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Connell	Rev. R. R	Sup.,	P. Meth., Marylebone	4 Cakington Rd. Harrow Rd.	33
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Rev. W H Tindall
Wesleyan Minister

Nov 17/98

Historic Note

Buildings used

Persons Employed

St Thomas' parish. 22/5

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Mr Tindall is the minister in charge of the Hinde Street circuit, which consists of Hinde St Chapel & a Mission Chapel in Stanhope Street (District 18). He was written to as the minister of Stanhope Street & the interview appears in Book LXXV p71.

Hinde Street Chapel is a historic Methodist church & shares with Great Queen Street the honours of the early days of Methodism. Both churches were rich and crowded & both shared in the reaction which left them almost lifeless some 20 years ago. Strenuous efforts were made to rescue them and today Mr Tindall says that "Hinde Street is a large and powerful church".

The chapel holds 900; there is a large school room below and a number of class-rooms.

Minister and 6 sisters are engaged, one sister working at Stanhope Street. There was a second minister at Hinde Street but he has retired, somewhat abruptly I gathered, &

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PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE CLASSES.—HINDE ST

Name of Leader.	Date.	Hour.
Mr. Northcroft	Sunday	10 a.m.
Sister Elsie	Sunday	6 p.m.
Miss Christian	Sunday	3.15 p.m.
Miss Pictor	Sunday	3 p.m.
Mr. Johnson	Sunday	3.45 p.m.
Mrs. Bowles	Monday	8 p.m.
Mrs. Rawles	Monday	8 p.m.
Miss Finnimore	Tuesday	7.30 p.m
Rev. W. Darlow Sarjeant	Tuesday	8.15 p.m
Mr. Crosland	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Dr. Richardson	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Mr. Hicks	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Sister Edith	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Sister Maud	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Mr. Morrell	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Mrs. Darlow Sarjeant	Tuesday	8.15 p.m.
Mrs. Heywood-Smith	Tuesday	8.15 p.m
Sister Elsie	Tuesday	8.15 p.m
Mrs. W. Eastman	Wednesday	8.30 p.m.
Mr. Crewes	Wednesday	8 p.m.
Sister Amy	Wednesday	8.15 p.m.
~~Mrs. Robbins~~	~~Wednesday~~	8.15 p.m.
Mrs. Butcher	Thursday	3 p.m.
Mr. Brown	Thursday	8.30 p.m.
Mr. Robbins	Thursday	8.15 p.m.
Miss Robey	Thursday	8 p.m.
Mr. Cleland	Thursday	8 p.m.
Miss Robbins	Thursday	7 p.m.
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Junior Classes.

Mr. Johnson	Sunday	3.45 p.m.
Miss Finnimore	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Miss Robey	Thursday	7.30 p.m.
Miss Robbins	Thursday	7.30 p.m.
Sister Hattie	Thursday	7.30 p.m.
		5

STANHOPE STREET.

Mr. Myhill	Sunday	3 p.m.
Miss Wyburn	Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Rev. W. H. Tindall	Tuesday	8.30 p.m.
Sister Ellen	Thursday	8 p.m.

Junior Class.

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PLACE AND TIME.	OCTOBER 2	9	16	23	30	NOVEMBER 6	13	20	27	DECEMBER 4	11	18	25
Collect for	17th Sunday aft. Trinity	18th Sunday aft. Trinity	19th Sunday aft. Trinity	20th Sunday aft. Trinity	21st Sunday aft. Trinity	22nd Sunday aft. Trinity	23rd Sunday aft. Trinity	24th Sunday aft. Trinity	1st Sunday in Advent.	2nd Sunday in Advent.	3rd Sunday in Advent.	4th Sunday in Advent.	Christmas Day.
Morning Lessons	Jere. v 10-31 / Eph iii.	Jere. xxxvi. / Phil. iii.	1 Sam. iii. / S. Math. ix. 33-59	Ezek. xxx. v. / 2 Thess. iii.	Daniel iii. / 2nd Tim. i.	Daniel vi. / Titus iii.	Hosea. xiv. / Heb. vii.	Eccles. xii. / Heb. xiii.	Isa. i. / S. Luke xii. 35-48.	Isa. v. / 2 Pet. i.	Isa. xxv. / 1 John iii. 16	Isa. xxxi. 26. / Rev. ii. 18.	Isa. ix. 1-7. / S. Luke ii 1-14.
HINDE STREET, 11.0	Student	Tindall	Tindall	Grubb C.F.	W. Foster	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Sarjeant C.A.	Tindall	Curnock	Tindall	Tindall
Manchester Square 7.0	Tindall s.	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall C.F.	T. W. Jones	Tindall s.	Tindall	Tindall	Sarjeant C.A.	Tindall	Curnock	Tindall	Tindall
Monday 8.0	Leaders' Meeting.					Leaders' Meeting.				Leaders' Meeting.			
Tuesday 8.15	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall
Friday, Bible Instruction and Prayer Meeting 8.15	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall
STANHOPE STREET, 11.0	Tindall	Student	Student	Tindall C.F.	Helmsley	Allen	Student	Student	Student	Hurst	Tindall	Student E.F.	Helmsley
Hampstead Road. 7.0	Student	Student	Student	Grubb C.F.	Miller	Allen s.	Student	Student	Student	Helmsley	Tindall s.	Student E.F.	Miller
Wednesday 8.0	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Tindall	Helmsley	Tindall	Sisters	Hurst	Tindall	Helmsley	Tindall	Tindall

NOTICES, REFERENCES, AND COLLECTIONS.

C.S.—Covenant Service.
C.A.—Chapel Anniversary.
L.M.—Leaders' Meeting.
F.M.—Foreign Missions.
H.M.—Home Missions.

L.—Lovefeast; Members admitted by showing their Tickets; Strangers by a *note* from the Minister.
M.C.F.—Metropolitan Chapel Fund.
M.B.—Mission Band Meeting.
C.F.—Chapel Fund.
W.O.M.—Worn Out Ministers' Fund.

S.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
T.I.—Theological Institute.
E.F.—Educational Fund.
K.—Kingswood School.
C.—Circuit Fund.
H.F.—Harvest Festival.
C.A.—Church Anniversary.

October 27th, Pastors' Anniversary. Afternoon, 3.30, Sisters' Meeting. Chair taken by Mrs. Price Hughes. Tea at 5.30 o'clock. Bible reading by Rev. Jabez Ingram at 6.15 o'clock. Public Meeting at 7.30 o'clock. Chair taken by Rev. W. H. Tindall.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS:—
Rev. J. H. Hopkins.
Rev. C. G. Moore, Editor of "*Divine Life*," and others.
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Secretary to Hinde Street Trust:—Mr. FRANK EASTMAN.
" *to Stanhope Street Trust*—Mr. H. SMITH.
Treasurer, Worn-out Ministers' Fund:—Mr. W. T. EASTMAN.
Treasurer, Foreign Missions:—Hinde St.—Mr. H. NORTHCROFT.
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Secretaries, Home Missions:—Hinde St.—Dr. RICHARDSON.
Stanhope St.—Mr. WILLOTT.
Secretary, Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund:—
Mr. W. T. EASTMAN.
Secretary, Circuit Chapel Trust:—Mr. PITT.
Circuit Educational Secretary:—Mr. HICKS.
Circuit Temperance Secretary:—Mr. BANWELL JONES.

SPECIAL NOTICES

HINDE STREET.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL commences at 9-45 a.m., and at 2-30 p.m. Superintendent, Mr BROWN. There are Senior Bible Classes to which adults are invited.

THE BAND OF HOPE meets every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Secretary, SISTER ELSIE.

THE MISSION BAND meets at the Chapel every Sunday evening at 5-45 o'clock. Mr. ROBBINS, Conductor.

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CIRCUIT STEWARDS' ACCOUNT

For the quarter ending September 30th, 1898.

Income.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hinde Street.						
Members' Contributions	78	0	11			
Congregational Collections	42	2	11			
				120	3	10
Stanhope Street						
Members' Contributions	10	13	3			
Congregational Collections	11	3	8			
Special Contribution	5	0	0			
				17	6	11
Aggressive Fund				12	6	5
Special Contributions				22	5	8
				£172	2	10

Expenditure.

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Ministerial Stipends—Revs. W. H. Tindall and W. D. Sargeant, expenses Beaumont Street House and Sisterhood	164	15	10
Sundry expenses	7	7	0
	£172	2	10

WM. EASTMAN, | *Circuit Stewards.*
E. J. RICHARDSON,

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Notes on Services

Social Agencies

Visitation

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The congregation includes some professional and well to do people; a considerable number of fairly comfortable people and an immense number of young people from the houses of business. As to the upper ten; "we touch their servants". Place is nearly full at night and about the same in the morning. Have "very few half timers: the morning people don't neglect the evening service".

After the evening service, a "Social Hour" from 9 to 10 pm, mostly attended by the young people in shops etc. Have a cup of coffee, a bright address and family prayers. ~~Admit~~ Invitation by ticket - "Could get any quantity if ticket system were abandoned"

Sunday school has 454 scholars on the books & the average attendance is :- Morning 170, Afternoon 306.

Has a number of Social Agencies including two Slate Clubs (Mens & Womens), Band of Hope (83 members) and a large "Mothers' At Home". Also small men's meeting on Sunday afternoon. The Income of the Slate clubs from June to Sept. was £120.

Sisters visit from house to house and also take up other branches of work, meetings etc, which arise out

The Home Messenger.

HINDE STREET WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Pastor - - REV. W. H. TINDALL.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Public Service.
3 p.m., Bible Class for Young Women (SISTER AMY).
3 p.m., Young Men's Bible Class (MR. JOHNSON).
9.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., Sunday School. *Supt.*—MR. BROWN.
9 - 10 p.m., Social Hour.

