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Wandsworth Ladies' Benevolent Society.

TREASURER:
Mrs. DUNCAN MILLIGAN.

SECRETARY:
Miss HACKFORD.

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Mrs. S. H.

Wandsworth Ladies' Benevolent Society.

TREASURER:
MRS. DUNCAN MILLIGAN.

SECRETARY:
MISS HACKFORD.

COMMITTEE:

Miss HACKFORD, 14, North Street.

Mrs. J. H. C. HALL, Walden Lodge, 35, Basketville Road.

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Mrs. PIGOTT, 1, Earlsfield Road.

Miss M. L. Sharpe, Denmead, The Grove.

Mrs. SISSISON, Endsleigh, Eglantine Road.

Miss TAYLOR, St. Faith's Vicarage, North Side, Wandsworth Common.

Miss E. TAYLOR, St. Faith's Vicarage.

Mrs. THORN, 24, Earlsfield Road.

Miss A. YATES, 4, St. Ann's Park Road.

REGULATIONS.

The Visitors begin their relief to the Sick and Aged in the Parish of Wandsworth in November and continue it to the end of March. The Committee, all of whom are Visitors, meet on one Friday in every month at the Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Wandsworth, at 12 o'clock, with a written report of such cases of distress as have occurred in their respective districts. These monthly reports are read by the Secretary to the Committee, who are thus enabled to proportion their expenditure to their probable receipts.

Subscribers may have the privilege of recommending cases to the attention of Visitors, who will furnish any information respecting them which may be required.

No MONEY is in any case given to the distressed, but the Visitors either purchase or give tickets for such articles as they may find to be needful.

DISTRICTS.

- 1 Miss EVELYN TAYLOR—Alma Road.
- 2 Mrs. D. MILLIGAN—Bridgefield Grove, Jews Row, Eltringham Street, Dalby Road, Birdhurst Road.
- 3 —Ballantine Street, Warple Way, Catherine Terrace.
- 4 Miss HACKFORD—North Street, Spencer Court.
- 5 Mrs. THORN—Orchard Street, Providence Place, Ram Square, Red Lion Street.
- 6 Miss TAYLOR—Morie Street, Edgell Street, Ferrier Street.
- 7 Mrs. PIGOTT—Wardley.
- 8 Mrs. J. C. HALL—Bridgefield, Church Walk, Dale Place, Friendship Place, Warple Road.
- 9 Miss M. L. SHARPE and Miss A. YATES—Lower Grove, Borodaile Road.
- 10 Mrs. SISSON, Malva Road, Coimbra Road, Baylin Road, St. Ann's Hill.

Seventy-Sixth Report.

"I was sick, and ye visited me."

THE Committee of the Wandsworth (Ladies') Benevolent Society, in bringing out their Seventy-Sixth Report, desire to express their gratitude to the friends whose subscriptions have again enabled them to carry on their work amongst the sick and aged poor.

They have every reason to believe that this work is as needful as ever in those parishes where they visit, viz.: St. Ann's, St. Faith's, and the Wardley District. It is, therefore, with great regret, that they have again to record a reduced Subscription List; they earnestly appeal for new subscribers, and any lady of the Committee would be glad to receive their gifts. The Committee hope shortly to enlist the help of a lady for the charge of No. 3 District, which Mrs. Wade found herself unable to keep on; they were very sorry to lose their old and valued Visitor, Miss C. Bellamy; her district has been kindly taken by Miss M. L. Sharpe and Miss A. Yates.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1899.

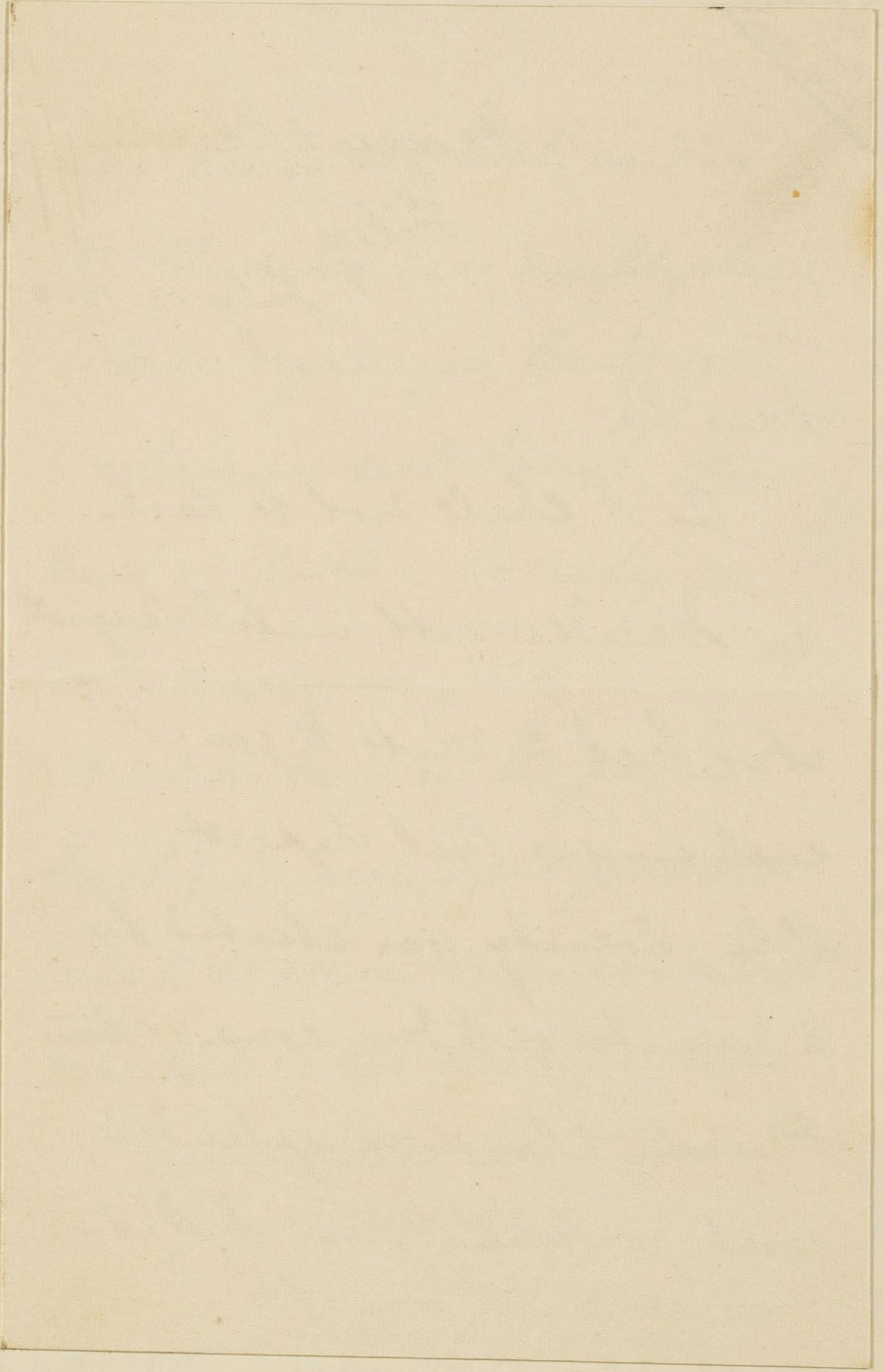
Receipts.	£ s. d.	Payments.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, 1898	10 8 11	By Cash to Visitors	16 17 11
„ Subscriptions	17 2 6	„ Printing Reports	1 0 0
„ Bank Interest	0 4 8	„ Attendant at Room	0 5 0
		Balance, April, 1899—	
		In P. O. Savings Bank	£9 11 6
		Cash in hand	0 1 8
	£27 16 1		9 13 2
			£27 16 1

Examined and found correct, 17th August, 1899,

WILLIAM E. ABEL.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to APRIL, 1899.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Abel, Mr. W. E. ... 0 5 0	Hall, Mrs. J. H. C. ... 1 0 0	Shillington, Mrs. ... 0 10 0
Attlee, Mrs. ... 1 1 0	Haydon, Mr. C. ... 0 5 0	Smith, Mrs. ... 0 2 6
	Henderson, Mrs. ... 1 0 0	Stamper, Mrs. ... 0 5 0
Bellamy, Mrs. ... 0 5 0	Hennell, Mr. ... 0 5 0	Swift, Miss ... 0 5 0
Bennett, MF ... 0 5 0	Higginson, Mrs. ... 0 5 0	
Broadley, Mrs. ... 0 10 0	Hill, Miss ... 0 5 0	Taylor, Miss ... 0 5 0
	Hoffman, Mrs. ... 0 5 0	Thorn, Mr. ... 1 0 0
Coleman, Mr. R. W. ... 0 10 0		Thorp, Mr. R. ... 1 1 0
Covell, Mr. ... 0 2 6	Jackson, Mrs. H. ... 0 5 0	Toms, Mrs. C. ... 0 5 0
Denny, Mrs. ... 0 10 0	Knight, Mr. H. ... 0 5 0	Whiffen, Mr. T. ... 0 10 0
Fenwick, Mrs. Fenwick (2 yrs.) ... 0 10 0		Winter, Mrs. ... 0 10 6
Foster, Miss Le Neve ... 0 10 0	Leach Bros., Messrs. ... 0 5 0	Wix, Mrs. ... 0 5 0
		Young & Co., Messrs. ... 1 1 0
Gabriel, Miss ... 1 0 0	Miligan, Mrs. Duncan ... 0 10 0	
Garry, Mr. ... 0 5 0		
Hackford, Miss ... 0 5 0	Pigott, Mrs. ... 0 4 0	£17 2 6
	Porter, Miss ... 0 10 0	



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1. Prospect Place
Filey
July 13. 1900.

Dear Sir,

As I shall not be back
in Handsworth until August,
it is best to write to you; I
enclose our last report.
The Society was started by
a number of ladies, some of them
Friends, & has done splendid
work for many years, but it is

now nearly defunct, and as
the Churches have multiplied,
& have organized bands of
workers in each Parish, the
need of such a Society is
not nearly so great.

It works now in the poorest &
least fully-equipped parts, &
tries to do all in conjunction with
parochial & other existing agencies.

I remain, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Mary S. Wackford

The Church Institute

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Its members

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July 16. 1900.

Interview with Mr. C. H. Baker - Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Incorporated Church Institute at Wiseton Rd., Upper Tooting S.W.

This institute was founded by Mr. Baker in 1868. Its object is the promotion of Education, Religion, Recreation.

It works generally on Church of England lines but is open to all irrespective of creed.

By its constitution no clergyman may be member of the Board of Governors: but they are members of the Committee of Science & General Classes.

It was incorporated in 1891 as a Company not for profit, so as to enable it to hold property without the trouble of having trustees.

It draws its members chiefly from Upper Tooting, Wandsworth Common.

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Number of members.

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Balham : Summer Town Rushfield : Battersea
Wandsworth & "Other parts".

The Number of men & lads in attendance in
1871 was 44 : in 1899 was 3739 : These
figures are based on a 5 yearly average.
a prodigious increase.

Increase is still going on though they
are feeling increased competition from
Church Chapel, LCC & School Board.
Just at present there are about 4000
who, divided roughly into classes, work
out at about 1000 clerks.

2000 artisan labourers.

1000 boys who have just left school

The subscription is of a year & then special
fees for each class.

Each class has as far as possible to be
self supporting. There is no general fund.

Those who cannot make both ends meet
have to ask Mr Baker's help. He then
pays out of his private pocket what is ne-
cessary. They don't like asking unless they
are.

Games.

Cricket.

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artisan & labourer.

He has found it necessary to start different cricket clubs to suit the different grades & also different rooms for the different billiard clubs. He tried to cater for all at one price but had to give it up. He now has tables in different rooms & the table payment per too up varies from 1^d to 4^d. 'If you don't provide for the different grades there is always the tendency of one to out the other.'

He has six cricket pitches of which 3 are County Council.

* Must have them near, for their greatest use is for evening practice: it is this that affects health & physique: men will go some distance willingly to play a Saturday match but they won't go far to practice.

It is distressing to think that two of their pitches will be lost by the building contemplated next year in the Magdalen College estate.

With the poor areas in Lower Tooting & Gerratt Lane touching this estate on both

Billiards.

Evening classes.

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(The College)
N. & S. corners they have a great opportunity in allowing proper space for recreation grounds. Will they take it & sacrifice present rents? Mr. Baker is going to ask them to make a donation for his cricket club.

They have 6 large tables & 4 small at the Institute. It is through this ^{the gymnasium} that he reaches the labourers. He encourages their playing - Anything to give them a wholesome way of spending their ~~time~~ leisure.

The evening classes (p 13 of Reptl) have on their books 500 boys & 260 girls.

The technical classes. 150 men & boys.

— Science — 150 — —

The evening continuation classes are free for boys but the girls have to pay. They were made free because of the completion of the School Board classes.

The most popular class is always short hand, which will draw 100 in winter.

Lectures are not popular unless with a practical bearing: eg there was an overflowing attendance at

at a course on electricity applied to motors but an empty room for a course on Astronomy. The fees for other classes exc the evening cont. school are bet 5/- + 2/6.

They have 30 to 35 teachers all paid except 2. The usual payment is 4/ or 5/- per evening. They can never afford the 2/- that the LSB gives to some of its men.

The teachers for the most part are S.B or National School teachers. You must have men now with technical knowledge of how special exams are to be prepared for. The Inst used to boast that none of its teachers were paid. But we have had to give that up!

As to Religion Mr Baker works that in where he can. The ground must be prepared first. No one must be allowed to think that the Institute is sectarian. If he sees a chance he gets a man or boy to a Sunday ^{school}. But I wd always rather see them go off on their bicycle into the country. It does them more good than to have a change of air,

Religion.

Vice

Indifference

scenery. There is more sexual immorality & personal abuse among men & boys on Sunday than on all the other days of the week. You must give them something to do & stand in the way of opportunities for loafing about.

By far the greater number attend no place of worship: nor do they say their prayers. Religious carelessness is the dominant factor. No hostility in rooting though it survives with some bitterness in the Branch of the Institute in the poor district in New Rd Battersea - (We shd see Mr Holmes about his club which is situated at the corner of Thessaly square - said Mr Baker).

"Indifference to the claims of religion has certainly increased in the last 30 years since I have known the district."

The young men ^(clerks) are for the most part sons of country people who have come to live in London. i.e. the Fathers & mothers came up to London after childhood in the country.

Gambling

The State Club.

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Gambling is the increase & impossible to stop.
Last week Mr Baker took a set of boys of 13
or 14 from the Sunday school to working for
a treat & was astonished to see ^{them} start playing
cards for pence as soon as the train started.
In the clubs dominos is the chief gambling
game more so than cards: they bet on anything
everything including billiards & cricket:
if you forbid it they simply pay up
outside the club.

The State Club. Mr Baker considers one of the greatest
features of the Institute - It has 3000 members
has been 10 years in existence - Subscription 6^d per
week per member & 8^d per quarter for
working expenses & 4^d per yr. for death payments.
Resulting in 10^d per wk sick allowance & £10
at death of wife & £15 at death of member.
Last year after paying all claims they showed
a profit of 24^d at the end of the year.
No member may join over 40 but old members
may rejoin. All young now but already
he finds objections among the bachelors to

paying for members wives: he fears there may be further objections later on from the young men who will object to pay for the old: as yet no one is old.

The best social work done by this slate club is that all visiting for sickness & clerical work is done for love. The mutual Benefit side of it has been visited on by Mrs Baker & successfully. The result being friendly relations & sense of helping one another, among the members.

The Benefit Society with subs. 2^d per wk. sick pay 8/6 & Death payment of £2 at death is not a sharing out club.

Police - fair - one of his club members told him that he turned teetotaler in order to resist the insistence of the publicans who left pots of beer on window sills & were offended if they were not accepted.

Drink - He knows two pubs in Queen's Road Baltham taking over £50 a night

Marriage - He discourages it under 25 in a man,

Police

Thrift

Prostitution

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tries to get all young unmarried men to set by £ 4/- or 5/- per week & to start married life with a balance of £25 after all formalities has been paid for. He thinks the clerical class are getting more thrifty: not so the labourer "who has got it into his head that the state must provide for his old age". He is much consulted by young ~~Protestant~~ men on their love affairs. Sometimes he introduces them. "Could you introduce me to that girl I saw in Church" is said to him & if he can manage it he does so.

Prostitution - rampant on the common - sad cases of disease resulting. He wd favour licensed houses - much more because they are curious than because they are vicious that young men go with prostitutes! Seeing ^{the} women in the street is more an encouragement than a warning - Public opinion is tending slightly towards licensed houses: "witness the great petition presented to Mr Salisbury by medical men two years ago." but it is a long way off yet.

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"I sh. not care to advocate my views in public,
church & chapel wd be so fearfully shocked!"

Mr Baker is a man between 50 & 60 - spectacles -
beard & whiskers - slight build - hair &
beard turning grey - has been 25^(?) years secy
of the Church penitentiary society -
Very glad to give any further information in
his power -
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District 39

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1899.

THE
Incorporated Church Institute

WISETON ROAD, UPPER TOOTING, S.W.

(Close to Wandsworth Common Station)

AND AT

THE PAROCHIAL ROOMS, SUMMERS TOWN,

ALSO AT

UNIV. COLL. HOUSE, NEW ROAD, BATTERSEA

FOUNDED 1868. INCORPORATED 1891.

Board of Governors:

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"Clapham Observer" Steam Printing Works, 65, High Street, Clapham.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1899.

The Governors of the Church Institute present their Annual Report.

The most prominent feature of the year is, perhaps, that the *Elementary Classes for Boys and Young Men* have been relieved of the payment of Fees.

The London School Board, having made their Evening Continuation Classes entirely free, it became a question how the Institute should act. Not without some hesitation it was decided to follow the lead of the Board, as regards the Boys' Department, though the Girls are still subject to fees. Perhaps owing to the many-sidedness of the Institute's character, its social gatherings, out-door sports, gymnasium, and its opportunities for depositing money in Slate Club, Savings Bank, &c., the fees might safely have been retained; but it was however thought best not to incur the risk. The result has been very much what has taken place in the Board School Classes. There has been a great increase in the numbers joining, but of these a larger proportion than before has quickly become either very irregular or has wholly ceased attending.

As these classes form a nucleus from which all the other branches of the Institute are fed, the easier admission is not altogether without its good fruit beyond the merely Educational point of view, which, of course, is most important, for it is plainer, year by year, that our people, considering the growth of national prosperity and influence, are most indifferently educated for the careers which are open to many of them.

Let us take one instance which will be felt worth the attention of all who may read this Report, because of the circumstances of the time, and will be particularly interesting to the friends of the Institute. There are, we believe, over seventy present or former members of the Institute engaged in the war in various regiments and corps. We are all educated enough now in the facts of campaign life to estimate the

difference it makes to their own interests, to their value to those in whose command they may be, and to the issues at stake, whether our Soldiers are mere "Absent-minded Beggars," or whether they have carried into the service those powers of self-education and those habits of self-control which membership in the Institute will have given them.

The prosperity of the Classes in both Departments during the winter of 1898-99 will be judged by the fact that the Government grants increased from £412 in 1898 to £511 in 1899, and the London County Council grant from £65 to £95. Thirteen boys earned the gold medal given for a *never missing* attendance at the classes and no fewer than 35 girls.

In the Girls' Classes, in addition to the usual elementary education, Shorthand, Type-writing, Telegraphy and Dressmaking enlisted great numbers of pupils.

Again this year at the Prizegiving the girls performed admirably, both as regards their recitation and singing, in a cleverly conceived operetta, "The Queen of the Flowers," composed, both words and music, by our friend and teacher, Mr. W. Smyth Cooper. They thus assisted to make the meeting a success. They repeated the performance at Streatham Hall during the winter.

