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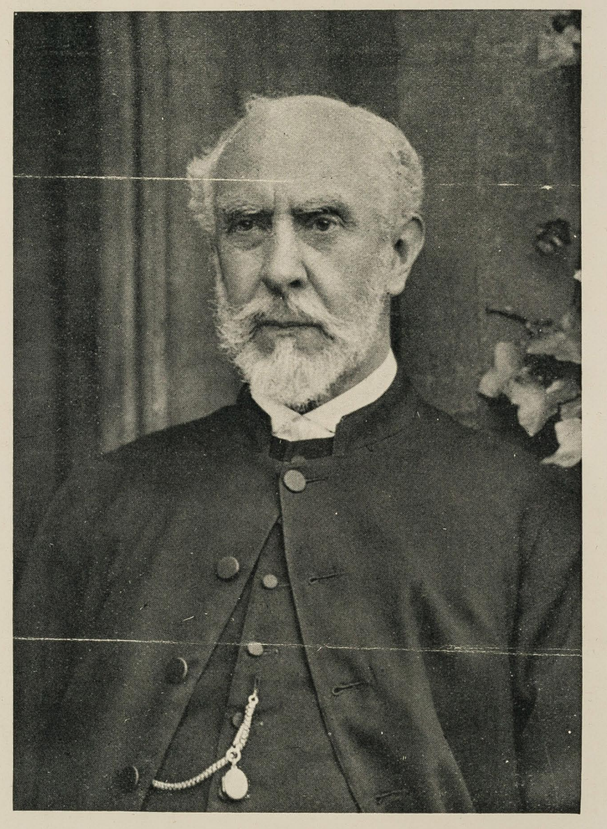

REV. JOHN H. SNOWDEN, M.A.,
[Prebendary of St. Paul's],
Vicar of St. Paul's, Hammersmith, and
Rural Dean of Fulham.

Photo. by A. H. Fry,
68, East St., Brighton.

Not answered

Vicarage, Hammersmith,
May 5th 1899

Dear Sir,

I don't think I can give more information than I have put on the enclosed paper, and I ~~think~~ hope that these answers will save the time of

Yours truly as Secretary

& also of mine.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

John H Snowden.

Form A. – The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

QUESTIONS to be asked in each parish as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the population?

Very mixed, all kinds of the labouring classes & riverside. Clerks, traders & some professional

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

All in one way or another

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not)

4 Clergy, 2 Lady Visitors. There are a large number of voluntary helpers.

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools and clubs.)

Church, Lych in Church, School rooms, Parochial Room – Drill Hall.

(e) What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended?

Usual Church Services – Temperance Services &c

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church – institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.

Many Clubs

(g) What Educational Work is done?

Infants' Schools & Sunday Schools & Bible Classes

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy or District Visitors)

There is regular visitation according to Districts.

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?

There is the St Hammersmith & Fulham Nursing Association

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

Relief tickets chiefly to old & sick. Some monthly pensions

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come?

Usual Dissenting Influences. West London Philanthropic. Some endowed charities

(l) What co-operation is there between the Church and other bodies.

None.

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

Pretty Government. Very active & good.

(II) Police

Very bad entirely outcast women & good deal of street P. but comes chiefly from outside. Few Serious crimes

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

Some very young

(VII) Thrift

Improving

(VIII) Health

Very healthy

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally ~~Pretty fair~~

Pretty good

District St Paul's, Hammersmith

[Where possible, a comparison should be made between Past and Present.]

NOTE.—It is not intended that this Form should be filled up, but it may be found useful for making notes preparatory to an interview.

John H Snowden
Vicar.

Snowden – St Paul

Return 30/13

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May 17th 1895

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Interview with Rev. H. Smith, St Romer, Shepherd's Bush.

Mr Smith is a man of about 55: short, high shouldered, slightly deformed: genial manner, and pleasant but rather weak face.

He has been in charge of this parish since it was cut as a Mission District off St Stephens 22 years ago, and has seen the building of nearly every street in it.

With the exception of Southwode St which has long been poor it was originally entirely middle class, with one family in each house: the process of ~~the~~ decay has been going on for some years and is now proceeding very rapidly: family after family tells Mr S. that the neighbourhood is becoming "impossible" and they are hurrying out to Ealing and Acton: only last week the head of a family in Dwerryhouse Road, about the best in the parish told Mr S. of his intention to move: "the new comers" he said "are quite quiet, respectable and inoffensive, but

On warm evenings they will sit at their open windows in their ~~[illegible]~~ shirt sleeves, drinking beer out of a pot" and though they do it quite quietly it is not what I am accustomed to." These places are taken not as a ~~[illegible]~~ rule by the manual working class but by small clerks and others of similar standing, with their families or lodgers to each house. Mr S divides his population of 4000 at present as about 1/3rd genuine working class, and 2/3rds above that level. The only streets where there is any genuine poverty are Stone Road and Southwark St in the latter of which there is some squalor, always the result of drink.

For Providing Workers, living at the Deptford with the decay of the parish there is the usual difficulty in getting workers, and those who do offer are of course of a lower and rather less satisfactory class.

The congregation too is beginning to suffer, and a sure indication of the change is that the morning congregation is getting ~~smaller~~ smaller while the

Evening remains stationary or tends to increase. The present figures are about 500 morning and Evening, being parochial

Mr S. complained that the present population were quite friendly but indifferent and very difficult to get at: they are spread above the district visiting land, and can only be visited by the clergy, and as Mr S. is alone he cannot see a tithe of them: this would matter less if the people were more neighbourly, but as they say "they do not neighbour with one another": in a poor parish you have only to make a communication to one person and the whole parish soon knows it: here two families living in the same house often do no more than pass the time of day to one another.

The working class portion of the population did attend upon the church services: it is much too respectable for them: Southwark St could not be expected to go to anything but a Mission Hall: a few of them may go to a Mission under the Railway Arches.

Details as to the Sunday School will be found in the Report, as also as to the various social agencies; it is of no great importance.

As to visiting the poor are regularly visited. Mr S. said that visitation is becoming an increasingly difficult task: unless the poor are of the cadging sort who look upon the visitor as a source of which they are beginning to resent visitation unless it is done with extraordinary tact; the day when the visitor could go in and sit down to read a chapter of the Bible are gone, and the suggestion of reading is apt to be looked on as a reflection on the ~~x~~ education of those visited: altogether the spread of the sentiment of equality has made the work of the church among the working classes more difficult.

Figures as to Relief will be found in the Report. There does not seem to be any systematic engaging or discrimination, but Mr S. keeps the matter in his own hands, and the visitors have to send all applicants for relief direct to him. A good deal of the relief goes to deserved

gentility, of which there is much in the neighbourhood.

There are no chapels in the parish and no big non-con. cases in the neighbourhood. Mr Adams at the Congregational Chapel in Alexandra Road is a popular preacher, and has a good congregation.

Local government and Police: both efficient.
Drink not excessive.
Prostitution: scarcely any: but cases of girls in the family may not be common: nearly always the result of Bank Holiday outings.

This is a quiet uncircumstanced little parish, I should say fairly and efficiently worked.

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St. Thomas',

SHEPHERD'S BUSH, W.

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Church Council.

The Council meets quarterly, and receives reports and financial statements with respect to the Church, its Services, and the various works connected with it.

Members:

REV. H. SMALL, *Vicar.*

MR. JOHN SADLER, } *Churchwardens.*
„ J. L. APSEY, }

Mr. J. BROWN	MR. J. INCE
„ G. D. CHANDLER	„ E. MEYNELL
„ G. M. FRASER	„ H. PEACHEY
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Representatives at the Ruri-Decanal Conference.

MR. J. INCE. MR. J. HOPKINS. MR. H. M. TOD.

Honorary Auditor.

MR. CHARLES H. HUGHES, C.A.

St. Thomas', Shepherd's Bush.

Sunday Services.

11 a.m., 3.45 p.m. (with address to children), and 7 p.m.

Holy Communion.

First, Third, and Fifth Sundays in the Month at 8 a.m.
Second and Fourth at 11 a.m. Service.

Holy Baptism and Churchings.

Sunday 4.15 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. and at other times by arrangement.

Saints' Days.

Service at 11 a.m.

Week Days.

Wednesdays and Fridays, Litany at 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening, Service with Sermon, at 8 p.m.

Marriages.

For Publication of Banns, &c., apply to the Verger, Mr. F. SEARLE, 73, Stowe Road.

ALL SEATS FREE AND UNAPPROPRIATED.

The Ecclesiastical District Parish of St. Thomas', Shepherd's Bush, is bounded by the Uxbridge, Coningham, and Goldhawk Roads, Southbrook Street, and a portion of Devonport Road ; and includes the following roads :—

St. Stephen's Avenue	Devonport Road, west side, also 2 to 28
Godolphin Road	Southbrook Street, west side
Hetley Road	Uxbridge Road, 77 to 141
Stowe Road	Goldhawk Road, 106 to 174
Coningham Road, east side only	Thornfield Road, 1 to 13 and 2 to 24

St. Thomas' Vicarage,
Shepherd's Bush,
April, 1899.

My Dear Friends,

Our Easter Vestry Meeting has, I am thankful to say, once again brought in a satisfactory report, showing that as to our Church Expenses Account we have paid our way, while other accounts are not only free from deficiencies, but some have quite a respectable balance in hand. This is as it should be, and reflects credit on our workers and supporters. There are matters, however, as most of you are aware, which we find it necessary to undertake, and will involve considerable expense, yet we doubt not but what, with your kind and generous assistance, they will be satisfactorily accomplished. There will be some slight structural alterations in our Parish Room, to suit the requirements of the County Council and enable us to obtain their licence for public entertainments. These we propose undertaking at once, in time for our forthcoming Bazaar, and with the balance from our General Purposes and our Entertainments Funds should have ample means for the purpose. Our Church stoves will need repairing, if not replacing by new ones, and then further there is the enclosing of our Churchyard with brick wall and railings, and this we can hardly expect to do for less than £150. It is for this object that we invite you all to give us your hearty and liberal support to the Bazaar which the

Dowager Lady Westbury has kindly consented to open for us on the 31st of May. If our friends will rally round us again and do their best as they have done on previous occasions we shall without much difficulty and trouble accomplish the one expensive undertaking which yet remains for the proper completion of the Church.

The past year has seen some great improvements, notably the two beautiful memorial windows, for which we are indebted to Mr. George and to our former Churchwarden, Mr. Coulcher. We hope that before many weeks the window over the font will be placed, one light being the gift of Mr. Tytheridge, and the other of Mr. Hanson.

The Rev. G. E. Mackie, much to our regret, left us at Easter to take up Sunday morning duty in one of the City Churches, but he hopes to assist us occasionally in the early Morning Celebrations and at the Evening Service. Happily we have been able without much delay to supply his place, having secured the help of the Rev. E. J. Hockly.

We have again to record our sorrow at the loss during the past year of some members of our Congregation who were regular worshippers and also had endeared themselves to us by various kindnesses. Others again have moved away from the neighbourhood. We must expect these changes, but none the less we deplore them.

This year we are promised a Confirmation in our Church, on the afternoon of the Second Sunday in Advent. Owing to various causes it has been some time since we

have had this privilege, and we hope and expect that there will be a goodly number of Candidates forthcoming from our Congregation.

I wish most heartily to thank all those who render such willing and excellent work in the Church and Parish. We are still constantly requiring Sunday School Teachers, and also ladies who will kindly assist in visiting, or in collecting the weekly payments of our poorer people for the Provident Clubs. Any offer of such assistance will be gratefully welcomed. Praying that the Blessing of God may rest upon us and ours, and that He will graciously continue to prosper our work here that it may redound to His Glory,

I remain,

Yours faithfully and affectionately,

HENRY SMALL.

P.S.—I shall be very glad if any who worship at our Church and are not personally known to me, would kindly forward me their names and addresses, or give them to the Churchwardens or Verger at any of the Services.

Reports

OF

SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

AND

Statements of Accounts.

Church Expenses Account.

From Easter, 1898, To Easter, 1899.

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898—		
To Balance		6 15 8½
To Offertories—		
April	13 3 7	
May	34 12 0	
June	28 0 9	
July	29 0 2	
August	18 8 7	
September	19 16 8	
October	38 6 6	
November	26 9 0	
December	32 17 9	
1899—January	32 6 10	
February	24 5 5	
March	27 4 2	
Easter Offerings	23 6 11	
		347 18 4
Donations	4 0 6	
Gas	0 15 0	
Printing...	1 17 6	
		6 13 0
		£361 7 0½

Compared with the Churchwarden's Cash Book and Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

5th April, 1899.

Note.—There being no income derivable from Pew Rents, the endowment of the living is supplemented by a portion of the ordinary offertories.

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898—		
By Special Offertories—		
Bishop of London's Fund	5 18 2	
Hospital Sunday Fund	7 9 8	
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge	8 15 0	
Church Missionary Society	5 5 6	
Jerusalem and the East Mission Fund ...	1 9 6	
Curate's Fund	29 11 7	
		58 9 5
By Salaries—		
Verger and Bellringer	35 10 0	
Organ Blower, Stoker and Gardener ...	13 0 0	
Organist and Choir Fund (contributions) ...	16 0 0	
,, ,, (books)... ...	2 16 6	
Mrs. Searle	7 10 3	
		74 16 9
By Insurance, Rates, Repairs, &c.—		
Gas	20 14 9	
Repairs	8 11 0	
Insurance	3 10 6	
Water Rate	1 1 0	
Coals and Coke	3 9 6	
		37 6 9
By General Expenses—		
Visitation Fee	0 18 0	
Printing and Books	8 4 9	
Sacramental Wine	1 10 0	
New Cassocks	4 16 9	
Washing Surplices	3 13 7	
Decorations and Sundries	7 13 6½	
		26 16 7½
By Poor Relief Fund		28 1 1
,, Rev. H. Small		107 2 9
,, Easter Offerings...		23 6 11
,, Cash in hand		5 6 9
		£361 7 0½

Curate's Fund.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. Ince.

This fund is intended for the purpose of raising a sum of £50 annually for the remuneration of a Curate, to assist at the Sunday Services. One Offertory is given to the Fund quarterly, and contributions are thankfully received in addition.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Easter, 1898 — Balance	1	13	3
Offertories—			
1898—April	7	1	3
July	6	2	10
November ...	7	16	7
1899—January ...	8	10	11
Donations—			
Miss Agassiz... ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Beale	0	5	0
Rev. F. E. Elliot ...	8	8	0
Mr. C. Embleton ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Graham ...	0	2	6
Miss Greenwood ...	1	0	0
Mrs. E. D. Hutton...	1	0	0
Mrs. Kelly	0	10	0
Rev. H. Small ...	5	0	0
Ven. Archdeac. Small	1	0	0
Miss A. Watier ...	0	10	6
Miss C. S. Watier ...	0	10	6
	£51	1	4

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. F. B. Marsland ...	12	10	0
Rev. G. E. Mackie ...	37	10	0
Easter, 1899 — Balance	1	1	4
	£51	1	4

Examined with the Counterfoil Receipt Book and Vouchers, and found in accordance therewith.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

12th April, 1899.

Sick and Poor Fund.

This Fund, which is under the sole control of the Vicar, is derived from the offertories at the Early Communion Services, and one-tenth of the Offertories when there are celebrations at mid-day.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Easter, 1898.— Balance	12	11	3
Offertories	28	1	1
,, (private communion)	2	6	6
Church Box	0	15	5
Donations—			
Mr. Embleton ...	2	0	0
Mr. W. H. Goodall...	1	0	0
Mr. Hoyte	0	11	8
Mrs. Marvin ...	0	15	0
Mrs. Pope	0	10	0
Mr. C. W. Smith ...	1	1	0
Miss A. Watier ...	0	10	6
Miss C. S. Watier ...	0	10	6
	£50	12	11

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Grocery...	12	14	6
Meat	5	15	6
Coal	7	0	3
Milk, &c.	2	0	0
Bread	0	8	0
Gifts, &c., by Vicar ...	11	14	3
Easter, 1899.— Balance	11	0	5
	£50	12	11

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

4th April, 1899.

The Choir.

Mr. Stanley C. Attwood, *Organist & Choirmaster.*

Mr. Warren, *Deputy Organist.*

The Choir is voluntary and consists of—

Mr. J. Brown	Mr. J. Kennedy
,, B. Cook	,, W. Long
,, J. Cook	,, J. Norman
,, T. Davey	,, T. Perks, Junr.
,, F. G. Dorrell	,, F. C. Stiles
,, H. A. Hanson	

And 15 Boys.

The Choir Excursion was made to the Crystal Palace last year, the cost (£3 18s. 9d.) being defrayed as usual by the members of the congregation.

Organist and Choir Fund.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. H. Hutt.

This fund was originally started to provide the Organist's salary, while the cost of the Organ was being paid out of the Church Expenses Fund, and it was hoped that it might be discontinued as soon as the organ was paid for, but although that has been accomplished, the Vicar and Churchwardens desire to appeal to the subscribers to continue their support, at all events for the present. There are very many calls on the Church Expenses Fund, and new calls are constantly arising, while unfortunately the Offertories do not increase, and it therefore seems desirable to postpone adding the Organist's Salary to the ordinary Church Expenses if it can be avoided, in addition to which it is considered advisable to make some small payment to a few of the Choir Boys in recognition of their services.

Subscriptions and Donations.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Apsey, Mr. J. L. ...	1	1	0	George, Mr. G. ..	0	5	0
Baker, Miss	0	5	0	Green, Miss C. A. ...	0	5	0
Beale, Mrs.	0	5	0	Greenwood, Miss ...	0	10	0
Boyd, Miss	0	7	6	Hanson, Mr. H. A.	0	10	0
Davis, Mrs.	0	2	6	Harness, Miss J. ...	0	5	0
Dean, Mr. H. ...	0	4	0	Herbert, Miss ...	0	2	6
Dyke, Misses ...	0	10	0	Hopkins, Mr. J. ...	0	10	0
Folkard, Mrs. ...	0	5	0	Hughes, Mr. C. H. ...	1	1	0
Footman, Miss A. ...	0	10	0	Hutt, Mr. J. H. ...	0	10	0
Fraser, Mr. G. M. ...	0	5	0	Hutton, Mrs. ..	0	10	0
Gadd, Mr. E. ...	0	2	6	Ince, Mr. J.	0	10	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—*cont.*

	£	s.	d.
Kelly, Mrs. (don.) ...	0	10	0
Langhorne, Mr. A. R. M.	1	0	0
Loxton, Mr. C. H. ...	0	5	0
Mills, Mrs.	0	10	0
Mills, Mrs. (don.) ...	0	5	0
Milsom, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Peachey, Mr. H. ...	0	5	0
Percy, Mr. J. ...	0	10	6
Percy, Mrs. J. ...	0	10	6
Petrie, Mr. T. ...	1	0	0
Peyton, Misses ...	1	0	0
Prichard, Mr. H. J....	0	5	0
Pye, Mr. C. A. ...	0	10	0
Pye, Mrs. C. A. ...	0	10	0
Reed, Mrs.	0	5	0
Sadler, Mr. John ...	1	0	0
Sadler, Mr. Joseph ...	0	10	6
Sherrin, Mr. T. ...	0	5	0
Small, Rev. H. ...	2	2	0
Smith, Mrs.	0	5	0
Thomas, Mr. W. S.	0	5	0
Tod, Mr. H. M. ...	0	5	0
Tytheridge, Mr. H. B. H.	0	10	0
Watier, Miss A. ...	0	10	6
Watier, Miss C. S. ...	0	10	6
Winter, Miss (don.)...	0	10	0
Wise, Miss	0	10	0
	23	10	9
Subscriptions ...	22	5	6
Donations	1	5	0
	£23	10	6

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions ...	22	5	6
Donations	1	5	0
Contributions from Church Expenses Account	16	0	0
Church Box	1	0	0
	£40	10	6

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer at Easter, 1898	0	10	0½
Organist's Salary (1 year, to Christmas, 1898	30	0	0
Allowance to Choir Boys (1 year, to Christmas, 1898) ...	8	0	0
Music	1	15	11
Balance in Treasurer's hands, Easter, 1899	0	4	6½
	£40	10	6

Note.—The Organist's Salary and the payments to the Boys to Lady Day last (together £9 10s.) are due, so that, practically, there is a deficiency of about £9.

Compared with the Treasurer's Book and Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

1st April, 1899.

Sunday School.

Teachers.

Mr. S. T. TYERS (Superintendent.)
Mr. F. C. STILES (Choir Class.)
Mr. J. BROWN (Bible Class, Boys).
Miss EAVESTAFF (,, Girls.)
Mrs. WISDOM (Infants' Class.)

Girls' Classes.

Miss L. Apsey
,, A. M. Benton
,, Everett
,, M. Fitch
,, Foulkes
,, Manley
,, Larmuth

Miss Small
,, F. B. Snelling
,, Stewart
,, Webb
,, Weber
,, Wisdom

Boys' Classes.

Miss Alexander
,, C. Alexander
,, Braddick
,, Eades
,, Frazer

Miss Hickman
,, Hughes
,, Murray
,, E. Skues
,, Thomson

Mr. Tyers reports:

"The attendance has been fairly satisfactory, but I should like to see the children a little more punctual. This very likely is the fault of the parents. The numbers on our books are, strange to say, exactly the same

as at the corresponding time last year, 373. It is to be hoped that next year we shall again be over 400. A good many of our teachers have left, and the Vicar does not find it at all easy to supply their places, Miss Ottaway, Miss B. Skues, the Misses E. H. and N. Stewart, Miss Westcombe, Miss Cooper, Miss Pratley, and now we have lost Miss F. Hickman, who has been a regular teacher for many years, and did not resign till the Sunday before her wedding day. We wish her every happiness in her new home."

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brot. forward	3	15	1
Sale of Hymn Books	0	14	4
Teachers' Collecting Cards for Summer Treat	12	0	10
Donations and Visitors' Tickets ...	4	8	3
Sale of Tickets for Concert	15	11	2
	£36	9	8

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Fares to Bricket Wood	12	5	9
249 Teas at 6d. ...	6	4	6
55 ,, at 9d. ...	2	1	3
Prizes and Extras ...	0	13	0
Books and Registers	1	18	0
Christmas Prizes ...	3	1	0
Infants' Treat ...	0	3	0
Expenses of Concert	4	5	6
Expenses of Winter Treat	3	16	5
Postage, &c.... ...	0	4	6
Balance in hand ...	1	16	9
	£36	9	8

The sum of £2 14 was collected by the Sunday School Children for the Church Missionary Society.

Examined with the Superintendent's Books and Vouchers.

(Signed) CHAS H. HUGHES, C.A.

23rd April, 1899.

Charities Sustentation Fund.

Committee.

REV. H. SMALL, *Vicar.*
Mr. JOHN SADLER, } *Churchwardens.*
Mr. J. L. APSEY, }
Mr. C. H. HUGHES, *Hon. Treas. & Secretary.*
Mr. C. A. PYE.

This Fund is intended to afford a ready means of aiding such of the Parochial Charitable Funds as are not self-supporting. Donations and Subscriptions may still be given to any particular object; but if no wish is expressed in this respect, they will be carried to the Sustentation Fund, and devoted to the support of the Charities generally.

