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Mr A. Nares

Rippolson Road Mission

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June 23/1900

The Mission

East Plumstead

St Nicholas' parish.

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Mr A. Nares, 119 Brewery Road, Plumstead.

Supr of Rippolson Road Mission, Plumstead.

Mr Nares is a tall dark man nearing 50, with grey hair showing plentifully in hair and beard. He has lived in Plumstead many years and I have met him several times during the past 7 years. Then he was sturdy & full faced but illness has pulled him down & given ^{him} a pinched & somewhat gaunt appearance. He occupies (with his wife & 8 children) a small 6 roomed house. A comfortable working class family.

Rippolson Road Mission holds about 150 people. It was originally the skittle alley of the publichouse in High Street adjoining it and is rented from the publican.

The streets between Postal Heath and the Workhouse are rather poorer than the other streets south of the High Street. From these streets and the streets running north from High Street to the marshes, the people attending the Mission are drawn. The streets are poorest north of High St.

The People

Persons Employed

Services held

Visitation

Marrs- Ripholsen Road Mission

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The people attending the Mission are of the labouring class but not the poorest. Labourers in the Arsenal and in the brick fields &c. Cannot work with the very lowest class. "I will tell you ~~why~~ the reason why. Because I have no money". These people expect to have something given to them. Those attending the Mission would be of the same class and would be in the same position if they drank. They are more thrifty and have more regular work because they are more steady.

No paid agents except the hall keeper. About 30 voluntary workers. Have a membership of 60 connected with the Hall.

Has a Sunday morning service attended by 40 or 50 adults. Sunday school with 150 on books and an attendance of over 100. In the evening hold open air meetings (2) and a service in the Hall, which is 'practically full'. Week evening services include Bible Reading (Tu) about 20, Gospel service (Thursday) about 30. Prayer meeting (Saturday). & two open air ^{held during the week}

Visitation is not done to any great extent, and is practically confined to those who attend the Mission.

Charitable Relief

Other Religious agencies

? Mr Nicholas

S. Margaret is the parish church according to Diocesan Directory
but St Nicholas used to be

Marrs - Rippolson Road Mission

Very little relief is given. Have a small voluntary fund, from which they would help anyone in trouble, but have no money. Has no one connected with the Mission upon whom he could fall back for £1. They would however look after anybody connected with the Mission.

The conversation then turned on the churches in Plumstead, most of which are doing well and have good congregations, the exception being the parish church - (St Margaret). Very few go there. The vicar is unpopular.

Mr Latham (St Pauls) is very energetic and very good. Visits all round. Mr Henning of Ligerness is doing a good work - low. Church always full.

Wesleyan Church, Plumstead Common Road and the P. Meth. Robert Street are both well attended. The former have a little mission in East Plumstead & go in for open air meetings.

The Baptists in Station Road are full up. Rev. J Seeley, the minister, is a very able man. The Salvation

Army

Army is also doing 'fairly well'. On the whole Mr. M. believes that the religious work in the district is improving. A large number of respectable artisans are coming into the district, especially the eastern part which is growing.

In Woolwich Mr. Wilson's (Baptist) Tabernacle seated for 2000 is crammed every Sunday evening, and some time ago they were holding a service for juveniles in the Hall below (attended by 500) to relieve the church.

Plumstead is not drunken, although there is much drinking. Used to be much rowdyism in the 'Village' but it has declined now.

Police do their work well and are always very civil.

A few prostitutes came to Plumstead from the Duthole, when it was turned out but most of them go 'down town' e.g. to Woolwich.

Housing is pretty good. Many people own their own houses. Buy them through building society. Three or four very strong societies in Woolwich; one connected with the Co-operative Society. Houses with 5 rooms & washhouse let at 9/6; 6 rooms 11/-.

Drink

Publicans are a 'rather respectable lot'

Police

Prostitution

Housing

Marrs- Rippolson's Mission

Mr Marrs has only been in this Hall for 18 months, previous to that the meetings were held in a Hall now occupied by the S. A. He is hoping to build a hall in the neighbourhood. The work has grown and he thinks it will grow more rapidly as it is just on the verge of the new buildings and except the Church of England there is no other religious accom^{ts} in the immediate neighbourhood.

St John Woolwich parish

Report of interview with the Rev. J.W.Reeks, M.R.
of S. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Woolwich, at the
Presbytery, New Road. (E.A.) May 22.00.

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Father Reeks is one of the agreeable type of Roman Catholic priests, with just a touch of over-smoothness in his diction. Physically, he is not a robust man, and has suffered from a serious illness during the last year. He works hard, and quite up to his strength. He is a "Mission Rector", like Father O'Halleran at West Greenwich, and S. Peter's is thus one of the more ~~important~~ dignified charges in the Church. Father Reeks has been here for seven years, and appears to have studied Woolwich with some closeness. But he feels that his best years were given to S. George's, Southwark. While there Walworth was made into a separate district, and Father Reeks was put in charge. Altogether ^{he was} at S. George's, including the time at Walworth, ~~he was there~~ for 18 years, and he speaks of the time with great affection.

At Woolwich he has a Roman Catholic population estimated at 4000. They are practically all working-class -- labourers, some mechanics, a few foremen, a doctor or two, and a small percentage of quite the low class -- "the substratum", the last a fixed quantity.

Except the "doctor or two", a few scattered people, and the substratum, practically every one is employed in

Reeks - R.C. New Road
Woolwich (2)

either the Arsenal or the Dockyard. Nearly all are Irish.

A very large number have been in the Army, and ~~xx~~ many are in the Reserve. Altogether, as the Children of the School wrote to the Princess Christian, (see letter) "Five hundred of our fathers and ~~xxxxxxx~~ uncles and brothers are soldiers"; "We are children of soldiers of the Queen."

The influences of the military, of a great government establishment, and, at the present moment, of the War in South Africa, are paramount. As Father Reeks said, "Woolwich is a military town"; and again "Woolwich is the Arsenal, the Dockyard, and the military". It is, he also mentioned, the third or fourth largest recruiting station in the Kingdom.

The town has, therefore, a well-defined character of its own, and Father Reeks, who expected when he first came that it would present exceptional difficulties, finds now that he ^{can} speak well of it, and he gives it high praise for the "steadiness, regularity, and quiet" of its life, and for the independence of the character of its inhabitants. There are, as the saying goes "No fools in Woolwich", for fools can't get on there. Among his own people drunkenness is the great difficulty, as usual, and there is "a revel" in the town every quarter-day,

Reeks - RC's New Road Woolwich (3)

When the pensioners are paid. But, on the whole, the place is "a prosperous town of prosperous artisans and working-men, and there ought to be practically no poverty in it".

Much of this surprised me, as I knew that in one part of Woolwich, at any rate, a notorious Alsatia existed, known as "the Dust-hole". It was here that we have been told that the late Vicar of the parish containing it, Mr. Horsley, skirmished around, but Father Reeks appeared to think that it still retained its ancient and evil name. The area is a small one bounded by Rope Yard Rails, Warren Lane, and part of High St. It is the centre of the Common Lodging Houses, and ~~xxxxxxx~~ in it "most of the bad people" are still to be found. But it is quite exceptional, and, as stated, quite small, and Woolwich as a whole must not be judged by it.

Mem: I was taken round this part by Horsley's successor in the living, some five years ago and it was decided to me as a very sink of iniquity then. I can't remember if anything was said as to the effects of Horsley's action, but I do ~~nx~~ know that the latter was regarded as by no means an ideal parish priest. He was too fond of splashing round in ~~xxa~~ a larger world. Wragge, my guide, is still at Holy Trinity, the parish in question, and will be found a very sympathetic and trustworthy interviewee!

On the score of morality, Father Reeks' judgment was also unexpectedly favourable. He considers that the military element here has no special influence for the

Reeks R.C. New Road Woolwich (4)

bad; that there is no more seduction than there is in other places; that most of the immorality that goes on is with women who are professional prostitutes, but that Woolwich is no worse in this respect than other towns, and that any ordinary male civilian population, with the same proportion of single men, would lead to just the same sort of conditions as prevail in Woolwich to-day. He did not wish to seem to make light of the evils that exist, but he denied the exceptional prevalence of these evils. He spoke, however, very unfavourably of the tone of the Arsenal workshops, holding that ~~V.A.W.~~ made both for infidelity and for immorality.

The effects of the War, as regards the high wages that are being paid, and the overtime that is being worked, are alluded to in the letter inserted from the children. The Church is suffering ^{in funds} from the apparent contradiction that the people have too much ^{money} perhaps one should say, more money. Father Reeks' experience is an interesting proof of the necessity of raising money through the accustomed channels and in the accustomed ways. Thus, we notice the complaint that the collectors have no time to make their rounds, and the people have no time to go ^{to mass & to} to the evening entertainments that in an ordinary season are arranged to bring in a little money. In the result, although his people are earning so much. the church

Reeks R.C. New Road, Woolwich (5)

is unusually hard up, for Sundays and week-day evenings are as busy times as are ordinary working hours. Special importance is thus being attached to the Bazaar that is being arranged.

S. Peter's is a Pugin church, and holds 800. The Schools are the only other buildings.

The staff consists of 4 priests. Other workers include the members of the S. of S. Vincent de Paul, of whom there are fifteen; the "collectors" etc.

At the four Sunday masses, there is an average attendance of 1200, including about 250 children. About the same number, 1200, made their Easter duty. Vespers are "well attended". They have about 20 converts in the course of the year.

The visiting is "well worked".

The number of R.Cs. in the parish is going up, owing to the increased activity at the Arsenal.

There are, perhaps, above the average of Social Agencies for a Roman Catholic Church. Thus, there is a large branch of the League of the Cross; a branch of the Irish National Foresters; and a Girls' Club, with 60 or 70 members.

Asked ~~xxxxxxx~~^{as to} charitable relief, the answer was "Oh, an awful lot!" and Father Reeks proceeded to defend

Reeks R.L. New Road Woolwich (6)

what may with fairness be called the practice of easy giving. It appears that he has "always given largely", and at one time had a rich brother who helped him when he got into difficulties. This resource is no longer behind him, but "things come right, always". He was as confident as Toby Veck, and said with a certain air of satisfaction "I am not worth a penny piece". He admitted that he had been often taken in, but he has no misgivings as to his past action: "I would do it all over again, and more if I had it". Of course he justifies his conduct by the belief that "it binds the people to you", but he is also one of those who feel that charity must be somewhat unfettered, and perhaps even spontaneous. He put his point by saying that "If by organization and inquiry, you show the need of assistance, giving ceases to be charity and becomes justice" a remark that perhaps deserves analysis, and seems to be unusually check-full of kind-hearted plausibilities.

A good deal of the giving is doubtless personal. He mentioned a young colleague that I had seen for a minute, praising him, and saying that he was "just the same". No amounts were mentioned. Perhaps I should add that Father Reeks does not in the least give the impression of a man who is living a particularly self-denying life. The room

Reeks RC. New Road, Woolwich (7)

in which we talked was a very comfortable one, very different to that, for instance, of Father Ryan, and, the first time that I saw Father Reeks, the penny that he does not possess had just furnished him with a first-class ticket up to town. I do not in the least mean to suggest that Father Reeks does not give freely of his substance, as he says, ~~xxxxx~~ and even get himself into difficult financial corners, but only that he does not appear to be a very strenuous person. Perhaps he is like his own Arsenal workmen who, even when earning their maximum prefer ^{to their church} to give when they have an entertainment, or a mass, or a special service provided, or when someone brings the cap round and they are known to have given. They seem to have difficulty in serving God for naught -- and so also perhaps their priest.

Father Reeks spoke of the increasing pressure upon housing accommodation in Woolwich, and said that there was "a good deal of overcrowding". There is, as a matter of fact, no room for fresh building to any extent in Woolwich, and it is Plumstead that is being covered with bricks and mortar.

Reeks Rl. New Rd. Woolwich (8)

There are hardly enough Police on duty in Woolwich, but those there are do their work well enough. The military picket does admirable service in the maintenance of order.

As a rule, we get little or no printed matter from the Roman Catholics, so that, although Father Reeks gave me several things I am having them all put in. He drew my attention to the Music for Holy Week, with a good deal of excusable satisfaction. The services at S. Peter's are, I believe, exceptionally well rendered. The subjects of Father O'Reilly's series of Lenten sermons, ^{and the texts he has chosen} deserve attention. No wonder that ~~over~~ certain minds the authority of the Church is maintained ~~xxx~~ when such terrors can still be threatened, and ^{when} she is believed to hold the ^{most certain} means of escape. ^{from them} There is something Mediaeval in the tone of this little leaflet dated "Lent 1900" and issued

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM.

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RECAP OF THE MANAGERS

SCHOOL EXTENSION FUND

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REPORT OF THE MANAGERS

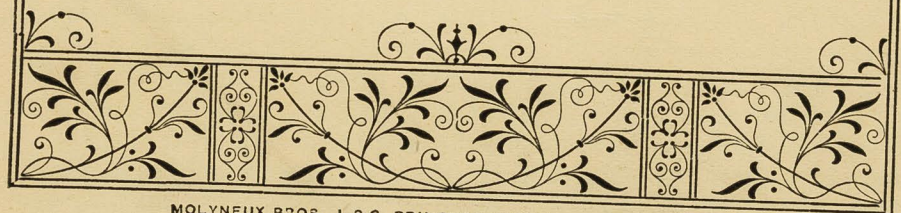
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St. Peter's School, Woolwich,

ON THE

SCHOOL EXTENSION FUND,

FOR THE YEAR 1898-9.



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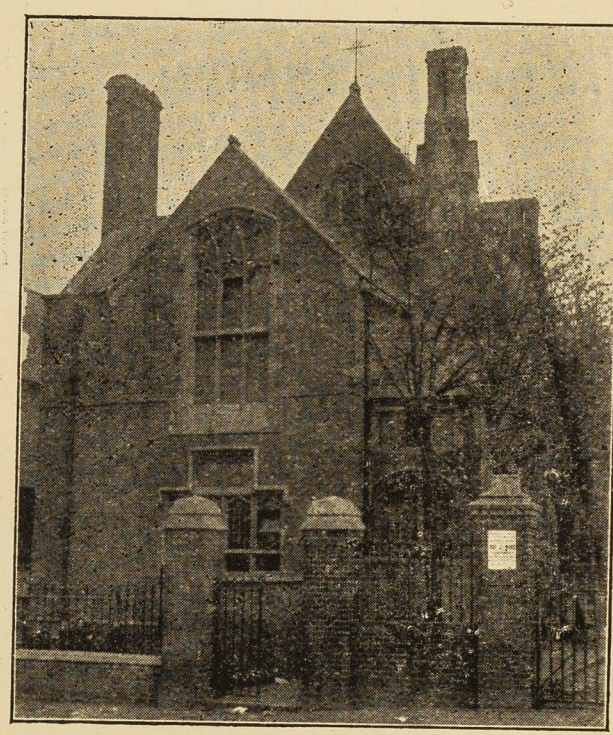
.. REPORT ..

THE School Extension Fund was started in 1893, when it became necessary to make important additions to the School Premises. In all large schools, class-rooms, capable of holding from fifty to seventy children, are considered necessary. Thirty years ago most schools consisted of one large room, where all the classes were taught together. As a consequence children engaged in a lesson which required quiet study were liable to be disturbed at any time by a neighbouring class whose work was productive of considerable noise. When class-rooms are provided, and a class can at any time be moved from the large to the small room, this and many other disadvantages of the one room system disappear.

In addition to class-rooms, the Education Department insists that in all new schools provision shall be made for separate entrances for boys and girls. In a small school separate entrances might be deemed unnecessary; but in a large town school it is usually found that the girls, and the infants they bring with them, suffer considerable inconvenience if obliged to force their way through a crowd of boys.

Play-ground accommodation, and good furniture and apparatus, also figure largely in the demands and recommendations of the Department.

In 1893 it was clearly seen that a great deal had to be done in order to put St. Peter's Schools on a level with other schools of its size and importance. It did not seem fair treatment for the children of the congregation, that they should be worse housed and less cared for than the children of the other schools in the town. Their parents were mostly intelligent men, many of them skilled artizans in the great Government workshop, the Royal Arsenal. A father does not willingly let his children sink below his own level in education. And yet there must be many Catholic fathers, who in times gone by, and not long gone by, deliberately kept their children at Catholic schools where the education was not good, because they would not risk their children's faith by sending them to non-Catholic or Board Schools. All honour to them; and they will not lose their reward.



St. Peter's School Extension.

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But Catholic parents ought not to be put to this test of their faith. Where, by a combined effort of managers and parents, a Catholic school can be raised to its proper level the effort should be made.

The Managers of St. Peter's Schools found the classrooms of the Boys' and Girls' Departments too small; the play-ground not large enough; the furniture and apparatus worn out and insufficient. The girls had to pass through the boys' play-ground to reach their own entrance. They determined to build two new class-rooms, one for boys and one for girls, together with a new staircase to the Girls' Department. Some little addition to the play-ground was found to be possible; the boys' large room was further divided; and the new class-rooms were furnished with the most modern furniture and apparatus.

Those members of the congregation whom it was possible to consult encouraged the Managers in their determination to enlarge and improve the School. Mr. F. A. WALTERS, F.S.A., was engaged as architect, and the building contract was obtained by Mr. How, of Woolwich. Building began in September, 1893, and the School Extension was in use by March, 1894. The total cost was £1250.

The School Extension Fund was started to pay the cost of the work. The Managers borrowed £1060 from the Bishop, at four per cent., and undertook to repay it, part principal and part interest, at the rate of £100 a year.

This has been done year by year. Indeed a glance at the Balance Sheet of the Loan Account will show that we have paid rather more than the sum agreed upon. We have also paid the £190 spent on furniture and apparatus.

The School Extension is a very handsome and useful addition to this School. We may have been guilty of some extravagance in stone work and carving; but it was felt that the new work, occupying as it does so prominent a position in the town, should be at least as handsome as the old.

We have paid the Bishop the £100 as agreed upon, for the year 1898-99. (See Balance Sheet No. 2.)

How

As you will see by referring to Balance Sheet No. 1, the £100 is made up largely of miscellaneous receipts which the Rector of St. Peter's would gladly have applied to other good works. But he felt, as, no doubt, you do, that the sum agreed upon was a first charge upon the receipts of the Church, which had to be met, at whatever temporary inconvenience.

The weekly, fortnightly, and monthly subscriptions during the year came to £29 13s. 8d., and the donations to £3 14s. We very heartily thank the Guild of Ransom for their gift of £5, the result of a concert, and the Committee of St. Patrick's Day Celebration for £2. Including the collection last November of £14 0s. 1d., and the balance of 17s. 6d., our total receipts came to £55 5s. 3d. The sum of £44 14s. 9d. had to be added to bring it up to the annual £100.

Many of you must be tired of weekly, fortnightly, or even monthly subscriptions or donations; and your donations to so many other funds are generous.

We suggest that this year those of you who are not tired of subscriptions or donations kindly keep up the practice. For others we suggest a promise, for which you will find a form in the Report, to pay 2s. 6d. some time during the year.

In conclusion, we will only remind you that amongst the many anxieties which press upon the Managers of the Schools this yearly payment of £100 is the heaviest. Our consolation is that the burden grows less year by year, and we rejoice with you that the sum of £585 13s. 3d. which we still owe is one which our united efforts ought to be able speedily to clear away.

JOSEPH W. REEKS,
JAMES LONERGAN,
F. E. PRITCHARD,
MATTHEW J. T. INGRAM,
FRANCIS M. GREENEP, } *Managers.*

WOOLWICH,

November 5th, 1899.

No. 1.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1898-99.

FROM NOVEMBER 5TH, 1898, TO NOVEMBER 5TH, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand, Nov. 5th, 1898...	... 0 17 6	Repaid Bishop's Treasurer, Oct. 30th, 1899	... 100 0 0
Collection in Church, Nov. 7th, 1898	... 14 0 1		
Donations	... 3 14 0		
Weekly, Fortnightly, & Monthly Subscriptions	29 13 8		
Ransomers' Concert	... 5 0 0		
Committee of St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 1899	2 0 0		
Miscellaneous Receipts, being Profits on Enter- tainments, &c....	... 44 14 9		
	£100 0 0		£100 0 0

No. 2.

BALANCE SHEET OF LOAN ACCOUNT.

To		By	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Amount of Original Loan, 1893-1894	... 1060 0 0	By Amount Repaid, 1894...	... 100 0 0
" Interest @ 4 per cent. to 31st Dec., 1894	... 30 16 11	" " July 29th, 1895	... 60 0 0
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Balance Due November 5th, 1899 ... £585 13s. 3d.

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
SOUTHWARK.
Quinquagesima Sunday, 1900.

MY DEAR CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST,

On All Saints' Day last year, there passed from us one, who loved you all very much, our good and venerated Bishop Butt. He was the first Bishop to think of calling upon the children of his diocese, who are well taught and well clothed, and who have good homes, to help him in providing for his other children who have none of these advantages. In appealing to you as I do year by year, I am only walking in the footsteps of Bishop Butt, to whom I personally owe such a deep and affectionate gratitude, and this year I ask you to give me your offerings in memory of him and for



THE RIGHT REV. JOHN BUTT,
4TH BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK.
Died Feast of All Saints, 1899. R.I.P.

the eternal repose of his soul. I know that you will give generously with the double thought before your minds of the poor little children, and of the Bishop and Father who loved you and them so well.

I thank you for your generosity last year. You made up for what was wanting in the general collection in the Churches of the diocese, and thereby saved me from being burdened with a debt even heavier than that which I have been obliged to contract.

I look forward to receiving your representatives in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., on "Good Shepherd Sunday," April 29th, and to seeing them at tea afterwards in my house.

Begging our Divine Master to bless you all, and your parents, and those who teach and have care of you, believe me,

Your devoted Father in Christ,

✠ FRANCIS, *Bishop of Southwark.*

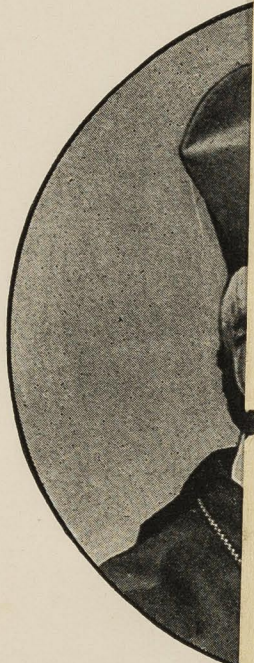
ST. PETER'S BAZAAR.

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THE letter of the Children of St. Peter's School to the Princess Christian, and the Princess's kind reply, speak for themselves. The writers of the letter strike the right key when they appeal as children of "Soldiers of the Queen." The reply of the Princess is not of the usual formal and stereotyped kind, and shows that she has carefully read and considered the children's letter, and is really sorry that she cannot come.

The Organisers of the Bazaar feel sure that this correspondence will induce the Members of St. Peter's Congregation to join more heartily than ever in the efforts which are being made to make the Bazaar a success.

J. W. R.

The Letter of the Children to the Princess.

"ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL,
 NEW ROAD, WOOLWICH.

April 17th, 1900.

"TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS CHRISTIAN
 of Schleswick-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg, V.A., C.I.

"May it please your Royal Highness,

"We, the Children of St. Peter's School, Woolwich, respectfully and earnestly beg of you to come and open our Bazaar on Whit Monday, June 4th. We ask you because we are the children of soldiers of the Queen. Five hundred of our fathers and uncles and brothers are soldiers. Twelve of them have been killed in South Africa, and thirty have been wounded already, and the war is not over yet.

"We have got a lot of money to pay for building new classrooms, and Father Reeks cannot get any money now, because the men who used to collect for him are fighting for the Queen, and all the other men are working in the Arsenal making big guns to fire at the Boers; and all our brothers who are old enough are making cartridges, millions and millions; and they have machines with beaks like birds. We used to have entertainments to pay our debts, but the men work so late now, and they are tired, and cannot come. They cannot even go to Mass on Sunday; but we go every Sunday at eleven o'clock. Sometimes we go to the Military Mass, at half-past nine. We had the Connaught Rangers Militia here at Christmas, and the Leinsters; they used to come to church with their band, because they are all Catholics.

"We saw you the other day when you came to Woolwich with the Queen. You sat on the left hand side of the Queen. Our school is in the New Road, and we were all in the school yard on waggons and platforms. We had flags; and we had a big inscription stretched across, forty feet long, with "Caed mille failthe" on it, and another with "Domine salvam fac Reginam." The Irish one means "A hundred thousand welcomes," and the Latin one "God save the Queen." We had two days' holiday.

"We do not like to ask the Queen to come; she looked so tired. But she will let you come if you tell her that we want you to come very much. And everybody says you are so kind. Dear Princess do come.

We are,

Dear Princess Christian,
 Your loving and obedient servants,
 THE CHILDREN OF ST. PETER'S SCHOOL,
 WOOLWICH."

The Princess's Reply.

"CUMBERLAND LODGE,
 WINDSOR.

April 25th, 1900.

"DEAR CHILDREN,

"I am directed by the Princess Christian to reply to your letter which pleased Her Royal Highness so much.

"The Princess would so much have liked to go to Woolwich and see you all again, and the beautiful inscriptions which Her Royal Highness so much admired.

"Unfortunately, the Princess cannot arrange to visit Woolwich again just now, being engaged all the month of June, and I am told to say how very sorry Her Royal Highness is to be unable to manage it.

Very truly yours,

J. EVAN B. MARTIN,
 MAJOR,
 Equerry.

"TO THE CHILDREN
 ST. PETER'S R. C. SCHOOL,
 WOOLWICH."



At the Opening Ceremony
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*St. Peter's
Bazaar
Woolwich,
1900.*



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 has been organised to pay off the debts which
 stand in the way of the progress of the Mission.

On the School Extension £585 still re-
 mains to be paid out of the original £1,250.

The War in South Africa has been
 disastrous financially, as most of the men of
 the congregation work in the Arsenal, Sundays
 as well as week days, and, in consequence, the
 house to house School collection, the special
 collection for the School Extension, and the
 Sunday offertories have all suffered severely.

And yet St. Peter's has done its duty to
 the Empire in its day of peril. Careful enquir-
 ies amongst the school children assure us that
 they have over 500 relatives, who are, or have
 been, soldiers. Most of these are at the front.
 Twelve have been killed in action, and between
 thirty and forty wounded. And, as the child-
 ren pathetically remark, "the War is not over
 yet."

The School has paid its blood tax, and
 paid it willingly. It ought not to be allowed
 to suffer in any other way.

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June 28th. 1900. Holy Trinity parish.

Interview with Rev. J. Wilson Woodwick
Tabernacle.

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Rev. Wilson who is a member of the
L. S. P. came to see me at Adelpi Terrace.
He is a quiet, busy Scotchman of about 45-
or 50 with light hair and beard and fine
hazel eyes. He has a very sweet sympathetic
face.

Rev. W. has had a chapel in the
neighbourhood for 23 years, and I suppose
has always been successful. Four years ago
he and his people built their large Tabernacle
about in the ^{best} local hole, partly as being
a central situation, partly with the hope
of encompassing the surrounding locality.

Besides the Tabernacle there are other
centres of work: the old chapel in Joseph
St. a chapel in Beckton, which then had

Schools are hired for Sunday School and other purposes.

Mr W. takes little or no part in the work except at the Tabernacle and it is to this that his figures and facts apply. His success seems to have been great. The membership is ~~1500~~ 1500; the Sunday morning congregation is ~~400~~ 500 and the evening 1600, the chapel being seated for 2000. Those who come are mainly artisans drawn from Woolwich, Charlton, Plumstead and North Woolwich. "We have got," said Mr W. "as fine a lot of artisans as you will meet anywhere." The chief recruiting ground seems to be Plumstead when Mr W. says you will find the pick of the working class, men most of whom own their houses, "earn good wages, and spend them on their homes, wives and children," the latter being frequently kept at school up to 15.

Open air meetings are held. Rev W. admits that the effect is very small: here and there a man or woman is brought in, but "we are not satisfied."

There is a Mrs. Wilson Mission meeting weekly and "some things like the plays." There are about 700 children in the Band of Hope (this includes all the chapels).

There is a Mothers' Meeting and a Dances Society and cricket, football and Glee, Clubs.

There are two collections a month for the poor producing about £70 a year which is given in sums of 4/ or 5/ a month to poor members of the chapel. Other cases of distress which are found of visitors are always sent to the C.O.S. which is managed here in the most sympathetic spirit. The latter has been feeling being almost too sympathetic.

There is one paid visitor who devotes himself mostly to members of the chapel; the other visitors do little except on Sundays when they come from the neighborhood with tracts and Spurgeon's sermons.

Of other agencies Mr W. said little. Mr Everett the vice of Woolwich is an excellent man, but a high churchman. He and Mr W. are good friends. "He tells me" said Mr W. "that he always prays for me on Saturday nights."

The Saboteur has its work in the East-End and occasionally issues a protest or drops a man out of the ranks; but Mr W. thinks that the people here are for the most part unhelpful; they are critics and judges who will not work if it is offered them. "We have tested them" said Mr W.

On our general question Mr W. had little to say. There is of course much discussion in

which and a great deal of protest in the
Commons.

With reference to the Common Lodging
houses Mr. W. noticed that they were very dear
so far as he could see. "I could quite well
eat a meal off the table in the kitchen" he
said.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
Plumstead.

Postcard from the minister, Rev. S. Scott:-

2 Brent Rd
Shooters Hill
18:9:00

Dear Sir

I am very sorry you have been put
to the trouble of writing again to me.
I don't think it will help your quest
much to have any interview with
me as our work in St. Andrew's is not
of the nature that makes much show,
& I have really so little time to call
my own that I should find it difficult
to arrange an interview. But I shall
send you a copy of our Annual Report
for last year's work & you can see for
yourself in that practically all we
are doing, which really isn't very much.
Now if that is not sufficient, if one
of your Secretaries calls on me any
morning, & will take his chance of
finding me at home I shall try to see him
Faithfully yours
S. Scott.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Plumstead.

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Memorandum of Meetings.

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SUNDAY	- Y.P.S.C.E.	10.15 a.m.
	Public Worship	11.0 a.m.
	Sunday School	2.45 p.m.
	Public Worship	6.30 p.m.
	Minister's Bible Class (in Winter months)	8.0 p.m.
MONDAY	- Y.P.S.C.E.	8.0 p.m.
TUESDAY	- Mother's Meeting (Mrs. Travers)	3.0 p.m.
	Band of Hope	7.15 p.m.
	Young People's Guild	8.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	- Week-night Service	7.45 p.m.
	Choir Practice	8.45 p.m.
THURSDAY	- W.M.A. (fortnightly)	3.0 p.m.

Notices.

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed four times a year, one the first Sunday of January, April, July, and October, at morning and evening service, alternately.