The Sunday Bible Classes and Communicants' Societies still continue. The latter has been divided into three divisions. There were the usual Bible Class Excursions this year, viz., to Southsea, Keston and Margate. The Sunday Evening Mission Services held last winter were a decided success.

The Temperance Society has increased in numbers, more particularly in its Junior Section. The members of this also had their excursion—Ramsgate was the place visited. The Cricket and Football Clubs have flourished, but they are sadly hampered by the great difficulty of procuring suitable match grounds. Fresh Clubs have sprung into existence in connection with the Sunday Bible Classes and the Evening Classes.

Owing to the closing of the large bath at Balham last summer, the swimming clubs were sadly hindered in their work. Most of the races were held at S. John's Hill Baths, Battersea.

The Recreation Clubs continue to prosper. The members meet every Saturday night and enjoy their games in the Lower Hall and the Gymnasium. During the winter

special meetings for games and amusements were held each week. The attendance was restricted to the regular members of the Bible Classes.

We must not omit to mention that the Slate Club (senior and junior) numbered 2,700, that £1,067 was given in sick and death payments, and that £2,884 was shared out at Christmas. This useful club is still steadily increasing, more than 3,000 having joined for the new year.

There have been additions to the branches of the Institute this year in the forms of a Temperance Military Band and a Dramatic Society, which has been able to give several entertainments at the Institute and in the neighbourhood, to aid both our own funds and those of other societies.

Ambulance Classes have also been held both for members of the Institute and for adult friends.

We have alluded to the Prize-giving. It was a pleasure to have as President on the occasion the Bishop of Southwark. He gave the pupils a very amusing address, relating his Lordship's experiences as a Night School teacher many years ago. He told them they should be grateful that they had open to them such enormously better educational and recreational advantages than fell to the lot of their fathers when they were boys.

Turning now to the question of finance. We have done well this year in many ways. The Shilling Membership Fee, which we mentioned in our last Report as having been instituted in connection with all branches, except the Elementary Educational, has brought us this year £131. Our Government grants have been larger, but these are conditional on an equal expenditure on Education met by the Institute funds and special donations.

Immediately on the publication of the last Report the Bishop of Rochester wrote a most kind and encouraging letter (printed below) accompanied by the generous gift of £20. His Lordship's example was followed by other friends so that the sum of £65 was raised. This enabled us to repay to Mr. H. A. Freeman the remainder of the loan without interest which he had so kindly granted us three years ago.

Our difficulty is twofold. First, it is not easy to get into touch with many new residents; and, secondly, there are many local calls in these stirring days, connected with churches, politics, social causes, and the like. If we could reach people

more generally we should not be afraid as to our ability to win their help, for we venture to say that there are few who, so far as they could, would not be willing to assist an institution which is, perhaps, unique in the variety of its branches, which is considerably the largest of its kind in England, and which acts towards an end which so many are feeling to be the most valuable of all efforts, i.e., the prevention of evil rather than its cure. Its effort is to arrest that easy-going, idle, aimless existence which spoils so many lives and brings about so great disasters both to families and to the nation, and to lead its members to be "Men" in the best sense.

Our neighbours in the surrounding parishes will see from the Table given below to what extent they are, or might be, helping their young fellow parishioners.

We ought to say that though our Institute arose out of the Church of England, and the religious teaching is strictly in agreement therewith, all are free to partake of its benefits without question. We mention this because we have known liberal Nonconformists who have declined to help, not adequately weighing, as we think, the value of these larger areas of education and good fellowship.

C. H. BAKER,
Chairman.

Number of men and lads in attendance at the Church Institute.

	1871.	1874.	1879.	1884.	1889.	1894.	1899.
Upper Tooting ..	10	16	31	56	173	236	496
Lower Tooting ..	4	10	40	73	142	206	324
Wandsworth Common ..	12	32	63	142	196	270	552
Balham ..	3	23	102	160	187	296	578
Summerstown & Earlsfield	10	40	107	123	193	273	418
Battersea ..	1	7	48	52	63	237	422
Wandsworth ..	2	10	30	48	170	265	413
Other parts ..	2	3	15	96	105	298	536
	44	141	436	750	1229	2081	3739

Copy of Letter from the Bishop of Rochester :

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
KENNINGTON PARK, S.E.
20th May, 1899.

Dear Mr. Baker,

The reading of your Annual Report which I lately received from you has brought home to my mind what I had not realised in the same way before—that the working of your Institute not only entails continual labour upon yourself, but also throws upon you the strain of considerable financial anxiety.

I am very sorry to see this, for it is often the combination of such anxiety with work which makes a burden too great for strength.

I have not myself hitherto contributed to your work, and I should like now to offer a donation of £20 towards it.

It has occurred to me that you might be able to make this an opportunity of an Appeal to others, which would help you to wipe off the burden of debt if it did not relieve you of anxiety as to the current account in the future.

The work is so excellent in its scope and the method in which it is conducted by the voluntary devotion for Christ's sake of the spare time of men who have themselves full professional employment, is one of such special value that I cannot doubt that, if known, many would be found willing to lighten the worker's pecuniary difficulty. In case you should desire to make use of this letter, which you are quite at liberty to do, I wish to emphasise that this is written by me quite spontaneously, without any suggestion, direct or indirect, from yourself or anyone else engaged in the work.

Please accept the expression of my respect and my gratitude for all that you do for our people, and

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Ed. ROFFEN.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to the Incorporated Church Institute, Wiseton Road, Upper Tooting, the sum of £
and I direct that such legacy shall be paid exclusively out of that part of my personal estate, which by law is applicable to charitable purposes, and in priority to all other payments thereout; and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Institute shall be a sufficient discharge.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND.

From September 29th, 1898, to September 29th, 1899.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Members' Subscriptions	131 10 0	To Balance due to			
Science Classes	24 10 0	Treasurer		50 17 7	
Evening „	261 19 10	Rent		50 0 0	
Refreshments		Rates and			
(net profit)	34 3 2	Taxes	25 19 6		
Billiard Club	15 0 0	Gas and Coals,			
Benefit Society	2 0 0	etc.	28 2 9		
Library	0 10 0	Caretakers			
Gymnasium	2 2 0	& Assistants	112 12 0		
Swimming Club	2 5 0	Printing	27 16 6		
Bible Classes	3 17 10	Insurance	3 8 0		
Girls' Gymnasium		Repairs and			
Classes	13 2 9	General Main-			
	359 10 7	tenance	111 6 9		
General Subscriptions		Games, &c.	21 2 11		
and Offertory	155 1 0	Papers and			
Subscriptions from		Postages	18 6 3		
Special Appeal	65 0 0	Teas, &c.,	8 2 7		
Hire of Rooms for		Interest on			
Entertainments, &c.	28 14 0	Mortgage	26 11 8		
Special Donation			383 8 11		
towards Interest on		Final Repayment of Loan			
Mortgage	5 0 0	to H. A. Freeman, Esq.	50 0 0		
Dramatic Entertainment	1 15 0	Grant—Evening Classes	250 0 0		
Penny Association	4 1 5				
Balance due to Treasurer	33 14 6				
	£784 6 6				£784 6 6

Audited and found correct, April 18th, 1900.

W. H. WITHALL.

Evening Classes.

FROM MAY 1st 1898 TO MAY 1st, 1899.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Balance in hand	1 18 2	By Printing, &c....	30 8 0
School Fees (Girls)	42 18 2	Salaries	438 7 6
Government Grant	412 3 7	Materials	90 15 9
Grant from General		Rent	170 0 0
Maintenance Fund	250 0 0	Furniture	89 10 9
Donations—		Lighting	48 4 7
Mr. A. Buchanan	5 0 0	Rates, Taxes, and	
Mr. Elliott	0 2 6	Insurance...	31 8 8
Mr. W. F. Holmes	3 1 0	Prizes	28 14 7
Mrs. D. A. Freeman	3 0 0		
Mr. J. W. Lorden	5 0 0		
Mr. H. J. Bartlett	4 4 0		
Mr. C. Day	5 0 0		
Mr. Long	0 8 0		
Mr. Stone	0 5 0		
Mr. C. H. Baker	150 0 0		
Mr. Clive	0 6 6		
Anon.	42 0 0		
Balance	2 2 11		
	£927 9 10		£927 9 10

Audited and found correct, June 23rd, 1899.

W. SUTHERLAND.

Science, Manual, and Telegraph Classes.

FROM MAY 1st TO SEPTEMBER, 29th, 1897.

(Omitted from the previous Report.)

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Balance	0 17 9	By Prizes	3 5 0
London County Council		Telegraphic Instruments	12 10 7
Grant	30 0 0	Art Room Furniture	14 5 0
	£30 17 9	Balance	0 17 2
			£30 17 9

Audited and found correct, October 1st, 1897,

C. H. BAKER.

Science, Manual, and Telegraph Classes.

FROM SEPTEMBER 29th, 1898, TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 1899.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Members Fees—		By Balance	1 18 5
Art	3 5 0	Prizes	2 5 0
Science	13 12 6	Rent	24 10 0
Technology	14 17 6	Salaries	90 14 0
Science Grant	26 9 9	Printing and Advertising	24 12 6
Art Grant	3 14 11	Apparatus and Fittings	13 8 7
London County Council		Rates and Taxes	3 13 6
Grant	95 0 0	Insurance	1 10 0
Donation—Mr. C. H. Baker	7 10 0	Balance	1 17 8
	£164 9 8		£164 9 8

Audited and found correct, April 30th, 1900.

W. H. WITHALL.

H. B. STEPHENS.

Incorporated Accountant.

SENIOR SLATE CLUB.

To Members' Payments—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Weekly Contributions	2961 4 0		837 15 10
Death Levies	456 2 0		185 0 0
Quarterage	229 4 6		
Payment for Cards	19 3 4		
Fines	21 3 3		
Interest		3686 17 1	
Share of Benevolent Fund Balance		18 13 4	
		82 5 11	
		<u>£3787 16 4</u>	
By Sick Allowance paid to Members			49 13 1
Death Payments			2 14 0
Working Expenses—			2694 7 6
Printing		23 12 4	
Postages of Sick Pay		12 17 0	
Poundage of Postal Orders		4 12 9	
Postage of Share Out Notices		5 1 0	
Hire of Hall for Annual Meeting and Share Out		3 10 0	
Members withdrawing from the Club			18 5 11
Share Out at £1 4s. per Member			<u>£3787 16 4</u>
Balance*			

* Of this balance £11 10s. od. has been divided by the Committee between the families of three Members of the Club of 1899, who died after the close of the Club year. The remainder of the balance (£6 15s. 11d.) was handed on to the Benevolent Fund for 1900.

JUNIOR SLATE CLUB.

To Members' Payments—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Weekly Contributions	208 6 0		45 1 8
Quarterage	16 18 6		
Payment for Cards	2 16 2		1 7 0
Fines	4 6 3		0 10 0
Interest		232 6 11	
Share of Benevolent Fund Balance		5 8 4	
		<u>£237 15 3</u>	
By Sick Allowance paid to Members			1 17 0
Working Expenses—			0 5 10
Printing			190 10 9
Postage			<u>£237 15 3</u>
Members withdrawing from the Club			
Share Out at £0 12s. od. per Member			

Audited and found correct, Jan. 5th, 1900.

A. W. CRICKMAY, }
HARRY WALMSLEY, } Auditors.

List of Subscriptions to the General Fund from September 29, 1898, to September 29th, 1899.

MRS. BURNEY. (Collector)	£ s. d.	Mrs. Curtis ...	£ s. d.
Mr. Burney ...	2 2 0	Mrs. Ellershaw ...	0 10 6
Mr. Izod ...	1 1 0	Mr. J. Elyard ...	0 2 6
Captain Jessop ...	5 0 0	Mrs. J. Elyard ...	0 2 6
Mrs. Owen Williams ...	0 5 0	Mrs. D. A. Freeman ...	10 0 0
	<u>£8 8 0</u>	Mr. H. A. Freeman ...	10 0 0
		Mrs. H. A. Freeman ...	1 1 0
MRS. ATHERTON CUMMING. (Collector)	£ s. d.	Mr. J. T. Freeman ...	2 2 0
Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumming ...	0 10 6	Mrs. Garstin ...	0 2 6
Mrs. Jones ...	0 10 0	Mr. Percy J. Harding ...	0 10 9
Mr. Mackrell ...	1 1 0	Mr. Hubbard ...	0 5 0
Mr. T. H. Wyatt ...	1 1 0	Mr. King ...	0 5 0
	<u>£3 2 6</u>	Mrs. Macmillan ...	1 1 0
		P. A. F. ...	0 6 6
MRS. CUMMING. (Collector)	£ s. d.	Mrs. Rapier ...	1 1 0
Mrs. Burton ...	1 1 0	Mr. Scott ...	2 2 0
Mr. J. Burton ...	1 1 0	Messrs. Slater & Cooke ...	0 10 6
Mrs. J. Burton ...	0 10 0	Mr. Percy J. Smith ...	0 10 0
Mr. Cumming ...	1 1 0	Mr. Albert Taylor ...	1 1 0
Mrs. Dent ...	5 0 0	Miss Wilkinson ...	0 10 0
Mrs. Gabriel ...	1 1 0		<u>£36 0 0</u>
Mrs. Gassiot ...	1 1 0	MRS. F. W. LUCAS. (Collector)	£ s. d.
Dr. Hilder ...	1 1 0	Miss Baylee ...	0 2 6
Mr. Hopgood ...	1 1 0	Mrs. Bouts ...	0 10 6
	<u>£12 17 0</u>	Miss Bouts ...	0 5 0
		Mr. Boulton ...	1 1 0
MRS. D. A. FREEMAN. (Collector)	£ s. d.	Mr. Howlett ...	0 10 0
Miss Allman ...	0 5 0	Mr. Lucas ...	2 0 0
Mr. C. R. W. Attlee ...	0 5 0	Mr. E. Lucas ...	0 5 0
Mr. R. Bray ...	1 1 0	Mr. F. W. Lucas ...	1 1 0
Mrs. Caparn ...	0 10 0	Mrs. F. W. Lucas ...	0 5 0
Mr. Conquest ...	0 2 6	Miss Lucas ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Cox ...	0 5 0	Mr. Minnard ...	0 5 0
Miss Crampen ...	0 10 0	Mr. Nielsen ...	0 5 0
A. M. Box ...	0 7 6	Mr. Powell ...	1 1 0
		Mr. Simpson ...	1 0 0
		Miss Wilson ...	1 1 0
		Mr. W. H. Withall ...	1 1 0
		Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith ...	1 1 0
		Miss Wyatt ...	0 5 0
			<u>£12 4 0</u>

MRS. PULLING.
(Collector).

	£	s.	d.
Anon	0	1	0
Mr. Bailey	0	2	6
The Misses Butterfield	2	2	0
Mrs. Dell	0	5	0
Miss Dell	0	2	6
Mr. H. C. Houndle	2	2	0
Mr. Middleton	0	10	0
Mr. Mills	0	2	6
Miss Mitchell	0	5	0
Dr. Pulling	1	5	0
Mrs. Walton	1	1	0
Miss Waugh	0	5	0

MRS. WELSBY.
(Collector).

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Gingell	1	0	0
Mrs. Welsby	0	2	6
Miss Coventry	0	5	0
Mr. E. Coventry	1	1	0
Mr. T. P. Gaskell	0	10	6
Mr. F. Sladen Harrison	1	0	0
Miss Lee	0	5	0
Mr. T. Ravenhill	0	10	0
Mr. E. G. Thorne	1	1	0
Miss White	0	10	0
Mr. Henry Whiting	1	1	0
Mr. Winder	0	10	6

PER MR. BAKER.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Atkins	0	10	6
Anon	0	5	0
Miss Acworth	1	1	0
Miss Baker	0	5	0
Mr. W. Baldwin	1	1	0
Mr. F. A. Barraud	1	0	0
Mr. Berry	0	10	0
Mr. A. Black	0	10	0
Mr. Bartlett	1	1	0
Rev. E. P. Baverstock	0	10	6
Dr. Birkett	1	1	0
Mr. A. Buchanan	2	2	0
Mr. W. E. Buchanan	2	2	0
Mr. F. Barratt	0	5	0
Rev. G. C. Campbell	1	1	0
Mr. H. C. Chandler	0	10	6
Mr. Coxhead	0	10	0
Mr. E. T. Creasy	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. A. W. Crickmay	10	0	0
Mr. C. Crickmay	1	0	0
Mr. C. Day	5	0	0
Mr. Evans	1	1	0
Mr. Ennis	1	1	0
Mr. H. S. Fielder	2	8	0
Mrs. Giraud	0	10	6
Mr. Gurney	1	1	0
Rev. J. E. Hall	1	1	0
Mr. Hedson	0	5	0
Mr. W. F. Holmes	1	1	0
Mr. J. A. Iles	1	1	0
Colonel Jervoise	0	10	0
W. L.	1	0	0
Mr. Millington	1	1	0
Mrs. Phelps	1	1	0
Colonel Parr	1	1	0
Mr. Pierce	0	5	0
Mr. Pickering	0	2	6
Mr. J. T. Saunders	2	2	0
Mr. R. J. Shirley	0	2	6
Mr. N. A. Shirley	0	2	6
Mr. F. Stone	0	5	0
Mr. Stark	1	1	0
Mr. H. F. Thompson	1	6	0
Mr. Twilley	1	0	0
Bhd. of S. Martin	1	1	0
Mr. Walden	0	2	6

SUMMARY—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Burney	8	8	0
Mrs. Cumming	12	17	0
Mrs. A. Cumming	3	2	6
Mrs. Freeman	36	0	0
Mrs. Lucas	12	4	0
Mrs. Pulling	8	3	6
Mrs. Welsby	7	16	6
Per Mr. Baker	52	19	0
Offertories—St. Mary's,			
Balham	10	10	6
„ Harlech	3	0	0

SPECIAL FUND—

	£	s.	d.
Bishop of Rochester	20	0	0
Sir F. Wigan	25	0	0
Surg -Gen Codrington	5	0	0
J. Mackrell, Esq.	10	0	0
J. Hart, Esq.	5	0	0

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(3,000 Members).