New Subscribers are very much required, as several in this year's list have unfortunately left the neighbourhood, or are deceased. The donation to the Coal and Clothing Club has this year amounted to £10 7s. 1d., an increase of £2 1s. on the donation of last year, and if the demand on account of the Mothers' Meetings, and other payments, had not been considerably less, there would probably have been a deficiency in the account. It is expected that a subscription list of £35 will be required to meet next year's payments.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Anonymous	0	5	0	Footman, Miss M. A.	0	5	0
Apsey, Mr. J. L. ...	0	10	0	Gadd, Mr. and Mrs.	0	5	0
Battam, Mr. W. C. ...	0	5	0	Graham, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
Beale, Mrs.	0	5	0	George, Mr. G. ...	0	5	0
Brown, Mr. J. ...	0	5	0	Green, Miss C. A. ...	0	10	0
C.H.S.	0	5	0	Greenwood, Miss ...	0	10	0
Dean, Mr. Herbert ...	0	5	0	Greig, Miss	0	5	0
Dowsing, Mrs. E. ...	0	5	0	Gilbert, Mr.	0	2	6
Eavestaff, Miss ...	0	4	0	Harness, Miss J. ...	1	0	0
Edney, Mrs. ...	0	5	0	Hearn, Mr. and Mrs.	0	5	0
Embleton, Mr. Chas.	1	1	0	Herbert, Miss ...	0	10	0
Ferris, The Misses ...	0	10	6	Hildyard, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Field, Mrs.	0	10	0	Hopkins, Mr. James	0	7	6
Folkard, Mrs. ...	0	5	0	Hoyte, Mr. Geo. C.	1	1	0
Footman, Miss A. ...	0	5	0	Hughes, Mr. C. H.	0	5	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—*cont.*

	£	s.	d.
Hughes-Hallett, Mr. F. C.	0	5	0
Hutt, Mr. J. H. ...	0	10	0
Hutton, Mrs. E. D....	0	10	0
Ince, Mr. Joseph ...	1	0	0
Jackson, Mr. T. H....	1	1	0
Kelly, Mrs.	0	10	0
Langhorne, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Larmuth, Mr. A. J....	0	10	6
Mackie, Rev. G. E.	1	1	0
Mills, Mrs.	0	10	6
Milsom, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Moule, Miss S. ...	1	0	0
Percy, Mr. and Mrs. James	2	2	0
Pye, Mr. Charles A.	0	10	0
Sadler, Mr. John ...	0	10	0
Sadler, Mr. Joseph ...	1	1	0
Small, Rev. H. ...	1	1	0
Sherrin, Mr. James B.	0	10	0
Stewart, Mrs. Malcolm	0	5	0
Smith, Mrs.	0	5	0
Stiles, Mr. F. C. ...	0	2	6
Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.	0	10	0
Tod, Mrs. H. Monteith (special don.) ...	1	0	0
Tod, Mrs. H. Monteith (ordinary sub.) ...	0	10	0
Tytheridge, Mr. H. B. H	0	10	6
Wade, Miss C. ...	0	5	0
Watier. Miss A. ...	0	5	0
Watier, Miss C. S. ...	0	10	6
Wells, Miss L E. ...	0	5	0
Whittleton, Mr. G....	0	5	0
Williams, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Winter, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Winter, Mrs. and Miss	1	0	0
Wise, Miss	0	5	0
Wright, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
	£31	7	0

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Easter, 1898	6	13	5
Subscriptions & Donations	31	7	0
	£38	0	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Hammersmith & Fulham Dist. Nursing Association (don.)	2	2	0
Miss Sarah Saunder's Convalescent Hm., Ramsgate (don.) ...	2	2	0
Surgical Aid Society (don.)	2	2	0
West London Hospital (don.)	2	2	0
Coal & Clothing Club	10	7	1
Mothers' Meetings ...	7	14	8
Christmas Entertainment	1	12	0
Blanket Club ...	0	2	6
Provident Sick Club	0	5	0
Postage, Stationery, Printing Report, &c.	0	13	6
Balance, Easter, 1899	8	17	8
	£38	0	5

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES, *Hon. Secretary.*

Note.—Donations of two guineas each to the Hammersmith District Nursing Association, Miss Sarah Saunder's Convalescent Home, Ramsgate, and the Surgical Aid Society, fall due in July, reducing the balance in hand to £2 11s. 8d.

Blanket Loan Club.

Honorary Secretary and Manager—MISS E. EAVESTAFF.

Blankets are lent during the winter months to poor families, upon the deposit of One Shilling, which is repaid to them when the Blanket is returned clean.

No purchases have been made during the year.

Blanket Club.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—MR. JOSEPH SADLER.

This Club enables the poorer people of our Parish to lay by small sums during the year, for the purchase of Blankets—which by the kindness of a friend we are able to purchase at wholesale prices, direct from the manufacturers. Forty-six pairs of blankets were supplied in this way during the past year.

Receipts	£	s.	d.
Balance Jan. 1898 ...	0	14	8
Subscriptions from Members	31	1	2
Discount	0	16	7
Donation from Charities Sustentation Fd. (for printing) ...	0	2	6
	£32	14	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions returned to Members ...	3	10	5
Blankets purchased...	27	15	10
Carriage of wrappers, &c., returned ...	0	1	6
Printing Report ...	0	2	6
Printing Cards ...	0	9	0
Balance 31st Dec., 1898	0	15	8
	£32	14	11

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES.
Chartered Accountant.

4th April, 1899.

Coal and Clothing Club.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—MR. J. HOPKINS.

The past year saw a further increase in the number of members, and the amount subscribed, thus testifying to the continued popularity of this Club.

The amount of the subscriptions returned in cash is also larger, and the bonuses given, together with the printing expenses, have rendered necessary a contribution of £10 7s. 1d. from the Charities Sustentation Fund, which much exceeds the sum received from that Fund on any previous occasion, and shows the need of new subscribers to maintain this with the other of our Church Charities.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions in 1898	73	6	10
Interest from Bank...	0	7	6
Contribution from the Charities Sustentation Fund	10	7	1
	£84	1	5

Expenditure.				£	s.	d
Subscriptions returned				57	18	9
Coal—						
Mr. Wilmot ...	2	16	0			
Mr. Goddard	0	2	0			
				2	18	0
Clothing, Drapery, &c.—						
Mr. Whittleton	7	18	2			
Messrs. Hunt & Co. ...	5	0	4			
Messrs. Pellow & Murray ...	2	5	6			
Mr. Sander Hawkins ...	1	13	4			
Messrs. Chilton & Payne	1	6	4			
Mr. Waters-Ellett ...	0	11	3			
Mr. Courtier...	0	8	10			
				19	3	9
Boots—						
Metropolitan Boot Co. ...	1	8	8			
Messrs. Freeman, Hardy & Willis ...	0	16	3			
Messrs. Lilley & Skinner...	0	8	0			
				2	12	11
Printing—						
Mr. A. T. Whittell ...	1	3	0			
Annual Report	0	5	0			
				1	8	0
				£84	1	5

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct.

16th April, 1899. (Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES, C.A.

Maternity Society & Ladies' Working Party.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—MRS. SMALL.

The Maternity Society is established for the purpose of lending boxes of linen to poor married women in their confinement, supplying them with groceries, etc. The linen is made up at the Ladies' Working Party, held at St. Thomas' Vicarage, the first Wednesday in every month at 3 p.m. Complete sets of short clothes are also made there to be given when the boxes are returned, provided the mother has been churched and the child baptised.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance, Easter, 1898	1	12	0½
Subscriptions ...	1	12	0
	£3	4	0½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Doctor's Fees ...	0	5	0
Grocery	0	9	0
Drapery	0	9	5
Post Cards	0	5	0
Balance in hand ...	1	15	7½
	£3	4	0½

Examined and found correct.

17th April, 1899. (Signed) JOHN SADLER.

Mothers' Meetings.

President—MRS. SMALL.

Hon. Secretaries and Treasurer—MRS. HOYTE AND MISS HARNESS.

These meetings are held weekly on Mondays for the purpose of receiving subscriptions from the poorer parishioners to be laid out in clothing, which is made up at the meetings. Twopence in the shilling (from the Charities Sustentation Fund) is allowed off the cost price of all articles purchased by members out of their subscriptions, and Mr.

Whittleton makes a further allowance of one penny in the shilling on all articles purchased at his establishment.

The number of members has increased and the attendance is good. The account annexed is brought down to the end of February. It is proposed in the future to make up the account to the end of December each year.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account	1	3	6¼	Mr. Searle	1	0	0
Members' Subscriptions	21	18	9½	Gas	0	15	0
Donation from Charities Sustentation Fund	7	14	8	Printing Report ...	0	5	0
Balance due to Hon. Treasurer	1	16	4¼	Books	0	4	0
				Drapery— Mr. G. Whittleton	30	9	4
	£32	13	4		£32	13	4

I have examined this account with the Books and Vouchers and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

17th April, 1899. (Signed) JOHN SADLER

Provident Sick Fund.

President—The Rev. H. Small, *Vicar.*
Vice-Presidents—The Churchwardens.
Committee—Mr. and Mr.
Medical Officers—Alfred Burt, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., and W. Wilson, Esq., M.B., L.R.C.P.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Henry Peachey.

This Club has been continued for another year in the hope that the benefits it offered might meet with more appreciation. This hope has, however, been disappointed, and this year (1899) has opened so unpromisingly that it is feared the scheme will have to be abandoned, unless some satisfactory re-organisation can be devised.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Members' Subscriptions	1	14	8	Printing Report ...	0	5	0
Donation from Charities Sustentation Fund	0	5	0	Claims from Sick Members	1	1	0
Donation from Hon. Treasurer	0	0	4	Cash returned to Members at end of year (7 at 2s. each)	0	14	0
	£2	0	0		£2	0	0

Compared with the Treasurer's Books and Vouchers and found correct
7th March, 1899. (Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES.

Church of England Temperance Society.

(S. THOMAS' JUVENILE BRANCH.)

President—Rev. H. Small, *Vicar.*
Vice-President—Mr. S. T. Tyers.
Hon. Treasurer—Miss Eavestaff.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. E. J. Warner.

The meetings continue to be well attended, and the behaviour of the children is very good.

Six Members were prepared for the Diocesan Examination, the result of which is not yet known.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance at Easter, 1898	0	11	1	Crystal Palace Tickets	0	1	6
Members' Subscriptions	1	6	8½	Examination Fee ...	0	2	6
Donation (Odds and Ends Sale) ...	1	0	0	Affiliation Fee ...	0	5	0
				Postal Order ...	0	0	1
				Hymns	0	3	3
				Tea	0	17	6
				Mr. Searle for services	0	5	0
				Balance, Easter, 1899	1	2	11½
	£2	17	9½		£2	17	9½

Compared with the Treasurer's Book and Vouchers and found correct.
18th April, 1899. (Signed) JOHN SADLER.

Note.—There is an amount of 15s. 8d. outstanding for gas.

Communicants' Union.

REV. H. SMALL, *Vicar.*

Hon. Treasurer—MR. J. H. HUTT.

Hon. Secretaries—

MR. J. H. HUTT. 25, Findon Road.

MISS EAVESTAFF, 16, St. Stephen's Avenue.

The objects of the Union are—

To deepen the spiritual life, to unite more closely in the bonds of Christian Fellowship, and to encourage in works of usefulness, the Communicant Members of St. Thomas' Church.

It is desired—

That all Members pray morning and evening.
Read daily some portion of God's Word.
Attend regularly to the Services of the Church.

Receive the Holy Communion at least once a month.

Communicant Members of the Church desirous of joining the Union, should send their names and addresses to the Vicar.

A meeting of a social character, is held three times a year.

There is a subscription of One Shilling a year to meet sundry small expenses.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at Easter, 1898 ...	0	12	0½	Refreshments and attendance at three meetings	1	10	0
Subscriptions 1897-8 (in arrear)... ...	0	2	0	Postcards	1	0	0
Subscriptions 1898-9	1	16	0	Printing Invitations on Post Cards ...	0	3	6
Balance due to Treasurer, Easter, 1899	0	6	5½	Gas	0	3	0
	£2	16	6		£2	16	6

Compared with the Treasurer's Book and Vouchers.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

1st April, 1899.

The Magazine.

Hon. Editor—Mr. H. G. MONTEITH-TOD, 239, Goldhawk Road.

The Magazine circulates information respecting the various works connected with the Church. It consists of the "Church and Home," which supplies general reading on matters affecting the Church at large, and on a variety of interesting subjects, and two pages of Parish news in each number.

The subscription for the Magazine is 1s. yearly, or if it is to be sent by post, 1s. 6d. Copies may be had of Mr. Tod, or of the Verger.

A grant of £7 10s. has been made out of the balance in hand at the end of 1898, to the General Purposes Fund, to assist in meeting some rather heavy charges which will have to be incurred in regard to alterations in the Parish Room, and there will be a charge of 5s. for printing the report.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance Jan., 1898 ...	8	6	5
Subscriptions & Sales	8	3	9
Advertisements ...	8	10	0
	£25	0	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Printer's Account ...	14	0	11
Searle's commission and delivery ...	0	16	0
Carriage	0	14	0
Balance, Dec., 1898	9	0	3
	£25	0	2

Compared with the Printer's receipted accounts.

Signed, CHAS H. HUGHES.
Chartered Accountant.

16th April, 1899.

General Purposes Fund.

Committee—THE VICAR.
THE CHURCHWARDENS.
MR. HANSON.
MR. PYE (Hon. Sec. & Treas.)

The General Purposes Fund has been formed to meet various charges which do not properly come under the heading of Church Expenses, especially the care and maintenance of the Parish Room and whatever belongs to it. The general expenses of a Parish are always more or less heavy, and in one like St. Thomas', with no wealthy residents to undertake them, they can only be met by the united efforts of all interested in Church work.

Several rather heavy expenses are anticipated in connection with necessary alterations in the exits from the Parish Room.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Easter, 1898 ...				0	13	5
Subscriptions & Donations—						
Miss Andrews	1	0	0			
Mr. Apsey ...	0	10	0			
Mrs. Beale ...	0	5	0			
Miss Boyd ...	0	7	6			
Mrs. Davis ...	0	5	0			
Miss Greenwood	0	10	0			
Mr. Hanson ...	0	10	0			
Mr. Hennell...	0	2	0			
Mr. Hutt ...	1	0	0			
Mrs. Hutton...	0	10	0			
Mr. Ince ...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Kelly ...	0	10	0			
Mr. Peyton ...	2	0	0			
Mr. Powter ...	0	10	0			
Mr. Pye ...	2	0	0			
Miss Pye ...	0	10	0			
Mr. Sadler ...	2	0	0			
Mr. Joseph Sadler ...	1	1	0			
The Rev. Henry Small ...	2	2	0			
The Misses Stewart ...	0	5	0			
				17	17	6
Miss Hinton, concert ...	4	19	0			
Secretary Association in Aid of the Deaf & Dumb	12	0	0			
Grant from Magazine Fund ...	7	10	0			
Received on account of Gas	8	12	9			
				33	1	9
				£51	12	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Rates and Taxes ...	2	15	6
Mr. Brown, builder ...	3	17	3
Mr. Wilson, clockmaker	0	15	0
Mrs. Searle, sundries ...	4	0	11
Insurance of Parish Room	0	14	3
Messrs. Pearson, ironmongers	2	15	6
Printing Report... ..	0	5	0
Mr. F. Searle, preparing room for Deaf and Dumb	3	7	6
Paid on Account of Gas	14	1	8
Balance at Easter, 1899	19	0	1
	£51	12	8

Examined with the Vouchers for the Payments.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

April, 1899.

District Visitors.

Mrs. Battam	Miss Harness	Miss Miller
Mrs. Bouch	Mrs. Hopkins	Mrs. Small
Mrs. Graves	Mrs. Hoyte	Miss Smith
Mrs. Hanson	Mrs. Ince	Miss Wells.

The Poor of the Parish are regularly visited by the Ladies, and relief is administered through them to sick and necessitous cases.

The Institute.

Committee:

The Vicar.

The Churchwardens.

Mr. J. Brown — Mr. H. A. Hanson, Hon. Sec.

Mr. G. M. Fraser — Mr. H. G. Monteith Tod

The Institute comprises the following affiliated clubs—the Swimming Club and the Gymnasium. In the course of time it is hoped that opportunities will arise for extending the scope of the Institute, so as to make it what it is intended to be, the centre of social parish life.

Entertainments.

President—The Vicar.

Committee—The Churchwardens, Mr. Attwood, Mr. T. Percy, Mr. Stiles.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mr. S. W. Graves.

During the past winter the entertainments of our Institute have been much appreciated. The attendances have been large, and the pecuniary result very gratifying. We have to thank Mr. Graves, who has again undertaken the management, and other friends who have kindly helped him, for their successful efforts.

A donation of £1 was given to the Gymnasium from the money in hand at the commencement of the season, and out of the balance now in hand it is proposed to make a grant of £10 to the General Purposes Fund.

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance...		5 6 7
Sale of Season Tickets ...	17 0 0	
Sale of Ordinary Tickets	10 17 6	
		27 17 6
Sale of Programmes...		3 9 2
Advertising...		3 0 6
		£39 13 9

Expenditure.

	£ s. d	£ s. d.
By Printing ...	3 15 6	
Do. Report	0 5 0	
		4 0 6
Expenses of Entertainments...		9 3 10
Gas and preparation of room		2 12 6
Repairs to platform ...		0 17 10
Pianoforte tuning ...		0 15 0
Petty disbursements, postage, telegrams ...		0 9 1
Gratuities—		
Mr. Searle ...	3 3 0	
Mr. Thompson	1 1 0	
		4 4 0
Donation, 1898—		
Gymnasium		1 0 0
Balance in hands of Treasurer		16 11 0
		£39 13 9

Examined with the Books and Vouchers and found in accordance therewith.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,
Chartered Accountant.

7th April, 1899.

Gymnasium.

Patron—MAJOR-GEN. GOLDSWORTHY, M.P.

President—REV. H. SMALL.

Vice-Presidents { The CHURCHWARDENS. Mr. H. A. HANSON.

Hon. Treas. and Sec.—Mr. G. FOLKARD.

Assist. Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. T. SMALL.

Hon. Treas. and Sec. for Girls—Mrs. H. PEACHEY.

The past season has been a very successful one. The members have considerably increased in numbers, and have been regular in their attendance throughout. The competition instituted last year was held again, and medals were given as rewards to the most proficient, including this year the senior and junior girls.

The Annual Display was held on the 23rd March, before a large and appreciative company, and showed a distinct advance on previous years in all classes. A special feature, new this year, was an exhibition of sword dancing, and a highland fling, by the Instructor, Sergeant A. Wood, late 2nd Gordon Highlanders and Aldershot Staff, accompanied by a piper of the Scots Guards, which met with hearty applause.

We have been sorry to lose the help of Miss Larmuth this year, and wish to record our high appreciation of her exertions in the management of the girls' classes for so long. Mrs. Peachey kindly consented to fill her place, and has rendered us invaluable aid at a time when it was most needed.

Receipts.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from last Season		1	5	5½
Donation from Entertainments Fund ...		1	0	0
		2	5	5½
Less Gas to Lady Day 1898		2	4	6
		0	0	11½
Subscriptions :				
Boys ..	14 5 0			
Girls ...	7 11 0			
		21	16	0
Profit on display ...		5	2	9
		£26	19	8½

Expenditure.

		£	s.	d.
Repairs of apparatus, printing & sundries		1	7	5½
Instruction—				
Boys ...	8 12 6			
Girls ...	4 10 0			
		13	2	6
Gas a/c to Christmas, 1898		2	15	0
Gas a/c to Lady Day, 1899		3	5	0
Attendance, cleaning, &c....		3	0	0
Loss on Competitions		2	4	9
Balance in hand ...		1	5	0
		£26	19	8½

Compared with the Books and Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) JOHN SADLER.

19th April, 1899.

Swimming Club.

President—The Vicar.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mr. Stiles.

The Club meets at the Kensington Baths, Latimer Road, and members who desire to be taught swimming, are requested to meet for the First Class Baths on Fridays, from 5.15 to 6.15, and for the Second Class on Thursdays, from 6 to 7 p.m. Members can obtain Tickets for First Class Baths at 5d., and Second Class at 2½d., of Mr. Stiles, 216, Uxbridge Road.

Entrance Fees:—Members over 16 years of age, 1s. Under 16, 3d.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand 1898 ...	1	3	6½
Tickets ,, ,, ...	0	18	11½
Entrance Fees, 1898,			
Seniors	0	12	0
Juniors	0	1	3
	£2	15	9

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Loss on sale of Tickets under Rule 8 (56 at 1d.)	0	4	8
Tickets in hand— 26 at 5d. 40 at 2½d.	0	19	2
Cash in hand ...	1	11	11
	£2	15	9

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUGHES,

Chartered Accountant.

7th April, 1899.

Juvenile Missionary Working Guild.

President—Mrs. Small.

Hon. Treasurer—Miss Eavestaff.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Weber.

This Guild, which is carried on with the object of encouraging useful work in the support of Missions, is under the superintendence of Miss Weber. Meetings are held once a fortnight, on Fridays, and the articles made at these meetings are disposed of for the assistance of Missionary Work. Help in money and materials will be much appreciated.

A gift of Christmas Cards and Scraps was received from the Rev. F. E. Elliot; some of them were sold for the support of the Guild, and others were pasted into scrap books and sent to the Church Missionary Society.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Easter, 1898	0	12	4
Monthly Subscription	1	0	11
Donations	2	4	6
,, (Odds and Ends Sale) ...	1	0	0
Collecting Box ...	0	8	6
Christmas Cards ...	0	8	6
	£5	14	9

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Drapery	3	11	9¾
Scrap Books... ...	0	6	8
Mrs. Searle, for arranging room ...	0	15	0
Sundries	0	2	6
Balance in hand at Easter, 1899 ...	0	18	9¼
	£5	14	9

Compared with the Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) JOHN SADLER.

19th April, 1899.

Odds and Ends Sales Account.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	7	5	2
Proceeds of Sale ...	8	15	0
	£16	0	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Gas and attendance	0	5	0
Cartage	0	6	0
Printing	0	6	6
Carpet and Serge for Parish Room ...	1	16	6
Children's hymn books	1	16	3
Materials for Bazaar work	1	18	6
Donations—			
Towards expenses of Mothers' Summer Treat ...	1	10	0
Juvenile Temperance Society ...	1	0	0
Juvenile Missionary Working Guild ..	1	0	0
Balance in hand ...	6	1	5
	£16	0	2

Examined with Vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) JOHN SADLER.

20th April, 1899.

May 21st. 1895

Interest 30/2 Work 30/1

Interview with Rev. W. H. Hill Bourne, Vicar, Uxbridge Road.

Mr Bourne is a man of about 50: rather round bullet face: light blue: clean shaven thin lips. He was just recovering from an attack of gout but nevertheless was most courteous and cordial though it may perhaps account to some extent for his rather pessimistic views as to church prospects.

The population of the parish is about 12000 of ~~whom~~ whom about 1500 are the prisoners and officials at Wormwood Scrubbs Prison. Of the people about half are of the working class, the remainder having small shops with a sprinkling of better to do, but even in this comparatively new parish there is the cry of social decay: "all the best people are going away" said Mr Bourne, and quoted the usual tale of the reduction in pew rents, his income having ~~been not~~ fallen by about £100 in

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Recent years: the poorer parts of the parish south of Uxbridge Road remain much as they were: it is a great laundry district with the usual concomitant of much drinking and numbers of lodging houses. Mr D. 12 years ago preached the sermon at the Saints Haggerston and thinks that the people here are poorer than in that parish.

In particulars as to ministry &c. see Magazine.

The church has practically two congregations: it is divided into a free and a pew rented side: in the morning the pay side is full the free side less so: in the evening this varies: there are about 600 to 700 at each service: the communicants number about 300 and are increasing. But though he appears to be ~~not~~ moderately successful as things go Mr D. took a gloomy view of the situation: there is a good deal of outward show of religion but the real inward spiritual religion is dying

killed by the modern love of pleasure and excitement, and especially by the bicycle which is destroying church attendance. "I have never been a Sabbatarian and have never preached Sabbatarianism" said Mr D. "but I see clearly that unless the clergy can do something to stem the present slackening of Sunday we cannot hope to see any spiritual success". Mr D. feels it not so much a strike in a reduction of the congregation as in the growing difficulty of getting workers: the class who used to be keen and willing to assist in teaching or visiting now refuse to please teachers to work: they want to keep themselves free for cycling or visiting. Altogether Sunday is rapidly becoming nothing but a secular holiday: "people talk about a continental Sunday" said Mr D. "I would rather have a continental Sunday than what ours is becoming: on the continent people do at least go to early mass, but then the continental Sunday may mean a day of pleasure without any religious observance".

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The Social agencies are not numerous, but Mr D. spoke of his Institute as usually successful: it is run on Church lines and all the 50 members are Church goers. Mr D. both here and in Haggerston tried the open plan and found that instead of drawing men to Church it drove them away. At Haggerston he tried to form an Institute ~~and~~ going up an hour one night a week to a Bible class of young men he had previously had: the open Institute promptly killed the Bible class. Asked whether he had in his Institute the same class as would patronise a non-tot. club Mr D. said undoubtedly the institution on a tot. kept out many of the rougher ones.

The Sunday School has about 300 children. Both here and in visiting there is the difficulty of workers, and the School is "not what it ought to be". Mr D. complained too of the laxity of the Non-Cons with "their lectures, and treats and so on".

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Of other religious agencies out the Congregation (Mr Adams) have any following

Mr Bourne I imagine is rather a capable man & but I don't think his work is of any great importance. He is of way of being a well known writer of hymns & gave me a volume of his composition.

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List of Services.

SUNDAYS:—

Holy Communion—

7.30 a.m. On 1st Sunday in month and on Festivals.

8.30 and mid-day. Every Sunday.

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11 a.m. Morning Service.

3.15 p.m. Last Sunday in the month and Festivals, Service for Young.

4 p.m. Litany and Short Address, except last Sunday in month; Churchings and Holy Baptism.

7 p.m. Evensong. (Special Music 1st Sunday in month).

