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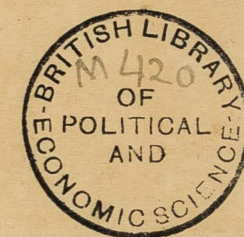
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REV. E. HERBERT JONES, M.A.,
Vicar of St. Philip's, Battersea.

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March 12th. 1900.

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Interview with Rev. E. H. Jones, St. Philip's, Queen's Road.

Mr Jones is a man of 40 or rather less: a Welshman, with a rather pleasant but plain face: a cordial friendly manner, but of no mental ability and with very little to say. He has been here for 8 years.

On my arrival I was shown into a small very handsomely furnished room on the right of the Hall, evidently used as an audience room for parishioners who wish to see the Vicar. Mr J. came to me here and I was conducted to his study.

This parish was made 30 years ago and the first Vicar who started an excellent musical society, at a time when all the Clapham churches were sleepy and evangelical. There is a large congregation almost entirely from Clapham: even now a good many come from Clapham: the visitors understand / Mr J.

in the list are Clapham people. With the exception of a few labourers in Gonsalve and Port Adelaide Roads the inhabitants are entirely of good working class, an enormous number of railwaymen with numbers of small clerks and work and shop employees. Except through an occasional case of illness there is practically no poverty, though Stanley St. and Brompton St. are slightly poorer than the rest of the parish. (The does not now include in the parish anything west of Stanley St. this having been cut off for a mission). Nearly the whole of the parish belongs to Lord Rotherham or the Flower Trusts: rents usually average about 3/6 a room and alcohol throughout the parish but letting of the flat is forbidden.

For buildings there are Church, Mission Room, and Parish Hall.

Of workmen besides those enumerated in the Messymer there are about 50 handy school teachers. No parents there is no curate.

For Services for Mapeyini. The Sunday morning congregation is about 200 evening 300. The number of Communicants I did not get but Mapeyini it is much as in reply to a question Mr J. talked of the difficulty of keeping a roll etc. The general attitude of the people to the church is as usual one of "indifference": in the morning they do not get up in time for church; in the evening they receive or ~~visit~~ visit their friends, and in summer go to the Park or Common.

The Sunday Schools have about 500 children and nearly always Mr J. thinks to get them out of the way. When they leave the school they are lost sight of, as though clubs have been tried there is now no agency to keep them together.

For Social Services for Mapeyini. Of visitors there are not sufficient to cover the parish but about 2/3 of it is visited. The chief duty of the visitors is the distribution of the Mapeyini (circulation 500 copies)

and collection for the provident fund which took about £260 last year

Numbers are obtained from the Institution in Marnig Road.

Relief amounts to about £50 a year: there is close cooperation with the C.O.S. to which nearly all difficult cases are sent.

Of other agencies in the parish there is only a Wesleyan Chapel which is of a "prophesying" character and takes children from the Church Sunday School with ~~organ~~ oranges, etc.

Local Government is active and efficient: very progressive politically; and the moral standard of the some of the members is low leading to not infrequent jobbing scandals.

Police efficient but scarcely enough of them. Drinks not excessive.

Prostitution and Crime: none

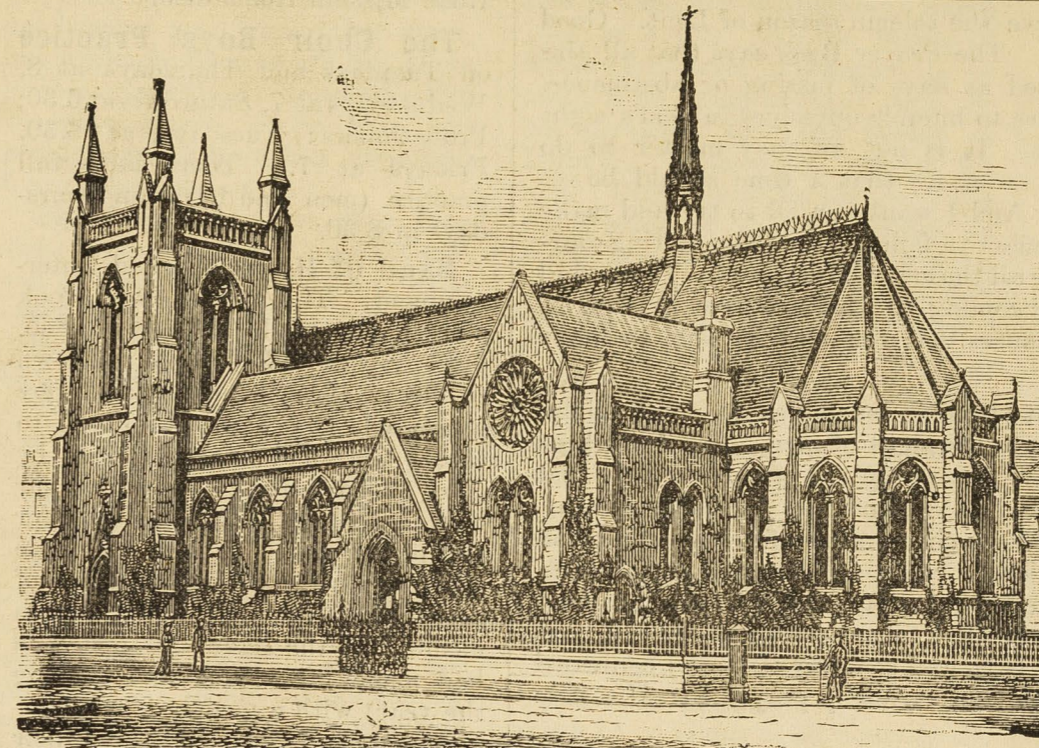
Health and Home: both excellent.

Jones - S. Philip

The Church has evidently had very little
influence; but Am J. is not the man to
do any harm, and though there is very little
going on one realizes on a glance at the
Majaymi that even to keep things going as
they are without a ~~curate~~ ~~with~~ ~~in~~ or
any other paid help must involve in a state
labour.

MARCH, 1900.]

[ONE PENNY, with "Dawn of Day."
ONE HALF-PENNY, without "Dawn of Day."



Church of S. Philip, Queen's Road, Battersea.

Clergy: REV. E. HERBERT JONES, M.A., *Vicar*; The Vicarage, Queens Road.

Churchwardens: E. WOODINGTON, Esq., and Capt. H. C. HALDANE.

Sidesmen: Messrs. J. SAUNDERS; W. J. FORMAN; H. W. SMITH; W. PALMER; H. GRIBBLE; F. DUNN; J. L. NURSEY; A. BRIANT; G. H. JEFFERY; D. H. SMITH; J. W. WARD.

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Organist & Choirmaster: Mr. P. HERRMANN COXALL. *Assistants:* Mr. B. HEAVISIDE and Mr. E. TODD.

District Visitors: Miss BARNBY, Miss BOWERS, Mrs. BRIANT, Mrs. BLYTH, Misses BROWN, Mrs. CRADOCK, Mrs. GRIBBLE, Miss HAMILTON,

Miss HERBECQ, Miss McMAHON, Mrs. SAUNDERS, Misses SAUNDERS, Mrs. TAYLOR, Miss VELLENOWETH.

Verger: Mr. SPANNER, 46A, Tennyson Street, to whom Banns of Marriages, &c., should be sent.

Mission Woman: Mrs. GOOCH.

Registrar of Births & Deaths.—Mr. W. T. L. BRAY, 8 Victoria Road, Battersea Park.

SERVICES, &c.

Holy Days:

THE ANNUNCIATION B.V.M., Sunday, March 25th.

LENT.—There will be an Instruction every Wednesday evening during Lent, after Evensong. Subject, the Temporal work of the Holy Ghost as confessed in the concluding portion of the Apostles' Creed.

Holy Communion: Sundays: 1st Celebration at 8; 2nd Celebration at 11.45 a.m. choral (with Sermon); Thursdays, 7.30 a.m.

Holy Baptism: Sundays, at 4.30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7.30.

Mattins: Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 11.

Evensong: Sundays (with Sermon) at 7; Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.

Children's Service: 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 3.30 p.m.

Mission Services at Portslade Road Mission Room on Sundays, at 7.30 p.m., and Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Sunday School.—*Superintendents:* (Boys) Mr. W. H. FAIRFAX BROOKS. (Girls) Miss SAUNDERS. (Infants) Mrs. GRIBBLE. (Portslade Road) Miss L. SAUNDERS.—At Tennyson Street Board School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; at the Parochial Hall (for Infants), 3; at the Portslade Road Mission Room, 3 p.m.

Churchings five minutes before any week-day Service.

Marriages.—Two days' notice should be given to the Verger.

The Band of Hope meets in the Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

The Maternity Society.—The Committee meets at the Vicarage on the first Monday in the month at 11.30 a.m. All applications must be made at that time.

Communicants' Union.—The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28th, at 9 p.m.

Bible Classes.—A class for young men is held at the Vicarage every Sunday at 3 p.m. There is also a class for women in the Hall every Thursday at 3.15 p.m.

Slate Club.—This is held in the Hall every Saturday from 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. Subscription, 6d. weekly; sick benefit, 10s. weekly.

The Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,

The whole of this month we observe the solemn season of Lent. Good Friday and Easter come next month. The Prayer Book says that all the forty days of Lent are to be observed as days of fasting or abstinence. That is to say that during Lent we are to humble ourselves in God's sight because of our many sins and failings. It is not an easy matter to do this, and therefore it is all the more necessary that a time should be set apart for this most necessary work. And I want you all to try and make this Lent a reality; making a fresh effort to fight against sin, setting ourselves earnestly to seek for pardon for all the errors of the past. Try to find a little extra time for prayer and for coming to God's House of Prayer, and try to deny yourselves some pleasures that you may be able to make an offering to God.

Depend upon it, if we will not humble ourselves in God's sight, God will find some way to humble us in the sight of men. We have been learning this lesson as a nation. We have been too proud, too sure that we could do anything we set our minds to do, and too forgetful of God. And so God has permitted us to receive a check on the field of battle, and we have been allowed to see other nations rejoicing over our misfortunes. The tide of affairs seems now to have turned, but only since the time that we have begun to realise the lesson God meant to teach us, and have humbled ourselves in the sight of God and come to Him and confessed that we had thought too little of Him, and earnestly prayed for His help and protection.

We have need to remember the great truth both as individuals and as a nation, that "God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble." Try then to use this Lent aright, make it a time for turning again to God; ask Him first of all to forgive you your sins, but pray also for the English nation, for the English Church, and for the work of that Church in your own parish.

I am, always most faithfully yours in Christ,

E. HERBERT JONES.

Churchwardens' Letter.

The Wardens are this month sending out their Annual Appeal for the different Church Funds and trust each member of the congregation will respond liberally, as £50 is required to meet all liabilities due to Easter. Every subscription of either small or large amount will be thankfully received as showing that the subscriber takes an interest in the Church and desires to help to the best of his or her ability. An early reply to the appeal is requested by the Wardens so that they may pay pressing demands promptly. Several members of the congregation wish that the Easter Offertory shall be given to the Vicar as an Easter offering, and the Wardens will be glad to accede to this request as they fully hope that subscriptions will be sent sufficient to pay all debts.

The Church Expenses must be met by the offertories and subscriptions, and this is the only reason the Wardens have heretofore not felt able to forego the Easter Offertory.

The Sidesmen on duty for March will be Messrs. Jeffery, Nursey, and Palmer.

G.F.S.—The members meet on the last Saturday in the month at 6 p.m., in the Parochial Hall,

Mothers' Meetings.—Every Monday afternoon at 2.30, at the Parochial Hall, and in Portslade Road Mission Room at 3.

The Choir Boys Practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8, Wednesdays at 7, Saturdays at 6.30; Probationers: Tuesdays at 6.30, Fridays at 7. There is a full practice (men and boys) on Thursdays at 8.30.

Band of Hope, Tea and Entertainment. This annual event took place in the Hall, on Tuesday, Feb. 6th. About 150 children sat down to tea; after which prizes were presented (by Mrs. Haldane), to those who had earned them by good behaviour; we return our best thanks to Captain Haldane for the prizes given by him for those children; after the distribution of prizes Mrs. Haldane presented each member of the Band of Hope, who had made 30 attendances (during the year) with a medal. The Superintendent and Committee give their best thanks to Miss Ling, for the evening's excellent entertainment which was arranged by her for the children; the Superintendent and Committee also give their best thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen for the cake sent for the children's tea. The Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Pennington, Mrs. Briant, Miss Baker, Mrs. Craddock, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Haldane, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Spenser, Miss Spenser, Mrs. Winterflood, and E.A. The Superintendent takes this opportunity of saying there is still room for new members, and she will gladly welcome them at the Hall, any Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

A Social Evening was held in the Hall, on Monday 29th Jan. The Misses Fardell, having kindly at a short notice undertaken to provide the programme. There was a good number present, and all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The last Social Evening of the season was held on Monday, Feb. 26th. Messrs. D. H. Smith, G. H. Jeffery and Miss Saunders kindly

provided the programme. The attendance was rather thin. Taking all our evenings for the past season we must confess that the result has not been so good as in other years, but we know that we are not alone in this respect. All around we find thoughts centred in the War, and people seem to have but little zest for amusements.

The Choir hope to sing Rosini's "Stabat Mater" in Church one Monday evening in Lent. The exact date will be announced later.

S. Philip's Mission, Portslade Road.—Although some weeks have passed since Mr. Pennington left Battersea, it must not be forgotten that he expressed a wish to thank all those who had so kindly contributed to the present of a Brass Cross and Vases made to him by the members of the Mission Room and Mothers' Meeting. It was a great pleasure to him to feel that the first of all the gifts made to him, was from those with whom he had been so much connected in the Portslade Road Mission Room. He was sorry he was not able (as he would have wished) personally to thank all those who had joined in the gift.

Sunday School Treat.—On Monday evening, 12th February, the children of S. Philip's Sunday School (Tennyson Road), met at the Parochial Hall, at 7 o'clock for tea, which was followed by the annual prize giving and entertainment. 126 girls and nearly 100 boys sat down to tea and very thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Prizes were then given to those who had passed the Vicar's examination on the Church Catechism either by written answers to examination papers given to those over 12 years old—or to those under 12—for saying the Catechism well by heart—special prizes were given by Mr. Fairfax Brooks to those boys who had helped each Sunday to place the School forms and get the rooms in order. After the prize giving Mr. Brooks' friend, Mr. Ewen, kindly showed his lantern. The stories of "Jane Conquest," and "Curfew shall not toll tonight," were especially

appreciated, the latter being recited by Miss Dutch.