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Meath (twice), Earl Nelson (twice), Lord Chelmsford (twice), Sir J. Trevor
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The Governors will be glad to afford full information upon any matter connected
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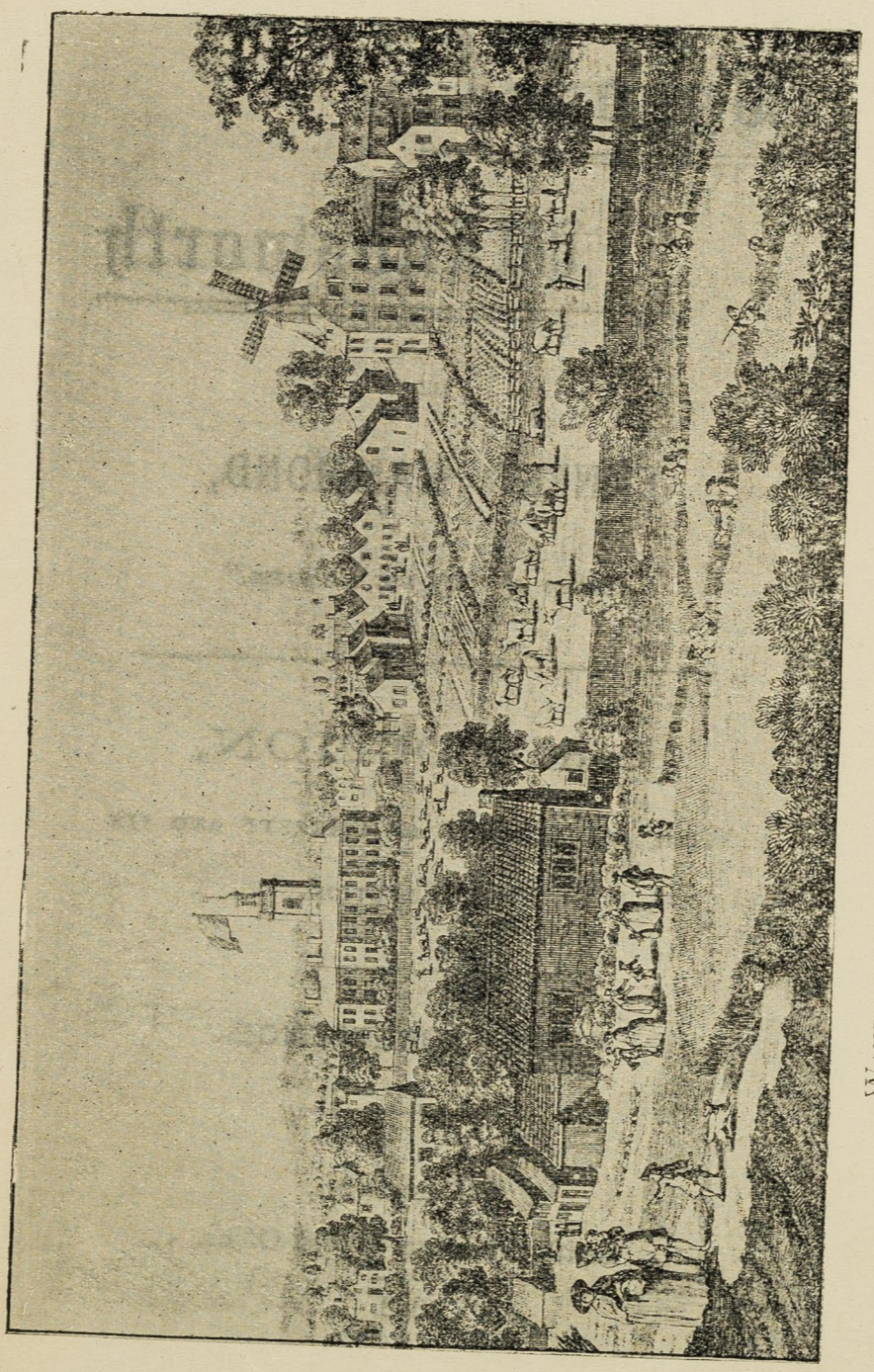
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WANDSWORTH, ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF LAST CENTURY.

BY-GONE WANDSWORTH.

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CHAPTER I.

WANDSWORTH, A CELTIC, ROMAN AND SAXON SETTLEMENT.

WANDSWORTH, in spite of the generally prevalent Londonizing tendency, which is fast depriving our picturesque suburbs of their rural and old English elements, has many old houses, quiet peeps and historic spots, many associations and events connected with its past, which render a consideration of my subject interesting in the extreme. Owing, perhaps, to the fact that the railway does not enter the old town, it has not entirely lost its individual appearance, and, though it is within the County of London, it has not wholly become merged in that vast expanse of brick, stone, and mortar, known by the all-embracing name of "Greater London." The town itself stands on a site as ancient as that of which any of our great historical cities can boast. Here man has settled from the earliest times. On the sides of St. Anne's Hill implements made of roughly chipped stone have been discovered, showing that the palæolithic man, or the first man who inhabited our island home, had a settlement here; while in the lower parts of the town nearer the river, other implements have been found, likewise of stone, but of better workmanship, showing that a later race—the neolithic—also established themselves here. These early settlers lived in the obscurity of a very distant past, and of them no written history remains. From this early time down to the present day, Wandsworth has seen development upon development until the small settlement of our pre-historic forefathers has become a town of 55,000 inhabitants, with many prospering industries, and fine public buildings. A necessarily hasty glance through these centuries of growth and development may prove interesting, and be a fitting opening to an account of "By-gone Wandsworth."

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Wandsworth, in Celtic times, consisted probably of a few rude huts, clustered together for trade purposes at the spot where the old track from London to the early British encampment on Wimbledon Common, crossed the Wandle. These huts would be rudely formed of wood, and thatched with reeds. The mode of living of these early settlers would be extremely primitive, and in habits they were semi-barbaric. The Roman influence would affect this little community in no great particular, though it would tend to raise their standard of comfort generally. By Saxon times, this little river-side village would be in a fair state of agricultural prosperity, and it was during this period that the land here was divided into four manors, or four agricultural districts of land, each with the hall of its lord occupying the centre of the home-stead, round which were to be found the huts of his dependants. These four manors were called "All-farthing," "Down," "Dunsfold," and "Wandsworth," and those who know the parish, will readily be able to connect these old manorial names with some place, road, or house in the neighbourhood. Now these four manors are at least 1,000 years old, while they may be, and probably are, many centuries older still. Grant Allen tells us that "upon these manors the butter and cheese, bread and bacon, were produced, the corn was ground, the beer was brewed, and the honey collected by the family. The spinner and weaver, the shoemaker, smith, and carpenter, were all parts of the household." The lord had his own law-court, in which the disputes and domestic matters of his manor were settled, and the proceedings were entered on parchments termed "Manorial Court Rolls," and the present owner of these four manors has in his possession to-day many of these highly interesting records of the early manorial life of our parish.

Some interesting particulars of the land here are found in the Domesday Book. It appears that Edward the Confessor held Wandsworth, and let it out to seven tenants called socmen. These were freemen, for we are told that "they could go where they would." At this time there were thirty-seven men in the parish, of all grades of social position, from slaves to freemen, and making

allowance for wives, and children too young to work in the fields, we may put the population down at a little over one hundred souls. There were then about 1,300 acres in the parish, of which only 400 were under cultivation, and we may presume that the other 900 acres were either common-land or woodlands, where the villagers turned out their pigs and cattle to feed. But the growth of population, higher civilization, and increasing wants of society generally, gradually tended to raise the importance of the small Wandsworth village community, and the forces which acted thus for the betterment of the village, had the opposite effect on the little manorial communities, until the 12th and 13th centuries saw the complete downfall of this early system, and the now important Wandsworth step into its place. But still until the days of Queen Elizabeth, we must consider Wandsworth in the light of an agricultural village, though on the banks of the Wandle many mills existed, and amongst the inhabitants a large proportion of craftsmen would be found, while each household had the requisite skill for supplying the main articles of clothing and of domestic use. But the change from the old mediæval and rural village life of Wandsworth into a modern society and a new order of things, was not the work of a day, but the growth of many years, arising out of new conditions and wants of society. The reign of Elizabeth may be taken as the period when it was in its transitional state, and the change was brought about here in Wandsworth, by the influx about this time of a large number of skilled artizans from the continent. They brought their manufactures with them, and though they met with a great deal of opposition from the jealousy of native workmen, Wandsworth has since been able to recall very many benefits derived from them. It was the policy of Elizabeth and succeeding monarchs to favour these refugees, and they were granted special privileges, and an Act passed for their naturalization. They were marked by tastes and interests in which the English workman scarcely shared, and their influence generally was so great that we cannot really tell to what extent Wandsworth has been benefited by them. But the inventions and machinery of the present day have

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done much to put different peoples on a level, and the skill of these Continental workmen or Huguenots has not in the end enabled them to compete with these all important factors, so much so that during the last century their manufactures have been discontinued one by one, until the Huguenot industries at Wandsworth have today almost ceased to exist, giving place to those of a more recent growth. Still from the time of the coming of these Huguenots, over 300 years ago, until the present century, we must look upon the two great interests of agriculture and manufacture striving for the upper hand, with the ultimate result of which we are all well acquainted.

CHAPTER II.

THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY VILLAGE.

THE town itself may be considered picturesque, and standing on East-hill and looking towards Wimbledon a fine, though confined, view is obtained. But many tall and modern houses rob Wandsworth of its chief pride—its beautiful peeps of the valleys, hills, and town, which in by-gone days rendered it so famous. Writers at the commencement of this century, tell us that the West-hill was noted for its fine view of the Thames and surrounding country. Still, if we wish to see Wandsworth and its neighbourhood, at the time when it to a great extent preserved its old English rural aspect with all its old world charm, we must go back even two centuries earlier. Standing then on the summit of East-hill, and regarding the village in the light of the closing years of the sixteenth century, we should notice that the slope of the hill on which we were standing, and the West-hill on the other side of the valley were covered with fields, and from their hill-side situation we should judge the agriculture to be in a very flourishing condition. In the lower parts of the valley, on either side of the stream, were well-watered meadows, and many a

fine herd of Wandsworth cattle would be turned out to graze on its green grass. Here and there, to render the rural scene complete, a well-appointed farmstead, barn, or cattle-shed would catch the eye. In fact, let the eye wander where it would, there were no confining lines of monotonous brick to intercept the view, but the vision wandered freely among pleasant meadows, orchards, and woods.

The High-street in those days, graced by the lordly houses of City merchants, and the picturesque cottages of its own people, sheltered by many tall trees, descends the steep side of the hill, gradually widening on nearing the stream, which it here fords, for it was not till a few years later that "Good Queen Bess" built the first bridge at her own expense. The road then rises and ascends somewhat steeply the West Hill opposite, and, crossing Putney Heath, is lost sight of in passing over the hill on the common. Near here was a famous windmill, not removed till some years later into the town. We are told it stood out as a landmark for many miles round. Not far out of the village, and on the slope of the West Hill, the village butts caught the eye, and reminded us of the old law, whereby every inhabitant under the penalty of being fined 1d., had to shoot every feast day at the village butts with a bow as tall as himself. From the top of East-hill a fine view of the Thames was obtained, the river passing within about half a mile on the right, and winding in and out until it was lost sight of a mile or two lower down. Along the banks were many fine houses—gardens and fields stretching between them and the hill upon which we stand. A little way up the river could be seen Putney and Fulham, Putney on the one side somewhat hidden under the hill, with its old water-side church, and round it clustered, as if afraid to stray far from its shade, a number of houses; while on the opposite side Fulham, with its lordly bishop's palace and parish church, presented a beautiful picture. Further over, Harrow on the Hill could be seen, while if the day were clear, the Round Tower at Windsor could be dimly made out. To the right Hampstead and Highgate were in sight, while to the extreme left the little village of Tooting could be

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descried, and a keen observer could see between the trees a winding lane, known as Garrett lane, which connected Tooting with Wandsworth. About midway the hamlet of Garrett and a famous old Elizabethan mansion, known as "The Garrett," was situated. In fact the panoramic view obtained from the hill was beautiful in the extreme. The Wandle from the East-hill at the time of which I am speaking, looked quite charming. The tall elms and willows which abounded along its banks, shading it from the hot rays of the sun, had no doubt a great deal to do with the "fishful" qualities of which famous old Isaac Walton speaks. Its waters were then unpolluted, and its banks undisfigured by the factories of a later day, the outcome of the manufacturing activity shewn by the religious refugees who settled here. Often in the summer days had the Wandsworth boys bathed in its pure waters, often thrown the line and drawn out its speckled trout, while often the girls and older folks wandered along its banks in the quiet and cool of the evening, after the day's toil. The village itself at our feet must have looked beautiful. In the centre, rising above the trees, could be seen the church spire (for in those days the old church had a leaden steeple), ever pointed upwards, and bidding the people by its silent voice to lift their hearts to Heaven. Around it the chief part of the village had sprung up. Descending the hill to examine the village more closely, we should be struck by the houses built of stout old oak rafters, filled in with brick and stucco work, while their low thatched roofs, projecting upper stories, and lattice windows, looked exceedingly quaint. Those facing the main street would have hung out curious signboards, emblazoned with their occupiers' name and trade, for it is a comparatively modern idea to number our houses, and in the olden times the signboard answered the purpose of the number. Many old-fashioned inns would be seen where the coaches put up. Turning down by the church, we soon reach the water-side. Here we find another part of the village on the banks of the Thames. A ferry boat lies moored at the water-side, and the few residents are engaged mainly in river-side occupation. All around the village, along the valley, and on the neighbouring

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hills, nothing but open country meets the eye, the whole presenting such a rural and old English aspect as, in these days of brick and mortar, progress and development, it is very difficult to picture.

CHAPTER III.

THE ARTS AND INDUSTRIES.

THE rise and progress of the industries of Wandsworth is an extremely interesting subject. The town owes her manufacturing importance almost entirely to two factors—the Huguenots and the River Wandle. Both have played an equally important part in the commercial prosperity of this place, and without either, Wandsworth would never have risen above its agricultural interests, nor be the town we find it to-day. From the time of the first settlement of those Protestant Refugees, who fled their native country, home, and kindred for conscience sake, over 300 years ago, the manufactures here have been prosperous and increasing. Though perhaps the revolutionizing of trade during the last century has put an end to some of the monopolies and secret manufactures which existed here, still, there can be no doubt that the Wandsworth industries of to-day are as flourishing as ever. This first settlement just mentioned was Flemish, and took place in 1573, and here on the banks of the Wandle they practised many of those industrial arts (unknown almost to the English) for which their country was famous, and Wandsworth prospered thereby. Aubrey writing a century later and speaking of this settlement, tells us that here "there was a manufacture of brass-plates for kettles, frying pans, &c., by Dutchmen, who kept it a mystery." The houses in which they practised their art were called "Frying Pan Houses," and a creek in the town, still bearing the name "Frying Pan," would seem to mark where these houses stood. This manufacture ceased probably before the end of last century, for, unfortunately for them, the secrets and

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mysteries of the 16th and 17th centuries are secrets no more; and this fact no doubt the "Dutchmen" learned to the ruination of their business.

The next settlement occurred about a century later, in the year 1685. These were Frenchmen, and the persecution of the French Protestants which followed the "Revocation of the Edict of Nantes," led them to forsake their native land and find a home elsewhere. This they found England, while a colony of them settled in Wandsworth. They enlarged the chapel built by their Flemish predecessors, and until the close of the last century the service was conducted in French. These refugees followed the occupation of dyeing, hat making, silk and calico printing, &c. These imported industries were secrets in the strictest sense of the word. They were, we may presume, kept as far as possible in the family of their Huguenot founder, and where necessary to get help and workmen from the outside, these workmen would, in all probability, be bound by such strong ties to their Huguenot employer as to feel themselves bound upon honour and perhaps even oath, not to reveal the secrets of their particular trade. And I think it quite probable that during the late 16th and early 17th centuries, there existed amongst these French Protestant families, associations much akin to the "craft guilds" found in the early town-life of London, Winchester, &c. But whether this were so or not, we know that the existence of trade mysteries here was doomed to a short duration, for it is patent to all that trade under these circumstances could not exist so for long. One of these trade secrets brought over by them was that of a special scarlet dye. Their dyeing grounds were situated not far from the bridge, and were in good working order at the commencement of this century, when a very considerable trade in scarlet cloth was carried on with the East India Company. They were also experienced hatters, and the following curious fact in connection with this trade, has been ascertained from a German source. It appears that for about 80 years the French refugee Protestants of Wandsworth made—of all things—the red hats worn by the Cardinals of the Holy Church, the Anti-Romanistic beliefs of these Wandsworth hatters, in the furtherance of which they

had sacrificed so much, not even standing in the way of business. The hats manufactured here were of a high class, and had a world-wide reputation, so much so, that a "Wandsworth Hat" was on sale in all the great Continental cities, and the name itself was sufficient guarantee of its quality, style, and fashion. This manufacture, though revived by the Huguenots, was carried on in Wandsworth long before their time, for a document of 1376, in the archives of the City of London, states that the "Hurers" or hatters of the City of London were wont to full their caps in the mills at Wandsworth. It may be interesting, yet disappointingly so, to know that the trade has only lately been discontinued. Another industry the Huguenots brought with them was that of Silk Printing, or printing designs on silk, this being still carried on near Garrett. It is said that some of the original wood blocks, in use over 200 years ago in their silk works, are still in existence, being used to support the roof of a shed near the Wandle, while two or three are in the Wandsworth Library. Calico Printing was also introduced by the Frenchmen. There were, years ago, a large number of these calico grounds in the district, and the manufacture has only lately been abandoned. A patent was granted as far back as 1719, No. 400, to a Wandsworth firm, and amongst other things, their colours were warranted not to wash out. The manufacture here of a rough kind of cloth called Kerseymere, dates back in all probability long before the Huguenots' time. It belongs to the class of old English domestic industries, and recalls to our mind the time in the Middle Ages, when the cloth was made and dyed at home, and the weaving was done for the household by the wife and children. Another of Wandsworth's renowned manufactures which has also the characteristic of being unique, is that of seamless bolting cloth, carried on by the old established firm of Messrs. Blackmore and Co., The Plain, Wandsworth. This is a seamless cylindrical cloth, made for sifting meal. At the commencement of the present century, in addition to the manufactures just described, there were large iron mills off the Garrett-lane, and a road close by is still called "Iron Mill Place." Messrs. McMurray's Royal Paper Mills now occupy the site. Linseed oil

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and white lead mills, vinegar works and considerable distilleries were also thriving here, while we read that 20 acres of land were planted with rose-trees, for the distillery of Mr. Rigge, a perfumer. At this time there were computed to be employed in the industries here, over 500 hands, while in the calico printing grounds of one man alone, about 250 earned their daily bread. Were it possible to walk along the banks of the Wandle to-day through the town, in the place of the manufactures just described, which have a certain amount of historical interest, you find industries of a later growth, such as paper mills, firework sheds, colour factories, breweries, flour mills, gasworks, flock mills, and many others, all employing a large amount of labour, and doing their share in making Wandsworth a thriving town of many manufactures.

CHAPTER IV.

THE PARISH CHURCH AND ITS RECORDS.

THE Parish Church of Wandsworth is a modern structure, the greater part being re-built in 1780, at a cost of £3,500. It is dedicated to "All Saints,"—built of brick, and neither the interior nor the exterior has any claim on us for beauty. The old church was probably built in late Norman times, and it is not generally known that the old tower is still standing, concealed by a casing of modern brickwork. In the belfry the old masonry is plainly visible, while in one of the corners the remains of an old angle turret may be seen. There are many fine monuments in the church, saved out of the old building, and chief amongst these must be placed that sacred to the memory of Mr. Alderman Smith, commonly called "Dog Smith." He was a native of Wandsworth, and rose from great poverty to the possession of great wealth. He died in 1627—was one of the greatest philanthropists of the day, and owing to his widespread benefactions his memory is hardly likely to die out. He left large sums of money to Wandsworth and other places, including an item of £1,000 to purchase land in perpetuity,

to redeem poor captives and prisoners from Turkish tyranny. Another fine monument is that to Susannah Powell, the wife of a yeoman, who died here in 1630. She bequeathed by her will—"Unto 24 poore widows of this towne of Wandsworth for ever, four pence in bread and four pence in money to be distributed every Lord's Day, 12 on one Sabbath and 12 on another, for ever at the North Doore of the Church of Wandsworth." "Also 40 shillings every year to put forth a poore man's child an apprentice." She also gave per annum £5 "to the poore householders of Wandsworth" towards payment of their rent, and after presenting the church with some communion plate, left £20 to "release poore prisoners on the day of her burial." Amongst many other monuments in the church there is a handsome one erected to the memory of the Broderick family, who for many generations were resident in Wandsworth. There is one brass of some antiquity in the church, bearing the date 1420, and from its wore and mutilated inscription we learn that it belonged to a certain Nicholas, serjeant-at-arms to Henry V. This brass has an archæological peculiarity, which renders it specially interesting. The churchwardens' accounts are kept under the care of Mr. Cecil T. Davis at the Wandsworth Public Library. They are in good preservation, commencing in pre-reformation times in 1545, and but for a few years wanting, are complete. In these records is contained a vast amount of interesting matter relating to the past history of Wandsworth, so vast that no one has attempted to transcribe the whole of its pages, but writers on the antiquities of the parish have satisfied themselves with picking out a passage or fact here and there. Numerous entries for burying paupers, repairing the church roof, and decorating the altar are met with, while until the early years of this century we find payments for the destruction of hedgehogs, weasels, and other vermin. Another item is the payment for repairing the parish umbrella. This was the umbrella used for the purpose of sheltering the parson in wet weather while reading the burial service beside the grave. We find that in 1545 kine were kept by the church, and were let out to the inhabitants on hire, under securities. From the item in

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in 1657, "Pd to Thomas King for making a bridge at the East Side of the Parish Church Yard," we are reminded of the open brook which flowed by the side of the Churchyard wall. This stream was uncovered in the recollection of some of the old inhabitants of Wandsworth. It left the Wandle near the bridge, flowed down by the High-street, crossed over the road near the Memorial Hall, and then flowed by the side of the church wall, crossed the Plain and joined the Wandle again near the Creek. It was simply an overflow for the Wandle, and as such remains to-day, bricked under the roadway. An item of "6s. for taking down and sawing the May-pole," speaks of a typical old English festivity. In 1619 is an item of "12 pence for ringing the bells the day that our King and the King of Denmark came through the town." The following entry will excite pardonable compassion, "1630, given by consent to a poor minister who preached in our church, 2s. 6d.

