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Rev Charles Spurgeon
South Street Baptist Church

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Deterioration of the Middle class
Streets of Greenwich

St Paul's parish.

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Rev. Charles Spurgeon, Pastor of ^{St. Paul's} South Street
Baptist Church, Greenwich. S.E. Residence: Haddon,
Dartmouth Row, Blackheath. S.E.

Pastor Chas. Spurgeon, as he ~~is~~ is more frequently called, is one of the great C.H. Spurgeons' twin sons. His career as a minister commenced in 1879, South Street being his only church, altho in his student days, he + his brother Thomas did mission work at Wandsworth Common. His 21 years at Greenwich sit very lightly on him and his sunny smile ~~and~~ and urbane manner make a personality far more attractive than his photo ~~at~~ suggests. It by no means flatters him.

The better class streets of Greenwich have deteriorated considerably, and two families in the house is usual. He was thinking specially of the roads off South Street - Ashburnham St. Near Blackheath Hill - 'the Sandpit' as it is called - the streets have always been poor. To the north - Shaws-mouth &c is the poor part of Greenwich. The ~~shops~~ ^{shops} near Blackheath Hill Station have also changed

A comfortable congregation

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changed their character. They were good shops ~~strong~~ & you would see carriages waiting at the doors. Now some have been shut up and others declined. Those in South Street are constantly changing hands.

These changes have involved changes in the church & its methods. Fifteen years ago, if money was wanted for anything he would suggest a lecture & pass the box round or sell tickets. It would realise £15; to-day about £6. The amount of their collections is maintained but the proportion of bronze is much larger and a half crown or a piece of gold is seldom seen. If it is, they would know who gave it.

The congregation looks well to do and the people live comfortably, while many are drawn from the neighbourhood, they also get a large number from a distance - Lewisham, Catford, some working folk from the poorer parts of Greenwich - Nelson Bldg &c. Not many families are lost by removals. If they do move they go right away. "I am probably favoured
by

The Church Membership

Persons employed

Buildings used

Services held

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in the name "e.g. Spurgeon" - said he do an explanation of the retention of the people.

While not many families are lost, there is a great movement amongst the young people, who form a large proportion of the adherents - they go off to situations or marry so that although their membership is maintained the number of persons passing through the Church is very great. They have now reached a "solid average" between 600 + 700 - at present 670 - never touch the 700. Last year they added 103 members + lost 100. "Looks a lot of work for a gain of 3".

Mr S. is the only paid worker. They have a large staff of voluntary workers - 4 deacons, 2 elders, 65 S.S. teachers, 30 local preachers &c.

The chapel is a fine building, seating 950 with a school below. Behind is & is a large building comprising Social Hall and a number of class rooms + vestries.

Sunday Services at 11 + 6.30. Get 600 to 700 at the morning service, upon which he lays 'great stress'. In the evening the chapel is full. On the last

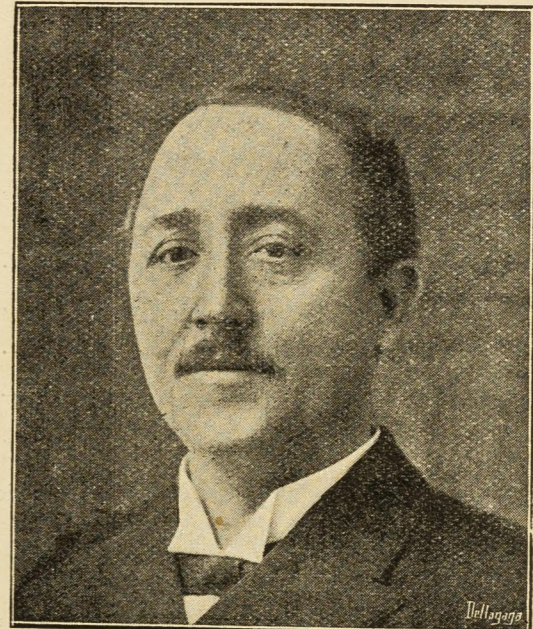
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SOUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School Anniversary Services,
 MAY 20TH AND 27TH, 1900.



Pastor Charles Spurgeon
 WILL PREACH
 Morning, 11. Afternoon, 3. Evening, 6.30.
 COLLECTIONS ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL FUNDS.

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President.

PASTOR CHARLES SPURGEON.

Superintendent.

Mr. W. R. MAYBROOK.

Secretary pro tem.

Mr. MILNER GRAY.

Present Number of Scholars on the Books	925
Number over 15 years.. ..	449
Number of Officers and Teachers	65
Number of Books in the Library	540

Morning School at 10. Separate Children's Service at 11.

Afternoon School at 2.45.

Men's Bible Class, 3.30 o'clock.

Young Women's Bible Classes, 3 and 3.15.

Band of Hope every alternate Tuesday—Junior 7, Senior 8.30.

Christian Band " " " " " "

Missionary Working Meeting every Tuesday, 6. *successful*

SOUTH STREET
Baptist Church Sunday School.

GREENWICH.



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I believe God thinks of me
I am sure -
I have proved -

Cares
answers prayer
God's word is true

* H Y M N S . *

The Infants' Hymn.

ALL things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who hath done all things well.

1

Do we love our gentle Saviour
We must labour while 'tis day,
Work for Jesus, work for Jesus,
Till the sunlight fades away.
Bird and bee, and sparkling fountain,
Each their cheerful work pursue;
O how pleasant to remember
There is something we can do.

Girls
only.

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We are pilgrims bound for Zion,
We must labour while 'tis day,
Work for Jesus, work for Jesus,
Till the sunlight fades away.

We can drop a word of kindness,
And perhaps that word may be
Like an acorn by the wayside,
Growing up a stately tree.
Girls } Wretched homes of want and sorrow,
only } When our tearful eyes behold,
 } We can bring the helpless children,
 } To our Saviour's precious fold.

We are pilgrims, &c.

While we sing to those around us,
Of our glorious home above,
We may lead a careless wand'rer
To a Saviour's pardoning love.
Girls } We can help to send the gospel
only } O'er the ocean far away,
 } If we love our gentle Saviour,
 } We must labour while 'tis day.

We are pilgrims, &c.

2

FATHER, Lord of worlds above,
Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
Jesus, Saviour, full of love,
Save Thou the children!

God save the children! God save the children!
Fold them within Thine arms of love!
Be Thou beside them, help them and guide them,
Bring them to dwell with Thee above.

4

From all sorrow and distress,
From all evil thoughts that press,
From all strife and bitterness,
God save the children!

God save the children, &c.

From all anger and all pain,
From the touch of passion's stain,
From untruth and greed of gain,
God save the children!

God save the children, &c.

May their lives be ever pure,
May their faith be ever sure,
May their love and truth endure,—
God save the children!

God save the children, &c.

By Thy gentleness and grace,
By the light of Jesus' face,
Lead them to Thy heavenly place,—
God save the children!

God save the children, &c.

Give them hope that shall increase,
Give them love that shall not cease,
Give them Thine eternal peace,—
God save the children!

God save the children, &c.

3

JESUS calls for soldiers, ready, true and brave,
Soldiers that will never falter!
Ever quick to follow where His banners wave,
Strong with love that ne'er can alter.

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**Brave hearts, true hearts, fighting for the Master!
Christian soldiers, bearing shield and sword!
Let your voices ring, praising loud your King,
Soldiers of the Cross, who serve the Lord!**

Boys and girls we want you, in the morn of youth,
When the heart with life is bounding!
Come and join our standard, come and fight for truth,
'Mid the evil hosts surrounding.

Brave hearts, &c.

Come ye youths and maidens, in your strength and
Bring your gifts of art and beauty! ^{grace,}
Come and serve the Master, ever seek His face,
Faithful in your love and duty.

Brave hearts, &c.

Come ye men and women, let the holy fire
In your hearts be ever burning!
Come and guide and teach us, help us and inspire
Truest faith and holy yearning.

Brave hearts, &c.

4

mf If we want to serve the Lord,
Faithfully and true,
Let us always ask ourselves,
"What would Jesus do?"
p If we want to conquer sin,
And to do the right,
Let us say within our hearts,
"How would Jesus fight?"

6

mf If we'd play our childish games
In the fairest way,
Let us never fear to ask,
"How would Jesus play?"
*When our lessons in the school
We've inclined to shirk,
Let us stop ourselves and think,
"How would Jesus work?"*

mf If we want to speak the truth
In the kindest way,
We must ask within ourselves,
"What would Jesus say?"
*If we'd carry sunshine bright
Everywhere we move,
One sweet thought must fill our hearts,
"How does Jesus love?"*

5

p Lord, keep Thy children happy,
From early dawn of day,
Till eventide has come again
To close the work and play;
p That, living in Thy sunshine,
Each little heart may be
A fountain of eternal joy,
To lead men home to Thee.

p Lord, keep Thy children truthful,
And clear as morning light,
cres. No shadow ever coming in
dim. To blot that perfect white.
p Lord, keep them ever stainless,
From sin and passion free,
cres. That ever living pure in heart,
dim. Their Father they may see.

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p Lord, keep Thy children loving;
This more than all we pray;
cres. May selfishness be far from them,
dim. And anger pass away.
p And when at evening twilight
Their prayer ascends above,
pp May lips be hush'd with mother's kiss,
And eyes be closed in love. Amen.

6

mf CHRIST shall lead us in the time of youth,
Christ shall lead us in the way of truth,
Christ shall lead us in the love of right,
Homeward to the light.

**Though the way be long and dreary,
Though in darkest night we roam,
cres. By His side we never weary,
f Christ shall lead us home.**

p Christ shall lead us in the hour of gloom,
He hath known it, victor o'er the tomb;
When from grief we vainly seek release,
He can give us peace.

Though the way, &c.

mf Christ shall lead us in the hour of strife,
Fill our hearts with everlasting life,
Give us, even with our latest breath,
Victory over death.

Though the way, &c.

p Christ shall lead us when the fight shall
To the fields of everlasting peace, [cease,
Where the soul that all the way hath trod,
Resteth calm in God.

Though the way, &c.

7

p WE pray Thee, Lord and Master,
To help us in our work;
O let us fear no labour,
No duty let us shirk!
Let ev'rything that we may do,
Be made a gift of service true.

p We do not find Thee only
In hallow'd walls of praise;
cr. Thy presence is beside us
dim. In all our common ways;
cr. The daily task, the home, the school,
Are all beneath Thy loving rule.

p Whatever be our labour,
Whatever form it take,
cr. It can but raise us higher
dim. If done for Thy dear sake!
cr. And daily deeds of busy hands
Are steps to where the Master stands.

mf. And O what bliss and rapture
To hear the Master's word,
f "Well done, thou faithful servant,
Rejoice thou in the Lord!"
cr. To higher, nobler work to rise,
In that great life beyond the skies!

8

**SHOUT for joy! come before the Lord with singing;
Young and old wake the glad refrain;
Praise Jehovah! To Him your tribute bringing,
Till the skies echo back the strain,
Praise the Father, who loves His children ever—
Chant His goodness in cheerful song;
He, our God, will forsake His people never;
Endless praises to Him belong.**

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Chorus.

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Till the skies echo back the strain.

Praise the Son, who has brought us free salvation:
Pardon, peace, thro' His precious blood;
Bringing home, out of ev'ry tribe and nation,
Wand'ring souls to the fold of God.
Holy Spirit, our Comforter in sadness,
Kindly light, leading pilgrims on -
Thee we praise in a grateful hymn of gladness,
With the Father and Holy Son.

Shout for joy, &c.

9

Girls. { LORD, Thou art holy,
Lord, we are lowly,
Yet well we know Thou the children dost love;
Didst Thou not bless them,
Sweetly caress them,
Say "For of such is the kingdom above"?

Chorus.

Love e'er increasing,
Praise never ceasing,
Blessed Redeemer, to Thee shall ascend.
Deign to draw near us,
Graciously hear us,
Art Thou not Jesus, the children's best friend?

Boys. { Lord, when we sever,
Dwell with us ever,
Over life's pathway direct Thou our feet;
Blessings still send us,
Shield and defend us,
Till once again in Thy temple we meet.

Love e'er increasing, &c.

10

WHEN thou wakest in the morning,
Ere thou tread the untried way
Of the lot that lies before thee,
Thro' the coming busy day;
Whether sunbeams promise brightness,
Whether dim forebodings fall,
Be thy dawning glad or gloomy,
Go to Jesus, tell Him all!

In the calm of sweet communion,
Let thy daily work be done;
In the peace of soul outpouring,
Care be banished, patience won.

Then as hour by hour glides by thee,
Thou wilt bless'd guidance know;
Thine own burdens being lighten'd,
Thou canst help another's woe.
Thou canst send the weak ones onward,
Thou canst raise up those who fall;
But remember, while thou servest,
Still tell Jesus, tell Him all!

In the calm, &c.

And if weariness creep o'er thee,
As the day wears to its close;
Or if sudden fierce temptation
Bring thee face to face with foes,
In thy weakness, in thy peril,
Raise to Heaven a truthful call,
Strength and calm for ev'ry crisis,
Come, in telling Jesus all!

In the calm, &c.

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ONWARD still, and upward,
Follow ever more,
Where our mighty Captain,
Leads the way before;
"Looking unto Jesus,"
Reach a loving hand
To a struggling neighbour,
Helping him to stand.

Marching onward, upward,
Marching steadily onward,
Jesus leads the way,
Marching onward, upward,
Onward unto glory,
To the perfect day.

Onward, ever onward,
Thro' the pastures green,
Where the streams flow softly,
Under skies serene;
Or, if need be, upward,
O'er the rocky steep,
Trusting Him who guides us,
Strong to save and keep.

Marching onward, &c.

Upward, ever upward,
T'ward the radiant glow,
Far above the valley,
Where the mist hangs low;
On, with songs of gladness,
Till the march shall end,
Where ten thousand thousand
Hallelujahs blend.

Marching onward, &c.

SAID not the Master unto thee,
If thou would'st but believe,
Thou should'st the heav'nly glory see,
Thy heart no more should grieve?
O Faith! thine is the victory,
Thou art the shield of might!
Herewith we bid the tempter flee,
And forward march in light.

Forward, forward, bravely go,
Push on, nor fear the fray,
Then forward, forward, bravely on,
Go forth, nor fear the fray;
The shield of faith, ye soldiers, take!
Rise up, nor fear the fray;
Since Jesus never will forsake,
Go forth to win the day!

There is no pow'r so great, so strong
As His who rules the sky,
Whose glories angel-hosts prolong,
In Zion's courts on high;
There is no storm but owns His will,
The floods His word obey,
The tempest knows His "Peace be still,"
Creation owns His sway.

Forward, forward, &c.

For evermore His will is best,
Whose thoughts are love and peace!
Upon the strength of Jesus rest,
And let all doubtings cease:
Up, up, and conquer gloom and fear,
Ye soldiers of the King!
The Lord of hosts is ever near,
Let songs of triumph ring!

Forward, forward, &c.

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Girls only. { COME, oh, come with me where love is beaming,
Come, oh, come with me where light is streaming
Light and love divine, in Christ revealing,
God Himself to you and me.

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I love Thee, my Saviour;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I trust but in Thee!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I love Thee, my Saviour;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I trust but in Thee!**

Girls only. { Come with all your sins, although a mountain,
Come unto the cross, from whence a fountain
Flows, divinely clear, to heal the nations;
Come and wash, and make you clean.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! &c.

Girls only. { None can be too vile for love so beaming,
None can be too dark for light so streaming;
Christ will make you whole, through faith
revealing
Full salvation unto you.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! &c.

Girls only. { Come and let us kneel where Jesus meets us,
Let us ever stay where Christ receives us;
Safe within the fold no harm can reach us;
Hasten, hasten to the fold.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! &c.

Girls only. { Come, oh, come with me where love is beaming,
Come, oh, come with me where floods are
streaming,
From His wounded side, our souls redeeming;
Sing with me redeeming love!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! &c.

*REST, O rest! at eve the children's voices
Sing a hymn of perfect rest above;
Peace, O peace! for every soul rejoices;
Safe may we sleep to-night as in God's arms of love.*

*Rest, O rest! for evening closeth o'er us,
Calm and still be every troubled breast;
Peace, O peace! the life that lies before us,
All is in God's own hand, and what He does is best.*

*Rest, O rest! but raise thine eyes above thee;
Stars on stars are burning in the sky;
Peace, O peace! for there is One to love thee;
Lift up thy heart in prayer, for He is ever nigh.*

*Rest, O rest! and fear not for the morrow,
Calm thy mind and let thy soul be still;
Peace, O peace! He knoweth all thy sorrow;
Strive not and question not, but seek to do His will.*

*Rest, O rest! as fade the lights of even,
Let thy life pass on from day to night;
Peace, O peace! beyond our earth is heaven,
Where we shall dwell with God in changeless Love and
Light.*

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*Beloved Fellow Workers, and all who
aid our Sunday School,*

FOR twenty-one years it has been my joy and privilege to show a real and personal interest in our dear children, and to labour among our Senior Scholars.

Can you help us to make this Anniversary a memorable one by your attendance at all the Meetings, practical financial assistance and prayerful entreaty at the Throne of Grace for special blessing?

I have been away from you for some time, and now return in the full hope that God is going to use me to His glory and your spiritual good. The Lord reward all, Superintendent, Secretary and Teachers, for their faithful loving service.

So prays yours in Christ,

C. SPURGEON.

A very large Men's Bible class is Mr Spurgeon's special charge. 250 on books & an attendance of ^{over} 200, shop assistants, mechanics &c. Around this cluster many other agencies, clubs &c. See circular on next page. Two large young women's classes. "When you get the young men, you are ~~at~~ sure to have good young women's classes. =

Prayer meeting (Monday) 100 to 120.

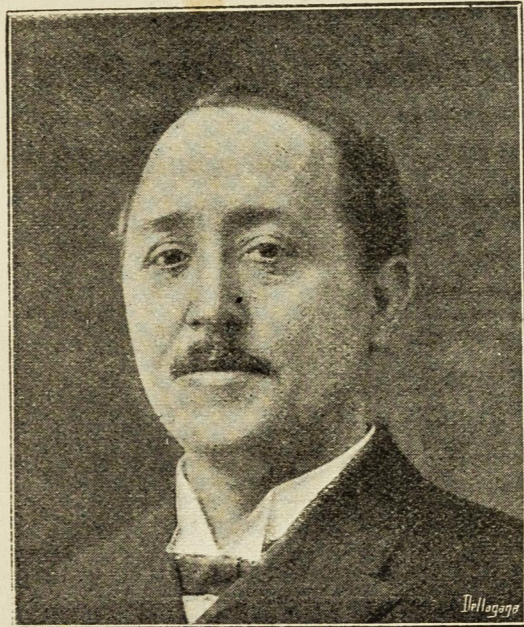
Service (Thursday) about 150 but varies much. } These meetings are held at 7.30 but they are considering the advisability of commencing at 8 P.M.

They have no Missions, M.C. regarding the multiplication of little missions as an evil. Amongst other objections he said that they "made precocious young people get awfully big". Instead he has trained a band of young men in a preacher's class (Friday). These go take services at Mission Halls & are fully occupied. Also hold open air meetings at Blackheath Hill, Deptford Bridge &c.

Beside the clubs &c connected with the Men's Class they have a number of social agencies, mother's meeting &c.

Objection to Missions

The Men's Bible Class



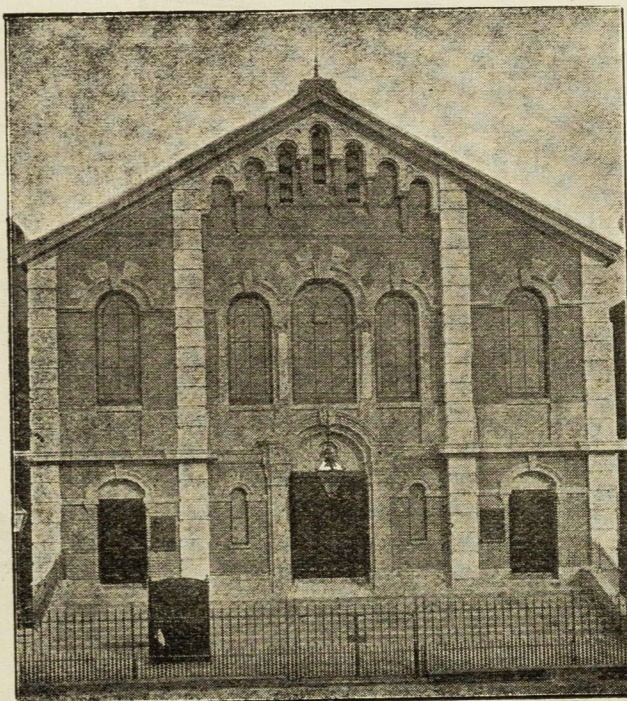
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Men's Bible
Pastor CHA
Sunday Af

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a Class was in existence
the Social Hall at the
Baptist Church, Greenw

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has led forward a
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midst, and it is no
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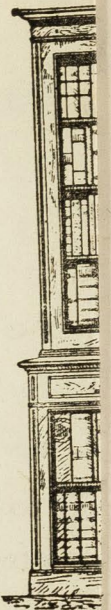
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Will you join us?

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reward, and the various Mission
Halls are visited & souls are saved.
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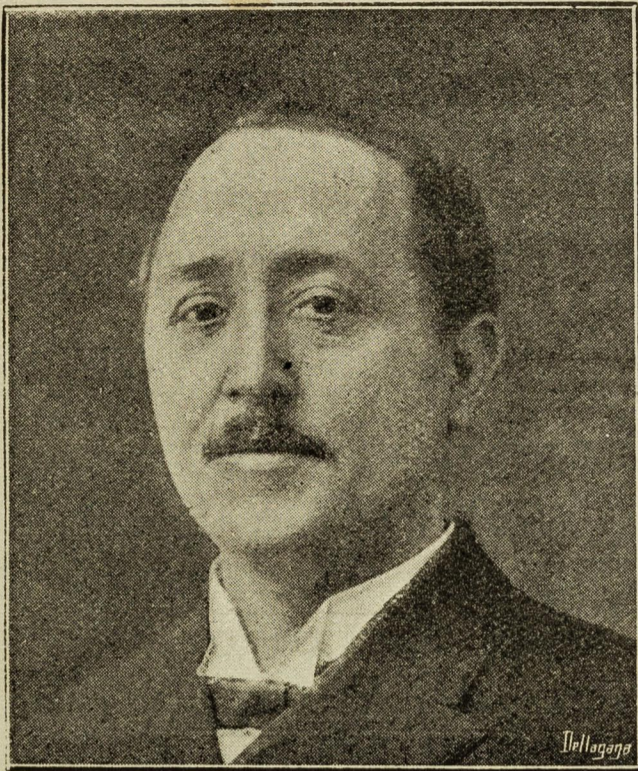
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President—CHARLES SPURGEON.

Just a Moment, Please!

HAVE you ever been to the Men's Bible Class, conducted by **Pastor CHARLES SPURGEON**, on Sunday Afternoon, from **3.30** to **4.30**? Perhaps you were not aware that such a Class was in existence, and that it is held in the Social Hall at the rear of South Street Baptist Church, Greenwich.

Well, for Thirteen has led forward a

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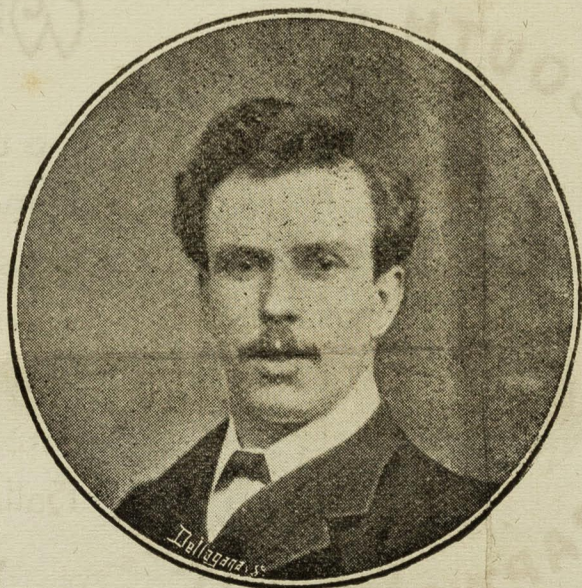
South St. Baptist Church, Greenwich.

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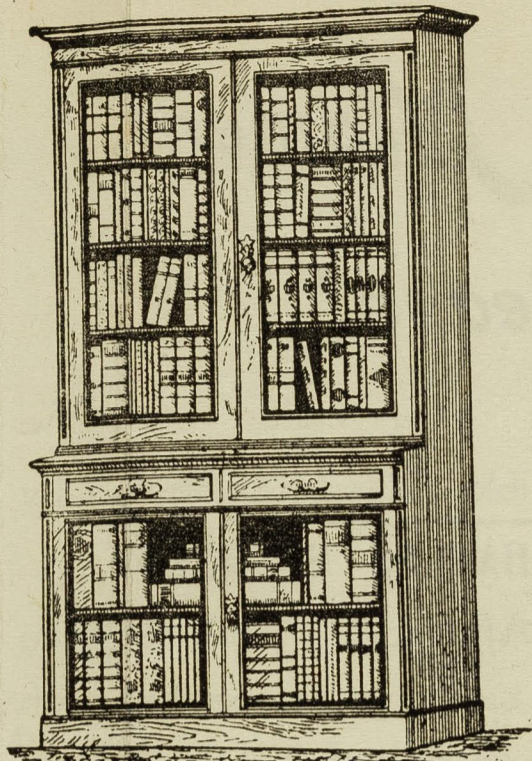
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THE Social Hall in which the Class meets is rendered as homelike and comfortable as possible, being well furnished, nicely carpeted, and adorned with pictures, portraits and presents. To fully appreciate the place, however, one needs to see it. We never remember having passed a dull season in the class on any one occasion, and we have heard repeatedly the expression "Oh, it was too short," when all was over. If you care to know more, come and join us, and if what is written over will help you to do so, read that too.



Secretary—Mr. E. M. DODGE.

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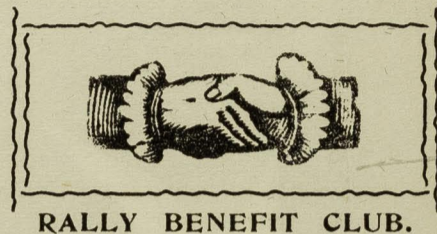
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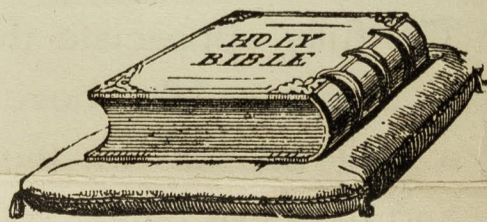
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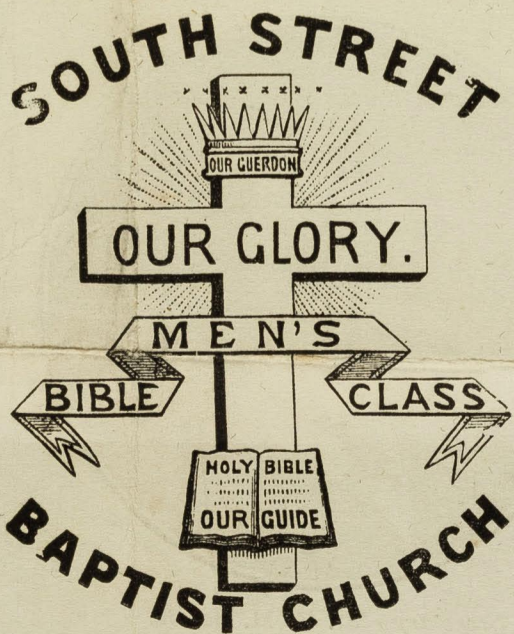
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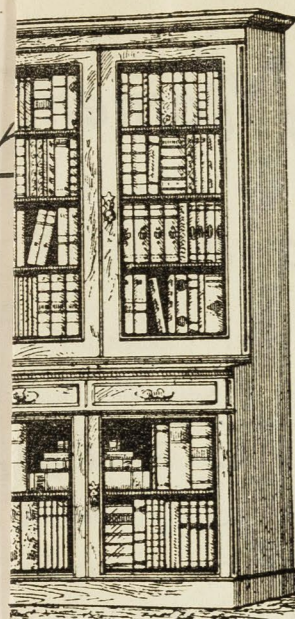
Yours in the Truth,

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Will You Join us?