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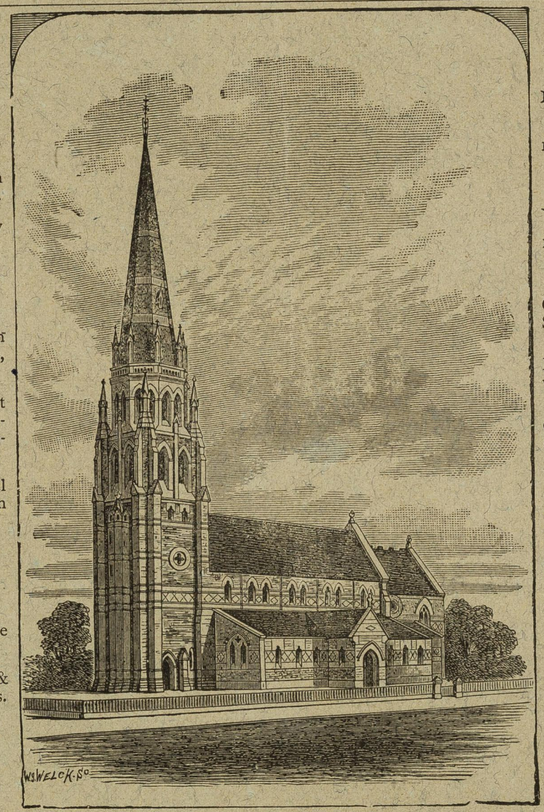
10 a.m. Sunday School. Parish Room.

3 p.m. Young Men's Bible Classes.

3.15 p.m. Sunday School & Young Women's Classes.



PROPOSED NEW TOWER.

List of Services.

HOLY DAYS:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

10 a.m. Shortened Matins and Holy Communion.

WEEK DAYS:—

10 a.m. Matins daily.
5 p.m. Evensong daily.

Service for Communicants' Guild, Friday before the 1st Sunday in each month, 8 p.m.

Service and Sermon every Friday at 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

Holy Baptism & Churchings every week day after Matins and Evensong.

Notice of Banns of Marriage may be given to any of the Clergy or the Verger. Notices of Weddings and of Special Baptisms, to be given to the Verger.

Applications for Sittings to be made to the Churchwardens or to the Verger.

The Clergy may be seen at the Church every day after Evensong. The Vicar also endeavours to be at home daily from 12 to 1.

Clergy:
REV. W. ST. HILL BOURNE, Vicar, S. Luke's Vicarage, Uxbridge Road.
REV. SYDNEY K. LOCKYEAR, 209, Uxbridge Road. REV. PERCEVAL MOLONY, 10, Keith Grove.

Churchwardens—MR. T. W. HOLBROOK, 95, Frithville Gardens. MR. H. T. ELSDEN, 6, Natal Villas.

Sidesmen { MR. W. P. MALLAM. MR. T. HODGSON. MR. E. MIXER. COL. BLANDY.
{ MR. T. LAHEE. MR. R. WATSON. MR. H. COLLINS. MR. JACKSON.

Organist & Choirmaster—MR. F. G. COLE, F.C.O., L.Mus., 23, Upper Addison Gardens.
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WEEK-DAY FIXTURES.

	CHURCH.	S. LUKE'S HALL.	TEMPERANCE HALL & CLUB ROOMS.
M.	10 a.m. Mattins. 5 p.m. Evensong. *5.30, Girls' Sewing Cls.	2.30 to 4.15, Mothers' Meeting. 6 to 10, Institute.	6 to 7, Children's Phœnix Meeting. 7 to 8, Women's Burial Club. 7.30 to 9.0, Women's Sick Club. 8 to 10, Concert or Temperance Meeting. 8 to 9, Men's Sick Club. 8 to 9, Loan Club. 8 to 10, Penny Bank.
Tu.	10 a.m. Mattins. 5 p.m. Evensong.	5 to 6.30, Jun. G.F.S. Sewing Class. 6 to 7, Dispensary Payments.	8 to 10, Men's Burial Club.
W.	10 a.m. Mattins and Litany. 5 p.m. Evensong.	6 to 10, Young Men's Institute. (Gymnastic Classes).	
Th.	10 a.m. Mattins. 5 p.m. Evensong. 7.0 to 9.0, Choir.	5.45, Band of Hope.	6 to 7, Band of Hope Meeting. 8 to 10, Brass Band.
F.	10 a.m. Mattins and Litany. 5 p.m. Evensong. *Choir (Boys) 7.0.		8 to 10, Meeting of Musical & Literary Society.
S.	10 a.m. Mattins. 5 p.m. Evensong.	6 to 10, Institute.	8 to 10, Social Gathering or Concert. [N.B.—The *Hall* is open every evening from 7 to 10.]
(Sundays)	[See title page.]	10.0. Sunday School. (Parish Room.) 3.15. Sunday School.	

*Parish Room.

You are particularly asked to read, and keep at hand for reference, the

SPECIAL NOTICES FOR JANUARY.

1 S. *Circumcision. 1st Sunday after Christmas.* Celebrations, 12.0, 8.30, and mid-day. (Special Intention — Sunday Schools). Service for Young, 3.15. Offertory, Organ and Choir Fund.

2 M. Churchwardens sit in Vestry, 7.0 to 8.30.

6 F. *Epiphany.* Celebration, 8.0. Matins and Celebration, 10.0.

8 S. *1st Sunday after Epiphany.* Celebrations, 8.30, and mid-day. Offertory, Curates' Fund.

9 M. Churchwardens sit in Vestry, 7.0 to 8.30. Mothers' Tea and Entertainment, the Hall, 7.0.

10 T. G.F.S. Entertainment, the Hall, 8.0.

13 F. Ladies' Work Party, Parish Room, 3.0.

15 S. *2nd Sunday after Epiphany.* Celebrations, 8.30, and mid-day. Offertory, Miss. Hse. Expens.

19 Th. Entertainment, the Hall, 8.0.

22 S. *3rd Sunday after Epiphany.* Celebrations, 8.30, and mid-day. Offertory, Sunday Schools.

24 T. Infants' and Babies' Tea, the Hall, 5.30.

25 W. *Conversion of S. Paul.* Celebration, 8.0. Matins and Celebration, 10.0.

26 Th. District Visitors' Meeting, Parish Room, 11.0.

29 S. *Septuagesima.* Celebrations, 8.30, and 12.30. Matins and Litany, 11.0. Service for Young, 3.15. Offertory, Organ and Choir.

30 M. Ladies' Church Music Practice, 4.0.

31 T. Sunday School Prize Giving, the Hall, 6.30.

THE SITTINGS IN S. LUKE'S.

The Wardens will sit in the Vestry to allot sittings and receive payments on Mondays, January 2nd and 9th, from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Applications may be made to them at other times, either directly or through the Verger.

The Churchwardens desire to call attention to the fact that the greater part of the Vicar's income depends upon the number of places let; the Offertory being devoted to entirely different objects—namely, Charitable Funds and the Church Expenses, to meet which more than the whole of it is required.

For other reasons also it is hoped that all who can will take sittings on the appropriated side. The often overcrowded state of the Free side prejudicially affects those really unable thus to contribute to the maintenance of the Ministry, and visitors, for whose use that half of the Church is set apart, and to whom both the Clergy and Church Officers desire at all times to give the heartiest possible welcome.

THE VICARAGE,
Dec. 31, 1898.

My dear Parishioners and Friends,

In wishing you once again—a twelfth time—a really happy New Year,—which I do with all my heart,—it is with the deepest thankfulness I find myself able to record that the total number of communions made in our Church during the past twelve months greatly exceeds the highest total of any previous year. Hitherto the largest number has been that of 1895, in the early part of which our Mission was held. But this year, without any especial contributing cause of the kind, we have surpassed that total by more than two hundred. That the money given in Church should not have quite reached the previous year's amount may seem at first sight strange. But it must be remembered that in 1897 there were special services and offertories, not only for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but also in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Church's existence. Besides which, the Pan-Anglican Synod furnished us with various special preachers; some of whom—notably Bishop Oluwole—obtained large collections. Even were the small falling-off not accountable for by these considerations, it would weigh little against the large increase of communicants. For, however much a diminution of worldly means in a congregation may be a matter of regret, it is of little moment compared with growth in things spiritual.

That there is still the same willingness on the part of the congregation at large to help to the best of their power is happily shewn by the very satisfactory result of our recent Sale of Work, and also by the very liberal response to my appeal on Christmas Day for gifts equaling the combined offertories of the Day itself and the Sunday following in 1897; which amount was exceeded by a sovereign. For this, and manifold private tokens of kind feeling towards myself and my family, I would take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks, as well as for the excellent work done by very many of you in the parish. At the same time, I must ask once again for an increase of workers,—more especially as District Visitors. It is a matter of great regret to me that several important districts are vacant,—and thus out of touch with the clergy,—who cannot possibly themselves know as they would wish the whole 11,000 parishioners.

With the New Year, I propose to introduce an important addition to our services,—namely, a daily Mattins, as well as Evensong. My chief object in this is to strictly fulfil the requirements of the Prayer-Book. This has, as you know, always been my effort, so far as circumstances allow; and you are aware that the full statement of the practices of our Church, which I recently laid before the Bishop, received his entire approval. But in recent controversies, those who favour innovations of doctrinal significance have said, in reply to objections, that those who find fault with them, themselves neglect to carry out the Prayer-Book directions, especially as to saying the daily offices. Of course, no sensible mind can suppose that the one can be fairly set against the other, the relative importance being so very disproportionate,—besides, the innovators themselves leave out what suits them in many cases. Nevertheless, to remove any ground for plausible objection, however unreasonable,—it certainly seems best to omit nothing that our Church clearly desires, and,—though not unconditionally,—enjoins. Moreover, I am persuaded that none can faithfully use any additional opportunity of worship and devotion without blessing to their souls. The hour of daily Mattins will be 10.0,—unless I should learn from you that any other hour would be more generally convenient. The Saints' Day Celebrations will follow immediately after this service;—thus commencing an hour earlier than hitherto.

The Motto I would give you for this year shall be, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." We need all to pray earnestly for peace with truth for the Church at home and abroad; and doing so will help to make the year one of blessing to ourselves; for it is promised "They shall prosper that love thee."

Your Minister in Christ Jesus,

W. ST. HILL BOURNE.

THE CHRISTMAS SALE.

Our Sale of Work proved a success upon which we may all well congratulate ourselves. Not only did those who came find things bright and pleasant in every way, but the amount realised was beyond our expectations, and will enable us to devote some £40 to the Tower Fund, after making use of about £100 in clearing off the debts which were so great an anxiety. The Treasurer being away for Christmas holidays, we cannot give detailed accounts, but they shall be printed as soon as possible. Meanwhile we may mention that Mrs. Mello's exceedingly picturesque stalls produced over £30, while Mrs. Mixer's, Miss McQueen's, and the Vicarage stall yielded each well-nigh as much. The refreshment stall was exceedingly popular, the low prices charged, with the prompt and pleasant attention given, being very attractive. The results of all the other stalls were also excellent: and we must heartily thank those who spent their money so freely, as well as those on whom the burden of the work rested. Very many members of the congregation threw themselves thoroughly into the spirit of the thing, though some were "conspicuous by their absence." Miss Musgrave and Miss M. Smith and their friends, and Mr. Cole, helped greatly by the excellent musical entertainments; and Miss St. Hill Bourne's Exhibition of 500 Coloured Advertisements, in the inner room, was a welcome supplement.

THE GUILD ALTAR CLOTH.

The new white festal frontal arrived punctually on Christmas Eve, and was at once put in its place. The material and work are both all that can be desired, and appear the more beautiful the more closely they are examined. Unfortunately, however, the cross entwined with lilies in the centre is smaller than was shown in the sketch design; which, combined with the fact that gold never shows up boldly upon white, gives it rather a meagre appearance to those farther off than the chancel. The Vicar is negotiating on the matter; and means will be found for remedying this drawback to what is really an exquisite work of art. It is extremely satisfactory that the Guild should have been able to provide this adjunct to our Celebrations. We would suggest as a further object to set before the members the provision of a new carpet for the altar-steps.

For continuation of Local News see page III.

A SUPPLEMENTARY HYMNAL.

The use of the Carols on separate papers at this season has suggested the idea that, as at almost every part of the year hymns by the Vicar seem to be welcomed as additions to those in the hymn-book, it would be well for these to be collected into a small volume, which might be sold for a few pence, and so save the cost of constant special printing. The Churchwardens warmly approve, and the Vicar gladly offers any profits from the sale to Church objects,—perhaps to be divided between the Tower and Organ and Choir Funds. It is hoped the little publication will be ready in a few weeks' time.

CHRISTMAS.

This great Festival, when we contemplate more especially the great mystery of the Incarnation and all the temporal and eternal blessings resulting to us therefrom, has once more passed very happily. Happening, as it did, on a Sunday, there was room for some anxiety from a pecuniary point of view lest the offertory should suffer. Five services instead of nine were required to give us a sum of £25 for our poor, to keep up the standard of last year. We are deeply thankful to say that on Christmas Day our offertory amounted to £25 17s. 11d., and our communicants numbered one hundred more than last year. When we think of the dark, damp fog attending Christmas in 1897, we shall, no doubt, put down *some* of our increase to the bright weather this year, and rightly so; but be it remembered that without enthusiasm in things religious and charitable no amount of bright weather can replenish the offertory.

Our Church was beautifully decorated, thanks to Miss Slade and her helpers, and the music and singing, thanks to Mr. Cole and the choir, were of the best. The Vicar preached morning and evening, and Mr. Molony addressed the children in the afternoon. Carols were sung after Evensong, and Dr. Pope gave the sacred song, "Nazareth."

G. F. S.

An Entertainment will be given at S. Luke's Hall on Tuesday, January 10th, at 8 o'clock, in aid of the Girls' Friendly Society. Mr. Hopkins, whose handbell ringing was so much appreciated last year, has been again engaged, and Madame Stanesbey has kindly offered her services. Glees, &c., by ladies and gentlemen of S. Luke's and Members of the G.F.S. Tickets, 1/- and 6d., from Associates, and at 59 and 175, Uxbridge Road.

INSTITUTE.

After some delay and unavoidable confusion we have at last secured a Gymnastic Instructor. Staff-Sergeant Betts was to have come to us, but was at the last moment prevented. In his place we had Corporal Barnes, who, after a very brief acquaintance, was seized with illness, and had to be sent to hospital. His place was filled by Sergeant Hill, who is now with us, and is giving great satisfaction. The Sergeant has only recently returned from the Soudan, where he fought with distinction in the battle of Omdurman. He is a Sergeant of the 1st Battalion of Grenadiers.

Through the kindness of friends our Billiard Table has been put in repair, and is once more sufficiently decent for a good game.

PRESENTATION.

An interesting event took place in the Parish Room on Saturday, December 17th, when Mrs. Beck, who has recently retired from the Secretaryship of our local branch of the G.F.S., was entertained at tea and presented with a lady's hand-bag, given by Mrs. Bourne and the Associates. The Vicar made the presentation, with an accompaniment of a few well-chosen and appropriate words.

We are desired to insert the following which we have received:—"Mrs. Beck returns sincere thanks to Mrs. Bourne and the Associates of the G.F.S. for the kind present which they have given her on her retirement from the Secretaryship of S. Luke's branch, as well as for the very kind feeling and words of appreciation expressed by the Vicar on the occasion."

S. LUKE'S CHURCH MONTHLY.

Special arrangements as to binding Vol. XI. 1898, have been made by the Secretary, who will undertake to bind all copies sent to him at 7, Keith Grove, *on or before* the 20th January, at a uniform charge of 1s. 6d. per vol. Volumes sent in *after* the 20th will be charged at 1s. 9d.

Missing numbers will be supplied and charged for at the usual price.

The parcel should be plainly marked with the name and address of the sender, and should be accompanied by a remittance for the above amount. The bound volume will be delivered as soon as it is received from the binders.

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

Amount previously acknowledged	£2	17	0
Tommy	0	13	6
R.	0	10	0
Mrs. Watson	0	2	0
	£4	2	6

A cheque for the above amount was forwarded by Mr. Lockyear, on December 8th. In a letter of acknowledgment Miss Curtis expressed great satisfaction at the amount collected, and sent very sincere thanks to all who contributed towards the fund.

ENTERTAINMENT.

We call attention to a very good Entertainment to be given in our Hall on January 19th, under the auspices of Miss Molony, who has most kindly arranged it. Miss Godfrey, Miss Hilda Godfrey, Miss Derby and Mr. H. Barratt have so far promised their help, and others are being approached with a view to their assistance. The profits will be given to the "Organ Cleaning" and "Piano" funds.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Oct. 24.—Albert Edward Bishop.
" 26.—Hilda Burrows.
" 30.—Frederick Charles Bannister Foy.
" 30.—Ernest James Cyril Sewell.
" 30.—Eric Leslie Westbury.
" 31.—Winifred Mary Morgan.
Nov. 1.—Ernest Lionel Dickenson.
" 3.—Henry Herbert Bickley.
" 6.—Ethel Edith Nicholls.
" 6.—Lucy Edith Adcock.
" 6.—Irene Winifred Best.
" 6.—John Thomas Risch.
" 15.—John Noel Fricker.
" 13.—William Anthony Leahard.
" 17.—William John Chivers.
" 17.—Charles Maurice Nice.
" 17.—Harold Edward Nice.
" 19.—Arthur Hone.
" 19.—Charles Hone.
" 29.—Thyrza Elsie Higgins.
Dec. 3.—Vincent Lisle Tennant.
" 3.—Florence Dunkling.
" 4.—Barbara Baynton Starky.
" 4.—William Field.
" 5.—Wilfred James Donald.
" 8.—Gladys Minna Braby.
" 11.—Mary Clara Louisa Jones.
" 11.—Horace Arthur Moore.
" 11.—Arthur Leslie Hoare.
" 11.—Sidney John Nichols.
" 11.—Henry Thomas Nichols.
" 15.—Victoria Amy Nash.
" 15.—Lilian Preston Nash.
" 15.—Siegfried Wulff.
" 18.—Edith Bertha King.
" 18.—Dorothy Ellen King.
" 18.—Helene Agnes Buckton.
" 18.—Frances Bailey Forster.
" 19.—Lilian Ernestina Saunders.
" 19.—Ernest Charles James Saunders.
" 19.—Frank Edward Saunders.
" 19.—Lawrence George Templar.
" 19.—Arthur George Brand.
" 23.—Albert Solomon.
" 23.—Albert Edward Fredrick Hobbs.

MARRIAGES.

"Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Nov. 6.—William John Short & Amy Elizabeth Carpenter.
" 12.—George Irving and Helen Ethel Wakeman.
Dec. 18.—George Blackwell and Mary Ethel Pooley.
" 25.—John Edward Saunders and Fanny Tomsett.
" 25.—Frederick Thomas Bone and Georgina Morgan.
" 26.—Alfred Harris and Rosetta Anderson.
" 26.—Ernest John Hughes and Lizzie Brinson.
" 26.—William Haynes and Eliza Goddard.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions acknowledged with thanks:

Winter Charities.—Miss Holton 20/-, Miss Genery 20/-, Mrs. H. Collings 17/6, Mrs. Ford £2, Mrs. Beck 5/-.

Extra Expenses.—Miss Genery 5/-.

Sunday School.—Mrs. H. Collins 2/6.

Altar Flowers.—Mr. East 10/-, Miss Wattier 1/6, Anon 5/-.

D. V. F.—Mrs. B. Collins 10/-.

Institute.—L. 10/6, Mr. Cole 10/-, Mr. & Mrs. Brooksbank 20/-, Mr. Rose 5/-, Mr. Crowe 21/-, Mrs. Beard 11/, Mr. Wright 10/-, Col. Blandy 10/-, Mrs. Elsden 10/6.

24 Pairs of Blankets, Mrs. Mello.
Garments, Miss Addis.

COMMUNICANTS AND OFFERTORIES.

"God loveth a cheerful giver."

	Com.	£	s.	d.	OBJECT.
Nov. 30, *S. Andrew.*	8.0 ... 9	0	2	8	Choir.
	11.0 ... 12	0	7	11	
		£0	10	7	
Dec. 2.	8.0 ... —	0	11	0	Preacher.
		£0	11	0	
Dec. 4, *2nd Sunday of Advent.*	7.30 ... 36	0	9	0	Curates' Fund, Church Expenses.
	8.30 ... 53	0	13	9	
	11.0 ... 69	3	5	10	
	7.0 ... —	3	4	5	
		£7	13	0	
Dec. 9.	8.0 ... —	0	9	8	Preacher.
		£0	9	8	
Dec. 11, *3rd Sunday of Advent.*	8.30 ... 27	0	9	7	Miss. Ho. Exps., Church Expenses.
	11.0 ... 28	3	1	6	
	7.0 ... —	2	8	9	
		£5	19	10	
Dec. 16.	8.0 ... —	0	9	5	Preacher.
		£0	9	5	
Dec. 18, *4th Sunday of Advent.*	8.30 ... 15	0	5	9	Sunday School, Church Expenses.
	11.0 ... 21	2	18	1	
	7.0 ... —	2	10	10	
		£5	14	8	
Dec. 21, *S. Thomas.*	8.0 ... 5	0	3	0	Choir.
	11.0 ... 9	0	2	5	
		£0	5	5	
Dec. 23.	8.0 ... —	0	11	2	Preacher.
		£0	11	2	
Dec. 25, *Christmas Day.*	7.30 ... 87	2	14	5	Poor.
	8.30 101	1	15	3	
	11.0 ... 90	13	17	6	
	3.15 ... —	0	11	9	
	7.0 ... —	6	19	0	
		£25	17	11	
Dec. 26, *S. Stephen.*	11.0 ... 7	0	1	9	Prev. Cruelty.
		£0	1	9	
Dec. 27, *S. John.*	11.0 ... 5	0	0	10	Prev. Cruelty.
		£0	0	10	
Dec. 28, *Holy Innocents.*	8.0 ... 5	0	1	2	Prev. Cruelty.
		£0	1	2	
Boxes	For the month	0	12	10	Poor, Decorations.
Churchings	" "	0	8	6	
		£1	1	4	
Total for the month	579	49	7	9	
Previous Total	4712	415	2	7	
Total for 1898.	5291	£464	10	4	

May 25th. 1855

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Interview with Rev. Mr. Turner, St John's Hammersmith.

Mr. Turner is a man of about 55: stout, rather subland, jolly and comfortable looking; dark hair and large mutton chop whiskers: tending to double chin.

Mr T. has been here for 12 years and was previously a curate at St Paul's, the parish church of Hammersmith.

The parish has a population of 13000 in the main artisans with a sprinkling of poorer labourers & between Shepherds Bush and King St: there is a small middle class population in the grove but this is going and the houses being let to two families. In addition to the strictly artisan population there is a large contingent of very poor gentlefolks especially widows often with children: they are drawn to the neighbourhood by the educational advantages of St Paul's, Godolphin's School

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and the Upper and Lower Lattimer Schools. In the last 12 years there has on the whole been a downward tending in the parish.

His present there is a considerable shifting from this district to the new streets in Fulham.

Of Philips there are Charnock Schools, and Mission Hall.

The Services in Parish Paper.

A good indication of attendance is given by the figures there are to come in the offertory. The number of coins last Sunday at the five services were 18, 58, 340, 103 and 287 and the total £1. 10. 2½. Mr T. thinks that nearly all who attend give something.

The congregation is purely parochial and consists of middle class and good artisans.

Mr T. noticed a great decay in religious observance due to bicycling, the river and entertainings. Sunday is becoming the great holiday. Mr T. did not take the matter so seriously as Mr

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Bourne, but never mentioned it as a blessing. He specially mentioned the stream of cyclists down this hill on Sunday ~~morn~~ morning. "At the same time" said Mr T. "our faithful people are very faithful, and our learned people very learned": and he spoke in special praise of their band of men, who hold open air services.

There are Day Schools with about 500 children: Sunday Schools 600 to 700.

The Social Agencies are of the usual character and unimportant.

The visitation is from house to house by district visitors.

The Relief is much: not more than £40 a year and confined almost exclusively to the sick. There is some cooperation with the C.O.S. "but we are not in love with them".

There are several mock chapels and missions but nothing of any influence: though the people

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an not church goers & it is to the church they look in emergencies.

Local government: good.
Police: inefficient: will not protect property.
Police if complaints are made: but do nothing.
Drink: a great deal: especially noticeable among middle class women.
Prostitution: increasing in Kingsland and the Broadway: but the women do not live in Hackney with as a rule. Some hotels in Lauriston Road, Street.
Health: good. Some insanitary houses in the streets south off Glenthorne Road.

Mr Turner is "a good easy man" who does not worry, but I imagine does his work efficiently in a quiet way: but the church is not a power here.

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The Vicar is in Church on Saturdays after Evensong.

Mr. Bull is in Church on Wednesdays after Evensong, and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. till June 11th.

Hospital letters are given out at 26, Iffley Road, only at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. M. Turner, St. John's Vicarage, Iffley Road.
Rev. H. E. U. Bull, 22, Iffley Road.
Rev. R. B. Fearon, 26, Iffley Road.
Rev. H. W. G. Kenrick, 46, The Grove.