MONDAY.—2.30–4 p.m.,
WOMEN'S "AT HOME,"
WITH
PENNY BANK,
Clothing, Coal and Slate Clubs.

TUESDAY.—8.15 p.m.
THE PASTOR'S CLASS,
WITH
Address and Testimony.

WEDNESDAY.
BAND OF HOPE.—7 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE.—8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.—8.30 p.m.
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

FRIDAY.—8.15 p.m.
PRAYER MEETING.

SATURDAY.
Children's Hour and Drill.
(2.30–4 p.m.)
Men's Slate Club.—7-8.30 p.m.

Visitation (cont^d)

Charitable Relief

of their visitation; the object being to make the work as personal as possible. One result is that five of the sisters have almost as much as they can do in looking after the people with whom they are in touch so that they can do little new aggressive work. While this system gives strength to the work it also is a source of weakness, as ~~it builds~~ instead of building up on church lines, the tie is often personal. "If I lose a sister, some one is sure to follow".

In addition to the Church fund (Communion) Mr T. has an "Aggressive fund" which is available for charitable purposes altho' not used exclusively for this. They work with the C. O. S. & try to be as thorough as possible in dealing with cases. Help takes many forms and as an instance Mr T. said they had advanced £10 to a poor girl to give her a start. He meets the sisters every week to go over the cases. He knows them entirely. Hopeless cases are got into the Workhouse.

Nothing to prevent overlapping.

Marylebone Church

Free Church Council

Prostitution

Marriage

Church Membership

A Growing Church

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Of the other religious agencies, Canon Barker is doing a great work. Plenty of men and helpers. Work is concentrated near the Marylebone Road.

Free Church Council is well taken up by their people. Had a public meeting recently at Hinde St.

Prostitution is bad.

Not many marriages among their own people.

The Church has 600 members. They lose a great many by removals and have to make this loss good by new people, as few are transferred to Hinde St. A continual stream going out.

Mr Tindall is very optimistic about the future. The church is growing, the congregations are better, indeed everything is improving. It is a "strong, healthy hard working church."

His opinion is not without some substantial basis. The people appear to be enthusiastic. At their last Annual Meeting they collected £600, while all are

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expected to take some personal part in the work of the church. They had just commenced their winters work & the following extract from the Magazine about the Saturday evening meeting will show the spirit of the people.

PLEASANT SATURDAY EVENINGS.

These evenings have always been enjoyed and well attended by the people, and we are now about beginning another winter campaign in this direction.

One of the greatest problems the Church has ever had to solve, is what to do with our young, middle aged, and old people in their *spare* hours or free time.

If they were all true Christians or out-and-out believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the life of service He led on earth, there is but one answer, that is, "Go out into the highways and hedges and *compel* them to come in, that My house may be filled."

We recognise that we have been specially guided by the Divine Spirit *this* winter in devising a scheme, to which, if all our members will nobly devote their leisure time, and give up their talents for the Glory of the Master, and unitedly join in earnest prayer for its success, we shall have the unspeakable joy of winning many souls to God, and even *now*, by faith, we can rejoice in anticipation, and see many around us, who are *now* in Nature's darkness, brought out into the clear noon-day sun of God's own most glorious light and love.

The scheme, which is most accommodating to all classes of Christian workers, consists of two departments, Out-door work and In-door work, and is, briefly stated, thus:—

Out-door Work (weather permitting). Those who prefer can band themselves together for distributing small bills, announcing Services for the next Sunday, and week-days following; holding short meetings wherever desirable; visiting the sick; tract distributing; house-to-house visitation; public-house work; taking total abstinence pledges; and preaching the good tidings of salvation wherever they go.

Extract

The *In-door Work* will consist of meetings, to be held in the Lecture Hall of Hinde Street Church every Saturday evening, from 8 to 9.30 o'clock, during which, short Gospel and Temperance Addresses, Magic Lantern Lectures, Songs, Solos—vocal and instrumental—and Recitations and Choruses, will be given, with an interval for light refreshments. The programme will be made as varied as possible, in order that we may, by all and every means, save some.

It is expected that *every* member shall occupy himself and herself with some particular work, in order to make the whole a brilliant success.

Some *must* speak, some *must* sing, some *must* weep, some *must* work, some *must* watch, some *must* pray. Ask God, "Which channel shall I be?"

Channels only, Blessèd Master,
But with all Thy wondrous power
Flowing thro' us, Thou canst use us
Every day and every hour.

Jan. 26. 1895 — ~~for 22~~ for 21 — 21 — Exeter

St Luke's parish.

Interview with Rev. George Hanson, Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Upper George St. & Edgware Road.

(D.D.) in 1900

Mr Hanson is a man of 40 or possibly a little over, though in spite of a tendency to gray hair, looking younger. In appearance he is the most prepossessing minister of any denomination that I have met for a long time: tall, straight, well made: the face strong, exceedingly refined, sensible: the expression sweet and yet commanding: complexion bright and healthy: clean shaved and well groomed: meeting him in the street you would probably take him for a Broad Church English parson of the very best type.

Mr H. has been ~~here~~ only just a year at this church, coming from Rathgar Dublin where he had been for 11 years. He is an ~~Ult~~ Ulstermen by birth.

This church and that in Regent Sq. (Mr Connell) are looked upon as the two most influential Presbyterian Churches in London, but here the work is even less local than at Regent's Sq., as at

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personal. There is no mission in connection with the church, though at one time they carried on work in Bell St. Lisson Grove.

The total membership of the church is just over 700 drawn from an area of over 8 miles: nearly all the members are Scotch and many of them people of great wealth: ~~there are~~ the bulk however are not rich: among them are a number of servants (about 250), a good many shop assistants and so on.

The church on Sunday is practically always full: but many who attend are not members: they are "religious tramps". Now are they by any means all Presbyterians: Mr H. finds the denominational ties in London "very slight": he did not complain however, but said "I feel myself bound & certainly not be bound by any denominational feeling in a town like London: I should go where I got most good."

Of local work the only thing of any importance is the Sunday School with about 500 children. There is too a P.S.A. which

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being in from 150 to 300 as a rule. Mr H. seldom if ever attends this. In connection with it there is a Helping Hand Auxiliary and a Fishers of Men Auxiliary. There is too a Kings Daughters Society - (Mr H. rather apologized for these names: his predecessor was an American) - of ladies who visit and relieve in the district, with a paid Deaconess attached.

Mr H. is of course only just feeling his feet: he visits the members of the church, but his local knowledge is at present nil. He is however just beginning to be absorbed by the personality of London and its problems. Hitherto he has always been looked upon as a theologian upon all things, and had formed great dreams of a "quiet country parish, and all the great things I was going to do in exegesis: but ~~then~~ those dreams are all shattered now: I am much more interested in the practical side of things." Mr H. is studying "Life and Labour" with the greatest interest and is full of eagerness to do something for the

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poor. He spoke rather bitterly of the neglect of sociology in the training of ministers.

What will be the result of his social studies I know not: he talks of coming to Australia, mission work in connection with the church: but at present he is quite unexperienced, and is, on his own confession, going through his apprenticeship of being imposed on by all the cadgers and wastrels who descend upon a newcomer: but he is a man of such exceptional intelligence and such wonderfully fine character that, in spite perhaps of a too tender heart, he is bound, on the balance, to do good.

So far as he can judge up to the present he thinks that the churches are making no real impression on the people: this he attributes to the fact that they have no real missionary zeal. "Take my own people" he said "a few of them no doubt are leading lives of self denial and sacrifice: but for the bulk, very probably they are good husbands and fathers and so on; they come to church twice on Sunday and sit in a

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well authorised prayer but their religion does not go much beyond that."

Speaking of other work in the neighbourhood Mr H. mentioned the Church Look as doing "a great work". He also referred to the Gray's Yard Mission for which Mr Christie Baxter, one of the Elders of his Church, is mainly responsible. As to the Church of England he is on terms of personal friendship with his next-door neighbour, Mr Harney, vicar of St John, Southwick Crescent but even with him it would be hopeless, he said, to think of any cooperation: the attitude is one of stand-offishness and superiority: the Church is for the most part not prepared to recognise that others have any rights or can be doing any good. Mr H. did not speak with the heat & bitterness, but he naturally disliked the attitude which is no doubt assumed towards him by the bulk of the clergy of the church of England: and indeed it is clear that this man who is physically, morally, and

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intellectually worth, at a modest computation, any ten average parsons should be treated by them with genial condescension.

Altogether I have the highest opinion of Mr Hanson. Of men whom I have seen before he reminds me to some extent of Donaldson of the Eton Mission or Dalton of Stepney, but he is both abler and more attractive than either of them.

From "The British Weekly," Early in 1898.

THE REV. GEORGE HANSON'S SETTLEMENT AT MARYLEBONE.

I.—THE RECOGNITION MEETING.

The congregation of Marylebone Presbyterian Church lost no time in giving their new minister an enthusiastic welcome. Recognition meetings are usually held after the minister's first Sunday in the pulpit, but at Marylebone last Thursday evening was fixed upon, so that Mr. Hanson might at once be assured of the cordial support and loyal affection of his people. There was an excellent attendance, not a full church, of course, for this could hardly be expected on a week night, but the area was occupied to within twelve rows of the back, and several hundreds found places in the galleries. Dr. Thornton, who has been the moderator during this interim, as he was before the election of Dr. Pentecost, was early on the scene. He took part in the social meeting in the lecture hall, and during the first half of the proceedings in the church he occupied the chair. Dr. Thornton was in the highest spirits, as he might well be, considering the happy issue of his labours. He introduced each successive speaker with some touch of pawky humour, and no one was readier than he to applaud a happy point. The new minister sat on his right, and beyond him again was Dr. Gibson. On the left were Sir Donald Currie, Dr. Newman Hall, the Rev. Darlow Serjeant, and Mr. Hamilton, clerk of the Dublin Presbytery. Dr. Parker was expected to be present, and a carriage had actually been sent for him, but much to the disappointment of the meeting he did not arrive. The platform and pulpit were beautifully decorated with palms and flowers. Some might have expected that the principal speeches would be delivered from the pulpit, but this was not the case, as it was blocked up with tall palms. The Session Clerk, Mr. Cecil Robertson, read letters from Dr. Pentecost, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield, and others, and then Dr. Thornton rose to open the meeting.