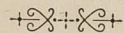
The Sacrament of Baptism is administered at any time, on notice being given beforehand to the minister.

The Church is licensed for the Solemnization of Marriages.

The Church Magazine is published on the first Sunday in every month, price 1d. Intending subscribers please apply for information to Mr. Norris.

The Minister is always at home on Saturday evenings, and is glad to welcome any of the Congregation who may desire to see him.

Office-Bearers.



Minister :

Rev. SAMUEL SCOTT, M.A., 2 Brent Road.

Elders :

Dr. EDWARD LYNN, M.R.C.S.E., &c., 638 Woolwich Road, Charlton,
Session Clerk.

*Mr. WESLEY EDWARDS, Shooters' Hill.

Mr. JAMES MCKINLAY, 7 Vicarage Park.

Mr. ANDREW MOIR, 20 Brookhill Road.

*Mr. CHARLES A. NORRIS, Horsley House, Shooters' Hill.

*Mr. GEORGE RAYNER, 54 Herbert Road.

*Col. ALEXANDER RICHARDSON, 199 Burrage Road.

*Mr. WILLIAM SMART, 130 Maxey Road.

*Mr. WILLIAM WILSON, 12 Vicarage Park.

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In addition to those marked *

Mr. ALEX. ANDERSON, 49 Priolo Road, Charlton.

Mr. WILLIAM BLACK, 67 New Road.

Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, 59 Brewery Road.

Mr. JOHN L. DRYSDALE, 9 Swallowfield Road, Charlton.

Mr. JAMES HADDEN, 52 Roydene Road.

Mr. JOHN HARRIS, 87 Heavitree Road.

Mr. GEORGE HENDRY, 44 Ennis Road.

Mr. ROBERT LOW, Powis Lodge, Vicarage Park.

Mr. JAMES RONALD, 228 Burrage Road.

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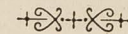
Organist :

Mr. H. A. ROBERTS, Emile Villa, Griffin Road.

Church Officer :

Mr. FOSTER, 8 Anglesea Road.

Session Report.



Our first note must be one of thankfulness and praise to our Almighty Father for the way in which He has led us through the year that is past. Compared with the changes of 1898 this year may be thought uneventful, but it has not been lacking in interest or progress.

Early in the year we had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. William Watson, of Birkenhead, who came to us as Synod Deputy on behalf of Foreign Missions. In October we received another deputation, this time in the ordinary course of visitation from our Presbytery. The deputies, Rev. George Elder, of Greenwich, and Rev. W. W. D. Campbell, of Gravesend, were very well known to us, having both indeed acted as Moderator during vacancies, so that their visit was very much appreciated and enjoyed. Finally, towards the end of November, at the Sale of Work of the W.M.A., we were favoured with the presence of Rev. Alex. Connell, of Regent Square, the much beloved convener of the Foreign Missions Committee.

Turning now to the work of the Church, we are happy to be able to note that all the various branches of work have been maintained with unabated vigour. At the beginning of Winter also we were glad to see the Minister's Bible Class set on foot, and apparently with every sign of its being strong and helpful. The next move must be in the direction of a Church Prayer Meeting, and we trust that very early in the new year this desire will be fulfilled in one way or another.

In connection with the Service of Praise we have to congratulate the Congregation on the repairs to the Organ which have been completed without any debt, and to the satisfaction of all. We must take occasion here to tender our thanks to our Organist and Choir for the service they continue to render with much devotion, and not a little sacrifice.

During the year we have lost from our Communion seven members; two of these were removed from the Roll at the Annual Revision, having left the district; two were disjoined by certificate, and three have entered into rest. There have been added to the Church 40 new Members, 15 by Profession of Faith, and 25 by certificate. These changes leave the number on the Roll in December, 1899, at 252, an increase of 33. We have thus the right now to avail ourselves of the recently enacted Rule of the Synod to be represented in the Presbytery by two Elders instead of one.

In conclusion, we record with much pleasure that the ranks of the Session were increased in February last by the addition of two new Elders, and it gives us great joy to be able to say that the utmost cordiality has always prevailed amongst us in every detail and meeting.

Earnestly commending the Church to the favour and blessing of God.

We are, on behalf of the Session,

SAMUEL SCOTT, *Moderator.*

EDWARD LYNN, *Clerk.*

The Managers beg also to notify to you that 40 additional sittings have been let, and 11 given up during the year, and this net increase of 29 sittings will, without doubt, be a further means towards increasing the principal Funds of the Church.

There have also been six new subscribers to the Sustentation Fund, making a total for the year of 132.

Our very hearty and cordial thanks are again due to the Women's Missionary Association and the C. E. Society for their great assistance in enabling the Managers to carry on their financial duties during the year. It will be perceived on reference to the Balance Sheet that the W. M. A. has increased its donation to £25, and the Managers would here embrace the opportunity of congratulating the Congregation upon the fact that Mrs. McKinlay is still retaining the office of Treasurer thereto, which she has performed with such zeal and assiduity from the formation of the Association.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Norris for his good services rendered in connection with the Organ Fund this year.

The Managers would beg to place on record that on the 17th May last, the following gentlemen were duly appointed by the Congregation as Trustees to our Church Buildings and Property, in addition to Mr. James McKinlay, the only surviving Trustee at that date, viz. :-

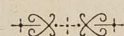
Rev. Samuel Scott, M.A.	Mr. George Rayner.
Col. Alexander Richardson.	Mr. William Wilson.
Dr. Edward Lynn, M.R.C.S.E.	Mr. John Lodge Drysdale.

Taking all things into consideration, your Managers are much gratified at the progress made in 1899, and are full of hope that by God's help the year upon which we have now entered will be blessed to the Congregation both spiritually and financially.

Signed on behalf of the Managers,

ALEX. RICHARDSON, Lt.-Col., *Secretary.*

St. Andrew's Magazine.

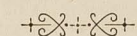


Our Magazine is now quite an old friend, and is a great favourite with all those who take it. It performs a very useful piece of work in making known what is being done by our Congregation in all departments of service. Its opportunities for good, however, are much curtailed. As our Church is not an isolated and independent Congregation, but a part of the Presbyterian Church of England, united by real and permanent bonds, it would be most useful and interesting if our Magazine could be the means of giving information as to what is being done by our Church as a whole, and what is happening in sister Congregations. Unfortunately we have not sufficient space to fully record our own doings, but this is a condition of things that need not continue. If subscribers would just interest themselves in the Magazine to the extent of finding one or two new subscribers among friends and neighbours, the increased income would enable us to pay for the extra printing we require. The wider the circulation of our Magazine, the greater will be its possibilities of usefulness. It may so come into the hands of some who attend no place of worship, and our Minister will thus be able to convey a message to them.

The Magazine is so good in itself that no one need hesitate in recommending it to friends; let us all therefore make a big effort, and I am sure the result will be both surprising and gratifying.

C. A. NORRIS, *Business Manager.*

Sustentation Fund.

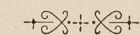


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We are very pleased to note that the contributions to this Fund were substantially increased during 1899, an increase which enabled us to send £5 more to the Central Fund. But we venture to think that St. Andrew's is not yet fully alive to the need of giving for this purpose. The general scheme of the Fund is well-known and understood, but some of us perhaps do not realise how easily we may become contributors. The present subscriptions embrace all sums from 4d. and 6d. a month to four or five pounds a year, and surely within this range every member and adherent of the Church could find a place. A penny a week seems a small sum, but with everyone giving this at least, and some giving more according to means, our contributions would soon be doubled. We trust that all who read this Report, if not already subscribers, will give their names to the Treasurer who will assign them a collector at once.

Women's Missionary Association.



President—Mrs. S. SCOTT. *Secretary*—Mrs. J. H. SCOTT.

Vice-President—Mrs. LYNN. *Treasurers*—Mrs. MCKINLAY & Mrs. WILSON.

Committee—Mrs. McBEAN, Mrs. MOIR, Mrs. ROBERTS, Miss OGILVIE, and Miss RICHARDSON.

Refreshments Committee—Mrs. JOHNSTONE, Mrs. KIDD, Miss ALICE SMITH, and Miss ETHEL SMITH.

The W.M.A. has again to return its heartfelt gratitude to God for His continued favour and goodness through another year. Many and diverse have been His blessings, and unto Him alone shall be the praise and glory. The number of members has been increased, the average attendance at the meetings has been much larger, and the income of the Association has outstripped that of any previous year.

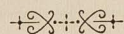
The interest of the year centres around the Sale of Work in November. This year, much to our own surprise and delight, we secured the presence of the Rev. Alex. Connell, of Regent Square, the Convener of the Foreign Missionary Committee of the Church, who opened the Sale in a very interesting and pointed address in which he graphically described his own experiences in

the Foreign Mission Stations and appealed for more sympathy and support in a manner that could hardly be resisted. Afterwards the Sale proceeded briskly. There was a very good attendance and the interest never really flagged throughout the evening. As will be seen from the Balance Sheet the proceeds were quite beyond precedent. The Association was able not only to send up its customary £20 to the Central Fund, but also to donate £25 to the funds of St. Andrew's Church.

During the year we have been privileged to read many interesting and instructive letters from Missionaries, and though we have had no visit from any yet we feel we know more about them and have a more definite sympathy with their work. Besides, 20 copies of *Our Sisters* have been distributed each quarter, and 26 copies of a leaflet recently issued, have been sold.

At the close of the year the Association learned with some consternation and much regret that its Treasurer, Mrs. McKinlay, who for some years has opened her house for the fortnightly meetings, had felt compelled, owing to the growth of these meetings and the great strain they laid upon her, to say that she could do so no longer. The members of the Association felt that under the circumstances they could not ask Mrs. McKinlay to continue to bear the burden, while they united in thanking her for her generosity and helpfulness in the past. The Meetings in future will therefore be held in the Church Committee Room, by kind consent of the Managers, and it is trusted that all members will still rally round the office-bearers and that it will be found that the usefulness of the Association is not impaired by this trial, but rather enhanced.

St. Andrew's Sunday School.



Report for 1899.

The year 1899 has seen no violent changes of any kind, but has, we believe, been one of quiet usefulness in every branch of the school work. Our staff at the end of the year consisted of the following ladies and gentlemen:—

Miss Burbridge	Miss Riden	Mr. Harris
„ Driver	„ Robertson	„ Moir
„ Emby	„ Emmie Smith	„ Parr
„ Ewart	„ Ethel Smith	„ Price
Mrs. Johnstone	„ Mary Smith	„ Ramsey
Miss Low	„ Nellie Smith	„ Riden
„ Annie Low	„ Scott	„ Ronald
„ Lynn	„ Agnes Scott	„ J. Scott
„ Millar	„ Tweedie	„ S. Scott
Mrs. Moir	„ Wayman	„ T. Scott
Miss Moise	„ Wilson	„ Smart
Miss Ogilvie	Mr. Anderson	„ Spreadbury
„ Price	„ Brown	
„ Richardson	„ Dallimore	

We have to regret the loss, during the year, of several tried and faithful teachers who could ill be spared. Miss Mabel Bilsland, Mrs. Bufton, Miss Caird, Miss Cairns, Miss M. Scott, and Miss F. Smith are all names "familiar in our mouths as household words," and they will show how serious have been the gaps in our ranks,

On the other hand, Miss Emby, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Ethel Smith, Miss Robertson, together with Messrs. Anderson, Harris, Parr, J. Scott, and Spreadbury have joined us during the year.

The importance of maintaining a good teaching staff is patent to everyone. This is a matter which we venture to urge most strongly on the attention of friends in the Church. When we state that out of nine new members, six are old scholars, we think it will be granted that the School has given more than a fair share. We are in need of a sprinkling of older teachers for whom we can look only to the Church; but hitherto we have found the greatest difficulty in obtaining ladies and gentlemen willing to give even an hour a week to this part of the Master's service.

Of our labours from week to week it is almost impossible to speak in a report of this description. To be appreciated they must be seen. A few points of interest may however be mentioned.

The average weekly attendance of scholars throughout the year was 223, out of a total registered number of 253. As many of these are children of parents who do not attend St. Andrew's—or perhaps, in some instances, any other—it is evident that a great opportunity is given to us, if we could but seize it.

After an introductory service the "International" Lesson for the day is read and expounded in each class. A short address or else the singing of some hymns, in which the children take a great delight, brings the afternoon to a close. Our scholars are encouraged to commit to memory the Golden Text, to which end the large printed texts are exceedingly helpful. As each of these is finished with it is transferred to the wall until the end of the quarter when there are usually some dozen or so of girls and boys who volunteer to repeat from memory the 13 texts.

Among the teachers and scholars there are about 120 who are members of the International Bible Reading Association. The attention of parents is earnestly directed to this society, so helpful in the promotion of a systematic study of the Bible.

We have a useful Sunday School Library, containing at present some 300 volumes, and continually growing, being supported by a subscription of a penny per month from those using it. This money is spent entirely on the library.

An effort has been made to induce the children to attend Church on Sunday morning. So far, we regret to state that this attempt has not been a brilliant success, so far as concerns the children of non-church-going parents. Perhaps the fault is not altogether with the young people.

On the first Sunday in each month a Teachers' Prayer Meeting is held. Need it be said that these are most important occasions when the teachers themselves are strengthened and helped over the difficulties of the way.

Temporal matters are discussed on the first Wednesday of the month, after the week-night service.

During the year there has been the usual number of special gatherings.

A Concert in aid of the funds was held in March, and in November a Conjuring and Ventriloquial Entertainment, which proved a great success.

The Anniversary Services took place on Thursday, June 15th and Sunday, June 18th. A good number of friends attended on the former evening when a helpful address was given by Rev. J. M. Fergusson. The Sunday Services were conducted by Rev. J. Mackintosh, but some of our older friends appeared to consider that as it was children's day their presence was not expected. Than this there can be no greater mistake.

The Afternoon Service at 3 o'clock was marked by a great attendance of scholars but a disappointing number of friends. A large quantity of flowers brought by teachers and children, was afterwards distributed among the sick and the balance sent to local hospitals.

It is a tradition of the school that the treat shall immediately follow the anniversary. Last year we went by special train to Riddlesdown, where a most enjoyable time was spent. It was refreshing to see so many visitors. Could not the Annual Treat be made the occasion of a Congregational Outing as well? It would afford Church Members another opportunity for seeing one another, and would help the school to meet more easily this heavy call on its finances.

It was thought well that the children should take part in the Harvest Thanksgiving, and accordingly a special service was held for them in the afternoon when the minister gave an appropriate address.

The Sunday School Union Anniversary Services were held last year in New Road Church, as usual, the address being by Rev. J. Seeley.

The last public function of the year was the Christmas Tree which was again an unqualified success, thanks to the liberality with which toys were given and the hard work bestowed upon the tree by the decorators.

The close of the year leaves our finances in a very comfortable state, as a glance at our Balance Sheet will show. It will be seen that our largest source of income is our weekly collection, which reached the considerable total of £26 9s. 9d. The only direct contribution from the Church was the collection of £5 4s. 3d. on Anniversary Sunday. At one time this used to amount to £10, but of late years we have had to be content with half that amount. Now, however, that the Church funds are on a much sounder footing we hope for better things this year.

On the opposite, the heaviest item is of course the treat, but this we fear is a necessary expense.

We are thankful to be able to state that we have been in a position to contribute more largely than usual to external objects. The largest subscription £7, went to our own Juvenile Missionary Fund, but in addition to this, a contribution of 15s. 7d. went from the Young Men's Bible Class to the George Wales' Mission Fund.

Dr. Barnado's Homes received a New Year Gift of £3 15s. 9d., made up by means of a special collection and a few collecting cards.

A contribution of £1 1s. 0d. was sent to the Children's Holiday Homes' Fund of the Sunday School Union.

This evidence of financial prosperity is very encouraging, while, of course, it does not always imply the true progress which we seek, it nevertheless shows on the part of the children that readiness to help others which is a good augury for the growth of a love for the Saviour.

We sent in a number of candidates for the local examination of the Sunday School Union, all of whom passed, Maggie Johnston coming out first in her division.

A batch of our scholars also presented themselves for the Synod's Scripture Examination, with good results.

There is however a kind of progress, and that the most important, which cannot be measured by statistics. Of the number who in the course of the year have learnt to love Jesus, there is no record, but signs there are that here one and there another has heard the Saviour's voice and has not turned away.

We are thankful to say that the leakage from the upper classes has been of late years smaller than ever before. Under the care of such excellent teachers as Miss Ogilvie, Mrs. Johnston, and Mrs. Wilson, our Senior Girls' Classes form a body of young ladies of whom any school and church may be proud. The Young Men's Bible Class is not so strong in numbers, but this, we believe, is but a passing phase, due to undermanning, and ere another year closes we trust this will be remedied. In the meantime we have a promising lot of younger lads who bid fair to maintain the best traditions of our class.

These senior scholars are gradually finding their way into the Church and during the year 1899 three more names were added to the roll of Church Membership.

In conclusion we commend the work of the Sunday School to the congregation. We have cause for deep thankfulness to God for the blessings He has given us, but at the same time we feel that, but for our own weakness much more might have been accomplished.

We are hampered for want of older men and women as teachers. The school supplies youthful enthusiasm, but something is lacking if we have not as well the experiences of maturer years. Out of a congregation of some hundreds there must be some in whose hearts is a love for the little ones.

The mother watches over her babe, and the shepherd his lambs with tender solicitude. The Church which neglects to provide the necessary spiritual food for its children is sinning not only against itself but against God.

It is with the keenest satisfaction that we see the Session awaking to its responsibility in this matter, and the presence, on two occasions, of deputations from it have been a real help. But the Session cannot do all, and the Sunday School is an institution in which each member is personally interested.

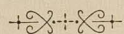
The need of more teachers who will, if necessary, sacrifice their own pleasure for the children's sake, is our most urgent and pressing want. Indeed we have practically no others.

The ventilation of the Schoolroom is at present inadequate, and the approach of the hot weather makes this a matter of increasing importance. We have done something to mitigate overcrowding by sending three of the senior classes up into the Church, but even now the air sometimes gets very close. This tells not only on scholars but on teachers, and we should all welcome some improvement.

Some kind friend could also earn our gratitude by ornamenting the bare walls of our Schoolroom with a few illuminated texts or pictures. This seems a small thing, but no practical teacher will question its importance.

In presenting this report to the members of the congregation the teachers beg to express their earnest desire for the sympathy and active support of friends whenever possible, and for their prayers on behalf of the work at all times. We believe that with our hearts thus strengthened and our hands upheld, we shall be able next year to present a statement, not only of prosperity maintained, but of usefulness increased, and of many children brought unto the Kingdom.

Band of Hope.



President—Rev. S. SCOTT. *Secretary*—Mr. C. E. RIDEN.

Superintendent—

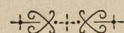
Treasurer—Mr. E. PRICE.

In presenting the report for the year 1899 we are happy to be able to say we continue to flourish. The idea of closing the Band of Hope during the summer months was abandoned this year and the meetings continued right through the year. Yet we noticed no decrease in the attendances, and the average number present each week for the year was over 50, out of a membership of 70. The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, from 7.15 to 8.15, and consist of singing and recitations, entertainments by members and friends, magic lantern exhibitions, &c., with addresses from various speakers. The spiritual side is of course not forgotten, in praise and prayer, and often the address is definitely on gospel temperance lines. Further a dumb-bell class for boys has recently been started, which we hope will develop into the usual gymnastic and musical drill, a feature which will considerably help in the discipline of the society.

In June we held our Summer Excursion, journeying by train to Hooley Farm, Coulsdon, Surrey; about 70 children were present and a pleasant day was spent. In August we took part in the United Demonstration of the Bands of Hope connected with the local Union, which was held in the Repository, about 50 of our members attending.

We regret to have to report that we are still without a superintendent, Mr. Ronald, who had so ably commanded, being obliged to relinquish his duties through pressure of other work. We should welcome anyone who will volunteer for this very important work.

Christian Endeavour Society.



President—Rev. S. SCOTT. *Secretaries*—Miss E. SMITH,
Mr. J. A. JOHNSTON.

Vice-President—Mr. W. SMART.

Treasurer—Miss M. SCOTT.

In presenting our Fifth Annual Report we have, at the outset, to thank God for the continuance of His favour and blessing throughout the year that has passed. It has been an uneventful period, there being no such changes as we had to record last year. We have through different circumstances lost more than a usual number of active members, but note with satisfaction that

some of the elder scholars from the Sunday School are coming in to take their place. We have been constrained at the beginning of the year to discontinue the Junior Society, the numbers having fallen off, mainly because of night classes and similar attractions, but we hope soon to see our way again to welcome the Juniors to our ranks.

Our last Annual Meeting was held on October 13th, the Revs. J. M. Fergusson and A. G. Chambers addressing the meeting, and the Rev. S. Scott in the chair as President for the first time. It was a most helpful and enjoyable evening, and it did one good to see the way the congregation had responded to our invitation to be present.

Towards the end of March we had, in conjunction with the Guild, a visit from Mr. Rainer, Travelling Secretary to Dr. Barnado's Homes, and were able to collect the sum 17s. 6d. to hand to Mr. Rainer on his departure. Earlier in the year also we had a Lime-light Lecture by Mr. Calder, to which many friends and members came. About the middle of December a Social Evening was spent, outside friends being invited. An Outing was also arranged about the end of August, with the Sunday School Teachers, and a very pleasant time we had in Epping Forest.

By kind permission of the W.M.A. we provided a Stall at the Annual Sale of Work, and were thereby able to hand the Church Treasurer £10. Although we did not send a delegate to the Belfast Convention at Whitsuntide, one of our active members—Mr. Jesse Spreadbury—went at his own expense and brought us back a very interesting report.

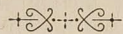
We commenced the year with an active membership of 23 members; we have to deplore the loss of 8 of these for various reasons, two being transferred to the honorary list; during the year, however, four of our associate members have become active, which brings the total on active service to 19. The associate list numbered 20 at the end of last year, 8 of these have left us, while 7 new ones have been admitted; as, however, 4 have been promoted to the active list, our associate total now stands at 15. Our honorary members, some of whom are active except in name, number 11, and take a deep interest in the working of the Society. We further note, with much gratitude, that 3 of our active members have joined the Church during the year.

We have four Committees at work, viz.: Prayer Meeting, Look-out, Missionary, and Flower and Sunshine Committees. The Prayer Meetings are held on Sunday morning, when the average attendance in the past year has been 10, and on Monday evenings, with an average of 19. The Monthly Consecration Meeting is held usually on the last Sunday of each month, and is always well attended, there sometimes being over 40 present. The special Prayer Meetings that call for mention are those that have been devoted to Temperance or Missionary subjects, the most memorable of the latter being the meeting in which we had a visit from Miss Farlie, who at that time was preparing to go to China, but who has, we regret to say, been forbidden by her doctors from all Missionary work. The Missionary Committee has, we are glad to say, been able again to collect £5 from the members for the Sua Bué Mission, the special field of the C.E. Societies of our Church. The Flower Committee blossomed out into a Sunshine Committee this year, being able not only to supply flowers, but other more substantial gifts now and then for some of the poor folk in the neighbourhood.

The Balance Sheet for the year shows an income of £23 5s. 2d., and a balance in hand of £1 7s. 4½d.

In conclusion we trust that God's blessing may still rest on our Society, that we may make progress in the coming year, not only in regard to membership, but in real, earnest work for Christ and His Church,

Young People's Guild.



President—Rev. S. SCOTT, M.A. *Secretary*—Mr. T. SCOTT, M.A.

Treasurer—Miss ALICE SMITH.

Committee—Misses GREENFIELD, MILLAR, and ETHEL SMITH; Messrs. J. BROWN, DOWD, and ROPER.

In presenting this, the First Annual Report, drawn up in accordance with the new rules of the Society, the secretary can congratulate the members on what has been in many respects a year of substantial progress. It is just twelve months since the feeling that the management of the Society might advantageously be shared by the members themselves, took practical shape in the election of a committee to assist the treasurer and secretary. From every point of view the experiment has been an unqualified success. Your committee has met once a quarter for the purpose of drawing up a programme, and we venture to claim that the quality and the variety of the meetings has been greatly benefited.

A reference to the programme of the past year will at once show this. During the early months of the year we had the series of lectures on English Presbyterianism from the minister, who also furnished us with two papers on Tennyson. All of these were greatly appreciated if one may judge by the attendance. It has been the aim of the committee to arrange one of these special evenings for every month, if possible securing an outsider as the speaker. The members themselves have been asked to contribute towards musical evenings, debates, impromptu speaking, &c., which some of them have done with great readiness. The committee would be glad to impress on all members the desirability of everyone doing all that is possible to make these evenings enjoyable. Ordinary meetings have usually been fixed for every alternate week.

We desire to express regret at the fact that the singing practices, which formed a feature of last winter's work, have not so far been taken up again. The explanation of this is twofold. In the first place, it was impossible for some weeks to obtain the use of the large hall. Then when this difficulty was removed, the beginning of evening classes and more especially of overtime in the Arsenal and Dockyard had so affected our attendance as to render it difficult to secure a choir. The carol singing was this year omitted on account of the then recent bereavement of one of our members.

Three social meetings were held during the year, the new year social on January 31st, another on the occasion of the opening meeting for the winter on September 6th, and the third an informal meeting in which the Guild united with the Sunday School teachers in bidding farewell to Miss Cairns on October 31st.

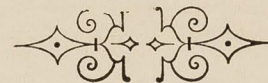
The Annual Excursion, which was held this year at Kew, was as successful as usual, being favoured with fine weather. We had to regret the absence of some members through previous engagements, and should like to suggest that as Beanfeast Saturday seems by far the most convenient day for the majority, all the members would carefully avoid making other engagements for that day.

A report of this kind is not complete without going into statistics, which must be our apology for mentioning them. The number of members on the roll at the end of the year was 36 ordinary, two associated; of these six were added during the year. As the mark of a healthy organization is growth, this matter of members is a very important one, which members will do well to consider. At present we have, unfortunately, no satisfactory recruiting ground and therefore no systematic method of adding to our numbers. As this is a serious matter and one which affects the future of the society, the committee will be glad to receive the opinions of their fellow-members as to the best course they can adopt.

Although the detail of the Athletic Clubs forms a separate branch of our work, yet we cannot omit a word concerning them, seeing their membership is so closely connected with that of the Guild. It is pleasing to be able to look back on most successful seasons, so far as cricket and tennis are concerned, although it was somewhat difficult on all occasions to get a cricket team composed exclusively of our own men. The success of the clubs is intimately connected with that of the Guild, and hence it is advisable to use every endeavour to maintain them. The Football Club has been in difficulty also in the matter of members—a good deal of the trouble arising again from overtime.

Financially we are pleased to announce that the Guild is in a flourishing state. There is really nothing which calls for special note in the Balance Sheet. It may be remarked that although magazines are nominally sold at the end of each month, there is no notice of money received therefrom. The cause is that during last year the magazines accumulated from month to month, owing to the lapse of their buyers. Finally the stock was disposed of during the present month as members already know. The comfortable balance in hand of £2 15s. 6d. places the society in the meantime beyond the reach of poverty.

In presenting this report to the members the committee desires to express the hope that the year 1900 will be one of continued success to the society. The new code of rules should do something to steady us by giving something to hold on to, but we cannot but feel that it is by the efforts of the individual members that our society must stand or fall. We can do with more members who will come to stay if cordially received and welcomed by those already there. Let us never forget that the object of our Guild is to promote a healthy feeling of good fellowship among our young people, and—yet more important—to encourage one another to live humble but upright, true, honourable and useful lives in the sight of God and our fellow men.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Balance Sheet for the Year

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Balance December 31st, 1898	...	7	1	8½
„ Amount collected for Sustentation Fund	...	69	18	6
„ Pew Rents	...	142	11	6
„ Collections—				
Ordinary	...	169	5	8
Communion and Good Friday	...	6	14	11½
Sunday School	...	5	4	3
Harvest Festival	...	9	1	3
Quarterly	...	23	17	9
Nursing Association	...	1	16	1
Students' Missionary Society	...	3	8	3
„ Synod Schemes—				
Women's Missionary Association	...	21	14	8
Home Missions	...	2	2	0
Foreign	...	2	11	11
Instruction of Youth and College	...	1	16	2
„ Donations—				
Women's Missionary Association to Church Funds	...	25	0	0
Christian Endeavour Society	...	10	0	0
Anonymous, per Rev. S. Scott	...	5	0	0
Mrs. Travers	...	1	0	0
„ Use of Gas in Hall, per Mr. Ronald	...	0	5	0
„ Balance of profit on Hogmanay Tea, 1898	...	0	3	10
„ Profit on Tea, November 2nd, 1899	...	1	0	6½
„ Official Handbooks Sold	...	0	7	6
„ Profit on Magazine	...	5	1	0
„ Balance of Organ Fund	...	0	14	5

£515 16 11½

RESTORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, December 31st, 1898	5	3	10
	£5	3	10

G. RAYNER,
Treasurer,

26th January, 1900.

Anglesea Hill, Plumstead.

ending December 31st, 1899.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
By Amount paid to Sustentation Fund	...	205	0	0
„ Supplement to Stipend paid to Minister	...	100	0	0
„ Amount paid for Supplies	...	8	8	0
„ Communion and Good Friday Collection to Session	...	6	14	11½
„ Salary to Organist	...	25	0	0
„ „ Organ Blower	...	4	0	0
„ „ Church Officer	...	26	0	0
„ Sunday School	...	5	4	3
„ Gas Account to December 31st, 1899	...	15	17	9
„ Water Rate to December 31st, 1899	...	2	0	0
„ Ground Rent	...	13	4	0
„ Insurance	...	5	0	0
„ Presbytery Assessment	...	2	4	0
„ Synod	...	4	6	0
„ Income Tax	...	0	8	10
„ Monthly Visitor, Tracts and Carriage	...	0	12	8
„ Tuning Piano	...	1	5	0
„ Nursing Association	...	1	16	1
„ Synod Schemes—				
Women's Missionary Association	...	21	14	8
Home Mission	...	2	2	0
Foreign	...	2	11	11
Instruction of Youth and College	...	1	16	2
„ Students' Missionary Society	...	3	8	3
„ Coal and Coke	...	1	4	0
„ Music, as per Music Committee	...	1	16	9
„ Church Repairs, Mr. Blackler	...	36	18	10
„ Printing, Stationery, &c.	...	6	9	6
„ Wood, Tapers, Washing, and Sundries	...	3	1	10½
„ Free Church Council, two years' subscription	...	1	0	0
„ Cheque Book	...	0	4	0
„ Balance in hand	...	6	7	5½

£515 16 11½

FUND.

	£	s.	d.
By Amount to Organ Fund	5	3	10
	£5	3	10

Audited and found correct—

A. KIRK, }
A. MOIR, } Auditors.

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Interview with Father T. Whelan . at 31 Conway Road Plumstead.