Confirmation.—The Confirmation is fixed for Wednesday, March 14th, at 8 p.m. As the Bishop of Southwark finds it necessary to be away from home at that time, he has arranged with the Bishop of Islington to take the Service for him. Places will be reserved for the friends of the Candidates, in accordance with the direction given in the Prayer Book at the end of the Catechism, which states that every Candidate should have a Godfather or Godmother as a witness of their Confirmation. The remaining places will be open to any who will come and join in the prayers for those who will then receive the grace of Confirmation.

Foreign Missions.—A meeting will be held on Monday, March 12th, at 8.15 p.m., in the Parochial Hall, when Mrs. Venning has kindly promised to come and speak to us about work done by the S.P.G. in various Mission Fields in Africa, China, and India. We shall be glad to see all who are interested in Mission Work with a hope to enlarging our Branch of Work for Missions Abroad in S. Philip's Parish.

Confirmation Classes are held at the Vicarage, for Boys, on Fridays, at 8.45 p.m., for Girls, on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. Special arrangements are made for those who are unable to attend at these hours.

Portslade Road Mission Sunday School.—The Annual Tea was fixed for January 13th. The children all assembled at the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m., and after having a substantial tea, which everyone seemed thoroughly to enjoy, the tables being cleared the Vicar distributed the various rewards and gifts—First to the elder classes and then out of a bran tub a most wonderful collection of smaller presents for the younger children. Oranges and sweets were distributed at the close of the evening. We must thank the girls of Wirtemberg Street Board School, for the amusing entertainment they kindly gave us.

Offertory Statement.—Jan. 25th, 1s. 7d.; 28th, £1 14s. 9d. Feb. 1st, 1s. 8d.; 2nd, 1s. 6d.; 4th, £1 19s. 2d.; 8th, 1s. 4d.; 11th, £1 17s. 6d.; 15th, 2s.; 18th, £2 10s.—Total £8 9s. 6d.

Baptisms.—Jessie Mabel Kelly, Winifred Agnes Bridge, Bessie Ann Greenfield, Dorothea Kate Luff, Ann Mason, George Francis Gaston, Charles Percy Walker, Nellie Cooper, Percy Thomas Baker, Alice Rosa Allingham, George William Delves, Daisy Roberts, Harry Charles Roberts, Charles Albert Bignell, Beatrice May Jones, Elsie Marian Wright, William Evans, Arthur James Street, Edgar Thomas Young, Emily Maud Crowter.

Marriages.—Jan. 26th, George Thomas Simpson to Annie Maria Farrah; 28th, George Hodnett Robbins to Florence Woodbine, Edward Frank Piper to Emily Steel. Feb. 4th, Frederick Edmund Whyte to Emily Louisa Pascoe, Ernest William Newby to Bertha Elizabeth Chorley; 10th, Norman Tucker to Harriet Ada Howland, Edward Thatcher to Nellie Lowe; 11th, Francis Leonard Fox to Laura Harris, Thomas Richard Curtis to Kate Ethel Baxter; 18th, Jabez Fenner to Mary Ann Teague; 19th, John Ebenezer Barnard to Lucy Lydia Alice Ellett.

Deaths.—Jan. 19th, Theodora Beresford, aged 10 months; Feb. 1st, Catherine Lye, aged 67; Feb. 4th, Edward Cahill, aged 59; Feb. 12th, Joseph Sidney Lindley, aged 3.

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March, 1900. Re Rev. J. W. Tappan, St. Andrew's,
Dattamere.

I had hoped that E. H. might have had the pleasure and amusement of meeting that really amazing little man the Rev. Isaac Tappan, but the letter which follows explains why this will not be so. He has no doubt long been a thorn in his bishop's side and it must be with a sigh of relief echoed by all who have been brought into contact with him, that he is speeded to "pasture new."

I was working in the parish of St. Andrew's when he came there in the year 1880, and for the first five years of his pastorate knew him well, and was able to estimate his influence in his parish.

He began life I believe as a national schoolmaster, married a lady of some ^{as a second wife} means and took orders when he was well over 50. When he came to Dattamere he was 72 or 73, but amazingly young for his years; as I passed down

Wandsworth Road on the top of a train & some months since I saw him at the door of the Vicarage looking scarcely a day older, though he must now be at least 84.

The little man was not without his good qualities: he was good hearted and with a great deal of bonhomie in his manner; but he was ~~I think~~ ^{inwardly} ~~inwardly~~ ^{hypocritical}, as vain as a peacock, ^{antagonistic} ^{preparations} and contentious. There was no lack of vigour in his methods but it was so misapplied that he had not been in the parish many months before he had quarrelled with almost every one who was connected in any way with the Church or its organizations; the excellent churchwardens - (of whom one, an Englishman, was as fine a specimen of the working man as I have ever met) - were driven away and I fancy both joined the opposit. the organist was Mr. Duggan driven with him; the Scripture Reader only remained from fear that he was too old to find work elsewhere. I am amazed to see that Mr. T. "had no denial whatever nearly all last

year": this was his chronic condition: no curate could stop with him: he had I think four during the period when I knew him: two left: the other two were dismissed, one, he told me, for drink the other for unmentalizable views. ~~Altogether~~ The fact was that he was a man who could not get and if ^{by chance} he got, could not keep a decent curate. During the five years when I knew him he was I think curateless for fully three.

He had a tremendous gift of fluent but rapid speech, and an overweening pride in his powers as a preacher, with the result that he was always dashing about the county giving ~~speeches~~ sermons and addresses, the large ~~was~~ crowds who hung upon his words being duly chronicled in the Parish Magazine. Elsewhere no doubt, as in his own church and in the Magazine, he never failed to have a fling at "Popery" which was his "King Charles' head." That his own parishioners were in any way touched by the "accursed thing" was a pure delusion:

Roman Catholicism in the district was simply weak and there was no vestige of Ritualistic propaganda: the people were indifferent to 'Popery' as they were to Mr Tupper and his church, and I cannot express their indifference in more lapidary terms, for here I can say with absolute confidence that the church was absolutely nothing to the people; ~~though~~ ^{and} their indifference was not unmixed with amusement, tinged with contempt, inspired by the rather grotesque figure of the church's representative. I have found among my papers two old copies of Mr T's Magazine: they are not nearly so typical as ~~the~~ some that I remember but they will serve to show the manner of man he was.

St. Andrew's Rectory
 327 Wandsworth Rd
 March 3 1900.

Dear Sir

As I am about leaving
 my present Parish for a Country
 Rectory I have filled out answers
 to the queries on paper enclosed, as
 we are too busily engaged to make
 an appointment to see you, hoping
 to leave next week. They are as
 accurate as I can give them & with
 my best wishes that much good may
 follow your labours, I beg to remain
 Yours very faithfully

L. J.

Profr. W. Tappin

The Church of England.

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:—

1. What is the general character of the population?

All of the working and Industrial class.

2. What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

I may, I rarely say the whole, for although the congregations attending church are not large yet by Bible classes, mid-day preaching, Sunday schools, Bands of Hope, many other classes and societies are maintained in the church.

3. How many persons are employed?

4. What is the state of the property?

5. What is the state of the education?

6. What is the state of the health?

7. What is the state of the morals?

8. What is the state of the religion?

9. What is the state of the charity?

10. What is the state of the industry?

11. What is the state of the agriculture?

12. What is the state of the commerce?

13. What is the state of the manufactures?

14. What is the state of the arts and sciences?

15. What is the state of the literature?

16. What is the state of the music?

17. What is the state of the painting?

18. What is the state of the sculpture?

19. What is the state of the architecture?

20. What is the state of the engineering?

21. What is the state of the medicine?

22. What is the state of the law?

23. What is the state of the politics?

24. What is the state of the history?

25. What is the state of the geography?

26. What is the state of the natural history?

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3. How many persons are employed? What paying duties and whether paid or not?

The church, Mission Hall & Cottages.

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

5. What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom? By how many attended?

This is too comprehensive to be specially answered, our church services are the usual ones but there are meetings of some kind or other almost every evening in the week.

6. What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies, clubs, s, entertainments, meetings, &c.

The space given for answers would not be sufficient. I will give names of F&S classes, Penny Banks, Lads Brigades & Temperance Soc. though temporarily suspended owing to lack of curate.

7. What Educational Work is done?

There are several Board schools, Taggart National School on the general boundary line of the parish, whose curricular work is connected with the Church, except a few of the institutes carried on independently.

8. To what extent are the people visited? (By Clergy or District Visitors.)

All generally seek care fully, can generally obtain help easily from the neighbouring hospitals & Maternity & Dispensary.

9. What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?

In my discretion as Vicar and according to the funds I can obtain for the purpose.

10. To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

There is a Presbyterian mission hall which I imagine does a great deal of good also a Primitive Methodist chapel very sparsely attended.

11. What provisions are there for the aged and infirm?

None whatever though I am on political friendly terms with them.

12. What other religious, charitable, philanthropic influences do the people come under?

13. What co-operation is there between the Church and other bodies?

14. What references to the district are there?

15. What is the state of the local Government (including Poor Law administration.)

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Alas! a great deal of drinking
No obvious display of this
I think not a high average in my parish
A considerable number for the population
My Penny Bank is very successful
Parish very healthy I think
There is some but no great amount of overcrowding

16. What is the state of the population?

17. What is the state of the children?

18. What is the state of the young people?

19. What is the state of the married people?

20. What is the state of the single people?

21. What is the state of the widows?

22. What is the state of the orphans?

23. What is the state of the housing and Social Condition generally?

Parish of St Andrew, Battersea, S.W.

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

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

Isaac Wm Jaffer, Vicar.

ST. ANDREW'S, BATTERSEA.

The Rev. Isaac Wm. Tapper announced to his congregations last Sunday his resignation as their Vicar, he having accepted a presentation to a Rectory in Suffolk. We have several times borne testimony to the arduous, diversified and incessant labours which the rev. gentleman has carried on for over twelve years in that large and difficult parish, and we are sure that the words of his brief address will touch many a heart. He mentioned, as the primary cause of his leaving, the breakdown in health lately, brought on by the great strain caused by his having had no clerical assistance nearly all last year. He touchingly referred to his dealings with the poor, saying:—"I think they have ever found me ready to aid—when possible—and always to sympathise in their trials,"—and then depreciated any self-praise, saying that God and God in Christ must have all the glory. He made a simple allusion to some of the things he had been privileged to do for the Church and Parish: his gift of the Organ, of the handsome carving on the corbels, &c., the massive tablets of The Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer in the chancel. He referred with gratitude to the Diocesan Society, who had at his requests put a pretty iron fence around the Church, made liberal grants towards erecting the porch and the re-flooring of the Church, besides their grants to the Lay Agency of the Parish. To crown all, he added, there is the beautiful Vicarage with its extensive grounds, the funds for which have been all raised during the present Vicariate and also £500 for an endowment fund to add to the stipend with a second £500 nearly secured. He assured those present that the whole Parish would oft be remembered by him in earnest prayer that an increasingly revived spirit might come over all around and cause a greater desire to keep holy the Sabbath Day and to attend God's Holy House. He expressed earnest hope that the excellent Mothers' Meeting, the Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope, and all the other different societies and classes might go on with increasing prosperity, and that after a useful and Godly life they might all in the future world hear the welcome words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The Bishop of Rochester has bestowed the vicarage upon the Rev. H. Peare Lindsay, M.A., senior assistant curate of Lambeth Parish Church, as a successor to the Rev. I. W. Tapper in the important charge of St. Andrew's. Mr. Lindsay was an exhibitor of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and before going to Battersea he acted as curate at St. George's, Kensington.