The plague appears to have made deadly havoc in Wandsworth, for in 1603 over 100 deaths from it are recorded, while in 1665 as many as 245 fell before this disease. Many entries appear in the Churchwardens' accounts, relating to the establishment of a pest house, and pits were dug on both the hills. East Putney Station is built on that at the West-hill. A round sunken hole, like a pond, previously marked the spot. The pit on the East-hill was dug behind the Fishmongers' Company Alms-houses. But although the scourge of London did not spare Wandsworth this time, the registers contain many instances of longevity, for Alice Palladaye, who died in 1622, lived to be 114 years old, while two other instances appear of over a hundred having been reached.

CHAPTER V.

NONCONFORMITY.

WANDSWORTH has a peculiar interest and claims upon Nonconformists, for it was here that probably the first regular "house of prayer" for Protestant Dissenters in England was established. We read

that in 1572 some of the leading Puritans met at Wandsworth to band themselves together as men who were determined to worship God in sincerity and truth. A Mr. Bancroft in his book, published in 1593, speaking in contempt of them, says: "Ridiculous men, and bewitched as though Christ's kingdom was nowhere to be found but where a half-a-dozen artizans, shoemakers, tailors and tinkers, with their reader and preacher (eight or nine cherubim forsooth) do rule the whole parish." But he was prejudiced, for these sixteenth century Presbyterians were fine and noble Christians, and to them we owe not only the first Nonconformist place in Wandsworth, but the first in the whole of England. Their rules and regulations were styled the "Orders of Wandsworth," and they built for their worship the old chapel, until lately opposite the parish church. This building was also used by the Huguenots, but owing to the fact that they were not allowed to take their children to chapel with them, the cause fell through after the second generation. It was afterwards used by the Independents, the Church of England, and the Congregationalists, while for some years it was desecrated by being turned into a storehouse for builders' materials. The old chapel, after many vicissitudes, was pronounced past repair in 1882, and consequently the fine old building, sacred to the worship of God for over 300 years, and hallowed by the sweet memories and brave examples of many a Christian life, had to be pulled down. The "Memorial Mission Hall" is built on the spot, and a tablet near the door perpetuates the memory of the early Puritans. For a fuller and more perfect account of this subject I would refer the reader to a pamphlet entitled, "Past Days should Speak," by the Rev. John Park. Amongst Wandsworth's famous preachers may be mentioned George Fox, Rowland Hill, and John Wesley. The latter often preached in the Methodist Chapel, and here baptised the first heathen convert brought over from the West Indies. Wesley appears to have been very much disheartened at the indifference of the inhabitants as to religious matters, and in 1790, shortly before his death, he wrote: "I preached once more at poor Wandsworth. The house was more

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crowded than it had been for several years, and I could not but hope that God will once more build up the waste places.

CHAPTER VI.

OLD HOUSES, PAST AND PRESENT.

WANDSWORTH, many years ago, could boast of many fine old houses, and we cannot too much regret that so few should be spared to see the light of the present day. To such an extent have demolition and re-building gone on, that it is only here and there we can find a really quaint-looking house, or building, with any claim to antiquity. Still, many of the houses in the High-street, in spite of their cemented and plastered fronts, viewed from the back have an interesting appearance—their high-pitched roofs, red tiling, old-fashioned windows and outstanding chimneys, forming a great contrast to the ugly modernised fronts, often disfigured by an advertisement. Numerous passages shoot off on either side of the High-street, and lend to picturesque rows of cottages, running at all angles with the main road; their small flower garden in front and larger kitchen garden behind, with the pigstye and poultry shed at the lower end—all forming a pleasing picture of rural life. Turning from the busy High-street up one of these passages, one could almost fancy themselves in the street of some little country village, far from the bustle of busy Wandsworth and the smoke of our great metropolis. On the site of the present police-station on West-hill, stood a quaint old house, known as the Sword House. It obtained its name from a large number of swords or claymores captured at Culloden, arranged on the walls facing the High-street. These claymores we are told, were wrenched off, one by one, by the wayfarers passing towards Kingston and the South, until they all disappeared. Tradition relates that the house was frequented by Charles II. when on hunting expeditions in the neighbourhood. A painting of the house can be seen

in the collection of local views at the Public Library. Another famous house stood formerly behind the church, and can be seen in the old prints of Wandsworth. It is said that Mistress Shore resided here. Manning and Bray, writing about a century ago, tell us that the house belonged to Earl Spencer, was partly pulled down, part used as an armoury, and parts were inhabited by poor people. The armoury has long since vanished, but its name survives in Armoury-yard close by. The armoury belonged to the Wandsworth Volunteers, whose colours, for many a year stowed away in the the old church tower, have at last found a resting place in the Public Library. These volunteers banded themselves together in 1745 to resist the rebellion of the Pretender, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, and again at the critical time of the French Revolution, manifesting the spirit and loyalty of the inhabitants to a marked degree. Between the railway-station and the Thames stood a fine picturesque old house, called "Jew's House," and close by we still find the Jews-row, containing many old houses. A small house near, called "Cedars Cottage" (Cedars Cottage is so cemented and disfigured, that we would never recognise it as an old house), Charles Dibdin, the dramatist and song writer, is said to have resided for a short time. Tradition says that he wrote his operetta "The Waterman" at the Waterman's Arms, situated a few yards off. In South-street there are a few ancient cottages, while attached to Messrs. Pimm's Flour Mills in a private house occupied by Mrs. Pimm, is some oak carving of good style. In one of the panelled rooms is a beautifully carved fireplace, probably dating from the time of Charles I. The house itself is rather interesting, the back part being the older, is of early 17th century work. Some very interesting Dutch-tile can be seen here, which may be attributed to the early Dutch settlers. A little beyond this, and on the other side of the road, the oldest house remaining in Wandsworth is situated. It is known as "Albert House." The upper storey, which projects on all four sides some distance, is supported by four carved oak corner brackets, bearing the date 1620, and the

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initials DIC. The house appears to be in a tumble-down condition, and the plaster which disfigures the front is falling away. The interior is exceedingly disappointing, being devoid of anything in the form of old woodwork one would expect to find in a house of this date. In the High Street, near the church, is a really quaint-looking, brick-built house, dating from the middle of the 17th century. On Wandsworth Plain, facing the church, there is a fine row of early Georgian houses, known as Church View. They are in good preservation, and lend a charm to this part of the town. On the wall of the middle one, facing the road, is an old sun dial bearing the date 1723.

Another spot rich in buildings and memories is East Hill, round about the Huguenot Cemetery. The land occupied by this cemetery and the Board of Works adjacent, was for centuries open land, while that portion occupied by the Board of Works was unenclosed at the middle of this century. It was about this time that the pond just in front, situated at the junction of the two roads, was filled in, being described as a "menace to health as well as useless." The cemetery itself is rich in historic associations, for on its tombstones are found the names of the greater part of the Huguenots who settled here. Passing along the road, one cannot but be struck by the quietude reigning about this beautiful spot. Mr Kershaw, in his highly interesting volume on the "Protestants from France in their English Homes" says, "This quiet resting place is indeed one of those hallowed spots of London, and in visiting it we recall the lines of the poet Webster:

*I do love these ancient ruins!
We never tread upon them, but we set
Our foot upon some reverend history."*

Close by are several old houses, while that next to the cemetery is exceedingly beautiful. But of all Wandsworth's old houses, whether past or present, the most beautiful and interesting by far was that known as Wandsworth Manor House, situated on East Hill. Lying back some distance from the road in its own beautiful grounds, unpenetrated by the din and bustle of

the passing traffic, until quite recently was to be found this famous old mansion. Screened by many a stately elm, it was indeed fair to look upon in its beautifully sequestered position. The view obtained from the roadway evidenced its fine proportions and architectural beauties, and the contrast between its old red brickwork, and the verdant foliage which surrounded it, was pleasing and impressive in the extreme. A noble building of three stories, its proportions were in perfect harmony, the doorway being surmounted by a noble portico. In the pediment above was a most interesting monogram. This was made up of ten letters E.G.I.T.A.H.N.P.R.K., which being repeated when necessary, form the names of the builders of the house, viz.; Peter and Katherine Paggen. The monogram bears the date 1707, and Peter Paggen, who was a Huguenot of Dutch extraction, died there in 1720, while Katherine, his wife, survived him only four years. Both were buried in Mount Nod close by, and their tombstone can be there seen to-day. Tradition says that the house was built by Wren, and decorated by the famous Grinling Gibbons, to the taste of Charles II—that it was presented by this king to his niece, Anne of York, and that she lived here for eighteen years. It was commonly reported in confirmation of this, that the monogram just described was a royal cypher of Charles. It is only quite recently that this has been shown by Mr C. R. B. Barrett to be mythical, and the true reading of the monogram pointed out. Diligent search has failed to find any record of Queen Anne in connection with Wandsworth. She does not appear even to have passed through the village. On entering, the visitor would be struck by the fine and imposing entrance-hall. This was panelled throughout, and at the foot of the grand stairs was an exceedingly beautiful screen, elaborately carved, while the decorated columns and curves of the arches were exquisite. The staircase was very imposing—on each side and on the ceiling were painted allegorical scenes. The balusters were very fine, in fact, all over the house were to be found excellent examples of early 18th century work: here panelling, and

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there dado work. In one room, called "Queen Anne's Boudoir," there was a fine painting on the ceiling of that Queen receiving a sealed letter, and in the corner was an oval containing the same monogram as on the gable outside. Indeed, Wandsworth Manor House was replete with interest, and if the inhabitants of the neighbourhood had only been alive to its artistic and historic worth, it might never have given place to modern shops and houses which now cover the site. The two houses opposite, known as "The Gables," are very picturesque and of some antiquity, and it has been stated that Queen Elizabeth resided in one of them for a short time. But this statement is open to very grave doubts, though it is certain that Elizabeth passed through Wandsworth on more than one occasion. The bridge which crosses the Wandle at the High Street, was built, as the date of the stone work tells us, in 1820. It took the place of a wooden structure, erected by Elizabeth in 1602. This spot for a long time had the uncomplimentary name of "The Sink of the County." In old coaching days Wandsworth was noted for its inns, and at least two remaining to-day deserve attention. They are "The French Horn and Half Moon" on East Hill, a sign I believe now peculiar to Wandsworth, and savours much of the French Settlers here, and the "Old Bull" near the bridge, which is the oldest inn in the town, and looks very picturesque nestled by the side of the bridge.

CHAPTER VII.

WANDSWORTH'S FAMOUS NAMES AND HISTORIC INCIDENTS.

THE names of many famous men are connected with that of Wandsworth. Voltaire, when banished from his beloved France, resided here for a time. Charles

Dibdin, we have already mentioned. Jacob Bell, M.P., founder of the Pharmaceutical Society, lived at the Clock House, West-hill, now pulled down. George Eliot, whose popular novels are well known to all, was also a resident here. Amongst Wandsworth's famous landowners of olden time, may be included the names of Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and Thomas Cromwell, the latter marrying an Elizabeth Wykes, of Mount Pleasant, Wandsworth, a girl by whom he had formerly been jilted. Wandsworth is rich in historic incidents. Situated on the high road to the old Royal Palace of Sheen, it often witnessed the passage of Royalty. In 1388, Richard II and his Queen, passed through the town, and here met a large body of the citizens of London. Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth also visited Wandsworth, it is said, many times, while Cardinal Wolsey in 1516 here met the ambassador from the Emperor's Court. One of the Vicars of Wandsworth, named John Griffith, with his chaplain and servant, were hung, drawn, and quartered in 1540, at Camberwell, in all probability for denying the supremacy of the king. He is said to have left his curse on all things ecclesiastical connected with the parish. Wandsworth in days gone by was a noted haunt of smugglers. Their goods were secretly landed at the mouth of the Wandle, now called "Wandsworth Cut," while a white house on East-hill, still standing, is pointed out as a once favourite halting place for these highwaymen and thieves, amongst others named, being the famous Jack Sheppard.

CHAPTER VIII.

OPEN SPACES.

IN times gone by Wandsworth could claim six open spaces, viz. : three commons and three common fields. The three commons were East-common, now called Wandsworth-common; West-common, now Putney-

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heath; and Garrett-green. The three common-fields were Bridge, North and South-fields. Very happily when the parish was divided into wards, the erstwhile rural nature of the district was remembered, and the wards were named after the *fields*—Northfield, Southfield, Bridgefield, Heathfield, Earlsfield, Springfield. All these names except Earlsfield are ancient place names. About a century ago we read that 218 acres were occupied by market gardeners, while the town itself with all its gardens, buildings, and pleasure grounds only occupied about 206 acres, not the size of one of the commons, and only about one twelfth of the area of the parish. Wandsworth at this time was therefore well nigh open country, and we cannot but regret that more has not been spared for the present and future generations, as open spaces for ever. Wandsworth, like other suburbs, is now being rapidly divested of its rural aspect and picturesque beauty. Shops and rows of monotonous modern villas, with their smart little gardens, are fast taking the place of green fields and stately trees. To preserve the few remaining vestiges of a bygone age should be the care of every inhabitant, lest the day come when the picturesque Wandsworth of our forefathers shall have ceased to exist, and that evergrowing element the handiwork of the modern builder, everywhere reign supreme.

GARRETT AND ITS MOCK ELECTION.

MID-WAY between Wandsworth and Tooting, on the lane connecting these two places, there is a small and incongruous group of dingy houses, clustered around an old-fashioned inn. This uninviting place is none other than Garrett, the scene of the famous mock elections of last century, and the "Leather Bottle Inn" possessed in those days an importance, the like of which few inns in the country could boast. Garrett and the "Leather Bottle" are names which are inseparably connected. They were

once to the lower order of Metropolitan society as important as Westminster and the Houses of Parliament are to the citizen today. Garrett's historic associations are not uninteresting. In olden days it appears to have been an adjunct of the Manor of Dunsfold close by, and to have belonged to the Prior and Convent of Merton, who let it for £4 yearly. After the dissolution of that Priory, Garrett or as it was then called "Garrettes," descended with the Manor of Dunsfold successively to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, Thomas Lord Cromwell, and Robert Lord Dudley, being granted to the latter by Queen Elizabeth in consideration of his "good, true, fruitful, and acceptable service" at the time the Queen granted him the Manor and Castle of Kenilworth. It may also be interesting to note that Thomas Cromwell's father and grandfather leased the fulling mill, since known as the "Copper Mill," quite near on the banks of the Wandle, Thomas himself being in all probability born here. From early time there had been a fulling mill here, and Thomas Cromwell's grandfather, who leased the mill in 1452, fulling and sheared cloth, imported from Flanders, for the London market. Walter Cromwell, the father of Thomas succeeded to this mill, and added to it a smithy, where repairs for many of the mills on the banks of the Wandle were executed. Walter was also a brewer, hostelry keeper, and wool merchant at Putney, and there were few places better known to the merchants of Flanders at that time than the "Homestall" on the water side at Putney. Thomas spent his early youth under his father's roof, and had doubtless often played on the very spot we are now considering, and it speaks well for him, that in the days of his prosperity and power, he showed the desire to possess those lands he was so familiar with to childhood. Garrett about this time consisted of one messuage called Garrettes, and of 30 acres of arable land, 9 acres of meadow, 15 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of wood. This property came into the possession of the Smith family of Mitcham in 1575, and was sold by George Smith in 1664 to Sir Allan Brodrick, whose family had long been resident in Love Lane, Wandsworth. A branch of this family resided in the mansion house of "Garrett" or "Garett," a house, which it is stated had formerly been occupied by Sir William Cecil, Lord Burghley, and was pulled down about the middle of last century. It was during the 16th Century that Garrett grew from an agricultural tenement into a thriving hamlet, and at the commencement of the 17th Century it contained many families, and a few industries. Garrett's

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claim on our attention is, however, rather concerned with the manners and customs of people than history. The Garrett mock election originated in a desire of the people to combine against a common grievance, but the worthy association they formed soon developed a strong burlesque element, and it then ceased to serve a useful purpose. Various encroachments on the neighbouring Garrett Green constituted the grievance of the people, who chose a President to protect their rights. We are told that on the occasion of the encroachment, the association engaged an attorney, and in the name of its President brought an action, gaining their suit with costs. After this achievement they designated their President "The Mayor of Garrett" and agreed to re-elect a mayor at the time of every parliamentary election. The publicans in the neighbourhood, who greatly benefited by the great concourse of people who flocked to see this piece of buffoonery, gave a purse to the elected mayor. The candidates, low characters and deformities, but keenly witty were furnished with fine clothing for the ceremony, from the same source. So great an interest was taken in these proceedings by the people for miles round, that on one occasion 100,000 people came to see the fun. It is stated that Garrick, Foote, and Wilkes, wrote the addresses for the candidates mainly for the purpose of showing the people the corruptions attending the parliamentary elections of that time, and thereby producing those reforms sadly needed by means of shame and ridicule.— Note, for instance, the speeches of Sir Jeffrey Dunstan, who assured the electorate that their "great requests shall be my sole study both asleep and awake," and that "as I am not an orator or personable man, be assured I am an honest member. Having been abused in the public papers, I am resolved, if it cost me a thousand pounds, to take the free vote of the electors. Sir Jeffrey concluded by informing his worthy electors that "bribery and other meanness I abhor;— but if any gentleman chuse to give me anything, I am ready to receive their favours." This estimable candidate in another speech states that "a landed property being the only unexceptionable qualification that entitles me to a seat in the august Parliament of Great Britain, I presume my estate in the Isle of Mud, will, in point of propriety, secure to me your votes and interests, to represent you in the ensuing parliament. I propose, for the good of mankind, to anticipate a few promises, like other great men, but which I will strictly adhere to, as long as I find it's my interest so to do. . . . As I detest the idea of a placeman,

I pledge myself not to accept of anything less than the government of Duck Island or the Bishopric of Durham, for I am very fond of a clean shirt, and lawn sleeves. I think, look well; besides the *sine qua non* is the thing I aim at like other great men. . . . I pledge my honour, life, and fortune, that I will remove all heavy taxes City honours I never courted, nor would I give an *old wig* to be drawn in idle state through Cheapside's foggy air on a 9th of November." The mayor and candidates for the Corporation of Garrett seemed to have assumed the honour of knighthood, and many of the names and descriptions have been handed down to us in Hone's "Book of Days" for 1831. Sir John Harper, the first mayor was a retailer of brick dust, and was followed by Sir Jeffery Dunstan, an old wig dealer, who sat during three Parliaments, and was the most popular of all Garrett's mayors. Sir Jeffery was of very low stature, but very great in character and abilities. His principal electioneering view was to serve his King and country, his worthy friend and himself." Sir Harry Dimsdale, a muffin seller and noted deformity was elected in 1796. Sir Harry had the distinction of being the last mayor to represent the 'Ancient Borough of Garrett,' for dying before the next parliament election, no candidate of sufficient wit and humour, or originality of character could be found to take his place, besides, and what is more important, the publicans failed to make up the necessary purse. The 'Oath of Qualification' was read, and the electors sworn in, at the Leather Bottle Inn, and great placards all over the district announced the events of the day, and qualifications of the various candidates. An attempt to revive the election in 1826 resulted in a failure. A certain Garrett candidate named Sir Christopher Dash'em is credited with a vast amount of ready wit. When brought before a magistrate on one occasion, the justice on learning who the prisoner was, remarked "You are Christopher Dash'em, are you?" "I have heard of your character a long while ago" "Then," said Sir Christopher, "I'll be greatly obliged to your worship to tell me where it is, for I lost it a long while ago."