Father Whelan is an Irishman, strong brogue, handsome, strong face, about 45 years old, grey hair on either side, bald on top. Twinkle in the eye & great charm of manner. He lives in one of the 2 storied houses so common in Woolwich & Plumstead with a low window top & bottom, small railed in front, small yard behind, & pays 1/6 a week in rent; he is only a weekly tenant. It has been here 10 years coming from St George's Boss', where the Tabard Street area was under him

him + from working with Dr. Butt. ^{And 1/3 of} ~~South~~ ^{South} ~~Walk~~ ^{Walk}? 2

Father Whelahan's district is bounded on the

W. by Maxey Road

N. River & Parker magazine

E. Churchmanor Lane, & Wickham Lane to Welling.

S. Shooter's Hill.

In all he calculates 1200 souls, i.e. m. w & children.

Almost all are Irish, majority unskilled labourers employed at the Arsenal: work is regular, wages fair,

rents low for London & overtime for the last year

has brought labourers wages well over 30/- a week.

'Yet there is not a week between any one of us & the work house & we all say it & laugh.'

The people are all young. District hardly existed 10 years ago when he first came. There are no out-

-casts or utterly poor as in Central London. If they are poor it is not for want of money but for want

of knowledge how to spend it. The children at St. Patrick's School

Schools shew that they are not neglected either in ³
 health food or clothing. 'No quarter for those who
 neglect their children: I denounce them at home &
 in the pulpit.' People very prolific. 'As a rule all
 our families are large eno' to fill a house & rents
 are low enough to allow of it tho' there are al-
 -ways complaints of the large proportion of income
 that must be paid away in rent.' If there is a
 room available it may be let to a single
 young man but he knows of no families in
 one room. Houses have 4 or 5 rooms each.
 For the most part his people come from the low
 ground lying N of the High Street.
 Renshaven, Maresdon, Barth & Garibaldi
 Roads are the worst, all improve as they
 near the High Street. He has seen them all come.
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All are fresher & newer than himself. He takes
them one by one. They are not remarkable ob-
-servers of the laws of the Church but they
mind what he says & wd. do any thing for
him & will take scoldings from him that
they wd. resent from others. 'They do it in the
first place because I'm their priest, & in the
second because I'm myself.' 'Some you must
drive, some you must lead, & others you must
coax: the Irishman is a queer character.'
'But there is not a loafer among them; I want
have it'. 'If I see them I speak to them, follow
them home, if they come to Church I address
them from the pulpit, if in the street. Then the
whole street knows of it: the majority of public
op.

opinion is for me & the Irish man cant face ridicule.
Even when I am unjust they ~~say~~ make excuses
for me 'The Father was in a hurry, he must make
mistakes some times but he is generally right.'

[But Coopers or no many of the houses in the
Streets N of the High Street have the unceasing
for look of the 'casual' tenant. - [H.D.]

Services:

On Sunday.

Morning. Mass. 8.30. 200 come.

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Afternoon. Sunday school followed by Benediction in
the Chapel at 2.30. Service for Chr. 3.

3.30. Baptisms.

4. Churchings.

6.30 evening service. 100 come.

Week.

Week days. Mass at 8. 10^{to} 20 come.

Evening service on Thursdays.

150 Children come to Sunday School.

At the Church schools of St. Patrick there are 300 children on the books: av. att. 250 - about 6 truants (ie habitual offenders who only come to school 2 or 3 times a week or shift for a fortnight at a time) in the course of the year.

These are caught by a Head mistress at 196
2 certificated teachers at 197
(one a Queen's scholar)
a woman teacher for Dublin University
& two pupil teachers.

There is no hostility to schooling. Every day he visits them himself. Any complaints are carried home by him.

† not by the school board visitor. Children are talked to ?
like their elders.

He has no help: does everything himself & is paid by his
congregation. Lately his own income has suffered by over-
time at the Arsenal. Arsenal worked on through Sunday
his people did not come to mass. So that he got no
offerings. In spite then of more money in the parish,
he was poorer.

He gives a fair amount away in charity. does not know
how much. Keeps no account. gives whenever he
thinks there is real want.

No arrangement for nursing the sick. Jubilee nurses
from Woolwich are very good & come whenever
sent for.

No cooperation with other churches. A of England quite
friendly to him. No hostility now though there
was when he came. Noncemo got up a cry of
popery & Arsenal workers used to cross the
street to the opposite side as he came along. The
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patmaster was particularly virulent, w^t put up
offensive notices along with postal notices in his win-
dow. Father W. after some time complained to head-
quarters & the man was suspended. Since then no
more trouble.

Police - good. but they don't manage to stop the boys
breaking his church windows. Boys do it for mis-
chief not malice.

Drink - a good deal. But overtime has not increased
drunkenness. More is drunk with more overtime &
more money spent on drink but he has not
noticed more drunkenness.

Prostitution - none. He was warned to expect some
of the sweepings of the dusthole when some of
the houses there were cleared away but none
came his way.

Crime - None. 'Not a single criminal'. 'If I hear of a
man going to the bad I hunt him up & either he
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behaves himself better or leaves the district.

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Marriage. Fair number of young marriages in men
20 with a girl of 18. He discourages them. But once
married they must live together. Had a case last
week. Young couple quarrelled, separated, each went
to their own parents home. Father W called on parents
told them it was their fault, they shd not have
let them marry but once married it was a wor.
tal sin if they kept them apart. Husband & wife
were also lectured. They are now living together

again -

Mixed marriages. he deplores. great loss though this means.
Protestant husband wants his breakfast at the
hour when the Catholic wife wants to go to
mass: chaffs his wife: wife cannot stand it &
become lax in her duties. It is still worse when
the man is RC & the woman protestant because the

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The children are then so difficult to get at.
Catholics not very strict down here in their duties.
They get their children registered like a dog
instead of baptised & think it enough!

Health - fair

Housing. Jerry built - Great many small ones. Houses
bought through Building Society. The chief large
property owners are Mr Kersey who runs Conway
road. He is a builder. Head of a building society -
has one son an architect, another a lawyer; both
must be employed by any who take his houses
or land.

The other is Macathistles the vicar of Plumstead
who also Jerry builds, is getting old & there was
some scandal about his being more of a ^{land-} ~~parson~~
lord than a parson & he has nominally handed over
things to his son. His property is on the High ground
South

South of the Slade.

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Politics: all his flock are Home rules & progressives. Keen interest in elections. We will do anything within the 10 Commandments to help the old country to her own powerless now because of the conservatives living on the high ground S of the High street. In Father W's walls were pictures of 'Martial Law in '98'. Portraits of Irish members. 'Erin go bragh' with portraits of O'Connell, Smith O'Brien, Grattan etc etc.

Thrift: Large S. Patrick's Thrift & Benefit Society: open to all 'We thought that members of other ^{creed} religions shd have a share in it': about 300 members; shared out £10000 last Xmas: lends money at interest to members. Allowed the use of the Schoolroom free: a secretary & two assistants. The only paid members. Arsenal Coop Soc is the great shop: not dealing these

then & have shares.

The Schools are the only voluntary schools except St. Margarets, in the neighbourhood.

The Church very ugly red & yellow brick chapel-like looking building outside. 'Because it was built by Kenney Junior.' but he said very fine within. It was built & opened by Dr. Dutt, then Bishop & thought to have been a gift. After 4 years the new Bishop discovered it had not been paid for & applied to him to raise the money: at the same time giving £1000 for the purchase of the land. It cost £1000, land & building. ∴ £5000 is still owing. The inside was fitted & furnished by the congregation. 'If you can't afford money give your service' & for months after the arsenal shut his men used to come & work for the Church. Plane stone, marble & wood. In all he reckoned the wage value of the work given at over £2000: & 'you'll not find a finer marble altar & rails in London.' 'The Church must be made worthy inside if it is not outside.' 'Why do you build a small place in a hole' he said the other day to the parson of the new Church of St. Pauls Plumstead: & the answer was that the money

The policy of church building.

Pre-reformation church in Plumstead.

A Benevolent Tyrant.

S. Patrick Plumstead (RC) Father Whelan.

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money was not sufficient to buy a site in a more prominent place & at the same time to build a fine church. 'He wanted it built & finished during his own pastorate'. Father W. wonders at the Ch of E not recognizing that churches shd. not be built unless worthy ones; 'let the building of them be spread over as many years as you like as long as the result is worthy of the worship of God.'

Besides St. Patrick's, St. Margaret's on the Hill is the only other parish in Plumstead with Voluntary Schools.

St. Nicholas Church in the High St. is the oldest Church in ~~Woodwich~~ Plumstead dating from pre-reformation times. Augustinian monks buried there. Used to be church of an Augustinian Priory.

Father Whelan is a benevolent tyrant.

Rev^d Frank J. Exley
Conduit Road Baptist Church

G.A.
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St. James' parish.

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Rev^d Frank J. Exley. 1 Madeira Villas, Plum Lane.
Minister of Conduit Road Baptist Church, Plumstead.

Mr Exley is a dark, grave, man of about 40. Has been at Conduit Road nearly 4 years.

The people around the church are mainly arsenal workmen. A few clerks in the City, but for these the train service is ~~as~~ a drawback.

His people are drawn from all parts of Plumstead. Do not reach the people of the immediate neighbourhood to any extent. In Conduit Road they have only one member of the Church and a few in the congregation. There is not much poverty - a number of poor, who would sponge upon you if they could - ~~but~~ most have plenty of work. Very much overtime in the Arsenal during the past year and it is likely to continue for a considerable time. Very little Sunday work now altho' much at the beginning of the war. The overtime has effected their week evening service much during the past year. Practically all the men are kept away. Will have 20 women and only 3 men.

Services held

Visitation

Exley - Bap^t conduit Road.

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The Chapel holds 400; schoolroom and house for caretaker.

Sunday Services at 11 am & 6.30. Average about 100 in congregation; a few more in the evening. "I am putting it low to be within the mark."

Sunday School with 15 teachers at 200 scholars. The children are from the neighbourhood.

P. S. A. (3 PM) with orchestra. Get about 60. Made a speciality of this, hoping to reach the poor but the response has come from a class ^{above} the public-house loafer. Has tried many ways but not succeeded yet in reaching the low class. He fancies those who attend the P. S. A. go elsewhere to a service on Sunday - they do not belong to the non-church going people.

Other services include Christian Endeavour (Monday) flourishing; Bible class (Tue) mostly young people. Service (Wed) about 20; Friday, prayer meeting & Band of Hope. Have also a Mothers' Meeting and Thrift Society.

Mr E. visits the members but "it does not amount to much." Visits when they are sick. "If they are well they can come to see me." Have a staff of workers, who visit the district assigned to them by the Free Church Council.

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Conduit Road Visitor.

AUGUST, 1899.

CONDUIT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH. Pastor—
Rev. FRANK J. EXLEY.

**Services
AND Meetings.**

Sunday.

- 10 a.m. - Sunday School.
- 11 a.m. - Divine Service.
- 2.45 p.m. - Sunday School.
- 3 p.m.—
- Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.
- 6.30 p.m. - Divine Service.
- 8 p.m. - Open Air Service.

Monday.

- 2.30 p.m., Mothers' Meeting,
School-room.
- 7 p.m.—
Christian Endeavour (Jnr.)
Lecture Hall.
- 8 p.m.—
Christian Endeavour (Snr.)
Lecture Hall.

Tuesday.

- (Fortnightly, at 6.30. p.m.)
Ladies' Working Party,
Lecture Hall.

Wednesday.

- 7.30 p.m. - Divine Service,
Lecture Hall.

Friday.

- 7 p.m. - Band of Hope.
- 8 p.m. - Prayer Meeting.



The Church's District

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YOU NEED NOT DIE OF STARVATION.

ROUND about the tents of Israel in the wilderness lay the manna, the food that God had rained down upon them. It was His free gift to the people, and there was no need that any should go hungry. So at the door of your life is the Bread that came down from heaven for you. "If any man eat of this Bread he shall live for ever," and every man may eat of it if he will. Christ is the Bread of life, and trusting in Him you shall be saved. But just as Israel might remain in her tents and die of starvation with the manna heaped upon the ground outside, so may you keep your heart's door shut against Christ and die eternally. You *need* not die of starvation, but you *may*.—F.J.E.

Sermonette by Rev. F. J. Exley.

"With their Faces thitherward."

THE prophet was speaking of the return of the Jews from captivity, and he said "they shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward." He saw that there would be a correspondence between question and attitude, and that correspondence seems to me to be full of significance. It shows that this was the question of men who had a *personal* interest in the information for which they asked. We have what we call an "academic" interest in some questions; we say of some matters that they are of "general" interest to us; but there are others in which we have a personal and practical interest. We read

SOME TRAVELLER'S STORY

of his adventures in the far north, or of his journey across Africa, and now and again we turn from the narrative to look at the map which accompanies it; but we have not a personal interest in the route he took, for

we have no intention of journeying in the same direction. But suppose after a long trudge across country you are making for home and are walking along an unfamiliar road. You are anxious to get back before sunset, but all you know is that you are walking in the direction of home. How eagerly you would ask the first man you met if you were in the right road, and what a very real interest you would have in his answer. You would be

ASKING YOUR WAY HOME

with your face thitherward. At your breakfast table you notice a paragraph in the newspaper which announces that someone has discovered what he believes to be a cure for consumption. You read the item aloud and express the hope that the news may prove true. You are perfectly sincere in speaking so, you have a general interest in the subject; but how much keener would your interest be, and how much more earnest your hope, if you were yourself consumptive. Health would be a Zion towards which you would eagerly set your face as you asked

the way. It is this

PERSONAL INTEREST

which is often lacking when men enquire the way of salvation. They discuss various theories with a coldly critical air, as though they were dealing with a question in which they had no personal concern. That was not the spirit in which the man of old time asked "What must I do to be saved?" This is not a matter upon which any man can afford to be indifferent. It is a question of vital importance, for not to find the way to Zion is to find the way to death.

This is also the question of *sincere* men. They show that they want to get to Zion by going that way. A man's attitude does not always correspond with the desire which he expresses. He may profess to want to find work, but you may discover if you put him to the test that his face is not set in that direction. So it is in regard to the way to Heaven. There are some who say they are anxious to find

THE WAY OF SALVATION,

but the set of their lives gives them the lie. Herod said he wanted to find the infant Christ, and added that he desired to worship Him. What he *said* was unexceptionable, but it did not represent his real purpose. Pilate asked "What is truth?" as though he would say: "It is a most perplexing thing to be a judge; if I only knew on which side the truth lay I should have no difficulty in deciding what my course of action must be." Did he really desire to know the right thing to do? He knew it; he asked his fair-seeming question but his face was set the other way. I do not say that men are not sometimes confronted by difficulties, by perplexing problems and doubts which will not disappear, but I say

that when men are genuinely

ANXIOUS TO DO THE RIGHT

there will be that in their life which will indicate their desire. And there must be this desire if one is to find the way to Zion. A famous book on roses begins with this sentence: "He who would have beautiful roses in his garden must have beautiful roses in his heart"; and the whole book seems to me little more than an expansion of this sentence, for it shows how the man who has no roses in his heart will fail to grow them—will find the soil bad or his purse too short, and will come to the conclusion that the queenly flowers are not for him; while the man who has roses in his heart will make the wilderness blossom with them. So if we are in earnest in our desire to become Christians we shall find the way. If we really want to find Christ we shall succeed. Has not He Himself said that they who seek find, that they who ask receive, and that the man who knocks finds the door open to him?

YOU HAVE ASKED THE WAY TO ZION,
ARE YOUR FACES THITHERWARD?

SONNET.

THE humblest flower that blossoms by the way;
The meanest weed on which we turn our eyes;
The grovelling worm that in our pathway lies;
Insects that flutter in the noontide ray;
Atoms that in the gentle breezes play;
The tiny midge that in the sunshine plies
Its restless wings, and lives and loves and dies
In the brief moments of a summer day;
Took an Almighty Power, a God Supreme,
A Hand Divine to make and bring them forth—
His, the Creator of the heaven and earth,
One, of whose greatness mortals cannot dream;
His, in whose sight is nothing great or small
In earth or heaven, Who made and ruleth all.
JOHN ASKHAM.

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Charitable Relief

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Church Membership

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Road, Sandy Hill Road, Plumstead Common Road and Bourne Road. The results have not been great, see a few fresh faces occasionally. At first they tried to find out whether the people attended any place of worship. Most professed to go somewhere, the majority being for the neighbouring Anglican church.

Not much relief is given. The Benevolent Society is supported by 1^d a week subscriptions, the funds being distributed by a Committee. Most goes to persons they meet in visitation. about 14/- a month. Also have the Communion Fund for poor of the church. Have ^{little} ~~no~~ need to use this at present and it is accumulating for future needs. Only spend 14/- a month.

Cases of sickness are well looked after by the Nursing Association. Mr Abel, the Cong^l. minister takes a great interest in this.

Church membership is now 105. They are growing slowly. Congregation is improving but indifference is the popular attitude. Some of the ministers see signs of improvement & revival - they were discussing the subject at their fraternal on the previous day - but he must

Confers

confess he cannot see it. He never knew a district where the indifference was so great and ~~the~~ amongst the ministers there is an idea that Woolwich is worse than other places in this respect. The reason he assigns is the sense of comfort and security that the men have. They are employed in the Arsenal and know that their employment is sure and that when they leave they will have a pension, which will place them beyond want.

Church of England is active. Osceot is energetic and kindly; takes an interest in social questions. Invites ministers to meet clergy on such questions as housing, drink and other social questions.

Wilson (Woolwich Baptist) has the largest congregation; whilst Seeley of Station Road Church is the most active Baptist in Plumstead. Hears of Cage Lane Mission also.

Drink. Notices drunkenness most on Sunday evenings.

Not the soldiers only but the civilians are the worst offenders.

Prostitution Woolwich Common a terrible place. Cannot cross it after 10 pm. without being accosted half a dozen times.

Housing. Rents are high and houses difficult to get. Builders will not let but only sell. Has been on the lookout for a house for four years past & only just succeeded in ^{renting} getting one. Great numbers of the people own their houses. Badly built - built for sale.

Mr Esley was Secretary of the Free Church Council for about 2 years. The present Secretary is the Rev Sam^l Scott M.A. 2 Brent Road, Shooter's Hill, S.E.
All the denominations take up the ~~Federation~~ Council heartily except the Wesleyans.

Ascension Mission District.

Sep 28th 1900. Dist. 48. ⁴⁸/_{7.29} J.H.W.

Interview with Mr Arthur Brodie at
130 Herbert Road. Woolwich with reference
to the Slade Mission Hall.

Mr Brodie is a godly young man belonging
to the Rectory Place Congregational Church
(Mr. Abel) : about 35 years of age : married :
he spoke as though he were employed in
the Arsenal. He lives on the N side of
Herbert Road. He looks like a superior
clerk. Mr David Carnegie is the real
head of the Mission but as he is only
recently come he advised our seeing
Mr

Mr. Brodie who has worked at the Mission ²
for the last 17 years.

The Mission was started by an army colonel for
the inhabitants of a group of rough poor streets
round the "Slade": Elm, Francis, Gosland & Pembell
streets. Market gardeners labourers, siphors,
fruit pickers, brickworks men used to live here.

Some do still: but as market gardens move fur-
ther out, so do the workers. New streets are
being built all round, a better class are
coming in, still labourers, but a several labourers.

The Mission failed to attract the rough class
but now that a better set are coming; ~~more~~
are coming to the Mission; Sunday schools are
becoming more popular. The rough lads used
to come to the Club Room but not to the services.
They will not read the papers & books supplied for

For them but w^d spend their sundays ³
mornings smoking & spitting & playing
that Public House game 'tip-it'.

I asked the nature of this demoralising
sport & it turned out to be our
old friend 'up Jenkins'. The boys play
it for pence - 'They had to be cleared out
& the club given up'.

The reports given at the end w^d lead me
to think that the Mission had been quite suc-
-cessful in its efforts. But Mr. Brodie said
that he must confess it had never touched the
class for which it was started. Those that came,
came only for what they could get. The improve-
ment spoken of is due to the incoming of a better class.
There

are no competing efforts close by & he thinks that ⁴
now it has a chance of becoming useful & popular.
[The notes that follow were taken down at the time
of the interview].

Slade Mission Hall. Plumstead Common.

started in 1881.

20 yrs ago. the Slade was a village; separated
from rest of town - more or less a wild no man's
land. Elm Grove & Francis St. have several
labourers: women & girls go fruit picking & at
one time many gipsies - (labourers have no
trade, workmen have: is the distinction in
Woolwich). Gabriel St., Pendoill St. are
like it - N. ^{Elm Grove} Builders' labourers & parish lab
stayed. ^{RA} ^{the streets for the mission was}

& brickfield men: all that class -
Colonel Foster ^{RA} started the mission & a Mr. R. H.
Campbell as missionary, started the

the work. Dipped their hands into their pockets⁵
 freely. had the usual things. Mothers meeting
 Soup Kitchens. Temperance 'not much good'.

There is now a Mission Hall, & 3 smaller
 halls: The Mission Hall holds near 200.
 & the 3 smaller between them about 100.

None paid except costaker. Mr Brodie is Supt of
 Sunday School. Carnegie of Mission.

Attendance 60 or 70 in the morning.
 150 in the evening.

'On the face of it they come for the preaching'
 but they come for what they can get'
 The rough ones don't come: engr. is of
 respectable working class. Have tried all
 sorts of things for the roughs but useless.
 but

6.
 School has now much improved & mission
 prospects are brighter. Labourers now at
 Arsenal in the factories are earning ^{at piece} 30/- to 40/-
 in the store part they still only earn 2/- ^{day}.
 It is quite sure that 30/- to 40/- is made by
 unskilled men at piece work without over-
 -time. For the last 12 months work has been
 bright & joy & Sundays as well.
 Military folk were & still are very partial
 to the mission - give liberally - They work
 Un denominational & evangelical lines -
 have football club: - Sunday school youths
 come to it.

Sunday school. about 340, boys girls & infants
 9

4 about 22 teachers, down from the District,
attending other churches & chapels.

Visiting - have done a great deal of visiting:
not so much now - but is to be taken up
again -

Mission Hall: now being turned into a Church.

Carnegie only undertook it on condition
that he might administer the Communion
which the trustees are now allowing. So
the mission is becoming denominational which
was distinctly against the original trust

Deed. Plumstead more uniformly
Plumstead & Woolwich. Plumstead greater extremes. Clerk in
working class - Woolwich but not in Plumstead. go up to town for
caring it - has himself tried using ferry & going to
Dun by GER: quicker because more punctual & again of
4. on return tides but fogs in winter make ferry impossible

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
SLADE ÷ MISSION ÷ HALL,
PLUMSTEAD COMMON.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."
ROMANS x., 17.

January 1st, 1886.

THE year just closed has been one of opportunities for doing the Lord's work; signs of blessing have not been wanting, and many Christian friends have had fellowship in the work.

The general outline of events has been as follows:—Early in January, Major Roberts, who had superintended the Mission, left the neighbourhood, and, at his request, Major Mackinlay took his place; on the 30th January the Third Anniversary Meeting was held, when many friends were present; and on Good Friday the usual tea, followed by Gospel Addresses, was held.

The Services were carried on with fair numbers during the summer, but, as the days shortened, the numbers increased. A free invitation tea, followed by addresses, on the 22nd October, was very largely attended, and on the 25th a week of Special Services was begun, during which it is believed that several were converted and received the gift of life from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Care has been taken to carry on the Mission according to the original intention, in an undenominational manner. On the 2nd December the Hall was lent to the Wesleyans for a tea, on the opening of a Chapel in the neighbourhood, but, bearing in mind the object of the Mission Hall, they were requested to have no addresses or collections in it.

During December an Evening Class, or Night School for Men, and Boys over 13, has been begun on Wednesdays; writing, arithmetic, and drawing are taught, and short lectures on scientific subjects will be given—prayer is offered, a hymn sung, and a passage of Scripture is read and shortly explained.

The branches of the work are as follows:—

Sunday School.

The average attendance is, teachers 15, boys and girls 95, infants 60. The School is in an orderly condition, and there is the Lord's blessing

The Slade Mission Hall,
PLUMSTEAD.

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

. . . . For Year 1896.

SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 11 a.m.	.. ..	ADULT (New Hall).	60
" 11 a.m.	}	SCHOOL.	70
" 2.45 p.m.	.. ..	ADULT (Large Hall).	150
" 6.30 p.m.	.. ..	D. & F. BAND.	
MONDAY, 7.30 p.m.	.. ..	BAND OF HOPE.	
TUESDAY, 7.15 p.m.	.. ..	INSTITUTE.	
WEDNESDAY, 7 p.m.	PRAYER MEETING.	
FRIDAY, 7.30 p.m.	B.W.T.A., First and last Wednesday, at 3 p.m., each month.	

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upon it. Besides the regular teaching in the afternoon, a Morning Service is held by three or four of the teachers in turn, when addresses are given to the whole School.

On the 24th February a Magic Lantern Entertainment was given to the children, and on the 27th June the Annual Treat took place on Bostal Heath, when the children from the Prince's Road Mission also attended.

Band of Hope.

There are ⁷⁰~~61~~ boys and ⁴⁰~~75~~ girls on the list, — 50 weekly meetings have been held, with addresses. The annual treat took place on the 14th August, when prizes and medals were distributed; the annual meeting was held on the 14th July.

Visiting.

During the past year progress has been made in this direction, the houses in the various streets are now visited, many of them weekly, by nine ladies; tracts are distributed, books lent, and many opportunities for personal conversation about the Way of Life are thus found. A Bible Woman has also been engaged to visit during two-and-a-half days each week, since the beginning of June, and she has been very useful.

Mothers' Meeting.

This was begun by Mrs. Corrie in July, 1884, and it has increased in numbers and usefulness, especially during the last seven months, since the Bible Woman came. There are about 60 members, many of whom attend very regularly. There has been much blessing, many have been helped and comforted, and others have been brought to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Weekly Prayer Meeting.

A Prayer Meeting is held every Friday, at 7.30 p.m., which has been well attended during the winter months. Classes for singing have occasionally been held on other evenings.

Out-door Preaching.

This has not been so fully carried out as in former years, but short addresses have been given and hymns have been sung during the summer months, after the evening Meetings, on Sundays, just outside the Hall; passers-by stop to listen, many of whom are coming back from the cemetery, and opportunities are thus given for the entrance of the Word into many a heart.

Want of funds has hindered the establishment of a Coffee Stall, which was mentioned in the last report as needed in this neighbourhood.

We thankfully record that Mr. Stocks, a valued worker, has been raised up from a long illness, but he is unable as yet to resume his former occupation. Employment elsewhere has taken him away from the Slade for a time.

Colonel Forster, Major Roberts, and Mr. Campbell, all of whom have been closely connected with this Mission, have each been present, and helped in the meetings during the year.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance 31st Dec., 1884..	13	5½	Making Cupboards	1	0 0
Major Russell, R.A.	1	0 0	Anniversary Tea	3	5 11
Mrs. Jackson	2	0 0	Sweeping and Cleaning .	2	7 6
Dr. Lacy	1	0 0	Cleaning Materials	16	10½
Mrs. Cooper	1	0 0	Sweeping Chimney	3	0
A Friend	10	0	Repairs to Hall	12	11
Mrs. F. Smith	5	0	Repairs to Harmonium .	7	6
Receipts for Anniversary			Tithe redemption	1	7 10
Tea	3	10 1	Fuel	17	3
T. A. Denny, Esq.	3	0 0	Gas for 1884	1	8 6
J. O. C.	10	0	Gas for 1885	3	4 10
Lieut. Cowan, R.E.	2	0 0	Water	10	0
Major Watson, R.A.	10	0	Printing for 1884	1	10 0
Major Mackinlay, R.A. ...	3	14 0	Printing for 1885	2	4 11
Col. Travers	5	0	Hymn Books	10	4
Col. Forster	3	0 0	Expenses of Evangelists	1	10 0
Captain Sheffield	10	0	Good Friday Tea	2	12 9½
Miss Hackett	10	0	October Free Tea	3	14 8½
Mrs. Corrie (for Free Tea)	10	0	Given to those in need..	6	10
„ Grubb, Senr.	15	0	Mrs. Dossett (Bible		
„ Hazel	9	0	Woman) at 6/- a week		
„ McMenamin	3	3	for 30 weeks	9	0 0
„ Bird	2	0	Materials for Night		
„ Wilson	2	3	School Class	4	6
Mr. G. Campbell	2	0	Balance 31st December,		
„ H. Grubb, Junr.	2	0	1885	1	6 2½
„ Gower	6				
„ J. Butterfield	6				
„ Ashdown	6				
Collected at the doors ..	1	9 9			
Receipts for Good Friday					
Tea	2	8 1½			
For Expense of Bible					
Woman:—					
J. O. C.	£2	5 0			
Mrs. Corrie	3	13 0			
Mrs. Mackinlay .	2	5 0			
Mrs. Sherrard ..	10	0			
Mrs. White	2	0			
Mrs. Carter	5	0			
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Contributions will be gladly received by Mrs. Corrie, Casanova, Upper Eglinton Road, for the expenses of the Bible Woman; and by Major Mackinlay, 3, Alpine Villas, Brent Road, Woolwich, for the General Expenses.

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ACCOUNT FOR PROPOSED COFFEE STALL.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Lieut. Cowan, R.E.	2 0 0	Nil
		Balance in hand	2 0 0
Total..	£2 0 0	Total..	£2 0 0

G. R. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

SUMMER TREAT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Collected by or from—		Prizes	1 0 2
Mr. R. Bird	14 6	Groceries.....	1 16 6
„ Brown	5 0	Baker	3 5 7½
„ F. Patten	2 6	Milk	4 0
„ W. Underdown	2 6	Cutting up	3 0
Mr. and Miss Brodie	5 0	Two Vans	2 0 0
Miss F. Campbell	2 18 0	Conveyance of Provi-	
„ Harris	9 0	sions, Tent, &c.	5 0
„ E. Grubb.....	18 0	Lodge Keeper	2 6
„ Martin.....	7 9	Balance in hand	2 1 2½
„ Keen	6 6		
Mrs. Corrie	15 0		
Miss Farr	10 0		
„ Forster, Princes Rd.	10 0		
Major Roberts, R.A.	1 0 0		
„ Mackinlay, R.A. ..	7 6		
Sale of Tickets	1 9		
Collected in box	1 5 0		
Total..	£10 18 0	Total..	£10 18 0

£2 was collected for Missions from the teachers and children at the Sunday School ; it has been sent to the China Inland Mission.

H. GRUBB,

Treasurer of Sunday School.

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General Report.