The Men's



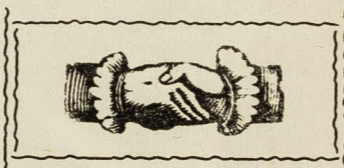
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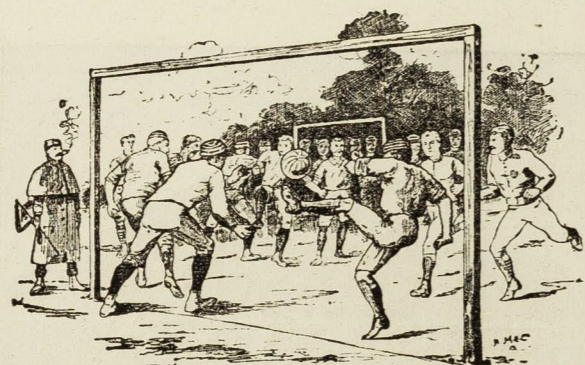
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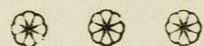


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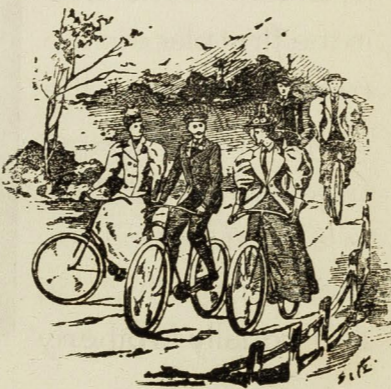
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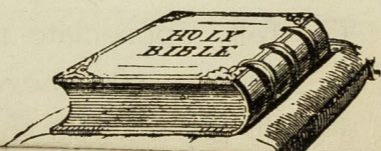
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The Elders & deacons visit; the church roll being kept systematically and absentees visited. Mr S. only visits when requested. The Tract Society has about 20 districts near the chapel and is now distributing 20000 of 'fathers' sermons.

Relief is given from the Communion Fund to 10 pensioners (6/- a month), "mostly widows." It is a wonder how long they live when they have a pension. Have also a Christmas dinner Fund for which they collect about £130. Tickets (5/-) are given to donors & they are responsible for their distribution; others are given by church officers. Used to provide children's dinners (ab. 200) but dropped it last winter as not needed.

They work with the Free Church Council although Mr S. does not see his way to join it. Relations with other churches are cordial. His church is prosperous and he has gone to help other churches but "am afraid I ~~have~~^{did} not help them" much.

Church of England has a decent lot of men.

Drink. A tremendous lot on Bank Holidays, when the people come by train and train from South-wark and Bermondsey. Blackheath Hill is then a living current of people also

Prostitution

Thrift

Health. Housing

added Sunday by Sunday for this year.

Spurgeon - South Street Baptists

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Prostitution - on the Heath.

Those attached to the chapel are very thrifty. Mentioned young men, who had saved £60 + £70 in the Bible class Bank. Others "spend it as they get it".

District is very healthy. Housing good. The houses near Blackheath are old fashioned and have gone down very much. Mentioned one formerly let at £95, subsequently at £55 and now at £35. Thinks an increase is probable now as houses are hard to get & the revival of the ^{Engineering} ~~works~~ works has brought men into the district. In connection with this he said that a train arriving at Blackheath Hill at 7-20 am, for years only discharged about 10 passengers, now 70 or 80 men get out every morning on their way to Penns.

Mr Spurgeon is evidently successful, the most remarkable part of his work being the mens Bible class & its adjuncts. He is popular. He has had a severe illness and went to South Africa to recoup. He only returned a short time ago and as we walked through the vestries he showed me with some pride that his people had maintained the ~~at two~~ collections during his absence. The amounts for 1899 were shown in one column & the corresponding figures were

Rev W. E. Wells
Woolwich Road Baptist Church

GHA
June 12/1900

Kentish Mercury. June 29. 1900

BAPTIST CHURCH, WOOLWICH-ROAD.
Mr. Thomas Murray, of the Pastors' College, who
has accepted the pastorate of this church, will com-
mence his ministry on Sunday

July 1

The Man

The People

St George's parish.

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Rev^d W. E. Wells, Lurline, Mycena Road
Westcombe Park. Late pastor of Woolwich Road
Baptist Church, East Greenwich. S.E.

When I called, I found that Mr Wells had recently resigned the church of which he was honorary pastor. It started some years ago as a Mission and worshipped in a Hall in Azof Street. The Mission being crowded, they built the chapel, which seats 800 people. The increased expenses and the interest of the debt on the building have caused financial difficulties which were the immediate cause of Mr W's resignation. He had been there 9 years.

He is a dark, slightly built man in the thirties; earnest, fluent & of a nervous temperament. Wears a clerical coat & collar

The people are drawn from all round, most coming from the Greenwich side, Annandale, Calvert & other roads - some from the new streets on the Marshes, Fergus, Marlton &c but very few from the new streets by the Chapel. Respectable working people

Persons employed

Building used.

Services held

Social Agencies

Visitation

Wells - Bap^t Woolwich Road.

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people with some middle class.

Some excellent workers - 15 to 20 in all. Prospect of a young man coming as pastor for 6 months.

Beside the chapel (800), they have only two vestries. These are used for meetings & the gallery of the chapel for the Sunday school.

Services (Sunday) at 11. & 6.30. About 200 at night & half that number in the morning. Men's Own in afternoon with 60 members - working men and servants, coachmen &c. These come from immediate neighbourhood. Sunday School. About 150 on books. Has declined since they came to Woolwich Road. Had over 300. Wednesday service - 20 to 60. Christian Endeavour Society, &c. Open air meetings. Always got a good hearing in open air as people knew he was not paid.

Social Agencies include Mothers' meeting. 100 on the books; maternal society, savings club, &c. lantern lectures, &c.

M. W. visited systematically. Found that you must

**BAPTIST CHURCH,
WOOLWICH ROAD.**

Minister - REV. W. E. WELLS.

Dear Friend,

The above is a new Church, may I very kindly invite you to attend.

I am sure you have a care for God's house, and a hearty welcome is assured. Sunday (with Men's own), Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, with other special Meetings, as announced.

The friend presenting this, does so with the best wishes of

Yours in earnest,

W. E. WELLS,

Mark 16-16.

Visitor.....

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Poverty has declined

Wells - Bap^t Woolwich Road.

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must visit again and again. Tract distribution also visit regularly - district mapped out. The card attached was used for visitation purposes. Not much visitation done in the neighbourhood. People frequently said ~~to~~ to him "You are the only person who visits us".

Thinks Greenwich is pauperised by the public charities and the churches. Many charities and much is given by the churches. Specially mentioned Rothbury Hall. It was a royal borough & the old traditional clerg. The people expect you to do something for them. They have gone on the principle of giving nothing, except in cases of absolute poverty & then after visitation by pastor & church officers ^{never had a greffer.} Even the mothers pay $\frac{1}{2}$ d for a cup of tea. Has found it a bad plan to lend money - never saw it again.

Membership of church is now between 80 & 100. Was 82. Had some additions since.

Not much poverty now. Plenty of work, owing to the war. Three years ago in the hard winter the distress was very great. He had seen 1000 in a week

General questions

Police

Drunk

Wells - Bap^e Woolwich Road.

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week. Outside the Greenwich Union a crowd of 2000 people had waited for food "without a murmur or a sound".

Police did not give sufficient protection - better now than formerly. His house had been burgled. Drunk is heavy, especially on Saturdays in the main road. Attempted to open a publichouse on a corner facing his house; the justices granted the licence but the inhabitants opposed and defeated the project on the ground that a clause in the deeds forbade the use of the land for that purpose.

Mr Wells takes an interest in soldiers. Showed me photos of some Guardsmen. He visits their depot at Caterham. He appears to have some private income, which has enabled him to minister here during the past years. The increased financial strain of the large building and the inevitable loss of some support by the removal from Blackwall Lane has had a bad effect & I think the church is not so strong in the new as it was in the old building. There was a glow of enthusiasm when Mr W. referred to the 'cramped' meetings in the little hall that was absent when he spoke of the large buildings.

Form B.—Non-conformist Churches.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry).

QUESTIONS to be asked as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the

poor, working, migratory list

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QUESTIONS to be asked as to the work of the Church:—

- (a) What is the general character of the population?
- (b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?
- (c) What persons are employed?
(stating duties and whether paid or not)
- (d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs)
- (e) What Services or other religious meetings are held and by whom and by how many attended?
- (f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.
- (g) What Educational work is done?
- (h) To what extent are the people visited?
(by Ministers or District Visitors)
- (i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?
- (j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

Poor, working, migratory with a sprinkling of the middle class —
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Deacons, visiting tract society

Church vestries only

usual Sabbath week meetings varied with Lenten special winter lectures.

clothing club, maternal & Christmas Thrift society

manager —

monthly aw in all cases sickness — minister Mrs Wells principally

a local nursing society

None — help self in mts. nothing free but every penny goes to help the people.

General Questions—

- (k) Under what other religious influences do the people come?
- (l) What other charitable or philanthropic work is done. What co-operation is there between (a) The Free Churches (b) The Free Churches and the Established Church?

Open air, limited free Church efforts

B. D. H. S. P. S. C. E.
Relations friendly all round. Heaviest Co. of.
Henry the happiest with Anglican clergy.
St. George's. St. Paul's. —

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on —

- (I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)
- (II) Police
- (III) Drink *heavy*
- (IV) Prostitution
- (V) Crime
- (VI) Marriage
- (VII) Thrift
- (VIII) Health
- (IX) Housing and Social Condition generally.

Too many charities — too isolated or too miserably dealt. Boreman Foundation. Randall —

Rents heavy, overcrowding —

District East Greenwich Woolwich Road.

Mr R C Thurley
Rothbury Cong^o Hall
Mauritius Road
East Greenwich

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June 13/1900

Personal Note

General character of neighbourhood

St Andrew's Mission District.

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Pastor R. C. Thurley 9 Annandale R^d East Greenwich.
Pastor of Rothbury Hall, Mauritius Road, E. Greenwich

Rothbury Hall is a mission of the Blackheath Congregational Church. Architecturally it is perhaps the finest building in East Greenwich and forms a pleasant contrast to the brick boxes in its vicinity. It cost over £20,000 and was built by Mr Navasseur, who presented it to the Church. Its fifth anniversary will be held next week.

Mr Thurley is a lay evangelist - he came here from Nottingham 3½ years ago. A full bodied man, between 30 & 40, dark hair and moustache, capable man, but I should think rather lethargic.

Most of the people in the District work in the neighbourhood. A mixed lot of artisans and labouring people: labourers, factory hands, telegraph employees, tramdrivers &c. Men come home to dinner, or have it taken. The new streets off Tunnel Avenue - Fergus &c. - were filled with East Enders.

Portion reached

Persons employed

Buildings used

Services and attendances

Thurley - Rothbury Hall, East Greenwich

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They get a few of "all sorts" and draw from all round them. Don't get people from the Fergus and the adjacent streets. Victoria Hall gets them as it is nearer, and the Baptist chapel takes those further east. (On the previous day, Mr Wells told me that the Baptist church did not reach those around it, as Mr Y. suggests).

Besides Mr Thurley, (evangelist), a biblewoman nurse is paid. Two ladies also give their time to visit. About 40 other voluntary helpers, mostly from Blackheath.

The Rothbury Hall seats 450. Attached to it are a number of class rooms and vestries. The Mission hall in Azof Street, formerly used by the Baptists, has been purchased for a gymnasium.

To the Sunday morning service they get about 100, and about 250 to the evening meeting. A children's service is held at the Gymnasium on Sunday evening - about average of 200. Sunday School with about 1000 children and 800 attendance - 46 teachers. Week evening

Social Agencies

The Rough Lads

Thurley - Rothbury Hall, East Greenwich

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meetings include Christian Endeavour (35 members) Service on Wednesday at 7.30. About 40.

Many social agencies in operation. Mothers meeting (Tuesday) - about 90 women, who seldom come to the other services. Boys Brigade, Gymnasium, Youth's Institute in the winter. Reach about 60 rough lads with the latter. The gymnasium is not so popular as he should like, although it is practically free - 6^d a season. A lot of these lads like loafing about - playing football in the street, &c. Personal contact is the only way to win them - some one who has the "electrical influence" - one person will win some, and another others. Sometimes one of their own mates will have great influence with them, and bring them.

Boat clubs. Boat and Blanket clubs, besides those connected with the mothers meeting. During winter they also have classes on various subjects, changing subject each winter - ambulance, cookery, Hygiene &c. Do not get large numbers, and these vary with subject.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Co-operation

Other Religious Agencies

Thurley - Rothbury Hall. 33

About 25 to 30 ~~with~~^{to} hygiene and less to cookery - it only appealed to the young women.

M^r Thurley visits the 150 members of the church systematically. The ladies and the biblewoman visit generally in the District-mothers &c.

About £100 is given in charity, mostly in "kind", : in a few cases of members, cash may be given. Mostly cases of illness - man ill and no club. - the majority of the people have no reserve. Give clothing and nourishment for sick

Free Church Council combine them for open air evangelistic work. Have a monthly meeting in which they unite. No co-operation with the Established Church.

A number of ladies (at least 12) connected with the Church Pastoral Aid Society work in connection with Christchurch. Have opened a mission in Blackwall Lane, and live on Vanbrough Hill.

A few R.C.s are found in Blackwall Lane. A number in the Workhouse: priest visits there and

M^r J. sees some of the old people going to Mass in the morning.

Salvation Army is not doing much.

The Baptist Church in the Woolwich Road has been in difficulties. Their building cost £4,500 and they only collected £500 beyond the £1000 given them by Blackheath for the Mission in Azof Street, so that they were embarrassed. A new man from the Pastor's College had come, and they were getting more men and more money.

The work at Rothbury Hall is growing. Only 75 members when M^r J. came - now 137, whilst the contributions of the people have doubled. A similar relation seems to have existed here as between Napier St Mission and Lewisham Road Church. People think 'Blackheath is a rich church: they can do anything'. He has been trying to cut out this cancer. Has collections for outside things &c. Last Sunday had collection for London Missionary Society and got £3. 16. 8 for it.

Drink

Prostitution
Social Condition

Thurley - Rothbury Hall,

I referred to the pauperization of Greenwich by charity, and he said he thought Rothbury Hall had done too much in that way in the past. The regime is evidently stricter now.

Drink is the greatest drawback, here, as elsewhere. Women drink freely generally, but Monday is the great day. One house - close to the pawnshop - the Queen, is a favorite rendezvous.

No brothels or street prostitution seen.

Some improvement in the care of house property, but a tendency for rents to rise, so that people cannot pay for sufficient accommodation.

Report from Blissett Street Mission
Greenwich

Holy Trinity parish

Blissett Street Mission, Greenwich, S.E.

FOUNDED 1865.

REPORTS and BALANCE SHEET for 1899.

Ebenezer.

Excelsior.

"Count your many blessings," name them one by one,
"Count your many blessings," see what God hath done;
"Count your many blessings," name them one by one,
And it will "SURPRISE" you, what the Lord hath done.

"GLADLY, and Gratefully," to God—and all the Subscribers, Workers, and Friends of the above Mission, the Committee present their Yearly Reports—and our mottoes for the beginning of the new period of time testify to our "gratitude"—for the past—and resolutions for the future.

We ask for "Abraham's faith," "Joshua's courage," "Elijah's prayerfulness," "Job's patience," and for the fulfilment of the Angel's song over the shepherds of Bethlehem,

"Glory to God in the highest, 'on earth 'Peace' and 'good-will' towards men."

THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE FOR CHILDREN is still regularly and ably conducted by Mr. W. R. GEORGE, and evidence is not wanting that great good has resulted from his persistent and conscientious teaching.

The first Sunday in May the FLORAL SERVICE was held, when over 100 beautiful flowers, growing in pots, and about 300 bunches were contributed, and—after a Service of Song by the sweet voices of young children, and eight lovely birds in cages—were distributed to the homes of the sick, blind and aged, also to the wards of two Hospitals, and Almshouses and Workhouse.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE was likewise held, when some new Carols were sung; Mr. GEORGE, kindly, for several Sundays, having trained the children; and on Christmas morning about 100 met to repeat them, and receive a box of sweets, which had been given them by loving friends. The children and friends also gave their usual Christmas Box to the Mission Funds.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL has shown marked progress during the year, owing to more teachers coming forward to help in the work. There is still need, however, of four gentlemen teachers. The Annual Excursion was made to Riddlesdown.

THE GOSPEL SERVICES ON SUNDAY EVENINGS give cause for thankfulness. During the year some have been brought into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. We are grateful for the many willing helpers. Our special thanks are due to Dr. MALCOLM WHITE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for his continued help.

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June 6th 1900.

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Interview with Rev. W. Hawkins,
Wedgian Church, London St. Greenwich.

Rev. Hawkins is a man of about 50: of very unministerial appearance; he looks and talks more like a commercial traveller, altogether he is of rather coarse fibre, but a good fellow withal and a very friendly.

This church has I believe in the past been highly successful, but like so many others it has suffered from the outward drift of the better off, and Rev. H. three years ago found it in low water, with an old congregation and appealing only to a few respectable Wedgians living south of the church. Rev. H. recognized that "we must go for those round about us" and has run much more on Mission lines: he has added largely to the

meetings and organisations, made a great
feature of open air sermons, and engaged two
lecturers "who are always out on the ground for
recruits." Even so the results in numerical
attendance at church sermons are not great:
but Mr H. does not ascribe this to religious
indifference or apathy: if he finds the class
whom it is sought to attract, with a strong
religious root in them: it may be called
superstition but there is certainly ground to
work on: they will come in crowds to the
open air sermons and listen reverently and
eagerly: "they want to hear me, but I
must go to them": they have an insurmountable
objection to going into a church, but Mr H.
is convinced that with Martin's Pulpit
and a Press Room he could draw them in
crowds. He shows the effect of the open
air work Mr H. instanced the case of a man

who sent for him lately when dying. He declared himself an adherent of the Church: Bro H. said "I never remember seeing you or hearing of you" "Ah!" was the reply "I've never missed hearing you at the Fountain."

The actual membership of the Church is just under 200. The morning congregation is small, partly because the older members still insist on the Church service. In the evening there are about 350. Pres. actual exhortations to the Church are not numerous: "they are not as plentiful as blackberries" but come in ones and twos, women mainly through the work of the sisters, while men here and there "are got at through the irons."

Bro H. noted the exceeding fervour of the inner band of workers, about 70 in number. He has found them all present at

The 7 a.m. Prayer Meeting, while even on a cold winter morning, there were never less than 30.

The number of children at the Sunday School is 364.

Mr H. desired greater success for the Temperance Meeting, than for most: a very great effort is made by the sisters to attract "sets" and so with some success.

The visitation in the hands of the sisters is confined chiefly to the poor greater north of the church: they are strictly enjoined not to go for those who are attending workmen: "I never let them go even for a good Catholic" said Mr H.

About £15 a year is given in Relief north to "our own poor". The other applicants are sent to the C.O.S. "a much libelled society", and here obtaining work.

sympathetically worked.

As to other agencies - Mr H. thinks the district is "overdone." "There is too much a competition for the moral health of the people." The strongest church is Mr Spurgeon's, but he is "intensely exclusive" and will work with no one: will not even join in a work of united prayer in which the Angly take part. The relations with the church are most cordial: Mr Brooke Lambert is "as good as they make 'em" and "most brotherly."

There is a Free Church Council but Mr H. is not connected with it as he differs from it on the question of Disestablishment & plants in its platform. He thinks even he thinks Disestablishment would be a disaster.

On general questions Mr H. though the district "very unkind" though it compares very favourably in this respect with the poorer

parts of Liverpool when he was for six
years. The apparent violence of Drunkenness
Wales is partly due to the incursions of
East End holiday makers through the Island.

Prostitution is chiefly to be found
on the Heath which has a very evil
reputation: you cannot walk across it
at night "without ~~seeing~~ ~~stumbling~~ over the
couple."

In some talk as to the Wesleyan
system Mr. H. said "he ~~to~~ would not
give up the automatic ~~movement~~ movement
for anything": it gives a man constantly
great interest in his work: but he thinks
three years is too short. He notices the
evil effects of long term in neglecting ministers
of other denominations, who have confessed to
him that they are hopeless souls when they
are

HAVE YOU A RELIGIOUS "HOME"?

IF NOT, YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

WESLEYAN CHURCH,

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

LONDON STREET, GREENWICH.

Services & Meetings.

- SUNDAY.**
- 7 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Workers' Room.
 - 10 a.m. Sunday School.
 - 10 a.m. Meeting for Fellowship. Mr. Howard.
 - 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
 - 2.30 p.m. Sunday School, with Bible Classes for Young Men and Young Women.
 - 3 p.m. Meeting for Fellowship. Mr. Baron.
 - 3 p.m. Meeting for Naval School Boys.
 - 5.45 p.m. Children's Service in Workers' Room.
 - 5.45 p.m. Boys' Brigade Bible Class.
 - 6.30 p.m. Popular Service.
 - 8 p.m. First Sunday in Month: Holy Communion.
 - Other Sundays: Out-door Service in front of the Church.
 - 8.30 p.m. Evangelistic Meeting in Workers' Room.
- MONDAY.**
- 3 p.m. Mothers' meeting.
 - 6 p.m. Women's Slate Club.
 - 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Workers' Room.
 - 8 p.m. Meeting for Fellowship (Women). Mrs. Clark.
 - 8 p.m. " " " Sister Marjorie.
- TUESDAY.**
- 7 p.m. " " Mrs. Watson.
 - 8 p.m. " " Mr. Adams.
 - 8 p.m. " " Mr. Lidgett.
 - 8 p.m. Boys' Brigade Drill. (at Grove Lodge).
- WEDNESDAY.**
- 6.30 p.m. Girls' Class. Sister Bertha.
 - 7.30 p.m. Public Service.
 - 8.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
 - 8.30 p.m. Meeting for Fellowship (Men). Sister Marjorie.
- THURSDAY.**
- 6.30 p.m. Band of Hope.
 - 7 p.m. Girls' Class. Miss Lidgett.
 - 8 p.m. Guild (in Winter months).
- FRIDAY.**
- 7.30 p.m. Meeting for Fellowship. Rev. W. Hawkins.
 - 8.30 p.m. " " (Young Women). Mrs. Hawkins.
 - 8.30 p.m. " " (Young Men). Rev. W. Hawkins.
- SATURDAY.**
- 7 p.m. Men's Slate Club.
 - 8 p.m. Temperance Meeting. Conducted by the Sisters.

For arrangement of Baptismal Services, also of Marriage Services, application should be made to the Minister.

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"In all places where I record My Name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee."—Exodus xx. 24.

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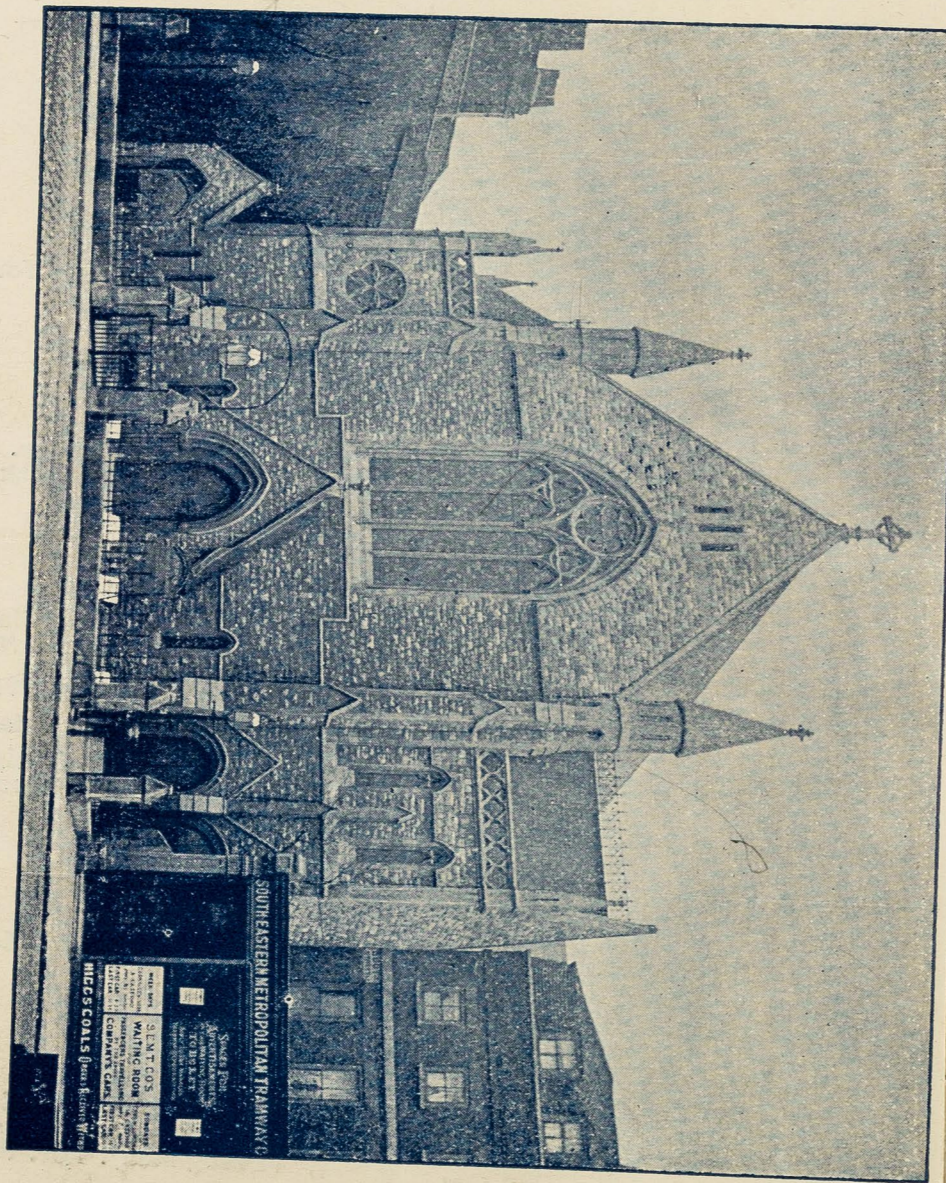
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1. Miss King
 2. Mrs. Styles
 3. V. Styles
 4. C. P. Styles
 5. M. Styles
 6. J. Styles

WESLEYAN CHURCH,



London Street, Greenwich.

Minister - - - - - Rev. WALTER HAWKINS, West Grove House.
 Sisters - - - - - SISTER MARJORIE, 42, Devonshire Road.
 SISTER BERTHA, 18, The Circus.

"Holiness becometh Thine House, O Lord, for ever."—*Psalm xciii. 5.*

BLACKHEATH * CIRCUIT * PLAN

For APRIL, MAY, and JUNE, 1900.

Ministers—

- Rev. GEORGE DENTON, The Avenue, Blackheath, S.E.
 Rev. WALTER HAWKINS, West Grove House, Point Hill, Greenwich, S.E.
 Rev. J. HOLLAND RITSON, M.A., 12, Craigerne Road, Blackheath, S.E.
 Rev. T. G. ATKINSON, 39, St. John's Park, Blackheath, S.E.
- Rev. WALFORD GREEN, Macartney House, Greenwich Park, S.E.
 Rev. W. H. DALLINGER, D.Sc., F.R.S., Ingleside, Newstead Road, Lee, S.E.