The Rev. Edward G. Evans, M.A., Clare College, Cambridge, will join the staff of Clergy, and hopes to come into residence during the last week in June.

CONFIRMATION.

This was held at St. John's on Thursday evening, May 18th, Bishop Barry acting for the Bishop of the Diocese. There were 127 candidates presented, of which 69 belonged to St. John's. Those who have been praying for the Candidates are asked to continue their intercessions on behalf of all who are preparing for their First Communion, which will be, D.V., on June 11th.

S.P.G.

The offertories to-day (less £5 for Church Expenses) are for S.P.G. A Missionary Meeting will be held next Thursday evening, June 1st, in the School-room at 8, and a lecture given by the Rev. H. G. Downes, of Telegu Mission, S. India. It is hoped that this meeting will be largely attended, as an evidence that the people of St. John's take a very real interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. Thursday, June 29th, St. Peter's Day, is the 198th Anniversary of S.P.G. Holy Eucharist at St. John's at 7.30 and 11 a.m.

BAZAAR.

This will be the important event of next month. Great preparations have been made, much time and labour has been cheerfully given, and now we trust that *all* our readers will, in their kindness, give the Bazaar their presence and patronage and ask their friends to do the same.

Many kind gifts have already been sent, and the Stall-Holders will be grateful for any further contributions that may be given. They can be sent to the Vicarage and marked if intended for any particular Stall. There will be an abundance of country produce at the Flower and Dairy Stalls, and we hope, for that week only, our readers will make their purchases in flowers, butter, cream, and eggs, at the Bazaar.

By the kindness of many friends Short Entertainments will be provided each afternoon and evening. The Bazaar will be opened on Tuesday, June 6th, at 3 p.m., and be continued on the two following days.

Admission on opening day to 6 p.m., 1/-; after 6, 6d. : on second day, 6d. : on third day to 6 p.m., 6d. ; after 6, 3d. Children half-price, except on Thursday evening.

A. C. S.

The offertories on Sunday, June 25th (less £5 for Church Expenses), will be given to the Additional Curates' Society. Since last year the Society have wished to make a slight alteration, and now ask us to send up £25, with a corresponding decrease to £65, which the parish receives as the annual A.C.S. grant.

This has been accepted, and so on June 25th we look to the offertories producing £20, with the hope that the other £10 will be obtained from the boxes. This will prevent any deficit for the Vicar to

make up before the grant can be claimed. At present there is no deficit, and it would be a great pity to lapse back into debt. The boxes should be retained till Advent Sunday when they will be called in.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

The Festival will be kept, D.V., on Thursday, July 13th. It will commence on the Eve with Festal Evensong and Sermon, with procession.

We hope to have a Conversazione on the following evening, and a Festival Service for the Communicants' Union and Parochial Guilds on Wednesday evening, July 19th.

ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.

Thursday, June 15th, Anniversary. Holy Eucharist at St. John's at 7.30 a.m. The High Celebration will be at St. Augustine's Kilburn Park Road, N.W., at 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. Prebendary Villiers, Vicar of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. Annual Meetings at Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The Reports of Government Inspector have been lately received and are appended below. They are short, but to the point and quite satisfactory. Again the Boys' and Girls' Departments have earned the highest possible grant, which is very gratifying to the Head Teachers and their Assistants. The further improvements alluded to in the Infants' Report have been partially made, and the only other item recommended is the insertion of another window in a somewhat dark corner of the room; but this has been deferred in view of the larger scheme of extension which the Managers have in prospect. The average attendance has increased in all three departments, and the Government Grant exceeds that of last year by over £30.

It may be well here to inform all subscribers to our School and others that in awarding any further Aid Grant, the Government exercise a sharp look-out over the amount of voluntary gifts. If these materially decrease, our Grant is endangered. This being the case, it is more than ever important that those who have in this way supported the Schools should continue to do,—indeed to render the Grant safe, there can be no better plan than to increase the number of subscribers.

Reports of Government Inspector :—

BOYS' SCHOOL.—"The work done is generally sound and on right lines, and is carefully supervised. Drawing is particularly good."
Highest grants awarded for Book-keeping and Mensuration.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—"This school is satisfactorily conducted."
Highest grant awarded for Book-keeping.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—"This school continues to be taught and administered as well as conditions of organisation and premises allow."

C. E. T. S.
FULHAM RURI-DECANAL JUVENILE UNION.

An examination was held in March for which there were 21 entries. Of these 2 gained first, 7 second, and 2 third prizes; 5 first and 5 second certificates.

An Industrial Exhibition of F. R. J. Union was lately held in St. Andrew's Hall, West Kensington, when the children obtained 4 prizes and 2 certificates, and 1 worker also took a prize.

In the competition for the Efficiency Banner St. John's was second in organisation, obtaining 81 out of 100 marks, and in the total number of marks was ranked third, obtaining 303 marks.

CHURCH COUNCIL.

At a meeting held in St. John's Schools on Thursday, May 4th, the following gentlemen were elected to serve —

Representing the Parishioners.

Mr. T. G. Alderton. Mr. H. W. Stainer.
" E. Birch. " H. W. Temple.
" S. Dunton. " G. B. Yapp.
" F. J. Manning.

Representing the Communicants.

Mr. L. R. Foot. Mr. J. Brindley James
" W. Haydon. " W. A. Nainby.
" W. Holmes. " W. Pateman.
" T. Inkersole.

Representing the Church Workers.

Mr. J. P. Brooks. Mr. T. Marshall.
" A. C. Chidley. " R. H. Salt.
" W. A. Harris. " S. H. Warren.
" C. Kingston.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

The 305th General and 30th Annual Meeting of this Guild was held in St. John's Schools on Monday, May 8th, at 8 p.m. The President occupied the chair, and 42 members and friends were present.

The Office having been said and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the Secretary read the Annual Report of the Council, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Salt, seconded by Mr. Chidley. The Treasurer then read his statement of accounts, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes on the motion of Mr. Birch, seconded by Mr. Warren. The Officers and Council for the ensuing year were then elected as follows :—Lay Vice-President, Mr. H. W. Temple; Secretary, Mr. W. A. Nainby; Treasurer, Mr. W. Pateman; Council, Messrs. E. Birch, A. C. Chidley, J. Brooks, R. H. Salt, and S. H. Warren.

The Rev. W. Allen Whitworth then read a very able and instructive paper on "Church Courts," shewing why Churchmen are obliged to object to the present final Court of Appeal, and pointing out what alterations of procedure it would be possible for us to accept without surrendering the principles which all Churchmen ought to consider sacred. It is needless to say that Mr. Whitworth's paper was well worthy of attention, and was listened to with great interest. A short discussion followed, an unanimous vote of thanks to the lecturer being adopted, and the hope being expressed that we might have the pleasure of hearing him again at no distant date. Mr. Whitworth having briefly replied, the concluding prayers were said and the meeting terminated.

There will be no General Meeting of the Guild in June, but we hope to hold our annual Conversazione in St. John's Hall, Iffley Road, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 8 p.m. Members of the Guild will not require tickets, and are requested to wear their badges; but it is necessary to remind them again that if they desire invitations for friends they should send names and addresses to the Secretary, 58, Thornfield Road, Shepherd's Bush.

DECORATIONS.

The financial state of the fund that provides for the floral decorations of the Church at festivals is not satisfactory. Last December, just before Christmas, the deficit was £2 6s. Since then we have only just been able to provide the necessary flowers for each festival, and leaving the deficit. It is unfortunate if we have to curtail the flowers at the Dedication Festival, but this will be better than using flowers that are not paid for.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.

For Re-mounting Banner.—G. S. J. E. 5/1.
For Choir Fund.—L.B.W. 5/-.
For Decorations.—L.B.W. 2/6.
For A.C.S.—L.B.W. 2/6.
For Poor Fund.—Miss Green 4/-.
For Parish Paper.—Mr. Nuppnau 10/-, Mrs. Sydenham 2/6.
For Hospital Letters.—Mr. J. C. Fox.

OFFERTORY.

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Date.	Coins.	Amount. £	s.	d.	Object.
1899.					
A.3—8	49	3	14	9	Easter Off.
	16		7	4	A. V. D.
	69		14	7	Com. Union.
9	647	6	5	8	Church Exps.
	1		10	0	Easter Off.
10—15	33		12	4½	A. V. D.
	4		*10	0	Church Exps.
16	650	6	19	10½	Clergy Fund
17—22	54	1	5	10½	A. V. D.
	165	13	11	6	Side Chapel
23	405	5	17	3¾	Clergy Fund
	407	2	6	9¼	C.E.T.S.
	4	1	11	6	Side Chapel
24—29	49		14	11½	A. V. D.
	2		*5	0	Clergy Fund
30	683	8	2	2¼	Church Exps
M. 1-6	49		17	7½	A. V. D.
	2		*5	0	A.C. S.
	2		*5	0	Church Exps.
7	476	4	13	0	Clergy Fund
	299	2	19	2¼	Bp. of Lon. F.
8—13	25		9	10	A. V. D.
	245	3	10	7¾	Sun. Schools
	2		*5	0	Clergy Fund
14	719	5	19	4	Church Exps.
15—20	32		14	4	A. V. D.
21	971	9	3	4½	Clergy Fund
	30		†7	10	A. V. D.
	21		4	0½	*Boxes.* Dec.
	15		4	4	Church Exps.
	49		10	10	Poor
	215	1	9	8½	Parish Paper
	6390	85	8	9¼	

†At Churchings. *At Private Celebrations.

KALENDAR FOR JUNE, 1899.

				Hymns
1	Th	*g*	*St. Nicomede.* Missionary Meeting in Schools, 8 p.m.	447
2	F	*g*	S. Schl. Teachers, 8 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m.	17
3	S	*g*	Short Office of Prep. & Address aft. Evensong.	18, 261
4	*S*	*g*	I SUN. AFT. TRIN. Off. for Church Exps. G.Y.M., 4.45 p.m. Hymns 189, 294 ; 318, 191, 558 ; 190, 232, 61 ; 193, 520, 28.	
5	M	*g*		445
6	Tu	*g*	BAZAAR IN TOWN HALL, 3—10 P.M.	
7	W	*g*	" " " "	
8	Th	*g*	" " " "	
9	F	*g*	S. Schl. Teachers., 8 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m.	13
10	S	*gr*	Short Office of Prep. aft. Evensong.	430, 320
11	*S*	*r*	ST. BARNABAS. II SUN. AFT. TRIN. Off. for Hospital Sun. Fd. Hymns 412, 365 ; 314, 260, 312 ; 368, 271, 61 ; 412, 368, 367.	
12	M	*g*	Com. Union Instruction in V. Cls. Room aft. Evensong.	248
13	Tu	*g*	Bloemfontein Working Party.	29
14	W	*g*	D. Visitors, 11 a.m. B. of Hope, 6.30 p.m.	281, 23
15	Th	*g*	G.S.A., 7.30 p.m.	26
16	F	*g*	S. Schl. Tchers., 8 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m.	188
17	S	*g*	*St. Alban.* Short Office of Prep. aft. Evensong.	441, 208
18	*S*	*g*	III SUN. AFT. TRIN. Off. for Clergy Fund. Hymns 165, 229 ; 554, 321, 181 ; 165, 173, 185 ; 196, 292, 24.	
19	M	*g*	C.E.T.S. Meeting in St. John's Hall, 8 p.m.	242
20	Tu	*g*	*Tr. St. Edward.*	16
21	W	*g*	B. of Hope, 6.30 p.m. Bloem. Office aft. Evensong.	280, 12
22	Th	*g*	G.S.J.E. Conversazione in St. John's Hall, 8 p.m.	25
23	F	*gw*	Vigil. S. Schl. Tchers., 8 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m.	414
24	S	*w*	ST. JOHN BAPTIST. Short Office of Prep. aft. Evensong.	414, 318
25	*S*	*g*	IV SUN. AFT. TRINITY. Off. for A.C.S. G.S.A., 4.30 p.m. Hymns 280, 588 ; 310, 193, 309(2) ; 221, 235, 186 ; 214, 363, 367.	
26	M	*g*	Com. Union Instruction in V. Cls. Room aft. Evensong.	196
27	Tu	*g*		279
28	W	*gr*	Vigil. D. Visitors, 11 a.m. B. of Hope, 6.30 p.m.	416, 30
29	Th	*r*	ST. PETER. G.S.A., 7.30 p.m.	430, 22
30	F	*g*	S. Schl. Teachers, 8 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m.	109

SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH.

CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION.

Sundays: 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and (choral) 12 noon. *Saints Days*: 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Daily: Mon., Thurs., & Sat., at 7.30 a.m. Tues. at 11 a.m. Wed. at 8 a.m. Fri. at 7 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES.

Sundays: 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Wed., 8.30 a.m., 12 noon, 8 p.m., Fri., 8 a.m., 12 noon, 7 p.m.
Other Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

MUSIC AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES.

Date.	Communion Service.	Venite.	Te Deum.	Benedictus.	Magnificat.	Nunc. Dim.
4	Haynes in E flat	No. 15.	Hopkins in G.	B. 37.	Roberts in G.	Roberts in G.
11	"	"	"	"	Garrett in F.	Garrett in F.
18	Tours in C.	"	"	"	"	"
25	"	"	"	"	"	"

HOLY BAPTISM. *Sundays* 4 p.m. *Wedn.* at noon and 7.30 p.m. *Fridays* at noon.
CHURCHINGS. 5 minutes before Daily Evensong; 4 p.m. on *Sunday;* after Litany on *Wednesday* and *Friday.*

St. John's Hall (Iffley Road). *Sundays*: Children's Service 11 a.m.

May 21st 1891

Orlestone 30/6 Woodchurch 30/2

Interview with Mrs Tidcombe, wife of Rev. S. H. Tidcombe, St Peter's, Hammersmith.

Mrs Tidcombe wrote that her husband was and had been for a long time ill but that she would see us on his behalf.

She proved to be a kindly, portly, motherly lady of between 50 and 60 with a good knowledge of the parish and the work, but inclined to be garrulous.

Mr Tidcombe has been Vicar of the parish for 31 years, having previously been a ~~to~~ curate of the Spitalfields Hanbury St District for

The parish has a population of about 5000 with almost every class from the richest: 30 years ago there were still some ~~for~~ five or six large suburban houses with large gardens including Ravenscourt Park: with the exception of the latter, which is ~~now~~ now a public park, all are now built over. From this lake

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and from the upper & substantial tradesmen to decay in the other streets the parish is getting poorer. Wadcroft's Sq. for instance is now almost universally let to more than one family. As showing the tendency Mrs T. mentioned that the pew rents have fallen (without any falling off of congregation) from £400 to £135 and that whereas for the Indian Famine Fund 25 years ago £50 was raised, last year for the same purpose only £10; which the Hospital Sunday offering has fallen from about £30 to £8.

There are two working class areas in the parish: one close to the Church: here the people are all in regular work (at the waterworks, Chilcott's, Parsons' etc) and highly respectable. The second area to the East of Rumscombe Road is and always has been exceedingly poor and rough: there is here a large contingent of costers, horse-keepers and casuals, an improvident thriftless lot. Many of them earning good money, but always on the brink of pauperism.

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The cottages in Trafalgar St. are an especially unpromising lot.

Mr Philips, Wesleyan, twice etc. in Magazine and Mag.

At the church there is a morning congregation of about 600, evening 400, nearly all will to do, though a few of the old poor round the church who have lived here for years attend. The communicants are about 400.

Mrs T. noticed the decay of the habit of families worshipping together: parents will go to one church: children to another.

He thought too that getting kept many from church and that on Sunday evening in the summer the band in Rawscombe Park was a great counter attraction.

A Sunday evening service is held at the Mission Hall in the slum area, but is practically unattended: but the poor show their respect for religion & their desire for baptism,

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churching, and burial in church ground.

The social agencies are small and unimportant: such agencies as there are have to be duplicated owing to the different character of the two poor areas. This applies too to the Sunday School.

The Day Schools are full and prosperous: about 517 children: last year only two were withdrawn for religious objections, one at 6 years, one at an 8th.

On Jan. 12th 1885 in reply to a question from the "Religious Education Union" a return was made of the extent to which the children in the schools attend public worship, as follows:–

Boys' School:–

Church of England	140
R. C.	2
Baptists	20
Wesleyan	24
Jews	2

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Attending no place	60
Girls' School :-	
Church of England	122
R. C.	4
Baptists	17
Wesleyan	10
Congregational	1
Presbyterian	1
Attending no place	11
Infants' :-	
Church of England	82
R. C.	2
Wesleyan	4
Baptists	5
Presbyterian	1
Congregational	1
Attending no place	14.

Among the infants' Sunday School was counted as equivalent to a place of worship.

The number of children in the Sunday School

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is about 470, with 30 teachers. The difficulty of getting teachers of the right class is increasing.

The visitation is not from house to house but Mrs T. thought that in the poor parts everyone was known, and that no case of sickness was likely to escape notice.

Nurses are obtained from the Hammersmith branch of the Jubilee nurses.

Relief, except in severe winters when coals and soup are given, goes only to the sick. About £100 a year would cover it. Administration is through the district visitors. There is no cooperation with the C.O.S.

As to other agencies – both the Baptists and the Wesleyans are settled here besides the church; Mrs T. thinks both have large Sunday schools, but not much else about them. Mr. T. has made unsuccessful efforts at cooperation to prevent overlapping in the parish. The hon.

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– Cons. have hitherto taken the same day as the Church for their Sunday School treat.

Local Government :– Sanitary inspection good; priv. rate Medical Officer.

Side thoroughfares, especially in the town very bad & swept.

Police come if sent for but avoid the town as much as possible.

A great deal of drink in the town but people on the whole much less rowdy than they used to be.

No bad houses in the parish though until recently there was much girl outside in St Paul's.

Marriage rather fostered among the costers. Very few living together unmarried; public opinion against it.

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Halls excellent: splendid grand soil; equally dense.

Housing on the whole good: nothing positively insanitary, though parts of the village very near it.


A PLAN
OF THE
PARISH OF ST. PETER
HAMMERSMITH.
Scale of Yards
0 20 40 60 80 100
Boundary line
ST. MARY'S
HOLY INNOCENTS
ST. PAUL
CHISWICK
BARNES
RIVER THAMES
Chiswick Ait
SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Ravenscourt Park Station
Hammersmith Free Public Library
Band Stand
Ravenscourt Park
Entrance
St. Peter's Vicarage
St. Peter's Boys School
St. Peter's Girls School
St. Peter's Infants School
St. Peter's Church
Mission Church
Pile Creek
GOLDHAWK ROAD
PADDENSWICK ROAD
SHAFTESBURY ROAD
KING STREET WEST
BRITISH GROVE
ST. PETER'S SQUARE
ST. PETER'S GARDENS
ST. PETER'S ROAD
UPPER MALL
RIVERCOURT ROAD
WATERLOO STREET
SOUTH STREET
HOLYWOOD STREET
HAMMERSMITH TER.
DERESTEDE RD
RUGHENDEN RD
VERBENA GDNS
CHISWICK LOCK
WESTCROFT SQUARE
GEORGE ST.
MILES STREET
ALBERT TERR.
WELLS ROAD

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Mr. H. J. H. BULL, 21, Ravenscourt Park, W. Mr. WILLIAM HAMMOND, Oxford Villa, Goldhawk Road.

Reader—Mr. H. J. H. BULL. **Parish Visitor**—Miss DOWIE.

Sidesmen—Dr. LAWRANCE, Mr. C. S. VINCENT. Mr. EDMUND BULL, Mr. BARTELS.

Hon. Choirmaster—Mr. ARCHIBALD D. TAYLOR. **Organist**—Mr. H. B. POOLE.

Head Teachers of Parochial Day Schools.

BOYS—Mr. T. W. WATSON. GIRLS—Miss COCKRAM. INFANTS—Miss BLANC.

Verger—Mr. PAGE, 10, William's Terrace.

Church Services.

SUNDAYS:

Holy Communion 8 & 12.

Choral 1st & 3rd Sunday.

Mattins at 11.

Evensong at 7.

Catechising. Last Sunday in month, 3.15.

Sunday Schools (Boys', Girls', Infants' & Mission Room), 10 and 3.

Bible Class for Young Men at 3.

Bible Class for Young Women, 3.

Mission Church Service, 7.

HOLY DAYS:

Mattins and Holy Communion, 11.

Evensong, 3 or 5.

WEEK-DAYS:

Mattins, 11.

Evensong, Wednesdays, 8.

(Guild Service, First Wednesday in month.)

Baptisms. Sundays, 3.15. Wednesdays, 11. 30, and 7.30.

Churchings. Sundays, 3.15, and before any Week-Day Services.

The Clergy may be seen at the Vestry after any of the Services.

Church Work.

Guild Meeting, 8 p.m.

Choir Practice—Church, Fridays, 8 p.m.

Zenana Working Party—Fortnightly, Thursdays, 2.30.

District Visitors' Meeting, Vicarage, First Wednesday, Noon.

Bible Cls. for Yng. Women—Girls' School, Thursdays, 8.30 p.m.

Band of Hope, Girls' School, Mondays, 7 p.m.

Provident Society—Girls' Schl., Mondays, 12.15.

Gardeners' Soc., monthly, Boys' School.

MISSION ROOM:

Girls' Bible Class, Sundays, 3.30.

Provident Society, Mondays, Noon.

Mothers' Meeting, Mondays, 3.0.

Band of Hope, Tuesdays, 6.30.

Girls' Club, Thursdays, 7.30.

Communicants' Union, 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The Vicar is at the Vicarage from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, to administer Hospital Tickets, attest Papers, &c. **Sick Cases should be reported immediately.**

Notices of Banns of Marriage to be given to The Verger,

Application for Sittings to be given to either of the Churchwardens, or to The Verger.

Copies may be had of the Verger, District Visitors, and Local Stationers. Annual Subscription 1/3 by hand, 1/6 by post.
Complaints of non-delivery to be addressed to the Hon. Sec., S. Peter's Vicarage. Financial Manager, Mr. W. Hammond.
Communications for publication to be sent to the Editor, 21, Ravenscourt Park, not later than the 20th of the month.

KALENDAR FOR APRIL.

1 S. Easter Even. Morning Service, 11. Festal Evensong, 8.

2 *S.* EASTER DAY. Serv., 7, 8, 11, 12, 3.15, 7. Hymns, M., 134, 127, 311 (pt. 2), 178 (pt. 1); E., 134, 135, 133, 125. Miss. Ch. Serv., 7.
3 M. Monday in Easter Week. S. Richard, Bishop. Mattins & Holy Communion, 11.
4 Tu. Tuesday in Easter Week. S. Ambrose. Mattins & Holy Communion, 11.
5 W. Mattins & Lit., 11. Evensong, 8. District Visitors' Mtg., Vicarage, 12.
6 Th. Mattins, 11. Zenana Working Mtg., 2.30.
7 F. Mattins & Lit., 11.
8 S. Mattins, 11.

9 *S.* First Sunday after Easter. Low Sunday. Serv., 8, 11, 12, 7. Off., M., Sick Poor; E., Ch. Expenses. Hymns, M., 136, 140; E., 126 (pt. 3), 137. Miss. Ch. Serv., 7.
10 M. Mattins, 11. Church Day Schools re-open. Prov. Cl., M. Rm., 12; G. Schl., 12.15. Mothers' Mtg., 3.
11 Tu. Mattins, 11. Band of Hope Mtg., Mn. Rm., 6.30.
12 W. Mattins & Lit., 11. Evensong, 8. Band of Hope Mtg., G. School, 7.
13 Th. Mattins, 11. Girls' Club, Mn. Rm., 7.30.
14 F. Mattins & Lit., 11.
15 S. Mattins, 11.

16 *S.* Second Sunday after Easter. Serv., 8, 11, 12, 7. Off., M. & E., Church Expenses. Hymns, M., 197; E., 132, 138. Miss. Ch. Serv., 7.
17 M. Mattins, 11. Diocesan Inspection of Boys' School. Prov. Cl., Mn. Rm., 12; G. Sch., 12.15. Mothers' Mtg., 3.
18 Tu. Mattins, 11. Diocesan Inspection of Girls' & Infants' Schools. Band of Hope Mtg., Mn. Rm., 6.30.
19 W. S. Alphege, Archbishop. Mattins & Lit., 11. Evensong, 8. Band of Hope Mtg., G. Schl., 7.
20 Th. Mattins, 11. Zenana Working Mtg., 2.30. Girls' Club, Mn. Rm., 7.30.
21 F. Mattins and Litany, 11.
22 S. Mattins, 11.

