and, with the exception of Mrs. Charles, he protested that he had never known one of them to record a "humane vote". I suggested that their judgments were kindly; "Yes" he said; "they think they and they talk very kindly, are; But their actions!" Personally he appears to think that the women don't take in hand the work that they ought to be most fitted for, and he charges and chaffs his fellow members with making the best looking ^{men} chairmen. When a woman is put into this position on a Committee he for his part leaves. Why, he asked, do not the women form a women's Committee, to take under its special care the women and children? He has always advocated ~~the formation~~ such a division of their work but with no success. "The fact is", he added, "the kind of women who become Guardians don't know anything about children".

Drink is a great evil, and, although there is not much prostitution in the district, wife-desertion is common. The selfishness and indifference of the men of all classes, and the lack of real home family life he mentioned as one of the blots of the society around him.

During his residence in the district he has seen it

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grow, and in that time it has gone both up and down. The proportion of the servant-keeping class has declined. Lately the value of property has been tending upwards after a period of decline, but a different class of people remain as occupants. Rents are still moderate, and there is nothing like the miserable plight of the East End. It is still possible and customary to get a floor of three ~~xxxxxxx~~ rooms for 7/6 or 8/-. The very poor and those wanting 1 or 2 rooms are those for whom the neighbourhood presents great housing difficulties. Single rooms are nearly always dear, and can rarely be got for less than 3/6 or 4/-!

Mr. Cox is a man of perhaps 55 or 60; short and thick in build; slow of mind and speech, but shrewd and intelligent, and, I think, quite sincere.

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Interview with the Rev. ²⁰³Johnston Ross, of the S. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Westbourne Grove Terrace, at the Parsonage, 34 Westbourne Gardens. (E.A.) Jan. 25. 99.

Mr. Ross is a clever Scotchman, who was brought down two years ago to take charge of this church. In the Presbyterian body it has long been regarded as "a forlorn hope", a kind of "grim joke". There is a small "knot" of Scotch families and plenty of money, but the congregation is eclectic, and Mr. Ross is in the unusual position of a man who is succeeding in the task for which he was brought to London, and ^{who} cannot quite persuade himself that it is worth doing. He is somewhat despondent, in fact, although his own people, the "Scotch knot" are in a state of "chronic hilarity", a state of mind that appears to Mr. Ross to be a little absurd, but which is none the less flattering to himself. His point of view is a little bit that of the superior person, but is quite intelligible and perhaps reasonable. His chief feeling about the Presbyterian Church in this part of London is that it is an alien body. His congregation has little or no corporate life; the people come from a considerable area, and the church thus is quite unable to make itself felt in any given centre, so far as its own worshippers are concerned. He is still in doubt as to whether the best thing would not be to scatter the congregation and endeavour to keep on simp-

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ly the mission work that has been started further north. He himself would drop out, but this he would not mind, but he sees also that the work he would like to keep on would be endangered, and this he would regret. It is most improbable that any such step will be taken; the "Scotch knot" would have something to say, but the critical standpoint of Mr. Ross is interesting and unusual.

BUILDINGS:-- The church (holds 650); a good hall; and a room is going to be built on to the parsonage. The church stands at the end of a cul de sac, the houses in which are largely occupied by Whiteleys' ~~the~~ people. It is a very bad position, and he himself, living almost within a stone's throw, has to go nearly half a mile round to get to it.

ATTENDANCES:-- On Sunday morning, 350; in the evening, 450. An estimated attendance of about 600 different persons. The members have gone up from 120 to 200, and the congregations have also greatly increased -- hence the hilarity of the elders! The congregation was described as being one mainly of "unrelated adults", their being such a small proportion of families. In addition to the knot, which would be mainly families, he mentioned Scotch servants, students, governesses, and young business people as classes represented. Many come that he can never get to know: they are and remain outside