IN presenting to the friends and subscribers a brief Report of the work during 1896, we humbly thank the Lord for all the way He has led us and for His merciful kindness in blessing us so richly in every section of the work. The 15th Anniversary was held on 24th February, 1896, the chair being taken by Colonel Tuck, and addresses given by Rev. Hughes and Mr. G. E. Woodward. The apparent change, notified in the 1895 Report, of the increased adult attendance each Sunday evening has been grandly maintained throughout the year, and the services of earnest Christian preachers of the district have been thankfully acceptable to all, the result of their labours, with God's blessing, being with us to-day. The new Class Room, being a separate building, has afforded an opportunity for holding morning adult meetings, and although the number of worshippers has not been numerous yet much enjoyment has been reaped from them. The Prayer Meetings, too, with their two-fold character of praise and bible instruction as heretofore, have been a source of much help.

The B.W.T.A., under Mrs. Whale's leadership, has made excellent progress, the fortnightly meetings, alternately at the Mission and cottages, have produced, we trust, a lasting effect in the homes of the district. Their annual Tea Gathering was held in April, and addresses were delivered by Mrs. Burgess and Rev. Mr. More.

An interesting feature of the year was a special series of Gospel Meetings held in November, when large gatherings encouraged, and helpful addresses stimulated, all to renewed efforts.

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It is pleasing to observe the lively interest displayed by our young men, and an institute has recently been started and is going well, as is also the Fife Band under Mr. Braddick's care.

Concerning the School, it is with grateful hearts to Almighty God that the teachers are enabled to look back upon the effort of the past twelve months, put forth to extend Christ's Kingdom to the hearts of our scholars. No effort has been spared to bring them to a realization of His saving power and keeping grace, and we are thankful to have had some evidence of His recognition of service. Our numbers have not decreased, but rather have been on the increase; we have now about 370 names on the books with an average attendance of about 120 to the morning and about 320 to the afternoon services, with a staff of 25 earnest teachers. An excellent addition has been made in the form of a Young Men's Bible Class, which is held in the new hall, quite apart from and undisturbed by the children. This class is thrown open to any young men from 14 years old and upwards, and at present has a membership of about 15, and we trust by God's help and power to be instrumental in His hands in leading its members to the world's great Redeemer. The Winter Treat was celebrated as usual in January, and after a good substantial tea the scholars were entertained by the teachers to music, singing, etc., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Summer Treat was again a feature of success and a time of real enjoyment to all, the weather being most favourable. The favorite glen on Bostall Heath was revisited (by kind permission). Practical sympathy has again been displayed by our scholars for the poorer of the district, by contributing on the first Sunday in each month to a fund which enabled them at Xmas to provide a good meat tea, plum puddings, cakes, etc., for really destitute children, numbering 70, and parcels also, consisting of groceries, were distributed to nearly a dozen poor families.

With reference to the Band of Hope, the workers are able to state that by the grace of God good work has been done and much progress made. The membership is nearly 140, with six officers. The great event of the year was the Summer Excursion in brakes to Keston in July, when beautiful

weather favoured the young folks and the whole holiday gave immense satisfaction to all. Other pleasant incidents have been the winter party, consisting of tea, games, and refreshments, entertainments by the members to gain the interest of their parents and brethren, magic lantern and other addresses by friends. Thirty have signed the pledge during the year. The usual effort was made by the members for the benefit of the Temperance Hospital, which resulted in £2 8s. 6d. being forwarded. During the present year it is hoped that this branch will be used for the conveyance of even greater blessings than in the past.

Our financial affairs are in a satisfactory state, owing to the great kindness of many friends, and also, this year, to the congregation itself. We do not have collections, but contributions are quietly placed in boxes at the door, and the amount so given in 1896 has far exceeded similar help in past years. It is explained that the apparently large balances in the Sunday School and Band of Hope have, since December, been greatly reduced by the Winter Treats.

In conclusion, the workers render heartfelt thanks to the Lord and to all those, who, by prayer and sympathy, have wished them God speed, and humbly ask for the continuance of the same.

A. A. MONCK, *Secretary, Sunday School.*

W. J. ELLIOTT, *Secretary, Band of Hope.*

A. W. BRODIE, *Acting General Secretary.*

15th February, 1897.

FOURTH
SLADE : PLUM

"Faith cometh by hearing"

THE year just closed has been a year of Lord's work; signs of Christian friends have been everywhere.

The general outline of the year is as follows: Major Roberts, who had served in the South African War, and, at his request, in January the Third Anniversary of the Boer War were present; and on Good Friday Addresses, was held.

The Services were carried out as usual, but, as the days shortened, they were followed by addresses, on the 25th a week of prayer was held, and it is believed that several were converted to Lord Jesus Christ.

Care has been taken to have the Church in good intention, in an undenominational spirit, and a Hall was lent to the Wesleyan Mission in the neighbourhood, but they were requested to leave.

During December an Entertainment for Boys over 13, has been held, and drawings are taught, and a hymn prayer is offered, a hymn and prayer were shortly explained.

The branches of the work are as follows:

The average attendance at the School is in an order

General Account.

Dr.	To Readers of <i>Christian</i> per Messrs. Morgan & Scott	£	s.	d.
"	Miss Ambler	2	0	0
"	Hackett	9	6	0
"	Mrs. Brodie	6	0	0
"	" King	1	10	0
"	" Lowrie	1	4	0
"	" Street	1	0	0
"	" Whale	8	0	0
"	Captain Gartside-Tippinge	18	9	0
"	Colonel St. Quintin	10	0	0
"	" Sherrard	1	1	0
"	" Tuck	10	0	0
"	Dr. Wise	1	1	0
"	Mr. Brodie	12	0	0
"	Campbell	12	0	0
"	Elliott, W. J.	12	0	0
"	Hughesdon	6	0	0
"	Sunday School	1	18	6
"	Band of Hope	12	0	0
"	Evening Contributions	11	19	7
"	Anniversary Tea	2	13	0½
"	Special Services Tea	2	17	8½
"	Sundries	2	0	0
		£43	3	1
Cr.	By Debt on 31st December, 1895	£	s.	d.
"	Anniversary Tea	5	17	11½
"	Special Services Tea	2	5	0½
"	Cleaning	2	10	3½
"	" Materials and Fuel	9	12	0
"	" Gas and Water	1	9	11
"	" Hospital Sunday Fund	4	13	6
"	" Insurance	10	0	0
"	" Iron Railing and Concreted Path	7	6	0
"	" Furniture and Books	6	17	1
"	" Repairs	2	13	11½
"	" Printing	1	6	8
"	" Balance, Cash in hand	1	19	0
		3	0	2
		£43	3	1

J. G. BRODIE, *Treasurer.*

Band of Hope Account.

Dr.	To Cash in hand	£	s.	d.
"	Subscriptions by Officers and Members	7	15	3
"	Friends	12	0	2½
"	Entertainments	1	2	9
		2	2	1
		£23	0	3½
Cr.	By Winter Treat	£	s.	d.
"	Summer Treat	2	5	9½
"	Cards, forms, &c.	13	16	9
"	B. H. Union	4	6	0
"	General Account	2	6	0
"	Entertainments	12	0	0
"	Balance, Cash in hand	6	8	½
		5	12	0½
		£23	0	3½

EDITH KING, *Treasurer.*

Teachers' Special Fund.

Dr.	To Cash in hand	£	s.	d.
"	Subscriptions	17	1	0
		3	16	7
		£4	13	8
Cr.	By Cash in hand	£	s.	d.
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JAMES CHAPPELL, *Treasurer.*

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Mrs. Brodie	1	10	0	Materials and Fuel	1	9	11
					4	13	6

Sunday School Account.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Cash in hand	9	2	8	By Curtain		14	0
Teachers and Scholars	4	4	9	General Account	1	18	6
(for the poor)	2	4	6	Treat, Winter	4	4	5
Subscriptions or Collections from—				" Summer	7	17	1
Miss Baldry		3	3	Registers		4	6
Brodie	10	0	0	Xmas Parcels	1	2	9
Brown	5	9	9	" Dinner	1	10	5
Ellis	2	9	6	Balance, Cash in hand	10	0	10
Pennial	3	6	7				
Tanner	6	7	0				
Mrs. Brodie	5	0	0				
Hazell	9	0	0				
King and per Mr. Neville	1	17	6				
Watts	14	6	6				
Webb	14	3	3				
Mr. Brodie	1	0	0				
Chappell	6	6	6				
Elliot	5	0	0				
Howard	10	0	0				
Jack	2	0	0				
Mace	3	7	0				
Mountain	5	0	0				
Skudder	4	9	0				
Friends at Stall	1	1	9				
Profits	1	19	0				
Provisions sold	5	11					

Sep. 28th 1900.

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Interview with the Rev. J. Sely Pastor
of the East Plumstead Baptist Church
in the Station Road - an iron Bui Wing.

Mr Sely is barely middle height, dark
hair & beard & looks the regular goody
goody, pious fraud, dissenting minister,
of the imagination: but I don't think
he is in the least: ~~After~~ when talking
he seemed to be earnest & able -
He lives in a ^{typical} ~~regular~~ pink based street
with trees on the pavement; gardens front

back, houses 2 v 3 storied. One of the²
 older streets in Woolwich, up on the Hill.
 for which he pays £30 a year. The street
 rents run he told me from £30 to £50.
 51 Wrothley Road is the address. His
 church is more than a mile off in
 Plumstead.

He comes from the North of Ireland, was
 educated in London; before he came here
 he was at Bridlington near Scarborough.
 It has been here 3 years. Every summer he
 has a months holidays & goes back to
 Ireland to fish for trout.

The general character of the population is
 'fairly moral & respectable' : indifferent to

a large extent to spiritual things: But ³
none are poor for want of money. Altogether
he reckons a population in Plumstead of
69,000. Even if all the chapels & Churches were
full only a fringe of the population would be
touched: His own people are all working
men & a few shop keepers. Shops in Plumstead
are a very small affair, everyone goes into
Woolwich to buy, especially on Saturday
nights: Many own their own houses. They are
thrifty but by no means miserly. They have
no amusements. If anything they rather dis-
approve of music halls & theatres. Church
work is their interest & amusement & market-
ing on Saturday evenings.

I asked him what he regarded as the most⁴ important part of his work: & he answered 'Preaching' without any hesitation; saying 'You will never get the working man to Church except through preaching: He is not hostile to the Church but indifferent: to attract you must interest, to interest you must speak. Now I said he was very careful not to excite his audience because he knew that a reaction and so later the immediate good. "Worship is the real reason for coming to church" but the w.m. can't worship, does not know how to, must be taught, can & does learn only from the pulpit. Therefore you must preach

What is the essential in worship follows after \$
No one preaches but himself. When he goes on a holiday
the pulpit is supplied from amongst his own congregation.
Church is in Station Rd Plumstead, is of iron.

Holds 500.

Sunday morning 11. 250-300.

2.45. Sunday school. with 800 children
& attendance of over 700. & over 40
teachers. (actually 48) all voluntary
& drawn from his congregation, nearly
all coming from the Church.

6.30. Between 4 & 500. often crowded
out in the evening. all men & women.

8. Prayer meeting in Church in winter.
Open air in summer. remain from
service - varies between 1 & 300.

Congregation are all mechanics, shopkeepers, ser-
vants: chiefly workers in the arsenal. - a
lot

of young & a lot of old. Some come from Woolwich
& Abbey Wood (Lee works) but most from Plumstead.
Both labourers & skilled men, clerks & foremen -
intensely religious, earnest church workers: they
do everything except purely pastoral work.
Mr S came from Bridlington. But I never saw
such earnestness as there is here. He has been
here over 3 years. Pastime has affected church
attendance. At work on Sunday. but more espec-
ially the week night meetings been thinned by O.T.
Not so much doctrine as practical than teaching
as bearing on every day life. They come for the
address. Church empty when he came. Now
crowded out. Have just offered £1,550 for a
new site.

My chapel keeper paid besides himself.

Buildings used.

Chapel -

School room in Elm Street - for in fact

Branch Sunday Sch held in Board Sch.

where there are 300 children.

Visiting - 15 to 20 visitors. who leave magazines & try to have a word with the people - give money to help etc.

Nurses: the district nurses from Northrup place come when wanted. Each has a district.

Relief. give between \$2 & \$5 - given by the elders to the recipients, for poor widows & members of the church.

Other Influence 'Mrs. General Anderson, does a real good work at Cage Lane Mission Hall - on evangelical lines - Plymouth Brethren not strong but do much good.

Gospel work. 'But after all we only touch a
fringe of the population.'

'Just a few Irish are Romanists; not strong.'

St. Margarts. does well.

Wilson at the Tabernacle does magnificently
but 'Escreet fails' - so does the Church of
England generally in Woolwich - partly be-
-cause it is so high!

Mr. Seeley is convinced that working men
will never put up with High Church doc-
-trine & practise. ^{They} They may swallow it
because they like the man.

The great difference Mr. Seeley has found
between the attitude of church goers
in England as a-gainst Scotland & Ireland
is that here the man is the church
in-

stead of the Church being the Church - Here
 the church has hardly any position independent
 of its parson. In Ireland & Scotland it has
 a place of its own - 'People will go even if
 the man is an idiot.' Here they want. Here
 you have to get your congregation as a man
 & teach them before they will recognize the
 claims of the church qua church. In Eng-
 land ~~they~~ gather round the man, in Scotland &

Ireland round the Church -
Cooperation. very little with the Established
 Church. Free Churches have mapped out the
 place into districts & visit house to
 house in time of missions.

Police. 'I believe they honestly do their duty.'
 Dick

Drink. A great amount of Drunkenness. D

Marriage. 'general'.

Prostitution. much in Woolwich.

Health. fair.

Housing... much better than formerly: people are thrifty & pay £240 to £400 to own 6 six to 8 roomed houses: & then sublet. No families in one roomed tenements - None less than 3 or 4 rooms -

Temperance. The Bands of Hope have 4 or 500 members who are transferred to the Gospel Temperance Soc after 16. And a good proportion go on.

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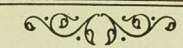
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List of Services and Meetings.

SUNDAY	. . .	Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m. Preaching Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Children's Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Bible Classes, 3 p.m. Missionary Prayer Meeting, 6 to 6.30 Communion of the Lord's Supper, 1st Sunday in each month after Evening Service.
MONDAY	. . .	Mothers' Meeting at 2.45 p.m. Junior Band of Hope, 7 p.m. Gospel Temperance Society, 7.30.
TUESDAY	. . .	Preaching Service, 7.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	. . .	Y.P.S.C.E.—Junior at 7; Senior at 7.30.
FRIDAY	. . .	Choir Practice.
SATURDAY	. . .	Prayer Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS are held on the Tuesday preceding the first Sunday in each month unless otherwise notified.

Church Officers.

Pastor.

REV. JOHN SEELEY, 51, Wrotesley Road, Plumstead.

Elders.

MR. G. BARRON, Ryton Villa, Harrow Manorway, Abbey Wood.
MR. D. HILL, 99, Park Road, Plumstead.
MR. W. HOLDWAY, 75, Piedmont Road, Plumstead.
MR. T. LUMLEY, 93, Brewery Road, Plumstead.
MR. J. H. SWIFT, Devonia Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead.
MR. W. VIGIS, 91, Station Road, Plumstead.

Deacons.

MR. W. BANTICK, 116, Riverdale Road, Plumstead.
MR. E. J. COLE (*Treasurer*), Osmington Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead.
MR. T. HARDING, 122, Upper Hudson Road, Plumstead.
MR. J. POTTER, 83, Conway Road, Plumstead.
MR. J. RUSSELL, Meadow View, Abbey Wood.
MR. J. A. SMITH (*Secretary*), 139, Parkdale Road, Plumstead.
MR. J. G. TRINDER, 137, Parkdale Road, Plumstead.
MR. T. WHITE, 17, Orissa Road, Plumstead.

Number of Members on Church Roll, 239.

For the Officials of the Church Organizations, see at head of each Cash Account.

NOTE—Hymn Books can be obtained from the Treasurer or Secretary.
"Our own Hymn Book" (for Morning Service), from 6d.
"Sankey's" .. (for Evening Service), from 3d.

Members are requested to provide themselves with Hymn Books.

Members changing their addresses are asked to communicate the same to the Secretary.

The Chapel is registered for the Solemnization of Marriages. Application should be made to the Pastor.

BUILDING FUND.

Treasurer—Mr. E. J. COLE. Secretary—Mr. J. A. SMITH.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought fwd.	47 7 1½	By Repayment of Loan,	
Balance from School		Baptist Building Fund	60 0 0
Building Fund	6 15 10½	Donation do. ..	2 0 0
Donations ..	54 3 6	Repayment, Mr. A. Salter	55 0 0
Bible Class ..	1 10 0	Interest do. ..	1 7 6
Weekly Payments ..	16 18 5	Repayment, Sunday	
Collecting Boxes ..	17 19 1	School Union ..	45 0 0
„ Cards ..	6 10 5	Stamp Duties, Somerset	
Proceeds of Bazaar ..	72 12 7½	House.. ..	11 6
Tea per Mr. and Mrs.		Printing.. ..	1 8 3
Pearson ..	4 1 3	Bank Charges ..	1 14 8
Rummage Sales ..	3 16 9	Sundries, Postage and	
Collected by Ladies'		Stationery ..	1 15 4½
Committee ..	8 4 4½	Balance—	
Sale of Goods & Photos	17 6	Cash in Bank	68 7 6
		In Treasurers	
		hands ..	3 12 1½
			71 19 7½
	£240 16 11		£240 16 11

Audited and found correct—7/10/99.

W. J. LAIDLAW.
GEO. SWIFT.

October, 1899.

In connection with the Missionary work of the Church, our Pastor made a special appeal on behalf of our Baptist Missionary Society, and we were able, as a result, to send £11 towards the Deficiency Fund. This was a large increase on our donation of last year, and we still trust for better things in the future.

LUCY G. WILSON, Missionary Sec.

SENIOR BIBLE CLASS.

Leader—Mr. J. H. SWIFT. Secretary—Mr. R. WALTON.

Treasurer—MR. DEWEY.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Brought forward ..	1 11 2	By Gifts to Building Fund	1 10 0
Proceeds from Tea		Church Annuals.. ..	5 0
Meeting, Dec. 1898 ..	12 0	Bible Class Register ..	1 0
Proceeds from Easter		Crockeryware replaced..	1 0
Monday, 1899 ..	1 0 0	Donations to People in	
Weekly Collections ..	3 4 7	Distress ..	3 3 0
		Cash in Hand ..	1 7 9
	£6 7 9		£6 7 9

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

President—Rev. JOHN SEELEY. Vice-President—Mr. SWIFT.
 Superintendent—Mr. HOLDWAY.
 Assistant Superintendents—Messrs. BARRON & POTTER.
 Treasurer—Miss MURPHY.
 Secretary—Mr. H. HEARN. Assistant Secretary—Mr. W. B. MARSH.

ANNUAL CASH ACCOUNT TO FEBRUARY, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Anniversary Collection	4 9 10	By Balance due to Treasurer brought fwd.	4 2 1 ³ / ₄
Anniversary Tea	2 7 0	Anniversary Tea	1 19 8
Sale of Bibles	1 6 6	Fare of Speaker	2 6
Sale of Hymn Books	1 6 10	Hymn Books	2 3 11
Collections in School	31 8 1 ³ / ₄	Bibles	3 0 0
Receipts of Stall at Summer Treat	15 17 7 ¹ / ₄	Cost of Summer Treat	23 3 1 ³ / ₄
Treat Tickets Sold	4 1 4	Band for .. .. .	.. .. .
Provisions Sold at Treat	16 10	Including Donation	1 6 9
Profit on Sale of Magazines	3 3 9 ¹ / ₄	Goods for Stalls	10 13 6
Donations	1 12 0	Pictures for Infants' Class	1 0 3
Collection at Annual Sermon to Scholars	15 8 ¹ / ₂	New Seats for Infants'	12 0
Tickets Sold for Service of Song	3 2 9	Registers, Lesson Lists, etc.	16 3
Sale of Service of Song Books	6 6	Gas Bracket	2 6
Collected at Senior Scholars Social	18 9 ¹ / ₂	H. Pryce & Son, Printing	16 11
Fruit Sold at Winter Treat	1 8 ¹ / ₂	Donations for Crockery	7 6
		Year Books	1 0 0
		Church Funds	1 0 0
		Notices for Infants' Class	6 0
		Repairs to Harmonium	7 6
		Teachers Social	17 3
		Fare of Speaker	2 0
		Handed to S.S.U., Collection at Annual Sermon	15 8 ¹ / ₂
		Service of Song Books	7 6
		Blank Tickets	3 1
		Entrance Fee, London Banner Competition	2 6
		Winter Treats & Senior Scholars Social	5 2 0
		Caretaker for Social and Treats	14 6
		Prizes for Scholars	3 14 4
		Postages & Stationery	8 3
		Balance in Hand	6 7 8
	£71 15 3 ³ / ₄		£71 15 3 ³ / ₄

Audited and found correct, 13/2/99

W. VIGIS
J. G. TRINDER.

Number of Scholars on Books, to date, 709.

44 Active Teachers and Four Supernumerary; Total 48; 46 of whom are Church Members, two Communicants.
 There are 186 Members of this Branch of the International Bible Reading Association.
 Result of last Scripture Examination, 22 entered:—
 Five Gaining Prizes with First Class Certificates; 12 First Class Certificates and five Second Class Certificates.

BAND OF HOPE.

Superintendent—Mr. G. DENTTEN. Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. COX.
 Treasurer—Miss M. J. STEELE. Secretary—Mr. HOLDWAY.
 Assistant Secretary—Miss E. STEELE.

CASH ACCOUNT, OCTOBER, 1898, TO SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought fwd.	8 15 1	By Temperance Hospital and Band of Hope Union	1 13 4
Contributions	43 7 7 ¹ / ₂	Winter Treat	5 3 1 ¹ / ₂
Collected for Temperance Hospital and Band of Hope Union	1 13 4	Association Fee—	.. .. .
MagicLanternLectures	1 3 8 ¹ / ₂	Band of Hope Union	10 0
Tickets Sold, Summer Treat—	.. .. .	Temperance Council	1 0
Adults	1 17 6	Motto Cards, Melody Books, and Pledge Forms	2 0 10
Children	1 8 3	Donation to Church Funds	15 0
Provisions Sold, Winter Treat	1 0	Do. Crockery Fund	5 0
		Do. Year Book	7 6
		MagicLanternLectures	16 6
		Contribution Cards, 1000	1 10 0
		Summer Treat	31 4 11
		RepositoryDemonstration	15 7
		Speaker's Travelling	3 2
		Prizes for Reciting	3 11
		Caretaker	1 7 0
		Rubber Stamps, Post Cards, &c.	9 0 ¹ / ₂
		Balance	17 0 7
	£64 6 6		£64 6 6

Number of Members, 420.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Librarian—Mr. W. J. LAIDLAW. Assist. Librarian—Mr. J. BAKER.

CASH ACCOUNT TO 1ST MARCH, 1898.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To balance brought fwd.	2 2 8 ¹ / ₂	By Balance in hand 28/2/99	3 14 6 ¹ / ₂
Subscriptions for Year ending 28/2/99	1 11 10		
	£3 14 6 ¹ / ₂		£3 14 6 ¹ / ₂

The Library now contains nearly 600 volumes (Biographical, Historical, Theological, etc.), suitable for both Senior and Junior Scholars, and may be used by them on payment of 1d. and 1/2d. respectively per month. Books are added at intervals, by grants, at reduced rates from the Religious Tract Society, and Sunday School Union. We are also very pleased to receive, at any time, gifts of books from the members of the Church and friends.
 Number of Subscribers to Library, 30.

LADIES' WORK COMMITTEE.

Retiring Treasurer—Mrs. Cox. Treasurer appointed 1899, Mrs. SEELEY.
Secretary—Miss I. MURPHY.

ACCOUNT ENDING DECEMBER, 1898.

£ s. d.		Donations Contd.—		£ s. d.	
Proceeds of Committee		Miss I. Murphy ..	2	6	
Teas from Feb., 1897	9 15 2	Mrs. Lonergan ..	5	0	
Tea given by Mrs. Walton		Mrs. Fabian ..	2	0	
(proceeds)	7 0	A Friend through Mrs.			
Donations—		Perron	5	0	
Mrs. Trinder	8 0				
Mrs. Baxter	8 0				
					£11 12 8
Devoted to purchase of Materials for Sale of Work—£11 12s. 8d.					
£ s. d.		Cards Contd.—		£ s. d.	
To Collections on cards—		Mrs. Walton ..	1	6	
Mrs. Arnould	15 0	Mrs. Young ..	18	10	
Mrs. Baxter	1 0	From Rummage Sale			
Mrs. Durden	6	after a/c closed ..	1	0	
Miss Fairweather ..	10 1½	Special Teas given Mar.			
Mrs. Holtum	9 4	21st by Mrs. Bantick	1	0	0
Mrs. Harris	6	April 19th, Mrs. Mansell	1	0	0
Mrs. Hornby	11 4	Proceeds of Rummage			
Mrs. Laidlaw	3 0	Sale May 2nd ..	2	11	7½
Miss Murphy	1 2 8	Rummage, Dec. 12th ..	2	1	1
Mrs. Wilson	5 8 8				
Mrs. Wilmot	5 2 0				
					£21 18 2
Handed to Building Fund—£21 18s. 2d.					

SALE OF WORK, 1898.

CASH STATEMENT.

Dr. £ s. d.		Cr. £ s. d.	
To Donations from friends	3 12 0	By Materials Purchased	6 6 2½
Proceeds of Tea given		Expenses of Bazaar ..	5 13 1
by Mrs. Hornby ..	3 8 6	Handed over to Build-	
Takings at Sale:—		ing Fund	72 12 7½
Mrs. Laidlaw's Stall..	8 0 0		
Miss Steele, 2 C.E.			
Stalls	16 0 8		
Miss Swift, young			
friend's Stall ..	3 17 6		
Mrs. Seeley, Committee			
Stall	13 4 2		
Mrs. Holtum, Com-			
mittee Stall..	4 14 1½		
Mrs. Bantick, Com-			
mittee Stall..	9 13 11½		
Miss R. Arnould,			
Grocery Stall ..	6 10 5½		
Mrs. Smith, Refresh-			
ment Stall	9 11 0		
Mrs. Sampson — Art			
Gallery	1 1 0		
Sundry Sales since			
Bazaar	3 10 4¼		
Total Proceeds of Bazaar	83 3 8¾		
Three Committee Teas			
since Sale	1 6 6		
Sundries	1 8		
	£84 11 10¾		£84 11 10¾

CHOIR.

Conductor—Mr. J. POTTER. Organist—Miss SWIFT.
Assistant Organist—Miss BANTICK. Treasurer—Mr. J. BAKER.
Auditors—Mr. J. LAIDLAW and Mr. H. ALLEN.
Secretary—Mr. C. F. ARGENT.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Dr. £ s. d.		Cr. £ s. d.	
To Balance in Hand ..	11	By New Music	3 1 1
Proceeds of Concert ..	3 5 6	Printing for Concert ..	11 9
Members' Subscriptions	2 6 8	Refreshments for Concert	4 6
		Postage and Stationery	2 0
		Balance in Hand ..	1 13 9
	£5 13 1		£5 13 1

Number of Vocalists, 25; Number of Instrumentalists, 9;—Total 34.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Leader—Mrs. HOLTUM.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. J. K. COX. Secretary—Miss I. MURPHY.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1898.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Tickets sold at Annual Tea	1 5 0	By Balance due to Treas.	14 8
Collection at Annual Mtg.	6 8¾	Cost of Prizes	1 2 2½
Income at Tea, April 25th	19 0	Printg. Paying-in Cards	4 0
Proceeds of Concert given		Cost of Tea, April 25th	15 10
by S.S. Choir in aid of		" Nov. 14th	1 1 5
Funds	12 5¾	Interest given	19 3
Income, Tea Nov. 14th ..	1 3 1	Paid off Cards	28 12 4
Goods Sold	7 3	Cost of Annual Tea ..	1 0 0
Donations—			
Mrs. Cox	5 0		
Mrs. Fabian	5 0		
Mrs. Murphy	5 0		
Miss Murphy	10 0		
	1 5 0		
Paid on Cards	28 14 8	Balance in hand ..	3 6
	£34 13 2½		£34 13 2½

MOTHERS' SICK FUND.

JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1898.

Dr. £ s. d.		Cr. £ s. d.	
To Balance brought fwd.	7 11½	By Paid away in Sick	
Paid in by Mothers' ..	2 19 5½	Relief	2 14 0
Given by Mrs. Lonergan		Balance in Hand ..	17 9
to help Fund ..	4 4		
	£3 11 9		£3 11 9

Y.P.S.C.E.

President—Rev. J. SEELEY. Vice-President—Mr. VIGIS.
 Treasurer—Mr. BAKER.
 Recording Secretary—Miss M. EAST.
 Corresponding Secretary—Miss WILSON.
 Delegates to Social Union—Miss WILSON, Mrs. G. SWIFT, and
 Miss E. STEELE.

CASH ACCOUNT TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought fwd.	4 3	By cost of Anniversary Tea	1 1 6
Collections during year	1 1 5	Fares of Speakers	6 0
Social Teas	1 12 10	Handed to Social Committee	1 4 2
Anniversary Tea	2 1 11	Refreshment for Sick	1 0
" Collection	13 1	Convention Badges	1 10
Donation, Miss Wilson	5 0	Expenses of Delegate to Belfast	3 0 6
July Tea	1 9 3	Church for Crockery	2 0
Collection at Meeting	5 1	Year Books	5 0
Miss Steele, for Topic Cards	1 6	Topic Cards, Bills, &c.	19 3
		Junior Society	4 2
		Balance in hand	5 0 3
	£7 10 5 1/2		£7 10 5 1/2

Committees at Work—"Prayer," "Look Out," "Sunshine," "Social,"
 "Missionary," and "Praise."

Number of Members—40 active, 6 associate, 13 honorary, total 59.

JUNIOR Y.P.S.C.E.

Superintendent—Mr. F. MOCKERIDGE. Assist. Supdnt—Miss E. STEELE.
 Treasurer—Master LESLIE NUNN.
 Secretary—Miss ETHEL BAKER.

Financially supported by the Senior Society.

Number of Members—32 Active, 4 Trial; Total 36.

Committees at work—"Look Out." "Prayer," "Social," and "Music."