23 *S.* Third Sunday after Easter. S. George, Martyr. Serv., 8, 11, 12, 7. Off., M., Assist. Clergy Fd.; Hymns, M., 139, 137; E., 232. 439. Miss. Ch. Serv., 7.
24 M. Mattins, 11. Prov. Club, Mn. Rm., 12; G. Schl., 12.15. Mothers' Mtg., 3.
25 Tu. S. Mark, Evangelist. Mattins, 11. Band of Hope Mtg., Mn. Rm., 6.30.
26 W. Mattins & Lit., 11. Evensong, 8. Band of Hope Mtg., G. Schl., 7.
27 Th. Mattins, 11. Girls' Club, Mn. Rm., 7.30.
28 F. Mattins & Lit., 11.
29 S. Mattins, 11.

30 *S.* Fourth Sunday after Easter. Serv., 8, 11, 12, 3.15, 7. Off., M. & E., Church Expenses. Hymns, M,, 207, 216; E., 229, 228. Miss. Ch. Serv., 7.

y very dear old Friends,

It has been with deep and grave regret that I ıve been unable to be amongst you as often as here-fore during this Lent that is now passing from us; ıt so it has been God's will. My thoughts and loving ayers have been often with you, especially with the ck and sorrowing, when I have been hindered from eing present with you in our Church and in your homes.

I cannot but express my gratitude to my dear friends, Ir. Northmore and Mr. O'Reilly, for the ever ready ıd ever willing help in Church and parish, that has revented my own absence from being your loss. To ır Churchwardens and our Church workers, to the ev. R. S. Mylne, who has so frequently and so ndly come to give us his help, to the Rev. rank North, our preacher at our Wednesday evening rvice, to Mr. Edmund Bull who has taken the evening rvices in the Mission Room, as well as to our Choir, give my earnest and grateful thanks. The devotional ıd beautiful music, which has been so reverently sung ıd accompanied, has, I hope, done for you that which od's great gift of sacred song should do for all of us; elping you to lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

I wish you, my dear and old friends, a happy, a ıppy and blessed Easter. But let me remind you, ıd yet once again, that no Easter joy can be complete ıless it be hallowed by your own Easter communion ith your dear and Risen Lord. Easter has for us many ply, happy memories, gathering yet more closely ound us with advancing years, of those who have ssed before us into rest; let us keep it as in the adow of the Almighty Love, and in the reality of that esence Which is their life and ours. Remember our ord's own command: "This do in remembrance of e." Remember, too, the Church's rule that at the aster season every parishioner should come to the oly Communion. This is the right way, and this the true way, in which every Christian man and oman should keep the Easter feast. There will be elebrations of Holy Communion on Easter Day at 7, 8, and also at mid-day; the mid-day Celebration ll be choral; and also on Monday and Tuesday in aster week; some for whom the fatigue of the longer rvices would be too great may be glad to take these pportunities of a very quiet and shorter service. We all also be very glad to make arrangements for the ommunion of the sick and infirm, that every parish-ner may have the opportunity of communicating. If ıy are in doubt, or in unrest of mind, the clergy will adly see them privately and seek to help them.

We are looking forward immediately after Easter to elcome among us the Rev. Edward Sterling-O'Reilly, der brother of the Rev. Thomas Sterling-O'Reilly. r. Edward O'Reilly has been working for the past ree years in the north of London. Mr Thomas 'Reilly, who was ordained Deacon last Lent, was or-ained Priest at the present Lent ordination by the shop of London. I cannot speak too highly of his yal and ready help.

I wish to tell you also that the Bishop of London intends to hold a Confirmation on the evening of *Thursday, May 18th*, in S. John's Church, Hammersmith, where our candidates from S. Peter's will be welcomed. The Clergy will be glad to receive at once the names of those who desire to be confirmed. The names may be given in to the Clergy after any of the Sunday or week-day services, or at S. Peter's Vicarage by post, or on any morning about ten o'clock, or to the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools.

You will let me again remind you of the Prayer Book rule:—

"So soon as Children are come to a competent age, and can say, in their Mother Tongue, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and can also answer to the other questions of the Catechism; they shall be brought to the Bishop. And every one shall have a Godfather, or a Godmother, as a Witness of their Confirmation."

It is proposed that the Confirmation Classes shall be held as follows, beginning on Sunday, April 16th:—

At S. Peter's Vicarage, on Sunday afternoons, at 3.30, for young women and girls.

At S. Peter's Vicarage, on Sunday afternoons, at 4 o'clock, for boys.

At S. Peter's Vicarage, on Sunday afternoons, at 5 o'clock, for young men.

Sunday afternoon has been chosen for the classes as being the most convenient time for many of our candidates. There are invited to these classes as heretofore not only those who desire definitely to give in their names, but those also who are thinking about Confirmation and would like to have some friendly talk about it before at once giving in their names.

Other classes will be arranged, if found more convenient, also on week-day evenings; and for adults or for those who cannot conveniently attend the classes at the hours appointed, the Clergy will very gladly make special arrangements.

With earnest and very loving thought and prayer, now and always,

I remain,

My dear old Friends of so many years,

Your affectionate Friend and Pastor,

G. H. TIDCOMBE.

LENT.

Again the season of Lent has come and gone and the Church has uttered her warning voice to all her sons and daughters. While her enemies would defame her name and hinder her activity, the Church quietly does her Master's work and solemnly calls to each individual to look within and cry for the "new and contrite heart." At S. Peter's we have had a course of special sermons by the Rev. F. W. North, Curate of S. John's, Great Marlborough Street, W., who has preached on the Wednesday evenings. We are much indebted to Mr. North for his helpful teaching, and

we know those who listened to him would desire to thank him for his thoughtful addresses.

On the Sunday evenings, the same as last year, the Choir have sung Stainer's "Crucifixion," and Mendelssohn's "Hear my prayer" on alternate Sundays. We cannot say anything new about these beautiful pieces, but we know by the result that our Honorary Choirmaster and the other gentlemen of the Choir must have devoted much time and care to bring the music to such effect. The attendance of the congregations in the evening has been very good and the beautiful music so well rendered has been we know much appreciated, and we may hope has been of real spiritual help. The congregation is much indebted to the Choir for their help in the services of the Church at all times, but we wish particularly to thank Mr Taylor who conducted, and those gentlemen who so kindly took the solo parts. In the "Crucifixion" the solo parts were taken by Messrs. Justin Bryant, W. W. Chalfont, E. Cooper, Frank H. Moody, A. Selden, P. Sweeting, S. W. Taylor and Master Shepherd. In "Hear my Prayer" the solos were rendered by Masters W. Shepherd, W. Gammage, and Unwin. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Poole who so ably presided at the organ.

THE VICAR.

We had hoped that the Vicar would have been amongst us again before this, but his recovery has been very slow and although he is certainly better and stronger than he was, an attack of sciatica keeps him from leaving the house. We sincerely trust that with the approach of warmer weather he will be with us again in a few weeks. We know how much the Vicar feels his enforced continued absence and this thought has troubled him in his weakness.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Lessons for the month of April from the Sunday School Lessons on the Church Catechism are:—

April 9.	Lesson	XIII.	"The Father Almighty."
,, 16.	,,	XIV.	"The Great Creator.
,, 23.	,,	XV.	"The Eternal Son."
,, 30.	,,	XVI.	"The Incarnation."

More teachers are wanted for the Boys' Sunday School.

THE CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The Diocesan Inspection of the Church Day Schools is fixed for Monday and Tuesday, April 17th and 18th. The Boys' Examination will take place on Monday, the 17th, and the Girls' and Infants' on Tuesday, the 18th.

The Schools will be closed for the Easter holidays at mid-day on Maundy Thursday, March 30th, and will re-open on Monday, April 10th.

Miss Florence Sayers has kindly offered for our Girls' School an additional prize for Practical Cookery.

EASTER OFFERINGS.

We are requested by the Churchwardens to announce that the offerings on Easter Day will, as in past years, be for the Vicar. It is interesting to note that in the diocese of Wakefield the Bishop has issued to the Churchwardens throughout his diocese an appeal for a general revival of this old custom.

THE LAY HELPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The address by the Rev. W. A. Hewett, M.A., Vice-Head of the Oxford House, on Thursday, the 16th March, was one which the writer is glad he did not miss. In clear and forcible language, the speaker indicated the immense sphere of activity that is open to Churchmen in the way of influencing others and doing work for God. He likened the organization of a parish in its effect on the surrounding district to a stone thrown into a pond, sending out its waves of influence in concentric rings. The first wave is that which the stone itself makes, the highest and most direct spiritual work represented by the comparatively small band of communicants gathered round the clergy. The next rings of influence may be compared to the spiritual work of the district visitors, Sunday school teachers and Bible classes. Then Mothers' Meetings, Bands of Hope, Boys' Brigades, and other similar work, and finally clubs, Institutes, thrift societies, banks, and agencies of a purely social and secular character. These may not be religious at all, but they nevertheless possess a strong counteracting power for good as against the surrounding evil: and the keen Churchman can do immense service in this class of work. The direct spiritual element as the rings circle outwards from the centre has diminished, but the influence has extended over a far wider area, and the original force that created it is purely spiritual. With many more illustrations of a like character, Mr. Hewett gave a thoroughly practical address, his subject being, "The Manliness of Work for the Church," and concluding with an earnest call for more workers in the cause of God. Other speakers followed, and it is a pity that the meeting was not better attended. The Rev. Prebendary Snowden presided, and the prayers were read by the Vicar of S. John's.

HERE AND NOW.

An Echo from Lent.

Sir Thomas More once said: "We cannot go to heaven on feather beds." The truth embodied in this quaint saying we recognize well in everyday life, but often fail to understand it in spiritual things. We are inclined too often to treat religious matters as trivial or unimportant, but they must engage our attention sooner or later. If we make up our minds too late, the apparently trivial will have become of supreme importance, and then we shall have no opportunity of changing our mental attitude.

Now, here am I, a lay worker in the midst of S. Peter's parish, a position in the great Kingdom of the

Church of Christ. What am I doing here? Am I doing any parochial work in which I may be engaged with a sense of its supreme importance, an importance which can attach to no earthly business or employment in anything like the same degree? There is the artist, who must qualify himself by years of toil and study to be a master of his art. There is the scientist, who must patiently work until the secrets of nature are won, point by point, by slow and laborious process. There are the engineer and the architect, whose work can only stand and be reliable when they have thoroughly mastered the details of their profession. Shall the work for God be only slip-shod and looked upon as trivial and unimportant—that anything will do for religious work, and little or no care need be spent upon it? If this is our frame of mind, we are assuredly making a vast mistake. Real religion is a science—nay, it is the very Queen of the Sciences, and demands our highest powers. Any definite religious work calls for the utmost attention, care, and preparation to be of value. We may think we can go forth unequipped and prayerless to the work, but the teaching of the Crucified is against us. Religion is not a trivial thing, to be taken up lightly and put on only when we feel in the mood. It is a science which demands as much from us as if we set ourselves to learn chemistry or mathematics. A small instance will suffice. Which of us at the end of a service can say that every part of the worship and prayers has been joined in without distraction. Real worship and prayer demand considerable mental effort. The blessing can only be won by patience and struggle—day by day we need to strive until we attain greater concentration. In all definite religious work there is this demand on the worker. It is the same whatever we may be doing—in visiting, schools, choir, Church offices, and all the many parochial activities, the same law holds good—the law of effort and striving, and the refusal of the enemy to yield one inch unless we give of our very best. It is a science, the gradual mastery of our temper until it is brought into complete control; as much a science as the laws which govern light and heat. It is a science, the accurate knowledge of the details of the Catholic Faith; as much a science as the science of chemistry, but of infinitely more importance. No detail is trivial, and no part of revelation can be treated lightly. It may seem unimportant in everyday life, for instance, whether or not we understand the right meaning of a difficult passage of Scripture. But it is not so; until we have used every means within our reach to get at its meaning, we have not done all we could to master a piece of our Science, the one which is of real and lasting importance—the Science of Life.

My little sphere of work in S. Peter's Parish, my duty as a unit in Christ's vast army, shall henceforth have my best effort. Life is hurrying by on swift wings, and a day is surely coming when the only things I shall care to remember will be my poor feeble efforts of faith and love. Let me, then, put more reality into them now while there is time; more effort, more thought, more prayer, more care, more gentleness, more love. Let us get at life's true proportion. At the end of our way we shall assuredly see the true perspective of our journey; but let us anticipate a little, and at this close of the Lenten season ascend the hill of meditation, and endeavour to take in the perspective of our way so far as we have gone. It will not be wasted time, the few hours of thought and prayer, and, perchance, we shall be able to descend again to "the trivial round, the common task," with a more joyous step. The present is the only certain sphere of our influence, the only arena for the exercise of our opportunities, the only known scope for the working out of the infinite possibilities of our lives. After this life is over, it is not revealed to us what further chances we may have. We only know that our testing time of Lent will assuredly bring us, if we are faithful, to the gladness of the Easter Resurrection.

WANTS.

Mrs. Tew, Laundress, 14, Albert Terrace, Beavor Lane.

Mrs. Taylor, 15, Miles Street, Washing and Charing. Very highly recommended.

Mrs. Purseglove, Upholsterer, 2, Albert Terrace. Work done at ladies' houses or at home.

Mrs. Haines, 1, Rose Cottages, King Street, Washing and Charing.

Pure Home Made Bread: Mrs. Cox, 28, Dalling Road. Strongly recommended.

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	£5	15	8
District Visiting Society	3	6	8
Assistant Clergy Fund	2	3	4
Choir Expenses (including donation 10/-)	5	0	0
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (Children's Offertory)	0	5	3
	£16	10	11

BAPTISMS.

March 1.—Caroline Eliza Cripps.
" 1.—Frederick Charles Maunder.
" 1.—Albert Edward Swinson.
" 1.—Nigel Bonner.
" 1.—Edith Mary Bonner.
" 1.—Rose Florence Laura Gregory.
" 8.—Vera Mainwaring Dunstan.
" 15.—William Alexander Anderson.
" 19.—Cecil Charles Punter.
" 19.—Frank William Charles Shipton.
" 22.—Arthur William Matthews.
" 24.—Charles Albert Cooke.

MARRIAGES.

March 6.—Victor Pickett and Emma Rose Hardcastle.
" 20.—John Neat and Edith Fanny Stevenson.
" 21.—Arthur Cast and Mary Ellen Frost.
" 27.—George Frederick Watkins and Annie Eliza Marsh.

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Interview with Rev. E. J. Wood, St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush.

Mr Wood is a man of 43: tall, thin, spectacled, with the high domed head of the scholar and student. He has been Vicar of this parish for six years.

The population of the parish is about 10000 of whom about 4000 are of poor working class: in Southwood Rd (of which the parish takes one side) and Paris St there is some squalor, but decidedly none. The rest of the people are nearly all lower middle class: when Mr Wood came there were a good many people of better standing, but they are nearly all gone, and now the houses are commonly occupied by two families. The drift has been mostly outward to Acton and Ealing. Mr W. thinks however that the parish has touched bottom and that with the opening of the Central London Railway it will improve again: already

There are signs that this will take place.

For Workers, Building, Lunar etc. see Magazine.

The church (holds 650) is full or nearly so in the evening, except sometimes in the summer; in the morning it is not more than half full. The Communicant number about 400. The social decay has as usual affected the prosperity of the church especially in the matter of offertories; gold has given way to silver, silver to pence.

The working class are practically unrepresented in the congregations: there is the usual "indifference" which is increasing too in the class above them; the high and what it represents is dear to, think a symptom rather than a cause of religious indifference, though it makes the path of reflect. easier for the undecided.

There are Day Schools charging a mark

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for and getting a rather better or more varied lot than the Board Schools. The clergy are in and out daily and give the religious instruction, and get to know the children and their parents. Asked how far the church succeeded in keeping any grip on them as they grew up and left school he w. said that the results as far as existing church people of their want was deplorably small so far as he could judge, but there was a great difficulty in tracing the after effects: probably few remained in the parish and the hope was that the religious teaching they received bore fruit in some other parish.

As to boys - the church was almost bound to lose any spiritual hold over them when they left school: at that age nearly all boys have almost insuperable to religious impression: but the training of their school days often had its effect when they became men.

The Sunday Schools have about 600 children: with few exceptions the children attend

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some school.

The social agencies are of the usual character. There is a Lenten Men's Club started by Mr Wood in place of a private Temperance Society. The Club was opened on the Wicket-grounds without any religious test: it has been a great social success and has had a humanizing effect, & but Mr W. does not think it has brought a single man to the church: the same with the Boys' Club. Speaking as a churchman Mr W. doubts whether the time spent on clubs and other social agencies might not be more profitably spent? visiting and especially evening visiting, when men can be seen privately, he thinks to be the work most productive of spiritual results.

With this view the parish is very thoroughly visited both by clergy and visitors: many of the people are of a social standing which makes visiting very difficult: it is clear that

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they have not been accustomed to be visited elsewhere; they associate the clergy mainly with a ruling ticket, and say that they want no assistance of any kind. Many on the other hand welcome the clergy kindly and there is no active opposition.

Funds are obtained from the Hamworth Association.

The Relief amounts only to about £30 a year and is confined exclusively to the sick. Mr W. professes and practises acts on strictly views of administration, but he found that his visitors sometimes gave out of their own pockets. He works cordially with the C.O.S.

Of other religious agencies Mr W. thought that both the Congregationalists and the Wesleyans were strong: it is the Church is personally unfriended for Dissent.

There is a L.C.M. under the Railway Arches in Goldhawk Road; he works in

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active opposition to the church, are trying to draw to their Hall some of the regular communicants. The W. Warden is a Ritualist.

Local government was bad but has improved. South Hackney will have always been favoured at the expense of the northern part of the parish. It is only lately that North Hackney has waked up and has properly represented in the Vestry.

Police: good.

Drink: a good deal in Old Southwark but and a great deal of hard drinking among the middle class.

Prostitution: some on Shepherd's Bush Common which should be railed in and turned into a Park or garden closed at night. The W. thinks that such an unrailed open space are all right as a village green, but quite unsuited to a town like London. The Hackney Commons of Clapham Common of which he thinks no doubt been much in South London

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gives some support to Mr W's opinion.
Health and Housing are both good.

Mr Wood is I think about too much of a gentleman and a scholar for this parish. He reminds me of Mr Rowsell of Christ Church Mayfair, who I think was once in this parish. The influence of the church here, as far as it goes, is good.

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Sunday Services, &c.

7 a.m., 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10.15 a.m. Litany; 10.30 a.m. Matins and Sermon; 11.40 a.m. Choral Eucharist; 3.15 p.m. Children's Service; 4.15 p.m. Holy Baptism; 7 p.m. Evensong & Sermon.

Sunday Schools—S. Stephen's Schools, 10 a.m., 3 p.m.

Bible Classes.—Young Women, Girls' School, 3.15 and 4 p.m. Lads, Boys' School, 3.30 p.m.

For Week-Day Services, Meetings, Classes, &c., see Monthly Diary within.

Holy Baptism.—On any week-day by appointment.

Holy Matrimony.—Notice for Publication of Banns should be given to the Verger. The Service may take place any day of the week by arrangement.

Churching of Women.—Before any Service on week-days, on Sundays at 4.15 p.m. In accordance with the Rubric in the Prayer Book, a Thank Offering should be made.

The Vicar is in Church for Spiritual Counsel on Wednesdays at 12.15, Saturdays 3 and 8.30, and other times by appointment.

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Date.	Day.	FESTIVAL, ETC.	SERVICES. Holy Eucharist.	Matins	Litany	Chl.	Hly. Bap.	Even-song.	MEETINGS. CHURCH.	SCHOOLS.	MISCELLANEOUS.
1	M	S.S. PHILIP & JAMES	7.0, 8.0	10.30				6.0			Mothers' Meeting (Ch. Hs 2.30. Band of Hope 5.4
2	Tu							6.0	Bible Reading 8		
3	W	INVENTION OF THE CROSS	8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0			
4	Th		7.0	7.30				6.0	Intercession 6.30		
5	F	S. JOHN EVAN., BEFORE THE LATIN GATE	8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0	Communicants 8		
6	S		8.0	7.30				6.0			
7	℟	5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.	7.0, 8.0, 11.40	10.30	10.15	3.15	4.15	7.0		Sunday School, 10.15, 3. Bible Classes 3, 3.30, 4.15	Mothers' Meeting (Churc House) 2.30
8	M	ROGATION SUNDAY	7.0	7.30	12.0			6.0		Choral Class 5	Dis. Visitors (Vic. Pari [Room) 12.
9	Tu	ROGATION DAY	8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0	Bible Reading 8		
10	W	ROGATION DAY	7.0	7.30	12.0			6.0			
11	Th	ASCENSION DAY	8.0	7.30				6.0	Communicants 8		
12	F		7.0	7.30	12.0			6.0			
13	S		8.0	7.30				6.0			
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14	℟	SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	7.0,8.0,11.40	10.30	10.15	3.15	4.15	7.0		Sunday School 10.15, 3. Bible Classes 3, 3.30, 4.15	Mothers' Meeting (Ch. Hs 2.30. Band of Hope 5.4
15	M		7.0	7.30				6.0		Choral Class 8	
16	Tu							6.0	Bible Reading 8		
17	W		8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0	Guild Meeting 8.30		
18	Th		7.0	7.30				6.0			
19	F	S. DUNSTAN	8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0	Communicants 8		
20	S		8.0	7.30				6.0			
21	℟	WHITSUN DAY	7.0,8.0,11.40	10.30	10.15	3.15	4.15	7.0		Sunday School 10.15, 3. Bible Classes 3, 3.30, 4.15	Mothers' Meeting (Churc House) 2.30
22	M	WHITSUN MONDAY	7.0, 8.0	10.30				6.0		Choral Class 8	
23	Tu	WHITSUN TUESDAY	7.0, 8.0	10.30	12.0			6.0	Bible Reading 8		
24	W	EMBER DAY	7.0	7.30				6.0			
25	Th		8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0	Communicants 8		
26	F	EMBER DAY. S. AUGUSTINE, ABP.	7.0	7.30				6.0			
27	S	EMBER DAY. VENERABLE BEDE	8.0	7.30				6.0			
28	℟	TRINITY SUNDAY	7.0,8.0,11.40	10.30	10.15	3.15	4.15	7.0		Sunday School 10.15, 3. Bible Classes 3, 3.30, 4.15	Mothers' Meeting (Churc House) 2.30
29	M		7.0	7.30				6.0		Choral Class 8	
30	Tu		8.0	7.30	12.0			6.0	Bible Reading 8		
31	W		7.0	7.30				6.0			

S. Stephen's Vicarage,

April 20th, 1899.

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I have almost entirely abstained from making any reference in my monthly letters to you, to the controversy which has been going on for the last twelve months, relative to Church doctrine and practice; but now that some of the matters in dispute are to be brought before the two Archbishops for their judgment on May 8th, it seems right that I should take some notice of it. Editors of Newspapers, discredited politicians and avowed enemies of the Church have all taken advantage of this so-called crisis to fill their columns, to revive the life of their party, and to commend their own religious or non-religious views. With these we have no concern. As Churchmen we claim the right to manage our own affairs within the limits permitted by the Royal Supremacy, without interference from a Parliament which is no longer Christian, or from dissenters who have long ago been freed from any obligation to contribute to the support of the Church. There are, then, two points for which I think we should perseveringly contend. Firstly, that the Book of Common Prayer gives the standard of doctrine and practice to which every Churchman (Priest or Layman) should be required to conform. Men will differ in opinion as to the degree in which a strict observance of Prayer Book requirements meets the needs of the present day, and disregard of it has not been the mark of any one party alone in the Church. What we plead for is that obedience to it should be required from all alike, and divergence from it should not be at the discretion of the individual, but only when permitted by authority. Secondly that the authority which is to interpret the Prayer Book must be a spiritual authority. As in civil, so in spiritual matters, the law is gradually built up upon the decisions of judges, and we must continue to deny what has been denied so many times during the last fifty years, the right of a non-spiritual court to decide what is the doctrine and practice of the Church. It is no lawlessness to refuse to obey an illegal tribunal. In the words of Hooker, "We may refuse to answer before any civil judge in a matter which is not civil. Our laws do neither suffer a spiritual court to entertain those causes which by law are civil, nor yet, if the matter be indeed spiritual, a mere civil court to give judgment on it." We earnestly hope that the step which the two Archbishops are taking will truly make for the peace and well-being of the Church. The readiness with which the expressed wishes of the Bishop have been met in certain recent cases leads one to hope that the judgment of the two Archbishops on any question brought before them will be obeyed. I would beg you in your prayers, daily, at this time, to ask that they may have the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in order that they may decide rightly. In conclusion, let me ask you that, in honour of your Lord, for the good of your own spiritual life and obedience to the Prayer Book, you will do your utmost to observe the seasons of Rogation, Ascension and Whitsuntide, which are now approaching.

Believe me,

Yours in Our Blessed Lord,

EDWIN G. WOOD.