Circuit Officers—

- Mr. R. TAYLOR, 152, Burnt Ash Hill, S.E.
 Mr. C. J. THOMAS, Brathay, St. John's Park, Blackheath, S.E.
- TREASURER FOR THE WORN-OUT MINISTERS' FUND.**
 Mr. E. S. LAMPLOUGH, 8, Vanbrugh Terrace, S.E.
- CIRCUIT CHAPEL SECRETARY.**
 Mr. ERNEST T. DENTON, The Avenue, Blackheath, S.E.
- SECRETARY OF QUARTERLY MEETING.**
 Mr. G. T. BARON, 22, South Street, Greenwich, S.E.

Society Officers—

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| <i>Society Stewards.</i> | Blackheath. | <i>Poor Stewards.</i> |
| Mr. F. C. CHAMPION,
Mr. F. H. MAWE. | | Mr. J. T. MATTHEWS.
Mr. HAROLD D. GREEN. |
| | Greenwich. | Mr. A. CLARK.
Mr. WEEDON. |
| Mr. J. S. SMITH.
Mr. G. T. BARON. | | Mr. R. HUTCHINSON.
Mr. S. STENT. |
| | East Greenwich. | Mr. BATE.
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| Mr. C. NIXON.
Mr. W. J. ANSTEY. | | Mr. E. S. LAMPLOUGH.
Mr. J. L. DAVIES. |
| | Burnt Ash. | |
| Mr. R. TAYLOR.
Mr. D. COLLINS. | | |
| | Sunfields. | |
| Mr. W. LAMPLOUGH.
Mr. G. ROBERTS. | | |

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."—*Hebrews x. 25.*

"In all places where I record My Name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee."—*Exodus xx. 24.*

"We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His footstool."—*Psalm cxxxii. 7.*

The Wesleyan-Methodist Plan for the Blackheath Circuit, 1900.

Hours of Service & Places.	APRIL				MAY				JUNE				JULY
	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1
COLLECT	6 Sun. in Lent.	Easter Sunday.	1 Sun. aft. Easter.	2 Sun. aft. Easter.	3 Sun. aft. Easter.	4 Sun. aft. Easter.	5 Sun. aft. Easter.	1 Sun. aft. Ascension.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.	1 Sun. aft. Trinity.	2 Sun. aft. Trinity.	3 Sun. aft. Trinity.
MORNING LESSONS.	Ex. ix. Matt. xxvi. 17-35.	Ex. xii. 1-28 Rev. i. 10-18	Num. xvi. 1-35. Cor. xv. 1-28.	Num. xx. 1-13. Luke xx. 27-41.	Num. xxii. Luke xxiii. 26-49.	Deut. iv. 1-22. John iii. 22-36.	Deut. vi. John vi. 41-71.	Deut. xxx. John x. 22-42.	Deut. xvi. 1-17. Rom. viii. 1-17.	Isaiah vi. 1-10. Rev. i. 1-8.	Josh iii 7-iv. 14. Acts ii. 1-21	Mal. iii. 1-7. Matt. iii.	1 Sam. ii. 1-20. Acts ix. 23-43.
EVENING LESSONS	Ex. x. Luke xx. 9-20.	Ex. xii. 29-51. Rev. v.	Num. xvi. 36-50. John xx. 24-29.	Num. xx. Coloss. i. 21-ii. 7.	Num xxiii. 1 Thess. iii.	Deut. v. 1 Tim. i. 18-ii. 15.	Deut. x. 2 Tim. iii.	Josh. i. Heb. ii. iii. 6.	Isaiah xi. Gal. v. 1-15	Gen. xviii. Eph. iv. 1-16.	Josh. xxiv. 1-11. I Peter ii. 11-iii. 7.	Mal. iv. Matt. xiv. 1-12.	1 Sam. iii. 1 John iv. 7-21.
BLACKHEATH (The Avenue.)	11 6½ Denton OC Ritson OC	Ritson S Denton S	Denton CC Ritson CC	Hartley FM Hartley FM	Hawkins S Denton S	Hawkins W Denton W, L	Denton Ritson	Hawkins SP Denton SP, [CM.]	Denton S Hawkins S	Dallinger Q Denton Q	Davison SA Davison SA	Bell H Denton H	Denton CR, S Ritson CR, S
Wednesday Evening PRAYER MEETING, Friday Evening	7½ 7½ Denton (Fri.) Denton MP	Barritt Denton	Denton Denton	Ritson Denton	Denton LM Denton MP	G. Collins Denton	Denton Denton	Denton Denton	Ritson Denton MP	Denton LM Denton	Denton LPM Denton	Hawkins Denton	Denton Denton MP
GREENWICH (London Street.)	11 6½ Hawkins E Hawkins E, S	Lidgett Anstey	Barritt Denton L	Balch FM Balch FM	Denton W Hawkins W, S	Ritson Hawkins	Simonson Hawkins	Supply Q Hawkins Q, [CM.]	Hawkins Denton S	G. Collins Hawkins	Hawkins Student	Goodman SA Goodman SA	Ingle H Hawkins H, S
Wednesday Evening PRAYER MEETING, Monday Evening	7½ 7 Lidgett (Fri.) Hawkins MP	G. Collins Hawkins	Ritson J. Smith	Hawkins LM Hawkins	Hawkins Hawkins MP	A. Clark Hawkins	Ritson Hawkins	Hawkins Hawkins	Hawkins MP Hawkins MP	Hawkins LM Hawkins	Ritson Hawkins	Denton Hawkins	Hawkins Hawkins MP
GREENWICH EAST (Victoria Hall, Woolwich Rd.)	11 6½ Charter SA Charter SA	Delbridge G. Collins	Foinette Barritt	Vandeppeer Lidgett FM	Bronsdon Barritt	Simonson Student L	Ingle CC Denton CC, [CM.]	Denton Barritt	Ritson Barritt	Vandeppeer Q Seager Q	Clark Hawkins	Lidgett H Anstey H	Hawkins W Barritt W
Thursday Evening PRAYER MEETING, Monday Evening	7½ 8 Denton (Tues.) Barritt MP	J. Jones Barritt	Ritson LM Barritt	Hawkins Anstey	Barritt Barritt MP	Barritt Denchfield	Ritson Barritt	Barritt Collison	Barritt Barritt MP	Barritt Barritt	Hawkins G. Collins	Barritt Barritt	Denton Barritt MP
BURNT ASH, LEE	11 6½ Grubb CC, S Grubb CC	Denton Cark	Student E Ingle E	Ritson FM Barritt FM	G Collins Lidgett	Denton CC Anstey CC	Nicholls SS Nicholls SS	Hewitson Hewitson L	Delbridge WF A. Clark WF	Hawkins S Proud	Ritson Q Foinette Q	Denton H Taylor H	Selby LE Selby LE
Tuesday Evening	7½ Hawkins	D. Collins	Denton	Hawkins	Ritson	Barritt	Denton	Ritson	FM Lidgett CC	Denton LM	Hawkins	Ritson	Hawkins
SUNFIELDS (Old Dover Road.)	11 6½ Ritson IE Denton LE	Barritt Ritson S	Ritson E Student E	G. Collins Ritson	Ritson CC Ritson CC, S	Student Ritson CM	Ritson CC Delbridge CC	Ingram SA Ingram SA	FM Lidgett CC Ritson CC, S	Denton LM Ritson	Student Q Ritson Q, L	Ritson	Ritson W Denton W, S
Tuesday Evening PRAYER MEETING, Friday Evening	7½ 7½ Ritson Ritson MP	Ritson Ritson	Ritson LM Ritson	Ritson Ritson	Denton Ritson MP	G. Collins Ritson	Ritson Ritson	Barritt Ritson	Ritson Ritson MP	Ritson LM Ritson	Ritson Ritson	Hawkins Ritson	Ritson Ritson MP

Notices.

The Local Preachers' Meeting will be held at Blackheath on Wednesday, June 27th, 1900, at half-past Eight o'clock.

The Circuit Quarterly Meeting will be held at Blackheath on Monday, June 18th, 1900. Tea at half-past Five o'clock. Business will commence punctually at half-past Six. The Society Stewards are requested to close their accounts with the Circuit Stewards before Six o'clock.

Names and Residences of Ministers and Local Preachers.

Rev. GEO. DENTON, The Avenue, Blackheath, S.E.
 Rev. WALTER HAWKINS, West Grove House, Point Hill, S.E.
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Rev. MARSHALL HARTLEY, Mission House, E.C.
 Rev. Dr. DAVISON, Handsworth College.
 Rev. W. PERKINS, Mission House, E.C.
 Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Southlands, Battersea, S.W.
 Rev. T. G. SELBY, Basil House, Bromley Hill, Kent.
 Rev. GEO. CHARTER, Chelsea
 Rev. JOHN BELL, Bromley, Kent.
 Rev. JOHN H. GOODMAN, Barry Road, S.E.
 Rev. A. E. BALCH, M.A., Woolwich.
 Rev. JABEZ INGRAM, Lewisham.
 Rev. JOHN FLETCHER, 37, St. Margaret's Road, Brockley, S.E.
 Rev. G. W. OLVER, B.A., 10, Clifton Road, Brockley, S.E.
 Rev. J. H. GRUBB, 45, Ritherdon Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.
 Rev. JOS. R. HEWITSON, 3, Park Villas, Eltham, S.E.
 STUDENT, Richmond College, Surrey.

Mr. G. LIDGETT, B.A., Grove Lodge, Blackheath.
 Mr. J. B. INGLE, 6, Morden Road, Blackheath.
 Mr. H. HOWARD, Maitland House, Greenwich Road.
 Mr. C. BRONSDON, 3, Montpelier Row, Blackheath.
 Mr. T. W. SIMONSON, The Village, Blackheath.
 Mr. D. COLLINS, The Limes, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee.
 Mr. R. CLARK, Richardson's Place, Greenwich.
 Mr. W. J. ANSTEY, 19, Vanbrugh Hill, S.E.
 Mr. G. COLLINS, 12, Banchory Road, Blackheath.
 Mr. R. TAYLOR, Broad Oak, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee.
 Mr. T. W. FOINETTE, 395, High Road, Lee.
 Mr. F. E. BARRITT (Lay Agent), 26, Osborne Terrace, Westcombe Hill, S.E.

ON TRIAL.

Mr. A. CLARK, Richardson's Place, Greenwich.
 Mr. W. DELBRIDGE, 22, South Street, Greenwich.

Other Circuits.

Mr. J. How, 38, Freeland Road, Bromley, Kent.
 Mr. W. A. NICHOLLS, 11, Vernham Road, Plumstead, S.E.
 Mr. T. PROUD, Luptonville, Bromley Road, Grove Park, Lee.
 Mr. J. J. SEAGER, 197, East India Road, E.
 Mr. E. VANDEPPEER, 49, Mildenhall Road, Clapton, N.

N.B.—Each Preacher is responsible for the supply of his own appointments.

References.

B.—Sacrament of Baptism.
 S.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
 L.—Quarterly Lovefeast.
 L.M.—Leaders' Meeting.
 M.P.—Missionary Prayer Meeting.
 P.M.—Prayer Meeting.
 L.P.M.—Local Preachers' Meeting.
 T.—Renewal of Tickets.
 C.M.—Meeting of Members of the Church.

COLLECTIONS.

C.—Chapel Anniversary.
 C.C.—Circuit Collection.
 L.E.—Local Expenses.
 Q.—Quarterly Collection for the support of the Ministry.
 S.P.—Special Purposes.
 E.—Education Fund.
 H.—Hospitals.
 S.A.—Sunday School Anniversary.
 O.C.—Organ and Choir Fund.
 C.R.—Church Repairs.
 W.—Aged Ministers' Fund.
 W.F.—War Fund.

"Be ye holy: for I am holy."—1 Peter i. 16.

Pastoral Visitation of Society Classes.

Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.—Hebrews x. 19.

J.S. Smith

"Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith."—Hebrews x. 22.

BLACKHEATH.

Leader.	Date.	Hour.	Minister.
Miss Lidgett	Sunday May 27	4.0 p.m.	Denton.
Mrs. Willis	Tuesday " 29	8.0 p.m.	Denton.
Mr. Simonson	Monday " 28	8.0 p.m.	Denton.
Rev. Walford Green	Tuesday " 29	3.0 p.m.	Green.
Rev. Geo. Denton	Friday June 1	8.0 p.m.	Denton.
Miss L. Green	Saturday " 2	6.0 p.m.	Denton.
Miss Butcher	Sunday May 27	4.0 p.m.	Denton.
Mr. Ingle	Sunday " 20	10.15 a.m.	Denton.
Mrs. Lidgett	Wednesday " 30	12.15 p.m.	Denton.

GREENWICH.

Sister Marjorie	Monday May 21	8.0 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. Lidgett	Tuesday " 29	7.0 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mrs. Watson	Tuesday " 29	8.0 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. Adams	Tuesday " 29	8.0 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. Howard	Sunday " 13	10.0 a.m.	Ritson.
Mr. Baron	Sunday " 27	3.0 p.m.	Hawkins.
Sister Bertha	Wednesday " 30	6.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Sister Marjorie	Wednesday " 30	8.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Miss F. Lidgett	Tuesday " 15	7.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Rev. W. Hawkins	Friday June 1	7.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Rev. W. Hawkins	Friday " 1	8.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mrs. Hawkins	Friday " 1	8.30 p.m.	Hawkins.

GREENWICH EAST.

Mrs. Barritt	Thursday May 24	6.30 p.m.	Ritson.
Mr. Denchfield	Sunday June 3	3.0 p.m.	Ritson.
Mr. Collison	Wednesday May 23	7.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. Barritt	Wednesday " 23	8.0 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. Lightup	Monday " 28	8.0 p.m.	Denton.
Mr. Barritt (Junior)	Thursday " 24	6.30 p.m.	Ritson.
Miss Swan	Wednesday " 23	8.15 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. Anstey	Tuesday June 5	7.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mr. G. Collins	Tuesday " 5	7.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Miss Hutchinson	Thursday May 24	6.30 p.m.	Ritson.

BURNT ASH.

Mr. Taylor	Tuesday May 22	8.30 p.m.	Hawkins.
Mrs. Stocken	Tuesday " 29	3.15 p.m.	Ritson.

SUNFIELDS.

Rev. J. H. Ritson, M.A.	Monday May 21	8.0 p.m.	Ritson.
Miss Midgley	Tuesday " 22	6.30 p.m.	Ritson.
Mr. E. S. Lamplough	Tuesday " 22	8.30 p.m.	Ritson.
Miss Midgley	Thursday " 31	7.30 p.m.	Ritson.
Mrs. J. L. Davies	Friday June 1	8.15 p.m.	Ritson.
Rev. J. H. Ritson, M.A.	Friday " 1	8.30 p.m.	Ritson.

"Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."—Hebrews xii. 14.

June 7th 1900.

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Interview with Rev. J. Head ⁴⁶ ~~Robinson~~ ⁴⁶
Kensington Park Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Head is a domestic little
Scotman who has been Minister of this
church for three years. He is a pleasant
& friendly little man, but of no mark
mentally or otherwise. Whether from this cause
or another this is neither an active nor
a flourishing church and merely serves as the
religious centre of the small number of
faithful Presbyterians who live for some
miles round: but even so the total membership
is only 115 and the church is but
sparingly attended. Those who come are in no
wise the rich but rather the smaller city
people living in the neighbourhood. Mr T.
says that Blackheath is exceedingly bad
ground for non-conformists and that only

the Congregationalists in Mecklenburg Village meet with any success. For this he gives three reasons: (1) That Mecklenburg is "exceedingly churchy" (2) "intensely evangelical" and (3) "among the rich there is much indifference leading to Sunday parties and entertainings; this last cannot help the non-con. spread of its effect on the servant class.

With the exception of a few social and literary societies and a much larger school attended by the children of a few well-to-do persons there seems to be nothing going on at this church; but a few of the members have started a Sunday school for poor children in the Road Road School off Woolwich Road, and get about 100 children, but not of the poorest class. So far as any non-con. church in the

district is teaching the working class men T. thinks the Wesleyans are the most successful.

In some talk as to the housing question Mr T. reported that owing to the opposition of the rich the L.C.C. had given up their project for a cable tram over Mucknuth connecting with the trams at Greenwich: and he noticed that some of the members of his church who had warmly supported the project at first, at once turned round when in an endeavour to conciliate the opposition of others it was proposed to lay it past their houses.

Mr Frank E Barrett
Victoria Hall

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June 21/1900

Personal Note

Building used

The People & District

Fergus & other new streets

Christchurch parish.

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Mr Frank E Barrett. 26 Osborne Terrace, Westcombe Hill
Wesleyan Lay-agent connected with Victoria Hall,
Woolwich Road, East Greenwich S.E.

Mr Barrett is a well dressed middle-aged man; tall and slim; intelligent face, black hair and beard. He has only been here about 12 months (came from S. Africa, I was told by Mrs Rote) Altho' a lay agent, both as man & minister, he is better than many of the ministers I have met.

Victoria Hall is situate at the corner of Glenforth St & was built as a Mission Church. It holds 500; is seated with chairs - no pews or pew rents. Have a smaller hall holding 250 & a few rooms as well as land for extension.

Most of their people are drawn from the district between Blackwall Lane & Westcombe Hill. Some come from Charlton. Quite a working class congregation - arsenal men, gas workers, men at the telegraph works &c.

The streets around the Hall are all working class; those on the north of Woolwich Road being the poorer. Fergus, Marlton & Glenforth Streets, respecting which

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Persons Employed

Notes on Services

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our evidence is contradictory, ~~and~~ he thinks poorer than Glenister & the neighbouring roads but their poverty is the result of the bad habits of the people. Two families ~~are~~ live in each house - rent 7/6 a floor. - near the north end a considerable number of east enders have settled. Does not think the streets are better than they were; the tendency now is the other way as the respectable people are trying to get out as there has been an influx of immoral people during the past 12 months. Place is quiet during the day but disorderly scenes are frequent at night.

Mr B. is the only paid worker. An efficient staff of class leaders, open air workers, S.S. teachers &c - ~~at least~~ quite 100.

Plan of services is attached to page 53.

On Sunday, meetings begin with 7 am prayer meeting. Sunday School with 450 children - all local. average attendance in afternoon of 350

The Sunday morning service is small - average 100 fairly equal propⁿ of men & women. Evening service is very good - quite full during the winter; drop

off

off during the summer when some of the people go to the Park.

A. P. Sunday Afternoon for men and women has grown from 50 to 150 average attendance. Go in for good music - orchestral band. Reach some not touched by other services.

Other meetings include 10 class meetings, prayer meeting (Monday) & Service on Thursday (50 to 60). Find it difficult to get people on week evenings. Work late and during past year many have been working overtime thro' the war.

Social agencies are active. Another meeting (Mon afternoon) conducted by 3 daughters of Rev Walford Green. 120 members. Men's club - 85 members - has reading room games etc & is well used during the winter. Slate clubs for men & women, cricket club etc. A Pleasant Saturday Evening during the winter months is the most successful effort in this direction. Has a strong musical programme & gets about 400 people. Full sometimes. See plans attached.

Mr + B. visits for about 3 or 4 hours a day. The Misses Green also visit a good deal in connection with the

Mothers

Social Agencies

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Co-operation

Other Churches

Drink

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Mothers' Meetings; the class leaders also keep in touch with their members. Beyond this little is done.

Not much charity given. Mr B seeks to restrict it as he thinks too much is given in neighbourhood and he is "very much down on it". Including Poor fund and Christmas gifts, ^{amount} ~~at~~ would be £18 to £20, not including help that is given privately by the Misses Freens.

Co-operation by Free Church Council (Blackheath + Greenwich). Rev Mackenzie is secretary - there are 3 local Committees - Blackheath, East, & West Greenwich.

No co-operation with Church of England, which stands aloof aloof. We should be glad to co-operate. The Church does good work.

Of the other agencies, he mentioned Rothbury Hall, which does very good work similar to our own but gives more relief. The Mission Halls are also doing good work. The Baptists' work is not systematic. They need a pastor. Mr Saberton (L.C.M.) 5 Calvert Rd has been here a long time & knows district ^{as well as anybody}.

Drink is as bad here as anywhere. The N.C. ministers have just held a meeting to consider the question. Much drunk on Saturday night & Sunday. Not so bad in middle of week when money is gone. Good deal of ^{drinking}

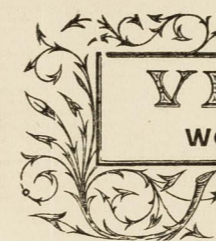
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drinking thro' the grocers.

Police are a very fair body of men.

Mr B regards East Greenwich as "a very promising district" Has been told that it has been "indifferent" for many years, but personally he looks upon it as "one of the best opportunities round London" while there is a good deal of religious indifference, "there is a response from the people"



VICTORIA HALL,

WOOLWICH ROAD, EAST GREENWICH.

PROGRAMME

... OF ...

Pleasant Saturday Evening

SATURDAY, MARCH 31st, 1900, at EIGHT.

THE LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.

CONCERT.

Madam BESSIE WEBBER (*Soprano*). Mrs. C. NIXON (*Contralto*).
Mr. W. UPTON TAYLOR (*Tenor*). Mr. T. D. JASPER (*Bass*).
THE VICTORIA HALL CHORAL SOCIETY.

Pianoforte Mr. T. W. WALKER.
Organ Mr. H. C. J. CHURCHILL.
Conductor Mr. CHARLES NIXON, G.T.S.C.

** The Ancient Mariner. **

Words by COLERIDGE.

Music by T. MEE PATTISON.

OVERTURE.

CHORUS "It is an ancient mariner"
 CHORUS "The ship was cheered"
 RECITATIVE (*Bass*) .. "The wedding-guest here beat his breast"
 ARIA (*Soprano*) "The bride hath paced into the hall"
 RECITATIVE (*Bass*) .. "The wedding-guest here beat his breast"
 ARIA (*Bass*) "And now the storm blast came"
 CHORUS "And now there came both mist and snow"
 ARIA (*Tenor*) "And a good south wind sprung up behind"
 RECITATIVE (*Soprano*) .. "God save thee, ancient mariner"
 RECITATIVE (*Tenor*) .. "With my cross-bow"
 ARIA (*Contralto*) .. "The fair breeze blew"
 RECITATIVE (*Bass*) .. "There passed a weary time"
 ARIA (*Bass*) "The souls did from their bodies fly"
 RECITATIVE (*Soprano*) .. "Beyond the shadow of the ship"
 CHORUS "O happy living things"
 SOLO & CHORUS (*Soprano*) .. "O sleep, it is a gentle thing"
 RECITATIVE (*Bass*) .. "And soon I heard a roaring wind"
 CHORUS "The coming wind did roar"
 RECITATIVE (*Tenor*) .. "The sails at noon left off their tune"
 ARIA (*Tenor*) "I woke, and we were sailing on"
 DUET (*Soprano & Contralto*) .. "Swiftly, swiftly flew the ship"
 CHORUS "What loud uproar"

COLLECTION FOR THE TRUST FUND.

PART SONG .. "Newquay Fishermen's Song" Mackenzie
 SONG "My Queen" Blumenthal
 MR. W. UPTON TAYLOR.
 SONG "There's a land" Allitsen
 MADAM BESSIE WEBBER.
 CHORUS "Hunters' Chorus" Harper

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

E. G. BERRYMAN & SONS, PRINTERS, BLACKHEATH RD., GREENWICH, S. E.

ALL,
GREENWICH.

Evening.

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 Longfellow
 Novello
 Sullivan
 Yates
 Woolley
 Foster

.. .. Willemsen
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VICTORIA HALL,
WOOLWICH ROAD, EAST GREENWICH.

PROGRAMME

Pleasant Saturday Evening.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1899, at EIGHT.

Entertainment by the Juvenile Choir.

MARCH	"Forward gaily, together,"	McBurney
RECITATION	"Saint Nightingale,"	Longfellow
	GERTRUDE SWINDELL.	
PART-SONG	"The Infant's Prayer,"	Novello
SONG	"The Chorister,"	Sullivan
	WILLIE JASPER.	
RECITATION	"Laddie,"	Yates
	MAUD DENCHFIELD.	
CHORUS	"Tally Ho!"	Woolley
SONG	"Old Folks at Home,"	Foster
	ANNIE KELLY.	
PART SONG	"Sweet and Low,"	Willemsen
PIANOFORTE DUET	"Rondo in D,"	Diabelli
	FRANCIS C. NIXON AND MR. H. C. J. CHURCHILL.	
ACTION SONG	"Four-and-Twenty Blackbirds,"	Thom

Presentation of Certificates by the Rev. GEO. DENTON.

COLLECTION.

CHORUS	"A Song of Orthography,"	Lee
RECITATION	"Help at the right time,"	
	JESSIE CHOPPIN.	
SONG .. ..	.. Selected	
	WILLIE JASPER.	
RECITATION	"The Sluggard,"	Anon
	MARY HUNT.	
CHORUS	"Poor Old Joe,"	Foster
PIANOFORTE SOLO	"War March of the Priests,"	Mendelssohn
	JESSIE CHOPPIN.	
SONG .. ..	.. Selected	
	ALICE LALAND.	
MARCH	"Ring out each Voice,"	Veazie

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

At the Pianoforte Mr. H. C. J. CHURCHILL.
Conductor Mr. CHARLES NIXON, G.T.S.C.

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Mr. R. Fiddes, L.C.M.

Christchurch parish.

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June 21st

Interview with Mr. R. Fiddes, L.C.M. at 68 Annandale Road, East Greenwich.

Mr. Fiddes is an old man over 60, might be 70, with white hair & beard & shaking hands. Bent back & knees. Dressed in a serviceable suit of black, frock coat & trousers: pale, pleasant face & voice. He lives in a two storied house at the point, S E end of Annandale road. There was a piano in both the front & back room of the ground floor in which he received me.

He has been in Greenwich 30 years. He worked for 26 years for Mr. Reaney Christchurch (Mr. Reaney) & for the last two years in connection with Mr. Barritt. Mr. Reaney offended him by curtailing the hours at which he might hold a meeting in one of his halls: so he left & was at once offered a room which wd hold

District.

Character of inhabitants

Employments.

Fiddes - S.C.M. Lenthorpe Road District

by Mr. Barritt the Wesleyan lay agent. Since then he has seen nothing of Mr. Reary.

His district is bounded on the N by Lenthorpe Road.

E - Matton -

S - Woolwich -

W - Blackwall Lane.

is the triangle of light blue to purple streets lying N of the Woolwich Rd & E of Blackwall Lane. These streets comprise 620 houses holding between 700 & 800 families.

All are labouring working class. Only a few will earn as much as 30/- a week.

Men are gas, soap & telegraph workers.

Women take in washing & do churning on Black. heath.

Boys go to the telegraph or soap works.

Girls a few go to the powder works but the majority go into service. There are no factories in the district to form a counter attraction.

Selscroft road is perhaps the poorest but there is not much to choose between any of them.

In character & building the worst streets are the

New streets

Houses & Rents.

three new ones (Glenforth, Merton & Ferquus). Very badly built for two families each. Walls bending outwards, swampy ground, rented at 15/- per house. Tenants always changing. Corruption somewhere, no honest man could have passed these houses as fit for habitation! Mr. F blames the L.C.C. They are built & owned by the builders (Mr. F did not know his name) who is trying to sell them but intending purchasers always back out as soon as they see the nature of the property. In the rest of this district the property belongs to a number of small owners.

The houses for 2 families are not liked. Each prefers to have one for himself & to make up the rent by taking in a lodger. Only a few families live in single rooms. The ordinary 2nd house with 6 rooms is rented at 10/6. Single rooms are let at 3/-. The opening of the Blackwall Tunnel made rents leap up with a jump & has brought a number of people (not of the most desirable kind) out of Poplar & Bromley.

Mr. Fiddes starts in the morning at 10 on his round of

Visiting

The people or religion.

Fiddes - Lem. East Greenwich

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of visits. He calculates to visit each family once
every 5 weeks.

Between 10 & 11.30 AM. He 'leaves them a thought'.

11.30 & 12.30. He visits special cases.

2-4. house to house visitation.

After 4. special cases.

All are visited irrespective of creed. There is no
question of doctrine with him. He leaves a thought
or reads the bible or prays with each. A dying
Roman-Catholic has sent for him to pray with
him. 'But don't go on washing-days: you will
know the day well enough by the woman's face'.
'The most I can do on washing days is to leave
a thought but often I don't venture even on
that'. All are friendly to him, only one
house denies him. He never asks any questions
nor repeats any stories. Religion is his business.
The people are not actively irreligious, but 'sadly
indifferent'. They welcome his coming but won't
trouble to go to church. They will listen to out-
of door services but will not show their faith
by public worship in a building. The women come
more

Services.