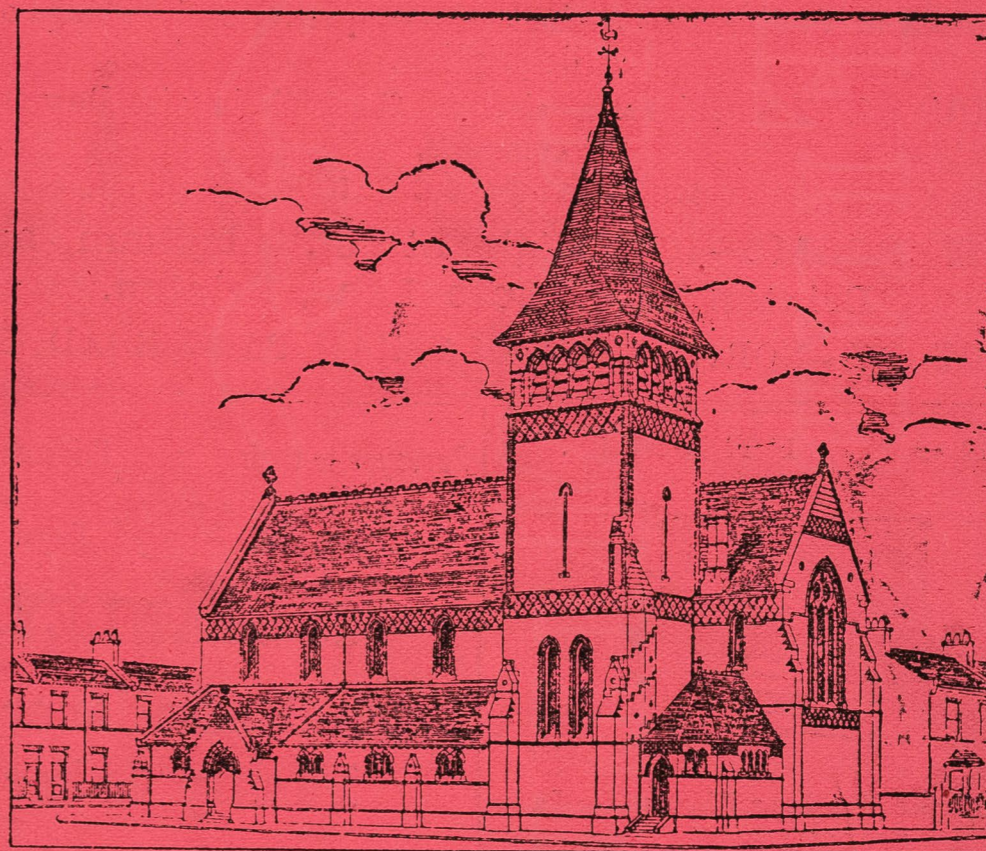
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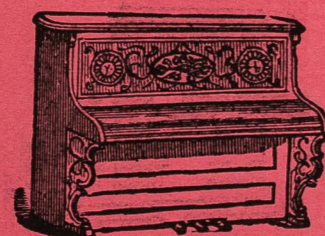
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OCTOBER 1st, 1891.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I must write my monthly letter very hurriedly this Monday morning (September 28th), I have so many pressing engagements before me. I had a splendid day's labour for the Lord yesterday, commencing with early Communion, at which there was a considerable number of Communicants. I then preached at the morning service at St. Paul's, Brixton, to about 1,000 persons, and in the evening to at least 1,500, and in the afternoon visited my two Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, giving a brief address in each. Our winter campaign has commenced very actively and cheerily, and you will see by the list of Special Meetings arranged for the month what an interesting variety I have been enabled to obtain. I only hope that my people, especially the younger part, will have the good taste to appreciate and support the strenuous and continuous efforts made for their mental and spiritual improvement. If they do not, let me tell them it will be their loss. If they do not want the real Gospel, and if parental influence is wanting—as I am painfully aware it is in very many cases—then my Church certainly is not the place for them. For those who only seek amusement on the Lord's Day, and who are ignorant of the spirit of true Christianity, I do not wonder that St. Andrew's has no charm; but for those who wish to live a holier and noble life, grow in God's grace and in the knowledge of Jesus, to become useful members of a religious community, and become fitted for a glorious future, both on earth and in heaven, I dare to say no church around can offer better, brighter or more truly Scriptural advantages. But, of course, I well know the difficulties, dangers and temptations to which our people—especially the young—are exposed, and I can truly say that I earnestly and frequently wrestle in prayer to God for them. I wish ever to bear in mind and carry into practice the Apostle's words in Romans, c. x., v. 1. I know but too well the criminal neglect of parents with regard to the training of their children. There is a great difficulty in the limited space of many homes, but more might be done than is done in keeping them from the streets, and in enforcing attendance at the Sunday Schools and Church. The curse of drunkenness is answerable for very much of this parental neglect and consequent child-ruin, but no little is also the result of either the commingling of classes at the Board Schools or the teaching. There is a spirit of defiance, of lawlessness, of positive impudence and mischief which was almost, if not quite, unknown only a few years since. There seems not an iota of respect for age or position unless where some direct benefit is expected, and then there is the disgusting cowering of the slave. But I can but thus merely refer in passing to what cannot be denied as the actual existing state of things generally, and go back to my chief subject—my own young people. And I must warn them against the danger to which they expose themselves. They are naturally ignorant of the monstrosities of Popery, which is not worthy of being called a religion, but a political engine built up and worked with consummate skill; or if allowed a religious character, it is not a religion of Christ, but of Mary and the Pope. The one termed the Queen of heaven and the other the infallible vice-regent of God on earth. And if we may believe what I am told is an uncontradicted printed statement made in a Clapham paper, and which was brought to me, we have a nursery for the propagation of this anti-Christian system near us, from whence hundreds of persons and many clergymen and other officials have been trained for and lapsed into that heretical Church, with its awful history of bloodshed and tyranny. I have recently been informed, on what would seem to be fair authority, that persons have been received with a positive understanding that after a certain period they were to enter the Roman Communion; but this seems too monstrous to believe, because were it possible those who are at the head of such a professed Church of England must be really Jesuits and in their pay. No, I cannot think all this to be true, but that by a pandering to the evils of the unrenewed heart by vile caricatures of our Blessed Lord's sufferings in the so-called Passion plays, by tolerating—in many cases encouraging and practising—

Sabbath desecration by turning the Houses of God into concert halls, by ignoring the preaching of the Gospel, and holding forth the false teachings of the Confessional and priestly power multitudes are drawn away to the disintegration of society and their own soul-ruin. But to turn to something more pleasant, if not so important, I would speak of the very pleasant excursion which our Bands of Hope made to Petersham Park on the 15th of last month. A very happy day was passed. Amusements of various kinds went on in the Park, whilst other parties were enjoying the beauties of the Thames in boats. A thorough good tea, with all its usual accompaniments, was then thoroughly enjoyed, and the return journey by road and rail safely accomplished. You will have missed me from my pulpit a great deal lately. I could not resist the pressing call for aid of a neighbouring highly-esteemed brother, seeing him on a sick bed about to undergo a surgical operation, and knowing that through peculiar circumstances he was losing a valued and experienced curate, who otherwise could have taken charge. I could not refuse his urgent yet singular appeal, made nearly as follows:—"I know if a man needs aid he must find out a hard-working busy man; such an one is always ready to help. It is those who have nothing to do who can never do anything. Now you see how I am, and you know my parish with its enormous Church, congregation, &c. You must look over it and direct in all necessary matters for a few weeks till I recover, &c." So because my 11,000 was not enough, I have 11,000 more for the present to supervise. This certainly is a strain, but I don't find it a burden—my friend's parish is so admirably organised. Still, I shall be thankful to be in my own pulpit again with tolerable regularity, although some of you may be pleased to know that from all quarters of the Metropolis and many places in the country I am constantly receiving invitations to preach. I must close with a reference to the meeting at which I presided on Friday evening, September 25th, at St. Paul's—viz., a Missionary Farewell on the occasion of a gentleman recently ordained, and who had been a scholar and teacher for many years in the Sunday School, being about to proceed to Africa. A deputation from the Church Missionary Society was present, also a returned Missionary and a lady about to go to Egypt, and who is the daughter of the Rev. E. Ellis, with whom I worked many years ago in Ireland in connection with the Irish Church Missions. The hall in which the meeting was held seats over 1,000, and it was well filled. God bless all Missionary efforts and stir you up to take increasing interest in the blessed work. The Harvest Festival on September 30th will have been held before this reaches you, and I hope to find you have thrown heart into it, and by your contributions of various things have enabled me to benefit the poor. And now this long letter must be brought to a close by urging you to attend the various Special Meetings described under their proper headings, and by doing all in your power to hold up my hands and to promote the glory of God and the prosperity of spiritual work in your own Church and Parish.

I am, your faithful and affectionate Pastor in Christ Jesus,

ISAAC W. TAPPER, VICAR.

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NOTICES.

GENERAL LIST OF MEETINGS, &c., FOR OCT.

| | | PLACE. | HOOR. |
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| SUNDAY | Services | Church | 11.0, 7.0 |
| | An after service 2nd & 4th Evenings | Do. | 8.40 |
| | Sunday Schools | M.H. ... | 9.45 2.45 |
| | Ditto, Infants and Adults ... | U.C.H. ... | — 3.0 |
| | Bible Classes, in Church, Vestry, and Univ. Coll. House New Rd. | — | 3.0 |
| | Prayer Meeting... .. | Vestry ... | 6.0 |
| | Marriages 10.0 a.m., and 2.0 p.m. and any day by arrangement. | | |
| | First ,, Children's Service with Oatechising | Ohurch ... | 3.0 |
| | ,, S. S. Teachers' Prayer Meeting... | " ... | 4.0 |
| | ,, Churchings and Baptisms, 4 p.m. and for other times see below. | | |
| MONDAY | Mothers' Meeting | M.H. ... | 2.30 |
| | Penny Bank | Do. ... | 5.30 |
| | Girls' Friendly Society (Juniors) | Do. ... | 6.30 |
| | Temperance—O.E.T.S. Meetings 2nd and 4th in Month, Musical Entertainment or Lecture 1st and 3rd. | Do. ... | 8.0 |
| TUESDAY | Church Workers' Meeting ... | Do. ... | 10.30 |
| | Band of Hope (Girls) | M. H. ... | 7.0 |
| | Perseverance Union | Vestry ... | 8.0 |
| WEDNESDAY | Churchings and Baptisms ... | | 7.30 |
| | No Fees. | | |
| | Service in Church | — ... | 8.0 |
| | S. S. Teachers' Preparation Class | Vestry ... | 9.0 |
| | Do. Business Meeting, last in M'th | Do. ... | 9.0 |
| | Choir Boys' Practice | Church ... | 9.0 |
| | Sewing Meeting | Vicarage ... | 2.30 |
| Girls' Friendly Society (Seniors) | M. H. ... | 6.30 | |
| THURSDAY | Band of Hope (Boys) | M.H. ... | 6.30 |
| | * Mission Service | M.H. ... | 8.0 |
| Third ,, Tract and Magazine Distributors | Vestry ... | 8.0 | |
| Fourth ,, Communicants' Union | Vestry ... | 8.0 | |
| FRIDAY | Choir Practice | Church ... | 8.0 |
| | Choral Society | M.H. ... | 8.30 |
| First ,, Church Committee—Vicar, War- dens and Sidesmen | Vestry ... | 8.15 | |
| Second ,, Choir Business Meeting and New Organ Committee ... | Vestry ... | 9.0 | |
| Third Special Baptismal Service. No Fees... .. | Church ... | 7.0 | |

* Substituted by Outdoor Services during the summer months.

M.H. Stands for Mission Hall; U.C.H. for University Coll. House.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on First Sunday in Month at 12.30 a.m.; Second Sunday at 8.0 a.m.; Third Sunday at 8.40 p.m.

Notices of Banns and Marriages to be given to the Church-keeper. Fees 2s. on giving notice and 8s. 6d. when married; by License one guinea.

NOTICES (continued).

N.B.—One of the Clergy will be in the Vestry on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday from 11.0 to 12.0.

N.B.—The Vicar especially requests that cases of sickness may be made known to one of the Clergy, or at the Church Keeper's address, 65, Sterndale Road.

PHENIX TEMPERANCE LODGES.

Wednesday Evenings, Mission Hall, 8.0 to 10.0
Saturday Evenings (Juvenile Branch), ditto, 7.30 to 9.0

SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR MONTH.

Harvest Festival Services on Sunday, October 4th, continued from Wednesday, Sept. 30th. See printed notices of particulars (repetition of the Cantata given on Wednesday).
Organ Recital (First Performance on the New Organ) on the 6th inst. Printed Bills, Programmes and Tickets of Admission issued.
Grand Concert in Mission Hall, expected to be on the 13th inst. Printed Notices and Tickets issued at once.
Oratorio, "The Prodigal Son," in Mission Hall on 19th inst, by the Choral Society. Bills, Tickets, &c., issued in due time.
Young Men's (O.M.S.) Missionary Meeting, to be announced.

MARRIAGES FOR QUARTER TO MICHAELMAS.

Harry Creswell and Mary Chantler.
John Ivers and Annie Coates.
Alexander James Doubtfire and Annie Sarah Lavinia Davis.
Frederick Charles Daniels and Helen Colwell.
Gam David Burs Davies and Alice Birnie.
Edward John Blackman and Fanny Lloyd Slade.
William Barber and Emma Rosina Buxton.
Evan Taylor and Emma Pegden.
Herbert John Skinner and Amanda Becker Prior.
Henry David Winchester and Evelyn Hannah Booth.
Alfred James Large and Mary Ann Premett.
Frederick Thomas Baker and Kate Franklin.

BAPTISMS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Violet Emma Burgess.
Florence Agnes Aldridge.
Benjamin Flood.
Nellie Phoebe Staig.
Francis Thomas Young.
Elijah Slee.
Emma Agnes Hibberd.
John Thomas Blades.
Henry Todd.
Willie Hewitt.
Emily Barter.
Robert Lewis McAra.
Ethel Rose White.
John Albert White.
Sarah Jane Esther Fitzroy.
Henry Edward Coveney.
Arthur Thomas Bath.
Emma Elizabeth Barnes.
Frederick Edward William Boore.
John Ross.
Henry Ross.
Samuel David Ross.
Elizabeth Alice Francis Brown.
Alfred William Baker.
Joseph Osborne.
Frank Samuel Cox.

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Mrs. Cox, 16, Sterndale Road.
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DECEMBER 1st, 1891.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

One can scarcely resist a feeling of melancholy when the thought of the fading year flits across the mind. Now about speedily to enter on its last month, how rapidly has it passed! To those of us who are living active lives, it seems to have commenced but as yesterday, and yet no one can reckon up accurately the innumerable mercies received from our Heavenly Father. True, there have been many sorrows—these soul-purifiers when rightly accepted and prayed over; but yet we all can and should say, "Mercy has outweighed them all. A loving Father has governed with perfect wisdom, piloting us onwards o'er Life's stormy ocean, providing for our necessities, quickening and strengthening our souls with spiritual power, and enabling us to utter the cry of one of old—'The living, the living, he shall praise Thee as I do this day, the father to the children shall make known Thy truth.'—*Is.* xxxviii., 19. I do earnestly and prayerfully hope there has been spiritual growth in many, and that the past year has not been an ever-accumulating period of soul-neglect and a consequent heaping up of wrath against the day of wrath. See *Rom.* ii., 4, 5, and *Job* xxxvi., 13. But I will not pursue this train of thought further now, as I hope to enter more fully into such subjects in my annual address and in the closing sermons of the present year and opening ones of a new year. Let us then take, as usual, a retrospective glance at the past month, with probably some anticipatory remarks on the one we are now entering on. I am thankful we have had some little share in the grand movement of the dear old Church Missionary Society, by which they are seeking to stir up the hearts of the young men of the Metropolis to increasing interest in mission work, both at home and abroad. The organisation is both gigantic and very complete. It is more immediately under the auspices of the Lay Workers' Union, and an immense number of meetings have been held, addresses delivered, sermons preached and Missionary Meetings held in every district of this "larger London." It was my privilege to address a very considerable number of young men and others at Erith on one of these occasions, and it led to the formation of a large branch association, and to a very considerable circulation of mission literature. How I should like to lay before you some of the arguments I used, and which enlisted the utmost enthusiasm of the hearers. You who attended must have been gratified at the excellent address we had at the Mission Hall from a deputation of the C. M. S. Lay Workers' Union, and I anticipate an equally effective one on Sunday afternoon next. Nor must we omit the splendid Missionary Meeting at St. George's School-rooms. The graphic statements of the missionary from India evidently touched all our hearts. Thank God for this revived interest in the glorious work of the world's conversion to Christ; it shows the nearness, I think, of His coming, for "All nations shall call Him blessed, all the earth shall be filled with His glory. Amen."—*Ps.* lxxii., 19; see also *Matt.* xxiv., 14. I was thankful at the tolerably good attendance at the sermons for the C. E. T. S., but I heartily wish we were doing more for the great and good cause. I am glad to have been able to arrange to go to Colchester and its neighbourhood for a few days as deputation for the Irish Church Missions. I preached in three churches and spoke at three public meetings, and was thankful at the deep interest evidently taken in the good work of the Society. Popery has ever been the great enemy of man and God; but its subtlety of working and Siren-like fascinating power is in many places eating out all spirituality of life and worship, and ruining countless numbers of our young people. It is permitted to go on and served to punish sin and apostacy, but it will be destroyed by "The brightness of His coming." See *2nd Thess.* ii., 8. There are many other subjects I should like to speak to you about, but the cost of space forbids me. Would you make a little more sacrifice and come out to the meetings, I am sure you would be amply repaid, not only by information given but the improvement of many minds, the acquiring tone of mind that some of you appear to have, and as an incentive to higher and holier living. I must, however, just name one or two more matters of interest to us. The printed invitation to a social gathering of our young people in the Mission Hall attracted a

large number, and I am informed by the Hon. Secretary that a very happy evening was the result. I hope that at least one or two may be arranged. Whilst I believe that Sunday musical performances, hardly distinguishable from secular concerts, are highly displeasing to God and calculated to injure the souls of all who attend, rational amusement and social gatherings on the other days of the week are both necessary and healthful, and in every way deserving the support of all. I earnestly counsel my young people to bear in mind the opportunities and advantages they have in the splendid free libraries so near to us, and improve their minds and tastes by always having a book—historical, biographical, or on some other sound and useful subject—in hand in their leisure hour. And now wishing you all a very Happy Christmas, and praying you may largely realise the spiritual blessings connected with it.