SCHOOL MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward	3 14 7 1/2	By Newsagent for Magazines	9 16 0 3/4
Cash Received for Books	11 8 11 1/2	Mr. Hearn for S.S. Funds	3 3 9 1/4
		Leather Bag	7 11
		Balance in Hand	1 15 10
	£15 3 7		£15 3 7

W. B. MARSH, Secretary.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

President—Rev. JOHN SEELEY. Secretary—Mr. C. E. DEWEY.
 Superintendent—Mr. W. BANTICK. Financial Secretary—Mr. T. G. BEARD.
 Treasurer—Mr. R. WALTON. CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	1 6 10	By Speakers' Expenses	14 6
Contributions	11 3 0	Provisions for Tea and Socials	2 11 10 1/2
Collections at Meetings	1 4 1 1/2	Printing, Postage and Stationery	1 4 2
" Socials	15 10 1/2	London Temp. Council	2 6
Proceeds of Tea	1 3 10 1/2	Mrs. Durden for extra services	3 0
Proceeds from Summer Excursion	2 3 6	Donation for Church Annual	5 0
Donation from Mr. Clark	5 0	Donation to Crockery Fund	2 6
		Summer Excursion	9 1 3
		Donation to Church	1 0 0
		Ink-pad for Stamp	1 6
		Balance in Hand	2 15 11
	£18 2 2 1/2		£18 2 2 1/2

Audited and found correct—17/10/99.

R. WALTON,
 J. G. TRINDER.

Gospel Temperance Society Coal Club.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Total Receipts from Members per Cash Book	109 2 2	By Total Payment to Merchant	106 5 3
		Postage, &c.	6 9
		Balance per Cash Book	2 10 2
	£109 2 2		£109 2 2

Number of Members, 84.

Audited and found correct—17/10/99.

R. WALTON,
 J. G. TRINDER.

There is also in connection with the Temperance Society, a Slate Club and Sick Benefit Society in flourishing condition, composed only of Total Abstainers.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

Superintendent—Mr. LAIDLAW. Secretary & Treasurer—Mr. HOLDWAY.
 CASH ACCOUNT, JULY, 1898, TO JUNE, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought fwd.	11 0 1/4	By Donation for Year Book	5 0
Collections at Services	1 13 8 3/4	Speaker's Travelling	10 0
Donation	2 6	Lantern Address	1 9
Sale of Tea Tickets	1 3 2	Annual Tea & Meeting	1 15 4
		Caretaker	3 0
		Balance	15 4
	£3 10 5		£3 10 5

Average attendance of Children—Morning, 130, Evening, 86.

PURRETT ROAD SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MISSION.

President—Rev. J. SEELEY. Vice President—Mr. J. H. SWIFT.
 Superintendent—Mr. TOM LUMLEY.
 Treasurer—Mr. A. T. GARDNER. Secretary—Mr. A. SWIFT.

CASH ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought fwd.	3	1	9	By L. S. Board Rent ..	22	3	0
Donations	2	18	0	Annual Subscription to S.S.U.	5	0	
Workers Subscriptions	11	8	8	Hymn Books	9	6	
Scholars Collections..	9	19	10 ³ / ₄	Treat	9	5	6
Hymn Books	10	7	3	Advance to Mag. Sec.	5	0	
Concerts' Proceeds ..	2	1	10	Bazaar, Material for..	10	0	
Residue Bazaar	5	1	1	Donation to Church			
Memorial, Mrs. Cook's	10	0	0	Annuals	5	0	
Profit on Magazines..	1	7	6	Registers, Lists, &c. ..	3	10	3
Anniversary Tea .. .	16	6	3	Music	5	10	
Tickets sold for Treat	1	18	9	Donation to Crockery			
Music	1	2	3	Fund	2	6	
Band of Hope, &c., as to				Gratuity to Caretaker	10	0	
Rent	5	11	6	Postages and Sundries	5	9	3
				Balance in Hand ..	5	15	8 ³ / ₄
	£40	6	8 ³ / ₄		£40	6	8 ³ / ₄

Audited and found correct—16/3/99.

GEO. SWIFT, Hon. Sec., 1898.

W. J. LAIDLAW,
J. A. DAY.

Number of Scholars on Books, 350. Number of Teachers on Books, 18;
 of whom 13 are members of the Parent Church.

We have 86 members of the International Bible Reading Association.

The following Meetings are held at Purrett Road School every Thursday evening:—Junior Band of Hope, 6.30 to 7.30; Senior Band of Hope, 7.30 to 8.30; Athletic Class, 8.30 to 9.30. We have also a Drum and Fife Band. Open Air Meetings are held during the Summer months. The Permanent Building Fund has £72 standing to its credit.

CHURCH ROLL.

OCTOBER 1st, 1899.

Alford, Mrs. .. 5, Liffler Road, Plumstead
 Allen, Mr. H. .. 144, Ann Street, Plumstead
 Arnould, Mrs. .. 31, Old Mill Road, Plumstead
 Arnould, Miss R. .. 31, Old Mill Road, Plumstead
 Arnould, Miss E. .. 31, Old Mill Road, Plumstead
 Arnould, Mr. A. .. 20, Vambery Road, Plumstead
 Argent, Mr. C. F. .. 67, Macoma Road, Plumstead
 Argent, Mrs. .. 67, Macoma Road, Plumstead

Barron, Mr. G. .. Ryton Villa, Harrow Manorway, Abbey Wood
 Barron, Mrs. .. Ryton Villa, Harrow Manorway, Abbey Wood
 Barber, Mr. E. C. .. 97, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Barber, Mrs. .. 97, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Bantick, Mr. W. .. 116, Riverdale Road, Plumstead
 Bantick, Mrs. .. 116, Riverdale Road, Plumstead
 Bantick, Miss .. 116, Riverdale Road, Plumstead
 Bampton, Mr. J. .. 188a, High Street, Plumstead
 Barnard, Mrs. .. 10, Anglesea Hill, Woolwich
 Baker, Mr. C. .. 23, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Baker, Mrs. .. 23, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Baker, Miss Edith .. 23, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Bayne, Miss A. .. 37, Glyndon Road, Plumstead
 Baxter, Mrs. E. .. 44, Nithdale Road, Plumstead
 Baker, Mr. John .. 98, Raglan Road, Plumstead
 Baker, Miss Ellen .. 98, Raglan Road, Plumstead
 Beard, Mr. T. .. 40, Durham Road, Plumstead
 Behague, Miss E. .. 4, Sutcliffe Road, Plumstead Common
 Beeby, Miss Jane .. 16, Timbercroft Lane, Plumstead Common
 Bishop, Mr. .. 95, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Bishop, Mrs. .. 95, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Broadbank, Mr. A. .. 57, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
 Broadbank, Mrs. .. 57, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
 Brown, Mrs. .. 97, Upper Hudson Road, Plumstead
 Broughton, Mrs. .. 99, Conway Road, Plumstead
 Bryant, Mr. J. .. 61, Hudson Road, Plumstead
 Bryant, Mrs. .. 61, Hudson Road, Plumstead
 Castledine, Mr. J. .. 2, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Castledine, Mrs. J. .. 2, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Castledine, Mrs. S. .. 27, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Castledine, Miss S. .. 27, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Childerley, Mr. .. 16, Tewson Road, Plumstead
 Cherry, Mrs. .. 92, Raglan Road, Plumstead
 Chinnery, Mr. .. 5, Gossage Road, Plumstead
 Chinnery, Mrs. .. 5, Gossage Road, Plumstead
 Cox, Mr. F. H. .. 7, Manthorp Road, Plumstead
 Cox, Mrs. .. 7, Manthorp Road, Plumstead
 Cole, Mr. E. .. Osmington Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Cole, Mrs. .. Osmington Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Coleman, Miss Ethel .. 4, Bebbington Road, Plumstead
 Cobbold, Mr. A. .. 55, Brewery Road, Plumstead
 Craddock, Miss R. .. 146, Ann Street, Plumstead
 Dentten, Mr. G. .. 40, Purrett Road, Plumstead
 Dentten, Mrs. .. 40, Purrett Road, Plumstead
 Dewey, Mr. H. .. 149, Plumstead Road, Plumstead
 Dewey, Miss Evaline .. 149, Plumstead Road, Plumstead
 Dewey, Mr. C. E. .. 149, Plumstead Road, Plumstead
 Dickinson, Miss G. .. 4, Bebbington Road, Plumstead
 Dodds, Mr. C. .. 96, Brewery Road, Plumstead
 Drake, Miss .. 98, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Durden, Mrs. .. 54, Elm Street, Plumstead
 East, Mrs. .. 61, Station Road, Plumstead
 East, Miss E. .. 61, Station Road, Plumstead
 East, Miss M. .. 61, Station Road, Plumstead
 Edwards, Mr. A. .. Heath View, Abbey Wood, Kent
 Edwards, Mr. E. .. 57, Frederick Place, Plumstead
 Edwards, Mrs. .. 57, Frederick Place, Plumstead
 Edwards, Miss L. M. .. 57, Frederick Place, Plumstead
 Ellicott, Mr. .. 2, The Magazines, Belvedere
 Ellison, Mr. T. .. 112a, Chesnut Road, Plumstead
 Ellison, Mrs. .. 112a, Chesnut Road, Plumstead
 Ellison, Miss A. .. 112a, Chesnut Road, Plumstead

Ellicott, Mr. F. .. 6, Staff-Quarters, Brookhill Road, Woolwich
 Ellicott, Mrs. .. 6, Staff-Quarters, Brookhill Road, Woolwich
 Fairweather, Miss K. 32, Majendie Road, Plumstead
 Fairbairn, Miss A, M. 43, Roydene Road, Plumstead
 Gay, Mrs. .. 45, Durham Road, Plumstead
 Gardner, Mr. .. 43, Saunders Road, Plumstead
 Gardner, Miss .. 43, Saunders Road, Plumstead
 Gamble, Mr. .. 79, Park Road, Plumstead
 Gayen, Mr. .. 48, Park Road, Plumstead
 Gayen, Mrs. .. 48, Park Road, Plumstead
 Gibbons, Miss R. .. 47, West Chislehurst Park, Eltham
 Golding, Miss J. ..
 Goodwin, Miss M. .. 19, Conway Road, Plumstead
 Grimwood, Mr. A. ..
 Harvey, Mrs. .. 125, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
 Harvey, Miss L. .. 125, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
 Harding, Mr. T. .. 122, Upper Hudson Road, Plumstead
 Harding, Mrs. .. 122, Upper Hudson Road, Plumstead
 Harris, Mr. W. .. 46, Robert Street, Plumstead
 Harris, Mrs. J. .. 46, Robert Street, Plumstead
 Harris, Mr. W., jun. 32, Ceres Road, Plumstead
 Harris, Mrs. L. .. 32, Ceres Road, Plumstead
 Harris, Miss H. .. Marlborough House, Blackheath
 Harris, Miss R. .. Orchard Cottage, High Street, Plumstead
 Hann, Miss A. .. 27, Nightingale Place, Plumstead
 Hampton, Mr. .. 14, Leghorn Road, Plumstead
 Harrad, Mr. G. .. 57, Robert Street, Plumstead
 Harrad, Mrs. .. 57, Robert Street, Plumstead
 Harrad, Mr. T. .. 57, Robert Street, Plumstead
 Harbottle, Mr. F. W. 93, Brewery Road, Plumstead
 Harbottle, Mrs. .. 93, Brewery Road, Plumstead
 Hammett, Mrs. .. 149, Benares Road, Plumstead
 Hearn, Mr. A. .. 164, Lakedale Road, Plumstead
 Hearn, Mr. H. .. 164, Lakedale Road, Plumstead
 Hearn, Miss A. .. 164, Lakedale Road, Plumstead
 Head, Mr. T. .. 133, Burrage Road, Plumstead
 Head, Mrs. .. 133, Burrage Road, Plumstead
 Hill, Mr. D. .. 99, Park Road, Plumstead
 Hill, Mrs. .. 99, Park Road, Plumstead
 Hill, Miss I. .. 99, Park Road, Plumstead
 Higman, Mr. .. 68, Heavitree Road, Plumstead
 Higman, Mrs. .. 68, Heavitree Road, Plumstead
 Holtum, Mrs. .. 59, Durham Road, Plumstead
 Holdway, Mr. W. G. 75, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Holdway, Mrs. .. 75, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Holdway, Miss M. .. 75, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Hornby, Miss H. .. 56, Miriam Road, Plumstead
 Hucksted, Mrs. .. 35, Radnor Terrace, King's Highway, Plumstead
 Jervis, Miss G. .. 21, Lower Robert Street, Plumstead
 Johnson, Mr. G. .. 53, Coxwell Road, Plumstead
 Johnson, Mrs. .. 53, Coxwell Road, Plumstead
 Keene, Mr. W. .. 12, Bramblebury Road, Plumstead
 Kerrison, Mrs. .. 2a, Burrage Road, Plumstead
 Kerrison, Miss .. 2a, Burrage Road, Plumstead
 Laidlaw, Mrs. .. 9, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Laidlaw, Mr. W. J. .. 9, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Laidlaw, Mr. James.. 9, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Larking, Mr. .. 18, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
 Levett, Mrs. .. 55, Glyndon Road, Plumstead
 Linsell, Mr. S. J. .. 32, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Lonergan, Mrs. .. 139, Hudson Road, Plumstead
 Lockwood, Mrs. .. 125, Brewery Road, Plumstead

Lumley, Mr. T. .. 93, Brewery Road, Plumstead
 Lumley, Mrs. .. 93, Brewery Road, Plumstead
 Marsh, Mr. W. B. .. 4, Vambury Road, Plumstead
 Martin, Mr. J. .. 70, Elm Street, Plumstead
 Martin, Mrs. .. 70, Elm Street, Plumstead
 Marlow, Miss Annie 16, Saunders Road, Plumstead
 Massie, Mr. Arthur.. 1, Eton Street, Plumstead
 Mellors, Miss Lucy.. 3, Liffler Road, Plumstead
 Mingay, Mr. .. 19, Roydene Road, Plumstead
 Mingay, Mrs. .. 19, Roydene Road, Plumstead
 Moise, Mr. C. .. 49, Bramblebury Road, Plumstead
 Mockeridge, Mr. F... 4, Ritter Street, Woolwich Common
 Mockeridge, Mrs. .. 4, Ritter Street, Woolwich Common
 Murphy, Miss. I. .. 64, Genesta Road, Plumstead
 Munro, Mr. James .. 115, Ann Street, Plumstead
 Munro, Mrs. .. 115, Ann Street, Plumstead
 Nixon, Mrs. .. 56, Prospect Place, Woolwich
 Nixon, Miss A. .. 56, Prospect Place, Woolwich
 Neville, Mrs. .. 65, Piedmont Road, Plumstead
 Palmer, Mr. J. .. 26, Crescent Road, Plumstead
 Palmer, Mr. Charles 26, Crescent Road, Plumstead
 Palmer, Mr. G. .. 131, Conway Road, Plumstead
 Palmer, Mrs. .. 131, Conway Road, Plumstead
 Pearson, Mr. T. .. 333, High Street, Plumstead
 Pearson, Mrs. .. 333, High Street, Plumstead
 Pearson, Mrs. J. .. Kent Villa, 34, Saunders Road, Plumstead
 Perron, Mr. .. 8, Conduit Road, Plumstead
 Perron, Mrs. .. 8, Conduit Road, Plumstead
 Phillips, Mrs. .. 45, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Pickett, Mrs. .. 45, Park Road, Plumstead
 Pickett, Miss E. .. 45, Park Road, Plumstead
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 Potter, Mrs. .. 83, Conway Road, Plumstead
 Poole, Miss Emily .. 24, Ingledeew Road, Plumstead
 Rogers, Mrs. .. 78, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Rowney, Mrs. .. 12, Richmond Place, Plumstead
 Russell, Mr. J. .. Meadow View, Abbey Wood
 Russell, Mrs. .. Meadow View, Abbey Wood
 Seeley, Rev. J. .. 51, Wrottesley Road, Plumstead
 Seeley, Mrs. .. 51, Wrottesley Road, Plumstead
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 Smith, Mrs. J. A. .. 139, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
 Smith, Miss M. E. .. 70, Earlham Grove, Forest Gate
 Smith, Miss A. .. 61, Shooters' Hill Road, Blackheath
 Smith, Mr. Percy .. 37, Durham Road, Plumstead
 Smith, Miss E. .. 149, Maxey Road, Plumstead
 Smith, Miss M. .. 149, Maxey Road, Plumstead
 Smith, Mrs., sen. .. 139, Parkdale Road, Plumstead
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 Steele, Miss H. .. 62, Brewery Road, Plumstead
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 Stafford, Mr. .. 119, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Stafford, Mrs. .. 119, Orchard Road, Plumstead
 Street, Mrs. .. Chatham.
 Stone, Mr. F. .. Whitley Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Swift, Mr. J. H. .. Devonian Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Swift, Mrs. .. Devonian Villa, Griffin Road, Plumstead
 Swift, Mr. W. J. .. 7, Viewland Road, Plumstead
 Swift, Mrs. W. J. .. 7, Viewland Road, Plumstead

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| Goodwin, Miss | Tydeman, Miss E. .. | 51, Hans Place, London, S.W. |
| Grimwood, Mr | Vigis, Mr. W. .. | 91, Station Road, Plumstead |
| Harvey, Mrs. | Vigis, Mrs. .. | 91, Station Road, Plumstead |
| Harvey, Miss | Walton, Mrs. T. J. .. | The Sportsman, Griffin Manorway, Plumstead |
| Harding, Mr. ? | Walton, Mr. R. .. | 108, Chesnut Road, Plumstead |
| Harding, Mrs. | Walton, Mrs. R. .. | 108, Chesnut Road, Plumstead |
| Harris, Mr. W | Walton, Miss B. .. | 108, Chesnut Road, Plumstead |
| Harris, Mrs. J. | Weller, Mr. A. .. | Ivy Villa, Sidney Road, Abbey Wood |
| Harris, Mr. W. | Weston, Miss R. .. | Prospect Place, Staines |
| Harris, Mrs. L | White, Miss S. .. | 79, Park Road, Plumstead |
| Harris, Miss H | White, Mr. W. B. .. | 79, Park Road, Plumstead |
| Harris, Miss R | White, Miss F. .. | 79, Park Road, Plumstead |
| Hann, Miss A. | White, Mr. T. .. | 17, Orissa Road, Plumstead |
| Hampton, Mr. | White, Mrs. T. .. | 17, Orissa Road, Plumstead |
| Harrad, Mr. G | White, Mr. A. .. | 58, Ennis Road, Plumstead |
| Harrad, Mrs. | White, Mrs. A. .. | 58, Ennis Road, Plumstead |
| Harrad, Mr. T. | White, Mrs. Alice .. | 15, Liffier Road, Plumstead |
| Harbottle, Mr. | Wilson, Mr. J. .. | 188, Plumstead Common Road, Plumstead |
| Harbottle, Mrs | Wilson, Mrs. .. | 188, Plumstead Common Road, Plumstead |
| Hammett, Mrs. | Wilson, Miss F. .. | 188, Plumstead Common Road, Plumstead |
| Hearn, Mr. A. | Wilson, Miss L. G. .. | 188, Plumstead Common Road, Plumstead |
| Hearn, Mr. H. | Wilmot, Mr. .. | The Limes, 1, St. Fillan's Road, Catford, S.E. |
| Hearn, Miss A. | Wilmot, Mrs. .. | The Limes, 1, St. Fillan's Road, Catford, S.E. |
| Head, Mr. T. | Wills, Mrs. .. | 29, Majendie Road, Plumstead |
| Head, Mrs. | Willis, Miss Caroline | 146, Ann Street, Plumstead |
| Hill, Mr. D. | Withers, Miss Kate .. | 3, Wood View Terrace, Wickham Lane, Plumst' |
| Hill, Mrs. | Williamson, Mr. J. .. | 94, Orchard Road, Plumstead |
| Hill, Miss I. | Wood, Mr. W. J. .. | Ravenswood Villa, Bostal Heath |
| Higman, Mr. | Wood, Mrs. W. J. .. | Ravenswood Villa, Bostal Heath |
| Higman, Mrs. | Worthington, Mr. Wm. | 41, Saunders Road, Plumstead |
| Holtum, Mrs. | Young, Mr. .. | 58, Miriam Road, Plumstead |
| Holdway, Mr. V | Young, Mrs. .. | 58, Miriam Road, Plumstead |
| Holdway, Mrs. | Young, Miss Agnes .. | 117, Tewson Road, Plumstead |
| Holdway, Miss | | |
| Hornby, Miss F | | |
| Hucksted, Mrs. | | |
| Jervis, Miss G. | | |
| Johnson, Mr. G. | | |
| Johnson, Mrs. | | |
| Keene, Mr. W. | | |
| Kerrison, Mrs. | | |
| Kerrison, Miss | | |
| Laidlaw, Mrs. | | |
| Laidlaw, Mr. W | | |
| Laidlaw, Mr. Jar | | |
| Larking, Mr. | | |
| Levett, Mrs. | | |
| Linsell, Mr. S. J. | | |
| Lonergan, Mrs. | | |
| Lockwood, Mrs. | | |



*Bands of Hope for 1880
transferred to Supplement after 1886*

Pastor E. White
Ernon Baptist Chapel

GLA

Sept 25/1900

St. Mary's parish.

48

125

Pastor E. White of Ernon Baptist Chapel,
High Street, Woodwich. Seen at his residence:
16 Delefield Road, Charlton. S.E.

Mr White is a portly grey headed man,
with kindly face. He is a strict Baptist and
the Church is connected with the Metropolitan
Association. He was quite friendly and
spoke without any reserve. Has been here several years.

Ernon Chapel is one of the oldest in the
district and is now celebrating its 143rd Anniversary.
It seats 285 people and has two schoolrooms, which
have enlarged recently.

The Congregation is drawn from a distance, largely
from Plumstead. People go out to buy their own
houses. The people are principally of the artisan
class but they get some labouring people and some
tradesmen who still live over their shops. Some
come from the immediate neighbourhood. The children
in the Sunday School mostly live near. Some
children of members come considerable distances.

ENON CHAPEL,
HIGH STREET, WOOLWICH,
CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENT AND TRACT SOCIETY
1900.

President: Mr. E. WHITE, Pastor.
Treasurer: Mr. J. KEEBLE.
Vice-President: Mr. W. H. ABRAHAMS.
Collector: Mr. F. SEARLE.
Secretary: Mr. A. G. STOCKWELL.
Committee:
Messrs. W. H. ABRAHAMS, BANFIELD, BRAIN, FURLONG,
HEARFIELD, KEEBLE, MARSH, RAND, SEARLE, STOCKWELL,
WELLER, B. WOOD, J. WOOD.
Mrs. FURLONG, RAND, SEARLE, STOCKWELL, WILLIAMS J. WOOD.
Misses O'BURNE, STOCKWELL, F. TERRY, E. TERRY, WHITE.

THE object of this Society is not only the temporal relief of the poor of the Household of Faith when sick, but also the temporal and Spiritual benefit of those who are Ignorant and out of the Way, by imparting pecuniary aid, reading and expounding the Scriptures, distributing suitable Tracts, &c.

Those eligible for the benefits of this Institution are such, who from bodily affliction are in real distress and capable of receiving religious instruction.

FURTHER information may be obtained from any of the above committee and officers, who will be glad to receive donations or the names of friends wishing to become subscribers.

P.T.O.

White - Enon Bap^t High St^t Woolwich.

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Not much poverty: ~~except~~ what there is is the result of drunk or some other failing as there is plenty of work to be had. Some poor in William and Market Streets; waterside labourers in Bloomfield Road and Frederick Place. Only real poverty due to sickness.

Fair number of workers: 23 teachers, 5 deacons
2 sick visitors who visit sick members.

Services Sunday at 11 & 6.30. In the evening the place is "well filled" Other meetings include prayer meeting (Monday), Service (Thursday), open air meetings &c. Sunday School 258 scholars.

Mr White visits the members and any cases that are brought under his notice by the visitors of the Benevolent Society &c

The Benevolent Society was started for the poor of the neighbourhood. It has 2 lady & 2 gentleman visitors, who change every month. Relief (2/6 a week) is granted by the Com^{tee} & funds are raised by Penny a week collections. Accounts are given on the opposite page.

Membership is about 120.

The prospects are doubtful. District has changed
very

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand Dec. 31st, 1898	2	19	10½
Collection at Annual Meeting	1	14	6¼
Proceeds from Annual Tea	2	5	2
Subscriptions &c., per Collector	18	18	11½
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	£25	18	6

	£	s.	d.
By Distribution (per Committee Vote)	1	5	0
Jan. 19th, 1899	1	15	6
Feb. 2nd, "	1	5	0
Mar. 9th, "	1	10	0
April 7th, "	1	12	6
May 4th, "	2	0	0
June 29th, "	1	10	0
Aug. 3rd, "	1	10	0
Sept. 14th, "	2	5	0
Oct. 5th, "	2	5	0
Nov. 2nd, "	4	0	0
Dec. 7th, "	10	2	2
Expenses at Annual Meeting	10	3	3
Printing Balance Sheets, &c.	4	0	1
Balance in hand Dec. 31st, 1899	4	0	1
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	£25	18	6

We, the undersigned, have examined the Society's Accounts, and find them correct.

A. G. STOCKWELL, Hon. Sec. JOSEPH W. BRAIN, } Auditors
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very much. The men are intelligent but atheism and indifference are affecting everything. In his own road, they have got to know the people and think not more than 6 families ~~in the road~~ go to ^{church} ~~the church~~ or chapel.

Not much drunk amongst the Arsenal workmen but in the lower parts of the town the Dusthole &c - it is prevalent. Not a great deal of drunkenness but much drinking with now & then a drunken man

Great deal of prostitution. A bad house was open nearly opposite the chapel but as a result of ~~the~~ a move to take proceedings the people cleared out.

Mr White had a good word for the Jubilee nurses: always send nurses. The Salvation Army works well in the neighbourhood. Get hold of fallen road women and send them to the rescue home.

Mr Wilson gets the largest congregation in Woolwich. He goes in for things we would not: solos, string band &c. Mr Escreet is rather unpopular through his high church proclivities.

The Chapel is peculiar in having an educational endowment. An old time deacon left £3000 to educate poor children. A school was maintained until the Free Education Act came into force. They ~~present~~ obtained the sanction of the Charity Commissioners to a scheme under which they nominate children belonging to Plumstead, Woolwich & Charlton for the Roan School.

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Sept. 30th, 1900

Monday at 11 a.m.

White

EXON CHAPEL

HIGH STREET, WOOLWICH.



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ANNIVERSARY

On Lord's Day, Sept. 30th, 1900,

Two Sermons will (D.V.) be preached, Morning at 11 a.m., by

MR. E. WHITE

(Pastor), Evening at 6.30 p.m. by

MR. JOHN BOX

Of SOHO.

On the following Tuesday, October 2nd,

MR. E. MITCHELL

Will preach at 3.30.

Tea at 5.30 p.m. 6d. each.

A PUBLIC MEETING

At 6.30.

W. ABBOTT, Esq., will preside.

Addresses by the following Ministers—Messrs. E. MITCHELL, J. MAYHEW,
W. H. ROSE, C. WEST and E. WHITE.

COLLECTIONS.

Note on the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Help, Cresswell Park. (E.A.) Oct. 6.00.

I called on Father Sheehan to make an appointment, but found, on explaining the objects of the ~~the~~ Inquiry, that it would be unnecessary to do this. "We have no poor" he said, and, in fact, "this is not ~~a~~ Mission District". They have a small census of about 400, but these are middle class people, scattered over a considerable area. The "chief work" of the staff ~~(x)~~ (there are three priests) is the school. This is a ~~a~~ boarding-school and the boys, ages roughly from 10 to 15, come from all over the country. They too are middle class.

Father Sheehan himself is a man of about 45, short, florid, capable, and, although when told that I wanted to see him, greatly preoccupied by taking confessions in the church, very friendly. But, as stated, he had nothing useful to tell me.

On leaving him, I had half an hour to spare, and went into the church to wait there instead of at the railway station. It was a quiet scene, a group of boys sitting near each of the three confessional boxes, ~~and~~ quietly taking their turn, saying a prayer after confessing, and, also quietly, leaving the church. From time to time adults came in, and most of the ~~the~~

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eight or ten who dropped in while I was there came on the same errand. All were well-dressed middle-class people, and all, with one exception, were ladies. The exception came with his wife and daughter, but the latter, after praying for a little time, left without confessing. Both parents, however, took their turn. The quiet church, the kneeling boys, even the occasional sound of a voice that reached me from the veiled boxes, the consciousness that just outside was brilliant sunshine, and the breezy heath, all tended to make the scene impressive. What would not many an extreme Anglican give to be able to duplicate it in his own church?

Pastor W. H. Rose
Carmel Chapel
(Street Baptist)

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Oct 10/1900

Woolwich v Reading

St John, Woolwich, parish.

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Pastor W. H. Rose. Minister of Carmel Chapel,
Angelsea Hill, Woolwich. Seen at his residence:
4 Shrewsbury Villas, Plum Lane, Plumstead.

Mr Rose is a dark spare little man with a pleasant manner. He has just recovered from a long illness, last Sunday being the first time he has preached for three months. He was 11 years at Reading & has ~~now~~ been here over 2 years.

Woolwich compares very unfavourably with Reading from the religious point of view. At Reading the Palmers & Suttons, both very large employers, ~~are~~ give the tone to the place and there is a distinctly religious atmosphere and a philanthropic spirit. Here the "getting" "grasping" spirit is prevalent. Most of the working people buy their houses; all belonging to the Co-operative Society and ~~the~~ ~~provision~~ acquisition of property is a dominant idea.

The people on the Plumstead side are mostly Arsenal people, on the Dockyard people on the ~~at~~ Woolwich side. Some of his people to say there is

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an atheistic tendency "inside" e.g. in the Arsenal and there is an increasing desire for light entertainments.

Chapel holds 600. Small school at back.

The minister and caretaker are the only paid workers. Has a number of voluntary workers, including 14 teachers. All are working people: it is practically a working class church.

Sunday Services at 11. + 6.30. About half the people attend twice a day. Evening congregation about 130. Congregation has increased - only 30 in morning the first day he came.

Sunday School with 120 scholars; beside they have Y. People's society, Band of Hope and week night service. As elsewhere the war has affected the attendances

Social Agencies are confined to gatherings of the # Teachers, workers and members of the churches.

Charitable Relief amounts to about £20 a year. Mr R. encourages his people to support existing

institutions

Building used

Persons Employed

Services held

institutions, rather than start small societies of their own. Help the Invalid & Crippled Children's Society, Aged Pilgrims Society &c. Have a Dorcas & Benevolent Society from which they fund people outside the church are helped and the Communion Fund, which is used chiefly for widows connected with the church.

Mr Rose visits the members of the church and they visit people around. They have a Free Church Council district but do not confine themselves to that.

Church has 65 members and is a daughter church of 'Ewon', which is the "mother of all the non-con churches in the neighbourhood."

Not much practical co-operation between the churches, ~~except~~ through the Free Church Council. Mr Scott (Presbyterian) is very friendly (His church is only separated from Carmel by two houses). A local committee has just been formed in connection with the London Council for the Promotion of Public Morality (37 Norfolk St). ^{It} With this they are

combining

Visitation

Church Membership

Little Co-operation

Drunk

Rose - Bap^s Anglesea Hill.

combining to fight the social evil. Many cases of juvenile depravity occur - attributable to the over-crowding in the homes.