The first speaker was Dr. Monro Gibson, who made a humorous reference to Mr. Hanson's youthful appearance. This, indeed, must have struck everyone who saw him for the first time on Thursday. Although he is now nearly forty he might easily be taken for under thirty. Dr. Newman Hall followed with an earnest religious address.

A Welcome from the Church of England.

Everyone was interested in the next speaker, the Rev. B. Alford, Vicar of St. Luke's, Marylebone. His church stands in Nutford-place, within a stone's throw of Mr. Hanson's. Nutford-place is a dreary side street, chiefly interesting to us in this neighbourhood because the polling-station at the various elections is a hall near St. Luke's Church. It is interesting to remember, by the way, that Mr. Alford's brilliant daughter, Miss Margaret Alford, has taken her place along with Mrs. Butler as the chief classical scholar among the women of our day. Mr. Alford spoke with great modesty in comparing his own church with Marylebone.

"I belong," he said, "to a humble edifice over the way, and when I stand in this grand church I cannot but feel deeply grateful for the welcome you have given to a fellow-labourer in the Gospel." Looking back on the last twenty-five years in Marylebone, Mr. Alford said the district had become distinctly better. There is less poverty, self-reliance is growing, and there is an increase of the means of grace. But still there is a great work to be done. The vast district round the Edgware-road needs the best efforts of all denominations.

"As for the Church of England," Mr. Alford said, "I admit there have been mistakes made of late years. There have been coquettings with the Scarlet Lady of the Seven Hills. I am glad that the Pope, sensible man as he is, has shut the door with a clang in the face of those who wished to approach him on behalf of reunion. But surely it is the duty of Churchmen to draw nearer than ever to their Nonconformist brethren, their fellow Protestants, and to work hand in hand with all who truly serve Christ in London."

Dr. Thornton was especially humorous in introducing the Rev. Darlow Serjeant. Mr. Moody, he said, had remarked that the Kingdom of God had suffered more violence from the Methodists than from any other class of Christians, and he must acknowledge that on the Sunday when a Wesleyan, the Rev. George Jackson, officiated at Marylebone, the building had suffered more violence than on any other occasion. That was the Sunday of the great explosion, and people said afterwards they had no idea that Presbyterians could get up so much steam. Mr. Serjeant was the Chairman of the Free Church Council of the district, and as such they cordially welcomed him.

Mr. Serjeant entered into the spirit of Dr. Thornton's remarks, and made an amusing speech. He condoled with Mr. Hanson because previous speakers had made such gloomy prophecies as to the change which London would certainly make in his appearance. "One friend has said he will soon be wrinkled. Another has hinted that he will soon be grey, but if this church gives him faithful and loyal support, I do not see that he need soon be either wrinkled or grey." Mr. Serjeant warned the congregation not to discuss their minister before their children at the Sunday dinner-table. He had known many cases in which children's minds had been poisoned against Christianity by the thoughtless criticisms they heard from their parents after service.

Dr. Thornton's Presentation.

The evening was now nearly half over, and it was time to come to the practical business. Mr. Alexander Fraser, senior elder, was deputed to thank Dr. Thornton for the admirable tact with which he had guided the church through the difficulties of recent months. Taking an envelope from his waistcoat pocket, he said that the congregation wished Dr. Thornton to accept a cheque for a hundred pounds as a slight acknowledgment of his services. Amid warm handshaking and general cheers, the gift was presented to the retiring moderator. As Dr. Thornton rose, beaming with satisfaction and with the consciousness of a task achieved, one could not help thinking that he is a clerical Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, whose good humour can always be relied upon, and whose good sense carries him safely through all perplexities and worries. "The ship has reached the harbour," observed Dr. Thornton, "and the pilot steps ashore. I feel like the Highland chieftain who had to transport Prince Charlie from one place to another, and who said when his task was over, 'It's sair wark flittin' thae kings.'"

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Miss Angelica Fraser was the next speaker. No member of Marylebone is more beloved than she is, and far beyond the boundaries of the congregation her work is known. Her Mission to the Tailors of London has for many years brought sunshine to one of the saddest trades of the West End. Everyone knows Miss Fraser, everyone admires her, and it was felt to be only fitting that she should present the pulpit robes to the new minister. Mr. Hanson, who had been sitting with folded arms at the Moderator's right, rose while Miss Fraser mede her speech. In a clear and sweet voice, which everyone heard, she pledged the women of the congregation to help him and Mrs. Hanson. Sir Donald Currie, who is an old friend of the Fraser family, cheered heartily while Miss Fraser was speaking, and afterwards referred with admiration to what she had said.

Mr. Hanson's Speech.

It was now time for Dr. Thornton to give way to Mr. Hanson. "I am sure you will all agree with me," Dr. Thornton said, "that these robes are very becoming." One thought of the night when Mr. Hanson was elected, and how speaker after speaker dwelt on his handsome and dignified presence. Certainly there has been no exaggeration in this respect, for a handsomer and more stately figure is not to be found in the London Presbyteries. With a bow which reminded one of the Moderator's as he takes his place in the General Assembly, Mr. Hanson seated himself in the armchair below the pulpit.

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Mr Cornell is the Supt of the Primitive Methodist Marylebone Circuit, which comprises 4 chapels – (1) Seymour Place (corner of Marylebone Road), (2) Bloomfield Terrace, Harrow Road, (3) Fowell St, Notting Hill and the Mall Hall, Silver St. Kensington.

He is a tall well built man of about 50–55; turning grey & getting bald but still vigorous and probably an active man. He has been in the ministry nearly 30 years & for the greater part of the time in W. London.

Marylebone Chapel is the centre of the most vigorous life in the Circuit. The building seats 350 and there is a schoolroom below.

The services held are:

Sunday Morning & Evening 11 & 6.30. About 180 in the morning & 300 at night.

Thursday. Preaching services (7.30) followed by "Brother Nelson's Bible class" at 8.30. The latter

Church Membership

The Congregation

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is ~~the~~ attended by 60 to 70 persons. They commence the preaching service about 7.40 with probably 20 people. They come dropping in after that until the larger number are reached.

Wed. Temperance Society 60. attend. Get a few outsiders. Has recently started a Band of Hope.

Open air meetings are held in Marylebone Road

Sunday School with 16 teachers & over 100 scholars

Two Society classes. also meet on Sunday.

Membership of the church is over 100

The Congregation includes a few good working class people, policemen and servants. The Police ~~were~~ of whom they have quite 20, were brought through a country P.M. who came to London & joined the force. Also reach a number of young men in business house.

The church here is regarded as a flourishing one and carries on a vigorous work, Mr Nelson & his family being ~~some~~ amongst the chief workers. It was started in a mews & then shifted here. After some struggling, they have been able to maintain their position and now they regard

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this chapel as the hope for us in this part of London".

At Marylebone, as at the other chapels, their difficulty is the small number of workers who can help during the week. Most are working late, so that even ~~from~~ the local preachers ~~they~~ can give little help except on Sunday.

Since the formation of the Circuit (from the larger Kilburn circuit) four years ago, they have made "immense strides". The house in which Mr C. lives has been purchased and the debts on the on the Circuit fund & the Harrow Road chapel have been considerably reduced.

The new members are drawn mostly from the Sunday school; some are attracted at the open air meetings but not so many now as formerly. A few years ago the bulk of the members were drawn in through the open air meetings.

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There are several active churches in the vicinity of Marylebone, the principal being the Rev Osman Davies' Church (Paddington Cong^l).

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KENSINGTON, Mall Hall, High St., Notting Hill Gate. Tuesday, Preaching and Class.	11 6.30 8	Allen Paulson Paulson	Childs Widdowson Connell T	Penny Newell Connell	Paulson Hathaway Paulson	Bell Dennis Connell	Allen Paulson Connell	Childs Heal Paulson	Paulson Hearn Paulson	Lake MS Connell S Connell X	Widdowson Stilton Paulson	Bell Paulson Connell	Newell Plummer Connell	Paulson Sharp Paulson	W. CHILDS, Gregory Place, Holland Street, Kensington. G. BROOKS.

CIRCUIT CALENDAR.

MARYLEBONE.

February 12th.—School Anniversary. Preachers, Mr. J. Edmands and Mr. C. W. Shelley.
February 13th.—Public Meeting. Nos. 1, 2.
February 19th.—Missionary Sermons. Preacher, Rev. W. Mincher.
February 21st.—Missionary Public Meeting. Speakers, Revs. W. Mincher and R. R. Connell.
April 2nd.—Easter Sunday. Chapel Anniversary. Preacher, Supply.
April 3rd.—Great Tea and Public Meeting.

HARROW ROAD.

February 5th.—Chapel Sermons. Preachers, Mrs. Parker and Miss Horton.
February 6th.—Mrs. Horton will deliver her popular Lecture, "Little Abe, the Bishop of Berry Brow."
February 19th.—Missionary Sermons. Preachers, Mr. W. Heal and Mr. W. H. Paulson.
February 22nd.—Missionary Public Meeting. Speakers, Rev. W. Mincher and R. R. Connell.
March 20th, 21st and 22nd.—Bazaar in aid of Chapel Debt Reduction and Current Expenses.
March 31st.—Good Friday. Tea, and Concert by Choir.

NOTTING HILL.