PRAYER FOR DAILY USE IN PRESENT NEEDS.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, look down we beseech Thee, upon the Church of England in her present distress. Convert the hearts of the rulers of this world, that they may fear to claim for, or render unto, Cæsar the things that are God's. Enlighten the judgment, guide and bless the endeavours of our Spiritual Fathers, the Bishops (especially the two Archbishops), in their labours for the maintenance of Thy true faith and religion amongst us, and for the peace and freedom of Thy Holy Church. Give wisdom, patience, forgetfulness of self, and pure zeal for Thy glory to those who would restore and spread Thy faith; take away prejudices from those who unknowingly contradict Thy Truth, and vouchsafe unto us all, of Thy great mercy, true patience and courage, a sincere desire to know and to do Thy Will, that loving Thee above all things, we may hold fast, and hand on to others the precious deposit of true faith to the salvation of many souls, and to the glory of Thy great Name. Amen.

RECORD OF PAST EVENTS.

THE EASTER VESTRY.—The Annual Meeting for election of Churchwardens and other Officers of the Church was held in the Vestry at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 3rd, the Vicar in the Chair. There were present Messrs. Cross and Escudier (Churchwardens), Col. Forjett, Messrs. Larkin, Stanley, Warr, Sturgeon, Heath, Wood, Scolding, Belcher and Roper.

The Minutes of the last Vestry were read and confirmed, and the Vicar announced the retirement of the two Churchwardens, expressing his great obligation to them, and thankfully alluding to the several important parish undertakings which had been accomplished during their regime, such as the Restoration and Cleaning of the Church interior, the Churchyard railings and the New Church House.

On proceeding to the election of Churchwardens, the Vicar nominated Col. Forjett as his representative, and on the nomination of Mr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Warr was elected to the office of People's Warden. Col. Forjett nominated as his sidesmen Messrs. Ratliffe, Cross and Escudier, and Mr. Warr named Messrs. Roper, Sturgeon and Larkin. The Vicar, as his Sidesmen, chose Col. Stocker and Mr. Meaden, and the Vestry elected Messrs. Cox and Belcher in the like capacity.

Mr. Escudier made brief but satisfactory reference to the Churchwardens' Accounts for last year; they will be found in full in next month's Magazine.

Mr. Box was re-elected Auditor of the Churchwardens' Accounts, and Mr. Stanley and Mr. Box were appointed Auditors of the various Parish Balance Sheets. As Members of the Church Council Mr. Cross and Mr. Escudier were elected in the place of Messrs. Marzials and Warr, the remaining eight Members being re-elected. Messrs. Sturgeon, Heath and Warr were again appointed Lay Delegates from the Parish to the Ruri-decanal Conference at Hammersmith. A most hearty and cordial vote of thanks to the Retiring Churchwardens was proposed by Mr. Roper, seconded by Mr. Scolding, and passed with enthusiasm. Mr. Cross and Mr. Escudier each made appropriate reply to the vote.

The Vicar gratefully acknowledged the indispensable services of the many and various Church-workers, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding closed the proceedings.

S. STEPHEN'S GUILD.—On Easter Monday an enjoyable Social Evening was spent by the Members of the Senior Wards in the New Church House. A special feature was the exhibition of some cleverly arranged Tableaux, which, under the skilful management of Miss Hog, gave great satisfaction. Among the "performers" were Miss E. Hog, Miss M. Stevens and the Misses Cordery, Rawlinson, E. Stevens, Collins, E. Freeman, A. Weitzel, F. Carter and L. Peters, all of whom acquitted themselves admirably. Capital music was enjoyed in the form of songs by Mrs. Shuttleworth, Miss Hemming, Miss Kate Hemming and Miss G. Collins, and a brilliant rendering of Beethoven's Sonata, 3rd movement, by Miss Phillips.

A Business Meeting was held in the course of proceedings, at which the Vicar mentioned the difficulties of procuring the ordinary Guild Badges when required, and proposed that we should have a die sunk of special design of our own. On discussion, it was agreed to adopt a cross of some form, with name of the Guild, and the Eucharistic symbols on it. Estimate and design will be procured. Mr. Warmington was re-elected Secretary and Miss Hog, Treasurer. As Representatives on the Council, Mr. Roper was elected for Ward A, Miss Bowen for Ward B, and C. Sharp and A. Burton for Wards C and D.

The Refreshments during the evening were much appreciated.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.—On Thursday, April 13th, we were pleased to see a crowded room at the Church House. The audience most thoroughly enjoyed the very excellent entertainment provided by Mr. Larkin, and the repeated applause and encores were the best evidence of their appreciation. The songs by Mrs. Blunden, Miss E. Broad, Mr. J. Percival, Mr. S. Stokes, and the ever popular Mr. F. Searle were all excellent of their kind, while the "Bone Solo" of Mr. E. Cressy was a clever exhibition of his skill with those instruments, and Mr. J. P. Bowsher showed his ventriloquial powers to great advantage. The "Animated Pictures" were an innovation (and a very welcome one in this neighbourhood). The scenes which appeared the most striking and pleasing were, perhaps, those showing the Fire Brigade, Railway Train, Pillow Fight and Highlanders, but all were delightful. The thanks of S. Stephen's Club (and of ourselves) are justly due to Mr. Larkin for his most successful effort in aid of the funds of this institution.

OUR EASTER IN CHURCH.—The Easter Festival was observed with all the brightness and heartiness which characterises festal seasons in our pretty church. The first Evensong was held on Easter Eve, at 8 p.m., fully choral, and concluded with a procession headed by the cross, and accompanied by the banners of the Guild and the Sunday School. On Easter Day celebrations were held at 6, 7 and 8 a.m., plain, all of which were extremely well attended. At the high choral celebration at 11.30, the choir was supplemented by an orchestra, and under the able conductorship of Mr. Vale, gave a reverent and impressive rendering of Hoyte's Service in D. The sermon at Matins was preached by the Rev. R. Raffles. A Children's Service was held in the afternoon, and a highly festal Evensong drew a crowded congregation at 7 p.m. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James Morgan, brief and earnest, dealing with the great Easter subject of Christ the first fruits, and the resurrection life. A processional hymn and the Hallelujah Chorus brought the day's services to a joyous conclusion. The whole of the day's offertories were presented to the Vicar as "Easter Offerings."

The decorations evinced the loving skill of the ladies who were responsible for the work—altar, font, pulpit and lectern being charming samples of the tasteful use of Arum, Azalea, Lent Lilies, &c.

The following ladies (under the supervision of Miss Sparkes) assisted in the decorating:—Mrs. Meaden, Miss Chapman, Miss A. Bowen, Miss Jones, the Misses Hog and the Misses Freeman. To them, and to all who contributed either flowers or money for the adornments our heartiest thanks are given.

On "Low Sunday" the services were almost identical, but without the orchestra. At Evensong the Vicar gave a carefully reasoned sermon on S. John xx., 21-23, in which the Apostolic Commission given by our Lord was thoroughly explained and enforced. A processional hymn and solemn Te Deum marked the close of the Paschal Octave.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—New Vestry: Miss Jones £5; Thank Offering £1 1s.; Anon 6s. Choir Fund: Anon 3s., Emeritus £1, Miss Chapman 10s. 6d. Poor Fund: Mrs. Hyde 10s. Sanctuary Lamps: Thank Offering 4s. Church House Building Fund: Miss E. Webber Smith £1; Mrs. Graham 5s. Lent Savings: Church Improvement Fund (New Vestry) £5 14s. 7d.; Church Expenses 3s.; Day Schools £1 0s. 5d; Pulpit Figure £1 1s. 7d.; Altar Flowers 1s. 5d.; Foreign Missions 19s. 6d.; Assistant Clergy 10s.; Poor Fund 8d.; S. Barnabas Home for Incurables 14s. 2d.; Sunday Schools 3s.; Church House Building Fund 1s. 2d.; Reginald Pilgrim 1s. 9½d.; Sunday School Class 1s. (for Pulpit Figure); Miss Maud Strutton 1s. 7d.; Miss Jones' Class 1s. 2¼d. (for Foreign Missions). Collecting Boxes: Miss Harness 17s. 8¼d.; Mrs. Sturgeon 14s. 10d.; Miss F. Carter 3s.; Nurse Saunders 6s. 10½d.; Miss E. Strutton 12s. 4¼d. (for Church House Building Fund); Miss Langmore 4s. 3d.; Anon 5s. (Church House Fund). Assistant Clergy Fund: Miss Chapman £1 1s. Easter Decorations: Miss Sparkes (for Altar) 10s.; Miss Bowen (for Screen) 5s.; Miss Chapman (for Screen) £1 1s.; Mrs. Meaden 2s. 6d.; Miss Jones 3s. 6d. Flowers from Miss Cox, Mrs. Wisher, Mrs. Rymer, Miss Gunning, Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Miss Stutter, Rev. J. Morgan, Miss Ratliffe, the Misses Cordery, Mr. and Mrs. Cross (for Font), Miss A. Lakey, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Pilgrim, Miss Lindsey, and the Misses Strutton.

The Vicar desires very gratefully to acknowledge the generosity of the Congregation in their Easter Offerings, which reached a larger amount this year than in any previous one.

COLLECTIONS.

"Thine Alms are come up for a Memorial before God."

1899.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 26.	Church Expenses	4	4	0
26.	Parish Fund...	0	9	2½
31.	Poor Fund	0	7	8½
31.	West London Hospital ...	0	15	3
31.	Church Penitentiary Association	4	7	9½

1899.		£	s.	d.
April. 2.	Easter Offerings	36	1	5
2.	Parish Fund...	0	5	1
9.	Church Expenses	3	14	5
9.	Day Schools...	0	3	6
16.	Church Expenses	4	4	0
16.	Choir Fund	0	1	5½

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

1899.	
Mar. 25.	Harry William Mouser to Harriet Anna Breeze
30.	Harry Hatton to Eleanor Jane Kilvert
April 1.	William Auton Leo to Annie Moodie.
3.	Frederick Robert Mayhew to Eliza Anderson
April 3.	Charles Frederick Nash to Alice Bradbury
16.	William Percival Standingford Dodd to Amelia Elizabeth Freeman

BAPTISMS.

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

1899.	
Mar. 26.	Dorothy Emma Hampton, 286, Uxbridge Road
26.	Ronald Richard Swann, 102, Coningham Road
April 2.	Alexander David Hind, 11, Tadmor Street
2.	Florence Bessie Dew, 4, Ellerslie Road
2.	Charles William Dowling, 43, Tunis Road
9.	Florence Evaline Collins, 14, Tadmor Street
April 9.	Evaline Maude Gamble, 48, Tunis Road
11.	Alice Mary Snell, 6, Providence Place
16.	Albert William Danvers, 336, Uxbridge Road
16.	Evaline Doris Webb, 3, Hopgood Street
16.	Harold Henry Durrell, 23, Tetuan Road
16.	Gwendoline Ethel Mary Angles, 202, Uxbridge Road

THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNT, EASTER, 1898 TO EASTER, 1899

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Offertories during the year	191	16	2½
,, Donations	2	0	0
,, Contributions from Bazaar Fund, being deficit at Easter, 1898...	27	2	11
	220	19	1½
,, Balance (deficiency)	2	12	7
	£223	11	8½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer from last account	27	2	11
,, Signor Dinelli, Organist, quarter year's Salary	12	10	0
,, Mr. Vale, Organist, three-quarters year's Salary	30	0	0
,, Mr. Watkins, Verger, one year's Salary ...	60	0	0
,, Fordham, Under Verger, ,, ...	10	0	0
,, Mr. Moore, Organ Blower ,, ...	9	10	0
,, Brentford Gas Company (Gas Account) ..	35	5	7
,, Grand Junction Water Works Company, Water Rate	1	1	0
,, Insurance Premiums against Fire and Burglary	7	10	3
,, Mr. Boarder and others, for sundry repairs	6	16	5
,, Gray & Davison, Tuning Organ	3	3	0
,, Communion Wine	5	5	0
,, ,, Wafers	1	18	4
,, Washing Surplices, &c.	2	1	11
,, Coke and Coals	3	18	0
,, Camerer & Kuss, Winding Clocks and Repairs	0	19	0
,, Sundry Expenses, per Mr. Watkins ...	1	16	1
,, Organ Blowing at extra Services	0	5	3
,, New Cassock for Verger	1	10	0
,, Church Cleaning and Materials	1	9	2½
,, Printing Report	0	10	0
,, Various small payments by Churchwardens	0	19	9
	£223	11	8½

SALEM W. CROSS
JOHN L. ESCUDIER } *Churchwardens.*

NOTES FOR MAY.

ANTHEMS AND INTROITS FOR THE MONTH.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th.—11.40 a.m.—Introit. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia. Therefore let us keep the Feast with sincerity and truth. Alleluia. This is the Day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Glory, &c. Offertorium.—Hymn 322. Communio.—O Saving Victim. Hymn 311, p. 2. Antiphon.—Hymn 312.

ASCENSION DAY.—11 a.m.—Processional Hymn 148, p. 1. Introit. God has gone up with a merry noise. And the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia. Thou art gone up on high. Thou hast led captivity captive. Glory, &c. Offertorium.—Hymn 147. Communio.—Hymn 311, p. 2. Antiphon.—Hymn 150.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.—11.40 a.m.—Processional Hymn 148, p. 1. Introit. God is gone up, &c. (see above). Offertorium. Thou art gone up on high. Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts from men—yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them. Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty! The Lord mighty in battle!

Communio.—Jesu, Word of God, Incarnate,
Of the Virgin Mary born;
On the Cross Thy sacred Body
For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water
Streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy Body, broken
Now and in death's agony.

Antiphon.—Hymn 555.

WHITSUNDAY.—11 40 a.m.—Processional 148, p. 2. Introit. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world, Alleluia. And that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Alleluia. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered. Let them also who hate Him flee before Him. Glory, &c. Offertorium.—Hymn 157. Communio.—Jesu, Word of God, Incarnate (see above). Antiphon.—Hymn 156.

TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 28th.—11.40 a.m.—Processional Hymn 215. Introit. Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. We will give glory to Him because He hath shewn His mercy upon us. O Lord our Governor, how excellent is Thy Name in all the World. Glory, &c. Offertorium.—Hymn 316. Communio.—Jesu, Word of God, Incarnate (as above). Antiphon.—Hymn 160.

ASCENSION AND WHITSUNTIDE SERVICES.

ASCENSION DAY.—Holy Communion 6, 7, 8. Children's Service 9. Matins 10.30. Choral Eucharist 11. Procession. Evensong (plain) 6 p.m. Choral Evensong and Sermon 8.

WHITSUN DAY.—Holy Communion 6, 7, 8. Matins and Sermon 10.30. Choral Eucharist and Procession 11.40. Children's Service 3.15. Choral Evensong, Sermon and Procession 7 p.m.

ROGATION DAYS.—Special Litany of Intercession 12. Metrical Litany and Address 8.30 p.m.

The Collections on Sunday, May 7th, will be for the Bishop of London's Fund, which has a special claim upon us by reason of the grant which it makes towards the Clergy in this Parish.

There will be a short Service of Intercession for Foreign Missions on the first Friday in each month after Evensong, at 6.30.

HAMMERSMITH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.—The 13th Annual Exhibition will be held in the Town Hall, Broadway, Hammersmith, on May 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1899. The Exhibition will be opened on Tuesday, May 9th, at 3.30 p.m., by Lady Faudel Philipps; admission 1s.; on Wednesday, May 10th, at 3.30 p.m., by Lady Hanson; admission 6d., children under twelve half-price. For further particulars see small bills and programmes. Hon. Sec., Miss May Holt.

THE BAND OF HOPE.—The Band of Hope meets at 6 p.m., in S. Stephen's Church House, on the First and Third Mondays in each month. The doors are opened at 5.45 p.m., children who are not in time for the opening Service at 6 p.m., will not receive marks for attendance, nor will any children be admitted after 6.15 p.m. Those whose parents wish them to do so, will be allowed to leave the room at 7 p.m. The subscription is 1d. a month. In order to simplify the method of marking, it has been found necessary to make it a rule that "No member who has not paid a half-penny at the door is to be admitted to any meeting." No member is allowed to be more than 1d. in arrears. The meetings are closed at 7.30 p.m. Every member of S. Stephen's Band of Hope receives an illustrated paper each month; papers of different kinds being given to the different members of one family. The actual cost of belonging to the Band of Hope is therefore only one half-penny a month. Clerical Superintendent, Rev. R. B. Raffles.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES.—The Vicar will be glad to see at his Classes any who wish to be Confirmed, and is willing to make special arrangements for elder men or women. Girls 7 p.m., Boys 8 p.m., on Fridays, in the Vicarage Parish Room.

THE GUILD OFFICE for Wards A, B, C and D, will be on Thursday, May 18th, at 8.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL in Foreign Parts will be held in S. James' Hall on Thursday, May 4, at 2.30 p.m. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be in the Chair. Our people should make an effort to attend this Meeting.

TREES AND SHRUBS FOR THE CHURCHYARD.—The Churchwardens will be glad to receive contributions towards the cost of providing these very necessary additions.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY —Recreative Evenings will be resumed on May 4th at the Church House.

S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH HOUSE, Bloemfontein Road.—Mr. Larkin has kindly undertaken the duties of Secretary, and all communications concerning the use of the building should be addressed to him at 47, Bloemfontein Avenue.

FOREIGN MISSION LITERATURE ASSOCIATION.—Secretary, Miss Romeril, 3, Blomfield Road.

BOARDERS.—The Clergy would be glad to receive the names of any communicant members of S. Stephen's Church who would be willing to take young men or boys into their families as Boarders.

FOREIGN MISSION WORKING PARTY meets at 13, Coverdale Road, on the third Wednesday in each month.

WANTED.—Letters for West London Hospital, Workers as District Visitors, Sunday School Teachers, and Church Watchers.

A MOTHERS' MEETING is held at the Church House, on Mondays, at 2.30.

MATERNITY SOCIETY.—District Visitors are asked to apply to Mrs. Rymer, Secretary, 13, Coverdale Road.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Apply to Miss Dawson, Secretary, 36, Ingersoll Road.

S. STEPHEN'S TENNIS CLUB.—Will ladies or gentlemen wishing to join, kindly apply to Miss Bartlett, Hon. Sec., 21, Coverdale Road.

SALE OF WORK.—It is proposed to hold a Sale of Work in S. Stephen's Church House, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14th and 15th. Will all friends of S. Stephen's work hard for it?

Interview with the Rev. H.C.Eden, Vicar of Holy Innocents', Hammersmith. (E.A.) 30 May 10.99.

Mr. Eden had fixed the interview for a xxxxxxx date at which a "Quiet Day" was being held for all the workers of the parish, and I found him in the Church at one of th services. However, he was free and expecting me, so left the main buil ing and we talked in the temporary church, mentioned in the accompanying "chat", from Church Bells, which he gave me. The "Quiet Day" was, he said, xxxxxxxxx very customary in many parishes, and is found to be the only substitute for a clergyman's "retreat" that a mixed body of workers, many of them busy people can secure.

Mr. Eden is a man of perhaps 40, in build something like the late Master of Harrow. But Mr. Eden is a man of striking quietness, and even modesty of tone. His eyes ar eloquent of his goodness. He is a High Churchman, and perhaps a Churchman first of all, but his sympathies are wide. His note was not free from touches of despondency, but his influence must be beneficial, and his simplicity and sincerity of purpose are manifest. He has been here 14 years.

Facts (local): In the whole parish there are about 15 families only that keep servants. The working classes that make up the great bulk of the people are a mixed lot, including a large labouring population. But there is not m much distress, although a large class that a short time

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of unemployment would put in difficulties. There is no marked local trend of any kind, but on the whole improvement is noticeable, and the people are showing a greater independence. They are apt to ~~xxxxx~~ migrate from the district, and this shifting character of the people is a great dif iculty in the work.

The poorest streets are Raynham Road, Cardross St., and Redmore Road. Of these conditions in the first are the worst. The houses are of 3 or 4 stories, and there is a family to each floor. Conditions are unhealthy, but there is not much overcrowding, here or anywhere else.

Facts (parochial): For buildings, and sketch of the formation of the parish, see the interview. The church is a very beautiful building, holding 6 or 700 people. Hall, gymnasium, club rooms etc. make a compact block.

The staff is assisted by 3 of the All Saints' Sisters and in addition, there are about 50 or more other workers -- 30 S.S. teachers and 20 District Visitors, etc. They have a Branch of the Brotherhood of S. Andrew (6 members).

Attendances on Sunday are large, the Church being nearly full, both morning and evening, with a congregation of from 6 to 700 people. Most ~~iv~~ are parishioners, but they on the whole represent a better class than the average sample of the parish would furnish. In the morning he

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reckons that about 200 men are present. Seats are reserved for them, but there is no obligation to sit apart, - nor. He finds the arrangement, however, a great help, many hobbledehoys, for instance, finding ingress a much easier and less bashful proceeding, than if they had to brush past the ladies and circumvent their petticoats.

Attendances at daily prayer, morning and evening, is from 20 to 25. Communicants at Easter were something over 500, and the Sunday average at 7 and 8 combined is from 70 to 80. Sunday School: register (800) average (600 to 650).

Of their social agencies, the Clubs are regarded as being the most important. That for the Boys is open every evening; there are about 40 members, with rough youngsters of the right sort on the roll. The Men's Club is run on Church lines, with a compulsory Church Parade once a quarter. There are 70 members; apart from equipment (capital outlay) and rent, it is self-supporting. It was started as an open club, but did not answer on this basis, and now they get a better class of members. Apart from the clubs, which are themselves small, social agencies are not a feature here. The Convalescent Home at Dover is distinctive and invaluable. It is used by other parishes, but is controlled from Holy Innocents'.

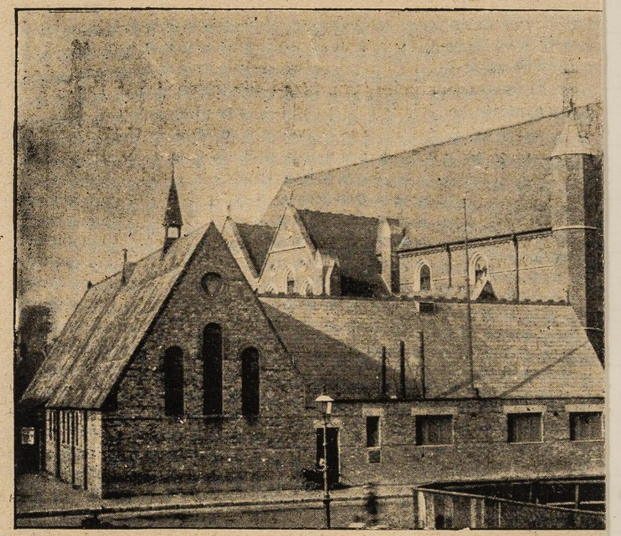
They use the Jubilee Nurses in their sick cases. Relief amounts to about £40 or £50 a year; the C.O.S. is used in their complicated cases. A soup kitchen is opened every winter, but it is almost self-supporting, and its penny dinners are largely bought.

In the parish there are very small Primitive Methodist and Congregational Chapels, and others are near. The Salvation Army used to be strong in the parish, but is weak now.

Opinions: That the local Sanitary Administration is only fairly good; that there is not much prostitution in the parish, only two or three houses being known, and not much solicitation. That the police do their work well. That there is nothing special in the way of crime. That the great difficulty with which the Church has to contend is the struggle for life in which most people are involved, in the absorption that this means, and in the resulting indifference. That there is nothing of the nature of opposition, but just carelessness. Even at death it is the same. Mr. Eden did not mention drink as a frequent cause of crime, negligence etc. holding that it is unduly weighted with responsibilities. His point of view does not perhaps differ from that of so

many others who mention drink and indifference as obstacles to church work, but his analysis is somewhat more searching, and somewhat more sympathetic.

Afetr the interview Mr. Eden showed me round the various buildings, and took me back to the Vicarage through the large and pleasant garden mentioned in the Church Bells interview.



EXTERIOR OF HOLY INNOCENTS', HAMMERSMITH, AND PAROCHIAL BUIL

paid off in 1894. It has been hard work raising so large a sum for church-building, when so much was needed for starting the new parish. In 1891 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners provided a stipend of 150*l.*, which they have since increased to 300*l.*, and 60*l.* for a curate. The Additional Curates Society also give 40*l.* a year towards the stipend of a second curate.'

'Then there are now three clergy?'

'There were four. I have just lost Mr. Sharp, who is now Vicar of Whitkirk, near Leeds. The Rev. H. H. Clarke, who was for sixteen years in Central Africa, renders voluntary assistance.'

'What is the great want at the present time?'

'Money for the completion of the church. There is now accommodation for 650, and the completion will bring up the total to 950 sittings.'