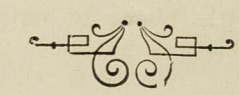
Garrett and its mock election will be immortalized by Foote's farce "The Mayor of Garrett" played at Drury Lane, and published in 1746. Foote himself came to Wandsworth to see the fun, paying 9 guineas for the front room at Surgeon Squire's facing the Church. What a sight Wandsworth must have presented on this occasion! Bunting and festoons were displayed everywhere, and

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the streets were crossed and recrossed with flags and gay colours. Booths and scaffoldings were erected in every available space, even the churchyard did not escape. Windows and roofs were crowded with eager faces. High prices were demanded everywhere for seats, for Wandsworth had thrown off business, and was indulging in a general holiday. The streets were packed with the lowest orders from London and the country around, and how amused Foote must have been with the struggling mob, violent in their efforts for a front place, or perhaps his attention was attracted by the sight of some boys near, strenuously endeavouring to maintain their position of vantage on a scaffold-pole. Foote that day saw sights which impressed him quite as much as the procession of candidates for the vacant mayoralty. Presently the din and excitement ceased for the procession was approaching, and eager faces were turned in the direction from whence the candidates were to come. It was only for a moment—the shouting and yelling once more commenced, and increased as the procession came nearer. Riding at its head was the Master of the Horse, astride the largest dray horse in the county, and bedecked in the regimentals of the Surrey Yeomanry. He wore a huge cap, and spurred boots up to his hips, and carried in his hand a heavy wooden sword seven feet long. This important personage was followed by the "Garrett Cavalry," a horse troop of 40 boys, of all sizes, who were mounted in disproportion to their sizes, the smallest boys on the largest horses. They were adorned with the county uniform, and they were to "preserve the freedom of election." Then came the returning officer, elected by free vote of the people. The candidates next followed, and what a deal of clamour as each carriage passed. Some were taken to the hustings in boat or grotesque carriages, others were drawn in the carriages of peers by six prancing horses, and the observant sightseer might detect, in spite of the well-drawn cape, or muffling cloak, the face of his lordship himself driving on the box. All the candidates were interesting in appearance, some being dressed like chimney sweeps on May-day, while others appeared in gaudy superannuated court dresses. As the procession moved slowly through the crowd, the candidates harangued the people, stating their electioneering principles, or calling forth bursts of laughter by their witty sallies or wittier retorts. No sooner had the procession passed than the people hurriedly proceeded by various ways to Garrett, where, outside the Leather Bottle Inn, the

hustings were erected. There the returning officer called upon the candidates in turn to address the people, and amid encouraging cheers, abusive exclamations, and general disorder, the speaker endeavoured to make known their views, condemned the past, and gave promises for the future. During the speculation and excitement of the count, the returning officer rose, and amid a sudden hush, announced the new mayor for the "Ancient Corporation of Garrett."

THE END.



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Association for Nursing the Sick Poor

WANDSWORTH

1897-98

COMMITTEE :

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| LADY WHARTON | MRS. T. HENNELL |
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| MISS FORBES | MRS. REED |
| MISS FRASER | MRS. J. A. SCOTT |

MRS. WATSON

SECRETARY :

MRS. FENWICK-FENWICK, Spenser House, Wimbledon Common

TREASURER :

MRS. WEBSTER, Southview, Southfields

District, West of the Wandle

LADY SUPERINTENDENT :

MISS HARRIET RÜCKER, West Hill House
NURSE COPPING, 132, Merton Road

District, Merton Road

LADY SUPERINTENDENT :

MRS. BELL, Inchcolm, 22, Upper Richmond Road
NURSE FOWDEN, 128, Merton Road

District, Earlsfield, including Dunt's Hill & Wardley Street

LADY SUPERINTENDENT :

MISS TOWNSEND, Dunt's Hill House, Garratt Lane
NURSE WHEELER, 311, Earlsfield Road



REPORT FOR 1897-8

LIST OF COLLECTORS FOR THE WANDSWORTH NURSING ASSOCIATION, 1897-98

- Mrs. Brodie, Mount Calm, Southfields.
- Mrs. Bell, Inchcolm, 22, Upper Richmond Road.
- Mrs. Fenwick-Fenwick, Spenser House, Wimbledon Common.
- Miss A. Forbes, Southview, Southfields.
- Miss Jarvis, 43, Galveston Road, Upper Richmond Road.
- Mrs. Macdonald, Clydeville, Southfields.
- Mrs. Norton, 11, Earlsfield Gardens, Wandsworth Common.
- Miss H. Rücker, West Hill House, West Hill.
- Miss Townsend, Dunt's Hill House, Garratt Lane.
- Mrs. Watson, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Earlsfield.
- Mrs. Webster, Southview, Southfields.

To all of whom subscriptions and donations can be sent at any time.

THE donations and subscriptions amount to £200 15s. 6d., which includes grant as before of £10 from the Trustees of the Wandsworth Charities, to whom the Committee again tender most grateful thanks. Those of last year were £209 2s. 6d.

It will be seen, that the sum of £216 required for maintenance of three nurses (and monthly stores of comforts for the sick) has still to be made up from the head office, No 2, Adelphi Terrace, Strand, by the continued kindness of Mrs. Selve Leonard.

Of No. 1 District, Earlsfield, including Dunt's Hill and Wardley Street, the Lady Superintendent, Miss Townsend, writes: "Nurse Wheeler has worked on this district since beginning of October, 1897, when Nurse Hamling's health failed. She is most kind and attentive, giving great satisfaction to doctors and patients. She attended 97 cases in all: 9 maternity, 42 medical, 30 surgical, and 16 casual, paying 1741 visits during 5 months. The gifts of old linen kindly sent by friends have been most useful."

Of No. 2 District, West of the Wandle, Miss Harriet Rücker writes: "Nurse Copping has completed a second year's good work on this District. She is well known now by the poor people, and her services are much appreciated. She has by request from headquarters visited two or three cases outside the boundary of her District. One of the London

Pioneers assisted with nurse at a case of amputation, which was successfully performed by the local doctors. 2203 visits have been paid. Again I wish to thank Mr. Whiffin for his acceptable gift of linseed meal, and other friends for codliver oil and old linen."

Of No. 3 District, Merton Road, Mrs. Bell writes: "Nurse Fowden came into this district last March, replacing Nurse Rae, who left our Association to work in the 'Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association.' Nurse Fowden is an excellent nurse, painstaking, patient and skilful in every branch of her work. She has had 161 cases and paid 2586 visits. Miss Forbes continues to help me in superintending, and I have to thank many friends for parcels of linen and clothing, also a generous friend for his continued bountiful gifts of rabbits for the use of the sick poor. Coal tickets have been granted from the proceeds of the Presbyterian Church Jumble Sale."

The Committee regret to have to record the removal by death of their old friend and comrade, Mrs. Russell, "Viewfield," one of the very first to organise and help the Wandsworth Branch of the Bible Nursing Association many years ago. Also of her daughter, Miss Russell, who died six months before her mother. Another daughter, Mrs. T. Hennell, has taken her mother's place on the Committee, and Mrs. J. A. Scott has also joined. Miss Rücker has just heard that Nurse Sole, who worked in No. 2 District during 1892-93 and left us to receive higher training at a London Hospital, has been appointed as nurse to work on the Queen's Osborne Estates, under the immediate supervision of Sir James Reid.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

1897-98.

	£	s.	d.
Archibald, Lady	...	10	0
Abercrombie, Mrs.	...	5	0
Adams, Mrs.	...	1	6
Adam, Mrs. Chivas	...	10	6
Aldis, Mrs. (for two years)...	...	5	0
Allen, Miss	...	10	6
Arthur, Mr.	...	1	0
Attlee, Mrs.	...	5	0
Austin, Mrs.	...	2	6
Austin, Mrs. A. J.	...	5	0
Baynes, Lady	...	1	0
Bailey, Mrs. Miles	...	1	1
Barnard, Mr.	...	10	0
Barnes, Mrs. J. H.	...	5	0
Barton, Mrs.	...	1	1
Bateman, Mrs.	...	10	0
Beesley, Mrs.	...	5	0
Belfrage, Mrs.	...	1	0
Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John	...	2	2
Bell, Mr. John H.	...	5	0
Bell, Mr. Robert H.	...	5	0
Bellamy, Mrs.	...	5	0
Berry, Miss	...	5	0
Biggs, Miss	...	2	6
Blackburn, Mrs.	...	1	0
Blake, Miss	...	5	0
Brandon, Miss (for the late Mr. Horatio Brandon)	...	1	1
Brandreth, Mr.	...	1	1
Brandreth, Miss	...	1	1
Broad, Mrs.	...	5	0
Broadley, Mrs.	...	1	1
Brodie, Mrs.	...	5	0
Brooks, Mrs.	...	5	0
Buckler, Miss	...	2	6
Buckmaster, Mrs.	...	1	0
Bulstrode, Mrs.	...	5	0
Burns, Mr. R. J.	...	5	0
Burrowes, Mrs.	...	10	0
Butler, Mrs.	...	1	0

Calderwood, Mrs.	...	...	...	10 0
Campbell, Miss Fletcher	...	...	...	5 0
Cannon, Mrs.	...	...	...	10 0
Cassie, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Charrington, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 0 0
Chinn, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 1 0
Clarke, Mrs. Garrard	...	...	...	5 0
Clarke, Mrs. Sebastian	...	...	...	5 0
Coles, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Collar, Mr.	...	...	...	5 0
Collbran, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 1 0
Collings, Mr.	...	...	...	2 6
Collman, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Cooper, Mrs.	...	...	...	3 0
Courtenay, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 0
Cornock, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Corsie, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Creighton, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Creighton, Miss	...	...	...	2 6
Cuming, Mrs. Williams	...	...	...	5 0
Cundale, Mrs J. W.	...	...	...	5 0
Cunningham, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Curtis, Mrs. T.	...	...	...	2 6
Dalziel, Mr.	...	...	...	5 0
Davis, Miss	...	...	...	5 0
Deacon, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0 0
Delcomyn, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 0 0
Denny, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Dexter, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Dickinson, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Doers, Miss	...	...	...	6 0
Doulton, Mrs. Louis	...	...	...	5 0
Dudgeon, Mrs.	...	...	...	10 0
Elphinstone, Lady	...	...	...	1 1 0
Eccles, Mrs. Dorset	...	...	...	2 6
Eccles, Mrs. Gregory	...	...	...	5 0
Eckhart, Miss	...	...	...	2 0
Edwards, Miss	...	...	...	5 0
Elliott, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Everest, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Fabian, Mrs. W.	...	...	...	2 6
Faint, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 0
Fenwick-Fenwick, Mr.	...	...	...	1 1 0
Fenwick-Fenwick, Mrs.	...	...	...	15 0 0
Fenwick, Captain	...	...	...	1 1 0
Fenwick, the Misses	...	...	...	6 0
Few, Miss A.	...	...	...	5 0
Fitch, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0

Forbes, Miss	...	...	...	2 0
Forsyth, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Friend, A	...	...	...	2 0
Gabriel, Miss	...	...	...	15 0 0
Godden, Mrs. W.	...	...	...	10 0
Gordon, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 0 0
Gregory, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Greig, Miss	...	...	...	2 6
Hackford, Miss	...	...	...	5 0
Hammond, Mrs.	...	...	...	10 0
Hampson, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Hausler, Mr. (donation)	...	...	...	5 0 0
Hardwick, Mr.	...	...	...	2 6
Hart, Mrs. James	...	...	...	5 0
Hart, Mrs. Robert	...	...	...	5 0
Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William	...	...	...	10 0
Heatley, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Hennell, Mrs. John	...	...	...	5 0
Hennell, Mrs. T.	...	...	...	10 0
Hensley, Mrs.	...	...	...	10 0
Hill, Mrs. (the late)	...	...	...	5 0
Hoffman, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 2 0
Hodges, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Holland, Miss	...	...	...	1 0 0
Holton, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Homfray, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 0 0
Homfray, Mrs. Sam	...	...	...	3 0
Hornby, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 0 0
Hurst, Mr.	...	...	...	2 6
Huth, Mr. Alex.	...	...	...	1 1 0
Jackman, Mrs.	...	...	...	10 6
Jones, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0
Jones, Mrs. Edgar W.	...	...	...	5 0
Jones, The Misses	...	...	...	10 0
Jones, Mrs. Victor	...	...	...	5 0
Keillor, Mr. William	...	...	...	3 0 0
Kelly, Mr. W. C.	...	...	...	5 0
King, Mrs. J.	...	...	...	2 6
Knight, Mrs. Jasper	...	...	...	1 1 0
Laurence, Mrs. Paul	...	...	...	5 0
Lawrence, Mrs. G. F.	...	...	...	2 6
Layton, Mrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Leach Brothers, Messrs.	...	...	...	2 6
Lee, Mr. G.	...	...	...	2 6
Liddell, Mrs.	...	...	...	5 0

L. N.	...	...	...	10	0
Lloyd, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	6
Longstaff, Mrs. G. B.	...	...	...	1	0
Lorkin, Miss L. C.	...	...	...	10	0
Lowe, Mrs.	...	...	...	10	0
Lucas, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	6
MacBride, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
MacDonald, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
MacGrath, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
MacIntyre, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	1
MacLaren, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	0
MacRae, Mrs.	...	...	...	10	0
Marcel, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	0
Martin, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	1
Masters, Mrs. George	...	...	...	2	6
Mayhew, Mrs.	...	...	...	3	3
Mayhew, Mr. Mark	...	...	...	2	2
Mayne, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	6
Millar, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Miller, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	1
Milner, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Milner, Mrs. G. M.	...	...	...	2	6
Murray, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	6
Myohi, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	1
Newnes, Lady	...	...	...	2	2
Newens, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Nicholson, Mrs. J.	...	...	...	2	0
Nicholson, The Misses	...	...	...	5	0
Norton, Mrs. J. R.	...	...	...	10	0
Norton, Miss B.	...	...	...	2	6
Olney, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Oakshott, Mrs.	...	...	...	3	0
Oakshott, Miss	...	...	...	2	6
Page, Mr.	...	...	...	10	0
Park, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Parker, Mrs. C. W.	...	...	...	10	0
Parker, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Parry, The Misses	...	...	...	1	0
Passmore, Mrs. Joseph	...	...	...	1	0
Patrick, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	6
Peach, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	0
Perry, Mr.	...	...	...	2	6
Pierce, Mrs. John	...	...	...	5	0
Pike, Mrs. C. H.	...	...	...	5	0
Plowman, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	6
Pollock, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	2

Porter, Miss	...	...	...	1	0
Pringle, Mrs. A.	...	...	...	2	6
Ransome, Mr.	...	...	...	2	6
Rawlings, Mrs.	...	...	...	18	0
Rawstorne, The Rev. Canon	...	...	...	1	0
Rawstorne, Mrs.	...	...	...	10	0
Reed, Rev. Wm. and Mrs.	...	...	...	10	0
Rider, Mr.	...	...	...	1	0
Ross, Mrs. J. K.	...	...	...	5	0
Rouse, Rev. A.	...	...	...	10	0
Rowlands, The Misses	...	...	...	5	0
Rücker, Mr. James M.	...	...	...	2	2
Rücker, The Misses (for Earlsfield)	...	...	...	4	0
Rücker, Miss	...	...	...	1	0
Rücker, Miss E. G.	...	...	...	1	10
Rücker, Miss H.	...	...	...	1	10
Rücker, Miss M.	...	...	...	1	0
Rumble, Miss M.	...	...	...	2	6
Rushton, Miss	...	...	...	5	0
Russell, Mr. George	...	...	...	1	0
Saunders, Lady	...	...	...	1	1
Scoble, Lady	...	...	...	1	1
Salmon, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Schwann, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	0
Scott, Mrs. John A.	...	...	...	5	0
Scott, Mrs. Newton	...	...	...	5	0
Seaman, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	1
Siebert, Miss	...	...	...	2	6
Sillers, Mrs.	...	...	...	1	0
Silvian, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Simmonds, Mrs. E.	...	...	...	10	0
Slater, Mrs.	...	...	...	2	0
Sloper, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Spokes, Mrs. Russell	...	...	...	5	6
Stevens, Miss	...	...	...	5	0
Stonehewer, Mrs. (senr.)	...	...	...	2	6
Stonehewer, Mrs. (junr.)	...	...	...	2	6
Swift, Miss	...	...	...	5	0
Sykes, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Tait, Miss	...	...	...	2	6
Tamplin, Mrs.	...	...	...	5	0
Tanner, Mrs. Joseph	...	...	...	5	0
Thompson, Miss	...	...	...	2	6
Thompson, Miss M.	2	6
Thorpe, Mr. R.	2	2
Toms, Mrs.	5	0
Townsend, Miss	11	6
Trant, Miss	2	6

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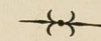
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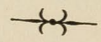
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- *Ladies with Limited Income.* -

Twenty-Third Annual Report.



From April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898.



The Committee think it advisable to circulate their Report very generally, being aware that many are still ignorant of the claims of this valuable Society upon their support.

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ROYAL HOMES

LADIES WITH LIMITED INCOME

Subscriptions and Donations.



Friends willing to subscribe, or to send Donations, to this Charity are requested to forward them to

The Treasurer : Miss B. A. MEINERTZHAGEN,
Wimbledon Common ; or to

The Hon. Secretary : Mrs. JACOB,
17, Spencer Park,
Wandsworth Common, S.W.

Cheques should be made payable to Miss B. A. MEINERTZHAGEN, or to Mrs. J. G. JACOB, and crossed "London and South-Western Bank, Wandsworth Branch."

Post Office Orders should be made payable to J. G. JACOB, at the Post Office, St. John's Hill, S.W.

Or Cash may be conveniently sent in the Registered Envelopes sold at the Post Office for such purposes.

As this Society does not employ a paid Collector, it is particularly requested that all Subscriptions may be paid to the Hon. Secretary as soon as they become due.

All letters of enquiry respecting the Royal Homes for Ladies should be accompanied by a stamped envelope, and the Hon. Secretary and Lady Superintendent will be happy to answer personal enquiries when time is allowed for their making an appointment.

Form of a Legacy or Bequest.

For the Direction of those benevolent persons who may wish to bequeath Legacies to this Society, the following Form of Bequest is added :

I give and bequeath the sum of £ _____ *to the Treasurer,*
for the time being, of the ROYAL HOMES FOR LADIES with
Limited Income, Wandsworth Common, to be paid out of such part
of my personal estate as I can lawfully charge with the payment of
Legacies to Charitable uses, upon trust, that the same be held and
applied by the Committee of the said Institution, and their successors,
to, for, and upon the trusts, intents, and purposes of that Charity.
And I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be sufficient
discharge for the same.

Royal Homes for Ladies

WITH

LIMITED INCOME,

104 & 108, ST. JOHN'S HILL (late 6 & 8, Halbrake Terrace),

29, SPENCER ROAD ;

31, PARK ROAD, NEW WANDSWORTH.



Under the Patronage of :

H.R.H. The DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN.
H.R.H. The PRINCESS FEDERICA, BARONESS VON PAWEL-
RAMMINGEN.
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Rev. J. CUNNINGHAM, M.A., 1, Keswick Road, Putney.
Rev. CHAS. H. KELLY, Wandsworth Common.
Rev. CANON TOONE, St. John's Vicarage, Wandsworth Common.

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Lady Superintendent :

Miss SEWELL, 31, Park Road, Wandsworth.