Mothers meetings disliked

Doxas club.

Sunday Library

Fiddes
- Lynn - East Greenwich

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more readily than the men. He gives no relief beyond a shilling or two that may have been given him to distribute but he recommends cases to Mrs Barritt.

He holds two services at his room in Victoria Hall.

Wednesdays 3-4 . } Wed. is the best attended.

Fridays 7-8 . } Yesterday he had 80 present.

The evening service is meant for the men.

Husbands are not afraid of letting their wives attend

his services. 'My husband says I am not to go

if it's a mother's meeting' has been said to him several

times. There is much gossiping at mother's meetings

& many husbands are suspicious of them. But

his services are simply religious so they come to

him when they want go elsewhere. The ordinary

steps to public worship are. 1. Mission out-door

service 2. Mother's meeting 3. Service in church

or chapel.

He runs a Doxas Provident Club with 60 members

who pay in from 1^d to 6^d when they like. He

collects about £5 a year which is shared out

just before Xmas.

Beyond this he has a lending library of 170 books

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Other Religious workers

Local Govt.

Police

Fiddes - L.C.M. East Greenwich

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'moral stories' much liked by the mothers.
Only one or two can neither read nor write.

The other Agencies at work are.

1. Mr. Tharley who visits a little, but not much because he has too many classes. He works at Rothbury Hall which was built by a Mrs. Varascur at a cost of £6,000.
2. Mr. Barlett who professes to spend 3 hours a day in visiting but only visits Wesleyans
3. Ladies of the Church Pastoral aid society who get themselves disliked when they go round collecting money by asking too many questions.
4. The Roman priest, a good man, who does not interfere with others & is not much seen about. There is no cooperation between the different sects.

Local Govt. Jobbery in connection with the passing of unfit houses by L.C.C. officials.

Police : good & efficient - but not a wispy or difficult neighbourhood.

Poor Law. Out relief granted easily but guardians are learning by experience not to give it too easily.

Drink : Great deal of drink : no noticeable increase either among men or women: rather more just lately as work has been so good. He has never seen a child drunk. He wd like to see a bill passed to prohibit children from entering the public house merely on the chance that it might lead to their hating the place in later life. At the same time he said it wd probably lead to the women's drinking more. 'She wd not go without it that's certain'. It is the usual habit ^{for many} to have a glass of beer at lunch at 11.

Employment. More holidays now than formerly. 'Holidays without pay'. Work less regular. Thinks that men were better off before the unions raised the rates. Masters turn off men now directly a job is finished where formerly they wd find some-thing to keep them going. Old men now find it almost impossible to get work. He thinks that the high

High rates have led to loafing & drink.

Prostitution - none.

Crime - none.

Marriage - very few living together unmarried - looks
on as a disgrace. Women marry between 18 & 20
& men between 21 & 25. The average family
is 5 or 6. He knows one woman who has had
17 children only 4 of whom survive.

Health - good.

Housing - no crowding but difficult to find
vacant rooms.

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Interview with D. Mr. W. Matthews,
L.C.M. at the Mission House, Radale Road,
Greenwich.

Mr Matthews is an old man with white
hair and beard and showing signs of fullness. He
is a very ordinary type of L.C.M.: just a good
gentle, plain old fellow, who no doubt is on
terms of the most kind friendship with most of
the women in his district who are religious inclined,
but little likely to exercise any influence on
others.

He has been here for six years. His district
is a very small one bounded roughly by Pondy St.
Church St. Dora St. and Deptford Creek. It
contains about 900 families living in about 450
houses.

Though the premises of the Mission are
unusually good, having been specially built for the
work, Mr M. confines himself entirely to "gospel
work." He of course carries on his house to house

visitation, and has a Sunday evening service with me on Thursday night. Beyond this nothing is done. Mr. Clark ^{of St. Peter's} has always strongly objected to too much activity on the part of the Mission, and as his is an evangelical church his wishes have been met. Even a Sunday School was given up at his desire with the result. Mr. M. thinks that many children were lost altogether for the L.C.M. knows parents and children much more intimately than the Church or its workers, and can often get and keep them when the latter fail.

Mr. M. seems satisfied with the results of his labours: he is well received every where, gets his hall full (80) every Sunday night and about 90 on Thursday night: but all are women.

Though the district is poor Mr. M. speaks of most of the people as respectable: the only two bad places he thought of were St. James' Place and the court at the back of Claremont St.: there were a good many rough people living in the alleys of Ross St., but they have all been cleared

out.

Drink is the chief vice of the people, but in this town has been a great improvement in recent years.

There is no actual Prostitution: but a great deal of immorality. The open space just behind the Mission Hall used to be the scene of disgusting sights at night: but the police have effected some improvement.

Personal Note

District

Visitation

St Andrew's Mission District.

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Mr. J. Roote, L.C.M. Gas Works District. East Greenwich

seen at 8 boombe Terrace, Westcombe Hill

June 15th 1900

G.E.A.

Mr. Roote is a fresh looking young man of 30-35, vigorous and sensible: he has been 10 years in the L.C.M., and came to East Greenwich 8 years ago, just before the Tunnel was commenced.

The District consists of the East Greenwich promontory, as far south as Mauritius Road and Tunnel Avenue. It contains about 300 dwelling houses and a large number of wharves and works of various kinds employing some thousands of men. Chief among the works are those of the Gas company, and the Telegraph Maintenance Co^{ys}, the former employing 700 in summer, and about 1200 in winter.

Visitation is chiefly to the men, of whom he visits 3000-4000. Two days a week are spent in the Gasworks. With one exception, [where no strangers are allowed], he has access to all the works. The men receive him well, and although

East Greenwich Streets

Route - LCM, Gas works District

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he does not see much change in them, they miss him if he does not call, and want to know the reason.

Most of the men employed here live in East Greenwich. Some also come through the Tunnel to work; mostly at the gasworks, as the South Metropolitan Gas bo^{ys} conditions are better than those of the northern companies. Of the East Greenwich streets, Mr R. regards Fergus, Marlton and Glen~~forth~~ Roads as poor - "A disgrace to Greenwich." The landlords have taken everybody and anybody: known as "Do as you like" streets. They are comparatively quiet in the day, but at night scenes occur. Reckons Davern and Collier Streets are better than these. He only knows two Christian men living in these streets and they are looking out for something else.

Rever Terrace is almost a colony. Most of the men are pilots. The houses and occupation have been handed down from father to son. It is one of the respectable corners.

Wheatman and Sigismund Streets are a bit rough.

Blakesley Buildings and bottages are occupied by gas workers. Rents are low - 2 rooms $2/6$: 3 rooms $3/6$.
: the cottages (5 rooms) $5/3$ a week.

M^r R. has a Mission Hall (belonging to Gas Co^y) by Blakesley Buildings. It holds 200 people.

Has 8 or 9 voluntary helpers, drawn from East Greenwich or the neighbourhood.

Sunday school - about 200 children.

Gospel service - 7 p.m. 40 or 50 from District.

Bible reading (Tuesday) & Prayer meeting (Thursday)

- Both are small 12 or 14.

Other agencies in the immediate neighbourhood are:

S. Andrews Had an iron church here for 25 years. - holds about 200. Been filled once - at the Harvest Festival last year. Deaconess visits; the curate only when sent for.

Rothbury Hall people come round with their bills, and some of the people go.

M^r R. thinks that the Marsh people are better attenders at religious worship than those in other

Building used

Persons employed

Services held.

Other Religious Influences

parts of Greenwich. They go to Rothbury, Victoria and Marlborough Halls.

Drunk is bad amongst some. Many of the coalies earn £5 or £6 a week and have not a halfpenny by Monday, when they start running up another score.

Little immorality

Housing pretty fair.

The Tunnel has transformed the neighbourhood and improved it. Place was out of the way, and people did just as they liked. Never saw a policeman. Now the place is a public highway. Four public houses here have been closed as a result of the opening of the Tunnel, whilst a beer house (The Mitre) has obtained a full licence, but only by the surrender of another licence elsewhere.

The District and the people are growing better year by year, and Mr R. believes that the Marshes will be one of the best parts of East Greenwich. The Engineer of the Gas works

Drunk

congratulated him on the improved morals of the men. The people appear to lead a simple life. Except on Saturday night, the majority are in bed by 9.30. He looked in at the "Star in the East" about 9.30 a few evenings ago, and not one of their men was there. On the other hand, the place is alive at 5.30 a.m. and the people are at work by 6 a.m. Girls go to work in East Greenwich: a great many at the new Asbestos Works and the Powder works.

We should see:-

- See M^r F. Barritt 26 Osborne Terrace re Victoria Hall.
Westcombe Hill
 - M^r W. Turner 5, The Pavement re Marlboro' Hall
Charlton
 - M^r R. Fiddes Lcm 68 Annandale R^d re the new streets
 - M^r Miller Rothbury Hall: Visits much in District.
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Rev Thos Morgan
Congregational Minister

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June 29/1900

St Paul's parish

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Rev Thos Morgan, 24 Devonshire Road. Minister of the
Greenwich Road Congregational Church. S.E.

Mr Morgan is a fair, wiry man in the prime of life. Small, and rather sharp face, brown hair, mustache & short, pointed beard. Well cultured and was quite familiar with 'Life & Labour'. The Supt of the Greenwich School Division is Church Secretary. Mr Morgan has been here about 3½ years.

During the time he has been at Greenwich, little change has taken place in the immediate neighbourhood altho he is aware of a downward tendency. Working people have come to the flats in Ashburnham Road. Some of the houses in Devonshire Road have had two families but two have reverted to single family houses. A good landlord here, who retains the old tenants and this keeps up the value of the property.

The Church draws from a wide radius - as far as Old Kent Road in one direction & Catford in the other. These would be former residents in Greenwich. Scarcely anybody comes from the poor streets north of Greenwich Road but they get some from the ~~street~~ streets to the ~~with~~ south.

The congregation and people are practically middle class, men working in the city and a few artisans. A steady service suits their people and the 'masses' are not catered for. Mr Morgan has a leaning toward a more popular service. A P. S. A. has been started and met with 'considerable success'. Get people from Norman Road and Deptford to it. He wishes to have the Sunday evening free for a popular service.

Has a 'splendid batch of workers' - 40 or 50.
None paid except the ministers.

Chapel seats 650, vestry and schoolroom. The Miller Hospital adjoins the chapel and the governing body wishes to acquire it for extensions. A sale is nearly arranged, so that the church is expecting to build elsewhere.

Sunday services at 11 & 6.30 pm. The evening congregation is the larger - about 300. The P. S. A. at 3 pm. has a membership of 160. Attendance 150 to 200. During the week they have Christian

Endeavour

Persons employed

Buildings

Services held

Sunday School. 215 scholars 22 teachers

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

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Endeavour, Band of Hope and week evening service. The week evening meetings are not well attended and do not begin until about 8 pm. During the winter they popularise the week night service - have lantern ~~lectures~~ services with a special subject, getting 150 to 200. Have also a large mother's meeting to which they get people from the 'otherside' ^{eg of Greenwich Road.}

Beside the pastoral visitation of the members a house to house visitation is done. 500 copies of a 'Monthly Visitor' with announcements of the services being used as an introduction.

Have a few pensioners on the Communion Fund. Also a Benevolent Fund available for the relief of any cases of distress. At Christmas, 57 dinners are given to about 150 families, tickets for these are distributed by the workers, recommendations as to need. Have also a large Dorcas Society.

Church membership is 170. The personnel is shifting constantly. The number of transfers is surprising, mostly to Catford and that direction. The gains are mostly

Free Church Council

Friendly relations of Churches

Other Churches

Morgan - Greenwich Road Cong^e

mostly on confession of faith and some new comers from London.

The Church is connected with the Free Church Council. The Central Council asked them to join the Deptford group which they did. Subsequently with the other churches were attached to the Blackheath group. One result is that Mr Morgan is Vice President of the Deptford organisation and is also on the Com^{tee} for Blackheath. They are trying to get a Non-Con. chaplain at the Workhouse. A deputation waits upon the Guardian next week.

Relations with the Anglican church are 'pretty united'. Brooke Lambert came to Mr Morgan's recognition service and more recently to a funeral. Have a united week of prayer, Charles Spurgeon being the only one standing out. He invites them to one of his own - connected with some of the Tabernacle institutions.

St Pauls Mr Love a very nice man but does not do much. Similar remark applies to the Presbyterian Church (Elder) of the Devonshire Road Baptist (Jarvis) Mr In. knows nothing except that they are strict. He always

makes

General Questions

The Miller & Seaman's Hospitals

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, GREENWICH.—Return for week ended June 26th:—New cases admitted, 45; in-patients now under treatment, 199; new cases of out-patients treated, 180. Particulars of accidents, &c.—Henry Smith, 32, labourer, 2, Crane-street, East Greenwich, fractured foot; Harry Targett, 15, of 4, Union-wharf, East Greenwich, injury to head; Richard Clements, 34, crane driver, 24, Armada-street, Deptford, crushed hand; George Gittens, 21, of 103, West View-cottages, Blackwall-lane, fractured tibia; James Farr, 27, bargeman, 45, Staunton-street, Deptford, kick in abdomen; Levi Card, 50, coal porter, 4, Foxwell-street, Brockley, injury to wrist; Lydia Harper, 15, servant, 2, Norris-cottages, Roan-street, Greenwich, chloroform poisoning; Stephen Bagnall, 19, ex-marine, 4, Montague-villas, Coleraine-road, Blackheath, bullet injury to hand; Thomas Kneebone, 79, of 13, Brand-street, Greenwich, fractured femur.

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makes a point of being in his vestry 15 minutes before the service so does not even see them going into chapel.

He thinks the churches are keeping up our old people but not making much headway with the new comers.

Not much Drunk here. Police are always about. A lady recently had her purse snatched at mid day in Devonshire Road by a young man. He was caught subsequently. Morality of is 'favorable'. Very little signs of solicitation either in Greenwich Road or on Blackheath Hill. Facing Mr Mr house in Devonshire Road is a cul de sac leading to a nursery, which he believes is used for improper purposes late at night.

The Miller Hospital is practically a local institution, most of the patients being from the neighbourhood. The people only go to other hospitals for specific diseases - consumption &c. Found one from Bath there. Mr Mr visits ~~he~~ and has had a little girl there for 12 weeks. His opinion is that it is doing a "very excellent work".

week.
MILLER HOSPITAL AND ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, GREENWICH-ROAD.—Patients admitted during the week, 2; accidents attended, 117; general illness, 155; lying-in, 9; dental, 32; total number of new cases treated, 243.

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The Seaman's Hospital takes East Greenwich cases. People from this side seldom go there. Indeed the Park Hospital forms a natural boundary between East West Green ~~etc~~

Maze Hill Congregational Chapel.

Rev. Hinchcliffe Higgins.

Congregationalism in Maze Hill.

His own congregation.

Stalfege's parish.

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Interview with Rev. St. Hinchcliffe Higgins. minister of the ~~Geo~~ Maze Hill Congregational Church at 2 Mycense Villas. Mycense Rd. Maze Hill. The Church is in Park Place.

Mr. Higgins is about 50. middle height. grey beard rather portly. ^{is a} comfortable, middle class parson. Was for a year Editor of the Woolwich & Deptford Guardian (?). Has been 22 years here. Lives in a 2 1/2 storied house near Maze Hill Station in a red brick street.

'The Cause' he said has been alive in Maze Hill 90 years. The Church was built 76 or 77 years ago & he himself has been here 22 years.

His congregation is drawn from the neighbourhood. Clerks. better class artisans. foremen - managers. shop keepers from Trafalgar Road: but no poor! I don't think that you will find in any part of

Changes in East Greenwich.

of London that the Congregationalists touch the poor except through special missions; the poor don't come to their churches; "Our congregations are here as everywhere middle & lower middle class: here the lower middle predominate."

Maze Hill & East Greenwich are much changed of late years. When he first came his people were worth twice the money they are now. In number they are much the same. But the better people have moved further out of London to Chislehurst & that district & they have been replaced by clerks. The shopkeepers have followed their customers. Whereas in Trafalgar road there ~~were~~ ^{used to be} only a few good shops supplying a small good neighbourhood, now there are many inferior ones, always changing hands, a very migratory lot. District is still in a transition stage. The older & richer are replaced by the younger & less rich while in addition there is a great influx of purely labouring class & the creation of a new world by the Blackwall Tunnel. Religious feelings are changing

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Se pueri.

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changing with the times & the people. "There is greater diffusion of the religious spirit but less intensity." More people know of religion & there is greater humanity in consequence. More is done for sickness, drainage & good housing. "It is not done openly for the Lord but it is because of the diffusion of the Lord's spirit that it is done."

"But there is not that sternness about religious observance that there used to be. "Persecution is what we want to give us life - I almost long for the stake. They won't even now prosecute for Church rates." Certain places will always draw a congregation because of their historical position & interest - such as Westminster Abbey, St Paul's & the Tabernacle: but others depend

on the popular preacher or the excellent music. Our people don't go to church merely because it is going to church, as they used to do, even in spite of the preacher & the service.

Mr. Higgins finds that there is a leakage among his young couples to the Established Church. "They want variety, they want colour

They want music. They don't go over to Rome but they join the Establishment & socially it is considered a little higher; but it may be the beginning of not going anywhere.

But the greatest enemy ^{to church work} among his younger men & women has been the bicycle. They still want to go by train on Sundays but they say they will bicycle over to some country church & often they don't go to any.

Mr. Higgins thinks that the ground plan of non-conformity should be studied & taught, that his congregation should learn from his sermons. "But they won't stand 40 minutes & will hardly bear 20". He abominates the anecdotal kind of sermon. One paper a week was sufficient in old days now 3 a day are necessary. Everything is picked up in snippets & spice. Even tit-bits are hardly tolerable & have given way to papers which are all illustration. The power of concentration ^{of mind} is lost. Whether the people are richer or poorer in spirit he does not know. He hopes that what has been lost in ⁱⁿ ^{ten}.

The frittering tendency of the age.

Services & attendance.

No mission work.

Mother's meeting.

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intensity may have been gained in greater diffusion.
What he looks for is something to crystallize
this suspended Christianity & give it form.
But where to find it? he can't even guess from
what direction it will come.

His church holds 800.

At 11 on Sundays the attendance is about 400
6.30 — the same.

Proportion of 3 women to one man. "not a
bad proportion."

On Wednesdays he has a preaching service. 40 come
'nearly all women.'

Friday he has a prayer meeting for the same
number

He is the only paid minister.

He does no mission work though he would if it
were necessary 'but the place is covered with
mission halls & workers.'

Mother's meeting is very successful - run by his
wife. 160 on books - 60 come except during
the hoppicking season. All are wives of labourers
& they come on Monday afternoons. They are
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Sunday School.

Societies.

Charity.

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the best of their class: bring their babies; hear an address from myself or my wife & sing Moody & Sankey's hymns: treat once a year at which tea is given to them but they pay for their own conveyance.

Sunday School. 300 or 400. all taught by teachers from the congregation.

Band of Hope 70 children.

Literary Society for men & women. average attendance ^{of 40} to hear one another's papers or a lecture from outside.

£115 is given away before Christmas in 5p & 3p tickets. recipients have to come to chapel & are given tickets on the way out. They are not necessarily the very poor nor are they people who ever come to church at other times. They are simply those who have been recommended who will be all the better for having a little more.

In all he raised £787. last year.

The Xmas money comes 'almost of itself' no begging needed.

In Temporary relief he only distributed £4.4.0 this year

year. For the last three years there has been no need in the district: any one worth employing has work & to spare: now is the time to pick out the loafers "it wd be a good thing for everyone if they could be taken away & shot." He is laying up no fund against the lean years which are bound to come. On the whole he does not think Greenwich suffers so much now from the extremes of stress & relaxation that she used to.

No cooperation with other churches. "That sensible broad minded man Brooke Lambert tried it but we broke down over the administration of charity: we nonconformists are free lances in that matter & will give to whom we like: we won't follow parish boundaries."

The Free Church Council doing good work in giving lectures, making noncons feel one body & teaching first principles to nonconformists.

Police are polite & ~~for~~ good in stopping rows. "But they are in with the Publican." Drunken men are not run in as they should be. In this connection he

No Cooperation

Police

Drink -

Higgins - Maze Hill Song²

He spoke of the good done by Montague Williams when police magistrate for Deptford & Woolwich. When a man was brought before him for being drunk he told the police to fetch the publican who last served him. This had a wonderful effect. "The law is strong enough as it is & the magistrate is the man who can do more than any other in the matter of ~~do~~ suppressing drunkenness."

He will forbid children entering pubs. "It is dreadful to think of what they must see & hear in them." He has never seen a child drunk but told of the horror with which he heard of the story from a LCM at a ~~large~~ dinner at a solicitor friend of his last week. How a child was daily made drunk in a public house for the amusement of the customers. Neither he nor the LCM had taken any ~~steps~~ steps to stop this abuse.

He approves of the grocer's license. "Very convenient for men like myself who have no cellar."

Drink is not decreasing among men but "certainly on the increase among women". One he thinks to the greater freedom of their lives.

Higgins Maze Hill Cong^e

Thrift. Most alarming among the clerk & ^{higher} ^{& attain} class. Their thriftiness destroys their religion. They save, buy a home for themselves, become independent & their own providence. "They are the worst landlords just as the man who has risen from the ranks is, from what old soldiers tell me here, the worst officer." But the class below them is not in the least thrifty.

Housing: fair, rents high, 3 or 4 lb said per room. ~~no~~ crowding but difficulty in finding house room. Building always going on. Health good.

Prostitution. None that he knows of.

Crime. Very little.

See next page for summary of amounts collected by societies connected with his church last year. He thinks we sh^d see Mr. T. J. Smith, 1 Annandale Rd. E Greenwich the rate collector: on the housing question. As far as he can judge rents hardly cover the cost of building & maintenance.

Summary of Funds Raised, 1899.

E.—To save confusion it will be found that in one or two cases items are printed twice over, e.g., the London Missionary Account, where the amount collected in Sunday School appears in both Sunday School Balance Sheet and London Missionary Society's General Account. The previous year's balances have been deducted.

	£	s.	d.
General Church Fund	370	9	0
Sacramental Fund	15	1	10
Organist Fund	8	11	6
Choir Fund		10	6
Sunday School	76	15	11
Sunday School Library	5	6	8
Senior Girls' Class	10	19	2
Band of Hope.. .. .	9	13	7
Dorcas Society	6	15	0
Temporary Relief Society .. .. .			....
Monday Evening Mission	20	17	5
Literary Society	24	4	1
Kent Congregational Association	12	15	6
Hospital Sunday Fund	8	7	4
British and Foreign Bible Society	2	11	0
London Missionary Society	38	13	3
Christmas Dinners Fund	112	14	1
Mothers' Meeting	31	17	10
Magazine Account	31	14	3
	<u>£787</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>

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Report of interview with the Very Rev. Canon O'Halloran, (M.R.) of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Croem's Hill, Greenwich. (E.A.) May 22.

I saw Father O'Halloran at the Presbytery, close by the Church, an old-fashioned, panelled house with the Park just opposite and nothing but the road between it and the trees. The setting of the place was in marked contrast to every Presbytery and Roman Catholic Church that I had seen, and suggested at once repose and retreat; the contemplative rather than the active side of the religious life. Father O'Halloran fitted in well with this setting, for he is an old man, and has spent the whole of the 40 years that he has been in the priesthood in this place. But although, after a moment of reserve, he talked freely, he had not much to tell of importance so far as the Inquiry is concerned, for his Catholic population is small, inspite of the large area that he covers, and the Church is mainly used by the comparatively well-to-do.

The Church is beautiful, and much money has been spent on it. It suggests the command of wealth which, the Canon said, is misleading, the adornment and style of the Church being due to the wealth of a priest who is no longer living. The church, by the way, is a much more modern building than the presbytery. I went into it after

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our talk, and found one devout and well-dressed lady, perhaps representative of the congregation, praying at the various Stations of the Cross.

In addition to the Church, there are Schools, but ~~xxxx~~ these are not for the poor. They are run by Sisters of the Order of the Ursulines, of whom there are 20 here. There is a boarding-school, with 80 scholars, and a day-school for the middle-class.

There is one assistant-priest, and the two have a Catholic census of 600 to deal with, and the visiting of the Dreadnaught, where they generally have some 40 or 50 boys, and which, Father O'H. said, represented the biggest part of their work.

The Sunday morning average attendances at the masses was put at 300 adults, 100 children, 20 Sisters, and the 80 from the boarding-school. The numbers at Easter he put at 300. The poorest section of their people live down by the river in the part lying between Deptford Creek, and the Greenwich Hospital, but, even here numbers are not large as there is no Irish colony, as there is in Deptford and East Greenwich. Moreover a good many of the poor that they have find it more convenient to go to the church in one of these places, which are on the same level geographically, and to reach which therefore, no hill has to be climbed, and the attendance at which

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is also more on the same level socially. So, from one cause or another, ^{the Church of our Lady Star of the Sea} is somewhat ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ hidden from the poor: it does not shine for them. <

Of the poor as a class, Father O'Halloran did not speak with any great sympathy, but is perhaps biased by the kind of experience that he has of them. For, being sandwiched in between ^{two} ~~to~~ large Catholic populations, ^(some 5000 at Deptford) he appears to attract a contingent from each, who drift into his district for a time, to cadge and pick up what they can, and then disappear again. He spoke as ~~though~~ ^{though} these floating cadgers were a feature of his district, with which he had to deal as best he could. In all, he thinks that they give away about £100 a year, some £60 or £70 by the priests, and the rest through the Sec. of S. Vincent de Paul. The latter Sec. tries mainly to help children, and families in which there are children.

They have Sedalities and Confraternities, but no social agencies of the ordinary kind. There would be, indeed, but little scope for them. Thus, they have no clubs; the people either do not want them, ~~or~~ or are far too cliquy to use them. It is ^{institutions} in places like Deptford and East Greenwich where such ~~xxxxxx~~ have a chance.

On the question of converts Father O'H. was interesting. They have, he said, generally some on hand, as a rule young girls. There is, he added, much convert

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blood ~~xxxxxxx~~ in his congregation, and the church is, indeed, regarded by the Irish as an "English Church" that is, of course, a Roman Catholic church attended by English people. Reverting to the question of converts, he said that these generally came from the leisured classes, (or members of a busy class that themselves had leisure, like many "young girls"). The middle-classes generally, he observed, were "too busy" to think about religious matters enough to lead them to take any serious step, and this engrossment was true, for that matter, of most people, especially, as he agreed, of the average artisan and mechanic.

He mentioned the social decline that he had noticed in his time in the better parts of Greenwich, and in Blackheath. The houses are now either too big or too old-fashioned for an ordinary middle-class family, which, if it can afford to keep them up, is tempted to neighbourhoods further out, where they find newer houses, with ^{-rooms} bath~~s~~, and hot and cold water, the electric light and such-like ~~xx~~ conveniences that Greenwich and Blackheath rarely offer. There are not many wealthy, or even really well-to-do people left, and he mentioned several instances of past and present rentals, showing a decline of 30, 40 and even more per cent.

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The housing of the lower and poorer parts of his parish was, he said, not so bad, and the packing was not excessive. The Blackwall Tunnel and the Creek Bridge are making it much more of a thoroughfare, much traffic now passing through. It will also become a more convenient place for working people employed at a distance to live in. Formerly it was comparatively isolated. As regards morals and general behaviour, he described this lower part as "average", but mentioned that up to 1863 or '4, that is as long as the Hospital was occupied by pensioners, the district had a bad name, and harboured an unusually large number of loose ~~xxxxxx~~ women. These were attracted by the pensioners, none of whom were allowed to marry. It is since the Hospital has been turned into a college that the district has become normal in these matters.

Christchurch Parish.