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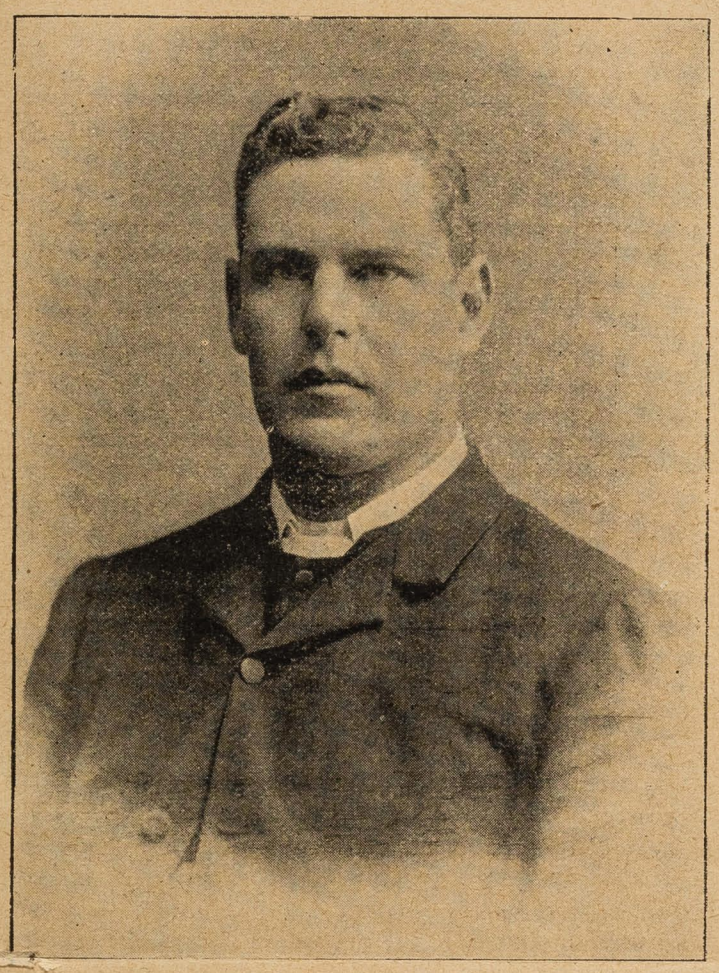
Chats with the Clergy.

THE REV. H. C. EDEN, VICAR OF HOLY INNOCENTS', HAMMERSMITH.

THE greater part of my chat with the Vicar of Holy Innocents', Hammersmith, took place in a tent on the lawn of the vicarage in Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. Mr. Eden, though living in a



THE REV. H. C. EDEN, VICAR OF HOLY INNOCENTS', HAMMERSMITH.

populous district where land is dear, is fortunate, not only in having a commodious clergy house, but a very large garden, which he uses for all sorts of parochial purposes.

'We can easily,' he said, 'find room on the lawn for two hundred people at a social gathering. The Sisters invite a hundred and fifty mothers to tea with their babies.'

'Does the vicarage,' I asked, 'belong to the parish?'

'Yes, the house was bought in 1896, the site having been procured previously, and altered to satisfy the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.'

'I suppose it cost a considerable sum of money?'

'Two thousand eight hundred pounds, of which a small debt of 150*l.* still remains. We hope to pay it off this year. The house is admirably adapted for its purpose. The assistant clergy live here, and the choir-boys make free use of it.'

'You are the first vicar of the parish?'

'Yes; I came here at Easter, 1885. But the mission church which preceded the permanent church was opened on December 12th, 1876. At first it was used mainly for children's services, hence its dedication. It was a long, narrow building, eighty-three feet by twenty-three, only ten feet high to the wall-plate, but thirty feet to the ridge of the roof. We now use it for various parochial objects, and it is included in the photograph of the church.'

'What parish was it in?'

'That of St. John's, Hammersmith, of which the Rev. W. Allen Whitworth, now of All Saints', Margaret Street, was the vicar. At the opening of the mission church Mr. Whitworth said that it was designed to serve for ten years as a mission building, to be worked in connexion with the parish church, and that at the end of that period it would be necessary to form a separate district, and replace the temporary building by a permanent church.'

'Were his expectations fulfilled?'

'Practically, they were. In eight years Mr. Whitworth was enabled to transfer to a large building, in another part of the parish, the work distinctly auxiliary to the parish church; and the building of 1876 was thus set free to be the centre of independent work.

'It was at this point,' continued Mr. Eden, 'that the London Diocesan Home Mission stepped in, and availed itself of Mr. Whitworth's offer. It was obviously essential that the work could only be entered upon by one prepared to pursue the traditional lines of St. John's, but the Society did not allow any party considerations to stand in the way, and not only provided a stipend for the priest-in-charge, but, when it was found that one was not sufficient, made an additional grant so as to secure the engagement of the Rev. M. Stone-Wigg, now Bishop of New Guinea, as assistant missioner.'

'When was the assistant missioner appointed?'

'In 1886, a year after I came. He remained for three years, when he went to Brisbane. Previous to this, I felt a difficulty in using even an unconsecrated building for secular purposes, and I built a mission room, at a cost of 400*l.*, for all kinds of parochial gatherings, but in such a way that when the mission church was filled, accommodation was found for the overflow in the new building. By these means we were able to seat five hundred worshippers.'

'I think you were previously curate of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington?'

'Yes, for a year and a half, under the present Bishop of Peterborough. I originally intended to be a mining engineer, and had two years' experience of the profession; but then I changed my mind and was ordained to a Yorkshire school, which I left in order to come to Kensington.'

'When you had, in effect, enlarged the mission church, did you find it still too small?'

'It was soon over-crowded, and I set myself to collect funds for the permanent church. Six weeks before the completion of the ten years from the opening of the temporary church, the plans of the permanent one were accepted and signed by the Bishop.'

'At what date was the permanent church opened?'

'The first portion was opened for service on September 25th, 1890, and consecrated by the Bishop of London—Dr. Temple—March 7th, 1891.'

'What was the cost?'

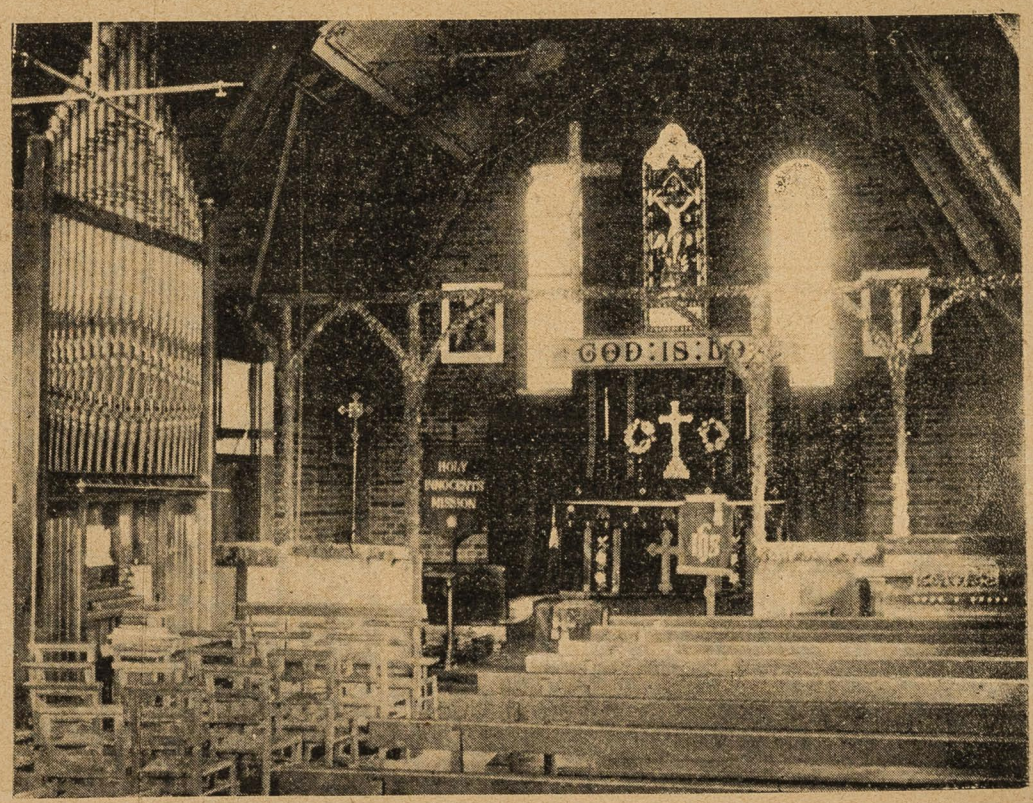
'Eight thousand pounds. Good proportions were studied rather than elaborate ornament, and it is generally agreed that the church presents a stately appearance.'

'Did you get many grants towards the fund?'

'The Bishop of London's Fund contributed 1000*l.*, the Diocesan Church Building Fund 100*l.*, the City Church Fund 500*l.*, the Incorporated Church Building Society 175*l.*, and Marshall's Charity 400*l.* Very liberal help was also given by the late Mr. John Stone-Wigg, of Tunbridge Wells, and by Mrs. Daglish, of Kensington, who built the side chapel in memory of her mother. Many in the parish of St. Mary Abbots assisted us substantially.'

'Is there any debt on the church?'

'There was a debt of 1500*l.* when it was consecrated; but it was



INTERIOR OF TEMPORARY CHURCH, HOLY INNOCENTS'.

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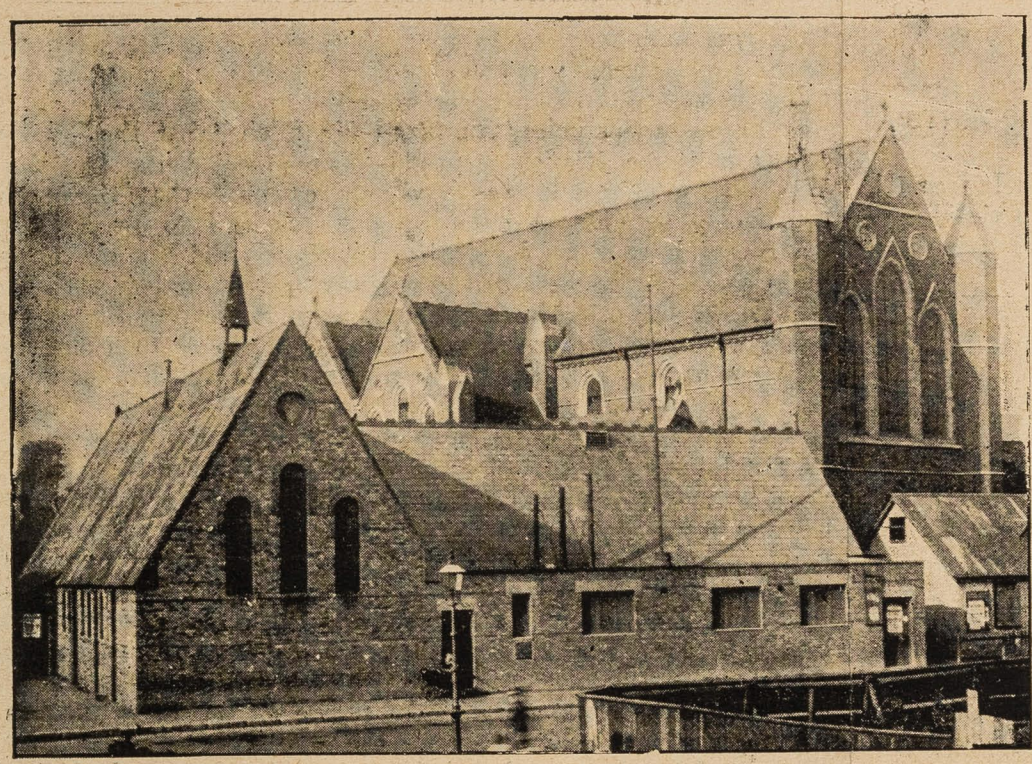


Exterior of Holy Innocents', Hammersmith, and Parochial Buildings.

paid off in 1894. It has been hard work raising so large a sum for church-building, when so much was needed for starting the new parish. In 1891 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners provided a stipend of 150*l.*, which they have since increased to 300*l.*, and 60*l.* for a curate. The Additional Curates Society also give 40*l.* a year towards the stipend of a second curate.'

'Then there are now three clergy?'

'There were four. I have just lost Mr. Sharp, who is now Vicar of Whitkirk, near Leeds. The Rev. H. H. Clarke, who was for sixteen years in Central Africa, renders voluntary assistance.'

'What is the great want at the present time?'

'Money for the completion of the church. There is now accommodation for 650, and the completion will bring up the total to 950 sittings.'

'How much will the completion cost?'

'Probably 5000*l.* Towards this the Bishop of London has promised 1750*l.* from the Marriott Bequest, and we are applying to other societies to help us. The work must be finished in four years, according to the conditions of the bequest.'

'Are the seats all free?'

'Yes, we started with the Free-and-Open system, and it works very well. I don't see why a church in a rich neighbourhood should be free, if the people like to pay pew-rents; but here appropriated seats would not do at all.'

'Do you divide the sexes?'

'No; but we reserve half the aisle for men. We began the plan of having always seats for men and boys in the mission church, and it has been so much appreciated that people often express astonishment at the number of men in church.'

'Have you any special services?'

'There is a choral Eucharist every Sunday morning at eleven and on Saints' days at 9.30. In the week, there is Holy Communion daily at 7.30 and again on Thursdays at 9.30. On Saints' days, in addition to the choral celebration, there is a plain one at 6.30.'

'And there is need for further church accommodation in the district?'

'Great need. I am very anxious people should know that, in order to complete the church within four years, we must collect the money we want in three years, or we shall forfeit the grant.'

'What is the character of the parish?'

'It is quite a working-class population, largely composed of labourers, carpenters, and railway men. There are a few shopkeepers and a small proportion of clerks. The people contribute liberally towards the work according to their means, but it is absolutely impossible for them to complete the church without outside help.'

'What is the population of the parish?'

'Just over six thousand. Part of the parish was taken out of St. John's, and part out of St. Peter's. You can, perhaps, best judge of the prevailing type of parishioners, when I mention that of the last hundred baptisms, most of the parents of the children live in houses where there are two or three families.'

'Now will you tell me about some of the parochial organizations?'

'There is a Men's Club which is open every night. The room was given by Bishop Stone-Wigg; but the club has been entirely self-supporting for seven or eight years.'

'How many members are there?'

'About seventy. For ten years we had a crêche, which was worked by a lady in Kensington, and at one time we had some three thousand babies a year; but people would not take any trouble about it, so it died a natural death, and the house is now used as a part of the Men's Club.'

'Is the Men's Club a Church club?'

'Quite so. Last year four members were confirmed. As well as the Men's Club there are Upper Sunday Schools for boys over thirteen. We used to have a Bible Class, but the Upper Sunday School has taken its place. There are from seventy to eighty members, nearly all of whom have been confirmed. The boys from the Lower School are drafted into the Upper School; by this method we keep a hold on the boys.'

'When do you hold the class on Sunday for the Upper School?'

'At half-past three, when the rooms are free. The younger class is held earlier. All teachers in the Upper School are men, *i.e.*, the assistant clergy and the laity. It is closed in summer. We have the usual guilds for men, women, and children, and mothers' meetings.'

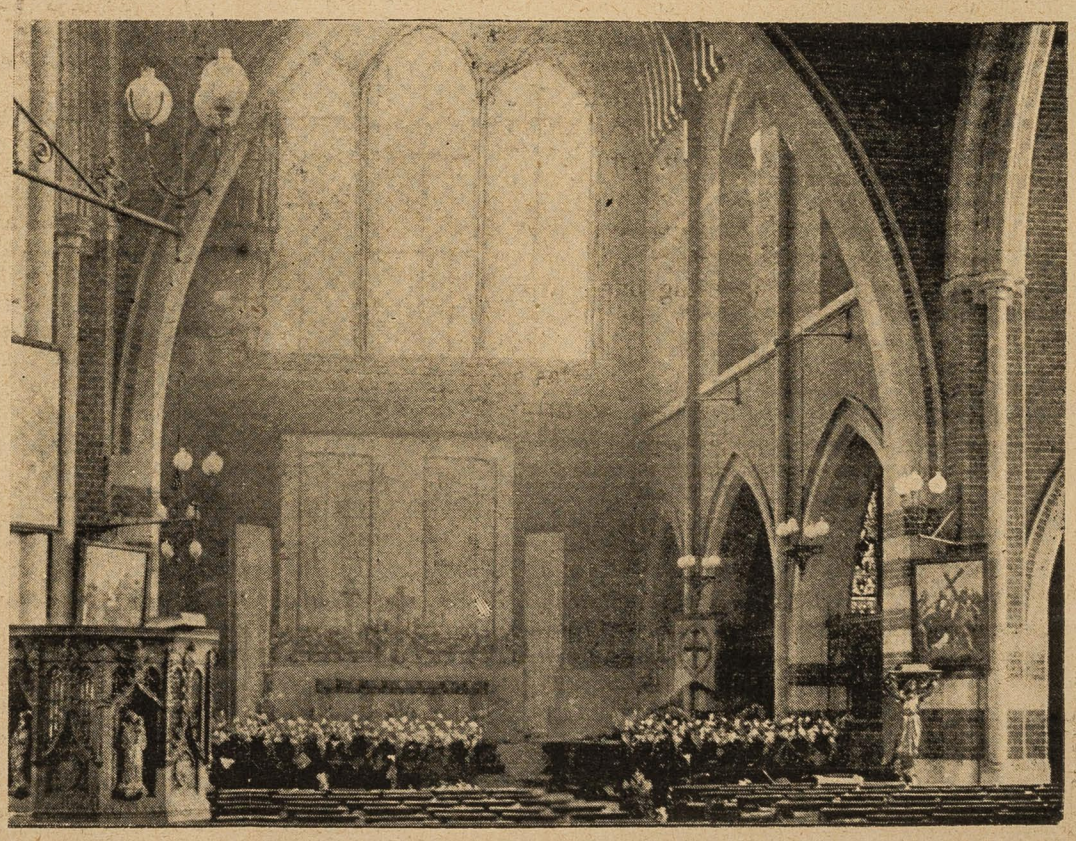
'You have also, I believe, some of the Sisters of All Saints', Margaret Street, at work in the parish?'

'Yes, the parish provides a home for three of them. They have been working here for years. They help me a great deal with the women and girls. They also look after the altar linen; and, in fact, the assistance of the Sisters is invaluable.'

'Do you follow the careers of the lads in the Upper Sunday Schools?'

'As far as we can. One of them is now engaged in the Central African Mission as a printer, and another is a lay brother at Cowley. I may say, in respect to our classes, that we make it a strict rule that the boys should attend morning service on Sunday.'

Mr. Eden's brother is Bishop of Wakefield, and was for many years Bishop of Dover. I do not know whether that has anything to do with the fact the parish of the Holy Innocents has a holiday



Interior of Holy Innocents', Hammersmith.

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home at Dover, but I asked the Vicar for information about this excellent institution.

'It was given to us,' he said, 'three years ago, with an endowment of 200*l.* a year, and this year some three hundred people have been down there. The home is at the bottom of Castle Hill, a

HOLIDAY HOME, DOVER, BELONGING TO HOLY INNOCENTS', HAMMERSMITH.

nice part of the town. There are thirty beds, and sometimes it is open for men and boys, at others for women and girls. In the summer, when it is full of men and boys, one of the clergy tries to be at Dover. We take women and children from other parishes.'

'What are the conditions?'

'The charge for board for adults is 6*s.* per week, and 3*s.* 6*d.* for children under fourteen. The return journey, by the South-Eastern route, only costs 5*s.* for adults, and 3*s.* 6*d.* for children. The visitors do not regard it as a charity. It is managed by a lady and two servants, who are paid by the endowment. Before we had the holiday home I used to take the boys out in summer. We had a large boat and slept on board. The little boys had a fortnight first, and the bigger ones afterwards.'

'Do the Sisters get a change?'

'Yes, in May and October a gentleman lends them a cottage at Hadlow Down. Ten women go down with one of the Sisters, and milk and vegetables are generously supplied by the owner.'

Then I went with Mr. Eden to the church, which contains a magnificent pulpit, and attached to which are exceedingly commodious vestries. The former Mission Church is a Gymnasium and Institute. When it is completed the Holy Innocents' will be one of the finest churches in the far West End of London.

ALFRED WILCOX.

REV. C. BRADSHAW FOY, M.A.,
Vicar of St. Mary's, West Kensington.

Photo. by H. Edmonds Hull, 136, Holland Pk. Avenue, W.

Interview with the Rev. C. Bradshaw Foy, Vicar of S. Mary's Church, W.Kensington, at the Vicarage, Brook Green (E.A.) May 4.99.

Mr. Foy has been at S. Mary's for 16 years, and the Buff Book for the district has inserted his photograph, (which see).It is not attractive, but it is flattering, as it conceals the bleared eyes and slightly pitted face Mr. Foy possesses. I should not be astonished to learn that he tippled a little. He talked a good deal, and had a penchant for generalities and anecdotes. But he was hard to keep to any single subject. He impressed me very unfavourably.

His parish is mainly made up of well-to-do people, but not those with any considerable margin. S. Paul's School attracts many families to the n'hood. About 2000 are working-class, and of these, 750 he classed as quite poor, who would be bowled out by a week's frost. In connexion with this section he mentioned laboring work, charing, and laundry work, as specimens of occupations.

The district is getting better off, but not by the displacement of the poor. Waste land is being built on, and many flats have been put up, the amount that has been thus invested running, he thinks, to as much as £150,000 during the last five years. It is not a shifting population. He mentioned Brook Green Place, just outside his parish, but very near his church, as one of the worst specimens of the slums of the n'hood, and a visit that we paid

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it afterwards showed a light and dark blue street. Inside his own parish, he mentioned Carlton Mews as being the w worst spot, and one side of Portland St. and Cumberland Crescent as being unsatisfactory.

Facts (parochial): He has no curate now, having, he says, decided to appropriate the stipend to pay off the debt on the Hall. He also gives a fifth of his own stipend away to the parish. He has a L.C.M. who works among the poor; 14 District Visitors; and about 70 S.S. Teachers. Most of the helpers come from inside the parish.

Buildings: Church (1200); Mission Hall (in N.End Road) 350 with a lower room holding 200); an iron room.

Attendances: Sunday morning; good middle class; average, 1000; S. Evening, 800. ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ Communicants: Easter, 480. Monthly numbers vary a good deal; very difficult to give. Several Sunday Schools; over-full; Register, 600 and 130 infants, plus older classes. Used to have many more in the infant school when Miss Helen Kemp-Welch was superintendent (250). Aggregate average now, 560.

Social agencies, see magazine page.

Says that relief is only given to investigated cases. Amount appears to be from £60 to £70. Mainly by tickets. That which is given by District Visitors is reported monthly; all in hand! Does not work with C.O.S. Does not think

they are "worth much"; their methods make the poor "irate".

Visiting is said to be systematic.

For a man working single-handed there seemed to be a good deal to look after, and I asked if it was not a difficult task, ~~He~~ fell in to what I had not intended as a trap, and said with genuine feeling, "Yes, it is a burden". But, remembering himself, he added "A loving burden, but still a burden", and I felt that I did not quite understand my man, and that he might be a great humbug.

For nursing, they go to the Association of the district.

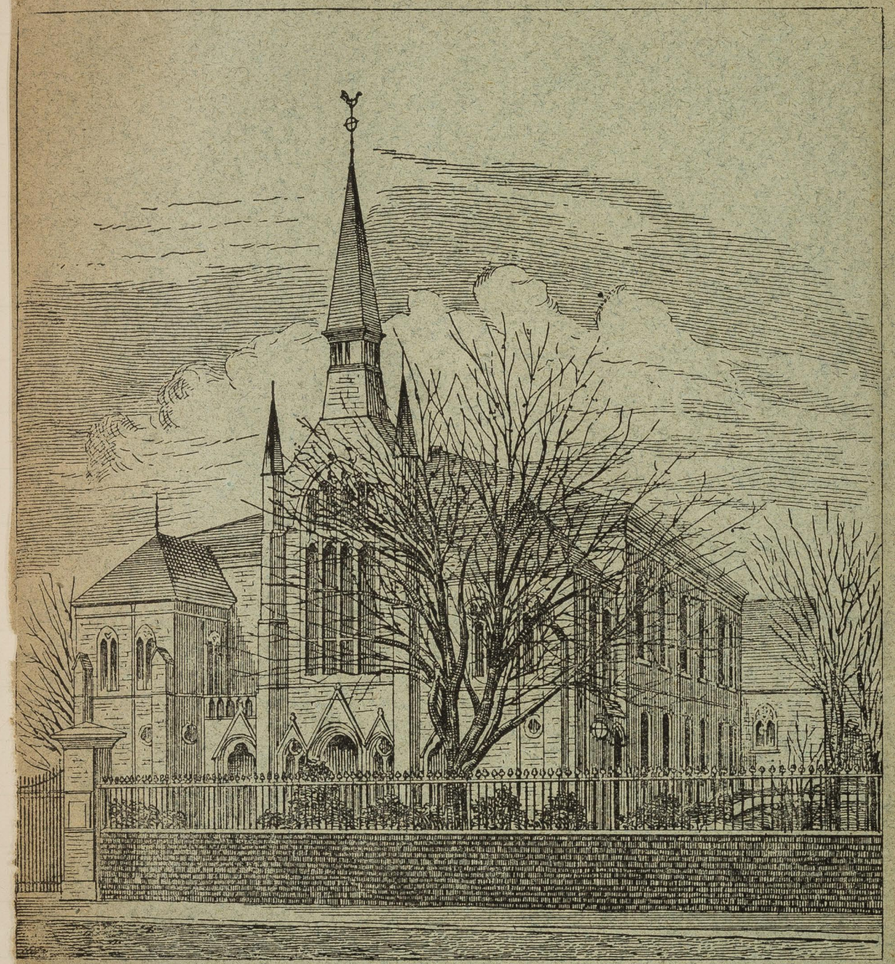
The R.Cs. are strong in the n'hood, but their buildings are just outside his parish. Inside, is a small Methodist Chapel. He thinks that one half of his congregation has been won from Dissent.