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Mrs. CARFRAE.	Miss HARDCASTLE.	Mrs. TOMS.
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Mrs. DRYDEN.	Miss B. MEINERTZHAGEN.	Mrs. H. P. WHITING.
Mrs. DRVILL.	Miss E. PHILPOT.	Mrs. MATTHEW
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Miss A. FORBES.	The Misses RUCKER.	Mrs. WITHALL.
Miss GABRIEL.	Miss ADA SMITH.	Mrs. WRIGHT.

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W. EVILL, Esq. EDWD. RAWLINGS, Esq. JAMES RUCKER, Esq.

Medical Attendant :

Dr. DUMVILLE ROE, The Hollies, West Hill, Wandsworth.

Auditors :

HENRY ATTLEE, Esq. Rev. CHAS. H. KELLY.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE ORIGIN AND OBJECTS OF THIS CHARITY.

The Royal Homes (late Wandsworth Homes) for Ladies were founded in the year 1875, by the late Miss Jessie Lee, of Wandsworth. They are designed to meet a want much felt by a large class, consisting of governesses and other poor ladies, who, from the pressure of circumstances, or from unforeseen calamity, are left without adequate means of support in their declining years. They are open to applicants from all parts of the United Kingdom, and the selection of candidates rests with the Committee, to whom full particulars of each case must be supplied. They do not undertake the entire maintenance of the Inmates, but they supplement their slender incomes, and relieve them from the payment of rent, taxes, and some other necessary expenses, by providing them with separate rooms, coals, gas, attendance, medical advice, and other comforts. The domestic economy of the various households, and the control of the servants employed therein, are solely under the charge of a paid Lady Superintendent, who is responsible for their management to the Committee.

The Homes consist at present of four houses, 104 and 108, St. John's Hill; 31, Park Road; and 29, Spencer Road, New Wandsworth, which afford accommodation to 27 ladies.* The two first named are rented, but the freeholds of 29, Spencer Road and 31, Park Road have been purchased by the Committee, and these houses are now the property of the Charity. All the houses are near together and pleasantly situated in the immediate vicinity of Wandsworth Common. In the garden of 31, Park Road an Iron Room was erected some years ago. The Committee meet in this room, and it is also used for work meetings, and religious and social gatherings. It has been well furnished with books, and through the kindness of friends it is further supplied with a large number of periodicals, and eight volumes weekly from Mudie's Library.

Clapham Junction is the nearest station to the Homes, which are about ten minutes' walk from it.

The total expenditure of the Charity is about £850 per annum, to meet which the Committee have about £450 per annum, derived from subscriptions. They are, therefore, dependent upon donations and other casual help for the remainder of their income.

* There are also seven ladies in the Wimbledon Branch Home, of which the special Report is appended to this.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

The Royal Homes are exclusively designed for the assistance of poor ladies. Candidates from a lower class of life, such as upper servants, etc., are not eligible.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right of selection, deciding according to the merits of each case.

All applicants must be over 50 and under 70 years of age, and must be members of the Church of England, or of some Protestant Denomination.

Each lady must be possessed of an income of not less than £20 a year, and not more than £50 a year.

Each candidate must apply to the Honorary Secretary for forms to be filled in and returned to her, for the Committee. They must in every case be accompanied by:—

- (a) A letter of application, addressed to the Committee, in the candidate's own handwriting, giving her age, some details of her previous history, and a full account of her financial position.
- (b) A testimonial as to character from a clergyman or minister.
- (c) A medical certificate as to her state of health (on the form issued).
- (d) A letter of recommendation from a lady in corroboration of her statements.

She must also furnish the Committee with the name of some relative or friend, who, in the event of her election to the Homes, would be responsible for all expenses incurred in case of her severe illness or death.

A donation of £25, on behalf of an applicant, secures for her priority of admission over those ladies for whom it is not given. Candidates should state, when applying, whether this donation will be offered on their behalf.

NOTE.—Candidates are requested to note that the terms of admission must be fulfilled in every particular, and that incomplete applications will not be entertained.

RULES FOR LADY INMATES.

1. Every lady furnishes and provides everything for her own room, and the Committee do not hold themselves responsible for the safety of any article of furniture or otherwise, the same being under the care of the lady inmate.
2. Each lady is expected to make her bed, and keep her room in order, and to wash her breakfast, tea, and supper things; greasy plates and dishes excepted.
3. Dinner is cooked, plates, etc., are washed, fire-places are done up, and the rooms made tidy every morning by the servant, who also cleans each room thoroughly once a week.
4. No greasy water or tea-leaves are to be put into the sinks or water-closets.
5. The ladies to take alternate days for hot meat at dinner. Nothing is cooked on Sundays except potatoes. Dinner hour from one to two o'clock.
6. Each lady to pay One Shilling per month. No pets permitted except small birds.
7. The gas is turned off at the meter every night at ten, the bell being rung five minutes before by the Housekeeper.
8. No orders are to be given to the Housekeeper, or fault found, except through the Lady Superintendent, who will communicate with the Honorary Secretary if necessary.
9. The Committee will not be responsible for any order given by the ladies to tradesmen.
10. Daily visitors are required to leave the "Home" before ten o'clock p.m. Each lady may (during the summer months, and subject to the assent of the Honorary Secretary) have a lady visitor to stay, for not more than a week at a time, by paying 1s. 6d. extra.
11. A lady going from home (except for the day) must leave with the Housekeeper the key of her room, sealed in paper, with her name written upon it. Ladies are not at liberty to lend their rooms during absence.
12. The Committee do not hold themselves responsible for any expenses beyond rent, coal, and gas; and reserve the right of closing the "Home" and dismissing the lady inmates at any time, if, from want of funds or other causes, it appears to the Committee expedient or desirable to do so; but in such case the Committee will not give less than three months' notice to the inmates (expiring at any period of the year) of their intention to close the "Home."
13. The Committee have absolute power to dismiss any lady from their Homes who does not adhere to the Rules, is addicted to intemperance, causes stimulants to be by any means secretly conveyed into the establishments, incurs debts, or is, in the opinion of the Committee, no longer a fit object for the privileges of the "Homes."

REPORT

FOR THE

Year ending March 31st, 1898.



THE Committee of the Royal Homes for Ladies have much pleasure in presenting their Twenty-third Annual Report to their friends and subscribers, together with that of the Wimbledon Branch Home, which will be found appended to it.

They are thankful to record that the past twelve months have been peaceful and prosperous throughout their course. The Homes have kept absolutely free from debt, and their financial out-look at the close of the year is better than it has ever been before.

The crowning benefaction of the year just ended was the legacy of £1,000, bequeathed to the Charity by its kind friend, the late Mrs. Pugh. Her warm interest in its welfare had been shown, during her life time, in many helpful ways, and it culminated in this munificent bequest, which was briefly alluded to in a footnote to the Balance Sheet, 1896-97, having been received whilst that Report was still in the press.

According to the arrangement made when the Misses Meinertzhagen resigned the control of the Work Department, the annual stall at the Albert Hall bazaar on May 13th and 14th, 1897, was presided over by Mrs. Forbes and Miss Gabriel.

Their kind labours were rewarded by considerable success, and as the result of the two days' efforts, they

handed over the sum of £73 15s. to the Treasurer for the General Fund.

Under the auspices of Mrs. Toms, another Member of the Committee, who kindly lent her residence, Meaburn House, Putney, for the occasion, a second Sale of Work was held on November 18th, the proceeds of which amounted to £60.

The Committee desire heartily to thank all these ladies for these helpful efforts on behalf of the Charity, which jointly realised £135 15s. for its benefit. Ten pounds of this amount was reserved, as usual, for the purchase of work-materials, &c., in preparation for the next year's sale.

Some changes have occurred in the Homes since the issue of the last Report. Three ladies have been admitted, viz., Miss Willoughby, Miss Ritchie and Miss Farmer—and two former inmates, Miss Worsley and Miss Rossi, have passed home to their eternal rest.

Miss Worsley died in the Homes on October 23rd, 1897, after a long illness, borne with exemplary patience and sweetness.

She was a thoroughly high-minded Christian gentlewoman, and her sick room was so permeated with peace and unselfishness that it became a centre whence all good influences radiated through the house she dwelt in.

All who had the privilege of knowing her loved and respected her.

Miss Rossi died in the Hostel of God, The Chase, Clapham Common. Increasing infirmity, requiring systematic nursing, led her to remove thither in May, 1897, and during the few remaining months of her life she was most kindly nursed and cared for by the sisters at the Hostel.

It is unfortunately inherent in the nature of the accommodation provided by the Charity, that cases requiring operations or skilled nursing cannot be treated in the Royal Homes.

The Homes are simply private dwelling houses, of

which the basements are reserved for the offices and servants—the ground and other floors being apportioned, room by room, to the Lady Inmates. These rooms, their private dwelling places, the ladies usually arrange as a combined bedroom and sitting room, according to their individual tastes, furnishing them with their own possessions.

There is no spare room which could be devoted to general purposes or given up to a trained nurse. Ordinary illnesses, as they occur, are met in the best way possible under the circumstances, and, being watched over by the excellent and sympathetic Lady Superintendent, the comfort and well-being of the invalids are well looked after. It is quite impossible to draw a hard and fast line as to the treatment of illness in the Homes, so much must depend upon its nature and probable duration, and also, in great measure, on the character and requirements of the sick person.

The Committee are led to dwell upon this subject, by the fact that while applications for admission to the Homes continue to be very numerous, an increasing proportion of them are made on behalf of very aged people. Quite recently they were asked if they could receive a lady of 92 years of age! whilst applications for admittance from persons considerably over seventy are comparatively common. The Committee are pained to observe this, but they feel it would be impossible with their present means to alter the age limits given in the Rule, "That Candidates must be between fifty and seventy years of age."

The strain on all connected with the working of the Homes would become too great were they to do so. As a matter of fact, the Committee rejoice to know that the kindly peaceful atmosphere of the Home tends to the prolongation of the lives of their inmates, most of whom reach a good old age.

The difference between admitting and retaining the aged is, that it is difficult for the new comers to adapt themselves to their surroundings, whilst those who

have entered younger have, so to speak, taken root, before years and infirmity attack them.

The Committee endeavour to administer the funds of the Charity as economically as is consistent with the requirements of Homes for Gentlewomen; the actual cost divided by the number of participants in the benefits of the Charity is about £32 10s. per head, inclusive of rents, taxes, gas, water, coals, salaries, wages, &c., &c.

There are two servants in each house. In the winter the ladies' fires are lit for them before they rise; their dinners are always dressed and taken up to them, and greasy plates, &c., removed and washed up. Each inmate provides her own food, according to her fancy, and the Committee consider this a most satisfactory arrangement, since it enables the ladies to become the recipients of many little kindnesses from their friends, and to exercise hospitality to each other, besides being a safeguard against the grumbling and discontent of which painful rumours reach them from homes in which the food is provided. It is the desire of the Committee to provide real Homes for the ladies they are enabled to help, so that each may lead undisturbed her individual life, whilst sharing all the advantages of living in a community, and exchanging kindly offices with her neighbours. The rules are few, being only intended to secure the harmonious working of the Charity, and to maintain its honour. A large Iron room stands in the garden of 31, Park Road, and serves as a committee room and general gathering place. The working parties are held in it, and it is the scene of many pleasant festive gatherings, organised by kind friends of the Charity; it is also well furnished with books and periodicals for the use of the lady inmates. Through the kindness of some of these benevolent friends, the ladies have also the pleasure of several charming drives and outings in the summer months, which are a great delight to them, and a most delightful break in their somewhat monotonous lives.

A liberal subscription to Mudie's Library is likewise

given on their behalf, and they thoroughly appreciate this boon and consider their weekly supply of books an especial privilege.

The Committee feel that they owe a deep measure of gratitude to their kind trustees, Mr. Evill, Mr. Rawlings, and Mr. Rücker, and to their true friend and adviser, Mr. Henry Attlee, for their kindly help and interest in the Charity, which have never failed since they assisted at its inauguration in 1874, and they desire to express their thankfulness to them and also to the generous lady whose kind and sympathetic help so greatly cheers and brightens the lives of the inmates of the Homes.

They deeply regret to have to record the sudden death of their Honorary Physician, Dr. Leonard Remfry, in the prime of his life and the active pursuit of his profession, and they tender their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved widow and relatives.

They wish also to thank Dr. Dumville Roe for his kind and skilful attention to the Lady Inmates.

The Committee are very desirous of making the Homes widely known, and they cordially invite friends to inspect them, the afternoon being the most convenient time for so doing. They would suggest that intending visitors should address themselves to Miss Sewell, the Lady Superintendent, 31, Park Road, Wandsworth, and she will then arrange to take them over the Homes, either personally or by deputy. They also desire before closing this report to indicate to their friends and subscribers a few methods of promoting the interests of the Charity:—

- 1.—By obtaining fresh help in the form of subscriptions or donations; these are urgently needed to replace those which are annually lost from death or other causes.
- 2.—By taking collecting cards, of fifty pence each, for the Endowment Fund; these may be had from Miss Meinertzhagen (the President), The Cottage, Wimbledon Common, and should be returned to her when the amount is collected.

3.—Gifts of saleable articles, such as work, china, glass, &c., &c., are needed for the Sales of Work held to obtain funds for the Charity. There is usually one in April or May each year. This takes place under the auspices of the Society for Promoting Female Welfare, by whom the Albert Hall is engaged, the affiliated Societies, such as the Royal Homes for Ladies, each holding a stall on its own behalf. The Hon. Secretary will gladly receive and acknowledge any gifts towards these Sales, and everything should be sent to her by the 31st March every year, addressed to Mrs. Jacob, The Iron Room, 31, Park Road, New Wandsworth, S.W.

4.—Friends resident in the neighbourhood can do much to cheer the somewhat lonely lives of the Ladies resident in the Homes, by kindly visits, and the loan of books, gifts of flowers, &c.

The receipts for the year were £841 5s. 2d. The expenditure was £817 15s. 3d., particulars of which will be found in the balance sheet for 1897-98 at the end of the Report.

JANE GORDON JACOB,

Hon. Secretary.

Subscriptions and Donations.

1897.		Don.	Subs.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Allen, Mrs. St. John's, Putney Hill	...		1 0 0
Allen, Mr. T., c/o Mr. Fred Sutcliffe, Market Place, Huddersfield	...		0 5 0
Anonymous, per Mrs. Barton	...	25 0 0	
Anon.	...	0 4 0	
Arthur, Miss, Glenariff, 81, Victoria Road, Clapham Common	...		1 0 0
Armstrong, Mrs. C., Woodslee, Withdeane, Brighton	...		0 10 6
Arnall, Mrs., St. John's Hill, Wandsworth	...		0 5 0
Aste, Miss S., Castle Hill Lodge, Upper Norwood	...		0 5 0
Atkinson, Miss Rosa, Nene Parade, March	...		5 5 0
Atlee, Mr. H., Wescott, Putney	...		5 5 0
Bailey, Mrs., Keswick, Mt. Ephraim Road, Streatham	...		1 1 0
Baker, Miss, 19, Euston Square, N.W.	...		1 1 0
Barrett, Mrs. Robert, 2, Pembroke Gardens, Kensington	...		1 1 0
Battley, Miss, Reigate	...		1 1 0
Bazaar, Albert Hall	...	73 15 6	
Bazalgette, Lady, St. Mary's, Wimbledon Park	...		1 1 0
Belleville, Mrs., 9A, Porchester Terrace, W.	...		1 0 0
Beresford, Lord William, and Lily, Duchess of Marl- borough	...	2 0 0	
Berner, Mrs., 49, Carlton Road, Putney Hill, S.W.	...		10 0
Binyon, Mrs., Rectory House, Ifield, near Crawley	...		1 1 0
Birch Reynardson, Miss B., The Elms, Maidstone	...		1 0 0
Blacker, Mrs., 13, Queensborough Terrace, Kensing- ton Gardens	...		1 0 0
Blair, Mrs., 5, St. John's Road, Putney	...		1 0 0
Blair, Miss, 22, Upperton Gardens, Eastbourne	...		2 0 0
Blake, Mr. R. Winterbourne, Dauntsey, Salisbury	...		0 10 0
Blaker, Mrs., Leigh Villa, Bickley, Kent	...		0 5 0
Bolton, Mrs., 44, Park Road, Wandsworth	...		0 2 6
Booker, Miss, Rownham's House, Southampton	...		2 0 0
Bown, Dr. Quinton, Varden's House, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth	...		1 1 0
Boucher, Miss (per Miss Trickett)	...	1 0 0	
Braithwaite, Miss, Nene Parade, March	...		0 5 0
Bray, Mrs., Heathbourne, Wandsworth Common	...		0 10 0

1897.	Don.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brown, Miss, Stanhope House, Park Road, Wandsworth ...			0	10 6
Brown, Miss, Widcombe, St. Albans ...			0	5 0
Browning, Mrs., Spencer Lodge, Wandsworth Common ...			1	1 0
Buller, Miss, The Vicarage, North Curry, Taunton ...			2	0 0
Buller, Miss (per)—				
Allen, Mrs., Stocklinch Manor, Ilminster ...			0	10 0
Buller, Miss M. S., North Curry, Taunton ...			0	10 0
Browne, Miss, Tor Dale, Thurlow Road, Torquay ...			0	5 0
Dare, Mrs., North Curry, Taunton ...			0	2 6
Draper, Mrs., 11, Hillsborough Terrace, Ilfracombe ...			0	10 0
Draper, Miss ...			0	10 0
Flindt, Miss E., St. James' Lodge, Addiscombe ...			0	10 0
Greswell, Miss, Merton House, Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham ...			0	10 0
Greswell, Miss B. ...			0	10 0
Hetzler, Miss, West Terrace, Budleigh Salterton ...			0	10 0
Hore, Miss, Tor Dale, Thurlow Road, Torquay ...			0	5 0
Leman, Miss, Chard, Somerset ...			0	10 0
Lloyd, Mrs., Haling Cottage, South Croydon ...			1	1 0
Maule, Mr. G. N., Ilfracombe, North Devon ...			0	10 0
Norwood, Mrs., Ellenborough House, Ashford, Kent ...			1	0 0
Parr, Mrs. W. F., St. James' Lodge, Addiscombe ...			0	10 0
Paul, Mr. A. D., Chard, Somerset ...			0	10 0
Raban, Mrs., Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton ...			0	10 0
Tomkins, Mrs., 33, Canyage Square, Clifton, Bristol ...			0	5 0
Byars, Mrs., 64, Hilldrop Crescent, Camden Road, N. ...			1	1 0
Calvert, Mrs., Massey Hampton Rectory, Fairford ...			0	2 6
Cameron, Mrs., per Miss Daniell ...			0	10 6
Carfrae, Mrs., Holme Lodge, Wimbledon Common ...			1	1 0
Carlile, The Misses, Ponsbourne Park, near Hertford, Herts ...			1	0 0
Carver, Mrs., 3, Oxford Square, Hyde Park, W. ...	5	0 0	3	3 0
Cator, Mrs., Southdown, Wimbledon ...	1	1 0	1	1 0
Cazenove, Mrs. A., Brookheath, Breamore, Salisbury ...			1	0 0
Chabot, Miss, 5, Victoria Road, Clapham Common ...			0	10 6
Chambers, The Misses, 28, Queensdown Road, Clapton, N.E. ...			0	5 0
Chance, Mr. J. H., 40, Augustus Road, Edgbaston ...			1	1 0
Churchill, Mrs., Fairhaven, Putney Heath ...			1	1 0
Clarke, The Rev. Canon, 6, Altenburg Gardens, Clapham Common ...			1	1 0
Clarke, Miss, St. John's Hall, Highbury ...	0	10 0	1	1 0
Clarkson, Mrs., Ashcombe, 32, Carlton Road, Putney ...			1	1 0
Clarkson, Miss, Sangora Road, Wandsworth ...			0	10 0

1897.	Don.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Cokayne, Mrs., Exeter House, Roehampton ...			0	10 6
Coleman, Mr., Ladder Stile, Kingston Hill ...			0	10 0
Cole, Miss, The Lodge, Clapham, Bedford ...			1	1 0
Collman, Mrs., 18, Sloane Gardens, W. ...			2	10 0
Compton, Miss, Thorncliffe, Wandsworth Common ...			1	1 0
Connor, Mrs., 49, St. John's Hill, New Wandsworth ...			2	2 0
Cote, Miss, per Mrs. Jones ...	1	0 0		
Costeker, Mr., The Pines, Midhurst, Kent ...			2	2 0
Costeker, Mrs. W., 46, Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington ...			1	1 0
Cox, Mrs., Fairholme, Ravenna Road, Putney ...			1	1 0
Daniell, Miss, Wickham Lodge, St. Ann's Hill, Wandsworth ...			0	10 6
Darroch, Miss, Fairlee Lodge, Fairlee, Ayrshire, N.B. ...			0	5 0
Daubeny, Lady, Osterley Lodge, Isleworth ...			1	0 0
Davis, Mrs. R., 43, St. Ann's Hill, Wandsworth ...			1	1 0
Davis, Miss, 52, Park Road, Wandsworth Common ...			2	2 0
Deacon, Mrs., Grantham House, Roehampton ...			2	2 0
De Burgh, Mrs., Enniskerry, Exmouth ...			0	10 6
De la Chaumette, Miss ...			0	5 0
Denny, Mrs., Holly Lodge, East Hill, Wandsworth ...			1	1 0
Denny, Miss Lizzie, Holly Lodge, East Hill, Wandsworth ...			0	5 0
Dick, Mrs. Bruce, Lytton Lodge, Lytton Grove, Putney Hill ...			2	2 0
Dickinson, Mr. W. H., 51, Campden Hill Road, Kensington, W. ...			1	1 0
Dickinson, General, Woodside, Burgess Hill ...			0	10 6
Doncaster, Miss, the late, Triberg, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth Common (and legacy) ...	5	0 0	0	5 0
Friend, per Miss Doncaster ...			0	5 0
Drew, Mrs. Montrose, Battletown, Cheltenham ...			0	10 0
Dryden, Mrs., 275, Upper Richmond Road, Putney ...			0	10 0
Dryden, Mr. Arthur, 275, Upper Richmond Road, Putney ...			0	10 0
Dryden, Mr. A. C., Sunnyside, Loveless Road, Surbiton ...			1	1 0
Dryden, Mrs. A. C., Sunnyside, Loveless Road, Surbiton ...			1	1 0
Duncan, Mrs. Holbrook, Chislehurst ...			1	1 0
East, Mrs. A., Sunnyside, Spencer Road, New Wandsworth ...			0	10 0
Edwards, Miss L., 75, St. Mary Street, Woolwich ...			0	5 0
Egerton, Mrs., Solna, Roehampton ...			2	2 0
England, Mrs., King's Gatchell, Trull, near Taunton ...			0	10 0
Engstrom, Mrs., per Miss Bellamy ...			1	1 0
Escombe Bros., Messrs., 3, East India Avenue ...			1	1 0

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ROYAL HOMES.