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Report of interview with the Rev. Father Ryan, of ⁴⁶
the Roman Catholic Church of S. Joseph's, Pelton Road, ^{4.16}
East Greenwich, at the Presbytery. (E.A.) May 22.00.

Father Ryan is a complete contrast to his neighbour
aged,
in West Greenwich, the latter, reposeful and dignified;
the former, in the prime of life, burly, keen, aggressive.
He was formerly at Deptford, but has been at S. Joseph's
for eight years. He is in sole charge in a difficult
district, but is the kind of man who can stand alone --
six feet in height, strong in build, not over gentle in
manner, a sturdy, muscular, hectoring, kind-hearted
Christian.

He has a thousand people on his census, and describes
them as gas-workers, telegraph-works employees (unskilled),
soap-workers, market-gardeners, hawkers, and loafers.
Many of them are drinking, gambling, rough, living in
very poor homes, but he compared them favourably with
the class he had to deal with in Deptford. There "begging
is the first profession", but in East Greenwich they are
a more independent set; "they are not beggars". More-
over, in spite of ~~xxxxxxx~~ their roughness and their
mode of life he claimed that they were considerate --
would not injure a woman, unless in drink, and show care
for him, as, for instance, in very rarely calling him up
at night for cases of sickness. Most of his calls are,

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as a matter of fact, to the Infirmary, and in the parish as a whole there is but little illness. But when there is they don't rush to him unnecessarily in the small hours of the morning.

He mentioned what he considered the worst streets in Deptford -- Hale, Stanhope, and Bailden. In East Greenwich the worst spots are East St. and Smith's Rents. Here you find the criminal element.

The Mission was formed 25 years ago. He puts the attendances at the two masses on Sundays at 500, including 100 children. (At Deptford, with a census of from 5-6000 they used to have about 1400). Last Easter 609 made their Easter duty. Father Ryan is chaplain of the Workhouse, and altogether his post is no sinecure. He described his Sundays, but rather on my prompting, and not in any spirit of complaint. He begins with the two masses, and is fasting until they are both over. Thus, he has no food until 12-30, when he has breakfast. At one he starts on one of the collecting rounds (see later) and this takes him until three. "Rather hard work" he said, and did not describe the rest of the day, which must in any case include vespers.

He attaches much importance to the ~~the~~ collection by the priest, made on behalf of the Schools, not

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simply because it ~~xxxxxx~~ brings in more money, but because it enables him to see the whole of his people at least once every five weeks. The parish is divided into five districts, and these are covered weekly by the lay collectors, the priest accompanying these to each district in turn. He uses this ~~xxxx~~ ^{round} a good deal for purposes of visitation, sometimes being able to do things, to notice things, to put in a word ~~at~~ and so forth at the time, but also getting guidance as to what may need doing at other times, to look up this flagging, or lapsing man or young girl; to visit ~~xxxx~~ home that is on the down-grade, etc. etc. The value of a systematic round, taken it may be noted at an hour when most people are likely to be at home, ~~xxxxxx~~, and the touch that he is able to keep through it with his people, provided that they welcome him and don't grudge their money, ~~etc~~ obvious. That he is welcome and that the money is readily forthcoming ~~xxxxxx~~ was shown by the way in which he spoke of their contributions. The "priest's collection" is ^{or nearly always} always "white money", sometimes taken, in spite of his protest, from cash that has been put by to pay the rent: "No, F'ther; it must be the white money for you", and they hand their sixpence over. (He said nothing about the convenient threepenny bit; perhaps this is regarded only as brown money in disguise.)

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To illustrate the effect of his presence upon the amounts collected, he mentioned that in a district that had paid 22/- when he had been round, had paid only 4/- when he was not there -- exactly the same houses being called at. Partly through this weekly collection, the Mission is self-supporting so far as the Schools and the Mission-Church are concerned. The practice of the "priest's collection" is, he thinks, peculiar to Deptford, Bermondsey, and his own parish of East Greenwich, and it, with his whole way of talking about his charge, gave special emphasis to his remark "We do know our people". Certainly of hardly any other ~~xxx~~ religious body, save the Roman Catholics, does one ever feel that this can be said, with truth. The exceptions might be some small nonconformist church, but in such cases the members often look after their minister almost as much as he looks after them. On the other hand, it is not in every Roman Catholic parish that this intimate knowledge is found, and the neighbouring one of West Greenwich is probably one of these. Father O'Halloran had given that impression, and it was corroborated by Father Ryan, who said that they had not many poor in West Greenwich, and "those they have, they don't look after; they are mostly swells there".

He thought that ~~xxxx~~ from £60 to £70 was the amount given away in charitable relief from S. Joseph's, and

Father Higgins
at Stepney does
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Father Ryan is not the kind of man who is likely to allow the money to be wasted. He is, and feels that he is, in a district that is really poor, and is not pauperized. At Deptford it had been otherwise, for that district has any amount of resources, and, in spite of the poverty that there is, can quite well take care of itself. He condemned the "Deptford Fund", and thought that the place ought not to have been begged for in that way; "it is really very rich".

If he wants help with his sick, he applies to the Gray Ladies.

Keen though Father Ryan is about his schools, he is still keener about education generally, and a remark he made about the attendance of his better-off children at other schools than his own betokened an unusually liberal mind: "All our children are in our own schools, except the better class. These go elsewhere, but I don't blame them; they get a better education". He repeatedly urged the supreme need of the best education possible for all. The other point upon which he ~~expressed~~ felt most strongly was the excessive drinking, especially perhaps among women, who are "very bad", and the practice of sending young children, very young children, to the public-houses for liquor. When I asked him about "forced marriages" he replied "Very few; I wish to God we were

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It is much worse at Deptford. as good on the beer question, as we are on this. And towards the end of our conversation, when I asked him if there was any additional point that he would care to mention the reply was "I am very strong, you see, on education and the beer question". Not that his survey of social questions is by any means limited to these. In reply to a question as to what the great obstacles with which he ~~has~~ had to contend with were, he replied Drinking, Gambling, Home conditions, and High rents.

The Housing question in the district is one of considerable prominence, not simply because of the normal expansion ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of East Greenwich, which is going on at a great pace, but because of the Blackwall Tunnel. This is having a beneficial effect on the district, as it is tending to bring a better class of people into the neighbourhood; it brings work; and it makes more work accessible: "Any number now live South and work North of the river". All this, however, makes the demand for houses very keen, and this in turn sends up rents. The demand for houses ~~cannot xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is not being really met in chief East Greenwich, and the ~~xxxx~~ expansion of the district is taking place ~~in xxxxxxxx~~ and towards Charlton. There the increase of population is going on at a very rapid rate. To a slight extent the demand is being met by the L.C.C. itself, and

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some of the market gardens that used to be so important a field of employment in the district, and that are still found to some extent, are being covered by L.C.C. houses.

Father Ryan's Anglican neighbour is Mr. Reaney, once a noncon. minister in Stepney, "a good sort" said the R.C. but apt to find the people "all bad", and he has "no hold".

The Rev. G. Elder
S. Mark's Presbyterian Church
South Street

Personal Note

St Paul's parish.

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Interview with the Rev. G. Elder, S. Mark's Presbⁿ
Church, South Street Greenwich at 4 The Grove,
Blackheath June 29th 1900 J.A.

In appearance Mr Elder is a good deal like
Canon Barnett, and he probably has intellectual
leanings, but there the similarity ends. He
lacks energy, keenness and initiative. If he
ever possessed any of these qualities, they seem
to have been lost in 27^{years} uneventful pastorate
of this church. He lives a quiet life, side by
side with one or two croney neighbours of long
standing, in a terrace of old houses overlooking
Blackheath. He may be fairly judged by his
attitude towards his church. S. Marks is a
large building, and his trouble is not how to
fill it, but how to reduce the accomodation
to fit in with his shrinking congregation.
To this end he has closed the galleries. He
has quite a grievance against his predecessor
for having enlarged the church, as also
against other denominations which have

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Elder S. Mark's Presbyterian, South Street

pitched their tents near him. Sheer waste, he calls it. "As I have said to Mr Love" (the neighbouring vicar) "there are so many of us that the wonder is, not that we don't fill our churches, but that we get any congregations at all."

From this, it will be gathered that no detailed account of the work is called for. What is done is mostly set forth in the annual report herewith.

Character of District

The District has been degenerating for many years. Forty years ago Stockwell Street was crowded with carriages. S. Mark's Church at that time had a large wealthy congregation, and so it has had in his time. Now it fairly represents the District, - lower middle class, with a sprinkling of quite poor. Some from a radius of 2 miles or more. Only a few well-to-do people amongst them.

East Greenwich, he thinks, has deteriorated

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Rota for Church Door Attendances.

<i>January</i>	Mr. WALTER COMMON.
<i>February</i>	Mr. ANDREW GIBB.
<i>March</i>	...	...	Mr. WALTER A. THOMSON.
<i>April</i>	...	...	Mr. JOHN S. COMMON.
<i>May</i>	...	...	Mr. DONALD McCALL.
<i>June</i>	...	...	Mr. WALTER COMMON.
<i>July</i>	...	...	Mr. ANDREW GIBB.
<i>August</i>	...	...	Mr. WALTER A. THOMSON.
<i>September</i>	...	...	Mr. JOHN S. COMMON.
<i>October</i>	...	...	Mr. DONALD McCALL.
<i>November</i>	...	...	Mr. WALTER COMMON.
<i>December</i>	...	...	Mr. ANDREW GIBB.

Minister.

THE REV. GEORGE ELDER, M.A.,
4, The Grove, Blackheath.

Elders.

1. Mr. JOHN BLOW, London House, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.
 2. Mr. JAMES G. HOOPER, 88, Norman Road, Greenwich.
 3. Mr. THOMAS MARSHALL, 46, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich
 4. Mr. PATRICK NEILL, B.A., 45, Burnt Ash Road, Lee.
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Deacons.

1. Mr. JOHN S. COMMON, 73, Blackheath Road, Greenwich.
 2. Mr. WALTER COMMON, 20, Lewisham High Road, New Cross
 3. Mr. ANDREW GIBB, "Garthland," Westcombe Park Road,
Blackheath.
 4. Mr. DONALD McCALL, 32, South Street, Greenwich.
 5. Mr. WALTER A. THOMSON, 77, Drakefell Road, Hatcham.
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Organist and Choirmaster.

Mr. JAMES G. KNOWLES, 12, Langdale Road, Greenwich.

Clerk of Session.

Mr. THOMAS MARSHALL, 46, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich.

Church Officer.

Mr. JAMES DICKERSON, St. Mark's Cottage, Ashburnham Road,
Greenwich.

Clerk of Deacons' Court.

Mr. DONALD McCALL, 32, South Street, Greenwich.

Congregational Treasurer.

Mr. WALTER A. THOMSON, 77, Drakefell Road, Hatcham.

Collector of Pew Rents.

Mr. JAMES G. HOOPER, 88, Norman Road, Greenwich.

Superintendent of St. Mark's Sunday School.

Mr. GEORGE GALE, 18, Granville Park, Lewisham.

Superintendent of Randall Place Sunday School.

Mr. GEORGE BELL, Junr., 15, Vanbrugh Park Road, Blackheath.

Superintendent of District Visiting Society.

MISS MORLEY, 46, Crooms Hill, Greenwich.

Collectors.

Mrs. GIBB, "Garthland," Westcombe Park Road, Blackheath.
 MISS F. HOOPER, 88, Norman Road, Greenwich.
 Mrs. McCALL, 32, South Street, Greenwich.
 Miss BELL, 15, Vanbrugh Park Road, Blackheath.
 MISS MORLEY, 46, Crooms Hill, Greenwich.
 The MISSES PRINGLE, 11, Eliot Park, Lewisham.
 MISS THOMSON, 77, Drakefell Road, Hatcham.

Ladies' Association.

Secretary.

MISS WETHERFIELD, 8, Lansdowne Place, Blackheath.

Superintendent of Clothing Society.

MISS BROAD, 37, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich.

Collector.

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Sittings may be taken on Wednesday Evenings,
Or After any of the Services.

Weekly Programme.

SUNDAY ..	11.0	Public Worship.
	3.0	St. Mark's Sunday School.
	3.0	Randall Place Sunday School.
	3.0	Young Men's Bible Class in the Church.
	3.15	Young Woman's Bible Class in the Vestry.
	6.30	Public Worship.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month at the Morning Service—January, March, May, July, September, November, and at Evening Service in the other Months.

The Sacrament of Baptism on the last Sunday of the month.

MONDAY ...	3.0	Women's Missionary Prayer Meeting on the first Monday of the month.
TUESDAY ...	3.0	Mothers' Meeting, Clothing Society, and Savings' Bank.
TUESDAY & FRIDAY. }	7.0	Boys' Brigade.
WEDNESDAY...	7.30	Prayer Meeting.
	8.30	Choir Practice.
	8.15	Deacons' Court on third Wednesday of the month.
	9.0	Session on third Wednesday of each alternate month.
	8.15	District Visitors (by intimation).
THURSDAY ...	3.0	Ladies' Working Party on last Thursday of the month.
	8.0	Christian Endeavour Society.

The Annual Report

For 1899.

DURING the year 1899, three of the Office-bearers died, namely, Dr. PRINGLE, Mr. HARRY S. CORNISH, and Mr. EDWIN BORTHWICK. The two former held the office of Elder, and the latter the office of Deacon. It goes without saying that these deaths were greatly felt by the Congregation, and especially by the Office-bearers, as it reduced the number of Office-bearers by one-fourth; and, although successors have been found to carry on the work of the Elders as Superintendent of Sabbath School, and as Leader of the Young Men's Class, in the persons of Mr. GEORGE GALE and of Mr. LAMB, it has been constantly impressed upon the Office-bearers that at an early date an election must take place to increase the present number. The Deacons feel that by the death of Mr. BORTHWICK they have lost one of the most obliging and ready to help among them, and they are looking for assistance from the younger men of the Congregation to aid them in carrying on the temporal affairs of the Church. In addition to these losses by death, there have to be added those of three aged members—Mr. COPE, Miss EADIE, and Miss HOLLANDS. In the Quarterly Papers issued to the Congregation, reference has been made to these solemn events, and the Office-bearers have conveyed to the relatives of their deceased colleagues their whole-hearted sympathy.

Number of Communicants—

At commencement of 1899 ...	...	...	246
Added in 1899 ...	...	...	35
			281
Left or died in 1899 ...	...	...	15
			266
			266

Thus showing a net gain of 20.

The number of sittings let is about the same as last year. The Deacons' Court have allotted free, for the use of the Christian Endeavour Society, one of the pews in front of the pulpit, to seat strangers brought in by the Members of the Society.

Anyone who cannot afford to pay for a sitting has one allotted without charge. Two hundred and thirty-six sittings were let at 31st December.

THE INTERIOR RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH. It was found necessary to arrange for the interior renovation of the Church, and the Deacons' Court authorized an appeal to the Congregation for the necessary funds. The Office-bearers very gratefully acknowledge the liberality with which their appeal was met. The sum of £190 19s. 1d. was subscribed, and the Special Collection for that object realized £20 7s. 3d. At first the Deacons contemplated an overhaul of the Organ as well, but as it was found that the cleaning, painting, and varnishing would absorb all the money in hand, and as Mr. KNOWLES did not consider it imperatively necessary to attend to the Organ immediately, it was ultimately determined to have the Church thoroughly cleaned and varnished and to let the question of the Organ stand over. The Office-bearers were determined not to incur any debt. The generosity of the Congregation, and the cheerfulness with which the money was given, made the Office-bearers anxious to show a good result in consequence of the expenditure. Accordingly they solicited tenders from the foremost people in London doing that class of work. The result seems to have given universal satisfaction; all the old varnish has been taken off, and all the wood work varnished, the walls distempered, and the pillars painted in colours that match. A new scroll text has been put over the back gallery. The decoration has not only gratified the eye, but the ear as well, for both singing and speaking are much better heard under the new conditions. The gas pendants have been lowered five feet, with the result that the Church is much more brilliantly lit than heretofore.

FINANCES.					£	s.	d.
Pew Rents	...	...	...	...	196	11	0
Ordinary Collections	...	...	...	...	265	9	6
Collections for the Poor	...	...	...	...	38	2	9
Envelope Contributions	114	0	3
Subscriptions, Donations, and Special Col- lections	573	4	0
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					£1187	7	6
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With regard to the Instruction of Youth the Office-bearers report the following passed the Synod Examination in March :—

Juniors—EDWIN BORTHWICK.
E. G. ELDER.

Intermediate—W. S. BORTHWICK.
ERNEST DICKERSON.

Seniors—G. Mc.M. BORTHWICK.
HARRY PEAKE.

The Session awarded the Junior Prize to E. G. ELDER, the Intermediate to W. S. BORTHWICK, the Senior to H. PEAKE. Each of these chose books for their respective prize, which were handed to them on Wednesday, 21st June, at the close of the Service.

Though 11 candidates intended to sit for the Synod Examination on the 20th March, only 7 were actually present. The Congregational prizes were one of 20/- for the Senior Section, one of 16/8 for the Intermediate, and one of 15/- for the Junior.

The YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, which is now conducted by Mr. LAMB, has suffered diminution from the transfer of some of its members to the teaching staff of the Sunday Schools, and the removal of others from the neighbourhood; but there is a steady attendance of a few members who take great interest in the lessons,

and do all they can to make the meetings pleasant and profitable. They would feel encouraged if more young men would attend, and they promise them a cordial reception. Old members of the class as well as some staunch friends of the late Mr. CORNISH, come occasionally and give addresses. To these gentlemen the warm thanks of the class are tendered.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY. The membership is not quite so numerous as last year, but the attendance has been very regular, one interesting feature being the number of visitors who attend the weekly meetings.

There have been many evidences in the individual lives of the members as to the spiritual help and blessing, of which the Society have often proved the source.

Most of the members are engaged in Christian work, either in the Sunday School, or some other department of the Church.

In the beginning of the present year, a branch of the Junior Society of Christian Endeavour was formed, and it is hoped that, with the blessing of God, this may prove a half-way house between the Sunday School and the Senior Society.

THE BIBLE CLASS FOR YOUNG WOMEN above the age of 18 is held in the Vestry every Sunday afternoon, under the direction of Miss ALICE MORLEY, who also attends to the District Visiting amongst the poor.

CHOIR. The Office-bearers desire to express their thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen who have during the year given their valuable help in the service of Praise.

ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. The number of Scholars now on the roll is 136, and the average attendance throughout the year has been 84. Although this is very slightly less than that of last year, yet there is great encouragement to be obtained from the fact

that 50 new Scholars have been admitted during the past twelve months, most of whom have been introduced by the Scholars already attending.

The Summer Excursion took place at Riddlesdown, near Croydon, on July 6th. The catering, unfortunately, was not as it should have been, but the weather was all that could be wished, and both scholars and teachers spent a pleasant and enjoyable day.

At the commencement of the year, God, in His all-wise love and wisdom, saw fit to call unto "the higher Service" our Superintendent, the late Dr. PRINGLE. It would be impossible to say how keenly his loss has been felt; for he was very greatly beloved by all who knew him, either as Superintendent, teacher, or friend.

The School Contributions were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Foreign Missions	3	1	8
Dr. Barnado's Home	0	14	6
Hospital Sunday Fund	0	8	0
British and Foreign Bible Society	0	13	8
Total	£4	17	10

We are thankful to report a larger attendance of children and young people at the Morning Service, held for them in the School-room, from 9.45 to 10.45.

The Service is made as bright and attractive as possible, but it is very difficult to get a youthful audience so early on the Sabbath. Some of the young people respond to our invitation to attend the Service in the Church afterwards, where they have the advantage of hearing the children's sermonette from the pastor, so much appreciated by young and old alike; the children leaving the building soon after the delivery of their address.

RANDALL PLACE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Scholars:—

	NUMBER ON ROLL.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	
Girls	97	...	55	...
Boys	65	...	46	...
Infants	90	...	67	...
	252		106	

Teachers:—

Gentlemen	6	Ladies	9
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As will be seen from the above, compared with last year's returns, we have lost somewhat in numbers. This retrogression is largely attributable to the lack of teachers, more particularly in the Girls' Division. Several teachers have left the School owing to change of residence, etc., and the greatest difficulty has been experienced in replacing them.

A presentation of an electro-plated cake basket was made by the teachers to Miss WIMBERLEY—upon the occasion of her marriage with Dr. RUSSELL (who formerly taught in the School), in December last,—as a small tribute to her valued services as a teacher, and a token of their esteem and regard.

The Summer Treat held at Keston Common, in July last, was an unqualified success, all conditions being favourable; and the children showed, by their happy though tired faces at the close of the day, how much they had appreciated their outing in the country.

The Infants' Treat, held a day or so previous, was also greatly appreciated, and our best thanks are due to the authorities for the loan of the Drill Ground of Holly Hedge House, West Kent Volunteer Headquarters, in which the Treat was held.

We take this opportunity of thanking those friends who contributed to the Treat funds, and also of acknowledging the kindness of Miss V. WETHERFIELD in collecting for the same.

The Infant Division is now under the charge of the Misses M. H. and E. W. BELL.

A Boys' Brigade Company, was started in March last, in connection with the School, and the discipline in the Boys Division has shown a distinct improvement in consequence.

The Boys' Brigade, under the Captaincy of Mr. G. BELL, Jun., has been enrolled as the 63rd "London" Company. They number 34, and their first Church Parade took place on the 25th June, when they listened attentively to the words addressed to them from the Pulpit.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING. The numbers attending cannot be said to have increased. Is it that there is a lack of interest in the great mission work which the Church carries on? With a view to spreading and deepening interest in the work, the members of the Missionary Association have started a Library of Standard Books relating to Mission Work. It is proposed that the books should be given out after the service on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month, and after the Monthly Prayer Meeting.

The Missionary Meeting, held on March 1st, was fairly well attended. Interesting and inspiring addresses were given by the Rev. Dr. RIDDLE, one of our China Missionaries, and by the Rev. G. H. C. MACGREGOR, who advocated the establishment of a Missionary Library, a suggestion which has since been carried into effect, through the kindness of several of the Congregation, who sent in as many books as formed the nucleus of a Library. Later in the year the use of the Schoolroom was granted for a Missionary Meeting, on the occasion of the return of Dr. JESSIE GRAY to her work in India. She is now established as the Doctor-in-charge of the Kinnaird Memorial Hospital, at Lucknow. Addresses were given on that occasion by Dr. JESSIE GRAY, and by the Hon. GERTRUDE KINNAIRD, and a Collection was made on behalf of the work amounting to £4 15s.

The Rev. SIGNOR TRON preached in the Church, and pleaded the cause of the Waldensian Mission, with the result that

Donations to the amount of £7 16s. were handed to Mr. ELDER for that cause. The Deacons' Court also arranged for a meeting to hear Rev. J. G. TRAIN, of Norwood, on behalf of the Synod, with reference to the opening of Westminster College, Cambridge, free of debt. This, as is well known to all, was accomplished before the time fixed for opening, and the Congregation of St. Mark's have the pleasure of knowing that they had a hand in this historic movement.

We again made a good Collection for the Hospitals of the Metropolis on the 11th June, enabling the Treasurer, after the usual deductions for Church expenses, and the purchase of three letters for the Royal Kent Dispensary, to send to the Mansion House Fund the sum of £26 10s. 7d.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING. The Mothers' Meeting has been conducted by Mrs. ELDER and Mrs. MAJOR, who have been greatly assisted, especially during Mrs. ELDER's illness, by Miss R. WETHERFIELD.

A Gift of tea and sugar was given at the beginning of this year (1900).

LADIES' ASSOCIATION CLOTHING SOCIETY. The Sewing Meetings have not been well attended, only averaging 11 present. If the Sale of Work is to be held *annually* a larger attendance is needful. In May 60 garments were sent to Mr. TOVE'S Orphanage. Several parcels of books, left-off clothing, bandages, woollens and old linen, have been sent to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, for their work in Labrador and the North Sea.

60 Christmas Dinners of the value of 3/- were given out in the Schoolroom on the 23rd December, seven being given to the stallholders at the Sale, for distribution.

Miss HOOPER having resigned the Treasurership of the Blanket Club, Miss McCALL has undertaken the work.

On January 5th, 1900, a Meat Tea was given to about 90 persons. Colonel SKINNER gave a Gospel address and friends entertained them with music.

The Ladies' Annual Sale of Work was held on Thursday and Friday, 7th and 8th December. J. P. MUIR, Esq., Elder from Camden Road Presbyterian Church, opened the Sale on Thursday, and J. T. HART, Esq., of Point Hill, Blackheath, on Friday. Both of these gentlemen, by their kindly hints and in more material form, showed their practical sympathy with the work of the Ladies' Association. The total amount realized was £122 17s. 9d., and from this sum £100 was handed to the Deacons.

In the minutes of the Court, and by a communication from the Clerk of the Court to the Ladies' Association Secretary, the Office-bearers have endeavoured to express their sense of obligation to the Ladies for the very great assistance to the funds of the Church, which comes from the Ladies' industry and skill.

Mr. BLOW was appointed Representative Elder to the Presbytery for twelve months. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on January 25th, when an interesting address was given by J. J. REID, Esq., of Croydon.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPORT OF NATIVE CHILDREN IN INDIA AND CHINA. The Committee of this Society are glad to be able to record a satisfactory result from the proceeds of the Stall at the Sale of Work, the sum of £24 10s. having been realized, which enabled them, after paying for the support of the children, to send donations to the Women's Missionary Association, the Zenana Mission, and Mr. TOYE's Orphanage. The Committee regret the loss of their Treasurer, Miss F. MORLEY, on account of her removal from Greenwich, but are happy to state that she still keeps up her interest in the Society, and that she collected in weekly 1d. subscriptions over £4, which was included in the amount realized at the Sale, and that she also kindly provided the gifts for the Bran Pie.

Miss MAUD PRINGLE has, at the request of the Committee, undertaken the duty of Treasurer.

The Office-bearers report that in consequence of an alteration in the law, marriages can now be solemnized in St. Mark's without the presence of the Registrar. Certain onerous conditions are laid down by the Registrar-General under the new law, one of these being that a safe must be kept for the custody of the Registers. The Deacons' Court did not see their way to incur the necessary expenditure; but as they were anxious to take advantage of the removal of a disability which applied to Presbyterian Churches in common with Non-conformist Churches, they were still considering the subject when their course was made easy by the generous gift of a handsome safe by one of the Office-bearers, and thus an invidious distinction between the Presbyterian and the Episcopal Church has been removed by operation of the civil law.

THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND. The interest accruing from this Fund has this year been voted by the Deacons' Court in aid of the Poor Fund.

In concluding their Report the Office-bearers, notwithstanding the severe losses that have been sustained, and some discouraging indications, as, for instance, some falling off in the number of seats let, and sometimes the small number attending the Sabbath morning and evening Services, and the Wednesday evening Services, with gratitude to Almighty God remember how they have been supported in every part of their work by the generosity and sympathy of the members of the Congregation. They are united in thankfulness that there is still maintained a faithful ministry in word and ordinance, and they continue to look for greater blessing and increased numbers.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure,

For the year ending 31st December, 1899.