Much drunkenness in the Woolwich district but do not see much of it in the higher parts of Plumstead. The Woolwich Gazette always is full of reports of cases of drunk and disorderly.

There is little to differentiate Mr Rose from other Strict Baptists. He & his church are working quietly and conscientiously, the influence being strong with those who come into the circle but scarcely touching the bulk of the people in the immediate neighbourhood. The church is not connected with either of the Associations, the building is the property of a Blackheath gentleman, who gives considerably towards its support. Mr Rose thinks this liberality has a bad effect as it leads some of the people to think that whatever is needed Mr Wood will make up. Thus their sense of responsibility is lessened.

Rev L. Jenkins Jones
Plumstead Unitarian Church

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Personal

Services held

St Margaret's parish.

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Rev L. Jenkins Jones. ⁵⁻¹⁷ 42 Genista Road
Plumstead. Minister of Plumstead Common
Unitarian Church.

Mr Jones is a fair sharp featured man, medium height - 30-40. but prematurely bald. He was dressed in a light cycling suit and looked as unlike a minister as possible.

He seemed reluctant to speak about his church, turning off on other questions and explanations, the ~~reason~~ reason probably being that the church is merely a mission started about 5 years ago. A schoolroom was built 3 years ago, in which the services are held and they have land in front for a chapel. Seats 120.

The people attending come from considerable distances - Charlton to Beesley. They are largely "that part of the population, which has become dissatisfied with orthodoxy". Considerable local opposition is shown: he has had "dozens of Sunday scholars, who have left through the influence of the orthodox clergymen".

The Sunday services ^(11. + 6.30) are the only religious meetings,

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concerning these I obtained no estimate of attendance which however must be small. Sunday School, 80 scholars ^{+ 8} _{teachers.}

During the week they have social gatherings, drill class, Ladies Sewing society, but the Wednesday lectures on questions of the day are the principal meetings. Some of these Mr Jones gives & for others he obtains outside lecturers. Besides these meetings they have tennis & cycle clubs &c, outings in the summer.

The greater part of the little visitation that is done is done by Mr J. He tries to visit everyone twice a year.

No need for charitable relief amongst their own people, who are mostly middleclass people.

As to the influence of the churches, Mr J's impression is that the working classes are out of touch with the churches; they prefer holding meetings in Beresford Square to attending service. The middle class go to church from social custom.

No co-operation. Boycotted by free churches, who will not admit him to the Council. The only communication he has received from any of the churches was an invitation to pray for the war.

When the conversation turned to municipal matters,

Mr Jones

Churches out of touch
with working class.

The Local Politics

Poor Relief

Police

Jones - Unitarian, Plumstead Common Road.

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Mr Jones was more at ease. He is the organising secretary of the Woolwich Progressive Association and one of the candidates for the new Borough Council. Attached to the next page are the Rules of the Association and the Manifesto just being issued for the forthcoming election.

The progressives are strong on the vestry. In parliamentary affairs, Col Hughes holds the strings. He ~~has~~ is one of the keenest parliamentary agents. Has a copy of the register marked with particulars of every voter. Can tell you what church or voter attends or the publichouse he frequents. Woolwich conservative. The Arsenal workmen say that a conservative government is best for them.

The Guardians are stringent and their policy rigid "Go in, if you want it (e.g. relief) or stay out & don't have it". No poverty except through drink.

Never hears anything about the police. Several small burglaries have taken place in his street. Not watchful. For the past week the boys of the Bloomfield Road Board School have been attacking those from the Polytechnic. They meet at the corner of Angelsea Hill. Has seen 30 lads with large clubs but no police near.

The Borough
of Woolwich

Progressive
Association.

OFFICERS.

President - Dr. LINDOW.

Fin. Sec.—Mr. H. F. DRIVER,
1, Blendon Terrace, Plumstead.

Organising Sec.—
Rev. L. JENKINS JONES,
72, Genesta Road, Plumstead.

District Secretaries—
Woolwich Mr. HIGGINS,
20, Rectory Grove.
Plumstead—Mr. A. HALL,
98, Vicarage Road.
Eltham—Mr. RATHBONE,
43, High Street, Eltham.

RULES.

1.—This Association shall be known as "The Borough of Woolwich Progressive Association."

2.—The Association is formed on non-political lines, to forward the candidature, and if possible to secure the election of suitable Candidates for Municipal and County Councils.

3.—Any person may become a Member upon signifying adherence to the principles and rules of the Association. The minimum subscription for individuals shall be One Shilling per annum, payable quarterly or annually, in advance.

Any Society shall be eligible for membership upon the acceptance of the principles and rules of the Association, and the payment of a minimum Annual Subscription of Five Shillings. The privilege of such membership shall consist in appointing a representative of such Society on the Executive Council of this Association.

4.—The Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Organising Secretary, three District Secretaries, and a Financial Secretary; each of whom shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election.

5.—The Association shall be divided into three Districts, viz.—Woolwich, Plumstead, and Eltham. The affairs of each district shall be managed, subject to the control of the Executive, by its own Committee, consisting of Chairman, the District Secretary, and the various Ward Chairmen and Secretaries.

6.—Each District shall be divided into Wards, corresponding to the Polling Districts; Woolwich 4; Plumstead 6; Eltham 1. Each Ward shall have its own Chairman, Secretary, and Committee; five to form a quorum. The number of such Committee shall be at the direction of the members of the Ward.

7.—The Executive Council shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the various Ward Chairmen and Secretaries, together with one representative from each affiliated organisation.

8.—An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in April of each year, for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Executive Council, and for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

9.—A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Organising Secretary within five days, on receipt of a requisition signed by not less than twenty members, such requisition setting forth the purpose for which the Meeting is required. No other business to be transacted at such meeting.

10.—No alteration of these rules shall be made except at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of proposed alteration of rules to be submitted to the Annual Meeting, must be sent to the Organising Secretary not later than March 31st.

11.—A copy of these rules shall be supplied without charge to every person becoming a member of this Association.

See back for programme

PROGRAMME.

- 1.—The Enforcement of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.
- 2.—The greater facilities for the useful employment of the local unemployed.
- 3.—The introduction of direct labour by Municipalities under Trades' Union Conditions.
- 4.—The Municipal Control of Transit.
- 5.—The Public Control of such Monopolies as Lighting, Water, &c.
- 6.—The construction of Public Baths, Wash-houses, and Libraries.
- 7.—Further Equalisation of Rates and Taxation of Ground Values.
- 8.—The vigorous enforcement of the Adulteration of Food Acts.
- 9.—The Municipality shall have no part either in the sale or purchase of intoxicating drinks in any of its Public Halls.
- 10.—The approval of the present policy of the L.C.C. of non-renewal of license of public houses falling into the hands of the Council.

BOROUGH OF WOOLWICH PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION.

POLLING DAY: 1st NOVEMBER, 1900, from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m.

To the Electors of the Borough of Woolwich,

The days of the Plumstead Vestry, of the Woolwich Local Board of Health, and of the Eltham Vestry are now numbered, and by the provisions of the London Government Act, 1899, the areas, hitherto separately administered will be amalgamated on and after November 1st next—the new Borough being the second largest in area in the County of London. The electors, on that date, will be called upon to elect the first Woolwich Borough Council, and inasmuch as that body will have greatly enlarged powers, it is important that each elector shall not only record his vote, but do so in a manner that will ensure the election of those candidates who will disinterestedly administer their powers for the benefit of the Borough, and to the well-being of the inhabitants. Each of the larger parishes has, without doubt, suffered in the past, both in health and pocket, by the action of those who, instead of recognizing a due regard to the public interest as their first duty, have grossly misused their powers in order that personal and class advantage should result. In the interest of the poorest and most needy, no less than in the interest of common humanity, these mistakes must not be repeated. The newly acquired powers must be so used that no one class shall be specially benefited thereby, but that the just administration of such powers shall result in a fuller citizen life for all, with that greater pride in social life that is the chief guarantee for solid progress.

The new Borough Council will consist of thirty-six Elected Members and six Aldermen, whilst the old Board and Vestries aggregate one hundred and forty Members. Most important work will have to be done by the new Council, not the least being the framing of Bye-laws for the Borough, and the appointment of the Officers and Staff. The importance of this work is evident when it is considered that the efficiency of the administration will depend to the greatest extent upon the completeness of the former, and upon the energy and ability of the latter. In the same way Evening Meetings of the Council are imperative if the workers of the district are to have that representation which is their due; for day meetings, if adopted, would have the effect of practically stultifying the election of such representatives.

Not the least important of the new duties taken over is that of the Overseers, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the new body will perform its duties so as to avoid a repetition of those glaring inequalities in assessment which have resulted from the irresponsible position hitherto occupied by those elected to that office.

PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMME.

1. **Whole Time Officers.**—Officers and Staff to give their whole time to the business of the Borough Council
2. **Evening Meetings.**—Evening Meetings of the Council, and the admission of the Ratepayers and Press to its deliberations.
3. **Adulteration.**—The stringent enforcement of the law against adulteration, and the sale of unsound food.
4. **Housing Question.**—To increase and improve the housing accommodation by building, wherever possible, Workmen's Houses, and the abolition of slum dwellings.
5. **Direct Employment.**—Direct employment of labour wherever possible, and the observance of Trade Union conditions.
6. **Compounding.**—The reduction of compounding over the whole Borough to, at least, that which obtains in Plumstead, viz., 15 per cent. on £12 assessments and under, instead of as at Woolwich, 30 per cent. on £20 assessments and under.
7. **Intoxicants.**—The Borough Council to have no part either in the sale or purchase of intoxicating drinks in any of its Public Halls or Buildings; and shall oppose the renewal of Public-house Licenses falling into its hands
8. **Electric Light.**—Electric Light and Energy to be provided municipally by the utilization of the Board of Trade Order already obtained for Plumstead, and extension of the same to other parts of the Borough.
9. **Baths and Wash-houses.**—To carry forward the work now in hand with the object of providing Baths and Wash-houses for Plumstead, and when necessary, make similar provision in other parts of the Borough.
10. **Public Libraries.**—The establishment of Public Libraries in various parts of the Borough by continuing the work already commenced in Woolwich and Plumstead.

MUNICIPAL AND TAXATION REFORM.

To act in hearty co-operation with the London County Council, or the Central Authority for the time being to secure:

- (A) The municipalization of the Water Supply and other monopolies, and the laying of new Electric Tramways or Light Railways wherever required.
- (B) A Better system of Workmen's Trains.
- (C) The Taxation of Ground Values for the relief of ratepayers.
- (D) Further Equalization of Rates.
- (E) More drastic powers for dealing with Slum Areas and the Housing of the People.

The Candidates selected by this Association are men of all shades of opinion in Imperial Politics; men who have no self interests to serve, and who are pledged to carry out the above Programme.

You are therefore asked to Support and **VOTE** for the following:

T. G. ARNOLD, 17, Acacia Parade.

W. J. BULL, 18, Acacia Parade.

L. JENKINS JONES, 72, Genesta Road.

More drinking since the war. Radical clubs and others are 'dens of iniquity'

These clubs however largely dominate the political position. They will have their nominees recognised or they will withhold supplies. One club, which was going to give £15 to the Progressive Assocⁿ will not give a ~~single~~ farthing now as its nominee was not accepted. In this way some people are recognised in preference to well cultured men.

Housing is bad. Two families in a house. Rents high & increasing - 14/- to 16/- a week for 6 or 7 rooms. With the landlords & builders the increase of rents and not the comfort of the people is the object. Very difficult to maintain family life properly. Housing is now one of the test questions between the Moderates & Progressives.

The church is very small (only 60 members) and out of much importance. Mr Jones probably has much more influence as a political leader than as a religious teacher.

As usual my train was late reaching Woolwich at 11.10 instead of 10.46 e.g. 24 minutes. Mr J. says that one train (the 8.26 to London) keeps its time fairly. It is used by City clerks.

Housing

Rev J.W. Cole
Union Church.
Plumstead

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Oct 15/1900

Building used

Services held

St Mark's parish.

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Rev J.W. Cole 44 Macona Rd, Plumstead Common.
Minister of the Union Church, Park Rd Plumstead.

This Church, a union of Baptists and Congregationalists, was formed in 1885, Mr Cole being the first pastor. He is a feeble old man now, almost tottering, white hair and beard, tall: altogether a patriarchal figure.

The people connected with the church are chiefly the better class artisan people and some shopkeepers. All are fairly comfortable.

The chapel seats 300 and they have a small school room. The place was built for £1400 and is now practically free of debt.

Rather badly off for workers - Has 18 S.S. teachers. Beside the Sunday services 11 & 6.30, they have a week night service; Sunday school with about 200 scholars, Band of Hope, Young People's Society. Congregation varies on Sunday altho' not differing much between morning and evening. 250 is good.

Union Church, Park Road,
PLUMSTEAD.

Revised Rules
FOR
CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

1.—The Minister, according to the Trust Deed, must be a Baptist; that is, one who has been immersed in water, upon a profession of repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and who maintains and practises this mode of Christian baptism.

2.—The entire question of baptism, as regards all persons except the Minister, shall be left to the individual conscience of each member.

3.—It shall be competent for the Minister to baptize any person, who in his judgment is fit for the ordinance, without consulting the members of the Church upon the matter.

4.—Candidates for Church Membership must be persons who profess repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and who display consistent Christian conduct.

5.—Candidates, approved and introduced by the Minister of the Church, shall, after being visited and recommended by a member of the Church, be considered duly elected to membership, if they receive the votes of not less than three-fourths of the members present at any ordinary Church Meeting.

6.—One month, at least, shall intervene between the introduction of the name of a Candidate by the Pastor, and his or her proposal and acceptance by the Church. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to apprise new members of their election.

7.—Every Candidate for Membership shall be given, or shall have read to him or her, a copy of the Covenant upon which the Church is established, and shall agree to abide therein.

8.—All members absent from the Lord's Supper for six consecutive months without a satisfactory reason, shall be, at the discretion of the Minister and Deacons, regarded as lapsed members.

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9.—The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed upon the first Sunday evening in each month, to which members of other Christian Churches shall be cordially welcomed.

10.—A Special Church Meeting for the election of a Minister shall be convened by public notice, given in the Church, on the two Sundays immediately preceding the day appointed for such Special Church Meeting, according to the Terms of the Trust Deed. The votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present at such Church Meeting shall be necessary to secure the election of a Minister.

11.—If possible, ordinary Church Meetings shall be held upon the third Thursday evening in each month, and shall be convened by public announcement in the Church on the Sunday preceding such Church Meeting.

12.—The meeting held in the month of January in each year, shall be considered the Annual Meeting of the Church.

13.—Deacons, and other Church Officers, except Ministers, shall be elected annually, at the ordinary Church Meeting held in the month of November, and shall commence their duties the following January.

14.—Deacons, and other Officers, who retire at the expiration of their term of office, shall be eligible for re-election.

15.—At the election of Deacons, and other Church Officers, those who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

16.—The election of Ministers and Officers shall be by ballot.

17.—No member under eighteen years of age shall be allowed to vote.

18.—Both the Secretary and Treasurer must be Deacons, or Elders, of the Church, and shall be chosen by the Minister and Deacons.

19.—The disbursements of the Poor's Fund arising from the sacramental collections, shall be under the sole control of the Deacons.

20.—Sittings shall be allotted, at the discretion of the Officers of the Church, to persons making application for them, upon the understanding that such persons will regularly contribute, according to their ability, a weekly offering.

21.—All unappropriated sittings shall be free.

22.—No person to whom a sitting, or sittings, has been allotted shall be at liberty to affix any box, hat peg, or other convenience to the pews without first obtaining the sanction of the Deacons, and submitting to their directions in this matter. And no such fixture shall be removed without the consent of the Deacons.

23.—No auxiliary Society of any kind shall be formed in connection with the Church, without the approval and sanction of the Pastor and Deacons; and the Pastor shall be President of every such Society.

24.—The Church, in Church Meeting assembled, shall have the power to veto the appointment of any officer of any auxiliary society; and the appointment of every such officer shall be subject to the sanction of the Church.

25.—Two brethren from the Church or Congregation, shall be nominated in October, and elected in November, to audit the Church Accounts for the current year.

26.—No Rule of the Church shall be altered or cancelled, except at a Special Church Meeting convened for that purpose, of which at least one month's notice shall be given; and the votes of three-fourths of the members of the Church then present shall be requisite for such alteration or cancelling.

27.—On the receipt of a written requisition signed by six members of the Church, the Deacons shall convene a Special Church Meeting for the alteration of the rules, or any other important business connected with the Church.

July 31st, 1890.

ORDER AND TIME OF MEETINGS, &c.

LORD'S DAY.

Morning Service	...	...	...	...	...	11 o'clock
Evening Service	...	...	...	...	...	6.30 o'clock
Thursday Evening Service	7.30 o'clock

Free-will Offerings taken every Sunday Morning and Evening.

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CHURCH COVENANT.

WE, the undersigned, members of Union Church, intending to meet hereafter in a building for that purpose erected in Park Road, Plumstead, Kent, desire to give ourselves to God, and to one another, by mutual consent and solemn Covenant.

We acknowledge Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the one true and living God.

We receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our only Saviour, Priest, and King; and we believe in Him as our Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption.

We believe in the Holy Ghost as our Sanctifier, Guide, and Comforter.

We take the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the only ground and rule of our faith and practice.

We covenant not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together for the worship of God at the appointed seasons.

We covenant to contribute of our worldly possessions for the support of our own Ministry, and the extension of the Gospel both at home and abroad, according to our ability.

We covenant to love one another with pure hearts, and to endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, for the honour of God, for mutual good and edification, and for the sake of the unconverted around us.

We covenant, with God's assistance, to avoid sin, and to be holy in all manner of conversation, so that none may have occasion, by our unholy lives, to speak evil of the truth which we profess.

And we do all this under a sense of the shortness of time, and the solemn realities of eternity; and to this Covenant we subscribe in the presence of the heart-searching God.

(Signed),
JOHN WILLIAM COLE, *Pastor.*
RICHARD GEORGE DALTON, *Treasurer.*
GEORGE LIDSTONE STUMBLES, *Secretary.*
And fourteen others.

June 14th, 1885.

Cole - Union Church, Park Road.

Mr C. visits his people, making about 30 visits a month but cannot do what he would.

For relief purposes they have the sacramental fund (£6) but have little need for relief.

Church membership is now 88. Not much change.

On general questions Mr C. did not know much. His testimony like others was that the Woolwich Tabernacle was the great non-con. force in the district. People are attracted to the great place. He has given transfers from his church to the Tabernacle to about six people. These would be residents in Plumstead living as near or nearer to his place than to the Tabernacle.

Cage Lane Mission has wealthy supporters and amongst its people has many who seek to get their religion cheap. Mentioned one man who used to worship at Union church

Mr C.

Mr C. missed him and subsequently found him worshipping at Cage Lane. The man explained that he had bought a house and needed all his money to pay the instalments. He had gone to the mission because he could not afford the church.

Little real co-operation amongst the churches. They have their fraternals and quiet days but these are not always well attended and are becoming a fashion merely.

Drink is rife in the lower parts of Plumstead but not worse than years ago. See little of it in the higher parts near the Common.

Much outward indifference and some atheistic opinion but it is very shallow and based on ignorance. People do not read and only hold secondhand opinions. Mr C. has a very poor opinion of the Plumstead working man. The carters and ploughmen of the country villages are much more intelligent. He spent 15 years amongst them and says that during the long winter evenings they read, whilst the town workman is only seeking pleasure of some kind.

UNION CHURCH, PARK ROAD,
PLUMSTEAD.

Motto for 1900:

"My times are in Thy hand."—PSALM xxxi., 15.

To the Members of the Church and Congregation.

DEAR FRIENDS,—

At the commencement of a new year, I address to you a few words of friendly greeting and kindly cheer. It is my earnest prayer that during the year upon which we have just entered, God's constant care may be manifested towards you, and that His Holy Spirit may abide with you, and guide you into all truth; strengthening you for periods of pain and trial, and imparting light and joy in seasons of darkness and sorrow. "Our times are in God's hand," and if we live in close communion with Him all things will work together for our good, being over-ruled by a loving providence, and directed by unerring wisdom. The Lord's goodness to us in the past, both as a Church and as individuals, should inspire us with hope and confidence for days yet to come.

There is a subject which is now engaging the attention of nearly all our Churches upon which I wish to make a few observations; I allude to "The Twentieth Century Fund," by means of which it is proposed to raise a quarter of a million pounds for Christian work. This matter will be brought before you in detail at our Annual Church and Congregational Tea and Public Meeting. I may, however, just mention that it is intended to devote half of the above named sum to evangelistic work, and Church aid and extension, both in large towns and country districts. Thirty thousand pounds are to be expended in assisting weak Churches and aiding poor Pastors. And the same sum will be given to "The Annuity Fund," which pays forty-five pounds a year to aged and infirm Ministers, and thirty pounds a year to Ministers' Widows. Six thousand pounds are to be spent in providing Scholarships for Students in our Colleges, and other sums will be appropriated to equally desirable projects and useful purposes.

I trust every one will be found doing his or her utmost to make this effort successful. It is a **National Denominational Movement** to celebrate our entrance upon the twentieth century, and it has for its object the Glory of God, the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the salvation of sinners. Let us, therefore, give it our hearty countenance and support.

With every good wish,

I am dear friends,

Your affectionate Pastor,

JANUARY 1ST, 1900.

J. W. COLE.

Financial Statements for the Year 1899.

GENERAL CHURCH ACCOUNT.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1898	0 5 1	Ministerial Fund	120 0 0
Total Weekly Offerings as per list	124 0 2	Subscription, Baptist Union. To the Plumstead Alms-houses	5 5 0
A Thank Offering	1 5 0	„ Baptist Missionary Society „ L. B. A.	2 5 0
Donation	0 10 6	Delegate, ditto	1 6 0
„ A Friend	2 0 0	Pastors' Aid Fund	0 8 0
„ Mrs. Dow	1 0 0	Gas	1 1 0
„ 3 Bradford Friends	1 10 0	Water	7 7 2
„ Mr. Stace	1 0 0	Insurance	0 15 0
„ Plumstead Centre, Pentecostal League	1 10 0	Repairs and Blinds	0 11 7
„ Sunday School	1 10 0	Printing	1 4 6
„ Band of Hope	1 0 0	Stationery	0 1 6
Proceeds of Concert, Band of Hope	2 2 0	Extra Cleaning & Materials	0 14 7
Collections:		Caretaker	18 11 0
For Plumstead Alms-houses	5 5 0	Cash in hand	0 2 11
„ Baptist Missionary Sy.	2 5 0		
„ London Baptist Assocn.	1 6 0		
At Anniversary	4 11 2		
Proceeds Anniversary Tea	6 9 2		
„ Tea Meeting, Feb. 23	1 6 8		
„ Sale of Literature, per Mr. H. Knowles... ..	1 10 0		
„ Sale of Hymn Books, per Mr. W. Coles.	0 5 0		
Delegate, L.B.A.	0 8 0		
	£160 18 9		£160 18 9

Audited and found correct,
C. W. SMITH, }
H. NORRIS, } *Auditors.*

December 31st, 1899.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS.

Envelope:	£ s. d.	Envelope:	£ s. d.	Envelope:	£ s. d.
No. 1	5 7 0	„ 20	0 0 9	„ 39	1 2 6
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„ 19	3 5 9	„ 38	2 0 6		

G. MOUNTENEY,
Hon. Sec.

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1898	7 9 0	To Painting Church & School	6 0 0
Rev. J. W. Cole	1 1 0	„ Baptist Building Fund	90 0 0
Mr. W. Coles	5 5 0	Balance to 1900	7 7 0
„ H. Norris	5 5 0		
„ G. O. Berry	2 2 0		
„ H. Knowles	1 10 0		
„ C. Knowles	1 10 0		
Mrs. & Miss Dunger	1 10 0		
Mr. J. A. Ayre	1 3 6		
Miss Cole	1 1 0		
„ E. Brodie	1 1 0		
Mr. & Mrs. Hodge	1 1 0		
Mr. T. Aubin	1 1 0		
„ G. Mounteney	1 1 0		
„ A. Shepherd	1 1 0		
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Smith	1 1 0		
Mr. F. Ayre	1 1 0		
„ J. Roberts	1 1 0		
„ C. Woolley	1 0 0		
Mrs. Woolley	1 0 0		
Mr. Ballard	1 0 0		
Mr. & Mrs. Browning	0 15 0		
Mrs. J. Gibson	0 12 0		
Mr. S. Cole	0 10 6		
Mrs. S. Cole	0 10 6		
„ J. A. Ayre	0 10 0		
Mr. G. Elliott... ..	0 10 0		
Mrs. G. Elliott	0 10 0		
„ Kitchenham	0 10 0		
Mr. C. H. Culverwell... ..	0 7 6		
Proceeds of Bazaar	59 7 0		
	£103 7 0		£103 7 0

Audited and found correct,

C. W. SMITH, }
H. NORRIS, } *Auditors.*

December 31st, 1899.

SACRAMENTAL FUND.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1898	0 9 2	To Widows & Orphans' Fund	1 0 0
Offerings at Lord's Table	5 19 6	Wine	1 2 8
		Communion Cards	0 5 6
		Disbursed to the Poor	2 10 0
		To Anniversary Tea	0 11 0
		Balance to 1900	0 19 6
	£6 8 8		£6 8 8

JOSEPH ROBERTS, *Deacon.*

J. W. COLE, *Pastor.*

December 31st, 1899.

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Total Income for the Year 1899.

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	160	18	9
Building Fund	103	7	0
Sacrament Fund... ..	6	8	8
Total ...	£270	14	5

Balance from
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Our Building Debt is now reduced to £107 13s. 0d.

Our Outlay for Land, Building, and Furniture was about £1,400.

The Land upon which the Church Stands is freehold.

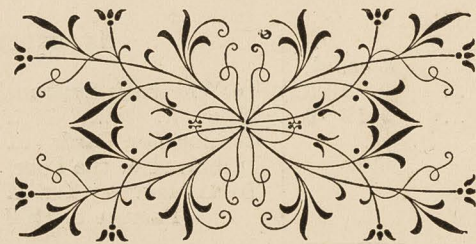
The success of our Church Finance depends upon EACH ONE doing regularly what the Lord enables him or her to do; therefore the Deacons affectionately urge each member of the Church, and all Seat-holders, to take Weekly Offering Envelopes, and to be REGULAR IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS; "*For God loveth a cheerful giver.*" —II. COR. ix., 7.

G. O. BERRY,

January, 1st, 1900.

Hon. Church Sec.

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Rev J. More
New Road Presbyterian Church

G.A.
Oct 11/1900

Persons employed

Buildings used

Meetings held

St John's parish, Woolwich.

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Rev. J. More, River View, Strawberry Lane,
Minister of New Road Presbyterian Church, Woolwich.

Mrs More is a tall, angular, iron grey man, who strongly resembles the General Booth of 10 years ago. He was very courteous and spoke readily about his work. Has been several years at Woolwich and previously had spent many years at Dudley. He is the Presbyterian Military Chaplain.

The people he reaches are the military, lower middle class and well to do artisans.

The minister and a city missionary are the only paid workers. Have a considerable number of voluntary workers, elders, deacons, S.S. teachers and visitors.

The Church seats 1100 and 500 sittings are reserved for the War office. Have also lecture hall and class rooms.

Meetings are held practically every night. Sunday is a very busy day with Mr M. At 9:30 am. he visits the Military hospital and then

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the prison. At the service at 11 am. about 200 soldiers attend and about twice as many civilians. The soldiers that come are mostly decided christians. If a soldier makes a profession he must be out and out. The ordinary Tommy changes his religion very quickly. One great factor in such changes is the length of the sermon. Tommy likes a short sermon, and he will promptly change his religion if ~~the~~ necessary, so as to attend the place where the sermon is shortest.

Sunday school has about 250 scholars. Also has Y.P.S.C.E; Week night service, &c

Has mothers meeting - not attended by wives of soldiers. The married soldiers are mostly sergeants and their wives would think it beneath them to attend. Thrift society &c.

No educational work except S.S. schools & bible classes. Had an excellent day school until free education came in, when the school was given up. The schoolboard used the premises for 9 years.

Mr. M. visits systematically but has his hands full. Is organising regular visitation for Free Ch. district.

Educational Work

Visitation

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Co-operation

With Free Churches + Clergy.

Police

Drink

More - Presbyterian, New Road.

District Nursing Association do their work well. We should see Mr Grinting respecting this.

For relief they have the Communion fund, from which they allow some poor widows 5/- a quarter, 10/- in the Christmas quarter.

Free Church Council includes all the Non-con., who work together in harmony. Two of the clergy are evangelical - Mr Morris (All Saints) and Mr Hanning (St James) - unite with these in the Evangelical Alliance meetings. With the others, - "we touch hats and pass on". Have approached the head of the Arsenal on the Sunday labour question unitedly. Many open air meetings are held by churchmen, non-con. and missionaries - "all over the place". Think we should see the Missionary working in the "Dusthole", Mr Harris, 1 Inacona Road -

Police are helpful and kindly but handicapped, especially in dealing with prostitution.

Drink traffic is an enormous curse but a good deal of temperance work is done especially in the

Army

Army, where drinking is discountenanced. The following is a copy of an order issued by the C. in Chief.

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Memorandum.

It will be the duty of company officers to point out to the men under their control, and particularly to young soldiers, the disastrous effects of giving way to habits of intemperance and immorality: the excessive use of intoxicating liquors unfits the soldier for active work blunts his intelligence, and is a fruitful source of military crime.

The man who leads a vicious life enfeebles his constitution, and exposes himself to the risk of contracting disease of a kind which has, of late, made terrible ravages in the British army.

Many men spend a great deal of their short term of service in the military hospitals, the wards of which are crowded with patients, a large number of whom are permanently disfigured and incapacitated from earning a livelihood in or out of the army.

Men tainted with this disease are useless to the State while in the Army, and a burden to their friends after they have left it.

Army order
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Even those who do not altogether break down are unfit for service in the field, and would certainly be a source of weakness to their regiments & discredit to their comrades if employed in war.

It should not be beyond the power of company officers to exercise a salutary influence in these matters, more particularly over the younger men.

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Many of these join the Army as mere lads, and are taken away, early in life, from the restraints & influences of home. They should be encouraged to look to their superiors, both officers and non-commissioned officers, but more especially to the officers commanding their troops, batteries or companies, for example and guidance amid the temptations which surround them.

The commander in chief expects officers and non-commissioned officers to be always ready and willing to afford them sympathy and counsel, & to share no effort in watching over their physical and moral welfare.