February 14th.—Social Tea and Renewal of Society Class Tickets.
February 26th.—Missionary Sermons. Rev. J. Smith, President of Conference.
February 27th.—Missionary Public Meeting. Speakers, Revs. J. Smith, R. R. Connell, and Mr. W. H. Paulson.
March 31st.—Chapel Anniversary. Good Friday. Tea and Public Meeting.
April 2nd.—Chapel Sermons. Preacher, Supply.
April 24th and 25th.—Bazaar for Reduction of Chapel Debt.

KENSINGTON.

February 2nd.—Tea at 6, and Concert by Choir.
February 26th.—Missionary Sermons. Preachers, Mr. A. Lake and Rev. R. R. Connell.
February 28th.—Missionary Public Meeting. Speakers, Revs. J. Smith (President of Conference) and R. R. Connell.

PASTORAL VISITATION FOR RENEWAL OF TICKETS AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS.

MARYLEBONE.

J. Whiting,	Class ...	Feb. 12th ...	Sunday ...	12.30
C. Robinson	,, ...	,, 12th ...	Sunday ...	3. 0
J. Nelson	,, ...	,, 23rd ...	Thursday ...	8.30

HARROW ROAD.

H. Hagger	Class ...	Feb. 12th ...	Sunday ...	4. 0
Mrs. Lane	,, ...	,, 14th ...	Tuesday ...	8. 0
R. R. Connell	,, ...	,, 16th ...	Thursday ...	8. 0

NOTTING HILL.

G. Sear	Class ...	Feb. 12th ...	Sunday ...	5.30
W. Benton	,, ...	,, 14th ...	Tuesday ...	8. 0

KENSINGTON.

W. Child	Class ...	Feb. 21st ...	Tuesday ...	8.45

The Society Classes meet weekly at the times and days above stated, for the mutual edification of the members of the Church. Anyone earnestly seeking salvation will receive a hearty welcome at any of them.

Next Quarterly will be held at Marylebone on March 6th. Preachers' Meeting at 7.30, and Full Board at 8.

Circuit Regulations.

THE SOCIETY STEWARDS are desired to see that all Collections and Special Services are announced on the previous Sabbath; to make the Collections, to provide for Sacraments and Lovefeasts, to send all Circuit Collections and Class Moneys to the Circuit Steward in time for the Quarterly Meeting, and to attend to the general interests of the Society.

THE MEMBERS are affectionately desired to be present at the Class Meetings and Prayer Meetings as often as possible, to support the cause of Christ according to their several ability, to read the Scriptures daily, and to accustom themselves to the habit of private prayer.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM may be administered in any of our places of worship, and by any of the Preachers during the Sunday morning or week evening service. The charge for registration and certificate is 6d.

MARRIAGES may be solemnized in the Marylebone and Harrow Road Churches. Applications to be made to the Rev. R. R. Connell.

Mission Band, Marylebone—Bros. Bond, Hughes, Locke, and Sisters Nelson, Palmer, Cutts, Parish., T. J. Bond, Conductor.

ALL appointments to be supplied must be sent in to Rev. R. R. Connell not later than the *previous* Thursday.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS and Sunday School Committees must not be held without the presence or sanction of the Superintendent Minister.

THE CIRCUIT COMMITTEE is composed of all the Circuit Officials, and will meet when and where required.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE consists of Rev. R. R. Connell, Messrs. Plummer, W. Childs and C. Dennis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Messrs. Nelson, Nicholas, Lane, Dennis, Benton, Childs, G. Brooks. Secretary, Mr. G. Plummer, 264, Harrow Road, W.

CHAPEL FINANCE COMMITTEE is composed of Rev. R. R. Connell, Messrs. Plummer, Earley, Stagg, Childs, Nelson, Hagger, Dennis. J. Brooks, Treasurer; W. Childs, Secretary.

Revd J. Briggs
Baptist Minister

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7/2/44

Personal Note

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St Michael's parish. Inter view 23/1 work 23/1

Revd Jas Briggs. 1 Manor Place, Paddington.
Minister of Praed Street Chapel.

The Praed Street Chapel is linked with Dr Clifford's large church at Westbourne Grove and some information respecting it is contained in the interview with Dr Clifford (Book LXXXI. p 27-) & in pages 28-35 of the Report attached to that interview,

Dr Clifford formerly ministered here & ~~and~~ after the opening of his new church preached alternately at the two places. It was found however that the people followed him & the plan was altered. Since Mr Briggs came three & a half years ago, the church has been self governing & self supporting, altho' it only manages to balance its account by the aid of donations from a ~~friend~~ deacon at Westbourne Park.

Mr Briggs is a tall fair man, about 40 years of age. Mild, nervous but good face. Impressed me as a hard, and earnest worker but rather weak. Intellectually he is above the average, altho' his nervousness places him at a disadvantage.

The work of the chapel is concentrated in the

The Lisson Grove People

Efforts to 'reach' them

Notes on Services

Briggs - Baptist

the streets between Harrow Road & Star Street and a small part of the Lisson Grove area around Burne Street, where the Christian Endeavourers work.

The Congregation is drawn from a wider area & includes shop assistants, a number of tradesmen and a good representation of domestic servants.

They do not get many from Burne Street. in spite of the efforts made there. They tried a kind of Free & Easy for the people but gave it up as they thought those who came, only came for what they could get. Since that a Pleasant Wednesday Evening has been started with object of reaching them by an appeal to their self respect. It has been fairly successful. 130 members have been enrolled & the attendance is about 170 of whom about half would be their own people. Is run much on the lines of the P.S.A.'s.

The Sunday services (11 and 6·30) draw about 250 people in the evening but are smaller in the morning.

The Sunday school is drawn from the immediate neighbourhood. Children are fairly well dressed.

~~Of~~ Other organisations, specially mentioned were the

Visitation

Charitable Relief

In a letter received a few days after the interview Mrs B. added the following:

Christmas Dinners to poor	£8·7-
Dinner for Cripple & poor children	5·00
Domestic Mission	1 6.
	£14·13-

Other religious influences

Briggs - Baptist

Y. W. C. A. which meets on Sunday afternoon. It is mostly composed of domestic servants & a tea is provided at 3d a head, which is said to be a great boon to young women who go out in the afternoon & are not expected back until night.

Christian Endeavour Society is strong: 75 seniors & 30 juniors

Mothers' Meeting with about 40 members.

Some visitation is done in connection with the Domestic Mission & the Sunshine Comte of the C. E. Mr Briggs also visits.

The relief work has "very much grown in recent years". It is mostly given in the form of tickets. Sunshine Comte gives about £8. & the Domestic Mission about £5 in this way. The Communion Fund (about £12) is used for poor members.

Mrs B. did not know anything about the work of the Anglican church but spoke of Lisson Grove as the most missioned district in London. He also mentioned the Brook Mews Mission, off Craven Road. It is carried on by two coachmen

Church Prospects

Growth of Membership

Very little co-operation

Briggs- Baptist

coachmen and has got hold of some coachmen & others in the mews. "Doing very good work." Mr C. Carter is one of the leaders.

The prospects of the church Mr B. regards as distinctly good. When he came the congregation was very small & the membership 99. Now the membership is 212. In the Yearbook for 1897 it is given as 187. The growth has been steady and they have had a great rally of young people.

They have a great many changes amongst their domestic servant portion of the membership but not so much as Mr B. 'dreaded' & their ~~loss~~ flow into the church is more than the ebb. A great many come from the country. Praed Street is more like a country chapel: not too large to be homely.

In spite of the Free Church Council, there is little real co-operation. Mr B. thinks the minister is more isolated than in the country. The Council assists them in knowing each other better but don't know

Housing

Prostitution

Drink

Briggs - Baptist

know much of each others work. Each is absorbed in his own. Rev J. S. Miller is secretary of the Free Church Council.

The housing question is a burning one with Mr B. There is much overcrowding. In Burne Street, 5 or 6 families live in a house & Mr B. came across a case where mother & 5 children lived in one room, the father being in the infirmary. Paid 4/6 Rent. He is told however by one who knows that the overcrowding is not so bad as it was some time ago, owing to stricter enforcement of sanitary regulations.

Not much prostitution. Is told there are one or two bad houses in Praed Street; the Coffee Tavern has not got a good reputation. Must see the evils in connection with the Metropolitan Music Hall. They have held meetings for the women but can never get them in until the music hall performance is over.

Drink is bad and at the bottom of much of the poverty. Has noticed the number of women

that

Briggs Baptist

that frequent the publichouses, some with very small children even late at night. Mr B. came from Longton in the Potteries and he thinks the men drank more there than here, whilst the women drink more here than there.

Praed Street is a small but active and growing church; not yet able to maintain itself without outside assistance but approaching that condition. Its connection with Westbourne Grove, altho' useful financially, probably hinders the development of the spirit of independence and responsibility which Mr B. insists upon so strongly.

Feb. 17th. 1899 St. Michael's Paddington (West) Work 23

Interview with Mrs S. Smith, the Boatmen's Institution, Lake St. Paddington

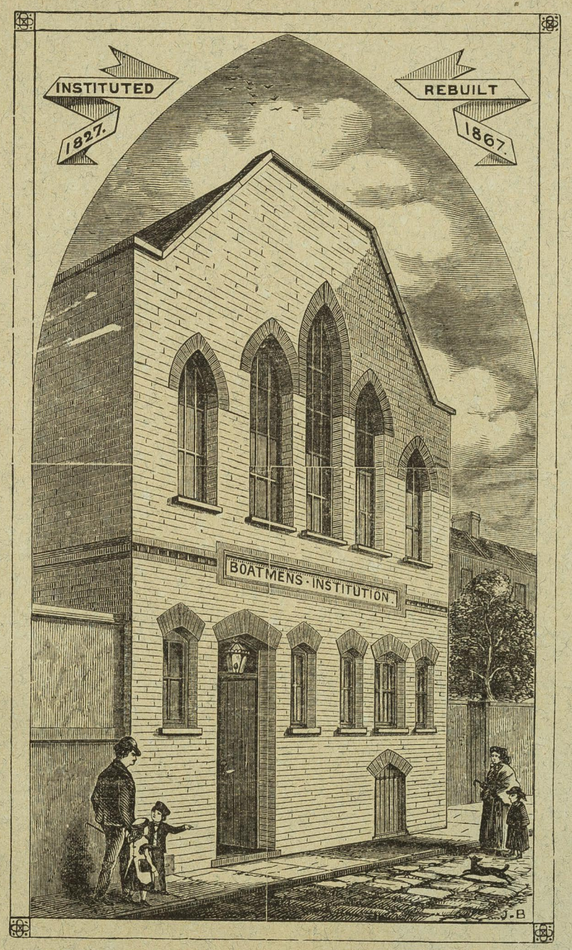
Mrs Smith is a London City Missionary about 50 years of age. She has been in this district for 6 years.