I am your faithful and affectionate Pastor in Christ Jesus,
ISAAC W. TAPPER, VICAR.

P.S.—I hope to raise a Coal Fund for distribution amongst our poor at Christmas by myself and Churchwardens as usual, and shall be glad to receive donations for this very necessary object.

On Christmas Day there will be the usual Morning Service, also the Midnight Service the last night in the year.
I. W. T.

PHOENIX TEMPERANCE LODGES.

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SPECIAL SERMONS AND MEETINGS FOR MONTH.

1st. Communicants' Union Annual Tea.
 8th. The *Messiah* at Mission Hall. Mr. George, Conductor.
 G. F. S. Annual Festival not yet fixed.
 Third Grand Concert. Date and Programmes shortly.
 Annual Christmas Tree and Prizes to Sunday Schools. Date not yet fixed.
 It is hoped that a Branch of the C. M. S. Layworkers' Union will be formed, and a Missionary Meeting and Illustrated Lecture given during the month.
 N.B.—D V. there will be appropriate Sermons preached during the Advent season, both by my Curate and self; and on the Wednesday evenings I intend basing my addresses on the Second Coming of our Blessed Lord.
I. W. T.

BAPTISMS FOR NOVEMBER.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| James Albert Lawrence | Alfred Emery Caiger |
| Olive Jane Smith | Henry George Caiger |
| Emily Lilian Casling | Henry Chadburn |
| William Thomas Charles Mitchell | Rachel Chadburn |
| Walter Joseph Clarke | Elizabeth Beatrice Wiggins |
| Elizabeth Alice Clarke | Harriet Maud Dutton |
| Vincent Blakemore | William John Dutton |
| Olive Blakemore | Elizabeth Ellen Dutton |
| Madeline Blakemore | Alice Harold |
| William Stampton | Annie Ethel Dardis |
| Leonard Davis | Barbara Dardis |
| Percy Davis | Elizabeth Dardis |
| Fanny le Ray | John Henry Saberton |
| Annie Hewitt | Ellen Seaton |
| Charlotte Susan Cawley | Charles Edward Graystock |
| Henry John Cawley | Wilfred Stephen Graystock |
| Charles Vincent Cawley | Henry Quinlan |
| Samuel James Cawley | Emily Murray |
| Mimi Caroline Thomas | Sophia Murray |
| Alice Maud Caiger | Rosina Elizabeth Debarr |

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GENERAL LIST OF MEETINGS, &c., FOR DEC.

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| SUNDAY | Services | Church | 11.0, | 7.0 | |
| | An after service 2nd & 4th Evenings | Do. | 8.40 | | |
| | Sunday Schools | M.H. | 9.45 | 2.45 | |
| " | Ditto, Infants and Adults ... | U.C.H. | — | 3.0 | |
| " | Bible Classes, in Church, Vestry, and Univ. Coll. House New Rd. | — | | 3.0 | |
| " | Prayer Meeting... .. | Vestry | ... | 6.0 | |
| " | Marriages 10.0 a.m., and 2.0 p.m. and any day by arrangement. | | | | |
| First " | Children's Service with Catechising | Church | ... | 3.0 | |
| " | S. S. Teachers' Prayer Meeting... | " | ... | 4.0 | |
| " | Churchings and Baptisms, 4 p.m. and for other times see below. | | | | |
| MONDAY | Mothers' Meeting | M.H. | ... | 2.30 | |
| " | Penny Bank | Do. | ... | 5.30 | |
| " | Girls' Friendly Society (Juniors) | Do. | ... | 6.30 | |
| " | Temperance—C.E.T.S. Meetings 2nd and 4th in Month. | | | | |
| | Musical Entertainment or Lecture 1st and 3rd. | Do. | ... | 8.0 | |
| TUESDAY | Church Workers' Meeting ... | Do. | ... | 10.30 | |
| " | Band of Hope (Girls) | M. H. | ... | 7.0 | |
| " | Perseverance Union | Vestry | ... | 8.0 | |
| WEDNESDAY | Churchings and Baptisms ... | | ... | 7.30 | |
| | No Fees. | | | | |
| " | Service in Church | — | ... | 8.0 | |
| " | S. S. Teachers' Preparation Class | Vestry | ... | 9.0 | |
| " | Do. Business Meeting, last in M'th | Do. | ... | 9.0 | |
| " | Choir Boys' Practice | Church | ... | 9.0 | |
| " | Sewing Meeting | Vicarage | ... | 2.30 | |
| " | Girls' Friendly Society (Seniors) | M. H. | ... | 6.30 | |
| THURSDAY | Band of Hope (Boys) | M.H. | ... | 6.30 | |
| " | Mission Service | M. H. | ... | 8.0 | |
| Third " | Tract and Magazine Distributors | Vestry | ... | 8.0 | |
| Fourth " | Communicants' Union | Vestry | ... | 8.0 | |
| FRIDAY | Choir Practice | Church | ... | 8.0 | |
| | Choral Society | M. H. | ... | 8.30 | |
| First " | Church Committee—Vicar, War- dens and Sidesmen | Vestry | ... | 8.15 | |
| Second " | Choir Business Meeting and New Organ Committee ... | Vestry | ... | 9.0 | |
| Third | Special Baptismal Service. No Fees... .. | Church | ... | 7.0 | |

M.H. Stands for Mission Hall; U.C.H. for University Coll. House.
 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on First Sunday in Month at 12.30 a.m.; Second Sunday at 8.0 a.m.; Third Sunday at 8.40 p.m.
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 N.B.—One of the Clergy will be in the Vestry on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday from 11.0 to 12.0.
 N.B.—The Vicar especially requests that cases of sickness may be made known to one of the Clergy, or at the Church Keeper's address, 65, Sterndale Road.



REV. CHARLES S. WALLACE, B.A.,
Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill.

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March 29th, 1900.
Interview with Rev. C. S. Wallace,
Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill.

Rev. Wallace is a man of 60 who describes himself as "an old fogey", but who is probably as active and full of energy as at any period in his life. He has no trace of Irish accent but has all the appearance of an Irish R.C. priest; this is seen to some extent in the portrait opposite but is much more noticeable in personal intercourse.

Rev. W. has been here for 15 years. His church is the "St. Albans" of Bethune, and was I believe originally a private venture of the Ritualists, with no parish attached; it now however includes the whole of the Keston Park Estate with a few of the roads to the south.

Rev. W. had sent me questions to one of his lay workers who has been 20 years in the parish and I append her answers. see p. 49

The inhabitants are artisans, clerks,

shopmen, a few labourers: the young women
work in large numbers at the Army Clothing Stores,
and in West End shops. The note of the
parish is "respectability" especially on the
Esstate, when there is no poverty; but in the
other roads, especially, Gideon Road, cases of
great poverty are sometimes found, and these
roads are growing distinctly poorer. Even the
Esstate is not so good as it was: Graychott
Road, when the houses were meant for one family,
is now fitted for two: the tendency is for
the better people to ~~move~~ move up to the new
roads between Lavender Hill and Clepham Common.

The Miltons are Church, Hall and
Iron Room. Within the Church now there are
yet complete. Mr W.'s tenure of office has been
one of slow and steady building, always keeping
out of debt: the church now only requires the
tower. Mr W. took me into it after our
interview: it is a typical High Church in
appearance: red brick interior, high altar with
candle, lights burning, upon altar, stations of

The Cross, ~~no~~ no pens, etc.

For weeks in return. There are from 15 to 20 District Visitors and from 70 to 80 hundred School teachers.

For Services in Japanese. There are just 50 in each ording & week. On Sunday there are from 100 to 110 at the early Eucharist; at the Children's Eucharist at 9.30 there are about 400 people of whom half would be children; the rest are adults who come with the children and many young men who are going bicycling. At the women's side is full, the men's 2/3 full (church holds 1000). At Matins there are several ang. At Evensong the women's side is full, the men's very very sparse. Good in winter but in summer but on the whole "we are rather celebrated for our men". The total number of Communicants is about 650, with 600 on Easter Sunday. The week day services gather from 150 to 200 people in all, with from 40 to 50 at the two early Eucharists.

Mr. W. admitted that a good many come to the church, from outside, but claimed that in the main the comparisons are parochial: he pointed to the fact, confirmed by the census, that all the Churchwardens and Siders are parishioners (all but one live on the estate).

Mr. W. then of course as in other parishes there is a great deal of indifference, but it is not a salient feature: "the bulk of the people are not indifferent to religion" it is rather the correct thing than otherwise to go to some place of worship, certainly none who do so are subject to chaff or ridicule, though some of those who come to the church may incur the hostility of their neighbors for going to "that Romish place." On the whole "the parish of Ascension compares favorably in religion and morality with any West End parish": Mr. W. did not intend this to imply a very high standard, for he has not a high opinion of the West End parish, holding, as he does, that both among rich and poor religion and

morality are not at a high level.

On the whole Rev W. thinks that with the exception of the Dissenters, who are rather numerous, the people have a great affection for the church: and a propos he told the story of Waldham House at the East-End: first it was "Rev goes a Bishop"; then "the Bishop and finally our Bishop"; "in the same way" he said "they have come to speak of our church".

The rather unusual success which has been achieved he attributes partly to systematic visitation:—"there is a District Visitor to my house" "the sick are visited by my carter"; "you must go to them, and not expect them to come to you";—partly to the fact that he has always had "excellent assistant priests"; but mainly to the fact that "we teach the church system"; to be successful you must be "definite" and if you don't teach the church system "you can only ~~succeed~~ succeed by going to the other extreme, Protestantism: "it is

the whitey brown people who fail." As witness of people who had been successful by running on Protestant. & since he mentioned Allen Woods at the Saints, South Lopham, and the neighbouring church of St. Peter's, Lopham Common, which was built expressly to fight against the transiion influence; among the "whitey brown" failures he clearly counted Sabine Clarke "the Patterne Pope" "who is all for leaving people alone and does not think it much matters what they believe."

Mr W. was emphatic that the success of the church was in no way due to a fine service, and described the music as "very inferior".

The number of children under religious instruction is from 800 to 900; they are taught almost entirely on the Dupont system and the "teachers" are little more than monitors.

There are no Day Schools. Mr W. was a Board School manager but gave it up; he is friendly with the teachers "but they know that I abominate Board Schools."

Mr W. gave me some figures for
the Social Service: Young Men, 100;
Women's Meeting, 100; Lady's Brigade, 85;
Temperance Society, 40; Juveniles, 200;
State Club, 250 men and 100 women.

"I suppose" I said "you don't make a great
feature of social work?" "No, there's really
too much else that wants doing." "You
regard social services rather as feeders to the
Church than as an end in themselves?" "Yes,
that's it. We don't wish that those who
belong to clubs and so on should be Communists,
but we worry them, I mean encourage them,
to come to Church."

Money was obtained from the
Marmion Road Association.

Considering the circumstances of the
parish a good deal is given in Relief,
£140 to £150 directly, while large numbers
of Convalescent and ~~Hot~~ Hospital letters are
given away. There is cooperation with the
C.O.S. who "help us considerably"; Woodhouse

The Squire is "a good man": but a
great deal is given or much less strict laws,
though hopeless cases are left to the poor law.
Such cases as are ~~not~~ helped are helped
generally and there is no hesitation to
give champagne if needful; "no kick can be
even expected from want of nourishment."

There are a good many Dissenters in
the parish though the only actual chapel in
the parish is the Victoria Chapel Baptist
which is strong, and gets a good many
children. There is no place of worship actually
on the estate when the Company adopted
the policy of refusing admittance either to
"God or Devil" (licensed houses).

On general questions Mr W. said
that Drink was "a constant cause of mischief."
Prostitution: there is "none open" in the parish.
but a good deal round the ~~free~~ Junction.

Not in parish according to map in magazine

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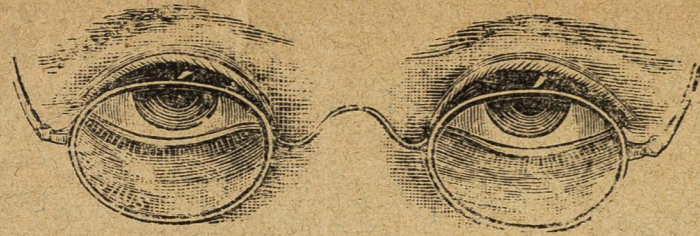


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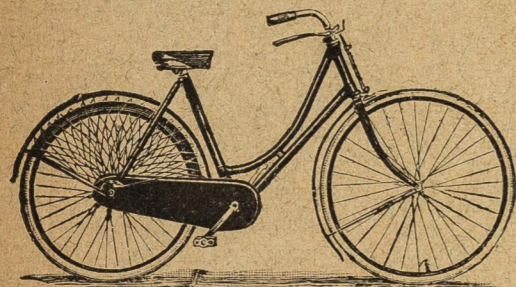
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SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.
Choral Eucharist, with Short Sermon to Children, 9.30 a.m.
Solemn Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Mattins, 10.30 a.m.
The "Little Catechism" for children under 10, 2.45 p.m.; The "Catechism" for children over 10, 3.30 p.m.
Litany and Baptisms, 4.20 p.m.
Evensong and Sermon, 7.0 p.m.
Short Service and Address at Parochial Hall, 8.45 p.m.