Officers should do their utmost to promote a cleanly and moral tone among the men, & to ensure that all rowdyism & obscenity in word or action is kept in check. In no circumstances should public acts or expressions of indecency be tolerated, and if in any case there is reason to suspect that immorality is carried on in barracks or other buildings, which are under the control of the military authorities, vigorous steps should be taken by surprise visits or otherwise to put a stop to such practices. All persons implicated in them, whatever may be their rank or position in the Service, should be punished with the utmost

Nothing has probably done more to deter young men, who have been respectably brought up, from entering the Army than the belief, entertained by them & by their families, that barrack room life is such

Prostitution

that no decent lad can submit to it without loss of character or self respect. (3) 175

The Commander in Chief desires that in making recommendations for selection for promotion, regard should be had to the example set to the soldier. No man, however efficient in other respects, should be considered fit to exercise authority over his comrades if he is of notoriously vicious and intemperate habits.

The Commander in Chief is confident that officers, non-commissioned officers, and men in the Queen's service, will spare no pains to remove from the Army the reproach which is due to a want of self-restraint on the part of a comparatively small number of soldiers, and that officers of all ranks will do their utmost to impress on their men that in the important considerations of morality and temperance, soldiers of Her Majesty's Army should, as befits their honourable calling, compare favourably with other classes of the civil population.

War Office.

28th April, 1898.

The results of Prostitution are terrible and I more favour the re-introduction of the C.D. Acts.

NEW ROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
WOOLWICH.

Annual * Report

AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1899.

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Afternoon, at Herbert Hospital, 2.30.
Evening, 6.30.

Meetings during the Week :

MONDAY - Christian Work, Afternoon, at 3.
Sunday School Teachers, First of the Month, at 8.
Deacon's Court, Second of the Month, at 8.
TUESDAY - Dorcas Meeting, at 3, Last Tuesday in each Month.
Mutual Improvement Society, at 8.
WEDNESDAY Band of Hope, at 7.
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Trustees of the Church :

- Mr. JAMES BLEST, 15, Little Heath Terrace, Charlton,
 „ ROBERT MORTON, 27, Hamilton Terrace, St. John's Wood.
 „ J. MARTIN THOMPSON, Hillside House, Eglinton Road,
 Plumstead.
 „ PETER PRINGLE, "Taymont" Wrotesley Road, Plumstead
 „ DANIEL JACK, Sheffield.
 Lieut. THOMAS E. ANDERSON, R.A., 124, Herbert Road,
 Plumstead.
 Rev. J. MORE, River View, Shrewsbury Lane.
 Mr. D. DOIG, Senr., Tay Villa, Cantwell Road, Plumstead.
 „ ALEXANDER THOMSON, 69, Narbonne Avenue, Clapham.
 „ HENRY ROBSON, Aubrey Lodge, Notting Hill. *Campden Hill Sq*
 „ CECIL D. ROBERTSON, 11, Oakhill Park, Hampstead, N.W.
 „ ROBERT WHYTE, 51, King Henry's Road, Primrose Hill.
 „ JOHN J. REID, 4 & 5, Austin Friars, London. *74 Byobon Road
 City of London*

Trustees of Eltham Estate :

- Rev. J. MORE.
 Mr. P. PRINGLE.
 Mr. W. N. DENOON.
 Mr. J. M. THOMPSON.
 Mr. P. J. PRINGLE.

Office-Bearers of the Church

Minister :

The Rev. J. MORE, River View, Shrewsbury Lane.

Elders :

- Messrs. JAS. BLEST, 15, Little Heath Terrace, Charlton.
 SHIRLEY BROOKS, 24, Wood Street.
 WILLIAM S. DOW, Aberdeen Villa, Cantwell Road.
 PETER PRINGLE, "Taymount," Wrotesley Road.
 WM. MCEWAN, 8, Wrotesley Road.
 D. BEE, 26, Macoma Road.
 THOS. WEBSTER, 14, Hanover Road.
 JOHN THOMPSON, Hillside House, Eglinton Road.
 JOHN MACFARLANE, 80, Elliscombe Rd., Old Charlton.
 JAMES TAIT, Royal Arsenal.
 ALEXANDER FRASER, Frederick Street, Plumstead.

Deacons :

- Messrs. DAVID DOIG, Tay Villa, Cantwell Road.
 G. MOOREHOUSE, 4, Blendon Terrace.
 A. BEE, 19, Acacia Parade.
 W. DENOON, 17, Ennis Road.
 D. M. DOIG, 36, Vernham Road.
 Lieut. ANDERSON, R.A., 124, Herbert Road.
 Messrs. P. J. PRINGLE, Artillery Place.
 F. GOLLAN, Russell Place.
 JAMES LAWSON, Charlton.
 Sergt.-Major Lyle, R.A.
 Staff-Sergt. MURRAY, R.A.M.C.

Organist :

Mr. WELLS, The Common.

Pastor's Letter.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE NEW ROAD CONGREGATION,

We have accomplished something during the past year. The beautiful New Hall and class-rooms have been erected, and finished, and are now in use. We have paid our way so far, but, as you will see from the accounts, calls for settlement of outstanding liabilities will soon be made. You will also see from the appendix what help has been given and whence it has come. If the many friends who mean to help will send in their cards and assist on the same liberal scale we shall not have much difficulty in clearing our way. We owe very much to the generous-hearted sympathy and kindness of Dr. Munro Gibson and Mr. Henry Robson.

The organ has been cleaned and repaired as an instalment of the cleaning and repair of the Church, and a generous friend to the congregation has borne the expense. Truly we may say "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes," and it may well cheer and stimulate the faint-hearted to proceed with the work still lying to our hand. A congregation of Christian people, united in the bond of a common faith and interest, may accomplish easily whatever our Lord gives us to do.

I have to thank you for very much kindness received in every home, and in all my relations with you.

I am, very sincerely yours,
J. MORE.

The Session's Report.

At the opening of the year 1899 there were 220 members on the Church Roll, including 8 Elders and 10 Deacons. There have been added to the Session in the course of the year Messrs. Fraser, Macfarlane and Tait, and to the Diaconate Mr. Lawson, Sergt.-Major Lyle and Staff-Sergt. Murray. These brethren have proved themselves worthy of the confidence you placed in them.

The Membership at the beginning of the year 1899 stood at	.. .. .	220
There were added in the course of the year		
By Certificate	12	
By the Session	5	17
		<hr/>
		237
There were removed by death	2	
By Certificate	10	12
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		Leaving on the Roll 225

The Session would earnestly ask the Congregation to be more punctual at the Morning Service. They regret to see the Minister begin the Public Worship of God with empty choir seats, and with nearly half the congregation late, and the rush in after the Divine Service has begun is both unseemly and disturbing.

The average attendance of members at Communion on the previous year was 117, and the average attendance in the past year was 111.5. After all allowances have been considered this is an unsatisfactory expression of the spiritual life of the Church, and the Session beg the sympathy and co-operation of the congregation to remove these blemishes from our worship and fellowship at the Table of our Lord.

THOMAS WEBSTER,
Session Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND, NEW ROAD, WOOLWICH.

Dr. Ordinary Account for 1899. Cr.

RECEIPTS.

January 1st to December 31st, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1898				7	11	11
„ Seat Rents				109	17	6
„ Weekly Offerings				162	10	9
„ Sustentation Fund Offerings				55	2	8
„ Eltham Estate				30	0	0
„ Paid for Gas, Week of Prayer				1	0	0
„ Proceeds of Pigmy Lecture				4	6	7
„ Sale of Work				67	4	2
„ Donation, Mrs. Green				1	0	0
„ „ Miss Saunders				1	0	0
„ Donations per members				8	4	5
„ Special Objects—						
City Mission		1	12	2		
Hospitals		3	18	6		
Sunday Schools		3	8	9		
Jewish Mission		1	16	9		
Foreign „		7	8	1		
College		1	0	0		
Instruction of Youth		1	0	0		
Home Mission		1	6	7		
Poor Fund		10	8	4		
				31	19	2
				£479	17	2

EXPENDITURE.

January 1st to December 31st, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
By Stipend	330	0	0
„ Pulpit Supplies	3	2	0
„ Contributions to Sustentation Fund £205, less £200 re- turned to Minister, included in the Stipend	5	0	0
„ Organist	15	0	0
„ Fire Insurances	5	8	3
„ Synod and Presbytery Fund	8	10	0
„ Church Officer	20	0	0
„ Water Rate	2	5	0
„ Coals, Gas, Stationery, and Sundry Expenses	42	18	9
„ Organ Blower	4	0	0
„ A. G. Hunter for Tuning Organ	5	0	0
„ Free Church Council... ..	10	0	0
„ T. Hughes for Engrossing Deed	6	4	0
„ Special Objects as per Contra... ..	31	19	2
	£479	17	2
	£479	17	2

Audited and found correct,
F. GOLLAN,
J. TAIT,
J. LYLE.

LECTURE HALL ACCOUNT, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
War Office Compensation	998	0	0
School Repair Account (Balance)	26	12	9
Church Cleansing Account (Balance)	10	17	9
Bazaar, 1898	140	0	0
At Service of Opening Hall	5	1	0
Tea Profits, &c., as per Mrs. Weller	9	16	0
Sunday School Children's Offering	12	7	
Donations per Mr. Pringle			
Comtle E. May	10	0	0
J. Ross	2	2	0
" Rev. J. More	239	0	3
" Members of Congregation	172	16	10
	<u>£1614</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>
Balance in Hand	29	16	11
Amount Needed	156	17	1
	<u>£188</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paid on Account to Jerrard & Sons, Builders ...				1547	0	7
" to Davis & Co. for Carpet				2	4	4
Chairs				22	15	0
Travelling Expenses of Preacher at Hall Opening	1	0	0			
Printing	1	19	0	2	19	0
G. Wright & Co., Stoves, &c.				10	3	4
Balance in Hand				29	16	11
				<u>£1614</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>
Due to Architect				83	0	0
Balance Due to Jerrard				75	0	0
Due to Electric Light Company				30	4	0
				<u>£188</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

Organ Cleaning and Repairing Account.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Ginman per Rev. J. More... ..	30	0	0
Balance Due to Treasurer	2	2	0
	<u>£32</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Young & Co.	30	0	0
Travelling Expenses, &c.	2	2	0
	<u>£32</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

1614 : 19 : 2
 188 : 4 : 0
 1803 : 3 : 2
 29 : 16 : 11
 1773 : 6 : 3

Sunday School Account, 1899.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
General Account ...	5 10 7	Balance ...	1 10 5
Mission Account ...	13 2 5	General Account ...	6 18 3
Treat Account ...	25 9 10	Mission Account ...	13 2 6
Dr. Balance ...	1 14 8	Treat Account ...	24 6 5
	<u>£45 17 7</u>		<u>£45 17 7</u>

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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The Superintendent reports on the comfort and convenience of the new premises, and adds, "Our numbers have decreased somewhat this year. This may be explained by the change in the garrison owing to the war, and by the disorganisation of the early part of the year in the classes owing to changes in the staff, and having to conduct the work in the galleries. Still, with all the past disadvantages we have much to be thankful for. Specially are we grateful for an earnest, willing and faithful band of teachers, whose loyalty and love to their school in all its vicissitudes are worthy of all praise. Our thanks are specially due to Mrs. More, Messrs. Pringle, Dow, McEwen, Fraser, Pinkney and Sinclair for special help during the year.

We have a staff of 20 officers and teachers, and an average roll of 150 to 160 scholars, with about 210 on the books."

JOHN MACFARLANE,
Superintendent.

Y. P. S. C. E. Account, 1899.

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INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ...	0 13 10½	Affiliation Fee ...	0 1 0
Collections in 1899 ...	1 0 8½	Topic Cards ...	0 2 1½
Balance from Anniversary Tea ...	0 3 11	Postage ...	0 0 10
Sale of Topic Cards ...	0 0 5	Flowers, Etc., per Sunshine Committee ...	0 3 9
Missionary Fund—		Donation to 1900 Convention ...	0 5 0
Collected for Sua Bue ...	3 3 7½	Donation to Sua Bue ...	5 0 0
Collected at Missionary Meetings ...	1 0 4½	Paid for Magazines ...	2 0 0
Subscription to Library ...	0 8 0		
	<u>6 10 10½</u>		
	5 14 8½		
Balance	<u>£0 16 2</u>		<u>£5 14 8½</u>

THOMAS L. SINCLAIR & MINNIE F. LYNN,
Treasurers.

OFFICERS OF THE Y.P.S.C.E.

President—REV. J. MORE.

Vice-President—Mr. KERR.

Treasurer—Miss M. LYNN.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. D. M. DOIG.

Secretary—Miss LYNN.

The Meetings are held on Friday Evenings at 8.15 p.m.
All Young People Heartily Invited.

Mutual Improvement Society.

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RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance ...	0	6 2	Excursion to Kew ...	3	5 10
Excursion to Kew ...	3	10 3	Subscription to Parent Union ...	0	10 0
Lectures ...	1	19 4	Lectures ...	0	3 6
9 Members' Subscription ...	0	13 6	Printing, Lectures and Programmes ...	1	18 6
Donations ...	0	2 6	Social ...	2	1 10½
Annual Social ...	2	3 0	Postage, Etc. ...	0	5 0
			Balance ...	0	10 0½
	<u>£8</u>	<u>14 9</u>		<u>£8</u>	<u>14 9</u>

Treasurer, W. N. DENOON, *Pro. Tem.*

W. N. DENOON, *Hon. Secretary*

Ladies' Sewing Meeting.

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From various reasons the meetings this year were late in commencing, the first one being held on the 2nd July, so that the garments made were not so many as in previous years. The ladies, who came so regularly, worked with a will, and the utmost cordiality prevailed.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year	1	0 6	Material, &c. ...	5	11 4
Donations and Sale of Garments, &c. ...	4	16 0	Balance in Hand ...	0	5 2
	<u>£5</u>	<u>16 6</u>		<u>£5</u>	<u>16 6</u>

Mrs. WELLER & Mrs. J. PRINGLE, *Secretaries.*

Sustentation Fund, 1899.

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Treasurer -	-	Mr. P. J. PRINGLE.
Secretary -	-	Mr. P. PRINGLE.
Lady Collectors -	-	Misses HART, JACK, F. WATT, WELLER & J. WELLER.

The total amount collected in 1899 is £55 2s. 8d., from 84 subscribers as follows (and is £4 3s. 6d. in excess of the sum subscribed in 1898, viz: £50 19s. 2d.)

Miss Hart ...	£5 7 7	Miss J. Weller ...	£13 6 0
Miss Jack ...	10 18 10	Anonymous ...	5 10
Miss F. Watt ...	9 3 6		
Miss Weller ...	16 0 11		
			<u>£55 2 8</u>

The detailed statement below shows how the above total has been realized, viz:—

RATES SUBSCRIBED.		NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS.	TOTALS.
Annually	£1 4 0	1	£1 4 0
Half-Yearly	0 10 0	1	1 0 0
Quarterly	0 10 6	1	2 2 0
"	0 5 0	9	8 12 6
"	0 4 0	1	0 16 0
"	0 2 6	3	1 10 0
"	0 2 0	8	2 4 0
"	0 1 6	2	0 12 0
Monthly	0 5 0	1	3 0 0
"	0 3 4	1	2 0 0
"	0 2 6	2	2 0 0
"	0 2 0	11	11 18 0
"	0 1 8	1	0 14 0
"	0 1 0	24	12 12 0
"	0 0 10	1	0 5 10
"	0 0 6	14	3 6 6
"	0 0 4	1	0 2 4
Weekly	0 0 1	1	0 3 0
Daily	0 0 1	1	1 0 6
		<u>84</u>	<u>£55 2 8</u>

I am glad to report that the number of subscribers has increased from 74 to 84 during the year, this is in a large measure due to the energy and zeal of our Lady Collectors.

Whilst thanking all present Subscribers and Collectors, I would appeal to all those members and adherents of the Congregation who are not subscribers to assist in increasing this the principal fund of the English Presbyterian Church.

If anyone wishing to subscribe to this Fund will kindly give their Names and Addresses to one of the Office Bearers or myself, I will make arrangements for them to be called upon at their homes by a Lady Collector.

Donations thankfully received.

P. J. PRINGLE, *Treasurer.*

Dorcas Society.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance from last year	0 7 2	Expended	5 2 0½
Subscriptions, Teas	5 7 5	Balance in hand	0 12 6½
	<u>£5 14 7</u>		<u>£5 14 7</u>

There has been a considerable increase in the funds of the Society for the year, but the workers were very few. As the meetings are held only once a month it is earnestly hoped that during the current year all subscribers will endeavour to attend. Should any find it impossible to do so, it would be a great assistance if they would kindly arrange to make at least one garment during the year at their own homes.

E. J. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

Mothers' Meeting.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	2 6	Accounts paid	17 15 2½
Total Receipts	18 2 4	Balance in hand	9 7½
	<u>£18 4 10</u>		<u>£18 4 10</u>

THRIFT BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	0 0 2	Accounts paid	25 16 2
Total receipts	25 19 6	Balance in Hand	0 3 6
	<u>£25 19 8</u>		<u>£25 19 8</u>

President: MRS. MORE.

Secretaries: MRS. BROOKS, MRS. and MISS WELLER, and MRS. GRAHAM.

These Meetings continue to be well attended, though illness has been very prevalent amongst those who attend on Monday afternoon.

The outing to Margate in the summer was much enjoyed.

Summary of Accounts, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Current Revenue	479	17	2	Balanced	1	14 8
Sunday School	45	17	7	Balance due to Treasurer		
Y.P.S.C.E.	6	10	10½	Balance in hand	16	2
Mutual Improvement Society	8	14	9	"	10	0½
Ladies' Sewing Meeting	5	16	6	"	5	2
Dorcas Society	5	14	7	"	12	6½
Mothers' Meeting & Thrift Branch	44	4	6	"	13	1½
Lecture Hall	232	1	8	"	29	16 11
Organ Account	32	2	0	Balance due to Treasurer		2 2 0
	<u>£859</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7½</u>			

APPENDIX

Donations and Collected by Cards.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rev. J. More ...	239	0	3	Mrs. McCallum ...	1	10	0
Mr. J. Blest ...	10	0	0	Mrs. McEwan ...	2	10	0
Mr. S. Brooks ...	5	0	0	Major McCroy ...	3	0	0
Mr. D. Jack ...	5	0	0	Mrs. McKannon ...	0	5	0
Mr. McEwan ...	2	0	0	Mr. Macnamara ...	0	19	1
Mr. P. Pringle ...	10	10	0	Mrs. Macnamara ...	0	3	1
Mr. J. M. Tompson ...	5	0	0	Mrs. More ...	5	0	0
Mr. Thos. Webster ...	11	14	6	Staff-Sergt Murray ...	7	0	0
Mr. W. N. Denoon ...	1	1	0	Mr. Naylor ...	0	1	0
Mr. A. Bee ...	1	1	0	Mrs. P. J. Pringle, jun. ...	1	1	0
Mr. D. Doig, junr. ...	2	0	0	Mr. Pinkney ...	0	10	0
Mr. Tait ...	0	10	6	Mrs. Pringle, senr. ...	2	2	0
Mr. P. J. Pringle ...	2	2	0	Mrs. Renville ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Angus ...	0	5	0	Mrs. Robson ...	1	10	0
Mrs. Brown, Eglinton Rd. ...	0	5	0	Mrs. Russell ...	0	6	6
Mrs. Neil Campell ...	0	5	0	Miss Russell, The Common ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Brown, Abery St. ...	0	10	0	Miss Saunders ...	10	0	0
Mr. Cartwright ...	1	0	0	Mr. A. E. Sandall ...	0	16	0
Mrs. Cartwright ...	1	0	0	Miss Skillen ...	5	2	0
Mrs. Craig ...	1	2	6	Miss A. Steven ...	1	1	0
Mr. Denoon, St. Margarets Terrace ...	0	10	0	Miss Stewart, Sunnyside. ...	2	0	0
Mrs. Denoon ...	0	10	0	Miss J. Stewart, Hanover Road. ...	0	10	0
Miss Denoon ...	0	10	0	Mrs. Sugar ...	2	8	0
Mr. Doig, Vernham Rd. ...	1	0	0	Mrs. Tait ...	0	5	0
Miss Ferguson, The Church ...	0	10	6	Mr. J. W. Tait ...	0	5	6
Mr. Ferguson ...	3	0	0	Mrs. Tanton ...	0	12	4
Mrs. Ferguson ...	2	0	0	Mrs. Watt ...	0	10	0
Mr. Fraser ...	1	6	0	Mr. Alexander Webster ...	1	10	0
Mrs. Ginman ...	5	5	0	Mr. Weller ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Graham ...	1	0	0	Mrs. Wilson ...	0	6	0
Mrs. Green ...	10	0	0	Miss Wilson ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Hattrick ...	0	12	6	Miss Everard ...	0	12	10
Miss Hattrick ...	0	9	6	Mr. Joyce ...	0	5	0
The Misses Jack ...	10	0	0	Lieut. Munro, R.A. ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Jeffrey ...	0	6	0	Anonymous ...	0	10	0
Miss M. Jeffrey ...	0	5	0	Sergt.-Major Lyle R.A. ...	1	0	0
Miss Janet Jeffrey ...	0	10	0	Capt. Cooper R.A. per Lieut. Anderson ...	1	0	0
Miss Lyle ...	0	10	0	Mr. Alexander Jack ...	5	0	0
Sergt. Lindsey, A.P.C. ...	0	12	6	Miss Robson ...	0	10	0
Mr. Malcomson ...	5	13	0				

Rev W. Lee B.A
Prin Methodist

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Oct. 11/1900

St John Baptist parish, Plumstead.

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Rev. W. Lee B.A. 20 Mottlesley Road, Plumstead
Minister of Robert St. Prin. Methodist Church, Plumstead.

In the early days of the Inquiry we met Mrs Lee, he being then in charge of Christ St (Poplar) Prin. Methodist church. He was the same cheery man; little changed except that I noticed a few grey hairs which I do not remember noting 3 years ago.

The people here are better off than at Poplar. Earn more regular wages - Mrs Lee has not met any out of work. The widows of the government employees find work in the Arsenal - making bags.

Many of his people come from the streets around the chapel but there is a gradual move toward the higher ground. They try to get round Plumstead Common. One of the members of his church is building here and all his houses are taken before he gets the foundations in - mostly sold.

Have good premises. Chapel holds 550. Schoolroom below. Twelve classrooms and an infant schoolroom holding

150.

Lee - Prim. Meth; Robert Street.

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Good staff of workers, including 60 S.S. teachers.

Primitive Methodist Connexion.

The Quarterly Guide

OF THE

Plumstead Station,

FROM

SEPTEMBER 30th to DECEMBER 30th, 1900.

MINISTER :

REV. W. LEE, B.A., 20, Wrottesley Road,
Plumstead, S.E.

CIRCUIT STEWARD :

MR. J. A. TRUSCOTT, 17, Waverley Road,
Plumstead, S.E.

Good staff of workers, including 60 S.S. teachers.

To our Church Members and Worshippers.

BELOVED FRIENDS AND FELLOW LABOURERS,—
The Churches of the Circuit during the past Quarter have been called upon to experience one of those upheavals which may be regarded as inevitable in Methodist Church life—a change of ministry. Generally speaking, these changes occur about once in three years. That, however, has not been your experience. During the last fourteen years you have had the great joy of being served by only two ministers—the Rev. J. Turley, who laboured in “word and doctrine” amongst you for six faithful years, and the Rev. R. Andrews, who went in and out amongst you as a true witness of his Lord, for eight long and happy years. That a ministry so extended beyond the recognised term, so rich in good works, and so much honoured of God could be terminated without deep regret and a painful sense of loss would be almost impossible. The character and faithful ministry of Mr. Andrews and his equally devoted wife, will long remain an inspiring memory to the Churches of this Circuit.

I need not ask you to extend to myself and Mrs. Lee some meed of that sympathy and co-operation which you so freely gave my honoured predecessor. You have already manifested a most praiseworthy spirit in this respect, and the services in connection with the inauguration of the present ministry were marked with much power and blessing—prophetic, we pray, of yet richer blessings to come.

May the great God and our blessed Lord crown our common and united labours for the spread of His truth, and the extension of His kingdom in all coming time!

One other event of great interest has taken place during the past quarter. On August 5th and 6th the first Anniversary of the New Wickham Chapel took place. The Sabbath services were well attended, and very gracious influence rested upon them. The weather was distinctly unfavourable for the tea and public meeting on Monday, the 6th; nevertheless a very encouraging number of friends gathered together, and a good time was experienced. The financial results amounted to £8 net. We bespeak the sympathy and practical co-operation of our friends in the work of this struggling Church.

We are extremely happy to be able to report that the general work of the Circuit during the past quarter has been encouraging. The report of members to the Quarterly Meeting indicated an increase of five upon the previous quarter, and the Circuit Fund, as the appended Balance Sheet will show, chronicled a healthy condition financially. For all this we are deeply grateful to God, and to the friends who have both laboured and given. We are confident that you will continue this generosity.

You will observe elsewhere in the “Quarterly Guide” what arrangements have been made for services, both ordinary and special. May God, by His Holy Spirit, enable us to make all the services special.

We would, however, call your attention to the Anniversary of Robert Street Church, on Sunday, November 11th, when sermons will be preached by Rev. E. Bagnall, and on Monday, when the chair will be taken by a very old friend of mine, Mr. R. H. Durant, of Poplar.

For the week’s Mission which precedes the Church Anniversary we bespeak your special prayers that God may pour out His spirit, and that “some fruit may abound to our account.”

With earnest prayers for your constant growth in the divine life and grace, I am, on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting, Yours, in Holy Service,

WILLIAM LEE.

Circuit Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for INCOME (Class money Coll., Total) and EXPENDITURE (Minister's Salary, Rev. W. Lee's Travelling Expenses, Rent, Furnishing, To Connexional Fund, To Equalization Fund, Book Room Goods and Postage, To Wickham Chapel, Balance in hand). Totals are £53 11 7½.

Good staff of workers, including 60 S.S. teachers.

APPOINTMENTS

"WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST."

PLACES AND TIME.	Sept.		October.				November.				December.				
	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
PLUMSTEAD 11	Lee	Lee	Lee	W Polknghn	Lee	Nicholls	Lee RM	Bagnall CA	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Radford
Robert Street 6.30	Lee	Lee s	Lee s	Bastin	Lee z	Simmonds	Lee RM	Bagnall CA s	Lee CE	Lee	Lee s	T Polkinhrn	Lee	Lee	Lee
School Address ... 3.15					Lee				Lee						Lee
Tuesday—Preaching ... 7.0	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Miller	Lee RM	Lee	Lee	Lee	Andrews	Lee	Lee	Xmas	Lee
„ Y.P.S.C.E. ... 8.0	Lee	Miller	T Polkinhrn	Allen	Lee	Rendle	Lee RM	Munns	Press	Miss Holmes	Lee	E Munns	Lee	Xmas	Lee
WICKHAM LANE ... 11.0	Hayes	Hawkins	Kelley	Philpott	Miller	Knipe	Lee	Bastin	Freelove RM	Mansell	Andrews	W Polkinhrn	T Polkinhrn	Lee	
„ „ 6.30	T Plknhrn s	Nicholls	Mansell	Freelove	Barker	W Polknhrn	Lee s	Radford	Miller RM	T Plknhrn & EPlummer L	Lee	Bastin s	Ketley	Hayes	
Tuesday—Band of Hope	E Mansell		A Freelove		W Freeman		T Arnold		F Freelove		J Sizeland		Xmas		
Wednesday—Preaching 7.0	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Hayes	Mansell	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Xmas	Lee	

REFERENCES.—AL Aged Local Preachers' Fund; CA Chapel Anniversary; CC Lighting Collection; CM Camp Meeting; CX Chapel Extension Fund; HF Harvest Festival; L Lovefeast; MS Missionary Sermons; RM Revival Meeting; SA School Anniversary; S Sacrament; z Sermon to Young People.

PREACHERS.—Your mission is to preach Jesus Christ—incarnated, crucified, risen, ascended, glorified—remembering His word, "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." If you cannot take your appointments here set forth you must endeavour to obtain an accredited supply before sending notice to the Minister. No person is allowed to preach in our Chapels unless authorised by the Circuit authorities.

PREACHERS.

- 1 W. LEE, B.A., 20, Wrottesley rd., Plumstead
- 2 A. Brett, 195, Maxey Road, Plumstead
- 3 A. Bastin, & A. W., 251, Eglinton rd., Plumstead
- 4 E. A. Plummer, 21, Vernham rd., Plumstead
- 5 A. Press, 23, Isla road, Plumstead
- 6 T. Polkinghorn, 20, Waverley rd., Plumstead
- 7 W. Polkinghorn, 49, Glyndon rd., Plumstead
- 8 W. Miller, 40, Llanover road, Plumstead
- 9 E. Mansell, 40, Roydene road, Plumstead
- 10 A. Freelove, 15, Miriam road, Plumstead
- 11 J. Hayes, 36, Nithdale road, Plumstead
- 12 J. Kelley, 70, Tormoant road, Plumstead

ON TRIAL.

- 13 R. C. Andrews, 23, Isla road, Plumstead.

EXHORTER.

- 14 A. Philpott, 28, Walmer road, Plumstead.

HELPERS.

- 15 Rev. M. Simmonds
- 16 C. Barker, 15, Bramblebury rd., Plumstead
- 17 W. B. Long, Charlton
- 18 J. W. Giles, 7, Station road, Belvedere
- 19 G. Radford, Hudson Road, Plumstead
- 20 W. Nicholls, 11, Vernham Road, Plumstead
- 21 J. W. Hawkins, Brewery road, Plumstead
- 22 T. Knipe, Bexley
- 23 C. Ketley, 39, Dartford road, Dartford
- 24 Rev. E. J. T. Bagnall, Croydon

PLUMSTEAD.

- Society Classes. Ticket Renewal.
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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|---------|
| Bro. Polkinghorn | ... | Sunday, 3.0. | Nov. 4 |
| „ W. Miller | ... | Monday, 8.0. | Oct. 22 |
| „ E. A. Plummer | ... | Tuesday, 8.0. | „ „ |
| Sis. Lee | ... | Wednesday, 3.0. | „ „ |
| Bro. F. Poore | ... | Wednesday, 7.30 | „ „ |
| „ Bastin | ... | Thursday, 7.15 | „ „ |
| „ W. Lee | ... | Thursday, 7.15 | „ „ |
| „ Holmes (Catechumen) | ... | Monday, 7.0 | „ 21 |

Christian Endeavours.