Opinions: That drink, and the number of public-houses is the greatest curse of the district, and that there has been a marked increase in the number of women who frequent the latter. That, (and this he said might be taken as an axiom for he spoke from long experience and observation) "the poor of London are not suffering so much from want of money, as from want of the right use of money". The pubs, inducing to drink as they do, are the curse of the working classes. Material conditions have improved, but they

will not help much if there be "nothing inside to uplift." Enlightenment, too, is spreading, but moral enlightenment is not spreading with equal pace." "Eighty per cent of the working clas es are opposed to the Church, and the alienation is increasing."

Thinks that there are very few prostitutes living in his parish, and there is not much soliciatation. Very little crime, and the place is practically free from disorderly houses. But, the marriage tie is, he thinks, not as strong as it was, and there is a good deal of cohabitation. Health is good, and, with few exceptions, housing conditions are also good.

St. Mary's Church, West Kensington.



Rev. C. Bradshaw Foy, M.A., Vicar.

Statement of Church Accounts, from 1st January, 1897, to 31st December, 1897.

FREE TO SEATHOLDERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

St. Mary's, West Kensington.

DIVINE SERVICE—Sundays, 11 o'clock and 7 (*Second* Sunday in the month at 3.30 for Children). Thursday evening, at 7.30.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday at Midday; Second at 8.30 a.m. Third at Midday; Fourth at Evening Service; Fifth at 8.30 a.m.

BAPTISMS every first and third Sunday at 2.45 o'clock, if the notice is given before midday Service. Baptisms otherwise by arrangement. The fee for Stamped Certificate is 2/7. For searching the Registers the statutory fee is 1/- for the first year, and 6d. for every year after.

MARRIAGES any day before 3 o'clock, by Banns or Licence. Notice to be given to the Verger at the Church House. For Publication of Banns the fee is 1/6.

CHURCHINGS. Clergy attend ten minutes before each Service. No notice required.

BIBLE CLASSES, for Young Ladies and Children of Seatholders and Friends in the
" " Church House on Sundays at 3.15. Conducted by Miss Vivian.
" " for Young Men, at 3.15, in Mission Hall, conducted by Miss Cooper.
" " for Young Women, in the Vestry, on Sundays, at 3.30, conducted by Miss Macmichael; also in the Church House by Miss E. and O. Scoles.
" " for Young Women in Church House, on Thursdays, at 8.15 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SCRIPTURE UNION. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Buxton Beyts, 7, Girdler's Road, Brook Green, W. Meeting at Church House, 4th Sunday in month at 3.15.

MISSION MEETING on Wednesdays, with an Address in Mission Hall, at 7.30.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS, every Monday at 2.30, in Mission Hall. Superintendent, Mrs. Foy, the Vicarage; Secretary, Mrs. Alphinstone Aplin, 21, Auriol Road.

DISTRICT VISITORS' MEETINGS at the Church House, on the first Wednesday in each month, at 3 o'clock.

WORKING PARTY for the C.M.S. every first and third Tuesday, at 2.30, at 1, Trevanion Road. President, Mrs. Brockett.

WORKING PARTY for the Jews' Society at 7, Girdler's Road, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at 2.30. President of the Branch, the Vicar.

BLANKET CLUB, CAST OFF CLOTHING Department, Manager, Mrs. England, 92, Brook Green, W. Supt., Miss MacHutchin, 4, Girdler's Road.

BAND OF HOPE, Thursday evenings, at 6.45, in Mission Hall. Supt., Mr. White, B.Sc.

ADULTS' TEMPERANCE MEETINGS in Mission Hall, first and third Mondays' at 8.0. Superintendent, Mr. Ready.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Morning, in Iron Room, 10 o'clock. Mission Hall, afternoon, 3.15. Superintendent of Girls' School, Mrs. Barrett, 94, Edith Road, W. Mission Hall School, for Youths and Young Men, at 3.15. Superintendent, Mr. Barrett, 94, Edith Road.

CLOTHING CLUB. Payments, Wednesdays, at 7.30 to 8 o'clock, in the Church House. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Murphy, 27, Dewhurst Road, W.

SAVINGS BANK. Mission Hall, Mondays, 5.30 to 6.30. Secretary, Miss Cooper, 28, Russell Road, W.

Rev. C. BRADSHAW FOY, M.A., Vicar, The Vicarage, 54, Brook Green, W.
Clerical Warden, Mr. B. POLLARD, Lamorna Lodge, Castelnau, Barnes.
People's Warden, Mr. A. W. WILLIAMS, 83, Hammersmith Road.
Organist and Choir Master, Dr. VERRINDER, 1, Finborough Road, S.W.
Secretary of St. Mary's Branch of the C.M.S. Mr. JAMES, 28, Brook Green.
Verger, Mr. TAPPING, the Church House.
City Missionary, Mr. BATTEN, 48, Delorme Street, Fulham.
The Hymn Book used is "The Hymnal Companion."

There is *no endowment* to the Church. The income of the Vicar is derived mainly from seat rents.

The Vicar is generally to be found at home at the Vicarage, 54, Brook Green, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays from 2.30 to 3.0. It is SPECIALLY REQUESTED that no morning calls be made, except in cases of sickness.

GLEANERS' ANNUAL MEETING at 8.0, in Iron Room, on first Tuesday in each month. Miss Healey, *Hon. Sec.*

Form A.—The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S

Outer West 30/11 Work 30/3

Rev. R. Handcock, St. Simon's, West Kensington.

Mr. Handcock lately had a stroke of paralysis, & is now away from home. Has to keep very quiet, & could not see us, but filled in the Form. The work is being carried on by a recently-appointed curate. Prior to this Mr. H., who has been here over 20 years, seems to have worked single-handed.

Form A. – The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

QUESTIONS to be asked in each parish as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the population? — Lower Middle Class

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not) — A Vicar & Curate (paid) & voluntary lay helpers.

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools and clubs.) — A Parochial Hall & a Licensed room

(e) What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended? — Constant services & meetings in Church & Parochial Hall

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c. — Cricket Club. Band of Hope Entertainments - G. F. S. & c. Sunday School

(g) What Educational Work is done?

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy or District Visitors) — Every dist. visited once a month by clergy & the necessary

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick? — Then Communal nursing Institution helps urgent cases

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church? — About 20 £ pds per an is distributed

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come? — There is a Industrial Exhibt. of Community & also a Philanthropic Society

(l) What co-operation is there between the Church and other bodies. — None at all.

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally — I think possibly does not contain many of the lower strata of the poor & the social condition is on the whole very satisfactory: the housing generally leaves & is decided by food.

District St. Simon's, West Kensington

[Where possible, a comparison should be made between Past and Present.]

NOTE.—It is not intended that this Form should be filled up, but it may be found useful for making notes preparatory to an interview.

R. Wardroper B.D. Vicar

30/ Interview with the Rev. J.S.S.Shields, D.D. Vicar of S. Matthew's, West Kensington, at the Vicarage, 113 Sinclair Road. (E.A.) May 23.1993

Shields

I found Dr. Sinclair in his study, and he has the air a man who is appropriately surrounded by his books. Not that he is bookish, but rather that he has the thoughtful scholar's face, and a cultured manner. In speech he reminded me of Dr Garnett, late of the British Museum, both having something of the same gentleness and precision. Dr. Shields is a man of about 50; wearing beard and moustache; of medium height; spectacles. He has something of the detached manner; is therefore critical and observant. He is a moderate churchman, of the Broad Evangelical type. The church, under his care, is here a centre of modest but sincere effort.

Facts (local): The population of the parish is tending to increase, having been 12,300 at the last census, and being now estimated at 14000. Changes in tenure of the houses rather than new building account for this. His people are a mixed lot, and about half of them are working-class. The poor are their poor, that is, their failures, but there is little or no squalor. On the whole, in fact, the people are well off. Many women work, and many men loaf, but these are the exceptions. Many that live in the parish have been driven from more easterly Kensington. The daily

exodus to the City and to the West End is large, especially of the artisan class.

The West London Railway makes at this part of London a rough dividing line, and the parish is "on the wrong side". Partly on this account, therefore, the socail trend is downwards. Their middle-class is made up of busines people, etc. and there are a good many retired Angl-Indians, attracted by S.Paul's School, and the Notting Hill High School. The Jews are an increasing quantity, and the number of R.Cs. is considerable, Hammersmith having always been one of their centres.

There is one decided local influence that is hastening the social decline of the n'hood, and that is Olympia. Many of the old class of people will not put up with the crowded trains, the crowded streets, the increasing number of prostitutes and the solicitation that goes on, especially in the immediate n'hood of Olympia itself, while the increasing disreputability of some streets strengthens the dislike to the n'hood. In the last connexion Wharton St. was especially mentioned. The change in Sinclair Road itself shows what is going on as well as anything. Ten years ago it was fashionable, many residents kept their carriages etc., and houses were let at £120 a year. Now some houses can be got for £70; there are many lodging-houses; and many of the houses contain two families.

Church Missionary Society.—Hon. Sec.: E. S. James, Esq., 28, Brook Green, W.

Sowers' Band, in connection with C.M.S., alternate Saturdays in the Vestry at 2.30 p.m. Hon. Sec., Miss Robson, 10, Fielding Road.

St. Matthew's Church Monthly.—Hon. Sec., A. G. Panter, Esq., 38, Addison Road, North.

London City Mission.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Radermacher, 87, Milson Road.

Scripture Union.—Hon. Sec.: Miss Hull, 4, Bolingbroke Road. Bible Class, 4th Friday in the month, at 5.30 p.m. in the Vestry.

Mothers' Meeting.—On Mondays, at 2.30 p.m., in the Vestry, Mrs. Sheilds and Miss Morgan.

Young Women's Christian Association, 28, Netherwood Road.—Bible Classes, Sundays, 3.30 p.m.; Thursday evenings, 8.30 p.m. Hon. Secretary, Miss Pasley, 49, Bolingbroke Road.

Parochial Working Party (at the Vicarage).—Mrs. Sheilds and Miss Russell, second Wednesday in the month, at 3 p.m.

Choir Practice.—Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Temperance Meeting.—Alternate Mondays, at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.: Rev. R. P. Waugh.

Band of Hope.—Tuesdays, 6.30 p.m. Hon. Sec., Miss Harrison.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting.—Every Tuesday evening at 8.30 p.m. in the Vestry. Hon. Sec.: A. G. Panter, Esq.

Boys' Brigade.—Tuesdays, at 8.30 p.m., in the Schools. Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Lewis.

Sunday Schools.—For boys, girls, and infants, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Children's Service, 11 a.m.

Bible Class for Working Men.—Sundays, at 3.30 p.m., in the Schools. President, Mr. Martin.

St. Matthew's National Schools.—Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Evers, M.D.; Hon. Sec., G. D. Callender, Esq. Meeting of Managers on last Thursday of the month.

District Visitors' Meeting—First Tuesday in the month. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, R. Phillipps, Esq.

Communicants' Union.—Hon. Sec., Cecil Russell Esq., 16, Elsham Road.

Penny Bank.—Monday, at 12.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Treasurers, C. W. Dixon, Esq., and G. D Callender, Esq.

Shields - S. Matthew (3)

(P.S. Since seeing Dr. Shields I have seen in the papers that the Government has bought a large site close by Olympia, on which it is proposed to build a new Post Office Savings' Bank, and to which the business of the Queen Victoria St. building will be moved. Many hundreds of clerks, male and female, will thus soon be employed on the spot, and, residentially, a new influence will probably in four or five years' time have to be noticed.)

Facts (parochial): Staff and workers: Vicar and two curates; London City Missionary; 25 District Visitors and 60 S.S. teachers. Voluntary helpers are a difficulty: they are hard to get, and hard to keep. Buildings: Church (860); Schools (much used); Vestry. A Hall badly wanted. Attendances: Sunday morning: the best; 600; better class; many seat-holders; there is a free side to the church, and this is full, morning and evening. Sunday evening: perhaps 300. Communicants: Easter (435); a new Union has just been formed; present membership, 150; Monthly average, 200 or more. (S. John's Church, Holland Road, was mentioned as a local church at which practices were extreme; between the two churches there is a considerable amount of parochial exchange on Sundays etc.) The L.C.M. mission Service is not well attended.

For Social Agencies etc. see the list extracted from the Magazine. It is not an ambitious one. Band of Hope (120); Boys' Brogade (40; going well). Penny Bank (doing

Parish of St. Matthew,
WEST KENSINGTON, W.

2803 Date.....18.....

To Mr.....

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PLEASE SUPPLY

Name.....

Address.....

WITH

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.....Visitor.

J. S. Sheilds. Vicar.

This Ticket must not exceed the value of Nine Pence.

No Tradesman is at liberty to substitute any other article than that named on this ticket.

well); Burial Club (very large; parochial; 1600 members; self-managed; subscription 6d. a week; available balance shared out annually; in '95 this amounted to 21/-, per member.)

An attempt is made to cover the whole of the parish by systematic visitation, but it is found to be "increasingly hard to get in to the rooms of the poor." They have a way of keeping the visitors on the doorstep. Relief is a simple affair; cards are used; the C.O.S. is not much referred to. the Total comes to perhaps £40 a year. There is a soup kitchen opened every winter.. For their help in nursing, they send to the Hammersmith Home.

Opinions: That the local Sanitary Administration is good, and ~~that~~, partly on this account, partly through the good gravel soil of the district, health is excellent, in spite of the tendency towards a slightly greater density of population. Typhoid fever is said to be practically unknown. That the Police are rather slack, winking at a good deal of law-breaking, especially in the matter of betting. That, although there is much drinking, intemperance is not on the increase. That the marriage tie is often disregarded, but that in most cases of co-habitation, there is some legal obstacle to the legal relationship. That the employment of young

girls in laundries etc. tends to have a bad effect on ~~a~~ character, making them bold in demeanour and difficult to deal with.

That the chief obstacles to successful church work are found in indifference; in the increasing habit of non-observance of religious obligations, especially noticeable in the use of Sundays as a day of pleasure and recreation both by the working and middle-classes. He thinks with some regret of his younger days, when, if the ordinary Sunday duties were evaded, it was at least not talked about and was kept rather in the back-ground. But now non-observance is made rather a matter of ~~a~~ boasting. He also mentioned as a difficulty, common, however, to ~~a~~ most London parishes, the complete absence of all parochial feeling.

St. Matthew's Church,

SINCLAIR ROAD, W.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS,

1898=99.

St. Matthew's Church, Sinclair Road, W.

Abstract of Receipts and Payments by the Churchwardens for the period from April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899.

	Balance in hand 1st April, 1898.	Receipts 1st April, 1898 to 31st Mar. 1899.	Total.	Adverse Balances 31st Mar. 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Church Expenses (General)		267 0 7		
do. proceeds of Jumble Sales, per the Vicar		108 6 8	439 12 2	
Church Expenses, Choir Fund		9 7 8		
do. Reredos Fund ...		54 17 3		
Curates' Fund		234 6 5	234 6 5	73 15 1
Sunday Schools		24 17 6	24 17 6	27 7 5
Visit and Relief Fund	19 18 0	39 9 0	59 7 0	
Mission Expenses	14 8 9	10 5 0	24 13 9	
Soup Kitchen	9 3 7	12 14 0	21 17 7	
Pew Rents	16 13 6	259 8 6	276 2 0	
Vestry Fees and Easter Offerings, &c. ...	7 7 7	87 13 1	95 0 8	
Band of Hope		1 4 6	1 4 6	
Mothers' Meeting	1 15 6	1 5 6	3 1 0	0 12 0
Maternity Fund		0 10 0	0 10 0	
National Schools (includes repayment of Loan £50 per contra)...		84 6 8	84 6 8	
Children's Afternoon Services		3 10 5	3 10 5	0 12 11
Temperance Society		1 6 0	1 6 0	
Special Collections.				
West London Hospital		9 15 5	9 15 5	
Hospital Sunday Fund		23 11 7	23 11 7	
London City Mission		12 0 4	12 0 4	
Church Missionary Society		12 10 1	12 10 1	
Colonial and Continental Church Society		2 18 3	2 18 3	
London Society for P. C. amongst the Jews		6 12 3	6 12 3	
Church of England Zenana Mission ..		0 15 3	0 15 3	
Total Receipts for the year ...		1268 11 11		
	69 6 11		1337 18 10	102 7 5
Balance overdrawn at Bank March 31st. 1898 ... ... £33 16 8				
less Cash in hand do. ... 0 10 0				
	33 6 8			
Balance at Bank March 31st, 1899 £152 12 4				
add Cash in hand do. ... 0 9 0				
				153 1 4
	102 13 7	1268 11 11	1337 18 10	255 8 9

	Adverse Balances 1st April, 1898.	Payments 1st April, 1898 to 31st Mar. 1899.	Total.	Balances in hand 31st Mar. 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Church Expenses (General)	40 9 11	161 2 11		
do. Choir Fund		99 14 2	307 9 0	132 3 2
do. Reredos Fund (excluding £9 18s. advanced from Church Funds 1897-98 now repaid)		6 2 0		
Curates' Fund	8 1 6	300 0 0	308 1 6	
Sunday Schools	4 0 3	48 4 8	52 4 11	
Visit and Relief Fund		26 19 0	26 19 0	32 8 0
Mission Expenses		11 19 0	11 19 0	12 14 9
Soup Kitchen		15 17 10	15 17 10	5 19 9
Pew Rents		223 9 6	223 9 6	52 12 6
Vestry Fees and Easter Offerings, &c. ...		75 10 1	75 10 1	19 10 7
N.B.—The Balance of Pew Rents and Vestry Fees shewn above are due and owing to the Vicar Mar. 31, 1899				
Band of Hope		1 4 6	1 4 6	
Mothers' Meeting		3 13 0	3 13 0	
Maternity Fund		0 10 0	0 10 0	
National Schools (£50 Loan 1896-97) ...	50 0 0	34 6 8	84 6 8	
Children's Afternoon Services	0 1 11	4 1 5	4 3 4	
Temperance Society		1 6 0	1 6 0	
Special Collections.				
West London Hospital		9 15 5	9 15 5	
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London City Mission		12 0 4	12 0 4	
Church Missionary Society		12 10 1	12 10 1	
Colonial and Continental Church Society		2 18 3	2 18 3	
London Society for P. C. amongst the Jews		6 12 3	6 12 3	
Church of England Zenana Mission ...		0 15 3	0 15 3	
Total payments for the year...		1082 3 11		
	102 13 7		1184 17 6	
Balance overdrawn at Bank March 31st, 1898, *less* cash in hand as per contra		33 6 8		
		1115 10 7		
Balance at Bank March 31st, 1899 £152 12 4				
add Cash in hand do. ... 0 9 0				
		153 1 4	153 1 4	
	102 13 7	1268 11 11	1337 18 10	255 8 9

I have carefully examined the books and accounts kept by the Churchwardens from April 1st, 1898 to March 31st, 1899, and compared the Vouchers and Bank Pass Book therewith, and the above statement is a true abstract therefrom.

WILLIAM J. FUNNELL, *Public Accountant & Auditor*,
20, DELVINO ROAD,
PARSON'S GREEN, S.W.

April 5th, 1899.

B. EVERS, M.D.,
GIDEON C. SCONCE, } *Churchwardens.*

Sunday in Hammersmith – 3 Dec 1899 — District 30.

See notebook 99 at p. 113.

by bus to Uxbridge Rd Station –

Shepherds Bush Tabernacle – a temporary affair to which one descends by inclined paths. I suppose the iron building will some day give place to the usual Baptist double decker. In the morning some neatly be-coated children were going down to S. School (10.30) in the evening I passed late & there was the Communion Service (1st Sunday). Not a very large number present –

At S. Simons I saw a wedding at 10.30 – the Clerk class – very small party in the church. Bride bridally dressed as to complete white veil but a lavender coloured dress – look with excellent good humour the severe bombardment with rice as they stepped into their carriage & pair – 3 carriages in all. This is one of the usual double aisled brick finished churches of this neighbourhood – with high pitched roof. I did not see the long letter morning or evening

S. Matthew is Dundas very still more quiet & orthodox in pattern. In the evening I arrived at the end of the Service when the benediction was preceded by very beautiful singing – the congregation still kneeling & joining in. One side of the church – the free side no doubt – was fairly filled the other almost empty – 200 people perhaps – not very well to do – In the morning the congregation was gathering

Christchurch Mission (of which I do not know the history) is evidently a low church effort – In the morning there was a very small gathering & they were sorry to lose me – most were children. In the evening there was a small but respectable congregation who were all invited to stay for the sacrament but warned that "we have not got as far as to discuss a substantial

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The Wesleyans – W Kensington P/K Church Shepherds Bush Rd showed signs of activity – people coming in fast – a very trimly kept place. In the evening the second service was nearly over.

Holy Trinity R.C. at end of Brook Green was in effect full in the morning – congreg of all classes – & kept coming in. In the evening the Church which is not very large was 1/2 to 2/3 full. There was good singing & a very religious atmosphere.

S. Mary Hammersmith Rd (in Fulham) is a large "Basilican" a very wide Church lighted in 3 arches thus

The side windows are rather nice stained glass – & the whole is effective though the decoration of the walls is very ugly. There was a considerable congregation in the morning – not full but the place holds largely – & though less full in the evening there was a fair congregation. The night was foggy & the gas lights glimmered in the mist. The preacher could well be heard. It was an advent Sermon on the preparation of the world for the coming of Christ. Morrison to be of interest.

S. Paul Hammersmith is a very large & stately Church but not beautiful – I believe it may be called "debased" architecture – There are grey fluted marble columns carrying pointed arches – a high pitched roof & wide side aisles. In the morning there was a large congreg – & in the evening tho' less full, a lot of people. An anthem very good – There is a large brass cross on altar

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St John the Evangelist Glenthorne Rd – is another one with grey marble columns – but a poorer form of architecture – In the morning there was a small Congreg & I thought a lack of life – I did not call in the Evening.

Albion Congregational Church is a simple little oblong building in Dalling Rd – In the morning there might be about 150 very respectable people – listening to quite a gray minister – In the Evening I found about the same ~~a small~~ number – I was struck with them as being of a poorer class than either Baptist or Wesleyans closely – but extremely respectable nice people – The service was filled in with great earnestness

The Baptists here (in Kings Rd) have a very dull building but commodious – rather heavy looking people of street middle class – rather more numerous than either Wesleyan or Congregationalists in the morning & still more so in the Evening when the building was well filled galleries & all. They have a P S A – Music 3 to 3.30. Service 3.30 to 4.30 "Bright & Brotherly"

The Wesleyan Church is redolent & shining with varnish spick & span newly done up – lively gothic architecture which somehow has lost all religious meaning – It is just 'smart' – not a vestige of reverence – a large bright joyous place – There were not many there in the morning. 150/200 perhaps – & a very small gathering in the Evening – Struck me as a religious failure – Music good – advertisement of a "popular

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Service of song entitled "Molly & Mike".

S. Peters. A large ugly Conventicle of a place bare & with no decorations. Only a few marble mural tablets. There are deep galleries at each side & at the West end (if points of compass are observed at all) these galleries are supported on plain round painted pillars. & all is devoid of ornament. In the morning there was a scattered congregation listening to a rather remarkable sermon. delivered, at least, in a remarkable way. Very slow (perhaps to conceal a stammer) & with the strangest accent. ~~He was~~ The preacher was referring to the place that the expected second Coming of the Lord had in the lives of the early Christians. they did not think so much of death as of this which was regarded as we regard death. Sure & we know not when. Some heathen had said that the result was that Christians were all citizens already of another world. This was very good I thought but he did not follow it up. He had his audience, very loud audible & effective.

In the evening I was there before seven & saw the gathering of a very nice congreg. mostly of women looking to be of a good middle class (not near so smart as the Wesleyans). On the altar a cross & candles & behind it an oblong picture (the sole decorations in the church) bell stopped ringing. Clergy & choir formed behind a curtain & after a