HOLY DAYS.

Holy Communion 6.45, 7.30, and (Choral) 10.0 a.m.
Mattins, 8.15 a.m.
Evensong, 8 p.m.

ORDINARY DAYS.

Holy Communion, 6.45, 7.30, and 8.45 a.m.
Mattins, 8.15 a.m.
Evensong—Wednesdays and Fridays, 5 p.m.; other days, 8 p.m.
Litany—Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 noon; Instruction—Fridays 8 p.m.

The Church is free and unappropriated, and is open for prayer and meditation from 6.45 a.m. until dusk.

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Notice of Baptisms should be sent to "The Mission House," 3, Grayshott Road, Lavender Hill, not later than the evening before, or the morning of, the day on which the child is to be baptised.

N.B.—In the event of the serious illness of any unbaptised child, one of the Clergy should be summoned at once. They will gladly attend to such a summons at any hour of the day or night. Their addresses will be found above.

There is no fee whatever for Baptisms.

Marriages.—In order that Marriages may be lawfully solemnized in the Church of the Ascension, one, at least, of the two persons about to be married must (except in the case of a special licence) reside within the boundary of the Parish, which is shown by the dotted line on the map inside the Church Door.

In the case of Marriage by License, apply for information

In the case of Marriage after Banns, a notice in writing, containing the Christian and surnames of the persons about to be married, together with their addresses and length of residence, should be sent to the Vicar not later than seven days before the Sunday on which it is desired that the Banns be published for the first time.

FUNERALS.

In the case of the Funerals of Communicants and of Baptized Children, the first part of the Burial Office can be said in the Church, if so desired.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, &c.

MORNING:

Elder Girls at Parochial Hall.
Infant Girls at Gideon Road Board School.
Boys (Elder and Infant) at Gideon Road Board School.

Immediately after the close of the 9.30 a.m. Service.

AFTERNOON:

Boys (Elder) at Gideon Road Board School, 2.45 p.m.
Girls (Elder) at the Parochial Hall, 2.45 p.m.
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Calendar for December, 1899.

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| 1 | Fri. | | | 16 | Sat. | <i>O. Sapientia.</i> |
| 2 | Sat. | | Abst. | 17 | \$. | 3rd Sunday in Advent. Guild of S. Mary. |
| 3 | \$. | 1st Sunday in Advent. Guild of S. Mary. | | 18 | M. | Mothers' Meeting. |
| 4 | M. | Mothers' Meeting. Missionary Meeting, 7 and 8.30 p.m. | | 19 | Tu. | C.E.T.S. Juvenile Branch, 6 p.m. |
| 5 | Tu. | C.E.T.S. Juvenile Branch, 6 p.m. | | 20 | W. | <i>Ember Day.</i> Vigil Fast. |
| 6 | W. | <i>S. Nicholas, Bp.</i> | | 21 | Th. | S. Thomas, A.M. C.L.B. Drill, 8 p.m. |
| 7 | Th. | C.B.S. Ward Meeting, 8.20 p.m.; | | 22 | Fri. | <i>Ember Day.</i> Fast. |
| 8 | Fri. | <i>Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i> | Abst. | 23 | Sat. | <i>Ember Day.</i> Vigil Fast |
| 9 | Sat. | | | 24 | \$. | 4th Sunday in Advent. Guild of S. Mary. |
| 10 | \$. | 2nd Sunday in Advent. C.L.B. Church | | 25 | M. | Christmas Day. |
| 11 | M. | Parade; Guild of S. Mary. | | 26 | Tu. | S. Stephen, M. |
| 12 | Tu. | Mothers' Meeting. | | 27 | W. | S. John, A.E. |
| 13 | W. | C.E.T.S. Juvenile Branch, 6 p.m.; Adult Branch, 8.30 p.m. | | 28 | Th. | Holy Innocents. |
| 14 | Th. | <i>S. Lucy, V.M.</i> | | 29 | Fri. | |
| 15 | Fri. | C.L.B. Drill, 8 p.m. | Abst. | 30 | Sat. | |
| | | | | 31 | \$. | 1st Sunday after Christmas. Guild of S. Mary. |

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Once more the Church's year has run its course. Advent Sunday is close upon us, and Christmas Day is only a few short weeks off. The preparation for the keeping of the Feast of Peace and Goodwill comes to us when we are forced to acknowledge that the time seems yet far distant when "wars shall be no more." Meanwhile we have our duty, while we remain at home in ease, towards those who are fighting on behalf of their country. Day by day we are remembering before the altar the sick and the wounded, the prisoners and the dying, and are commending to God's mercy those who have fallen. And these prayers should surely be for all engaged, friend and foe alike.

But, beyond this, I think we should do well to imitate the example of others who are trying to spend particular days as days of special intercession for those engaged in the war in South Africa. It ought not to be difficult to arrange that a perpetual stream of intercession should be kept up through the day in the Church of the Ascension if a number of persons will make themselves responsible for (say) a quarter of an hour to be spent in Church with this object. By the time you read this I hope we shall have had a similar day of intercession on behalf of Foreign Missions; and I am not without hope that we may manage to keep the three Wednesdays in Advent in the way I have described above.

Our next Rummage Sale is fixed for Thursday, December 7th. May I make my usual request, and ask that any who are able and willing to help us to bear in mind the date and send us all the things that are no longer wanted by them. Pretty well everything is useful to us, no matter what its condition may be. I shall be glad if anyone who has anything to send will kindly forward a postcard to "Miss C. Wallace, Ascension Vicarage, Lavender Hill, S.W.," who will arrange for the things to be fetched. Any

who prefer themselves to send the things are asked to forward them not later than December 5th to "Mrs. Thomas, 2, Pountney Road, Lavender Hill, S.W." The profits from the Rummage Sale will be given to the Sunday School Funds.

There have been a good many changes in our Sunday School staff of late. Mr. Stokes has felt compelled to give up the superintendence of the Elder Boys' School: Sister Helen has come to us in the place of Sister Katherine Mary and has charge of the Elder Girls' School. Mrs. Bendall has left London, and has, consequently, given up the Intermediate Boys' School, and has been succeeded in the post of Superintendent by Miss Tovey. Mr. Walter Carey still has temporary charge of the Elder Boys' School, as a lay successor to Mr. Stokes has not yet been found.

We hope to have the Winter Sunday School Entertainment in the Parochial Hall for the elder children on Wednesday, December 27th, 1899, and for the "infants" on Thursday, January 4th, 1900.

The List of Advent Sermons and Instructions is already in your hand. I trust that you will all try and make a special effort to keep Advent well. You can only thus hope for a happy Christmas. Wednesday and Friday evenings in Advent may well be profitably spent in Church. The Service is at 8 p.m. Try also and arrange to make it easy for your children to come to the Lantern Service in the Parochial Hall on the three Friday evenings in Advent at 6.15 p.m. These have been well attended in past years, and I hope there may be no falling off in the attendance this year.

That this coming Advent may be blessed to you all, and that it may lead you to the enjoyment of a really happy Christmas is the earnest prayer of

Ever yours affectionately in Christ,
CHARLES S. WALLACE.

months (since the last inspection). These are as follows:—Now on the books: 3 officers, 1 warrant officer, 74 boys (a decrease of 4), and 12 recruits. Parades called: 6 battalion, 14 Church, 51 company and squad; total, 71. Attendances: Officers and warrant officers, 175; boys (including recruits), 3,479; total, 3,654. Average attendance at each parade, 51.46. Average numbers on the books during year, 96 (including recruits).

The proceedings ended by the company presenting arms, while Bugler Trimby (on a cornet) and Drummers Wilson and Barber played the National Anthem.

On Thursday, the 7th December, there will be a Grand Military Display and Assault-at-Arms by the 9th (Battersea) Battalion of the Rochester Regiment, in the Battersea Town Hall, at 8.30 p.m. As our own company will be present, and some of our boys will be taking part in one or more of the exercises, it is to be hoped that many of our people will be there. All particulars as to price of tickets, and order of events, &c., may be gained from the numerous handbills to be found all round us.

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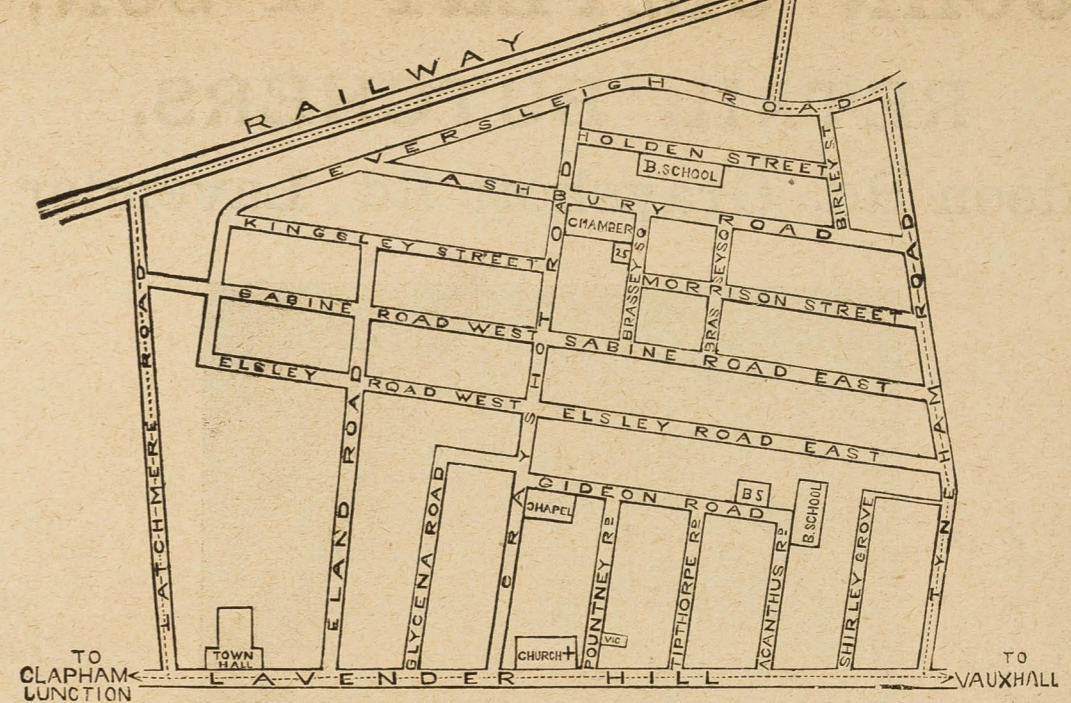
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(b) The people are generally well disposed towards the Church and there is probably less Dissent and unbelief than in a London parish.

(c) Vicar, three Assistant Clergy, 3 Sisters of Mercy and a Parish worker paid and a large staff of District visitors and Sunday School Teachers unpaid.

(d) One Church, a Parochial Hall and a Board School are used for Sunday Schools.

(e) The Church seats people and is well filled at the 11 a.m. Eucharist and 7 p.m. Evensong. At the early Eucharists on Sundays, the average attendance is about 100. At the children's Eucharist at 9.30 about 400. At the children's Services in the afternoon about 600.

(f) Guild for Boys and Girls, Church Lads Brigade, Senior and Junior Temperance Societies. A club for men. A mother's meeting and State Clubs for men & women.

Educational Work

(g) Secular education is entirely in the hands of the School Board

Visitation

(h) The Parish is well visited by the clergy, Sisters & District Visitors, especially sick cases.

Nursing

(i) There is a branch of the South Metropolitan Nursing Association just outside the Parish, who do much for our people in severe illness.

Relief.

(j) Liberal help is given in sickness or distress, but not as a rule to people out of work.

Other Influences

(k) The C.O.S. give substantial help to deserving cases, and many Hospital and Convalescent letters are given either from the Hospital Sunday Fund or from private subscribers.

Co-operation

(l) None except with the C.O.S.

Local Government

(1) The Workhouse and Infirmary are excellent and well managed, and the Guardians and R.O's do their utmost to relieve outdoor distress.

Police

(2) Well supplied with policemen, a great improvement in this respect since the Police Station on Lavender Hill was built.

Drink

(3) The Estate itself would compare favourably

with any part of London, but the outskirts are surrounded by Public Houses, and there is much more intemperance.

VII The majority of the people are in clubs and do their best to make provision for sickness and death, but most of them have large families and are unable to provide for old age.

VIII Very good

IX Excellent: the houses generally are let to one or two families only, and there is no overcrowding. Even in the poorest parts you rarely find more than two people living in one room.

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Report of interview with Dr. Rice, Vicar of S. Saviour's, Battersea Park. At the Vicarage. (E.A.) Mar. 23.

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Dr. Rice has been at S. Saviour's for 16 years, and is getting an old man. He received me in a ~~an~~ study full of furniture, books, and warmth, and was quite willing to talk freely about his parish, his work, and even his grievances. In appearance he strangely combines the dignified and the comic, getting the ~~former~~ from his long white hair, and the latter from his short ~~xxxxxxxx~~ stature and his chubby face, ~~resembling me with~~ of the late Archbishop of Canterbury and the present Chancellor ~~of~~ the Exchequer. He is married, and his wife appears to be an important ally in the parish.

His parishioners are almost exclusively working-class, and he complains of the removal of the better class even of these. Most work away from the neighbourhood: "the parish is a dormitory", and the occupations of those who sleep in it appear to be so mixed that, industrially, it has little distinctive character. During the day the workers "swarm out", and this makes it particularly difficult to reach the men. The population is about 11,000. ~~It was looking for the names of parishioners with the Army in S. Africa. There were 23.~~

There is a gypsy camp in Sheepcote Lane, some living in houses and some in vans, and, of course, there being more on the spot in the winter than the summer. Some of

the colony are well-todo. All are ignorant. But they give no trouble. Their children are brought to be baptized, and they are married in church.