Mrs S. gave me the last two Reports of the Mission which contain nearly all that can be said of it.

Mrs S. is a favourable specimen of the City Missionary: not of course highly educated but intelligent, bright, pleasant and teachable. Though regretting into others the advanced character of most of the Churches he does not carry on the war against them that so many of the Missionaries do; indeed he said that he thought the unfriendly relations between Missionaries and the Church were "often the Missi' fault". Himself he is on excellent terms with the Rector of St. Michael's, who has been my friend in spite of being a High Churchman. Mrs S. thought however that "when they get 20 now they would get 100 if they

would preach a plain Evangelical doctrine". Mr S. however considers that adherents of the Churches are equally fitted for his sect. One of the first persons he called on when he came was his District's Virgin who "stared me up and down and said "Do you know who I am? I'm the Virgin of the Church". "I know you are" said Mr S. "and my only object is to make you a better Virgin".

Of those who attend the Mission Mr S. thinks that most look upon it as their religious home and go to no other place of worship; but frequently if they leave the District he induces them to attach themselves to some church or chapel.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REPORT

OF THE

BOATMEN'S INSTITUTION

(ESTABLISHED 1827),

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FOR THE

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SALE STREET, PADDINGTON.

1897.

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LIST OF SERVICES.

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SUNDAY MORNING, 11 o'clock.—Sunday School.

,, AFTERNOON, 2.45.— ,,

,, ,, 3.—Bible Classes for Young Men and Young Women.

,, EVENING, 7.—Gospel Service.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2.30.—Mothers' Meeting.

TUESDAY ,, 6.30.—Band of Hope.

,, ,, 8.—(During winter months) Lecture or Entertainment.

,, ,, 8.—Sick and Burial Club.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8.—Gospel Service.

,, ,, 9.—Choir Practice.

THURSDAY EVENING, 8.—Building Society.

SATURDAY ,, 8.—Prayer Meeting.

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BOATMEN'S MISSION.

70th ANNUAL REPORT.

IN one of Mr. Lowell's essays he speaks of the perennial freshness of some of the *old* things of the world. He reminds us that the sunset has not grown antiquated or obsolete, although for thousands of years it has been building in the clouds its dream-palaces and temples. And elsewhere than in our sunset skies, with their gorgeous colour and their endless suggestions, the truth holds good. The world lives and prospers to-day, not so much in virtue of its novelties, as in virtue of those familiar things, out of which the ancient sweetness and potency do not, and cannot, fade.

The Boatmen's Institution has just been celebrating its seventieth anniversary. It is an age which we are accustomed to associate with advancing years and old age; but there are happily no signs of failing vitality or diminishing vigour in the operations of the Institution. If it is old, and if, as is likely, it is the oldest mission work in London, it is at the same time young. That is explained because the work is done for Christ's sake and in Christ's name, and they who unite with the Living Christ in their enterprise have at their disposal the source and spring of perpetual youth.

The Committee are thankful to record that the past year has been marked by many signs and tokens of the Divine favour. There necessarily have been seasons of disappointment, and even of anxiety, but these have been the exception, and short-lived, and in reviewing the entire year their hearts are filled with great gratitude to God.

They append herewith a short report respecting each of the agencies carried on, which will give a general idea of the work which has been done.

Mr. G. SMITH, the Missionary, reports:—Since the publication of the last Report many changes have taken place among the people; a goodly number have removed to different neighbourhoods, some of whom, we rejoice to know, are working for the Saviour in the localities where they now reside, and who first were brought to a knowledge of the truth at the Boatmen's Institution. Some have joined different Churches, and are working in connection with the same.

Not a few from our ranks have gone to join the Church above; we adore the grace that saved them and made them "meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

Notwithstanding all these changes, we are glad to be able to report that a steady and a solid work has been, and is being, done; sinners are convinced of their sin and the need of a Saviour; both men and

women, who two years ago were far from God, have been brought near through the blood of Christ, and are now living as witnesses for Him.

My district visitation is most deeply interesting. Having now become well known to the people, I get good access to them on the whole, and am often sent for in times of sickness and trouble. My work amongst the hundreds of men whom I visit has been productive of much good; instances of this could be given were they here required. The infidel, the sceptic, the indifferent, are met with and reasoned with out of the scriptures, the sinner is warned, and the wicked persuaded to become holy. The sick and dying have been comforted, and pointed to the one great Physician.

The number of visits and calls made on the district during the past year was 1,300, and of these 600 were to the sick and dying. 11,000 religious tracts and papers were given away, while in the course of visitation the scriptures were read over 2,000 times, and in addition 300 Gospel and other meetings were held in the Institution. In the summer months an open-air meeting was held regularly.

All these various departments of the work make a wide field, and in every direction the seal of Divine approval has been given.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE at Services:—

Sunday	Evening	—Gospel Service	140
,,	,,	—Prayer Meeting.....	70
Tuesday	,,	—Winter Fortnightly Entertainments...	150
Wednesday	,,	—Gospel Service	45
,,	,,	—Choir Practice	30
Saturday	,,	—Prayer Meeting..... (mostly men.)	20

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Under the valued superintendence of Mr. Hyslop, the School continues to flourish. The average attendance on Sunday afternoons is 115, which is larger than for many years past. A morning service is held for children every Sunday, which Mrs. Mercer kindly superintends, and which is well attended. During the summer the children had their annual excursion, which they greatly enjoyed.

One of the features of the Sunday School is the Annual Gathering of Old Scholars, now held for several years past. This reunion has been productive of much enjoyment and good, and it has been delightful to hear the testimonies of some who, as far back as forty years, had been scholars, and who recorded the good they then received, the benefits of which still remained. It is pleasing to mention

that fully half of the present staff of teachers were formerly scholars in the School, an experience which proves somewhat conclusively that the work of the Sunday Schools is not a failure.

Mrs. Horace G. Holmes, Lady Superintendent of the Mothers' Meeting reports:—The year 1896 will be memorable, because it marked a new departure in our work. For many years our weekly meetings had been held in the evenings, but it was felt that this was not the best time, because of the claims which home duties necessarily made at such a time. It was decided to alter the time of meeting to the afternoon, and this was done at the commencement of 1896. Experience has justified the wisdom of the change; 120 women are now in attendance, with an average attendance of between 70 and 80.

In addition to this, a monthly meeting is held in the evening for Bible Reading and Study, and, in connection therewith, a Mothers' Christian Endeavour Society has been formed. This has been very helpful in many ways, and has been so much appreciated that the average attendance has been between 40 and 50.

During the summer, the Members had their annual excursion to Warlingham, near Caterham, and spent a most enjoyable day. They paid the entire expenses themselves, except for the tea, which the Committee kindly gave them. At Christmas a seasonable gift of bread and tea was made to each regular attendant, the cost of which was very kindly defrayed by the private contributions of friends.

The ladies who conduct the Meeting are greatly encouraged in the work, as they have evidence that the meetings have been not only a time of social enjoyment, but in many cases and on many occasions, a source of real communion with God.

Mr. Barber, Secretary of the Building Society, reports:—The Building Society continues to be a great success in every direction.

The present Share Capital (subscribed at the rate of 1s. 6d. per share per week) amounts to over £18,000, and the Directors will again be in the position to recommend a dividend of not less than 7½ per cent. for the three years ending 1897.

The Society not only affords a good means of investment, but also enables its members to obtain substantial advances upon house property at an exceptionally low rate of interest. During the past year an amount of over £4,500 has been advanced upon unquestionable security, making a total of nearly £50,000 so advanced since it was formed, fourteen years ago.

The Society continues to be of the greatest assistance to its members, and no better testimony

can be paid to them and to the securities held than the fact that a bad debt has never been made.

Copies of the balance sheets and full particulars can be obtained by any desirous of joining, at the Institution, on any Thursday evening between 8 and 9 o'clock.

The PROVIDENT & SICK BENEFIT CLUB :—The Secretaries are pleased to be able to state that the above has been successfully carried on during the past year. The number of members has again largely increased, and it is anticipated that the share-out at the end of the year will equal, if not surpass that of previous years.

The total receipts for the year ending December 30th, 1896, amounted to £511 10s. 5d. The amount of £118 4s. had been paid out for sick allowances, and £18 10s. for death claims. After providing for all expenses, this allowed a sum of £315 15s. to be divided amongst the members at the close of the year, and a balance carried forward of £15 10s. 10d.

The Management also considered the time had come when they might open a Children's Benefit Club. This has been started since January, 1897, and it is hoped will prove as successful as the Adult Club. No doubt many of the members of the Adult Club will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of entering their children as members of the Juvenile Branch.

Finance:—

The year, which opened with a deficiency of £40 17s. 7d., closed with a balance in hand of £5 4s. 4d. This result was largely due to the generosity of one friend, and who, in addition, secured several special donations in order to overtake the deficiency. The Committee warmly thank these friends for their timely help, but they would venture to appeal to their old friends, not only to continue their kind help, but to secure, if possible, the co-operation of others, that the necessary funds may regularly be raised to meet the expenses—which are certainly very small, having regard to the extensive operations of the Mission.