1. SUPPORT OF ORDINANCES.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand from 1898.....	45	15	3	By Expenses of Annual Meeting.....	14	8	
„ Pew Rents received.....	196	11	0	„ Ground Rent (less tax).....	24	3	4
„ 53 Ordinary Collections (average, £5 os. 2d.).....	265	9	6	„ Rent of House, £47 1 0 Less Rent from Tenant.....	35	0	0
„ Donations, £15; 2s. 6d.	15	2	6	„ Fire Insurance.....	8	6	3
„ Week of Prayer Committee for use of Schoolroom.....	9	4		„ Rates for Cottage, and Taxes.....	5	15	4
„ College of Preceptors ditto.....	4	0	0	„ Gas and Water.....	16	17	5
„ Thank-offering for Blessing Received.....	1	10	0	„ Fuel for Church and Cottage.....	10	8	0
„ Ladies' Association—part proceeds Sale of Work.....	100	0	0	„ Repairs to Church, House, and Cottage.....	10	16	10
„ Committee of Young People's Missionary Stall.....	2	0	0	„ Hire, and Repairs to American Organ.....	1	0	6
	630	17	7	„ Cleaning and Attending to Grounds.....	1	10	0
				„ Communion Expenses... ..	3	5	0
				„ Printing, Stationery and Stamps.....	10	2	5
				„ Tuning and Regulating Organ.....	7	0	0
				„ Organist.....	30	0	0
				„ Organ Blower.....	3	0	0
				„ Church Officer.....	15	0	0
				„ Synod and Presbytery... ..	12	6	0
				„ Sundries.....	3	10	5
					175	17	2
				„ Supplies for Pulpit.....	10	10	0
				„ Stipend, £500, less £195 paid through Sustentation Fund.....	305	0	0
Less—					491	7	2
Transfer to Sustentation Fund.....	139	1	1	„ Balance in hand.....	9	4	
	£491	16	6		£491	16	6

2. RENOVATION FUND.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Spécial Collections at Sunday Services, September 24th.....	20	7	3	By Cash to Contractor, on account.....	100	0	0
„ Subscriptions, as per List.....	190	9	1	„ Gratuity to Contractor's Foreman.....	2	2	0
„ Subscription, R. J. M.	10	0		„ Gas.....	7	0	0
				„ Removing, Cleaning, and Replacing Matting and Cushions.....	1	3	0
				„ Printing.....	19	0	
					111	4	0
				„ Balance in hand.....	100	2	4
					£211	6	4

3. POOR FUND.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand from 1898.....	1	12	3	By Monthly Payments to Poor Members, at 5/- each.....	26	10	0
„ Twelve Communion Collections.....	21	8	0	„ Donations to Poor Members.....	15	0	
„ Harvest Thanksgiving Collections.....	8	5	0	„ Coals to Ditto.....	4	14	10
„ Christmas Day Collection.....	19	0		„ Royal Kent Dispensary Letters.....	3	3	0
„ Donations.....	6	5	9	„ Christmas Gifts to 10 Members.....	1	10	0
„ Appropriation from "Thomson" Memorial Fund.....	1	5	0	„ Distributed by District Visitors.....	19	0	
					37	11	10
				„ Balance in hand.....	2	3	2
					£39	15	0

4. CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Envelope Contributions.....	4	15	4	By "Children's Messenger".....	1	7	0
„ Donations, £1; £3 12 0.....	4	12	0	„ Magazines, Registers, and Lesson Leaflets... ..	2	17	0
				„ Printing.....	8	8	
				„ Infants' Annual Tea.....	1	16	6
„ Unappropriated Envelope Contributions... ..	1	16	3	„ Summer Treat (Balance of expenses).....	4	14	5
					£11	3	7

5. MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL, Randall Place.

DR.		CR.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Envelope Contributions	13 0 1	By Rent and Cleaning	15 0 0
„ Donations,		„ Attendance	2 0 0
£2; £12 10 9	14 10 9	„ Hymn Books and Lesson	
„ Donation J. Denniston,		Leaflets	1 15 11
Singapore	1 0 0	„ Printing	0 0
		„ Repairs to American Or-	
		gan	2 6 0
		„ Scholars' Annual Tea ...	5 7 0
		„ Grant to "Boys' Brigade"	6 0 0
„ Unappropriated Envel-	28 10 10		32 14 11
ope Contributions ...	4 7 9	„ Balance in hand.....	3 8
	<u>£32 18 7</u>		<u>£32 18 7</u>

6. THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND.

DR.		CR.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance in hands of		By Poor Fund—allocated by	
Trustees	50 0 0	Deacon's Court.....	1 5
„ Interest from Post Office		„ Balance in hand.	50 0 0
Savings Bank.....	1 5 0		
	<u>£51 5 0</u>		<u>£51 5 0</u>

7. SCRIPTURE PRIZE FUND.

DR.		CR.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance in hands of		By Rev. G. Elder for Prizes	2 11 8
Trustees	74 0 0	„ Balance in hand.....	73 4 3
„ Interest from Post Office			
Savings Bank.....	1 15 11		
	<u>£75 15 11</u>		<u>£75 15 11</u>

8. SYNOD SCHEMES.

1. *Sustentation Fund.*

DR.		CR.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Envelope Contributions	69 13 11	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	
„ Donations, 5/-, 5/-, 5/-,		for Stipend	195 0 0
5/-	1 0 0	„ Ditto, in aid of Fund ..	10 0 0
„ Donation, J. Denniston,		„ Ditto, for Widows' and	
Singapore	1 0 0	Orphans' Fund	5 0 0
		„ Part-cost of "Monthly	
		Messenger".....	15 0
„ Transfer from "Support			
of Ordinances" Ac-			
count	139 1 1		
	<u>£210 15 0</u>		<u>£210 15 0</u>

2. *Foreign Missions Fund.*

DR.		CR.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance in hand	1 11 1	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	22 16 5
„ Envelope Contributions	9 2 10	„ Part-cost of "Monthly	
„ Collection at Missionary		Messenger"	1 17 0
Meeting, March 1st...	1 10 0	„ Printing	8 3
„ Donations, £1; £1.....	2 0 0		
„ Thanksgiving or Self-			25 1 8
Denial Envelopes.....	3 10 0		
„ Young Women's Bible			
Class	1 0 7		
„ St. Mark's Sunday			
School Boxes	3 1 8	„ Cash in hand (received	
„ Randall Place Sunday		since remittance)	1 0
School Boxes	1 9 0		
„ Children's Home Boxes	1 17 6		
	<u>£25 2 8</u>		<u>£25 2 8</u>

3. *Jewish Mission Fund.*

DR.		CR.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Envelope Contributions	5 12 5	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	7 2 11
„ Donation, "26th Janu-		„ Part-cost of "Monthly	
ary"	10 6	Messenger"	10 0
„ Amount collected by a			
Member in farthings	1 16 0		
		„ Cash in hand (received	
		since remittance)	6 0
	<u>£7 18 11</u>		<u>£7 18 11</u>

4. Home Mission and Church Extension Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Envelope Contributions	3 4 7	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	1 11 7
		„ Treasurer of Church Extension Fund of London Presbytery (South)	1 5 0
		„ Part cost of "Monthly Messenger"	5 0
			3 1 7
		„ Cash in hand (received since remittance)	3 0
	£3 4 7		£3 4 7

5. College Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Envelope Contributions	2 7 1	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	1 18 7
		„ Part Cost of "Monthly Messenger"	5 0
			2 3 7
		„ Cash in hand (received since remittance).....	3 6
	£2 7 1		£2 7 1

6. Westminster College Building Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Collection Wednesday Evening Service, Oct. 4th.....	1 0 0	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	13 0 0
„ Subscriptions, per Rev. G. Elder.....	5 10 0		
„ Ditto per Mr. McCall	6 10 0		
	£13 0 0		£13 0 0

7. Instruction of Youth Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Donations, per Treasurer	17 6	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	17 6

8. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Donations collected by Mr. McCall	2 5 0	By General Treasurer P.C.E.	2 5 0

9. SUNDRY OBJECTS.

1. Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Collection June 11th.....	29 5 7	By Remittance to Treasurer of Fund	26 10 7
„ Sunday School Collection	8 0	„ Miller Hospital and Royal Kent Dispensary Letters	3 3 0
	£29 13 7		£29 13 7

2. Waldensian Mission.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Donations, per Rev. G. Elder (after Sermon by Rev. Signor Tron(...	7 16 0	By Martin Frobisher, Esq., Secretary of the Mission	7 16 0

The foregoing Accounts (1 to 9) have been Audited and found Correct.

J. G. KNOWLES, }
W. G. HARRIS, } Auditors.

WALTER A. THOMSON,
Congregational Treasurer.

30th January, 1900.

Thanksgiving or Self-denial Offerings for Foreign Missions,

November 28th to December 5th, 1899.

No. of Envelope.	Amount £ s. d.	No. of Envelope.	Amount £ s. d.
2	0 1 6	10	0 5 0
3	0 5 3	11	0 1 0
4	0 2 6	Anon.....	0 10 0
5	0 2 6		
6	2 0 0	10 Encls.	£3 10 0
8	0 0 3		
9	0 2 0		

Children's Home Boxes for Foreign Missions.

No. of Box	Amount £ s. d.	No. of Box	Amount £ s. d.
1	0 5 7	5	0 5 1 ½
2	0 7 2 ½		
3	0 16 4	Total	£1 17 6
4	0 3 3		

List of Envelope Contributions Received,

For the year ending 31st December, 1899.

No. of Envelope	Amount £ s. d.	No. of Envelope	Amount £ s. d.	No. of Envelope	Amount £ s. d.
1.....	2 0 0	29.....	1 0 0	57.....	0 4 0
2.....	1 0 0	30.....	0 12 0	58.....	0 4 0
5.....	0 9 6	31.....	0 16 0	59.....	0 15 0
6.....	2 0 0	32.....	0 16 0	60.....	0 4 0
7.....	0 8 0	33.....	0 15 6	61.....	0 8 0
8.....	0 8 0	34.....	1 0 0	62.....	0 14 6
9.....	0 8 0	35.....	2 0 0	63.....	0 10 0
10.....	0 4 0	36.....	2 10 0	64.....	0 5 0
11.....	2 5 0	37.....	2 10 0	65.....	2 0 0
12.....	0 4 6	38.....	2 0 0	66.....	1 0 0
13.....	1 0 0	40.....	1 0 0	67.....	3 0 0
14.....	20 0 0	41.....	0 5 0	68.....	0 2 0
15.....	0 4 0	42.....	0 5 9	69.....	0 6 0
16.....	0 4 0	43.....	0 1 0	70.....	4 0 0
17.....	1 10 0	44.....	0 1 0	71.....	0 7 6
18.....	2 0 0	45.....	2 0 0	73.....	1 0 0
19.....	1 0 0	46.....	0 10 0	75.....	0 2 0
20.....	1 10 0	47.....	12 0 0	76.....	0 5 0
21.....	1 0 0	48.....	0 10 0	77.....	0 4 6
22.....	1 0 0	49.....	4 0 0	78.....	4 0 0
23.....	0 2 6	50.....	8 0 0	An old	
24.....	1 1 6	51.....	3 4 0	Member	0 3 6
25.....	0 19 6	52.....	1 0 0		
26.....	2 0 0	53.....	2 0 0	72 En-	£114 0 3
27.....	2 0 0	55.....	0 4 0	velopes	
		56.....	0 6 6		

Appropriation of Envelope Contributions.

	£ s. d.
Sustentation Fund	69 13 11
Congregational Sunday School...	4 15 4
Mission Sunday School, Randall Place	13 0 1
Foreign Missions Fund	9 2 10
Jewish Mission Fund	5 12 5
Home Mission and Church Extension Funds...	3 4 7
College Fund	2 7 1
Unappropriated Amounts (allocated to Sunday Schools).....	6 4 0
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	£114 0 3

1899.

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.

SOUTH STREET, GREENWICH.

Ladies' Working Association.

Committee.

President—Mrs. ELDER, 4, The Grove, Blackheath.
Secretary—Miss WETHERFIELD, 8, Lansdowne Place, Blackheath.
Treasurer for Depositors—Miss MAUD PRINGLE, 11, Eliot Park, Lewisham
Superintendent and Treasurer of Clothing Branch—Miss BROAD,
 37, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich.
Treasurer of Blanket Club—Miss MCCALL, 18, Devonshire Road, Greenwich
Treasurer of Loan Blanket Fund—Miss F. HOOPER, 88, Norman Road.
Treasurer of District Visiting, Coal, and Milk Funds—Miss A. MORLEY,
 46, Crooms Hill, Greenwich.

Collectors— { Mrs. CORNISH, 37, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich.
 { Miss GREAVES, 96, Blackheath Hill.

MRS. BLOW.	MRS. HOOPER.
MRS. DRAKE.	MRS. MCCALL.
MRS. GIBB.	MISS PATERSON.
MISS HARRIS.	MRS. PRINGLE.
MRS. MAJOR.	MISS THOMSON.
MISS MARSHALL.	MISS V. WETHERFIELD.

Women's Missionary Association.

President and Secretary—Mrs. ELDER, 4, The Grove, Blackheath.
Vice-President—Mrs. HALLIDAY, 17, Belmont Park, Lee.
Treasurer—Mrs. GIBB, Garthlands, Westcombe Park Road.

The Committee meets on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, at 4.30 p.m.

The Ladies' Working Party meets on the last Thursday of every month, in the Schoolroom, at 3 p.m.

A Prayer Meeting is held by the Women's Missionary Association on the 1st Monday of the Month, at 3 o'clock.

Rules of Clothing Society.

This Society supplies Garments to the Poor at the cost of the Material.

I. Any Mother, having the use of the Box of Linen is to be visited twice during the month, to be given Spiritual Instruction, as well as pecuniary aid of 2s. The Mother at the end of the month shall return the Box and its contents, when, if the Linen is clean and in good order, one garment shall be presented to her. The Committee earnestly request that, if possible, not less than six weeks' notice be given before the Box is required. These Boxes can be had on the recommendation of a member of the Ladies' Association, and must be applied for at the School-room on Tuesday afternoon.

II. Tickets for Needlework may be purchased by any lady at 1s. each.

III. The Accounts are to be laid before the Committee quarterly, and entered in the General Minute Book.

IV. The Deposit-money is received on Tuesdays, from 3 to 4.30 o'clock.

Visiting Society.

The District embraces all in connection with the Church, and any of its organizations.

Meetings of the Visitors are held according to intimation from the Pulpit.

Each Visitor receives a certain number of *Relief Tickets* having a specific money value.

Those for *Bread* represent a half-quartern loaf.

Those for *Meat* and *Groceries* represent One Shilling's worth each.

Those for *Coals* represent half-cwt.

Milk Club.

This fund is intended to supply Milk to Invalids and others who may specially require it.

Loan Blanket Fund.

I. Tickets for the Loan Blanket Fund may be had from Miss F. HOOPER by Subscribers, and may be given to any poor person at their discretion. The Subscriber on whose recommendation a Blanket is lent, is responsible for its safe return.

II. Each person receiving the loan of a Blanket must pay 6d. to defray the expense of washing it.

III. Blankets are given out on the first Tuesday in November, to be returned on the last Tuesday in the month of May following.

Blanket Club.

I. This Club is intended to aid the poor in purchasing Blankets. Deposits are received on Tuesday from 3 to 4.30. Blankets of a superior quality are supplied at 8s. and 6s.6d. each.

Subscriptions and Donations for 1899.

	Clothing Society.	Loan Blanket Fund.	District Visiting Society.	Coal Fund.	Milk Fund.	Women's Missionary Society.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Miss Thomson	5 0	...	...	...	...	2 6
Miss Holgate	2 6	...	...	...	...	...
Mrs. Gibb	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 4
Mrs. Marshall	5 0	5 0	...	...	...	...
Mrs. Cornish	5 0	...	...	...	...	...
Miss Broad	2 6	...	...	...	...	1 6
Mrs. Harris	2 6	...	...	...	...	1 6
Mrs. J. Common	5 0	...	...	...	...	...
Miss E. Hart	2 6	2 0	4 6	...	2 6	...
Mrs. McGavin	10 0	...	5 0	5 0	...	...
Miss Paterson	5 0	...	...	...	2 6	...
Mrs. Lamb	5 0	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. Strang	10 0	10 0	...	5 0	5 0	...
Mrs. Pringle	10 0	...	10 0	...	...	...
Mrs. Young	5 0	...	...	10 0	3 0	...
Mrs. Major	2 6	...	...	...	...	2 6
Mrs. Haycraft	2 6	...	2 6	...	...	...
Mrs. McCall .....	...	2 6	2 6	...	...	2 6
Mrs. Halliday .....	...	2 6	...	10 0	...	5 0
Mrs. Wimberley .....	...	5 0	...	5 0	...	...
Miss Richie .....	...	...	5 0	...	...	2 6
Mrs. Fisher .....	...	...	2 6	...	...	...
Rev. G. Elder .....	...	...	20 0	...	...	...
Mrs. Blow .....	...	...	5 0	...	...	2 6
Miss Wetherfield .....	...	...	...	5 0	5 0	...
Mr. J. Davidson .....	...	...	...	5 0	...	...
Mr. C. Davidson .....	...	...	...	5 0	...	...
Mrs. Moore .....	...	...	...	10 0	...	...
Miss Cockett .....	...	...	...	10 0	...	2 10
Mrs. Morley .....	...	...	5 0	...	...	...
Mrs. Ruddle .....	...	...	10 0	...	...	...
Miss May .....	...	...	...	...	...	1 6
Miss Douglas .....	...	...	...	...	...	2 0
Miss Greaves .....	...	...	...	...	...	5 0
Mrs. Russell .....	...	...	...	...	...	10 0
Mrs. Monro .....	...	...	...	...	...	5 8
Mrs. Elder .....	...	...	...	...	...	2 6
Mission Stall, per	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miss F. J. Morley...	...	...	...	...	...	63 0
	4 5 0	1 12 0	3 17 0	3 15 0	1 3 0	5 18 4

Collected in St. Mark's Church for British and Foreign Bible Society.

1899.	£	s.	d.
By Collections	5	14	6
Collection in Sunday School	0	13	8
By Boxes	3	13	9 ³ / ₄
	£10	1	11 ³ / ₄

Collectors—Mrs. DAVIDSON and Miss BROAD.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

1. *Clothing Society.*

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance from 1898.....	22 11 2	By Deacons' Court.....	100 0 0
„ Sale of Work, Dec. 7th and 8th.....	122 17 9	„ 90 Work Tickets.....	4 10 0
„ Subscriptions	4 5 0	„ Drapery	25 9 11
„ Cash for garments	6 6 5	„ Printing.....	2 5 6
„ Other branches for print- ing.....	0 8 0	„ Aged Pilgrims' Society	1 1 0
„ Interest P.O. Bank.....	0 5 0	„ Attendance.....	2 4 6
		„ Seven Christmas Din- ner Tickets....	1 1 0
		„ Maternity Branch.....	0 10 0
		„ Hire of Carpet and Piano	0 14 0
		„ Refreshment table at Sale	0 16 5
		„ Workers' Tea at Sale	0 17 1½
		„ Sundry Petty Expenses	1 4 1
		„ Postage & Stationery	0 8 0
		„ Balance in hand.....	15 11 9½
	<u>£156 13 4</u>		<u>£156 13 4</u>

Value of Stock, January 1st, 1899 ... £4 14 7
 „ „ January 1st, 1900 ... 5 17 2

MARY F. BROAD, *Treasurer.*

2. *Depositors' Account.*

		£ s. d.	
To Due to Depositors end of 1898.....	6 17 2	By due to Depositors.....	5 15 9
„ Balance from 1898	0 5 6	„ Deposits withdrawn	44 3 1
„ Deposits received	43 1 5	„ Share of Report	0 2 0
„ Surplus from Annual Tea	0 13 11½	„ Printing, Cards, &c.	0 13 0
„ Interest	0 5 6	„ Balance on hand.....	0 9 8½
	<u>£51 3 6½</u>		<u>£51 3 6½</u>

M. R. PATERSON, *Treasurer.*

3. *Loan Blanket Fund.*

		£ s. d.	
To Balance, 1898.....	3 16 6½	By Browning for Cleaning	2 3 0
„ Subscriptions	2 14 0	„ Attendance, Report, etc.	0 5 3¼
„ Women's Pence, &c.....	2 3 6	„ Balance.....	6 5 9¼
	<u>£8 14 0½</u>		<u>£8 14 0½</u>

FLORENCE HOOPER, *Treasurer.*

4. *St. Mark's Blanket Club.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance, 1898.....	3 10 8	By money returned to Depositors leaving neighbourhood ..	0 8 1
„ Cash from Women, &c.	2 12 0	„ Sundries	0 1 5
		„ Balance in hand.....	5 13 2
	£6 2 8		£6 2 8

Blankets in Stock £1 1 0

LUCY GREAVES, *Treasurer.*

5. *District Visiting Society.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand	3 5 2½	By Share Report	0 2 0
„ Subscriptions received...	3 17 0	„ Grocery	2 19 0
		„ Meat	2 4 0
		„ Bread	0 12 5½
		„ Balance.....	1 4 9
	£7 2 2½		£7 2 2½

ALICE MORLEY, *Treasurer.*

6. *Coal Fund.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand.....	4 8 10½	By Share Report.....	0 2 0
„ Subscriptions	3 15 0	„ Coals.....	2 12 1½
		„ Balance.....	5 9 9
	£8 3 10½		£8 3 10½

ALICE MORLEY, *Treasurer.*

7. *Milk Fund.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand	1 7 7	By Milk	1 6 10
„ Subscriptions	1 3 0	„ Balance	1 3 9
	£2 10 7		£2 10 7

ALICE MORLEY, *Treasurer.*

8. *Women's Missionary Association.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions	2 15 4	By Quarterly Paper	0 4 6
„ Donation from Mission Hall, per Miss F. J. Morley	3 3 0	„ Attendance.....	0 5 0
		„ Remitted to General Treasurer W.M.A.....	5 8 10
	£5 18 4		£5 18 4

ISA GIBB, *Treasurer.*

9. *Christmas Dinners.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To 59 Tickets at 3/-.....	8 17 0	By Butcher	3 12 6
„ Donation	0 1 0	„ Baker	1 5 0
		„ Grocer.....	4 0 6
	£8 18 0		£8 18 0

E. CORNISH, *Treasurer.*

10. *Young People's Missionary Stall.*

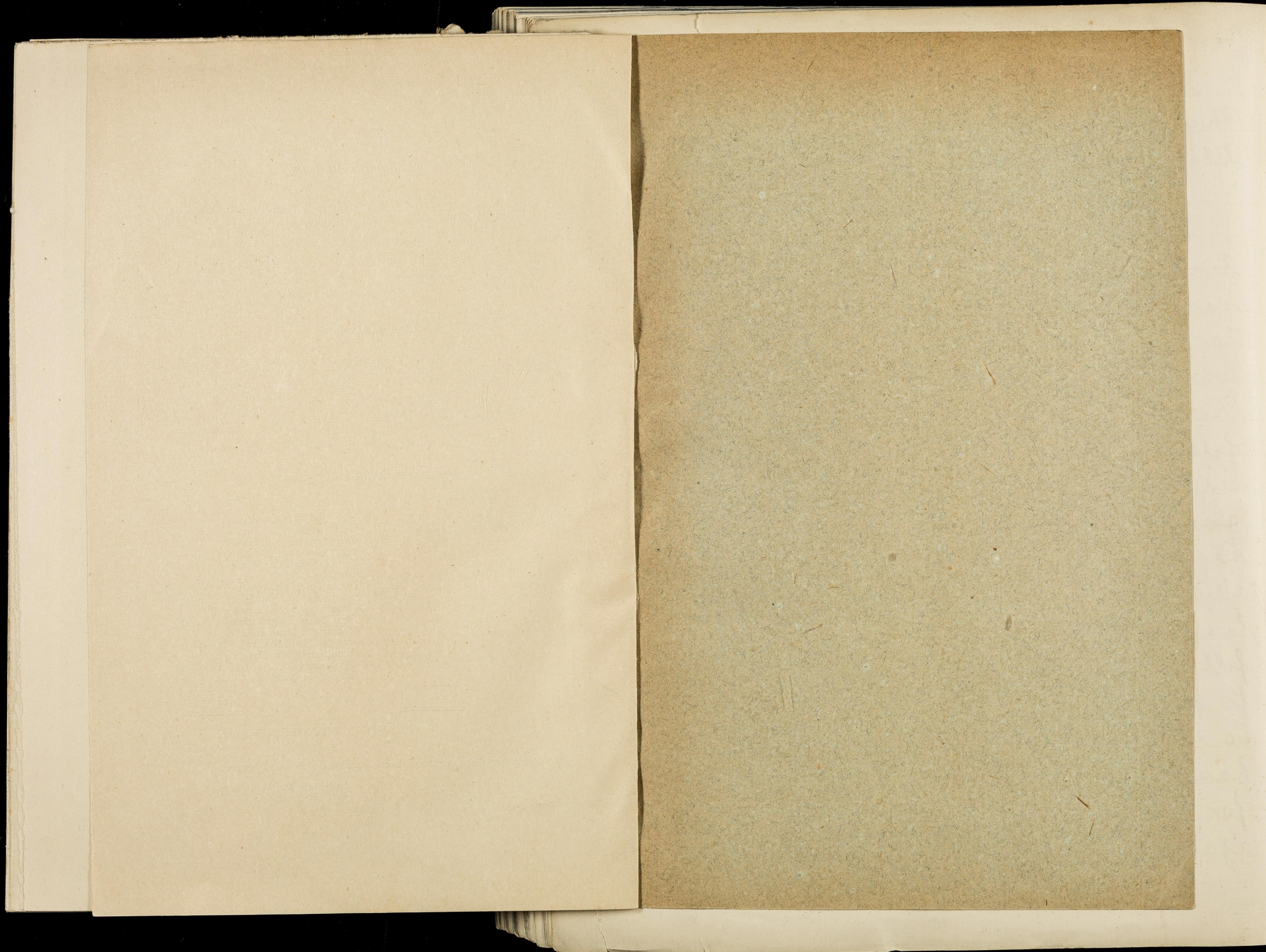
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance from 1898	2 3 2	By Remitted for Children, Dehra, India ..	7 10 0
„ Proceeds of Sale, 1899...	24 10 0	„ Remitted for Children, Formosa ..	6 0 0
		„ For Materials for Work for 1900	4 0 0
		„ Donation to Church towards expenses of Sale ..	2 0 0
		„ Donation to Women's Missionary Association ..	1 0 0
		„ Donation to Zenana Bible and Medical Mission ..	1 0 0
		„ Donation to Mr. Toy's Orphanage	1 0 0
		„ Balance in hand	4 3 2
	£26 13 2		£26 13 2

MAUD C. PRINGLE, *Treasurer.*

The foregoing Accounts have been examined and found correct,

DONALD McCALL, } *Auditors.*
JAS. HOOPER, }

January, 1900.



Persons employed
Buildings and Services

Elder - S. Mark's Presbyterian, South Street

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through the opening of Blackwall Tunnel. The streets in the vicinity seem more untidy, and the children more unkempt, than they used to be. The people seem to be coming in from the other side, and settling here. As the open land gets built on, East Greenwich will become more important than West Greenwich. It is a great pity that some of the churches cannot be transferred from the latter to the former.

50 to 60 in all. Only pastor and organist paid. Church holds 900 in pews, but can be adapted to seat 1000. - Schoolroom - not very large - underneath: Board School hired for Sunday school.

Services - 2 on Sundays, one on Wednesdays. Nearly 300 church members. 300-400 in morning congregation. Evening smaller - (See p. 17 of report). Quiet service: nothing sensational. Entirely avoids political questions.

Small Sunday school at church for

Elder - S. Mark's Presbyterian, South Street

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children of congregation. Randall Place Board School taken as Sunday school for poor children of that locality. About 200 children attend there. Cannot take more for lack of teachers. Many of his church members live so far off that they cannot get back in time to teach in the Sunday School. Cannot mix the two classes of children even for the annual treat. They must go on separate occasions.

Thinks the Christian Endeavour Society the best agency for keeping a hold of the young people. Get a considerable proportion in this way. At first this organization was entirely in the hands of the better class, but the poorer section are coming in now. Finds it a good means of recruiting his workers.

See report. The Mother's meeting is well attended. "You can always get the mothers, in plenty, poor things, if you give them tea." It is found that they go to 2 or 3 meetings

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a week. "Poor things, they've nothing to do in the afternoon." These meetings have no effect on church attendance. "We help them: not they us."

M^r Elder has no day school at his church, but he is one of the managers of a group of Board Schools, and speaks highly both of the schools and teaching staff. Attributes whatever improvement has taken place amongst the poor in the Roan and Sladdo Street districts to the influence of the schools. Thinks the people are not so rough or hostile as used to be, but still room for improvement. Does not like the way in which the children speak. When they meet him they always shout out "Hello" Spoke to the children at Randall Place school about it: asked them to say "Good morning" or "Good afternoon" instead, and at the suggestion of the head teacher, added the word "Sir". A day or so after he met a small child with its big sister. "Hello" said the little one, as usual. "No, - say Hello sir" corrected the big sister.