The vicarage is outside the parish, and, when built, stood almost alone. The whole of the part lying between the Park and the Battersea Park Road thus still belongs to Canon Erskine Clarke's parish, but forms for him an outlying part, and is neglected. It is a grievance with Dr. Rice that this strip has not been added to S. Saviour's to which it naturally belongs. The strip includes some of the flats bordering the Park, and, although Dr. Rice admitted that as a class the occupnats would have been difficult to deal with, he thought that things would have ~~been~~ better than they are if he had been the vicar and thus able to call on people as they came in. As things are this has been impossible, but, even so, some of his best workers are living in the flats, including a much valued church-warden, Mr. Moffatt. For the rest he described his immediate neighbours as widows, officers, people retrenching, and including among the more shady class, some who, as he put it, "have left their country for their country's good", to whom it is doubtless convenient that the district should be, parochially, a no-man's land.

BUILDINGS: In addition to the church, there is the large S. Saviour's Hall, behind the church, holding from 7 to 800 people, and locally in great demand for meetings. The Schools (no longer used as day-schools) are in Orkney St. and Mission services etc. are held here.

For STAFF and WORKERS, see the cutting from the parish almanack.

ATTENDANCES etc. Sunday morning, (2000); Sunday evening (400). Those who come are mostly parishioners, although the church has a good position in the Battersea Park Road. Communicants: 240 on roll; monthly average, about 100. Two large Sunday Schools (7-800 taken to the treat last year). They have a queer arrangement by which those who have made over 60% of attendances go free; those who make over 30%, pay half expenses; and those who make less than 30% pay all.

The Girls' Friendly Soc. with a membership of 200, ~~2~~ was said to be the largest in the diocese. It is run by Mrs. Rice, and the members were described as being a cut above the factory girl class. The Saviour's Guild is for men, and many of the members are non-communicants. Eighty belong. The social agencies are not numerous, and among them he mentioned, but did not claim as a parish organization, a Factory Girls Club that meets in the schools: "I

visit it from time to time," he said, and mentioned Miss Mannaghten's name among the responsible workers.

Charitable relief is managed by a parish committee, to which a C.O.S. representative comes. About £40 is given away, mainly by tickets, and mainly on the recommendation of the visitors, mission woman etc. by whom the parish is said to be thoroughly covered. Dr. Rice professed himself to be in sympathy with the C.O.S., but "reserve my independence of action". He expressed his disapprobation of the local Battersea Philanthropic Society.

The parish has no nurse, employing ^{one} in case of need. Both health and housing were described as "fair".

"Other Agencies" included the Ragged School in Dodington Grove. Affiliated to the parent Society, it makes a good deal of show, but "is not in my line". It lives by the public, and is sensational in its methods; "cripples are a great card with them". A small band of Plymouth Brethren meet to gether "in an upper room", some 18 or 20 of them, and apparently adult nonconformity has no other representatives within the borders of the parish.

The secularists have gone under, and the local branch of the Social Democratic Federation, which used to be led by Timms, who twice got into "trouble", has been a good deal weakened by this and other vicissitudes.

Dr. Rice dislikes the Battersea Vestry, and distrusts the class of men who are on it. There is a great deal of "back-scratching"; of looking after berths for friends, etc. and recently, a scandal ^{has arisen} with regard to a suspicious transfer of land ^{that took place} immediately before a purchase known to be contemplated by the Vestry. Interested dealing by, or through, some member was suspected, and Dr. Rice says that the matter has been the subject of correspondence in the local press. John Burns, in spite of differences in political opinion, was warmly praised by Dr. Rice, who held him to be a "very independent gentleman".

They have three or four forced marriages in the parish in the year, out of an annual total of 65. There is a certain amount of cohabitation. Crime is only sporadic. General social and moral conditions in the parish were described by Dr. Rice as "fair". He suspects a certain amount of prostitution, but no brothels are known to exist. By the Park, and thus outside the actual borders of the parish, a certain amount of solicitation goes on, and, as already hinted, some of the "flatters" are no better than they should be.

Dr. Rice spoke of the Police in terms of moderate praise, and it would be in similar terms that I should incline to speak of the Vicar himself, both as regards capacity ^{and energy}.

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Mr. T. Ellis, 7, Brynmaer Road.

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Clerk and Hallkeeper—Mr. W. H. Isaac, 55, Chatham Street, to whom all Notices of Banns, Marriages, etc., are to be given.

Church Services.

Holy Communion—Sunday, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; 7 p.m., 3rd Sunday; Saints' Days and Holy Days, 11 a.m.
Morning Prayer—Sunday, 11 a.m.; Week-days, 9 a.m.
Evening Prayer—Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 p.m. Special Service for Men, 3.30, 1st Sunday.
Litany, Baptisms, Churchings—Sundays, 4 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. (No fee for Churchings and Baptisms. A Thankoffering usual at Churchings.)

Week-day Meetings.

Monday. District Visitors, 10 a.m.; Mothers' Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
G.F.S. 6 p.m.; Slate Club (Women's), 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday. Happy Home, 6.30 p.m.
T. Abstinence Society, 8 p.m. (4th Tuesday).
Wednesday. Sunday School Teachers, 9 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wednesday).
Scripture Reading Union, 6.30 p.m. (2nd Wednesday).
Gleaners' Union, 9 p.m. (last Wednesday).
Thursday. Communicants' Union, 8 p.m. (before the 1st Sunday).
Friday. Provident Society, 7.30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
Saturday. Slate Club (Men), 8 p.m.
S. Saviour's Guild—Every evening, 8 p.m. (May 80)
Junior Guild—Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 p.m. (May 80)

Sunday Schools.

S. SAVIOUR'S HALL, 10 a.m.; 3 p.m.
Superintendents—The Clergy.
Bible Class for Young Men—Small Hall, Sunday, 3 p.m., Mr. Warneford Moffatt.
Bible Class for Young Women—S. Saviour's Vicarage, Sunday, 3 p.m., Mrs. Rice.
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April 30th 1900.

Interview with Rev. H. J. Wilcox, St. George's, Battersea Park Road.

Mr Wilcox is a man of 40. He is plain but not unpleasant-looking, with rather the ~~fine~~ fine pug nose type of face. He was perfectly friendly, but is a most unwordy talker, and does not I think really know his parish intimately. He has been Vicar of the parish for four years, but was here for a short time previously as curate to Mr Whidborne, the previous vicar. Mr Whidborne, whom I know, is a man of great wealth and owns a large part of the parish: though a genuinely religious man he was one of the most hopeless "softies" I ever met, and though he was in no sense a scandal like his neighbour Mr Tupper, his work as a pastor was almost equally futile. Wilcox is much more of a man, but I doubt if he is so ~~wise~~ sincere in the extreme unapologetic piety which is still the line of the church.

The population is from 8000 to 9000 :
of them 2000 live in the Nine Elms patch :
for them there is a special mission church, and
a curate who devotes his whole time to it.
Of Nine Elms Mr Wilcox himself has little :
but he tells me that about half the 2000 are
Irish and R.C.'s; the whole population of this
area is mostly "hopeless"; they are mainly
gas workers earning high wages, but it all
goes in "drink and gambling." If anything, the
district gets worse rather than better; this
is the opinion of the Priest also who thinks
there is nothing for it but scattering.

Outside Nine Elms the people are mostly
regular wage earners; the aristocracy on grounds
and moats are connected with the railway. There
is some separate poverty in Handlock Terrace,
Gladstone Terrace and Savona St. but here
again it is caused by drink; work is extremely
physical; even before the war the L.S.W. Ry
and L.C.D. Ry. were advertising for men.

Besides the two churches the parish has
Mission Hall and Lamp Day Schools.

In addition to the paid staff there are
about ~~400~~ 100 voluntary ~~work~~ workers including a
Committee of 20 working men who act as a Mission
Board, visit ~~the~~ public houses and conduct
open air services on Sunday.

The Sunday morning congregation is
from 120 to 150 evening from 300 to 400.
(These figures are based on the count in
offertory and are "under the mark.") The
Communicants are 150 with 80 for the highest
number in a Sunday. Mr W. claims that
"not a soul comes from outside the parish."
Unusual efforts have been made to touch the
men, and there is a Men's Bible Class of over
100.

Outside the adherence of the church the
attitude of the people to religion is one of
indifference. When Mr W. was here as curate
there was a good deal of ~~an~~ education and
and atheistic propaganda. The secularists had

a hall in the parish house as "The Shed of
Tenth": it is now closed and the secularist
open air meetings no longer exist.

The Day Schools have 870 children,
and are reported by the Inspector as the best
in the ~~Diocese~~ Diocese: they are so good that
they will be one of the few schools to come
under the new grant scheme (Mr W. did
not tell me that the great success of the
schools is mainly if not entirely due to
the exertions of P. R. Home the Nine Elms
Parson, who for years has lavished time and
money on them) The schools are mainly
recruited from the better streets off New Road.

The Sunday Schools have from 600 to
700 children.

Of Social Agencies ~~there~~ there are Girls' Club,
Boys' Club, and Men's Club, all small (and
very ^{poor} pickings) and 2 Mothers' meetings, with
about 200 members.

The whole parish is most ^{thoroughly}
& visited: in fact every house is visited every

week". "We know our people: they are
all in touch with us and know ~~our~~ our aim."

About £30 is spent annually in
relief: all in kind. There is cooperation with
the C.O.S. though not cordial.

There is no chapel in the parish: but
the Wedgams have a shop in New Road: they
do little and that mainly tea, free trees

Except in Nine Elms, Mr W. does not
think drink is very excessive. A special feature
is made of public house visitation when
any man is presented with a ticket: there are
18 houses in the parish and the number present
has never risen to 500 on Saturday night, or
250 on Sunday.

Prostitution: one doubtful house.

As to marriage: about 100 parishioners were
at the war: in only one case has the woman
dependent on them proved to be not a wife.

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City Missionary:

MR. J. E. BURDEN, 43, Victoria Road, Clapham.

Services.

SUNDAY.—11 a.m. Morning Prayer.

2.45 p.m. Children's Service (Second Sunday).

3.30 p.m. Men's Bible Class.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

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11.15 a.m. Children's Service (First Wednesday).

3 p.m. Service for Women.

7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

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ST. GEORGE'S VICARAGE,
 BATTERSEA PARK ROAD,
 January 1, 1900.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,
 I gladly avail myself of the issue of the
 January Magazine, to convey to you all, whether
 parishoners or members of the congregation the
 assurance of my prayers that it may please God
 to give you all a Happy New Year.

The guarantee of the fulfillment of this heart-
 felt wish lies in the gracious promise which I
 have selected as the motto text for 1900 "My
 God shall supply all you need." There is the
 provision, gracious and complete, made for us
 in Christ Jesus, and as we turn to Him in faith
 and surrender so shall we receive from that
 great and free supply.

The year opens for us amid much sickness
 at home and amid cloud and storm and stress
 abroad. For the hour of sickness, and in the
 days of suspense that drag so heavily for the
 relations of our brave soldiers and sailors in
 South Africa. "My God shall supply all
 your need."

We have now a list of some 33 soldiers from
 the congregation and district at the front or on
 the way thither, and more will shortly be follow-
 ing them. Our prayers will follow them through-
 out the campaign and our sympathy goes out
 to the relatives who wait in perpetual anxiety
 at home for the tidings from the field of battle.
 We gladly obey the command of the Queen in
 Council to set apart Sunday, January 7th as
 Soldiers Sunday, when the offertories will be
 given to the sufferers of the war, and Special
 Sermons on the war will be preached to excite
 the parishoners to liberality.

In consequence of this arrangement, Sunday
 January 14th will be observed as Thank-
 offering Sunday. The Annual Motto Sermon
 will be preached at the Evening Service.

The Bishop will hold a Confirmation at St.
 George's (D.V.) on Saturday, April 28th, and
 classes will shortly be formed. Names of those
 who desire to be confirmed should be sent as
 soon as possible to the Vicar.

Let me give to our friends in the Parish and
 outside an earnest invitation to again lend
 us their valuable help to prepare for our 1900
 Sale of Work.

The Sale will take place at the end of May or
 early in June, and as heretofore the proceeds will
 be devoted to meeting the deficit on the Church-
 wardens accounts, and the balance to augment
 the income of the living. With five clear
 months before us—by a united and sustained
 effort—the result attained should be as gratify-

ing as last year—when high water mark was
 reached.

Asking for your earnest prayers for myself and
 co-workers, and praying always for you,
 Believe me always to remain,
 Your affectionate Friend and Vicar,
 ALFRED G. WILCOX.

Parish Notes.

THIS year we dispensed with any decorations,
 save that afforded by the Parish Motto Text
 and the Men's Class Motto Texts. There was
 too much of sadness in the mind to rejoice over
 much.

THE Widows' Gifts were distributed on Satur-
 day, December 23, to 61 of our parishoners,
 and on their behalf we thank the liberal donors.

THE Boxing Night Gathering and the Tea to
 the Widows and Soldiers' Wives passed off
 very happily. In addition to the customary
 routine, a Meeting was held and addresses were
 given by the Vicar and Workers.

THE Tea was arranged by the members of our
 Y.W.C.A. and Evangelistic Choir. It was a
 great disappointment that Miss Willmott was
 unable to be present and receive the Clock
 which had been provided as a Presentation
 from the Y.W.C.A. members and friends of St.
 George's:

THE Annual Motto Sermon will be preached on
 Sunday night, January 14, and after Service, a
 Motto Card which has been very tastefully exe-
 cuted by our Printer, Mr. E. C. Freeman, will
 be distributed to every member of the Congrega-
 tion.

WE have many acknowledgments to make this
 month for gifts received within the Parish and
 from friends outside, for which we ask our kind
 friends to accept this expression of our gratitude.
 Perhaps in no single month have so many gifts
 been received.

WE have received, £3 3s. from Rev. E. W.
 Moore, of Emmanuel Church, Wimbledon,
 Toys from Rev. E. J. Palmer, from the
 Children's Service at Emmanuel, Wimble-
 don; Toys from the Church Pastoral Aid
 Society Volunteers; a parcel of Christmas
 Cards from Miss Seppings, Wormgeay Grange.
 Gifts of Coal and Bread from Miss Curzon,

Chester Square ; from Messrs Thorne, in addition to their contribution for the poor, £2 for the C.P.A.S., and £1 for C.M.S., with the last exception all these are for the poor.