New subscribers are urgently needed to take the place of some who during the last few years have "entered into rest," and although the claims on all sides are increasingly numerous, the Committee feel assured that no claim is more worthy of support than the quiet and unostentatious work which for seventy years has been carried on at "The Boatmen's."

In conclusion, the Committee desire to thank their many friends for continued interest, and also to thank the ladies and gentlemen who, amidst other work, have faithfully and self-denyingly sustained the many departments of the work. They acknowledge with gratitude the devoted services of the City

Missionary, Mr. George Smith, who has evidently endeared himself to the people of the Mission. May the words of the Master be to all the workers a continual inspiration, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

BOATMEN'S INSTITUTION.

Cash Statement for the Year ending December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions	55	16	0
„ Donations	76	13	0
„ Weekly Offerings	13	9	7
	£145	18	7

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer, 1st Jan., 1896	40	17	7
„ Chapel Keeper	22	1	0
„ Collector's Commission	2	6	6
„ Missionary	20	0	0
„ Printing	1	19	6
„ Repairs	7	1	6
„ Rates and Insurance...	4	12	7
„ Rent, Coals, and Gas	26	16	9
„ Expenses of Services & Entert'ments	4	2	0
„ Tea Meetings...	10	6	10
„ Sick Relief	0	10	0
„ Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1896 ...	5	4	4
	£145	18	7

Examined and found correct—

FRED. W. BARBER.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Received from 1st January to 31st December, 1896.

	Sub. £	Sub. s.	Sub. d.	Don. £	Don. s.	Don. d.
Barber, F. W., Esq.	1	1	0			
Bevan, F. A., Esq.				5	0	0
Black, T. B., Esq.				1	1	0
Black, Mrs. A.	1	0	0			
Bonhote, The Misses	1	0	0			
Braithwaite, Basil, Esq.	1	1	0			
Broad & Co., Messrs.	1	1	0			
Brocklehurst, W. W., Esq.	0	10	0			
Brown, Mrs. G.	1	0	0			
Building Society				15	15	0
Burr, J. B., Esq.	1	1	0			
Calder, Mrs.	2	2	0			
Chilton, F. R., Esq., per Mr. F. Read ...				0	5	0
Clayton, F., Esq.	1	1	0			
Cliffen, W. H., Esq.	1	1	0	25	0	0
Cribb, Mrs.	0	5	0			
Dawson, Mrs.	0	10	0			
Denny, E. M., Esq.	2	2	0			
Denny, T. A., Esq.	3	0	0			
Dixon, T., Esq.				1	1	0
Dugdale, J., Esq.	1	0	0			
Dunstan, H. G., Esq.	0	10	6			
Elmer, H., Esq.				2	2	0
Eyre, Mrs. E.	0	10	0			
Fitter, H. S., Esq.				2	2	0
Frewin, E., Esq.				1	1	0
Gladstone, Prof., F.R.S.	1	1	0			
Greatrex, J., Esq.				1	0	0
Green, T., Esq.				1	1	0
Hanbury, G., Esq.	2	2	0			
Carried forward	£22	18	6	£55	8	0

	Sub. £	Sub. s.	Sub. d.	Don. £	Don. s.	Don. d.
Brought forward ...	22	18	6	55	8	0
Hanson, J. O., Esq.	1	1	0			
Holmes, Horace G., Esq.	1	1	0			
Holmes, Montagu, Esq.	1	1	0			
Kennaway, Sir J., Bart., M.P.	0	10	6	0	3	0
Kinnaird, Lord	5	0	0			
Lees, Mrs. B.	0	5	0			
Lines, Mrs. W. D.	2	2	0			
Manson, Mrs.	0	10	0			
Manson, Miss	0	10	0			
Meech, P., Esq.				5	0	0
Mills, W. H., Esq.	0	10	6			
Monckton, Mrs.	0	5	0			
Peters, J., Esq.	1	1	0			
Read, C. H., Esq....				1	1	0
Read, Fred, Esq. (per)				3	11	0
Reynolds, C., Esq.				1	0	0
Richards, T., Esq. (1895-96)	2	2	0			
Routh, C. H., Esq., M.D.	0	10	6			
Sanderson, Prof. J. B.	1	1	0			
Sheppard, S. Gurney, Esq.	4	4	0			
Sick and Provident Club				3	3	0
Spink, J., Esq.	0	5	0			
Stone, Dr. (per Mr. F. Read)				1	1	0
Stratten, A. C., Esq.	1	1	0			
Studd, Mrs. E	1	0	0			
Tapper, A. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Tildesley, E., Esq.	1	1	0			
Tocher, P., Esq.				2	2	0
Twigg, T., Esq.				2	2	0
Webb, C. E., Esq.	5	5	0			
Wellby, Messrs. D. and J.	1	0	0			
Winter, The Misses	0	10	0			
Wiggins, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Wright, Miss E. A.	1	1	0			
	£55	16	0	£76	13	0

Mr John M. Hunt
Craven Hill Congl. Church

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The District

Jews & Greeks coming in.

Local Influence of
Popular Preachers

St James' parish.

West 22 / 8 — Wk 22/4

Mr John M. Hunt. Secretary of Craven Hill Congregational Church. Seen at his residence:
Craven Terrace.
98 Sedbury Road. Bayswater W.

The Church is situate in the midst of a yellow district. and about 12 months ago called an American divine – The Rev J.C. Meserve D.D. – to the pastorate. He referred us to Mr Hunt, the church secretary, who is also one of the Paddington rate collectors the church being in his district.

The district is wealthy and contains a large number of Jews and Greeks and these people are still coming: every house that is to let is taken by one or the other, the Jewish synagogue and the Greek church being in the immediate neighbourhood.

Mr H. says that the proximity of a church or favorite preacher is a great attraction in a neighbourhood and as another instance of this he ~~ment~~ said that when Rev E.A. Stuart, came to St Matthews, Bayswater, a large number of houses were empty but these have filled

The People reached

Persons Employed

Building used

Services Held

Hurish - Congregational

filled up, the church is crowded & it is difficult to get a house now. He attributes it directly to the attraction of Mrs Stuart - and said he had noticed a similar thing when Canon Rouse was at St Stephen's, Bayswater.

The people attending the chapel are drawn almost entirely from the N.W. - Bayswater direction. They have a great number of servants, a few local tradesmen, and a few wealthy people. Mainly middle class people. Years ago they had a wealthy congregation and many resident tradesmen. The latter have gone out to live, whilst the wealthy people, if not Jews or Greeks go to church.

Minister is the only paid worker. Deacons and 15 Sunday School teachers.

Chapel seats 1000 to 1100 and they have a school below.

Services on Sunday at 11 am & 7 pm. Would not give estimate of attendance but said it fluctuated, the evening congregation being the better. A mixed congregation - some from all classes.

Sunday school has 112 scholars on the books &

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Church Membership

Charitable Relief

Visitation

Other Religious Agencies

Huish - Congregational

average attendance of 76 in the afternoon. Mainly the children of coachmen - come from the neighbouring mews.

Week night service - is very good. Their own people.

Also have a Mutual Improvement Society with a membership of 60 to 70. Gives concerts &c.

Band of Hope. Improving & satisfactory.

Have 170 members on the Church Roll.

Of poor, they practically have none. Have some blanket & coal tickets which they have some difficulty in distributing & have to go beyond their district to do it. Have the Communion Fund - about £13 a year for members. This mainly goes to worn out servants; old people.

The tract distributors visit the Mews of the district on Sunday. The pastor visits the members &c. Very energetic in this work.

Of the christian population of the district, most ~~of the~~ are Church goers - they are surrounded with churches. The most important are:- St Matthew's Bayswater. Rev E.A. Stuart. Mrs.

has

Free Church Council

Hunish - Congregational

has improved the neighbourhood. His church is crowded. Thoroughly evangelical

Christ church, Lancaster Gate - Revd J.C. Ridgway has one of the most fashionable congregations in London. High church. Got the largest collection for the Hospital fund &c

Boatmans' Mission, Sale Street is doing useful work

Apart from the Free Church Council (Paddington) there is no co-operation. The council has not been formed long and is not very effective as yet.

The Church had been going down for 14 years before the pastor came, the primary cause being the change in the neighbourhood. For twelve months before he came they were without a shepherd and that probably had a bad effect. Since Mr Medevole advent, things have been better. The attendance has gone up & Mr H. regards the future as "hopeful altho' it is hard work at present."

Mr Hunish is a faultlessly dressed, cultured man of 50 or thereabout, with a bright smiling face. Lives in his own house: a comfortable middle class man.

Deacons.

J. R. Brough,
84, Frithville Gardens,
Shepherd's Bush, W.

F. R. Chilton,
Church Treasurer,
36, Craven Road,
Hyde Park, W.

E. Davies,
24, Delamere Street,
Westbourne Square, W.

J. M. Huish,
Church Secretary,
98, Ledbury Road, Bayswater, W.

A. J. Pecover,
188, Broadhurst Gardens,
West Hampstead, N.W.

J. R. Weeden,
151, Shirland Road,
Maida Vale, W.

A Welcome.

It is not infrequently stated that strangers visiting places of worship are allowed to come and go, time after time, without any recognition or kindly word. We earnestly desire that none should thus go in and out amongst us; but our position is somewhat difficult. It is not possible to speak to everyone; and while some take it amiss if they are passed unnoticed, others consider it an intrusion to be spoken to.

Under these circumstances, we ask you to accept this expression of our welcome. If unconnected with any Christian Church, we cordially invite you to our Services, and hope that you will find much spiritual benefit from a regular attendance upon the Means of Grace with us.

Should you desire a friendly call, kindly leave your name and address with the Pastor, or with any of the Officers of the Church.