Visiting & Relief

Other Religious Influences

Co-operation

Elder - S. Mark's Presbyterian Ch: South St.

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After that he gave it up. He thinks we might see M^r Pleydell, headmaster, or M^{rs} Hicks, head mistress.

Gives his own people the preference, but goes wherever he is asked to. Some ladies also visit among the poor. Greenwich is overvisited, and there is a good deal of overlapping in relief. Quoted a case in which his visitor, in calling on a sick girl, found she was the eleventh one who had been that day. "If each visitor means a shilling, that must be very good business."

A few old people get a small monthly pension from the Church Poor Fund, and the visiting ladies give if tickets at their discretion.

Church of England, Baptists and Congregationalists all at work. R's strong in District and have an excellent old priest in Father O'Halloran.

Does not co-operate with any other church, Regrets the overlapping that exists, but

There seems nothing for it but to go on in the same way as they are doing. Believes it to be the fault of the parochial system. The Church of England clergy will not agree to allot off any part of the District for visitation by other churches. He does not belong to the Free Church Council. Objects to it because it has a political basis, inasmuch as it draws a line between connection and non-connection with the State. Politics should not in any way be mixed up with religion, nor should any church act as a church in socio-political matters.

The churches are all on friendly terms here, and respect each other's position. No poaching.

M^r Elder had little to say on General Questions

Prostitution had been checked. Complaint made to Police, and or two houses closed. There may still be bad houses in the District, but he does not know of any.

General Questions

Elder. S. Mark's Presb^y South S^t

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There is street soliciting, which should be stopped.

Early marriages are too frequent, and Thrift non-existent.

M^r W. Turner
Marlborough Hall
Old Woolwich Road

Private address 5, The Pavement, Charlton S.E.

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Interview with M^r W. Turner, at Marlborough
Hall, Old Woolwich Road. July 2nd '00 - J.A.

When I reached Marlborough Hall, about 7.30 p.m. I found 2 elderly men seated at a table issuing tickets for the Sunday School treat. They proved to be M^r Turner (head of the Mission), and the Superintendent of the Sunday school, whose name did not transpire. About a score of lads were waiting & others came in later. They were evidently of a poor class, but not uniformly so: some had clean collars and looked quite decent; one reaching the high water mark of a khaki tie: others were unkempt and ragged, but there were no signs of extreme poverty. Most of the lads brought money with them, in one or two cases as much as 1/- and M^r Turner explained afterwards that the system was to give a free ticket to each child who had attended regularly for 13 Sundays, and to make a charge to the

Origin of Mission

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rest, varying in amount according to the degree of regularity attained. Those who came in just for the treat would be charged the full cost of it. One or two sharp youngsters tried to "bounce" a ticket, but without success.

When this business was over, Mr Turner placed himself at my disposal, his companion staying a few moments to gather up the money and books, and joining slightly in the preliminary conversation.

Mr T. has a pleasant face, silver-grey hair, and beard, and has something of a set smile. An attractive man, but not without firmness and determination. Marlborough Hall is one of the "open" Brethren missions and originated (Mr T. said) about 11 years ago when he was moved to start gospel meetings at the Good Duke Humphrey Hall, near by. At the end of 6 months, this effort had become so successful that over a hundred converts were claimed. These were called together, and decided to put the work on a

permanent basis. A subscription was started called the Young Converts Fund, to which each member contributed 3^s or 6^s a week, according to means. This had been continued ever since, and from it the rent and other outgoings of the mission were paid: the balance being found by a collection each Sunday morning. These funds suffice, not only for ordinary expenses, but leave sufficient for charity, tract distribution, &c. Mr T's particular pride is that the work is, and always has been, self-supporting. A little help comes sometimes from outside, but it is quite spontaneous, and never asked for.

The present Hall was built 5 years ago, and is the property of their Sunday school superintendent, from whom they rent it. A square comfortable, bright-looking building, with a deep gallery at back, and 3 adjoining rooms. The gallery has been added since the opening, and the hall now seats 400 to 500,

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Population.

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but is still too small for the work.

The social condition of the population around the Hall is fairly indicated by our map. It is decidedly mixed, but, at present, save in aged or sick cases, there is little poverty, M^r Turner thinks. There seems to be work for all. The class of people who attend the Hall is of the same mixed character as the District.

There are about 40 workers, all voluntary. A few, like the Sunday school superintendent, have come from the Christian mission in King George Street, but mostly they are young people who have been trained up for the work, here. Occasional help comes from a Missionary training college, but in return the people here do a fairly good deal in raising mission funds. Sometimes an evangelist is paid to take the services, but M^r T. conducts ~~it~~ as a general rule.

Referring to the older and successful work at King George Street, M^r T. demurred to any

Services

Sundays

suggestion that help came from them, and said it was rather the other way, but with this view, the S.S. superintendent hardly agreed. Mr T, I thought, was over-anxious to show that no one did anything for them, without getting a full return for it.

Services for adults are held on Sunday morning and evening, the body of the hall being pretty full at night, say about 300. In the afternoon the hall is crowded with children, whilst in the side rooms there is a men's meeting of 25 to 30; a senior Bible class, ^{attended by 20 young women,} and a junior Bible class ^{for good sized girls.} It is on Sunday afternoon they most feel the need for more room.

An open air service is held outside the hall on Sunday evenings at 6 1/2, right through the year, and draws a good many, some of whom, he thinks, come to the service inside. Anyhow, he says, they keep up their good regular congregation. In summer a second open air meeting takes

place after the service. These meetings are managed by the young people, who are well trained for the work. He rarely attends himself. They have good singing, with a portable organ, and a cornet or two. The meeting in the Hall is cheerful and musical, but it is a pure Gospel service. Mr Turner usually preaches himself, and says there is nothing like the good old-fashioned Gospel for holding the people. It is more attractive than all the new-fangled things.

On Monday there is a small prayer meeting in the evening, and a mother's meeting in afternoon: 40 or 50 of the mothers come. There are the usual adjuncts, (clothing club, &c) a cup of tea and biscuits are provided, and there is half-an-hour's Gospel address. He said he knew cases of women being converted and brought to the services by this means, but he dwelt rather on the material benefits accruing to the mothers.

On Wednesday there is a meeting for

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Bible study, and on Thursday a lecture, usually with lantern. Tuesday and Friday reserved for occasional gatherings, as missionary meetings &c.

One of the great secrets of their success is the visiting. The young men have organized a system of house-to-house visitation, going to a certain number every Sunday morning; and in this way 1000 houses a month are called at, leaflets and invitation to services being left. Some are brought to the services in this way "but it isn't so much that as that the people are brought into sympathetic touch with us. They feel there is somebody who cares for their welfare, and are glad to be called on"

There are a fair number of aged and infirm belonging to the congregation, and these are helped when in real need. But he investigates, and acts very carefully. Will not tolerate mere cadgers and hangers on. There are a great many who come to the

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Appreciation of Work.

* He emphasises the statement that his people are not drawn from other places, but consist entirely of those who went to no other place of worship.

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Hall sometimes, and who will send for them in case of sickness. They always assist if there is genuine need, but the total amount given is small.

The Church of England used to do very good work in the neighbourhood on evangelical lines, but the present vicar is a Ritualist. This may perhaps help them at this mission, for people get tired of Ritualistic mummary, and come to them.

M^r Turner is evidently thoroughly satisfied with the success of the work, particularly his own share in it: talked rather glibly of the hundreds of converts made: and is quite optimistic. I questioned him as to how far they retained a hold of the children when too old for Sunday school, and he claimed very good results in this respect, but, on appealing to the S.S. Superintendent, the latter said they were so besieged with children that they could not attend to those who dropped out. If they go, there are plenty

to take their places. M^r J. then said, rather reluctantly "Yes, we cant pay the attention to the older lads that we ought to. We are so full"

As I was leaving, I questioned M^r J. as to the character of the people, and the degree to which it had changed in his time. He thought it had got worse and worse morally. People were doing better because trade was good, but there was more drinking, the women being worse than the men.

But apparently he never dreamt of asking how it was this moral deterioration went on whilst he claims such successful religious work in the midst of it, and it would have been almost cruel to put it to him in that way. I fancy he quite overestimates the ~~the~~ work done, but have no doubt he is a very good man, exercising a wholesome and beneficent influence so far as it goes.

July 22. 1891.

Army Sect. Greenwich.

Interview with Miss Park ⁴⁶/₆ ²⁴ _{Substrata}

Miss Park is I suppose the Captain of this corps. She is a bright rather pretty little woman with a good head of frizzy hair. She has been here only for two months, and therefore had little to tell me. Her ~~at~~ whole tone however was sanguine and buoyant: the Corps indeed is weak: there are only 32 soldiers, but "we have splendid open air meetings" and the general attitude of the neighborhood towards the Army is one of great friendliness. But the work has been and is ~~at~~ still hampered but by the lack of permanent premises, there at present being only in a position which provokes the assault of children. To this lack of proper accommodation Miss P. attributes the present failure of widow work: and she is ~~at~~ now

Pull - S. Army, Blackwall Lane.

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Engaged in raising funds for proper Bunkers.

The ~~the~~ chief obstacle to the work of the Army here was said to be drink.

Pastor J. Jarvis
Baptist Pastor

C. E. A.
July 6. / 1900

The People

Between these two churches some intercourse takes place. Mr J. went to bring one of their members by request & some of their people occasionally come to Devonshire Road.

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Pastor J. Jarvis. of Devonshire Road Street Baptist Church. Greenwich. Seen at 69 Fordel Road, Catford SE.

Mr Jarvis is a pleasant, earnest man in early middle life. Deeply set full eyes, small mustache & side whiskers, wavy hair. Has been 5 years at Greenwich, looks young but is probably over 40 as he has been preaching 16 years. Recently came to Catford from Blackheath Road. "Through a great trial", he told me as I was coming away.

The people attending the chapel are chiefly working and business people, mostly in comfortable circumstances - only two families are poor. Foreman, schoolmaster, several tradesmen &c. Whilst a number come from the neighbourhood, others come from Blackheath, Charlton, Lewisham, Catford & Brockley & even New Cross, where Mr Jones ministers to a church of a similar order. eg. Zion Baptist.

He ^{attributed} explains the tendency of strict Baptists to go long distances to their church meeting houses to the associations with the place they attend; they

have been in the Sunday School, then friends are there. In other cases it is an attachment to the minister. They have obtained spiritual good at the place or under his ministry. Talking of this, he said that two working men, walk from Salford to his Church on Sundays!

The Chapel seats 350 and they have a large schoolroom also.

Sunday Services (11 + 6.30) are fairly attended. "Comfortably filled" in evening. Sunday School (9.45 + 2.45) with an attendance of 600 in afternoon. Bible classes for young people. Open air meeting in the Greenwich Road.

In the week they have a prayer meeting (Monday) - about 50 and preaching service (Thursday - 8.0 to 9.0). Dorcas Soc. and meets once a month

The deacons visit the sick and some of the members of the Church & Congregation but Mr J. is a little anxious about the sick, who know he knows may be sick and the case remain unknown. They had a case recently. The man recovered before they knew he had been ill.

Charitable Relief is obtained from the Communion Fund and is not confined to their own people, who have little need. Have an aged widow, who has been ill for

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Visitation

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Jarvis - Devonshire R^d Strict Bap^t

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for thirty years. Did not know amount of relief: the deacons attend to it.

The membership of the church is now 70 and does not vary much.

Like other Strict Baptists, Mr J. does not believe in the church providing amusements for the young. Replying to questions he said that they retained about $\frac{3}{4}$ th of their young people for the church - some were taken away by business but not necessarily lost. Many of the present members were trained in the Sunday school & bible classes, and some of these were all behaved as scholars. The membership was largely recruited from the school, tho' others entered from various. One of their members was a notorious character some years ago - had been a soldier and dismissed for bad conduct.

Of the other Greenwich churches, he knew little. They were most like Charles Spurgeon's people & for the late C.H.S. he had a great respect. If all were like him, he could join the Baptist Union, but!

The attitude of the people generally toward religion was indifferent. He did not think very highly of the prospects of religious work in Greenwich.

Jarvis - Devonshire Rd. Strict Baptist

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Mr Jarvis goes about preaching a ~~de~~ good deal. On Wednesday he preached at Hastings and cycled back on Thursday in time for his evening service.

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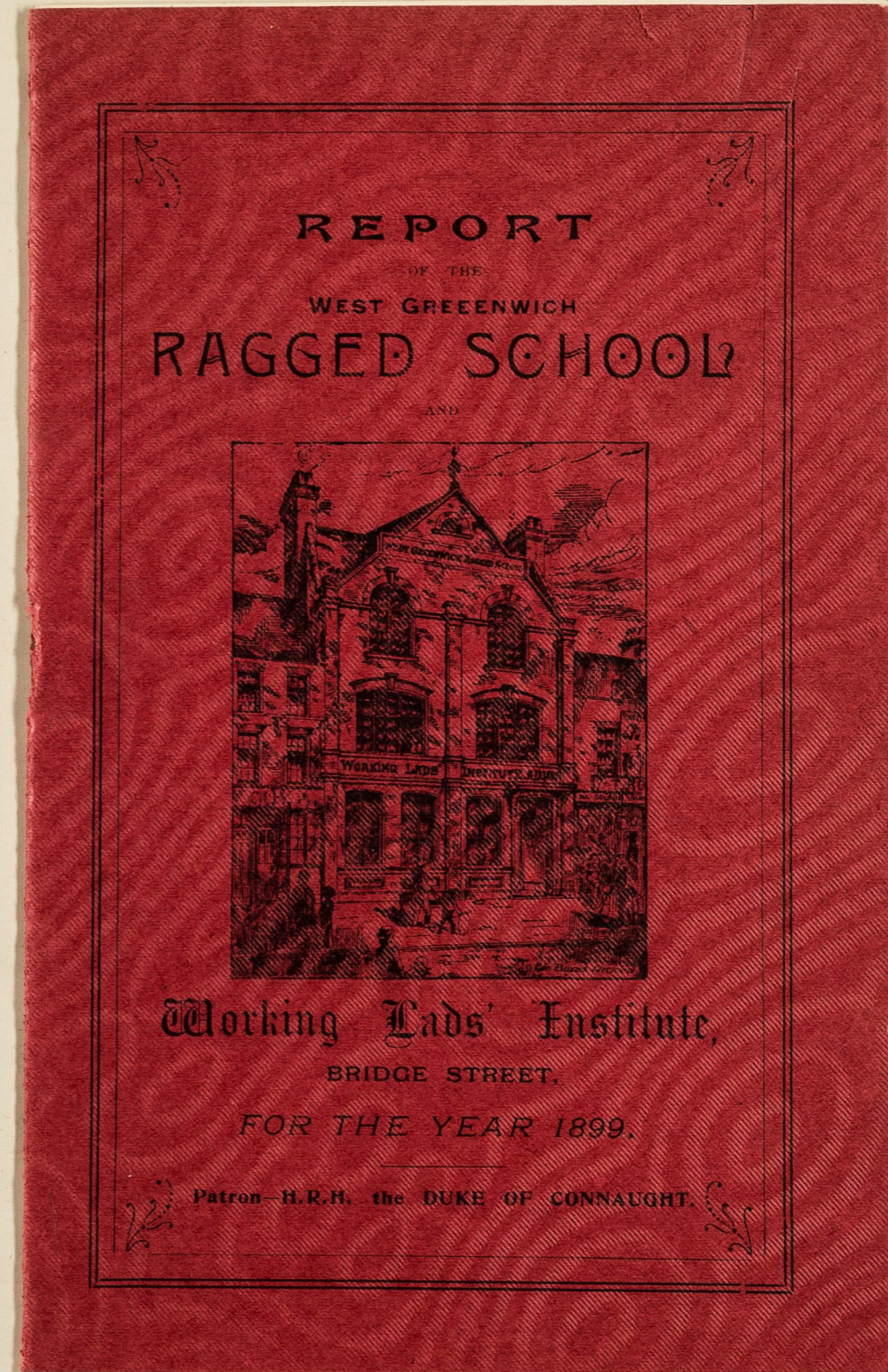
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- SUNDAY SCHOOL.
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- LADS' BIBLE CLASS.
- LENDING LIBRARY.
- BAND OF HOPE.
- CHILDREN'S SERVICES.
- CHILDREN'S SCRIPTURE UNION.
- CHILDREN'S FLOWER SHOW.
- CHILDREN'S MAGIC LANTERN SERVICES.
- MOTHERS' MEETINGS.
- PRAYER MEETINGS.
- Working Lads' Institute.**
- CRICKET CLUB.
- FOOTBALL CLUB.
- SLATE CLUB.
- SWIMMING.
- GYMNASIUM.
- GOOSE CLUB.

REPORT.

It is with deep gratitude to God that the Committee present to the Subscribers and Friends the Report of the West Greenwich Ragged School and Working Lads' Institute for the year 1899, a memorable one in that we commemorate Fifty Years' Work amongst that class for which the Institution was intended.

The special effort to raise £1,000 to form a **Jubilee Endowment Fund** has resulted in £505 7s. 10d. being contributed, and £250 promised.

The Sunday School, which consists of two Bible Classes, 17 Junior Classes, and two large Infants' Classes, had an average attendance of 228, with 348 on the Roll Book. This, compared with last year, shows an increase. Though the need of more teachers is felt, the Superintendent is thankful for so many devoted workers whose one desire is to lead these children to Christ. All have been cheered by the steadfastness of some of the elder scholars, and the bright faces of younger ones striving to follow our Master.

The Scripture Reader and District Visitor continues to do valuable work. During the year she has made at least 1,150 calls. By this agency we keep in touch with the parents and children—the message is faithfully declared, and the reading of scripture and prayer has often helped the weary.

Mrs. Robertson, who resides at 4, Dartmouth Hill, Greenwich, will be pleased to receive suitable Papers, Books or Tracts for distribution.

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Miss Knevitt, of 9, Marlboro' Road, Lee, will be glad of new subscribers towards the Visitor's salary, to take the place of those friends who have left the neighbourhood.

The Mothers' Meeting has been held on Tuesday afternoons, at 2.30, conducted by Mrs. Robertson. It has a roll of 45 Members, with an average attendance of 20.

Mothers' Meeting.

The Clothing Club in connection with this meeting shows an increase on the previous year, there being 41 depositors against 24 in 1898. This branch of the work is ably undertaken by the Misses Hudson.

On the 4th of September the most regular attendants were taken by road to High Elms, Farnboro', and had a most enjoyable time. The women each paid 1s. towards the cost. We beg to thank those friends who assisted to provide the balance of expenses.

The Library.

In connection with the Sunday School we have a Library of well-selected works, which is open each Monday afternoon during the winter months, from 4.30 to 5.30, for the exchange of books.

Miss E. Morris continues to act as Librarian, and has 80 members on the roll. An assistant in this work is much needed, the value of which we cannot estimate, but we know such reading has a beneficial influence in the home.

Scripture Reading Union.

We have a branch of the Children's Special Service Mission Scripture Union. This has now been carried on for 21 years, and Mrs. E. A. Stanton continues to act as Hon. Secretary.

Clothing for the Children.

Again we have to record our debt of gratitude to Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Shaw, and other friends, also the Council of the Ragged School Union for gifts of warm clothing, which was distributed among

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the most needy regular scholars. No less than 68 children benefited, for which they expressed their thanks. It is hoped that our friends at Blackheath will thus continue to assist the poor and neglected ones, remembering "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

By the loan of Blankets at a small charge, both parents and children are enabled to have such comfort during the winter months, which otherwise they might not be able to obtain.

Loan of Blankets.

A Flower Show for our Scholars was proposed in the year 1888, and was productive of good results, and on July 27th we held our 12th Exhibition, when Mr. G. S. Bourne presided, and Mrs. Bourne presented the numerous prizes. These were given for plants grown from seeds, cuttings, and old plants—both teachers, parents and scholars competed. There were 210 entries, and prizes were awarded to 55 exhibitors. The Committee beg to thank the Misses Hudson, who supplied the Refreshment Stall, and Miss Roche a Bran Pie, which helped to increase the funds; also those friends who again lent plants and sent cut flowers for sale. There was an improvement in the exhibits (considering the cold spring) and attendance. We are thankful for the increased receipts, which, including entrance fees, admission fees and sales, were £4 12s. 4½d. The expenses and cost of prizes amounted to £3 18s. 10½d., leaving a balance in hand of 13s. 6d.

Flower Show.

The Service for Children has been conducted regularly on Sunday evenings at 6.30, by the Superintendent of the Sunday School, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stanton, Mr. James Martin, and other workers formerly scholars in the school. The average attendance was 71. Some very happy times have been spent,

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and we feel sure God has caused the faithful message to go home to many hearts. The conductors of this service have valued the assistance so many friends have given by addressing the children, and here would record their best thanks.

Relief. The Relief Fund has enabled us to give assistance to the most needy parents and children, in times of sickness, by the supply of bread, milk, eggs, grocery and coal. The account printed herein shows a falling off of contributions compared with the previous year, but we are thankful to say the need has not been so heavy, owing to the mild winter. Mrs. E. A. Stanton, of 135, Lewisham Road, Lewisham, continues to act as Treasurer and dispenser to the Fund.

Holiday and Convalescent Homes. The sending of children to Seaside and Country Homes for a fortnight is a work which we feel does much good, bodily and spiritually, as they come under Christian influence away from their evil surroundings. It was hoped that 50 children would be sent often during the summer of 1899, and thus in one way commemorate our Jubilee. However, we are glad to record that 41 boys and girls had this beneficial change, being an increase of nine on the previous year. The cost of each child, including railway fare, for the fortnight is 6s. It will be seen by the account that out of the total amount contributed, viz., £19 8s. 9d., no less than £6 10s. 3d. was received from the parents. We desire to thank those friends who sent donations to this fund, of which Miss Stanton, of 8, Granville Park, Lewisham, is Treasurer.

Goose Club. The Goose Club, first formed in 1897, with a view of preventing the parents and children being connected with public house clubs, has met with great success, the number of members in the above year were 70, in 1898 124, and this year 250. A contribution of 6d. a week is

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made for thirteen weeks, entitling the member to a Goose or Turkey (8 lbs.), a 2 lb. Plum Pudding in bowl, and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Tea, the whole being supplied through the Ragged School Union, has given great satisfaction. The success has been largely due to Mr. James Martin, the Hon. Secretary, £81 5s. being the full amount paid in.

During the winter months Magic Lantern Gospel Services have been held on Tuesday evenings. These have been well attended, and we trust much blessing will result from this special effort, for God himself says, "My word shall not return unto Me void."

Faithful Service Prizes have been awarded by the Council of the Ragged School Union to two of our scholars, a girl for three years' service, and a boy for one year. Both these are also striving to live The Better Life.

We much regret to record a falling off in the contributions for Missionary work among our scholars. The total for the year was £6 12s., against £9 in 1898. From time to time special Missionary Addresses are given with a view to kindling a deeper interest. As in previous years the amount was distributed to the following:—The Church Missionary Society, £1 1s.; The China Inland Mission, £1 5s.; The Garenganze Mission, Central Africa (Dr. Walter Fisher), £1 10s.; The Missionary Helpers' Band, Alexandra Hall (for Mr. and Mrs. Dickens, at Alexandria), £1 6s.; The Misses Hopwood, at China, £1.

To those friends who enabled us to provide an outing for our scholars in the summer, and such happy gatherings at Christmas, the Superintendent, Teachers, and workers express their best thanks. It is felt a good thing thus to meet, and we are sure these seasons tend to increased sympathy between teachers and children. On July 6th the elder scholars were taken by road to High Elms, Farnboro', and had a fine and very enjoyable day.

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The infants were entertained at The Knoll, Eliot Hill, on July 22nd, but we regret to record a sad termination. Ninety of the little ones, out of 110, and several teachers, suffered from poison contained in the milk. Several lives were despaired of, but we rejoice and thank God that no deaths occurred. To those Christian friends who gave assistance, and to those who wrote letters of sympathy, and to the Medical Officers and Police, we tender our heartfelt thanks.

The infants were provided at Christmas-time with a Christmas Tree, which much pleased them, but the tea was not so much enjoyed, the summer gathering being still fresh in their minds.

A Social Gathering was arranged for the elder girls and boys instead of the usual Magic Lantern. Music, singing, and recitations by scholars and teachers, followed by parlour games, and light refreshments gave great satisfaction. The Rev. F. Storer Clark briefly addressed the girls at the close of Wednesday evening; the boys' gathering on Friday was concluded by the Superintendent.

Band of Hope.

The attendance and interest in the Band of Hope has increased during the year, but owing to the need of more workers the meetings have not been so frequent as we wish. The superintendent has been greatly assisted by Miss Outram, and also by Miss Colsell, who has acted as Hon. Secretary. Much more could be done if some Christian friend would come forward and conduct this branch of the work. We have 103 members on the register, and 55 have signed the pledge.

Teachers' Prayer Meeting.

The teachers continue to meet for prayer previous to school each Sunday afternoon, at 2.45, when most are able to be present; also at the close when special cases are remembered; and a definite class and its teacher is mentioned for prayer during the week.

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We are again able to record the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Lovett, of Blackheath, at Christmas, who provided a tea, entertainment and present of clothing for 50 of the oldest women in the neighbourhood. Through these generous friends the old people have thus met for the past few years and have much enjoyed the time, and we trust received blessing.

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The Working Lads' Institute.

The Committee in presenting a brief account of the Working Lads' Institute are deeply thankful to God for His mercies and blessings.

The great need for founding such an Institute in West Greenwich was realized and the Institute started in the year 1882, and thus we have completed the 17th Session of this important branch of the work; 70 lads were enrolled as Members, paying the usual entrance fee of threepence and threepence per month Subscription—the number is not so large as in previous years, this is partially owing to the mild winter.

The Institute has still a wide influence, lads joining from East Greenwich, Lewisham, Deptford and New Cross, as well as the immediate neighbourhood. Mr. Dering, the Manager, has been more than usually tried of late by the roughness of the lads, and the patience of the Officers sorely tested—still there is cause for praise.

The reading of a portion of Scripture and Prayer is fixed for 9.15 each night, at which all are expected to attend. The need of friends who will kindly come in at this hour, and conduct this Service is much felt.

Reading Room.

A Reading Room for the members, with Library and Refreshment Bar attached, is situated on the ground floor, where chess, draughts, dominoes and other games are provided, also daily and weekly papers and periodicals.

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A Bible Class has been regularly held in the Bible Class. Reading Room each Sunday Afternoon at 3.15, conducted by Mr. Henry Pratt, the attendance has been small, but we trust great blessing will result.

One of the elder lads, we are rejoiced to say, who was impressed by a few words of prayer offered at his bed-side when very ill this winter, is now attending the class and striving to live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

On February 9th, 18 members of this class were invited to the Institute to Supper—after which they listened very attentively to an address from the late Superintendent.

We occasionally have a visit from past members ^{Past} Members. who recall the happy hours spent in the Institute, and the Committee are greatly pleased with letters received from young men in various parts of the world. One lad in the 18th Hussars wrote from Ladysmith in a very cheerful strain—"I hope you are getting on all right in the Institute, where I have spent many a pleasant hour." A young man in the Royal Irish Fusiliers, who had been exhorted to trust in Christ, writes "I intend to profit by your advice"—another in the Army and stationed at Cairo, says, with reference to religious matters, "It comes a very hard thing for a Soldier to adhere to, but thank God I have fought the battle that is to be fought before a Soldier can lead the life of a Christian in a Barrack Room." Some of the old members are in the Navy and doing well, several are "at the front."

A Gymnastic Class has been held, the lads contributing a small fee for instruction. The Gymnasium in the rear of the building is open to the members each night in the week. There being no competition, the

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Gold Medal provided by a friend is still in the hands of the Committee.

Swimming. The Committee continue to encourage the lads to learn Swimming, by offering prizes, and the supply of tickets for the baths at half-price.

Football Club. A Football Club has tended to keep the lads together during the winter months.