JUNIOR—Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Lyle, and Mrs. Hughes, Presidents; Mr. Philpott, Secretary. Tuesdays, 7 o'clock.
SENIOR—Rev. W. Lee and Mr. T. Polkinghorn, Presidents; Mr. Philpott, Secretary. Tuesdays, 8 o'clock.
N.B.—Active Members over 14 years of age will be regarded as members of the Church, and will receive Quarterly Tickets and subscribe Class monies through the Endeavour Society, unless they belong to a Society Class. Associate Members will be treated as members of the Church 'On Trial.'
 Renewal of Endeavour Tickets, Oct. 23rd.

WICKHAM.

Bro. T. Polkinghorn Monday, 7.30. Nov. 5

Leaders should collect Class Monies weekly, visit absent members, hold a monthly Prayer Meeting, and apprise the Minister of members removing, in order that they may be credentialed.

Leaders' Meetings.

Robert Street, November 30th, 8 p.m.
 Wickham, at Robert Street, Nov. 30th, 7.15 p.m.
 Both Leaders and Assistants should be present.

Good staff of workers, including 60 S.S. teachers.

Committees, Institutions, & Officers.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—Composed of Minister, Local Preachers, Circuit Steward, Society Stewards and Class Leaders, and their Senior Assistants, Representatives from Trustees and Schools.

Next Meeting, Robert Street, December 7th, Ministerial Invitation.

CIRCUIT COMMITTEE.—The members of the Quarterly Meeting. Meets when required

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—Messrs. W. Lee, T. Arnould, A. Press, T. Marshall, B. Mansell, T. Polkinghorn, jun., A. Bastin, J. Arnould. To meet at Robert Street when required

SOCIETY STEWARDS.—Robert Street, Mr. F. Poore, 6, Willenhall Road, Plumstead. Assistants, E. A. Plummer, T. Arnould, J. B. Sizeland, H. T. Holmes, C. Cramp.

Wickham, Mr. J. Arnould, 31, Vernham Road, Plumstead. Assistants, Mr. J. Hayes, and T. Polkinghorn, senr.

Society Stewards provide for Sacraments and Lovefeasts; furnish pulpit announcements, and receive all Society monies.

CHAPELS.—Robert Street Chapel is held by nineteen Trustees. Mr. T. Arnould, Treasurer; Mr. F. Poore, Secretary; Mr. J. A. Truscott, Chapel Steward; Messrs. F. Poore, J. A. Truscott, J. B. Sizeland and H. T. Holmes, Pew Stewards

Wickham Chapel is held by twenty Trustees; J. B. Sizeland, Treasurer; Mr. W. Polkinghorn, Secretary; Mr. W. Polkinghorn, Chapel Steward; Mr. E. Mansell, Pew Steward.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Supported by Weekly Subscriptions and Special Efforts. Mr. B. Mansell, Treasurer; Mr. J. B. Sizeland, Secretary; Mrs. E. Plummer, Mrs. Brett, and Mr. T. Arnould, Collectors.

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PLUMSTEAD.

- Prayer Meetings—Sundays, 5.45 and 8.0 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Sermon to Young Men; Lord's Supper, 8.0 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Week's Revival Mission, Preacher, the Pastor
- „ 11 Church Anniversary, Preacher, Rev. E. Bagnall
- „ 12 Anniversary Tea and Meeting, 6.15 and 7.15
- „ 18 Y.P.S.C.E. Sermons
- Dec. 2 Lord's Supper, 8 p.m.
- „ 25 Christmas Day Sermon, 11 a.m.
- „ 31 Watch Night Service, 11 p.m.

WICKHAM.

- Prayer Meetings—Sundays, 5.45 and 8.0 p.m.
- Sep. 30 Lord's Supper, 8.0 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Lord's Supper, 8.0 p.m.
- „ 25 Revival Mission, Sunday, Bros. Frelove and Miller; Weekdays, Bro. Lee
- Dec. 2 Lovefeast, 6.30, Bros. T. Polkinghorn and E. A. Plummer to conduct
- „ 16 Lord's Supper, 8 p.m.

The Sunday School has 600 scholars, the bulk being from the immediate neighbourhood; some children of members come from greater distances. The Sunday Congregations amount to about 400 in the day; rather more in the ~~noon~~ evening than morning. The collections are about equal: last Sunday £1.12 - both morning & evening.

Women's Christian Help Society held on Monday afternoon has about 100 on the books & an attendance of about 60. Thrift & other agencies connected with it. Is a gospel service and not a sewing meeting. Y.P.S.C.E. is well attended and at Tuesday evening service they average 30. Week evening meetings are better attended here than at Poplar. People are at home and free when work is finished.

~~Have~~ A young men's club meets during the week and on Saturday night a young men christian help society - an agency for training workers.

Church has 220 members divided into 8 classes.

Regular visitation is carried on in the streets between Walmer and Glyndon Roads by

the

Christian Help Society. This is their Free Church district but they also visit the portions of the various streets crossing Glyndon Road as far as Brewery Road.

Relief amounts to £25 or £30. Mostly £ to widows from the Sacramental fund, whilst by the Benevolent Fund a few old people are just kept out of the workhouses.

Considerable Co-operation between the Free Churches. They have lent their premises to the Baptists for a bazaar.

Christian work flourishes here. Tent Mission in the summer was successful. He has just received two members thro' it. There is a large church going population. Most of the churches are well attended. Mr Wilson has a very large congregation. Mr Seely's church is almost full. Altogether the place compares very favourably with Poplar.

The Drunk question is as acute here as in Poplar. Don't see so much of it in Plumstead as in Woodwich. One of his members, Mr Miller of 40 Llanover Road represents one of the Societies

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for the protection of children. He is a retired police inspector and tells him much about it. Might be seen respecting drink and prostitution.

Oct. 2nd 1900.

Interview with Rev. W. ^{Outer South} Mackenzie Baptist
Church, Shooter's Hill Road.

Mr Mackenzie is a youngish man, something between 30 and 40. I went to him without making certain as to his denomination, having assumed from his name, and the fact that he lived in "The Manor" that he was a Presbyterian. I was however at once put on guard by his speech and manner, which though in no sense bad, had not that note of culture and refinement which is almost universal among the Presbyterian ministers. A few leading but non-committal questions soon elicited the fact that he was a Baptist.

This church is at the extreme end of the house in Shooter's Hill Road, and still almost in the county: but to the west it has a large and growing population, nearly all of whom are of upper, middle, and lower middle

Marshall - S. John's (District 46)

Mackenzie - Bapt. Shooter's Hill Road.

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class; and the congregation and numbers are drawn almost entirely from the last two classes. They come from an area of fully two miles, such a working class people as come on from the small group of streets known as the Sunfields District, a district which we have already heard of from Mr Marshall, the vicar of the parish, is a happy hunting ground for the sects. It includes some eight streets between the Old Down Road and Charlton Road inhabited exclusively by poor and fairly well to do working class people who seem to be fought for by the Wesleyans, the Baptists, the Church and the Presbyterians with more than the usual amount of rivalry. This church ~~alone~~ alone has 22 visitors in this small district whereas, and giving tracts; the Church and the Wesleyans only lend their tracts, but they too spend large sums in whips and tracts and as Mr M. said "we tread upon one

another's heels." The most lavish givers appear to be the Wedgams who have the bottomless purse of the Messrs Lamplough to draw from: "the Lamploughs" said Mr M. "own the church." They are a pair of unmerciful brothers of great wealth who apparently ~~never~~ never resist any appeal to their charity, and Mr M. says that the large heady school of the Wedgams is due largely to their feet. However the Baptists too give a good deal in the district: as a church quite £50 a year "in dollars, the average John being about 5/-" while "the whole to do members distribute their own charity."

The membership of this church is 275 and growing at the rate of from 30 to 40 a year: so much so that the church which holds 500 is getting too small, and there is talk of building a new one. The church is now nearly always full on Sunday. But though there is no difficulty in filling a church here Mr M. says

that even here, and especially among ~~the~~ the upper middle class, there is "much apathy and indifference" and that large numbers attend ~~at~~ no place of worship. Mr M. noticed that among the shopkeepers of the district church-going is still almost universal and of the ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~one~~ ^{one} of shopkeepers in Shooter's Hill Road $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{to} attend his church.

There is a Sunday School with 150 and a Band of Hope with 120.

There is a United Total Abstinence Society held on the Wesleyan premises which has given it "rather a denominational flavour" and partly accounts for its not being very successful.

The Church of England is powerful in the district. St. James' Kidbrooke "gets the cream of the rich." St. John (Mr Marshall) is Evangelical and "influential." They too go in for constant visitation in the Sunfield district. Mr Marshall's daughters being prominent in the work.

Mr. M. is Sec. of the Free Church Council for Greenwich (and Woolwich): it has not been formed long, but has made "rapid progress". There has been cooperation for open air work, Evangelical services, and temperance work and the United Churches now support a Mission Hall on River Terrace in Greenwich. They have petitioned for and obtained the right to appoint a Free Church Chaplain for the Workhouse.

The Police are good: always give protection to open air work.

Drink. "A lot of drunkenness" in Sunfields.

Prostitution rampant on the Heath

Thrift is at a low ebb: "a great lack of thrift." Members of the church carrying high wages are in distress at the first touch of adversity.

The district is not healthy, and the housing generally good. But even here there is crowding, and the greatest difficulty is getting a house room. I was in. visited a case of a decent family in Sunfield, Church members. When he found that a daughter of 18 and a son of 15 - were the occupants of one room.

Oct. 2nd. 1900.

All Saints, Shooters Hill, parish

Interview with Rev. J. Sutton, St. John's Christian Church, Herbet Road, Plumstead.

Mr Sutton is a middle aged ⁴⁵ man, who
 one 20 years ago was minister of this church
 when it was situated in the center of Woolwich.
 After his departure work in Woolwich was not
 successful and the church was removed to the
 top of the hill in Plumstead, a much more
 prosperous district socially. However it seems to
 have been no ~~more~~ more successful here, and
 when Mr S. returned to the ministry, a year
 ago, he found things in very low water:
 a small membership and an almost empty
 church. Things are now improving: there is
 a membership of from 80 to 90, and the
 church (350) is always "half full" and
 sometimes more so. The members and adherents
 are lower middle class and mechanics: 15-

of the members work in the Arsenal.

There is a Sunday School with 140 children and a small Band of Hope: otherwise there seems to be nothing doing; but Mr. S., who is a man of vision and some power, is making ready for more aggressive efforts: he is forming a band of visitors and so on: but all is to be on spiritual lines: he is dead against modern methods of work and shares the opinion of so many that P. S. A's, Saturday concerts, and even Missions do more harm than good: P. S. A's and Missions do not reach the class they are meant to, but afford rather the opportunity for a "spiritual debauch" on the part of so called Christians: while Saturday concerts instead of doing, in the Public House and drinking lot. attract many church and chapel goers, keep them up late on Saturday, and unfit them for spiritual duties on Sunday. Altogether Mr. S. thought that "the selfishness of Christians"

is one of the chief hindrances to Christian work. Even on the drink question, though the evil here is "appalling," which most of the religious people profess much for, so far as any practical action is concerned they are "utterly apathetic."

Another hindrance to religion is "the inordinate love of pleasure" which is partly due to the action of the churches in making such a feature of treats for Sunday Schools and Bands of Hope.

Except occasionally to a member in distress no relief is given from this church; and Mr S. confirmed the usual verdict that there ought to be no poor in Woodwick and Plumstead.

Mr S's church is in the "Saints" Parish. Mr Morris he says is "an excellent man" and the church has always a large congregation, mainly "military people and mechanics." It is common with most of the churches in the

neighbourhood it is exceptional, a fact which
tends to weaken the non-con. churches.

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Oct. 6th 1901

Interview with Mrs Anderson, ^{HB} Cape
Lace Mission, Plumstead. _{7/27}

Mrs Anderson is the widow of a
certain General Anderson who founded the Cape
Lace Mission Society, over 20 years ago. She
is an ~~old~~ elderly lady, good, kind, weak; her
character may be well gauged by her writings
hereafter.

She thought I came from the Sabatians,
they and had been Phillis woman, Mrs Dorsett,
and a niece to meet me.

The kind of work carried on at the
Mission may be gathered fully from the
Characteristic Report. It is an interesting example
and a very little church, and such influence
as it has is probably due in the main to Mrs
Anderson's kindness ("A great deal more is
done for them than appears in the Report," she
said) and to the persistent visitation of God

old Mrs Dosselt, who is a very notably old body. Mrs H. takes an optimistic view of the work. She claims that the character of the neighborhood has changed largely through the work of the Mission: the lack of "blasphemy" and "convulsion" are constant.

The Mission Hall probably has about 100 families who can be claimed as adherents, and they are scattered over a wide area.

Communion is administered in the Hall, and there are something over 100 regular communicants.

The Sunday services are always "well attended".

Cage Lane Mission Hall,

LAKEDALE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.

Prof. WEEDON

WILL (D.V.) SING AT

Mr. SWIFT'S Morning Service,

On Sunday Next, 30th Sept., at 11.

Mr. E. C. KNIGHT (of the Evangelization Society), will Preach in the Evening at 7 o'clock.

THE

Harvest Thanksgiving

SERVICES

Will be held on Sunday, 7th October,

WHEN

R. H. HILL, Esq., will Preach in the Evening at 7 o'clock.

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REPORT.

Cage Lane Mission, 1899.

LAKEDALE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.

"As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."—COL. ii. 6.

Cage Lane Mission Hall,

LAKEDALE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.



QUEEN VICTORIA,

Only child of the
Duke and Duchess of Kent.

Born at Kensington Palace,
May 24th, 1819.

Succeeded to the Crown
June 20th, 1837.



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A GOOD WOMAN,
A DEVOTED MOTHER,
A GRACIOUS QUEEN,

Honoured and beloved by
all her subjects and revered
throughout the British
Empire.

The prayer of her people
is—

"God save the Queen."

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REPORT.

"As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."—COLOSSIANS ii. 6.

AT the close of the 19th century we are again placing before our kind friends an account of the work done by the Cage Lane Mission during the year that is past.

We have every cause to be truly thankful for the way that God, in His infinite goodness, has led and helped us in the many branches of the work in this corner of His vineyard. From year to year the population increases in this rapidly growing district, and many homes around us show very distinctly how much the light of the Gospel is needed to change the lives of multitudes who are utter strangers to the love of Christ, living indifferently to all things concerning their souls, and in total darkness with regard to spiritual truths. This Mission Hall in Cage Lane is a well known spot to many, who can testify that within its walls God by the power of His Holy Spirit has revealed Jesus to the lost soul as the only Saviour, and by faith in Him have grasped the truth of salvation.

The Sunday School, under the superintendence of Mr. Taylor, who is assisted by many ready helpers, is in a very encouraging condition, the number of children who attend is rather lower than in

Cage Lane Mission Hall,

LAKEDALE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.



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previous years, the reason being that other Sunday Schools have been opened in this neighbourhood. In the large hall, on Sunday afternoons, the elder scholars are assembled with their teachers (36 in number), whose privilege it is to point those young lives to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Many and varied are the evidences of blessing received in our school, and some bright testimonies have been given on the death beds of those who have been early called home.

In the upper hall, Mrs. Dossett is busy with her large family of little ones, assisted by two or three helpers, who are telling them of the love of Jesus their Saviour, and who Himself said "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

The Band of Hope is doing a good work amongst the young people,—about 150 belong to our branch, and the attendance is fairly regular.

The Bible Reading Union has members here numbering 134. This branch was started through the efforts of Mr. Elphick.

During the past year Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie have ever been ready to help on the good work connected with this Mission. On Sundays Mr. Carnegie continues to work amongst the men by holding "Pleasant Sunday Afternoons," a time of much spiritual help for those who seek it. The attendance steadily increases. At the same time, in an adjoining room, Mrs. Carnegie has a class for young women, assisted by Mrs. Underhill. We earnestly pray that these united efforts may be abundantly blessed to the many men and women in our midst.

Mr. John Wood, of the Evangelization Society, has all the year round supplied us with most able preachers, men who by the grace of God make the way of salvation so clear to their hearers, uplifting Christ, and Christ alone, as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." We are ever deeply grateful for this invaluable help.

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The Sunday Morning Services held by Mr. Swift are much appreciated by those who are able to be present. His constant study of God's Word enables him to be a most helpful teacher to others, and we do realize that his faithful teaching will be blessed.

One special cause for thankfulness is the instruction given at our Bible Readings on Monday Evenings, also for the deeply interesting subjects connected with Natural Science, diagrams being abundantly used to make the lectures more instructive.

On Tuesdays Mrs. Lowrie is warmly welcomed by the many mothers who attend her weekly meetings, they feel that they have in her a kindly, sympathetic friend, ever ready to give them a word of encouragement and cheer, suitable for their daily trials and anxieties. Mrs. Blennerhassett is another kind friend, warmly interested in this work, the more so as she was one amongst the many who received blessing here through the instrumentality of dear General Anderson. The open-air work, here as elsewhere, has been much blessed, many a careless "passer by" has been brought to the Saviour by hearing some blessed truth proclaimed from God's Word, and by the power of the Holy Spirit the seed sown by the wayside has taken root, sprung up, and brought forth fruit abundantly.

During the past twelve months three important Missions have been held, each extending for seven or ten days' duration. Much blessing has been realized at these special times, and we trust many souls have been won for the Saviour.

In April last our Anniversary Meeting was held. Much kind sympathy was shown by the many friends present, the chair being taken by Gen. Sir William Stirling, our Hon. Secretary; we rejoice in his being appointed Governor to the Tower of London, and which brings him again nearer to us than Folkestone.

Cage Lane Mission Hall,

LAKEDALE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.



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In the autumn we much regretted the absence of Mrs. Palmer through a serious illness. Her work amongst the choir has been much appreciated for some years past, our hearty thanks are due to all the members for their voluntary help.

At the present time we trust that the spiritual teaching received in Cage Lane Hall may be bearing fruit in distant lands, as four members of our congregation, being Reservists (Privates Stone, Hunt, Hoath, and Clarke), were ordered out to S. Africa some time back—may their consistent lives be a power for good to their comrades, and in the midst of this terrible war may Jesus be lifted up by earnest Christians as the only Saviour, ever ready and willing to save, even unto the uttermost. Then to every true believer is realized that peace which He alone can give—

“Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round,
On Jesu’s bosom naught but calm is found.”

Since the lamented removal of General Anderson from our midst in 1895, it has occurred to some of us that many new members have been added to our congregation, and certainly many fresh visitors drop into our Hall week in and week out. These friends have perhaps only heard of the General, and do not know what manner of man he was, for their sakes, therefore, we give the inscription carved on the marble tablet affixed to the East wall, near the platform, which runs thus:—

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GENERAL GEORGE GIBSON ANDERSON,

H.M. BENGAL ARMY,

WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS AT PLUMSTEAD, NOV. 23RD, 1895,

AGED 72 YEARS.

“I SHALL BE SATISFIED WHEN I AWAKE WITH THY LIKENESS.”—Psalm xvii. 15.

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We have to acknowledge with deep gratitude many most kind gifts received during the past twelve months. Mr. Denny very generously gave the Mission ten pairs of blankets, the recipients were more than grateful for such an acceptable present. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Martin Frost have sent us a supply of booklets most useful for distribution. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, our School children had a most enjoyable treat in a large field most kindly lent for the occasion. Also we have to thank them, with others, for the beautiful flowers and fruit sent to decorate our hall for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

Our Bible Woman, Mrs. Dossett, is still in our midst, and working most enthusiastically, notwithstanding her declining years.

While preparing this report, we received the sad tidings of the decease of dear Colonel Travers, a name which is like a household word in Plumstead, and “whose praise is in all the Churches.” There seems special cause for recalling him, for it was he who helped to start this Mission at the Manor House about 25 years ago, in the Autumn of 1875. Ever since then he has been warmly interested in the work, and nothing pleased him more than to lend countenance to the proceedings at our Anniversaries. And now this noble witness (“our Lord Shaftesbury”) has been called to higher service, it would ill become us to be silent concerning him. We rejoice (1) in the testimony of his consistent life of nearly 60 years, since his remarkable conversion in a storm at sea in 1841, during this long period he pushed forward the cause beloved so well, “in season and out of season,” with unflagging zeal—a most successful winner of souls, up to the last “gathering fruit unto life eternal”; (2) That the close was in beautiful keeping with his career, that he “held fast the beginning of his confidence steadfast unto the end,” and was enabled to set his seal to the value of the Christian’s hope, when all earthly things are fading away like a dissolving view. “So am I,” said he, when told of the last words of a fellow-labourer—“I am absolutely shut up to the Atonement,”—“So am I, other Refuge have I none!” (*i.e.*) Renouncing all claim upon God

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Special Collections	5	8	4½	Rates (Water)	2	0	0	
Refunded from Printing Account	5	0		Insurance (Fire)	2	0	0	
Sale of Books	9	6		Printing	7	15	11	
Balance due to Treasurer, 31/12/99	10	10	3	Hymn Books, &c.	1	7	6	
					Stamps and Stationery	6	18	0	
					Coals and Coke	7	16	0	
					Gas	22	0	9	
					Repairs	6	7	1	
					Salaries	52	0	0	
					Bible Woman's Holiday	2	0	0	
					Organ Repairs	2	6		
					Special Missions	10	4	0	
					Donations to Sunday School	9	17	0	
					Repairing Chairs and Forms	2	2	10	
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7/2/1900.

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Oct. 8th. 1800.

I sat down with Rev. Thomas Ross. ^{H8} 19

I went to see Mr. Ross under the impression that he would be able to tell us something of the ~~work~~ work of the Wesleyans among the vicars of Woodville. I found however that he confines himself entirely to the military, and knows nothing of the Wesleyan churches, beyond the fact that he occasionally preaches in them.

The Wesleyan church in Munstead Common Road he said is always full, almost entirely with French people. The old church in William St. has not been prosperous of late years, but is now doing better on Mission lines: not that Mr. R. takes much in Mission lines, at all events for the week. Talking of the Dutch-hole he said "you might pay money at it for 20 years, but that would be no effect. Our Wesleyan Mission is competing town

St Margaret's parish.

centers are working on wrong lines: they are not getting hold of the people they are meant for, and will not until they work a town mission in connection with a county mission: the work for the 20th Century is to scatter the people. - Peter Thompson gets hold of a man, works him for a year, and at the end of that time he returns like a pig to the mire!

Mr. R. at one time worked in Mass Market and came to the conclusion that in their present conditions of life the really poor are a hopeless problem for the religious bodies.

Mr. R. at present has about 5-700 declared workers among the garrison: of them about 1/3rd habitually attend & serve. The account of his work among them will be found in the four Reports. The best-thing in narrative form is written by him.

October 11. 1900.

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Interview with the Rev. W. Cornelius Jones. Wesleyan Methodist, at 3, Nightingale Place - Woolwich.

Mr. Jones is president of the Woolwich circuit. His special care is the William Street Chapel but he serves in turn with two others Plumstead Common Chapel, ~~Chalton~~, Plumstead Village, & Shooter's Hill. He is about 50, longish hair brushed up & back off the forehead, moustache looks rather like a professional pianist or singer. Came here 6 weeks ago from Ayrshy. Has previously been in White-chapel (16 years ago) - Hull, Leeds, Sheffield man

Manchester, Kentish Town, & Anerley. 2
 He has a pleasant voice, deliberate way of speak-
 -ing: but not I think a person of any particu-
 -lar power.

Anerley was suburban, full of villas, city men,
 clerks, civil service employees, warehouse-
 -men. Woolwich has none of these: instead
 there are soldiers, small tradesmen & artisans
 working at the arsenal. Some need be
 poor in Woolwich who will work & very
 few are poor. 'Methodism does not usually
 attract the poor but here I don't believe
 there are any poor to attract.' none at
 any rate in his congregation.

The William Street Chapel holds 500

At the Sunday morning service at 11. 450 come
 ————— afternoon ————— 4. 600 —

St John's parish, Woolwich

Sunday School at 10. 100 children.

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2.30. 180 ..

About 12 teachers in the morning, 25 in the afternoon.

Buildings.

Church.

Schoolroom. holding 700.

vestries.

Recreation Room

Soldiers home with beds for soldiers on full length. This home is attached to the church where 150 sittings are kept for soldiers only. About 70 soldiers come now, 120 before the war.

Persons employed.

Himself

His ministerial colleague

Mr Haslam & the Army
brother

Wesleyan chaplain. Besides these are 20⁴
lay teachers, unpaid.

Clubs. A literary society for mental recreation
Wesley Guild for devotional
They have 100 common members & are
affiliated to one another.

Visiting. Home to Home by mission band with
invitation cards & church magazine.

Church Service. "Evangelism kept prominent". He
wants to have more music but talent
is singularly wanting. The sermon is
the key of the service: expository in
the morning: popular in the evening.
"In London I always say the best
man wins irrespective of dogma."

Congregation: artisans & tradespeople: $\frac{1}{4}$ are young
as

as many are men as women. There are ⁵
so many men in Woolwich that women
are almost at a premium. It is an ex-
cellent marrying district. Young women
won't accept domestic service outside.

There are no factories only shops.

Other influences. 'The Church of England has

the lead in Woolwich: very exclusive.
next only on the question of electing
a moral man to the new Boro' Council
(by this he meant one who wd stamp
out prostitution in the streets).

The Army are more exclusive than the
Church never invite me even to their
concerts'

No horses.

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The great curses of Woolwich are Drunkenness⁶
& immorality. Cohabitation in the street under
his very windows.
The Church has a juvenile & adult Temper-
-ance Society but no healthy, vigorous
Temperance Society!

I thought the Rev. Cornelius Jones an affected so
but he is probably a fair preacher, &
knowing more we might like him better.

Mr J. Harris
London City Missionary

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19/10/1900

The District

St Mary & Holy Trinity parishes, Woolwich

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Mr J. Harris. L.C.M. 1 Macona Road
Plumstead Common.

Mr Harris is a heavy looking bearded man probably nearing 60. Big boned, full faced and rather coarse featured. Slow and deliberate in speech and movement. Has been 5 years in Woolwich and was previously in Camberwell.

His district is bounded by the River Thames, The Arsenal, & Bessford Shed, High Street, then south by Parsons Hill to the Railway road and west to Queen Street & the Dockyard. It includes the notorious Dusthole.

He has 26 lodging houses, 12 for men and 14 mixed - the latter are "very hell's". In these houses the people change constantly altho' there are some regular inhabitants. Some pensioners and army reserve men make these houses their homes; also a number of men in regular work at the Arsenal. Some of the houses are let in furnished rooms - 5/- a week being paid & in some cases 8^d a night.

In many of the houses in Warren Lane & neighbourhood a family to a room is general. Beside the lodging house population - there are a good many costers and labourers, men working in the Albert Dock.

Apart from the nest of streets between the Arsenal and the Free Ferry, the district is not very bad. Ordinary working class, living two families in a house & here and there only one. Even in the Durt-hole there are some respectable people, amongst them some old folk living in some almshouses, where Mr H. holds a service on Monday nights.

Mr H. visits from house to house, taking about 6 weeks to cover the whole district. A few of the people attend places of worship but indifference is the general characteristic. Many of the children do not attend Sunday school. He visits the lodging houses regularly on Sunday afternoons and is well received. Went in on Christmas Day - the kitchens a scene of riot. ~~about~~ They did not want him then - one woman threw one of the papers he was distributing on the fire. The women

Religious Agencies

Drunk

Harris - S.M., East Woolwich District.

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are worse than the men in these place both in conduct and language.

Little religious work is done in the neighbourhood. Wilson's place is full & his young people hold services in some of the lodging houses. Some workers from the Y.M.C.A. also take part in this work.

Trinity Church does little. I don't want my name to appear but I think the vicar is useless so far as the poor people are concerned.

The Parish Church (Mr. Everett) is well attended as is Queen Street Chapel but not by the people of the district.

Much drunkenness especially amongst women on Monday mornings. The house the corner of Union Street & Beresford Street is a resort of bad women; other notorious houses are one the corner of Nelson Street and the Three Daws.

Local authorities do what they can to stop the prostitution but it is not much. The women are an 'awful class'

Mrs H. find that although there is much to depress one in the work here, there is much to encourage them. Now and then an individual is raised about the level. They soon get off - leave the district as soon as they can.

Adjutant Avery
Woolwich Corps of the
Salvation Army

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17/10/1900

Holy Trinity parish.

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Adjutant Avery, Officer in charge of the
Woolwich Corps of the Salvation Army, Brewer St.
Seen at the Quarters, 6 Brewer Street.

Adjutant Avery is a dark well built middle aged man. Came here from Aldershot about four months ago. He looks like an old army man. I caught him under ~~the~~ rather difficult circumstances. His wife had gone out & the Adjutant had been clearing old papers out of the cupboards and was burning them. However he ~~she~~ sat down in his shirt sleeves before the fire for a talk, every now & then feeding the flames with the paper.

His people are mostly "middle class" but by this he meant comfortable working people as contrasted with the poor near the Hall. They get a large number of the poor and vicious from Rope Yard Rials. Last Sunday morning there were 8 of the sheet women at knee-drill (7am). They make a special point of measuring the

slums. Work them every night and on Sunday evening have a special brigade there from 7.30 to 8.30.

The Corps district includes all Woolwich from Sandy Hill Road on the east to Wood Street on the west. They work most however near the Barracks.

The large hall holds 800 people and the smaller hall (used for Juniors) 300.

Beside the Adjutant & his wife there are 51 local officers. The Corps numbers 220 and they have about 172 junior soldiers.

The usual meetings are held on Sunday. 9 AM 11 AM. 3 PM, & 7 PM. The best congregation is on Sunday evening when they get 400 to 500 people. Some come from Plumstead. Meetings are held every week evening, the attendance varying from 20 to 100 or so. Open Air meetings are held 4 nights a week (Mon. Wed. Thurs. Sat) and on Sunday several, the corps dividing into three brigades.

Buildings used

Persons Employed

Services Held

Drink + Immorality are the great evils and the Adjutant mentioned specially the Pub at the corner of Union Street in even stronger terms than Mr Harris. I noticed it on my way home & altho' only 6 P.M. there were several villainous looking women H in the bar.

Avery - S. Army, Beresford Street

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& working thru district. On Thursday, they always meet in Beresford Square

To the children's meetings they get a very rough set of children, especially on Sunday nights. During the week at Band of Love meets (34 members) - teach them fretwork, sewing drawing &c.

The Adjutant visits the members and they have bands of workers visiting the neighbourhood. Take War Cry

Is very well received in Woolwich - knows no place more favourable. Corps is growing now and works going on "very nicely"

From the very poor and street classes they get some converts. The Adjutant showed me a letter he had received from a man he sent to the Blackfriars shelter. He is now working at Battersea Wharf and judging by the writing - an easy running hand - he is a man, who had come down in the world

A number of soldiers come to the Hall but not so many as before the war and they are constantly changing. The Adjutant is fond of soldiers and added his testimony respecting their whole-heartedness when they become Christian. They have to be real and are "splendid fellows".