Public Services.

Sunday: Morning, 11-0; Evening, 7-0.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Morning, 9-45; Afternoon, 3-0.

BIBLE CLASS for Young Women in Upper Vestry, at 3-15.

Monday:
MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY, at 8-0.

Wednesday: WEEK-NIGHT SERVICE, at 7-30.
CHOIR PRACTICE, 8-30.

Thursday: BAND OF HOPE, at 7-0.

CRAVEN HILL
Congregational Church
LANCASTER GATE, W.

A Welcome

PASTOR:

WHITEHEAD & SON, LEEDS

Mr A.G. Fraser

Gray's Yard Ragged Church

GLA Feb 21/99

Mission and Lodging House

District improving by elimination of Poor.

St Thomas' parish. 22/5

Mr A.G. Fraser. Hon. Secretary of Gray's Yard Ragged Church & Schools, Grays Yard, James St, Oxford St W.

Seen at his residence: 22 Gloucester Place, Portman Square W.

Mr Fraser is a tall military looking man of about 40. Occupies a well furnished flat on the 3rd floor at Gloster Place. He evidently takes a keen interest in Gray's Yard. Had all the facts at his fingers end, ~~and~~ even to the average attendances at some of the meetings, altho he did not ~~appear to~~ attach ~~much~~ importance to these but rather enforced the principles on which the organizations are worked.

There are really two organizations, which are quite distinct: (1) The Schools which were established as an industrial school in 1835. They are now affiliated to the Ragged School Union. (2nd) The Lodging House, which they do not regard as a Charity but try to make it pay. This it appears to do according to the Balance sheet if a payment of £85 for Gas, water & rates be deemed sufficient on rent account. The lodgers paid £330 in year ac 96 to Sept 97.

The district was much poorer than it now is

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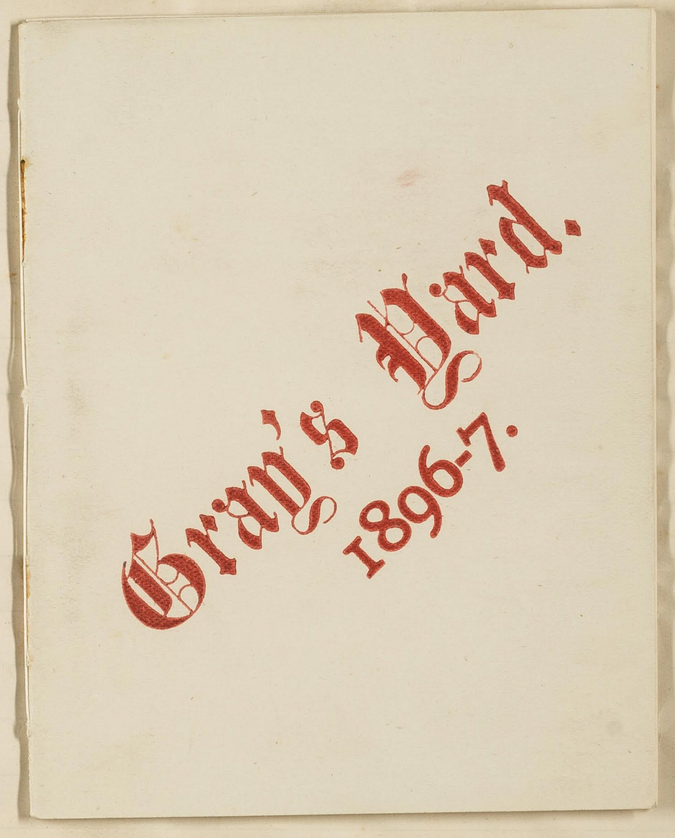

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FOR THE YEAR

1896-97

OF

GRAY'S YARD

Ragged Church and Schools,

GRAY'S YARD, JAMES STREET,

OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.

(Entrance for Workers & Visitors, 13, Duke St., Manchester Sq.)

"THE POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM."—*Matt. xi. 5.*

H. WELSFORD, PRINTER, WALTHAM CROSS N.

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Superintendent of Sunday Afternoon School—
A. WALSH, Esq., 186, Oxford Street, W.

Superintendent of Sunday Evening School—
E. PERCY PATON, Esq., 84, Park Street, Grosvenor Square, W

Hon. Solicitor—
W. H. HERBERT, Esq., 10, Cork Street, W.

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Messrs. BARCLAY & CO., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.

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OPERATIONS.

SUNDAY.

11. 0 a.m. Ragged Church Service.
3. 0 p.m. School for Boys, Girls and Infants.
3. 0 ,, Ragged Church Service.
6.30 ,, School for Boys, Girls and Infants.
7. 0 ,, Gospel Service for the Poor of the Neighbourhood.

MONDAY.

12. 0 noon Relief Committee.
8. 0 p.m. *a*Girls' Sewing Class.
8. 0 ,, Boys' Gymnastic Class.
7. 0 ,, Band of Hope.
7.30 ,, Boot Club.

TUESDAY.

2.30 p.m. Clothing Club and Bank.
3. 0 ,, Mothers' Meeting.
8. 0 ,, Elder Girls' Club.
8.30 ,, Boys' Brigade Drill.

WEDNESDAY.

7.30 p.m. Library.
8. 0 ,, City Missionary's Meeting.
8. 0 ,, Bible School for Boys and Girls.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

8. 0 p.m. Boys' Club.

SATURDAY.

5. 0 p.m. *a*Play Hour for the Infants.

Lodging House and Soup Kitchen Daily.

*a*During the winter months only.

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In issuing the Statement of Accounts and the Lists of Contributions to Gray's Yard Ragged Church and Schools for the year ended 30th September, 1897, the Committee feels that it is hardly necessary to accompany them with any detailed report of the work which has been carried on during that time. Our friends who have entrusted us with the means for carrying on the various agencies at Gray's Yard may rest assured that the greatest care and economy is exercised in its expenditure, and that at no time since the Mission was formed 62 years ago has there been more activity and zeal shown by the workers in their various departments.

Sunday by Sunday, all through the year, both our new and old buildings have been crowded by hundreds of the poorest men, women and children in London. There, as our motto says, "The poor have the Gospel preached them," we trust faithfully and earnestly, and with results which sometimes are apparent, but which, we believe, will never be fully known to any of us.

Our **Ragged Church Services,** with an average attendance each Sunday of 600 or 700, are a sight which must sadden every thinking man, and which must raise the old but ever new question, "Is it possible for these dry bones to live?" We believe it is through the Spirit, not by our might and power. But while we hold that the real cure for

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the distress and want so apparent at our meetings is regeneration by the Spirit through faith in Christ Jesus, we do also seek to alleviate the distress by means of our **Relief Committee**, and we are glad to think that, in spite of many disappointments, not a few have been helped back to employment and respectability by its efforts. The following are a few notes of what has been done, and had our funds been larger others might have been helped :—

For the most part the men and boys who come before the **Relief Committee** are helpless and hopeless as far as they themselves are concerned, and our efforts to lift them up are not often earnestly backed up by the applicants themselves. It is distinctly up-hill work, but we feel that at least an opportunity should be given, if possible, to every man who is really desirous to abandon idleness and vice, and to live a decent, honest life.

The stories we hear from these poor people cannot always be believed without corroboration, but the tales are often pathetic and sometimes grotesque.

Little, stunted, ragged lads come up who seem to have tried all *they* know to get employment, but the very evidence of their needy condition, their woe begone faces and their rags are against them, and they are driven back upon a hand-to-mouth existence which is truly pitiable. This kind of life tends to unfit them for steady regular work. Their love of freedom from control helps to keep them from personal endeavour to quit their precarious mode of life. A small boy of 15 told us that life on the streets is "good enough," and a man objected to enlist into the Army because he could not leave it if it did not quite suit him.

However, now and then, we have the joy of knowing that applicants have been permanently benefited, and they are grateful for it. Some boys have been sent to sea, through the kindness of Miss Child, of the Sailors' Welcome Home (Iron Bridge, Canning Town), and are doing well. Others have been restored to their parents, and here and there we have cheer.

However small the "success" may have been, we do feel that the poor men and boys who have heard at the Gospel Meetings that the loving God has provided a Saviour from sin in His own dear Son, and who truly wish to start afresh as regards this life, are given first that "chance" from which they seem to be shut out, except through some such agency as ours. And so we endeavour to preach Christ and to do His will.

Our **4d. Lodging House**, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, has fully maintained its popularity, and throughout the year very few beds have been vacant. The men appreciate the quiet, cleanliness and homeliness of our Lodging House as compared with other places. The payments by the lodgers, including the better-class accommodation at 13, Duke Street, has been £330 for the year, which about meets all expenses.

Our **Soup Kitchen** has also been much used, and confers the boon of good food at cheapest prices on many who would otherwise not know where to go for it. Separate statements of the accounts, both of the Lodging House and Soup Kitchen, are given on p. 20.

In connection with the Ragged Church there was given in our large hall, through the kindness of the Committee of

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the **Princess of Wales' Fund**, a substantial dinner on 26th June, to some 300 men. The hall was tastefully decorated, and made to look as bright and pretty as possible, and our, or rather Her Royal Highness', guests thoroughly enjoyed what we fear is to most of them a very rare event, a dinner of hot meat and vegetables, with sweets and tea, *ad lib.* Lord Radstock, who presided, gave a short and suitable address, and before the men separated H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife, accompanied by the Duke of Fife and Sir Horace and Lady Farquhar, visited the hall, His Grace saying a few kindly words of sympathy and encouragement to the men, who joined very heartily in the National Anthem, and in a vote of thanks to the Princess of Wales for her thoughtful provision for them.