THE Wednesday afternoon services for women were well attended. The preachers during Advent were Revs. E. W. Moore, H. C. Squires, H. Wilcox, R. B. Ransford, to whom our grateful thanks are due.

JANUARY will be a very busy month. January 7th will be Soldiers Sunday. January 14th will be the day for our Motto Sermon. January 21st Rev. W. A. Smith will be with us, afternoon and evening.

January is also the month of Teas. The Mothers' Tea is Monday, Jan 8th. The Y.W.C.A., Tea, Thursday, Jan. 18th. The Sunday School Tea, Tuesday, 23rd and Men's Bible Class Tea, on Jan. 30th.

MANY of the congregation will hear with sorrow of the death of Mr. William Small who was for more than twenty years a constant worshipper at St. George's. Mr. Small passed away on Dec. 17th at Portsmouth at the ripe age of 91 years and was laid to rest in the Portsea Cemetery.

Presentation to the Deaconess.

63, WADHURST ROAD,
MY DEAR FRIENDS, Dec. 27th, 1899.

I feel I cannot leave Battersea without thanking you most heartily for the handsome and beautiful present you have given me. It is indeed most kind of you, and will through all my life be a reminder of the kindness I have invariably received from every one, since I have been in the Parish, the cheerful and responsive sympathy and helpfulness of my young people of the Y.W.C.A., and the warm welcome in the homes of the older friends that has always been accorded me. I am so sorry that an attack of influenza prevented my being with you last evening ; also, that for the same reason, I have not been able to see many, to whom I had wished to say "good-bye." I need scarcely say this was a great disappointment.

Now dear friends, may God's richest blessing be with each and all, and keep us though separated, still one in Jesus, until by and by we meet in the Heavenly Home,

Your ever affectionate friend,
ANNIE WILLMOTT.

Offertories for December.

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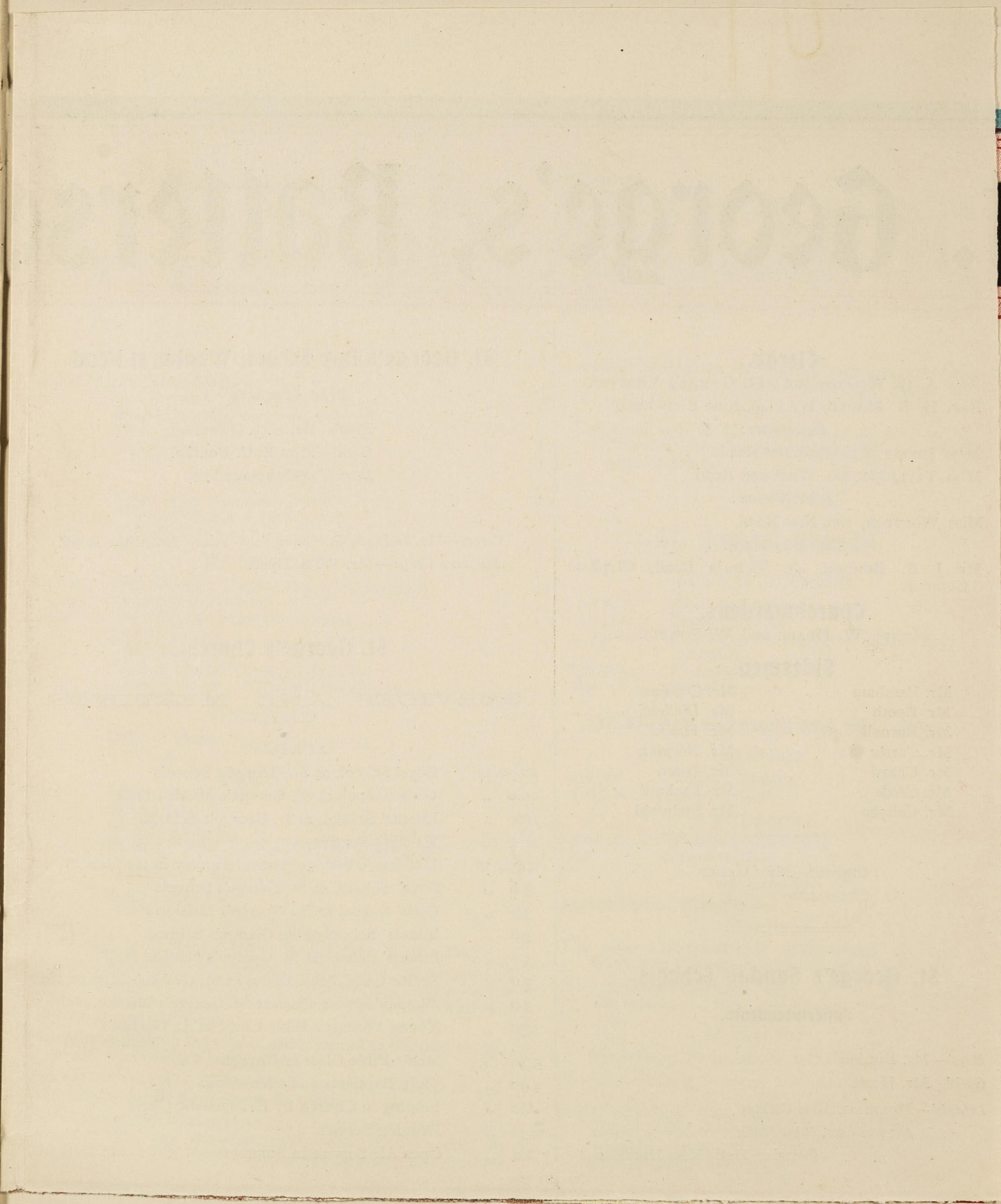
Nine Elms' Notes.

AFTER considerable, though necessary delay, the Sunday Night Gospel Services have been at length commenced at St. James' Church, Woodgate Street, at 8. The first was held on Sunday, December 10th, when an address was given by Mr. Moule on "Rest." The text at the end of the invitation papers circulated in Nine Elms every week is S. Matt. xi. 28. Several St. George's friends showed their sympathy by their presence. The attendance was only limited.

ON Sunday, January 14th Mr. Moule hopes (D.V.) to speak on "The Tattooed Motto." The Service on Sunday, Jan. 7th will be held in THE SCHOOL ROOM, PONTON ROAD; it will be a LANTERN SERVICE. The address will be given by Mr. Morgan, the works City Missionary ; Subject, St. Paul.

THE Christmas decorations at St. James' promise to be very tasteful and beautiful. Holly, etc., sent by kind friends in Northumberland has been used by painstaking care by willing helpers in Nine Elms, with striking effect.

TWENTY Widows from Nine Elms received Christmas Parcels at the Parish Church from the kind friends of Mrs. Wilcox, on Saturday Dec. 23. This is an handsome increase on last year, and all should be deeply thankful to the Vicar for his energetic thoughtfulness, and to the kind friends whose liberality enable these Christmas Gifts to be given.



St. George's, Battersea, Parish Almanac

Clergy.

Rev. A. G. WILCOX, B.A., St. George's Vicarage.
Rev. H. R. MOULE, B.A., 49, Nine Elms Lane.

Deaconesses:

Miss JENKIN, 63, Wadhurst Road.
Miss TARLETON, 60, Wadhurst Road.

Bible Woman:

Miss WOOTTON, 100, New Road.

City Missionary:

Mr. J. E. BURDEN, 43, Victoria Road, Clapham Common.

Churchwardens.

Messrs. W. HEALE and W. POWELL

Sidesmen.

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| Mr. Bassham | Mr. Cousins |
| Mr. Booth | Mr. Dickens |
| Mr. Burnell | Mr. Hoare |
| Mr. Carter | Mr. Norman |
| Mr. Chard | Mr. Owen |
| Mr. Clode | Mr. Packard |
| Mr. Collyer | Mr. Steinfeld |

Organist—Mr. OAKDEN

Choirmaster—

St. George's Sunday Schools.

Superintendents.

Boys'—Mr. Burden
Girls'—Mr. Heale
Infants'—MORNING, Miss Gillam
AFTERNOON, Miss Mills
" (Mission Hall) Miss Harrison

St. George's Day School, Wadhurst Road.

Head Teachers.

Boys'—Mr. E. J. Owen.
Girls'—Miss E. C. Bourke.
Infants'—Miss Saunders.

Verger—Mr. Deland, St. George's Mission Hall, New Road.
Assistant Verger—Mr. W. S. Dyer.

St. George's Church.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

SUNDAY.

10.0 a.m. Boys' School, at St. George's Schools
10.0 " Girls School, at St. George's Mission Hall
10.0 " Infants' School, at St. George's Schools
11.0 " Morning Service
2.45 p.m. Children's Service (second Sunday in the Month)
3.0 " Boys' School, at St. George's Schools
3.0 " Girls' School at St. George's Mission Hall
3.0 " Infants' School at St. George's Schools
3.0 " Infants' School at St. George's Mission Hall
3.0 " Senior Girls' Bible Class, at St. George's Mission Hall
3.0 " Women's Bible Class at St. George's Mission Hall
3.30 " Young Women's Bible Class, at St. George's Mission Hall
3.30 " Men's Bible Class in Church
4.30 " Holy Baptisms and Churchings
6.0 " Singing in Church by Evangelistic Choir.
6.30 " Evening Service
8.0 " Open Air Service in Summer

MONDAY.

2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meeting
6.30 " Sowers' Band or Scripture Union
7.0 " Prayer Meeting and March out
7.45 " Girls' Club
8.0 " Evangelistic Service

TUESDAY.

7.0 " Choir Boys' Practice
3.0 & 8.0 p.m. Cottage Meetings, (in winter)
8.30 p.m. Y.W.C.A. Bible Class

WEDNESDAY.

11.15 a.m. Day Scholars' Service (First Wednesday)
3.0 p.m. Women's Service
6.45 " Holy Baptisms and Churchings
7.30 " Divine Service
7.45 " Girls' Club
8.30 " Church Council (Last Wednesday)
8.30 " Choir Practice and Choral Association

THURSDAY.

6.30 " Band of Hope
8.0 " Y.W.C.A.

FRIDAY.

7.0 p.m. Penny Bank
7.45 " Girls' Club
8.0 " Prayer Meeting
9.0 " Sunday School Teachers' Preparation Class

SATURDAY.

8.0 p.m. Men's Slate Club

Each evening 7 to 10 Mens' Club at St. George's Mission Hall
The Holy Communion is administered at 8 a.m. on the Second and Fourth Sunday of the month, after the Morning Service on the First Sunday, and after the Evening Service on the Third and Fifth Sundays of the month.
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered on Sundays at 4.30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6.45 p.m.
Churchings will be taken Wednesday at 6.35 p.m., Sunday at 4.30, and before or after any Church Service.
Notices of Banns and of Marriages may be given to Mr. Churchwarden Heale, 193, Battersea Park Road; to the verger, St. George's Hall, New Road; or they may be sent to the Vicarage.

All the Sittings in St. George's Church are free. Prayer Books, Hymn Books and Bibles are provided.

The Vicar will be glad if cases of sickness in the Parish or Congregation could be reported to him without delay.

St. James' Church.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

11.0 a.m. Morning Service
3.0 p.m. Sunday School
3.0 p.m. Children's Service (first Sunday in the month)
6.30 p.m. Evening Service
8.0 " Gospel Service

WEEK-DAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

MONDAY

2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meeting
7.0 p.m. Band of Hope

THURSDAY

3.0 p.m. Women's Bible Class
8.0 " Gospel Service

SATURDAY

7.30 to 8 p.m. Penny Bank

The Holy Communion is administered the first Sunday in the month at the Evening Service.

Holy Baptisms and Churchings the first Sunday in the month, at 4 p.m., and Thursdays at 8 p.m.

All Seats Free.

Hymn Books, Prayer Books, and Bibles provided.

G.F.S. and Girls' Club meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at 7, during the winter months. Apply, Miss MOORE, Working Girls' Club, Wandsworth Road.

May 10th 1800.

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Interview with Rev. H. R. Moulton, curate
in charge of St. James, New Amos.

Mr Moulton is Mr Wilcox's curate; but
as he has practically a free hand in the district
of St. James, New Amos, for the most interesting
part of the parish of St. George, it was thought
desirable to see him too. He tells me that Mr
Wilcox never comes into St. James.

Mr Moulton has only been here about a
year, but his district is exceedingly small, the
people are easily accessible and he is evidently an
earnest and indefatigable worker. He knows
more of his district than is usual with the
clergy.

He is a man bearing so I should say;
tall thin, speckled, with the delicate refined face
of serious type: a gentle, kind, good man, but
not strong.

Mr M. professed our intention by a protest
against exaggeration with regard to the poverty and

view of Nine Elms, which he strongly thinks is not so black as it is painted. He came here from a small town in Northumberland, when he thinks that the condition of the poorest class was morally and materially lower than in Nine Elms. He admits however that the opinion of almost all who know Nine Elms intimately is that it is as bad as anything in London, and that his comparatively favourable view may be due to too short an acquaintance.

The population he estimates at about 3000, of whom "one third at the most are Catholics." For the poorest class and the street sellers of whom there are a large number, the word "coster" is avoided & means few of them are of the born coster class; they are rather people who have taken to street-selling as a last ~~best~~ resource, and whose earnings are of the smallest. ~~Besides this class~~ more numerous than this class are gas workers and railwaymen; the former earn good money and spend a large part of it in drink and

gambling; the railwaymen are very poorly paid, and are generally poor.

The worst street is Nelson St; here nearly all the people are Irish.

Mr M. inclines to think that the population is not very shifting, compared with many parts of London; and it is noticeable how many ~~the~~ residents there are, often very decent-people, who have lived here for years, even 30 or 40 years, since the streets were first made.

The Church, which has four rooms attached for school and other purposes, holds 150.

Mr M. has no paid help, but about 20 voluntary workers, four of whom are visitors from the other part of St. James; the rest are Sunday School teachers of whom 8 are from the District.

On Sunday morning there are about 6 adults; in the evening from 30 to 60; there are 25 communicants "connected with the church".

of whom 5 are men; the number communicating last Sunday evening was 16.

The services are not of a Mission character: the ordinary service of the Church of England is used, the only innovation being that the papers of the Prayer Book are unaltered. A simpler Mission service for most of the people is essential but the Gospel service at 5 has proved a complete failure and has been given up.