church fellowship. In the evening a good many Church of England people come, especially from Stuart's church, he rarely preaching ~~ex~~ in the evenings. This temporary invasion from another church is again disquieting to Mr. Ross, although it is again flattering. Stuart he regards as being the chief local preacher and his church the chief centre. Clifford is strong, but you have to widen out your conception of religion a good deal in order to apply that name to much that he does. Mr. Ross has a considerable admiration for the systematic local work of the High Church clergy, contrasting their methods favourably with ~~the~~ what he ~~is~~ called "Cliffordism" -- dealing with large questions in an imperial sort of way -- Housing of the poor, and so forth, but not touching the n'hood, while feeling no temptation to deal with such big questions himself, he is driven to find some special raison d'être for his work, and this he finds mainly in his sermons. He gives a good deal of attention to them, making them careful expositions of the Bible. He notices a good deal of note-taking in his audience, and thinks that there is a real demand for this kind of pulpit work. He also thinks that it is not given in any other place in his own n'hood, and referred to Mr. Stuart's discourses which, though doubtless effective homilies, "surprise" him when he reads them.

The character of the services at his own church has "something of Zion" in it; it savours of Bethel. But his people like a dull service, and, needless to say, he would resent any attempt to alter and brighten it. The church is exotic and has to behave as such. If the style of service were altered and anything were done to make a "bait" for other people its existence would become still more indefensible.

With regard to the district, he said that the numbers were large of Jews, Foreigners of various kinds especially Orientals, and Anglo-Indians: the n'hood was sometimes called "Asia Minor". Whiteley is the important local man, but other people in the same line, especially Owen, are competing. With Whiteley's people he has succeeded in getting very little into touch. Whiteley himself is not ~~the sort of~~ ^a man that it is the least use speaking to. He is the sort of man who will say "Let us pray" if he thinks that is your line.

The housing of the district is unsatisfactory for the decent working class: there is nothing between good houses and poor slums.

It is a great church-going district, and he mentioned the following as being full: Mr. Stuart's; Mr. Neligan's; Dr. Clifford's; the Wesleyans in Denbigh Rd; and the Baptists in Westbourne Grove.

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apart from his preaching, the part of the work of S. Paul's that Mr. Ross has no doubt about is the Sunday School. This at the moment represents the missionary enterprise of the place. For thirty years they have had something of the kind going on, and the children who come to the school are drawn almost exclusively from the parish of S. Mary Magdalene in which their missionaries have worked in the past. At the moment there is no agent working there, but a Bible woman is about to be appointed and it is hoped to develop the work again on mission lines. There are 277 children in their schools, held by affection for their teachers, and perhaps attracted to some extent by the Fresh Air Mission that gives them treats and holidays. Hardly any of the parents are members of the church. There are 25 S.S. teachers. For the boys' brigade, visiting etc. there are plenty of helpers forthcoming. At the moment there is no charitable fund, but it is supposed that it will be necessary to have one as soon as the mission woman begins her work.

This mission work, in which at one time a London City Missionary was supported, appears to be something quite apart from the Church, as Mr. Ross has described it, but it is none the less dependent upon it for both personal and financial support. Mr. Ross is a man of perhaps 38 or so; dark; wears

Confidence runs as already raised by the papers, they're quite known in Hillwell.

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a moustache and spectacles; has a clever face and is clever; talks well and rather attractively, mainly on account of detachment from his position and ability to criticise it. He is a little conceited. He is a student, but has a genuine desire that the work of the religious bodies should be so carried on as to avoid ^{for all} the risks of "spiritual desolation". It is largely because he cannot feel in his own work that he is safeguarding any area from this, that he is critical of it, and for the same reason he applauds the persistent concentration of the High Churchman.

Kensal Road Wesleyan Church.
Kensal Town.

This Church is in the Bayswater Circuit & is under the Ministerial charge of the Rev J. G. Stuart.
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It is a small church, more like a mission than an ordinary chapel.

Services are held on Sunday at 11 & 6.30.
Sunday School. ¹⁰⁻3pm. 17 Teachers. 157 scholars on the book with an average attendance of 30 and 82 respectively.
Service is held on Tuesday at 7.30 and a prayer meeting on Thursday at 8 PM. Three society classes also meet on Tuesday & there is a band of hope with 80 members