1897.	Don.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Evershed, Miss Lucy, the late (legacy) ...	4	10 0		
Evell, Mr. W., 43, Gloucester Gardens, Hyde Park, W.			4	4 0
Evell, Mrs., 43, Gloucester Gardens, Hyde Park, W....			1	1 0
Evell, Miss Marian, 43, Gloucester Gardens ...			0	10 6
Evell, Mr. J. P., Hillside, Wimbledon ...			1	1 0
Farmer, Miss, Entrance Fee ...	25	0 0		
Fenwick, Capt., Tudor Lodge, Wimbledon Common...			2	2 0
Fenwick Fenwick, Mrs. J., Spencer House, Wimbledon Common ...			1	1 0
Flemmich, Mrs., Alton House, Roehampton ...			1	1 0
F. M. M., Reigate. ...	2	2 0		
Forbes, Mrs., Hazeldean, Putney Hill ...			1	0 0
Forbes, Mrs., Le Chalet, Torquay (in memory of Miss Thomas) ...			0	10 0
Forbes, Miss Annie, Southview, Southfields ...			0	2 6
Forbes, Miss A. (per)—				
Bellamy, Mrs., Holly Lodge, Keswick Road, Putney ...			0	5 0
Berry, Miss E. L., Clifton Villa, St. Ann's Hill, Wandsworth ...			0	10 0
Brodie, Mrs., Mt. Calne, Southfields, Wandsworth			0	5 0
Cannon, Mrs. ...			0	10 0
Cunningham, Mrs., 1, Keswick Road, Putney ...			0	5 0
Ellis, Mrs. Henry ...			0	2 6
Grant, Mrs., Lyal ...			4	4 0
Kymer, Mrs. ...			1	0 0
Lorkin, Miss, Southfields Villa, Southfields, Wandsworth ...			0	10 0
Lyall, Mr. David ...			0	10 0
Macdonald, Mrs., Southfields, Wandsworth ...			0	5 0
Macrae, Mrs., Ben Blair, Putney Hill ...			0	10 0
McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs., Ulverstone, Portinscale Road, Putney... ..			0	10 0
Stuart, Mrs. Moody ...			0	5 0
Wallace, Mrs., Scotstown, Hindhead, Haslemere			1	1 0
Webster, Mrs., Southview, Southfields... ..			0	2 6
Wootton, Mrs. ...			1	1 0
Foster, Mr. G. E., Brooklands, Cambridge... ..			5	0 0
Foster, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bird, Anstey Hall, Trumping- ton, Cambridge ...			2	2 0
Foster, Mrs. C. F., Pinehurst, Cambridge ...			1	1 0
Foster, Mrs. W. K., 6, Rutland Gate, S.W. ...			3	3 0
Fox, Miss E., 99D, Addison Road, Kensington, S.W....			1	1 0
Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. G. M., Winchelsea, in memory of Frances Padgett ...			5	5 0
Friend, per Miss Daniell ...			0	5 0
Friend, per Miss Lewis ...			0	5 0
Friend, per Miss Martin ...	0	2 6		

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1897.	Dons.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Gabriel, Miss, Elmhurst, Wimbledon Common ...			5	0 0
Gaitskill, Miss, 2, Summer Hill Place, Tunbridge Wells			1	1 0
Galpin, Mr. T. D. ...			10	0 0
Gardiner, Mrs., Sloane Terrace Mansions, Sloane Street, S.W. ...			1	1 0
Gardner, Mrs. G. R., 13, Spencer Road, Wandsworth			1	1 0
Gilmore, Miss, 5, Beverley Villas, Barnes Common ...			1	1 0
Gingell, Mrs., Hayeswood, Streatham Park, S.W. ...			1	1 0
Goldsmid, Mrs. Yeats, 31, Lexham Gardens, South Kensington ...			1	0 0
Gorringe, Mr., Buckingham Palace Road ...			1	1 0
Graham, Miss (per Miss Bellamy), 3, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park ...			1	0 0
Grant, Lady Laura, Logie, Elphinstone, Pitcaple, Aberdeenshire ...			1	0 0
Griffiths, Miss, Northbourne, Aldrington Road, Streatham Park ...			1	1 0
Gwyther, Mr., 103, Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, E.C. ...			1	1 0
Hackett, Miss, Eton College, Bucks ...	1	0 0	1	0 0
Haigh, Mrs., 17, Church Road, Tunbridge Wells ...			0	10 6
Haigh, Miss, Gledholt, Mitcham Lane ...			2	2 0
Halton, Mrs., 11, Gledhow Gardens, West Kensington			1	1 0
Hambro, Mrs. Everard, Hayes Place, Beckenham, Kent			5	5 0
Hampson, Mrs., Bromborough, Birkenhead ...			1	0 0
Hankey, Mrs., Alers, 23, Park Crescent, Portland Place, W. ...			2	2 0
Hansler, Mr. H. S., 37, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common ...			1	1 0
Hardcastle, Miss, 4, Foulis Terrace, Onslow Gardens, S.W. ...			2	2 0
Harvey, Mrs. Edmund, 46, Chester Square, S.W. ...	2	2 0	1	1 0
Harvey, Mrs., 87, St. James' Road, Wandsworth Common ...			0	10 6
Haydon, Mrs., Luccombe, St. Ann's Hill, Wandsworth			2	2 0
Hensley, Mrs., Glenton House, Putney ...			0	10 0
Higginson, Lieut-Col., Wickham Lodge, Wandsworth Common ...			1	1 0
Hildersheim, Mr. D., Baynards, Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, N.W. ...			1	1 0
Hitchman, Mrs., 12, Lichfield Grove, Finchley ...			1	1 0
Hobbs, The Misses, Evegate House, Bocking, Braintree ...			0	10 0
Hobson, Mrs., Guelder House, Wandsworth ...			0	5 0
Hodgson, Mrs., Coniston, 20, Werter Road, Putney ...			1	1 0
Hodgson, Miss, Coniston, 20, Werter Road, Putney ...			0	10 0
Hoffman, Dr., Coombe Lodge, West Hill, Wandsworth			1	1 0
Holborn, Mrs., Fern Lodge, Campden Hill, W. ...			1	0 0
Holland, Mrs., Templeton, Roehampton ...			5	0 0

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1897.	Don.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Holman, Mrs., 26, Gloucester Place, Portman Sq., W.	0	10	6	0	10	6
Horne, Mrs., St. James' Vicarage, 23, Duncan Terrace, Islington, N.				1	1	0
Horniman, Mr. F. J., M.P., Falmouth House, 20, Hyde Park Terrace, W.				1	1	0
Houghton, Miss, Alton Lodge, Roehampton				1	1	0
Huth, Fredk., & Co., Messrs., Tokenhouse Yard				10	10	0
In Memoriam, J.C.M.	0	5	0			
Jacob, Mr. E. L., 17, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common				1	1	0
Jacob, Mrs. E. L., 17, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common				1	1	0
Jackson, Mrs.				1	1	0
Jackson, Mrs. A., Erin Villa, Putney				1	1	0
James, Miss, the late, Pitlochry, N.B.				1	0	0
Jarvis, Mrs., Woodcote, Walton-on-Thames				1	1	0
Jelf, Mrs., Oak House, Putney				1	0	0
Karr, Mrs. Seton, Atherton Grange, Wimbledon				1	0	0
Keiller, Mr., Fernwood, Wimbledon Park				2	0	0
Kelly, Mrs., Spanish Close, Wandsworth Common				2	2	0
Kelly, Mrs., per ; Mrs. Gresham (the late)				1	0	0
Kindermann, Miss Fernanda, 5, Tennyson Buildings, Ashley Road, Upper Parkstone, Dorset				0	10	6
King, Miss, 20, Homefield Road, Wimbledon				1	0	0
Knight, Mrs., Newstead, Midhurst				0	10	0
Ladies' Money				14	7	0
Leach, Mr. F., c/o Union Bank, Charing Cross				1	1	0
Leadbitter, Miss, 30, Pembridge Villas, Bayswater, W.				0	5	0
Letchworth, Miss, per Mr. Loch, C.O.S.				1	0	0
Longden, Mrs. J. A., Stanton-by-Dale, Nottingham				2	2	0
Longden, Mrs. Spencer, 265, Upper Richmond Road, Putney				1	1	0
Longstaff, Mrs. G. B., Highlands, Putney Heath				1	0	0
Louthean, Mrs.				1	0	0
Macaulay, Mrs., Alverstoke, North Side, Clapham Common				1	1	0
Mackenzie, Miss, Deerhadden College, 59, Brixton Hill				0	5	0
Mackenzie, Mrs., per Miss Baker				0	2	6
Mackenzie, Mrs., Birdingbury Hall, Rugby				2	2	0
Macmillan, Mrs., High Bank, Prestwich, Manchester				1	1	0
Mann, Mrs., 98, Bolingbroke Road, Wandsworth Common				1	0	0
March, Mrs., Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common				0	10	0
Marling, Lady, Stanley House, Gloucestershire				1	1	0

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1897.	Don.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Martin, Mrs. Kemble, Heath Bank, Bickley, Kent				0	10	0
Martin, The Misses, Benthall, Reigate				1	0	0
Marriott, Mrs., Park Road, Wandsworth				0	5	0
Marshall & Snellgrove, Messrs.				5	5	0
Marshall, Miss Helen, 87, St. James' Road, Wandsworth Common				0	10	6
Marvel, Miss, 2, The Grove, Clapham Common				0	10	0
Maw, Mr. Charles, Holmesdale, Nutfield, Surrey				5	5	0
Mawley, Miss C., 19, Outram Road, Croydon				0	10	0
Mayhew, Mrs., Scio, Putney Heath				4	4	0
Mayhew, Mr. Mark, Scio, Putney Heath				2	2	0
McLaren, Mrs., 8, Maresfield Gardens, Hampstead, N.W.				1	1	0
McLaren, Miss, Ravensworth, Cavendish Road, Balham				0	10	6
Meinertzhagen, Miss, Wimbledon Common				7	17	6
Meinertzhagen, Miss B. A., Wimbledon Common				7	17	6
Meinertzhagen, Mrs. D., 25, Rutland Gate				1	1	0
Mill, Miss, 12, Croxteth Road, Princes' Park, Liverpool				1	1	0
Millar, Mrs. Oliva, Putney Heath				2	2	0
Miller, Mrs., Singleton Park, Poulton-le-Fylde				1	1	0
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. H. L., 3, Spring Gardens, W.				3	3	0
Moore, Miss, 47, Broad Street, Oxford				1	1	0
Moore, Miss, Castleton Grange, Rochdale				1	1	0
Mortimer, Mrs. Huntly, The Downs, Wimbledon				0	10	0
Mortimer, Mrs. G. F., Chirk Lodge, Romsey				1	0	0
Mortimer, Mr. H. E. Huntly, The Downs, Wimbledon				1	1	0
Mortimer, Miss I. M., Eastbourne				1	1	0
Muir, Mrs., Heathlands, Wimbledon Common				1	1	0
Muspratt, Mrs. T., Tiernay Road, Streatham Hill				0	5	0
Muspratt, Miss S.				0	10	0
Neal, Mrs. Breward, Infirmary, St. John's Hill, S.W.				0	10	6
Nelson, Mrs., 5, Cambalt Road, Putney Hill				0	10	0
Newman, Mr. J. H., Dorking				0	5	0
Nicholson, The Misses, 10, Oakhill Road, Putney				0	5	0
Noel, Hon. Mrs. Henry, Lamcote, Radcliffe-on-Trent				5	0	0
Owen, Mrs., 14, Granard Road, Wandsworth Common				0	10	0
Page, Mr. and Mrs. W. S., The Limes, St. John's Road East, Putney Hill	2	0	0	1	1	0
Palmer, Mrs., 35, Ovington Square, Brompton				1	0	0
Pannell, Mrs., 7, Crockerton Road, Upper Tooting				0	10	6
Parry, The Misses, Heathside, Wimbledon Common				1	1	0
Peache, Miss, Church Road, Wimbledon				1	1	0
Pearce, Mrs., Carlton Lodge, Eastbourne				0	5	0
Pearth, Mrs., Pitnacree Cottage, Ballinluig, N. B.	1	0	0			
Peek, Sir Henry, Rousdon, Devon				5	0	0

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	Don.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Philpot, Miss Emily, Stuart House, Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	10 6
Philpot, Miss E., per—			0	10 0
Bond, Mrs., Croylands, Southborough Park, Surbiton			0	10 0
Blyth, Miss, Douglas House, Cambridge			1	1 0
Bryant, Mrs., Stoke Park, Slough			0	10 0
Bryant, Mrs. T., Juniper Hill, Dorking			0	10 6
Bryant, Mrs. C., Surbiton			0	2 6
Brasier, Mrs., 7, Shalstone Road, Surbiton			0	10 6
Case, Mrs., Oakhill, Surbiton			0	10 6
Cory, Miss, Hollybourne, Alton			0	10 6
Cox, The Misses, Kenton Lodge, Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	5 0
Foot, Miss, Sunderland House, The Avenue, Surbiton			0	2 6
Gibson, Mrs., Castlebrae, Cambridge			1	1 0
Gill, Mrs., Oaklands, Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	2 6
Glover, Miss, The West Hill, Hessle, Hull			0	5 0
Goodricke, Miss, Fons George, Taunton			0	10 0
Hanser, Miss, The Lodge, Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	10 0
Hickley, Mrs., Under River House, Sevenoaks			1	1 0
Kirby, Mrs., Southboro' Lodge, Cookham Road, Surbiton			0	2 6
Legge, Mr., Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	10 0
Lewis, Mrs., Castlebrae, Cambridge			1	1 0
Nixon, Mrs., 117, Westbourne Terrace, W.			1	0 0
Peache, Rev. A., Danmore, Wimbledon			1	1 0
Rimer, Mrs., Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	2 6
Stogdon, Miss, Hyde Park Court, Albert Gate			0	10 6
Taylor, Mrs., 22, Margravine Gardens, South Kensington			0	2 6
Vachell, Mrs., 54, Kimbolton Road, Bedford			0	10 0
Walter, Miss, Hill House, Ewell Road, Surbiton			0	5 0
Pim, Miss, 10, Russell Square, Brighton			2	2 0
Plante, Mrs. W., Trevonen, Wandsworth Common			0	10 6
Pollock, The late Hon. Baron, The Croft, Putney			1	1 0
Pollock, Miss, Woodlawn, Hanworth, Hounslow			1	1 0
Pollock, Mrs. M. F., Oak Lodge, Wimbledon Park			2	0 0
Portman, Mrs., Westfield, Wimborne, Dorset			1	0 0
Postlethwaite, Mrs., Holly Brake, Chislehurst			2	2 0
Potter, Miss, Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells			1	1 0
Pownall, Miss, Chesterfield, Reigate Hill			1	0 0
Pringle, Mrs., 12A, Sloane Gardens			1	0 0
Pugh, Mrs., the late, Legacy			1	0 0
Ransome, Mrs., 14, The Grove, Boltons, South Kensington			1	1 0
Rawlings, Mr. Edward, Richmond House, Wimbledon Common			60	0 0
Rawlings, Mrs., Richmond House, Wimbledon Common			15	0 0

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	Don.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Reneau, Mr. R. P. W., Shortlands, Spencer Park			0	10 0
Renshaw, Mrs., Ravensworth, Cavendish Road, Balham			1	1 0
Ritchie, Miss, Entrance Fee	25	0 0	1	1 0
Ricardo, Miss, 34, Kensington Mansions, Earl's Court, S.W.			1	1 0
Roe, Mrs. Dumville, The Hollies, West Hill, Wandsworth			1	0 0
Ronald, Mrs., Bishopswood, Bishopswood Road, Highgate, N.			1	1 0
Rose, Miss, 24, Rosary Gardens, South Kensington, W.			1	1 0
Rücker, Mr. J. M., West Hill House, Wandsworth	5	5 0	1	1 0
Rücker, Miss, West Hill House, Wandsworth			5	5 0
Rücker, Miss Emily, West Hill House, Wandsworth			5	5 0
Rücker, Miss Harriet, West Hill House, Wandsworth			5	5 0
Rücker, Miss Madeline, West Hill House, Wandsworth			5	5 0
Sale, Miss, Longridge Road, S.W.			0	10 0
Samuelson, Mr. James, Trevenna, Grosvenor Road, Birkenhead			5	0 0
Sandwith, Dr. F. M., Cairo, 1897 and 1898			2	2 0
Saunders, Mrs. Carr			0	10 0
Scholfield, Mrs., Strathculme, Hele, Devon			2	2 0
Scholfield, Miss			1	1 0
Secretan, Mrs. H., Brook's Meadow, Reigate			0	5 0
Sharkey, Dr. Seymour, 2, Portland Place, W.			1	1 0
Sheldon, Miss, 31, Park Road, Gloucester			3	3 0
Shillington, Mrs., 7, Spencer Park, Wandsworth	1	1 0		
Shillito, Miss F., 6, Burston Road, Putney			0	10 0
Slazenger, Mrs., 9, Kensington Court, W.	0	5 0		
Smart, Miss J., Ashmere, Bedford Hill, Balham			1	1 0
Smith, Mrs. Archibald, Stokeleigh, Weybridge			0	10 6
Smith, Mrs. Hind, Summerfield, Hayward's Heath			2	0 0
Smith, Judge Lumley, Q.C., 57, Onslow Gardens, S.W.			1	1 0
Smith, Mrs. Sarah, 6, Henderson Road, Edinburgh	1	0 0	2	2 0
Smith, Mrs. S. J., 93, Upper Richmond Road, Putney			1	1 0
Smith, Miss Snowden, 15, Norfolk Terrace, Brighton			0	5 0
Smith, Mrs. Theodore, Iver, Carlton Road, Putney Hill			2	2 0
Smith, Miss, Walcott Lodge, Putney			0	10 6
Spurgin, General Sir John, 167, Victoria Street, S.W.			1	1 0
Stanton, Mrs., The Leaze, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire			0	10 0
Stanley, Mrs., 49, Lavender Gardens, Clapham Common			0	5 0
Steane, Mrs., Newhouse Park, Rickmansworth			0	10 0
Steele, Mrs., 11, Louvaine Road, Wandsworth			0	5 0
Stewart, Miss Mackenzie, 31, Lexham Gardens, Kensington			0	10 0
Stimpson, Mrs., 55, Islington Row, Edgbaston			0	5 0
Stock, Mr. Daniel, Calderwood, 5, Palace Road, Streatham Hill			0	10 6
Stratton, Gentry, Messrs., Falcon Lane			1	1 0