There is "no organized opposition": only "indifference". The services are often disturbed by laity, but this is high spirits rather than hostility. The people are certainly less responsive to religious effort than a similar class in Northumberland; and here too is much struck by the comparative lack of "go and enterprise" in the people here: this is especially noticeable in the children, who have "no vitality".

The R.C.'s are on the whole very regular in attending Mass.

The Sunday School has over 200 on the books and over 100 in average attendance.

Mr M. is convinced that very few children go to other Sunday Schools, which means of course that the bulk of the children go to none.

All the children, except the R.C.'s, go to the Porten Road Sunday School, and even a large number of the R.C.'s. The school is too large for the district and is half empty: there is talk of shutting it up.

Such social work as there is in connection with the church is very feeble: the Mothers' meeting is "very small"; the Band of Hope is "a failure"; there is "no temperance meeting". This is attributed partly at least to the influence of Mrs Despard, who "is first in the field". Of Mrs Despard Mr M. evidently has a high opinion and "cooperates cordially" with her. "No one can fail to recognize that she is the chief influence in St James' Elms" he said. "The people know that, wherever I am paid, she brings among them, and devotes her life and money to them of her own free will". Her work is

"much more social than religious"; she is
 "more of a Socialist than a Catholic" indeed
 "she may shed her Catholicism at any moment".
 One of the great attractions of her large
 mother's meeting is that "there is no religion
 about it". In addition to this "she does a
 great deal for them", as also for the boys in
 her club. Mr M. is convinced that Mrs
 D. does not proselytize: some may possibly
 possibly become R.C.'s from admiration for
 her but "she does not care a penny pice
 whether they are Catholics or not".

Mr M. has made himself a
 very thorough visitation of the district: has
 got the name of every family on his book
 and has spoken with most; but "a large
 proportion I don't ask you in"; but the only
 ones who show any signs of hostility are some
 of the more respectable R.C.'s. Mr M. fears
 that a good deal of the general kindness of
 his reception is due to "the hope of favours
 to come", but the people "are not great beggars".

The Relief is administered from 4-5 p.m.:
 most of the Relief funds come to this part,
 but the total for the whole parish last
 year was only £29. 4. 2. Besides this the
 District-Visitors give out of their own
 pockets: one of them gave at least two tons
 of coal last winter.

Dinners are usually given at the Broad
 School in the winter: but Mr. M. thinks that
 there is little need for them: "winter here
 is the best time."

Apart from the P.C.'s other influences
 in the District are almost nil. The Wesleyans
 attract a few mothers to their meetings in
 New Road & the end of the L.C.M.
 works in the Gas works but not in the houses:
 the Salvation Army has two "dormitories" in
 Porten Road, but they appear to have little
 effect: Mr. M. has never met them in the
 District.

The work of the "Verte" might be better

"Done". "The streets are not well kept":
"full of litter". But they are "well watered"
in summer.

The Poor Law is "not well administered".
~~Some~~ "Some complaints of R.O. which I
could not pass on without further proof".

The Police are "inefficient" and "are
changed far too often". Three specific complaints
are (1) "Too fond of going to Public House"
(2) "Too friendly with bad characters": constant
talking, and joking, with the town's corrupt
gangs of whom are notorious criminals
(3) "Would carry out the law as to gambling".

The local tobacconist notorious who sits
at the Public House for betting, and
stands daily at the gates of the Gas
factory taking money. He has pointed
this out to a policeman and ^{been} told "to mind
his own business".

Dance is "nothing out of the way" and
rather common among women than men. On
most nights, and always on Saturday there is a

"good deal of shouting and sniping" in the streets. None of the public houses belong to the Romans. The vice has been; they are good people in the parish and district, and most excellent, but their houses are no better than those of other people: indeed one of them has the name of being the worst in the district.

There is no prostitution; but the house-keeping women lead, and lead in the streets lead me to suppose that there must be a good deal of loose living among them. Malignant children too are a frequent occurrence.

Health is generally good: there is great freedom from ~~various diseases~~ zymotic diseases: but throat troubles abound.

As to crime Mr. M. thinks "it is not a criminal area" but the police tell him it is, and that in few places are there so many houses criminal.

As to housing, it is generally "very bad": "some of the houses are a shocking

condition

S. JAMES' CHURCH
 (WOODGATE STREET),
NINE ELMS.

Sacraments and Services.

- HOLY COMMUNION - First Sunday in the Month, at 7.45 P.M.
 Chief Festivals, at 7 A.M.
- HOLY BAPTISM - First Sunday in the Month, at 4.
(And Churching of Women) Thursday Evenings, at 8.
 - (after due notice).
- MORNING SERVICE - Sunday, at 11.
- EVENING SERVICE - Sunday, at 6.30. Gospel Service, 8
 Thursday, at 8.
- CHILDREN'S SERVICE - First Sunday in the Month, at 3.

Please report cases of sickness or sorrow at once.

MEETINGS

- (In S. James' School-room, Ponton Road).*
- MONDAY - - Mothers' Meeting, at 2.30.
(Babies Specially Invited).
 Band of Hope, 7.
- THURSDAY - - Women's Bible Class, 3.

Sunday School (every Sunday except First), at 3.

[Please turn over.]

S. JAMES' HOUSE,
NINE ELMS LANE.

November 27, 1899.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I have long wanted to write a letter which would stand some chance of being read by the greater number of you who live in Nine Elms. I call you my friends even though, I fear, many who has read this have never spoken to me yet. I have at least been once to your door and tried to see you. May I be more successful next time. Now that I live in your midst it is more than ever my ambition, and that of my dear wife, to have you all as our friends, to endeavour to help you all "to live Godly, Righteous and Sober Lives to the Glory of His Holy Name."

We hope to start a GOSPEL SERVICE in S. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODGATE STREET, on SUNDAY, DEC. 10th, at 8. This will be continued every Sunday Night, I trust, during the Winter (on the FIRST SUNDAY in each month it will be held in the School-room of S. JAMES' MISSION, Ponton Road). Every week you will receive an invitation to these services. Most earnestly I invite you to come. Come just as you are. Come and see what it is like. Come and hear of the Love of God Who gave Jesus to die for you as YOUR SAVIOUR.

You will see the list of Sacraments, Services and Meetings on the front of this paper. Please read them carefully. Why do YOU not avail yourself more of all these? They are for YOU. Come!

Special addresses will be given in Church on Thursday Evenings, at 8, during the season of Advent. The Preacher on Dec. 7th, will be the Rev. E. Deacon, Curate of S. Saviour's; on Dec. 14th, the Rev. H. E. Stevens, Curate of S. Andrew's, Lambeth.

Mrs. Moule and I are very thankful we have been appointed Managers of the Ponton Road School, so that we may assist in looking after the education of your children. Need I say how much you will lighten the labours of Mr. East and Miss Bell (the excellent head-master and mistress) if you take pains to see your children go to school regularly and punctually. The school has earned an excellent grant and the Inspector's Report is most satisfactory. The cost of educating your children for the last year was very nearly £2,000! The average attendance was 380, while the number on the Roll was 519! You might help a little to improve this by seeing your child is never away. Some of the children got medals and prizes for good attendance the other day: was yours among them?

I am always glad to see any of you, my friends, and to help you with counsel or advice or in any other way you require help, SO FAR AS IT LIES IN MY POWER. I am in, as a rule, every morning except Wednesday and Friday, from 9 till 10; every evening from 6 to 7.

But I want to help you to help yourselves, to help you on the road to God, the Good Way, to help you to put far away the hideous sounds, the terrible sights, which are far too common in our midst, and which bring bad repute to the fair name of Nine Elms.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year,

I remain,

Your sincere friend,

H. R. MOULE.



“The Wages of Sin is Death,
but
The Gift of God is Eternal Life.”



Report of interview with the Rev. Gerald Harcourt, 36
Wicar of All Saints, Battersea Park. At the Vicarage, (E.A.)
April 30.00. 2.5.

Mr. Harcourt has been here for 11 years, and says that the people are roughly very much the same class as when he came. He mentioned Lockington Road and Gladstone St. east of the railway as having gone down, but this was perhaps the only decided change that had taken place. Victoria Buildings have a rather drunken set of occupants and drink is "the great enemy" that has to be contended with. But, on the whole, the dead level of his people is a source of complaint; the materialistic indifference that prevails, and the difficulty of getting efficient helpers. But these are the criticisms and complaints of a strong man, who exacts a good deal from those whose service he accepts, and whose success appears to be far above the average. "As things go" he admits this, but he always has an eye on the unaccomplished task, and a very keen eye it is. He has an intellectual sportsman-like face, with striking, well-chiselled features. People would not trifle with him lightly. He is helped in the parish by his command of money, and said that an incumbent would be crippled at every turn who could not raise it. He spoke of friends who were wealthy and helped. He is married, and about 50 years of age.

He puts the population of his parish roughly at

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11,000, dividing them into 1000, who live in the flats, 2 and who have come during his time. He gave them a fair character, but said that they were for the most part quite useless to the church, neither giving nor helping. Many are away for the week-ends. Next, there are some 3000 casuals; and some 7000 decent wage-earners -- railway-men, packers, people employed at the Army and Navy Stores etc. The proximity of the Park arrests the further social decline of the parish. The housing is right enough, and no buildings are more than 30 years old. Rents are going up.

In addition to the clergy and ladies living at the Church House (see cutting from the Magazine), there are about 70 ~~xxxxxx~~ S.S. teachers; 10 District Visitors; and a considerable number of other helpers. Few come from the West End; they are so irregular, and "I am rather strict".

In addition to the Church (850); & the parish room, there is a mission room in Arthur St. The four ladies live free, ~~and~~ boarding themselves, in the Church House, and their help is invaluable.

ATTENDANCES etc: Church (Sunday morning, 650); (Evening, 800). Easter Communicants, 530; weekly average, 100. The church is attended by a satisfactory proportion of men. There are 3 Sunday Schools, with an aggregate register of 1100, and an average attendance of 900. At the Mission

Vicar—REV. GERALD HARCOURT, M.A., the Vicarage.
Assistant Curates—REV. A. R. FERNSBY, M.A.
11 Cupar Road.
Rev. H. TAYLOR, B.A., 16 Warriner Gardens.

Churchwardens—Mr. Stokoe and Mr. Norris.
Sidesmen—Mr. Bryan, Mr. Money, Mr. Flintoff, Mr.
Robson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Haylett.

Vergers—Mr. Shasal, 51 Palmerston Street.

Choirmaster and Organist—Mr. Charles Capponi.

Voluntary Organist—Miss Harris.

Mission Workers { Miss INGATE.
at { Miss MORICE.
Church House { Miss FISHER.
{ Miss TRIM.

Parish Worker—Mrs. Stephens, 18, Victoria Road.

Sunday School Superintendents—Morning School—
THE VICAR. Afternoon—Boys, Rev. A. R. FERNSBY.
Girls, Mrs. HARCOURT; Infants, Miss E. STEPHENS.

BIBLE INSTRUCTIONS.—Girls, on Sundays, at 3 and
4 p.m., at the Vicarage. Lads, on Sundays at 4
p.m., Arthur St. Mission Hall, and on Mondays at the
Vestry 8.30 p.m., Thursdays, 2.30 p.m. for Women
at Parish Hall.

HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated at 4 p.m. on Sunday,
and 7.30 p.m., on Thursday; also Tuesday at 5 p.m.

CHURCHING OF WOMEN at the same time as Baptisms,
or after Morning Services on Tuesday and Thursday.

THE CLERGY can be seen at the Vestry every week-
day at 10 a.m., or after any of the Week-day Services.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS are held at the Parish Hall,
every Monday at 2.30 p.m., and Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.,
and on Mondays at the Arthur Street Mission Hall.
Mothers are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in
the Parish Hall, and at Arthur Street Mission Hall.

A MISSION SERVICE, 7.30 p.m., Sundays, at Arthur
Street Mission Hall.

AN INFANTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3.0 p.m., at the
Parish Hall.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Meetings on 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays of each month at 8.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

PROVIDENT SOCIETY meets at the Vestry every
Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S TEMPERANCE GUILD meets every
Monday at 6.0 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY meets every Friday, at
the Parish Hall, at 7.45 p.m.

Saturday School at the Parish Hall, 10.0 a.m.

NEEDLEWORK GUILDS, every Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at
Arthur Street Mission Hall; and also every Wednes-
day, at 6 p.m., at the Parish Hall.

CHORAL SOCIETY, Parish Hall, Mondays, at 8.15 p.m.

LADS' WOOD-CARVING, Arthur Street Mission Hall,
Thursday, 8 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB, at the Parish Hall, Thursdays
and Saturdays, 8 p.m.

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Service on Sunday evenings, about 100 attend, the people
being, he thought, differentiated by their clothes. 800
Magazines are sold every month, and none given away.

SOCIAL AGENCIES are enumerated in the Magazine cutting.

Not much was said about them, but Mr. Harcourt mentioned
(with 600 members)
the Provident Soc., and the Temperance work as though he at-
tached especial importance to them. In the Jan. Magazine
(which was the last copy, and which had to be returned)

I see that one of the five objects for which special in-
tercession is made is "For progress in the efforts made
to diminish the amount of drunkenness in ^{this} country".
The Mothers' Meetings seem to be large, with 250 members.

In the administration of Relief, there is not much
co-operation with the C.O.S., the methods of which do not
seem to Mr. H. to be either quite sympathetic enough or
quite rapid enough. But what may called C.O.S. care appears
to be taken; not much is given away -- about £40 a year.

"Other agencies" are not numerous, a Baptist Chapel,
and a second chapel in Landseer St. being all that were
mentioned. There are not many R.Cs. living in the parish.

There is little vice, and, he thinks, no brothels.

He criticised the composition of the Vestry, condemn-
ing the tradesmen for their unwillingness to serve, and
saying that in this respect there was but little change
when the last Local Government Act came into force. ^{They have always been strong in his time.} The

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present members as a class have "no stake" in the district; some ~~many~~ are occupiers even of a single room, and cannot, he thinks, have a proper sense of responsibility. Mr. H. appears to have but little sympathy with the somewhat ultra-Progressive Vestry that administers ~~for~~ his local affairs, but he made no definite charge against it. John Burns was, he thought, "a decent kind of man".