Slate Club. The Slate Club, which is under the Control of the General Committee, continues to prosper, and gives assistance in times of sickness and death. The Contributors for the year, numbered 107 against 72 in 1898; the subscriptions and interest amounting to £163 4s. 1d. and only £107 18s. 5d. in the previous year. Mr. H. Dawson, of 17, Egerton Road, Greenwich, is Secretary of the Club.

Social Gathering. A Social Gathering was held on April the 27th, for past members, their wives and children. Music, Songs, and Recitations, assisted to brighten the evening and a short address was given by an old friend. The refreshments were provided by the Manager and his Wife, who always give a homely welcome to all.

On May the 8th, a Special Meeting was held closing the Winter Session, about forty lads were present, giving marked attention to a very earnest address by Mr. F. C. Vernon-Harcourt on the text, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way."—Ps. cxix. 9. We are sure many were much impressed and trust God will add His blessing. The lads were served with light refreshments at the close.

An interesting Lecture was given on the 20th of December by Mr. J. Louis Fenn, entitled, "Under the White Ensign of Old England."—J. F. Griffith, Esq. presiding.

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The Annual and Jubilee Meeting of this Institution Annual Meeting. held last year on the 3rd of June, by the kindness of Mrs. Ireland, at 1, Pond Road, Blackheath Park, was a very successful gathering. The Rev. John C. Leeke, M.A., presided, being supported by Rev. F. W. Aveling, M.A., Col. E. Dru-Drury, Mr. H. Hutchinson (Children's Special Service Mission), Mr. C. H. Marten, Mr. Henry Morris, and Mr. John Kirk (of the Ragged School Union).

The Committee desire to express their thanks to all who took part on this important occasion, especially Mrs. Ireland, who has been so devoted to the work nearly the whole period of its existence.

The Committee desire to express their thankfulness for the response made to their Special Appeal for £1,000 to form an Endowment Fund, and trust that friends interested in this old established work will soon provide the balance required, and further, seek for your prayers, that the Institution may be carried on to God's Glory, and an abundant blessing may rest upon all the efforts put forth.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—continued.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Moriarty, E. E. 10 0	Soames, J. K. 10 0
Merryweather & Sons, Ltd. 1 1 0	Do. (special) 10 0
Morris, H. 1 0 0	Sullivan, Commander, R.N. 15 0
Munyard, M. H. 5 0	S. M. A. 1 7
Maxwell, A. W. 10 0	Stanton, A. M. 1 1 0
M. H. 10 0	Shave, C. E. 5 0
Nash, Mrs. 1 0 0	St. Quinton, J. E. 1 1 0
Nash, Miss 10 0	Stone, Chas. 1 1 0
Nash, T. J. 1 0 0	Stone, H. 2 0 0
Penn, Mrs. 2 0 0	Trench, Col. 5 0
Pierson, Mrs. H. C. 1 0 0	Thompson, J. A. 10 0
Phipps, Capt. R. H. 2 6	Tucker, F. E. 10 0
Piper, J. H. 1 0 0	Townsend, Alex. 2 2 0
Preston, E. J. 1 1 0	Watkins, Mrs. W. 1 1 0
Preston, W. J. 1 1 0	Watkins, Mrs. 1 1 0
Purvis, Dr. J. P. 5 0	Watchurst, Mrs. 10 6
Poynder, Mrs. 5 0	Watt, Mrs. J. 10 0
Piper, C. D. 2 6	Weir, Miss 10 0
Poland, E. L. 10 0	Winch, R. 2 2 0
Poland, R. H. 5 0	Willis, Sir W. 1 1 0
Pelly, Miss 3 0 0	Wilson, J. W. 1 0 0
Do. 1 0 0	Woodley, T. 10 6
Riach, Mrs. 10 0	Wells, G. 2 0
Robinson, Col. 10 0	Young, A. 1 1 0
Ritchie, Miss C. 10 0	Collecting Boxes—
Sanders, Miss 10 0	Miss Sutton 4 8
Shaw, Mrs. W. W. 1 1 0	Mrs. Tyler 6 1
Skinner, J. Holt 5 0 0	Mrs. Bowden 2 10
Spicer, J. (don.) 1 1 0	
South Metropolitan Gas Co. 5 0 0	
Soames, W. K. 10 0	
	Total £134 19 8

Contributions for Treats, 1899.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Burness, J. A. 10 0	H. F. and family 5 0
Buttanshaw, M. N. 10 0	Lewis, Mrs. 10 0
Clapton, Dr. 5 0	Weir, Miss A. 10 0
Cookson, Miss M. E. 1 1 1	Wilkinson, Mrs. 10 0
Colsell, Miss, collected by—	Kneivitt, Miss, collected by—
Colsell, F. 1 1 0	Price, W. 10 0
C., Annie M. 1 0 0	Price, A. 10 0
C. D. G. 10 0	Sums under 5s. 2 0
C. M. 5 0	Lishman, Miss 4 0
Sums under 5s. 18 1	Lovibond & Son 5 0
Children's Contributions 2 12 11	Morris, H. 5 0
Fisher, Miss E. 1 0 0	Morris, Miss, collected by 14 6
Forster, Miss, per 2 2 6	Nash, Miss 5 0
Garnett, T. 5 0	Outram, Miss, collected by 6 6
Griffith, J. F. 10 0	Do. Misses E. & E. 10 5
Hills, Miss C. 8 6	Penn, Mrs. 10 0
Hudson, Miss, collected by—	Phillips, Major-General 5 0
Fisher, T. P. 5 0	Do. (Winter Tea) 5 0

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TREATS—continued.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Phipps, Captain 2 6	Sullivan, Commander 5 0
Pierson, Mrs. H. 10 0	Taylor, W. 10 0
Pennial, Miss, collected by 5 0	Terry, Miss M., collected by 6 0
Pratt, H. 15 0	Teachers' and Friends' Dinners 1 3 6
Shrimpton, Miss, collected by—	Thompson, J. A. 5 0
Horne, S. 10 0	Winch, Richard 1 10 0
S. W. 5 0	Willis, Sir W. 5 0
Small Sums 2 0	Allowance by Contractor 3 0
Sutton, Miss, collected by 6 0	
Stanton, E. A., collected by—	
Lord Hugh Cecil 10 6	Contributions for Mothers'
Penn, J., M.P. 1 1 0	Meeting Outing—
S. E. A. 10 0	Proctor, Mrs. 10 0
Stone, H. 10 0	Leslie, Mrs. 5 0
Stanton, Mrs., E. A., collected	Hudson, Miss F. 5 0
by—	Moriarty, Miss 5 0
Abbott, Mrs. 5 0	Nash, Mrs. 5 0
Adkin, J. & C. 10 0	Nash, Miss 2 6
Bennett, T. & Son 10 0	Members 16 0
Gibb, Mrs. J. 10 0	
Whyte, R. C. 10 0	
Nash, Mrs. 5 0	
Moriarty, E. E. 5 0	
Sums under 5s. 8 0	
	£34 17 6

Sunday School Treat Account.

1st January to 31st December, 1899.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward 10 13 1½	By Hire of Brakes, Refreshment Contractor, Games, Prizes, Metropolitan Police, Fruit and Sweets 27 15 4
„ Contributions, as per list 34 17 6	„ Lads' Bible Class Supper 18 9½
	„ Winter Treats 6 10 2
	„ Printing 8 0
	„ Justice, J. 8 10
	„ Mothers' Meeting Outing—
	Brake 2 5 0
	Provisions 16 8½
	3 1 8½
	„ Balance carried forward for Winter Teas, &c. 6 7 9½
	£45 10 7½
	£45 10 7¼

Balance in hand for Winter Treats, February, 1900, £6 7s. 9½d.

Audited and found correct, ROSE STANTON,

February 8th, 1900.

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West Greenwich Ragged School Bible Woman Fund Account.

For the Twelve Months ending December 31st, 1899.

Miss KNEVITT, Collector.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ..	2 18 6	By Salary, Mrs. Robertson ..	20 0 0
„ Subscriptions and Donations ..	17 4 0	„ Balance in hand ..	2 6
	<u>£20 2 6</u>		<u>£20 2 6</u>

To Balance in hand, 2s. 6d.

I have examined this Account, with the Vouchers and Receipt Book and Cash Book, and found it to be correct.

ROSE STANTON,
25th May, 1900.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO BIBLE WOMAN FUND.—To December 31st, 1899.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Abbott, Mrs. ..	1 0 0	Knevt, Miss. ..	5 0	Robinson, Col. ..	10 0
Barlow, Mrs. ..	5 0	Loggin, Mrs. ..	3 0	Shaw, W. W. ..	1 0 0
Cardel, Mrs. (don.) ..	10 0	McClure, C. ..	10 0	Stanton, E. A. ..	2 0 0
Cunningham, Mrs. ..	10 0	Morris, Mrs. ..	5 0	Stanton, Mrs. E. A. ..	5 0
Duprey, Mrs. ..	10 6	Nash, Mrs., Senr. ..	5 0	Sutton, Miss ..	5 0
Forster, Mrs. ..	10 0	Nash, T. J. ..	1 0 0	Taylor, W. ..	10 0
Furber, Mrs. ..	10 0	Nash, Miss. ..	10 0	Thompson, Ernest ..	5 0
Goodman, Mrs. ..	10 0	Outram, Miss. ..	2 6	Thompson, J. A. ..	5 0
Halliday, Mrs. ..	4 0	Peacock, Mrs. ..	4 0		
Hudson, Miss F. ..	5 0	Pierson, Mrs. ..	5 0		
Ireland, Mrs. ..	1 0 0	Price, A. ..	10 0		
Johnston, Mrs. ..	10 0	Price, W. ..	10 0		
Kidd, Mrs. ..	10 0	Roberts, Mrs. ..	1 0 0		
					<u>£17 4 0</u>

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The West Greenwich Working Lads' Institute Slate Club.

Statement for 1899.—Mr. WM. JONES, } Trustees.
Mr. R. MCCLURE, }

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ..	8	By Sick Pay ..	32 15 0
„ Contributions ..	162 1 10	„ Medical Attendance ..	7 6 3
„ Bank Interest ..	1 1 7	„ Secretary's Fee—Mr. H. Dawson ..	5 12 0
		„ Contribution for Room ..	2 16 0
		„ Steward ..	1 10 0
		„ Stationery, &c. ..	1 3 6
		„ Members—(Share £1 1s.) ..	111 16 10
		„ Balance ..	4 6
	<u>£163 4 1</u>		<u>£163 4 1</u>

I have examined this Account, with the Vouchers and Contribution Book, and found it correct.

(Signed) R. HUGH SLOLEY, Chartered Accountant,
20th December, 1899. 3, King Street, E.C., Hon. Auditor.

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Relief Fund, ending 31st December, 1899.

Mrs. E. A. STANTON, Treasurer, 135, Lewisham Road, S.E.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1899 ..	4 9 2	By Bread	3 4
„ Contributions	3 13 0	„ Coals	1 15 8
		„ Milk	2 9 0
		„ New Laid Eggs, &c. ..	10 0
		„ Grocery	2 0
		„ Balance	3 2 2
	<u>£8 2 2</u>		<u>£8 2 2</u>

Balance in hand, £3 2s. 2d.

Examined and found correct, A. M. COLSELL,
February 6th, 1900.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FUND—Ending 31st December, 1899.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Adkin, J.	10 0	Morris, Mrs. H.	5 0
Edwards, E.	2 6	Nash, Mrs. T., Senr. ..	5 0
Friend	5 0	Nash, Miss	10 0
Hatcher, T. B.	10 6	Sutton, Miss	5 0
LeFeuvre, Mrs.	5 0	Stanton, E. A.	10 0
		Small sums	5 0
			<u>£3 13 0</u>

Holiday and Convalescent Home Fund Account—Ending 31st December, 1899.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Donations, as per list	19 8 9	By 41 Children to R. S. Union Holiday Homes, for two weeks each at 6s.	12 6 0
		„ One Girl's fare to Shanklin ..	13 6
		„ Fares, Greenwich and London, for Children and Attendant ..	18 11
		„ Cash returned, Mrs. Bunyan ..	4 0
		„ Balance	5 6 4
	<u>£19 8 9</u>		<u>£19 8 9</u>

To Balance in hand, £5 6s. 4d.

Examined and found correct, A. M. COLSELL, February 6th, 1900.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLIDAY AND CONVALESCENT HOME FUND.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Bournes, G. S.	18 0	Hansler, H. S.	10 0
Collected from Parents of the Children	6 10 3	In Memory of S. A. S. ..	2 0 0
„ Dora	1 0 0	Ireland, Mrs.	10 0
Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Harry and family	2 16 0	Levett, J. A. (special) ..	2 2 0
		Polson, Mrs.	4 0
		Roberts, Mrs.	13 6
		Robinson, Col. & Mrs. ..	15 0
		Stanton, Mrs. F.	10 0
		Stanton, Mr. & Mrs. E. A.	1 0 0
			<u>£19 8 9</u>

Fund for Maintenance of Building.—1893, Mrs. Dixon's Legacy, £50.

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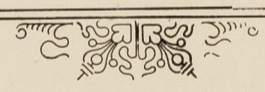
I give and bequeath unto the Treasurer for the time being of
 WEST GREENWICH RAGGED SCHOOL AND WORKING
 LADS' INSTITUTE, Bridge Street, Greenwich, the sum of
 Pounds Sterling : to be paid
 with all convenient speed after my decease exclusively out of
 such part of my personal Estate not hereby specially disposed
 of, as I may by law bequeath to charitable purposes : upon
 trust to be applied towards the general purpose of the said
 Institution ; and the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being
 of the said Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the
 said Legacy.

If the testator wishes the Legacy to be paid free of duty,
 the following words must be added to the above form : and
 I direct that the Legacy duty upon the said Legacy be paid by
 my executor out of the Fund.

Patron.
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



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Secretary and Collector.

Mr. ROBERT MCCLURE, 15, Royal Place, Greenwich.

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West Greenwich Ragged School and Working Lads' Institute.

(ESTABLISHED 1849).

I shall be happy to contribute the sum of £

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Subscription to the above Institution.

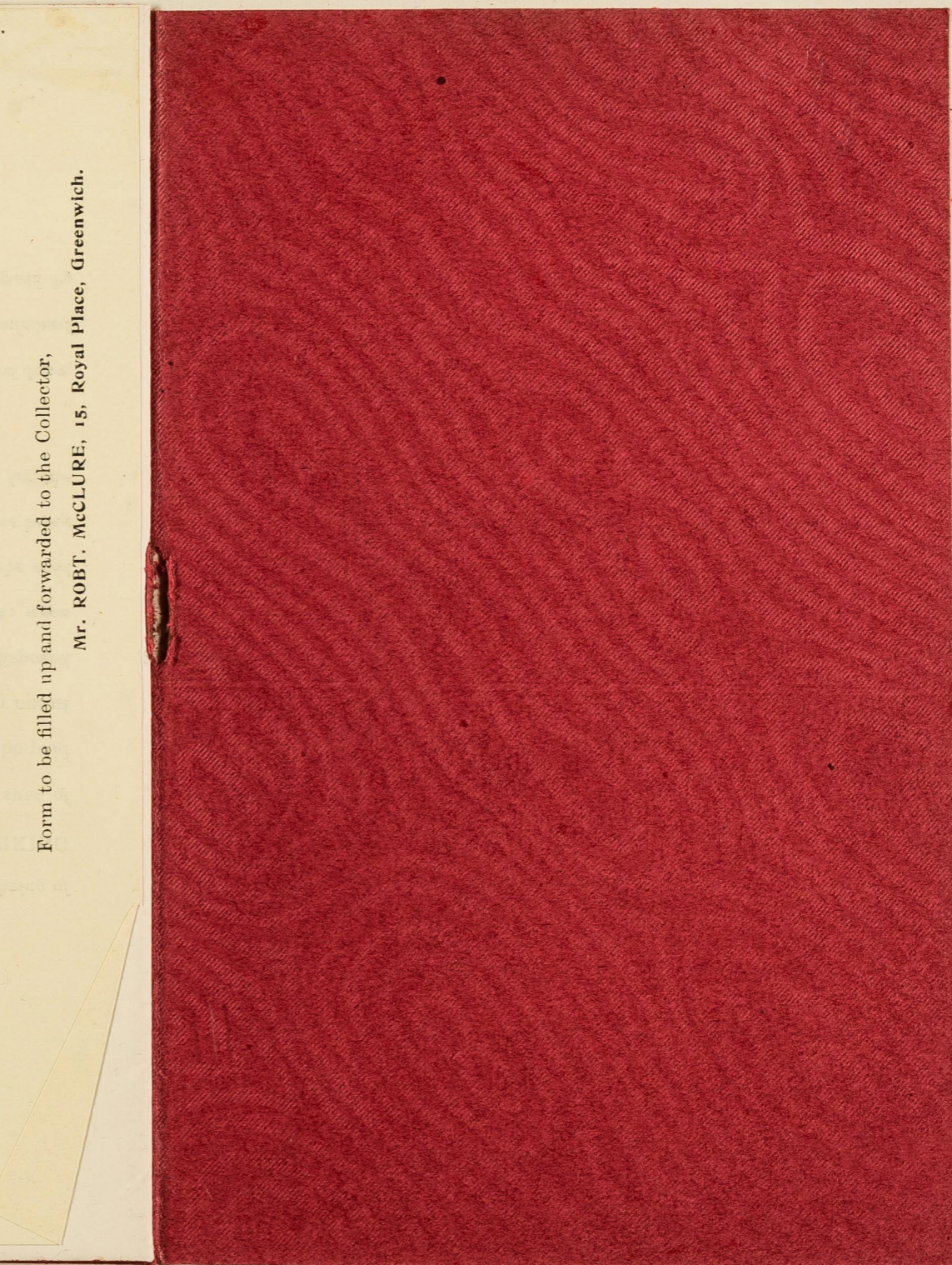
Name.....

Address.....

Date

Form to be filled up and forwarded to the Collector,

Mr. ROBT. McCLURE, 15, Royal Place, Greenwich.



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Interview with John Saberton. L.C.M.
at 5 Calvert Road. S. Greenwich.

Mr. Saberton is an old man of 75, rather deaf & portly, white hair & beard, spectacles, pleasant voice & grand fatherly manner. He for 32 years lived in this same two storied house, with a narrow front & small garden behind, coming when it was one of only two houses that existed in the street, was surrounded by market gardens ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{where} ~~as~~ what is now the infirmary, when Trafalgar road was ~~the~~ a succession of dykes & ditches to

to carry off the streamlets from Blackheath²
& when 'the Marsh' is all ~~to~~ of the Trafalgar
Rd. was really a marsh & overgrown by
reed rushes.

His original district was that lying ^E of
the Naval College, i.e. East St & Queen St & the
poor quarters in Woodland Vale near the
Maze Hill railway station.

In area his present district is much the
same though the character is different. There
is still much that is poor & rough but not
nearly so much of it. ^{as it was} The poorest spots still
are bits of East Street, & Clark's Buildings
but the Hog Lane ~~district~~ ^{passage} (where the old
Woodlark Rd. Board school now stands)
is gone. So are parts of Woodland Vale & so is

is the S.E. end of East Street.

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The very poorest amongst who were Irish have
been dispossessed by demolition & still more by
the fact that their work (market gardening) has moved

further out & they have had to follow it.

Clark's Bluffs & Smith's Rents are hardly be
cause even that the railway has demolished
the whole of the S side of Clark's Bluffs &
there is therefore less of it than there used
to be.

The boundaries of his district are -

- N. Thames.
- E. Marlborough St. Trafalgar Rd
& Eastwood St.
- S. Railway.
- W. Park Row.

In it

There are 650 families to visit. He⁴
spends 3 to 6 hours a day in visiting,
manages to get round them in a little
over a month.

Here is a record of work for the month
of February last.

- 496 visits to families
- 114 hours occupied by these visits
- 39 hours spent in other mission work.
- 306 calls to give a tract or leave a thought
- 50 sick visits to read or pray.
- 12 religious meetings at which there
was a total attendance of 390.
- 1140 tracts distributed
- 165 times the scriptures read.
- 0 persons died
- 1 visit to local superintendent.
- 250 men visited & spoken to

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LONDON CITY MISSION.

SERVICES

In connection with above, are held at

63, TRAFALGAR ROAD,

EAST GREENWICH,

ON

Tuesday Evenings from 7 to 8.

„ „ Penny Bank „ 8.15 to 9

Friday Evenings „ 7 to 8

Sunday Afternoons—

Bible Class for Adults at 3 p.m.

12-17 m^{rs}
at home

ALSO

SUNDAY EVENINGS,

IN THE HALL AT THE

“Three Cups” Coffee Tavern.

Services to commence at 7 p.m.

The Poorest most Welcome.

No Collections.

JOHN SABERTON, Missionary.

E. G. Bowman, Trade Union Printer, 26, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.

Saberton - Lem, Trafalgar Road.

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Every week he spends a day in Sir J Fox's⁵ Chalk pit at Northfleet, reading a chapter of the Bible, talking & distributing tracts & newspapers to the 40 men employed there. All the men are glad to see him & smoke while he reads. They threatened to turn out a few years ago who once tried to ask (question) him if he may not distribute any relief himself but incidentally he has the patronage of a Xmas breakfast to 200 children, two free teas in the year, & a great Xmas dinner to 100 adults given by rich friends in Blackheath. The Congregational Church in Blackheath is his main support. They built at his recommendation the Three Cups Coffee Tavern which he looks on as his most successful effort in the District. Make it look as much like a Public House, as you

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You can was his advice to them; don't mind
spending the money even tho' it do cost
£300 or £400 extra! They spent the money &
have been well repaid. Last year the
^{net} profits were £150 & this year the committee
say they are more.

Behind the building is a room where he
has 30 to 40 to 60 at Sunday evening ser-
vices.

There he visits look to him for advice &
tell him all their troubles - 'All are glad to
see me & every body knows me'. They listen
to the word of God but they don't go
to church or chapel - No hostility but
everywhere in difference - 'Too much is being
done'. 'All you will ever get to church
is

in Greenwich ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{have} ~~will~~ been got there 7
long ago: The others visiting in his area
are the Scripture readers of the Church.
'But he does precious little'. Then there
are Grey ladies "more Romanists than
anything else: know nothing about the
Truth, not my Truth at any rate".
To counteract their influence there is
a band of evangelical "Blue" ladies.
And besides, several nurses.
'You will pardon my saying it but
your party has no success here.'
He thought I was from the S. A.
No place has ever been so thoroughly & so
entirely

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constantly worked as E Greenwich -
Through all time wealthy Church & Nonconfor-
-nity ^{from Blackheath} has over flowed into Greenwich.

General Questions:

Rents are 9/- to 12/- in the Marsh for
4 r & kitchen with a slip room over.
L.C.C. holds ask 5/- to 7/- per flat according
to storey. Houses not well built but not of
the worst type.

Drink. 'the worst case of all' - Women when
bad are worse than men & can be seen
on any Monday in the public houses.
For the class above the poor the grocer's
license has been the worst influence.
'Of course I know cases in plenty where
it is put down as grocery.'
'Then look at the children sipping. He was
for

forbid by law their fetching beer or being
taken in by their mothers.

The taste is inherited. Was told the other
day by a mother of a baby who had
always fretted until a neighbouring
mother had suggested a drop of gin
to send it to sleep. The mother said
it had been a diff: child ever since
so good tempered & quiet. "The reason was
that its inherited craving had been satis-
fied." Mr. S. knows four generations

of drunkards in one family. he spoke of
gambling: very bad. children 'who are born
drunk!'

Mr. Saberton is strong on the exportation
of

July 12th 1800.

Interview with Rev. J. H. Piton ⁴⁶
Wesleyan Church, Old Dover Road ^{Sunfields}
6.25

Mr Piton is a man of not much over 30: tall and rather good looking, with fair hair and blue eyes. He has been on this island for three years, and also holds apparently some post- at the British and Foreign Bible Society, when he saw me. He was only up from Swansea, when he is spending a holiday for a few hours, and as he was evidently very full of work I cut him rather short.

The church for which he is mainly responsible is an almost entirely working class church recruited chiefly from the group of working class streets in the Marchant's parish. It is however largely supported and apparently dominated by one wealthy family the Lamploughs, who are something in the city.

Pyretic Saline?

The present church is a small one holding only 300, but a new one is just to be built for 600, which Mr R. does not doubt will soon be filled, as the work is "growing", the prospects "very encouraging", and the people most responsive to religious effort. "The backbone of the work is that which makes the church so popular in the neighbourhood" is the Sunday School which has 5-20 children and 40 teachers. The church is full both on Sunday morning and evening, but in the morning many are children. Those who come are small tradesmen, artisans, gardeners, servants etc.

Altogether Mr R. thinks that the people of the neighbourhood are unusually "godly" and "earnest": he himself visits 300 houses a quarter (excluding the homes of those who are members of the church, or whom children attend the school), and only twice have there visited

Declined his offer to pray with them.

Apart from Mr R. there is a listless
contentment at work: and no child is
absent from Sunday School twice consecutively
without a visit being paid.

There are four Men's Bible Class meetings
in the Iron Room, but as usual they do not
feed the church.

There is a Band of Hope with about
200. No Senior Society, but once a month,
instead of the usual sermon, Mr R. has read
a chapter of "Psalms and Sermons" with
commentary.

Officially only about £12 a year
is spent in relief, and that for members
only: but privately a great deal is given by
the Lamps and others.

Open air services are held throughout the
Summer and are largely attended: conversions here

has to trace to them but from "their effect cannot be measured": Mr R. values them more for their effect on those who hold them: "to stand out openly has a wonderfully strengthening effect."

There is a good deal of competition among the churches in the neighborhood, though not on unfriendly lines: besides the Church of England the Baptists and Presbyterians are also at work here, and "when a new family comes there is rather a race for who will get them first." But there is a very cordial feeling between the two churches and united open ~~services~~ services are held. Mr Marshall is quite friendly, but "though they are quite willing to take our children, they don't like it when their children come to ~~us~~ us." Reading between the lines of what Mr Marshall and Mr Ritson respectively said I suspect that the competition for the children in this district is

unusually keen.

In spite of his somewhat opinion of the
whipping atmosphere of the district - Mr R. admitted
that newcomers from when accredited from other
Wesleyan churches, were very difficult to
secure: "they require very careful handling"
he said.

Generally the character of the neighborhood
is good: the only trouble is drink and
that - not to an alarming degree.

Rents are high and rising.

Lewisham Road Baptist Church.
Lewisham Road S.E.

This Church is now without a pastor, Mr Wearham having recently left and his successor has not been appointed.

The Chapel is a fine building seating 600 and has schoolroom and vestry.

In addition there is a small Mission in Coldbath Street, holding about 100.

The usual services are held. The Sunday school at Lewisham Road has 350 scholars and 35 teachers and that at the Mission 6 teachers + 90 children.

The church membership is 287.

King George's Hall, King George Street, Greenwich.

This is a fine building and the head quarters of a strong body of the 'Brethren'. It is reputed to be the second largest in London.

Knowing several members of the body, I wrote to one who I thought might give some information & he passed my letter to Mr Jordan, who is one of their leading men. I append

his reply as it shows the point of view from which many of the brethren regard their work. I have known

Mr Jordan for some years. He and his brother are two of the leading men of the Greenwich meeting. Both are well to do & give most of their spare time to the work at the Hall. The meeting at

Greenwich is very mixed from a social point of view. Several wealthy men living on or near Blackheath belong to it and also a considerable number of working men from East & West Greenwich. Most from West

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Greenwich however as those in East Greenwich
mostly go to Marlboro' Hall, which is an
off shoot from King George's Hall.

Tremorvah,
128, Blackheath Hill,
Greenwich, S.E.

3 July 1900.

Dear Mr. Arkell,

Mr. Bench has asked me
to reply to your kind letter of
enquiry to him of 30 June,
re the work carried on at the
Hall, King George St. Greenwich.

And whilst we would not
desire to appear to be discourteous
to you, we very much prefer
to say nothing ourselves about
the work, as not true accounts

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Greenwich
Marlboro' Hall
King George's Hall

can be given until we are before the judgment Seat of Christ, and we always make a point of never publishing statements of the work for this purpose.

With kind regards,

Yrs sincerely,

J. W. Jordan.

[Signature flourish]