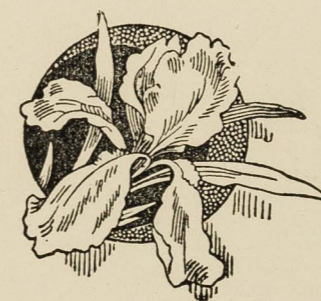
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Strickland, Miss A., 39, Rosary Gardens, South Kensington		1 1 0
Sykes, Mrs., 29, Park Road, New Wandsworth		0 10 0
Tanner, Miss, The Hurst, Sydenham Hill, S.E.		1 1 0
Tate, Sir Henry, Park Hill, Streatham Common		1 1 0
Tate, Lady H., Park Hill, Streatham Common		0 5 0
Taylor, Miss, 41, The Flats, Oakley Street, Chelsea		2 2 0
Taylor, Mrs., 17, Chesham Place, Brighton		0 10 0
Terry, Miss, Woodhall Villa, Charlwood Road, Putney		1 1 0
Thomas, Mrs., Bishopshalt, Hillingdon, Middlesex		3 0 0
Thompson, Mrs. Arthur, Garlands, Redhill, 1896-7-8		0 10 6
Thorne, Mrs., Burntwood Lodge, Tooting		1 1 0
Thornton, Mrs., Battersea Rise, Clapham Common		1 1 0
Tinkler, Miss, The Gables, Portishead		0 10 0
Tomlinson, Miss, 3, Richmond Terrace, Whitehall		1 1 0
Toms, Mrs., Meaburn House, Upper Richmond Road, Putney		0 10 0
Sale at Meaburn House		1 1 0
Trickett, Miss, 38, Park Road, Wandsworth	60 0 0	1 1 0
Urwick, Mrs., St. Dunstan's, Great Malvern		1 1 0
Underhill, Mrs., Derwent Lodge, Thurlow Road, Hampstead		0 10 0
Veitch, Miss, 52, Cathcart Road, South Kensington		0 10 0
Verrinder, Mrs., Holly Lodge, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth		1 1 0
Walters, Mrs., Kingsholme, Colyford, Axminster		0 10 0
Walters, Mr. Laundry, Woodhayes, Wimbledon		1 1 0
Warren, Miss, 16, Pembroke Square, Bayswater, W.		1 0 0
Wartnaby, Miss E., 5, Highfield Street, Leicester		1 1 0
Watson, The Misses, The Gables, Wandsworth Common		1 0 0
Webb, Dr. and Mrs. Pelham, Leathwaite Road, Clapham Common		2 2 0
Wemyss, Miss, Washwell House, Painswick, Gloucestershire		0 10 0
Western, Mrs. E. Y., 36, Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park		1 1 0
White, Miss, 98, Bolingbroke Road, Wandsworth Common		1 0 0
Whiting, Mrs. Matthew, Aucklands, 48, North Side, Wandsworth Common	10 10 0	10 10 0
Whiting, Mrs. H. P., Penquite House, 91, Bolingbroke Grove		4 4 0
Whiting, Mrs. H., 174, Lavender Hill		2 2 0
Whiting, Miss, 174, Lavender Hill		2 2 0
Whiting, Mrs. Noel, 38, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common		1 1 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wilde, The Hon. Mrs., 39, Lexham Gardens, Kensington, W.		0 5 0
Wilde, Miss Laura, 39, Lexham Gardens, Kensington, W.		5 0
Willesford, Mrs., Highfield, Lydney, Gloucestershire		0 2 6
Williams, Mrs., The Laurels, Upper Richmond Road, Putney		1 1 0
Williams, Mrs., Parkside, Wimbledon		1 1 0
Williams, Mrs. Hugh, 3, Cambalt Road, Putney		0 10 0
Willoughby, Miss (Entrance Fee)	25 0 0	
Wilson, Lady Matthew, Frome House, Dorchester		1 1 0
Wilson, Mrs., Heatherbank, Weybridge		1 1 0
Wing, Mrs. Russell, Dorlcote Road, Wandsworth Common		0 10 0
Withall, Mrs., Hatfield House, Portinscale Road, Putney		1 1 0
Withall, Miss Louisa, Hatfield House, Portinscale Road, Putney		1 1 0
Withall, Mrs., Branksome, Lytton Grove, Putney Hill		0 10 0
Witherby, Mrs., St. Paul's Rectory, Old Charlton, S.E.		0 10 0
Wormald, Mrs., Morden Park, Surrey		2 2 0
Wright, Mrs., Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common		2 2 0
Wright, Miss, Mill Hill, Harlow, Essex		1 1 0
Wrightson, Miss, 11, Brackley Road, New Beckenham		0 5 0
Young, Miss, 28, Jesse Terrace, Reading		

** The above is a list of the usual Subscribers and Donors, but some subscriptions and gifts are not received in time to be included in the current year's Balance Sheet.



BALANCE SHEET from April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898.

<i>RECEIPTS.</i>		<i>EXPENDITURE.</i>	
Balance in Bank ...	£ 58 15 8	Rents ...	£ 116 16 4
Subscriptions ...	... .. 528 7 6	Rates and Taxes ...	... .. 89 13 6
Donations ...	... .. 146 13 6	Servants' Wages and Board Wages ...	... .. 226 6 8
Ladies' Weekly Money ...	... .. 14 7 0	Lady Superintendent's Salary ...	... .. 100 0 0
Bazaar at Albert Hall ...	... .. 73 15 6	Fire Insurance ...	... .. 1 17 6
Sale of Work at Mrs. Toms' ...	... .. 50 0 0	South Metropolitan Gas Company ...	... .. 40 16 11
Legacy, per the late Miss Evershed ...	... .. 4 10 0	Coals and Firing... ..	... .. 60 5 0
Dividends on Consols £916 2s. 2d....	... .. 23 11 8	Medical Attendance ...	... .. 36 15 0
	<u>£900 0 10</u>	Subscription to Mudie's Library ...	... .. 4 4 0
		Subscription to Female Welfare Society, 1897 and 1898 ...	... .. 2 2 0
		Printing and Stationery ...	... .. 22 10 0
		House Repairs ...	... .. 61 10 2
		Work Materials ...	... .. 10 0 0
		Incidental Expenses ...	... .. 26 12 0
		Gardener for 1897 ...	... .. 5 7 6
		Dividend on Consols (£500) to Wimbledon Branch Home ...	... .. 12 10 4
		Cheque Book ...	... .. 0 8 4
		Balance... ..	... .. 82 5 7
			<u>£900 0 10</u>

Audited and found correct, this 25th day of April, 1898,

HENRY ATTLEE,
CHARLES H. KELLY.

ENDOWMENT FUND, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	...	...	...
Collected by Miss Constance Leadam ...	... 295	... 11	... 0
" " Mr. J. B. Newman ...	... 0	... 4	... 2
" " Mrs. Hills ...	... 0	... 5	... 0
" " A Friend, per Miss Watt ...	... 0	... 5	... 0
" " "Gratitude," E. W. ...	... 0	... 4	... 2
" " per Miss Gibbs... ..	... 14	... 6	... 6
" " Miss Mabel Robey, per Miss Lewis ...	... 0	... 4	... 2
" " Mrs. Mannper, per Miss Lewis ...	... 0	... 4	... 6
	<u>£311</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

**WIMBLEDON BRANCH HOME,
25, HOMEFIELD ROAD, WIMBLEDON.**

President:
Miss MEINERTZHAGEN.

Treasurer:
Miss B. MEINERTZHAGEN.

Committee:
Mrs. BARTON. Mrs. DEWING. Miss FIELD.
Mrs. OLIVER. Mrs. GUTHRIE SMITH. Mrs. WILLCOCKS.

ONE more year has passed more or less uneventfully in the Wimbledon Branch Home, and the Committee are thankful to say that there has been no serious illness or other cause for anxiety. A slight change in the management of the Home has, however, been made. The President and Treasurer finding they are unable any longer to continue to bear

the sole responsibility, it has been decided by the Central Committee to form a small Sub-Committee of ladies resident in Wimbledon, whose names are given above, and who have kindly consented to share the necessary labours entailed. It is hoped that increased interest in the Wimbledon Branch Home may be the result of this arrangement, as the Committee feel that the claims of this Charity are as yet not sufficiently known or appreciated in the neighbourhood. An appeal was made for increased support in the last Report, but as yet the subscriptions fall very far short of what is required for the maintenance of the Home. The Committee wish once more to thank their kind friend Dr. Clapham for his care and attention during the past year, and also to offer to the Rev. E. W. Moore and the Rev. E. G. Palmer their hearty appreciation of their valued visits and sympathy.



SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

Wimbledon Branch Home.

	Dons.		Subs.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Baker, Miss (collected by), 247, Maidstone Road, Rochester				
Barber, Mrs., 6, Belsize Terrace, South Hampstead			1	1 6
Bellamy, Miss, East Gables, Wandsworth Common			0	10 0
Brancker, Mrs., 84, Wimbledon Hill			0	5 0
Brancker, Miss A. H., 84, Wimbledon Hill			0	10 0
Buxton, Mrs., Elm Cottage, Wimbledon Common			0	10 0
			0	5 0
Carruthers, Miss, 8, Hill Side, Wimbledon			0	10 0
Collmann, Mrs., 18, Sloane Gardens, S.W.			2	10 0
Daubeny, Mrs., 6, Grosvenor Hill, Wimbledon			1	1 0
Daubeny, The Misses, Knodishall, Suffolk	1	0 0		
Evans, Miss, Wimbledon Park House			1	1 0
Field, Mrs., Lyston, Wimbledon Common			1	1 0
Field, Miss Margaret, Lyston, Wimbledon Common			1	1 0
Fordham, Mrs., The Chestnuts, Watts Avenue, Rochester			0	10 0
Galbraith, Miss, Lauriston House, Wimbledon Common			0	10 0
Gray, Mrs. Charles, The late, 11, Portland Place, W.			1	1 0
Greenfield, Mrs., 1, Lansdowne Road, Wimbledon			1	0 0
Hankey, Mrs. Ernest Alers			2	2 0
Hankey, Mrs. H. A., 23, Park Crescent, W.			0	10 0
Harrison, Miss M. B., Elmhurst, South Woodford, E.			2	2 0
Hornby, Mrs., Pitlochry			10	0 0
Holloway, Mrs., Belmont, Wimbledon Common			1	1 0
James, Miss, late Pitlochry			2	0 0
Ladies' Weekly Money			4	4 0
Levy, Mrs., 26, Wellington Court, S.W.			0	10 6

28 SUBSCRIPTIONS to the WIMBLEDON BRANCH HOME.

	Dons.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Locock, Rev. A., Heatherwood, Putney Heath	3	3	0
Locock, Mrs., Heatherwood, Putney Heath...	2	2	0
MacQueen, Mrs., 31, Pembridge Gardens, Bayswater	1	0	0
Meinertzhagen, Miss, The Cottage, Wimbledon	5	5	0
Meinertzhagen, Miss B. A., The Cottage, Wimbledon	5	5	0
Meinertzhagen, Miss G. E., 23, Park Crescent, W.	1	0	0
Miland, Mrs., Clairville, Lansdowne Road, Wimbledon	0	10	0
Murray, Miss, Wimbledon Lodge	1	1	0
Newnes, Lady, Wildcroft, Putney Heath	2	2	0
Oliver, Mrs., Mottistone, Wimbledon	0	10	0
Parry, The Misses, Heathside, Wimbledon Common	1	1	0
Pollock, The Rev. Bertram, Wellington College	1	1	0
Pott, Cecil and Bertie, 13, Ridgeway Place, Wimbledon	1	2	0
Radley, Mrs., Tan-y-Bryn, Beckenham	1	1	0
Schwann, Mrs., Oakfield, Wimbledon Park...	1	1	0
Segelcke, H. W., Esq., Elfindale Lodge, Herne Hill, S.E.	1	1	0
Simpson, Mrs. Telford, 54, St. George's Square, S.W.	1	1	0
Smith, Mrs. S. J., 93, Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W.	0	10	6
Steel, W. Strong, Esq., Philiphaugh, Selkirk, N.B.	2	2	0
Tatlock, Miss, Halesworth, Suffolk	2	2	0
Tomalin, Mrs., 20, Cambalt Road, Putney Hill	0	10	0
Townsend, J., Esq., Lingfield, Wimbledon	1	1	0
Tulloch, Mrs., 13, Carlton Road, Putney Hill	2	2	0
Wells, Miss, The Cottage, Wimbledon	2	2	0
Whitfield, Miss Helen, Eskdale, Wimbledon Park	1	1	0
Wilcox, B. A., 28, Portman Square, W.	1	1	0
Wilson, Mrs., Burfield, Wimbledon	0	10	6

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE

Wimbledon Branch Home Endowment Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous	...	...	...
Aas, Miss, per Miss Windle	20	0	0
Clucas, Mrs., per Miss Windle	0	4	2
Drummond, Miss, per Miss Martin	0	4	2
Drummond, Miss, per Miss Martin	0	4	2
Emerton, per Miss (Thank-offering)	0	16	8
Emerton, per Miss (Thank-offering)	1	0	0
Emerton, per Miss	1	0	0
Emerton, per Miss	0	3	8
Emerton, Miss Laura	0	4	6
Emerton, Miss Laura	1	0	0
Emerton, Miss Laura	1	0	0
Emerton, Miss Laura	1	0	0
Emerton, Miss Laura	1	0	0
Emerton, Miss Laura	1	0	0
Gayer, Miss F., per Miss Windle	0	17	0
Martin, per Miss	0	4	2
Windle, per Miss	0	7	8
Windle, per Miss	0	4	6
Windle, Miss, legacy per the late	10	0	0
Windle, Miss, sale of furniture of the late	4	0	0

Wimbledon Branch Home.

BALANCE SHEET from April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance in Bank ...	£		s. d.
Subscriptions ...	61		17 0
Donations ...	71		17 0
Ladies' Weekly Money ...	3		3 0
Sale of Work at "The Cottage" ...	4		4 0
Sale of Work at "The Cottage" ...	39		4 0
Dividend on Consols, £500 ...	55		0 0
	12		10 4
			£247 15 4
Rent ...	72		12 0
Rates and Taxes ...	30		11 6
Servants' Wages and Board Wages ...	57		4 0
Mitcham and Wimbledon Gas Company ...	14		8 1
Coals ...	16		0 0
Medicine ...	3		11 0
House Repairs ...	13		13 3
Work Materials ...	7		6 5
Incidental Expenses ...	8		18 6
Gardener for 1897 ...	0		11 9
Cheque Book ...	0		8 4
Balance ...	22		10 6
			£247 15 4

Audited and found correct, April 25th, 1898.

HENRY ATTLEE,
CHARLES H. KELLY.



Mr W. Summers, 2 Oxford Road, Putney

Dist. 39

July 24/1900

We were advised to see Mr Summers respecting
 the Temperance work at Putney. He is a
 stout cheery old gentleman, grey hair,
 mutton chop whiskers and mustache
 and a face fairly beaming with good
 humours. He lives in a good semi-
 detached villa with large garden behind,
 laid out as a lawn with flower beds
 at side. Here under the shade of a tree
 the interview took place.

Mr Summers is the leading spirit
 in the United Gospel Temperance Society
 of Putney, which is not so much united
 as he would like. Altho' all the churches
 are supposed to belong to it, the work
 is, as usual, left to a few. The Society
 is undenominational & non-political.

During the summer, the Society holds
 open air meetings. Usually one a week
 near the Fountain in High Street, altho'
 occasionally other parts of Putney are
 visited.

visited. On Bank Holiday (August) they⁽²⁾ have a field day on Putney Heath. Sir George Newnes throws his grounds open to them and a regular demonstration is held.

In the winter, meetings are held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney Bridge Road. The Hall holds 800 to 1000 and has a large club room attached.

Here, from October to April, they hold meetings on Saturday evenings, once a fortnight having a good orchestra (40 performers). To these meetings 400 to 500 people come, paying 1st admission or 3^d for a reserved seats. A gospel temperance address always forms part of the programme and Mr S. tries to get "a gentleman equal to the occasion" and is careful to use both churchmen and non-cons. To this meeting they get a number of young people. It is a sort of "prevention and cure". During the year they take 80 or 90 pledges.

In addition they have a choir practice one night & band rehearsal another, Boys Brigade, Labour Loan Society with about 100 working men members. An evangelistic meeting is also held on Sunday nights at

The Assembly Rooms at 7 PM. Not very ³ successful - one or two who like to hear their own voices. Get about 100 - never more.

In Putney as a whole, interest in temperance work is languid. Dr Mathieson takes a great interest, some others have a temperance meeting but make no special effort. "You may go to these places and not hear a word on Temperance once a month." Temperance work is growing, but little interest is taken in licensing.

In Putney, they have an enterprising man who builds publichouses and sells them. He has re-built the Railway Hotel, White Lion and the Bull & Star and greatly increased the accommodation. He is now rebuilding the Star & Garter and a great music hall with it. They ^{Society} have opposed the music licence of this house for three years and will ~~not~~ now have to fight the question again. The pub. party say Mr S's opposition is interested (his ^{on the} Saturday meetings). He however is not opposed to the music but to the combination of music & beer. "We cannot stop the Music Hall but we will stop the beer"

Drinking amongst women has grown ⁽⁴⁾ very much during recent years and not only with the poorer but with well to do women, the cases being ~~brushed~~ brushed up. Then he told me of 3 recent local cases, one the wife of an M.F. who got drunk at a pastry cooks and was sent home in a cab. Another the wife of a "well known city man."

The Churches are weak. The Church of England get the best congregations. Emmanuel gets about 150, the Baptist 250, Congregationalist 250 and the Wesleyans 300 to 350.

Mr Sumner also broadly roundly declared that most of the poor, who attended church went for what they could get. "Go to the church and you get relief. If you don't go, you have to whistle and don't get it". Some made a very good thing out of it.

The moral condition of Putney Mr S. thinks is bad, altho not outwardly so. He was just going to give some details when our interview was cut short by the ad. visitor and I made use of the opportunity to say good bye.

and I availed myself of the opportunity to (5
say 'Good bye'.

Mr. Sumner talked mostly in the
anecdotal strain. A pleasant, friendly
old gentleman, well connected socially
he would be ~~the~~ just the man to meet &
bind together of the different classes of people
in temperance work. I should not
however expect much strenuous work
from him but rather a leavening influence.