Among our many friends we have particularly to thank the following gentlemen for having helped us by taking Services on Sundays:—

Lord Radstock,
Col. Count Aldenburgh Bentinck,
Hon. Granville Waldegrave,
Gen. Waller,
Col. H. G. Macgregor, C.B.,
Mr. W. H. Seagram,
,, John Kirk (of the Ragged School Union),
,, E. Percy Paton,
,, J. Keeble,
,, C. Palser,
,, F. W. Burton,
,, W. McAdam Eccles,
,, J. C. W. Fegan,

Mr. Stebbins (from America),
,, Dudgeon,
Dr. Drummond Robinson,
Mr. Williams,
,, Guinness.

At our **Annual New Year's Breakfast**, given on the first Sunday of the year, Mr. C. E. Tritton, M.P., presided, and Captain Orde Brown and others gave addresses.

Turning now to the **Ragged School,** with about 300 names on the books, we have, we think, several causes for encouragement in better attendances and increased order. There are three Schools held on Sundays, conducted by Mr. Walsh and Dr. Murray Leslie, and on every or almost every night of the week there is something done for the benefit of those poor children who live round about Gray's Yard.

The Girls' Club, conducted by Miss Charlotte Probyn and her friends, with its Bible Classes on Sundays, is in a most flourishing condition, with a membership of 80. The girls quickly respond to the love and care shown them.

Working Girls over 15 & under 20. Started with 12

The Boys' Brigade, now so well known to the public, has a Company, the 34th London, at Gray's Yard. Drill is held once a week, and also a Club where games, as well as teaching in carving, fretwork, reading, writing and arithmetic, etc., were provided during the winter by the Misses Waller.

30 in Company

Then we have a **Lending Library, Boot Club, Band of Hope, Sewing Class, Gymnastic Class, Play Hour** for the younger children, and last, but not least, a **Bible School** on Wednesday evenings, which has been conducted

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for many years by Mr. Watts and his friends. All these things mean hard, but not unthankful, work. It is not a small thing to gain the affection of these little ones and to bring them to the great Lover of children.

Our thanks are again due to Earl and Countess Amherst for their great kindness in inviting us for our **Day in the Country** in July to their beautiful park at Montreal, Sevenoaks. Everything was provided that could give happiness and enjoyment to the children, and the day will always be looked back upon as an event in their lives not to be forgotten.

During the summer 27 children were sent to one or other of the **Holiday Homes of the Ragged School Union** for a fortnight's country air. If one day in the country is a benefit to these London children, what must a fortnight be? The expense to our funds is 2s. per head, as the parents contribute 4s. of the 6s. charged for railway fare, board and lodging by the Ragged School Union.

The Misses Habershons' **Mothers' Meeting**, held on Tuesday afternoons, has a membership of 140, with an average attendance of 72.

In connection with this meeting there is a **Clothing Club** with 106 members and payments of £47 10s., a **Penny Bank** with 68 members and payments of £35, and a **Coal Club** with 85 members and payments of £39.

Contributions will be gladly received by Miss Habershon towards the last-named Club, the object of which is to enable the members to get coals in winter at summer prices by buying when prices are low.

We are glad to be able to refer to the work of the energetic **City Missionary** of the District, Mr. W. H. Rice,

who is assisted by a large and earnest band of workers. It must suffice merely to mention some of the agencies carried on by him on our premises:—

Sunday Evening, Gospel Service.	Attendance,	100.
Wednesday Evening ,,	,,	30.
Prayer Meeting on Monday.	,,	20.

Open-air Service, Sick Club, Men's Social Club, &c.

We have to thank many friends for many acts of kindness during the year, specially amongst others Lady Isobel Ryder, Lady Flora Douglas Hamilton, Earl Amherst, Georgiana Countess of Seafield, Countess Aldenburg Bentinck, Hon. Granville Waldegrave, Mrs. Crawley Boevey, Miss Noel, Miss Luff, Mrs. Hutton, and the Ragged School Union, for gifts of clothing; Mrs. Frank Bevan and Miss Moss for hospital and dispensary letters; Mr. Bedford and Mrs. Barron for bread and coal tickets; Miss Snashall and the Ladies at Domgay House for a Christmas treat to our Infant Classes; Mrs. John Morley for portions of Scripture for distribution at our New Year's Breakfast. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. J. and A. W. Sully, Chartered Accountants, of 19 and 21, Queen Victoria Street, E.C., for having kindly acted as Honorary Auditors of our accounts.

As this goes to press we have to record with regret the resignation from private reasons of our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. George Hanbury, who for so many years has helped and encouraged the workers at Gray's Yard. Colonel H. G. MacGregor, C.B., of 4, Brechin Place, S.W., has kindly consented to take his place.

By reference to the **Statement of Receipts and Expenditure** it will be seen that on 30th September, 1897,

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there was a balance of nearly £150 due to our bankers, Messrs. Barclay and Co. This has since increased to nearly £200, and has been a great burden to those responsible for the funds. The Committee is therefore thankful to be able to state that *three gentlemen have come forward and offered to clear the debt provided a further sum of £200 is raised from other sources to serve as working capital.* Towards this the Ragged School Union has made a grant of £20, and other friends have specially contributed about £40 more, so that *only £140 remains to be collected* in order to free us from a burdensome debt. Contributions will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by our Hon. Treasurer,

COLONEL H. G. MACGREGOR, C.B.,
4, Brechin Place, S.W.;

HON. GRANVILLE WALDEGRAVE,
4, Park Square West, N.W.,

who, the Committee is glad to say, has recently accepted the office of Hon. Assistant Secretary;

MESSRS. MORGAN & SCOTT,
12, Paternoster Buildings, E.C.;

MESSRS. BARCLAY & CO.,
54, Lombard Street, E.C.

or by our Hon. Seeretary,

ALISTER G. FRASER, ESQ.,
22, Gloucester Place, Portman Square, W.

In conclusion the Committee, while appealing in this way for funds to carry on the work, still more earnestly commends to the sympathy and prayers of the friends of the Mission the various efforts briefly referred to in this Report, that the blessing of God may rest on all that is done, and that in His own time the fruit of the seed sown may be seen to His glory.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FUND.

	£	s.	d.
GENERAL FUND—			
Davidson, Walter R., Esq.	4	0	0
Fraser, Alister G., Esq.	1	0	0
Fraser, Mrs. Arthur	0	10	0
Hog, T. A. F., Esq.	0	10	0
Macgregor, Col., C.B.	6	18	6
Moore, Mrs. Courtney	2	0	0
Standing, Mr.	0	5	0
Anon (collected by Mrs. Brown)	0	4	6
Waller, Mrs.	1	0	0
White, Miss	1	0	0
SPECIAL FUNDS -			
Fraser, John, Esq. (for Mothers' Relief) ...	5	0	0
Princess of Wales' Dinner Fund (per J. A. Mitchell, Esq., for Special Dinner)	24	15	0
Willcox, Miss Rose (for Coal Club)	2	0	0
Total	£31	15	0
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—			
Dainty, Miss (for Bread)	0	10	0
Hamilton, Lady Flora Douglas (for Boys' Brigade)	2	0	0
Luff, Miss (for Country Holidays)	0	10	0
Total	£3	0	0

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RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHURCH—						
Rent of Shop, 13, Duke Street ...	60	0	0			
,, Hall, ,, ...	20	0	0			
,, Rooms, ,,	10	10	0			
Received from Lodging House for Rates, Gas, Water, &c.	85	0	0			
Contributions for General Expenses	167	19	0			
,, ,, Bread	0	10	0			
				343	19	0
RELIEF—						
Contributions for General Expenses	17	8	0			
,, Mothers' Meeting Relief	5	0	0			
,, Coal Club ..	2	0	0			
Princess of Wales' Dinner Grant ...	24	15	0			
				49	3	0
Carried forward ...				£393	2	0

1st OCT., 1896, to 30th SEPT., 1897.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHURCH—						
Rates and Taxes	25	2	0			
Insurance	5	12	4			
Repairs	8	7	1			
Gas and Water	53	12	3			
Coals	3	10	0			
Servants	27	0	6			
Printing, Stationery and Postage ...	6	13	8			
Sundries	0	8	0			
Collector's Commission	1	9	0			
Interest on Bank Loan	4	0	0			
Bread for Free Meals on Sundays...	100	15	2			
Groceries ,, ,, ...	14	10	0			
Milk ,, ,, ..	5	15	0			
Tea ,, ,, ...	0	11	4			
				257	6	4
RELIEF—						
General	22	9	9			
Emigrants' Expenses at Mr. Hazell's Test Farm	14	0	0			
Emigration	4	10	0			
Mothers' Meeting Relief	5	0	0			
Coals (Coal Club)	7	11	10			
Princess of Wales' Dinner ...	27	11	0			
				81	2	7
Carried forward ...				£338	8	11

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RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..				393	2	0
ANNUAL BREAKFAST—						
Contributions				20	7	8
SCHOOL—						
Contributions for General Expenses	148	16	9			
,, ,, Boys' Brigade ...	2	0	0			
,, ,, Country Holidays	0	10	0			
Boot Club Repayments	4	3	11			
Children's Country Holidays (payments by parents)	6	4	0			
				161	14	8
Carried forward ...				£575	4	4

ACCOUNT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..				338	8	11
ANNUAL BREAKFAST—						
Groceries and Provisions	19	0	11			
Sundries	0	13	0			
				19	13	11
SCHOOL—						
Rent	125	0	0			
Insurance	0	6	5			
Repairs	8	8	9			
Gas and Water	17	0	1			
Coals	3	10	0			
Servants	53	15	0			
Printing, Stationery and Postage ..	6	4	11			
Sundries	1	17	6			
Collector's Commission	1	9	0			
Interest on Bank Loan	4	0	0			
Hymn Books and Registers ...	3	14	10			
Boot Club	4	17	5			
Boys' Brigade	3	16	0			
Treats	5	15	3			
Country Holidays	9	0	0			
				248	15	2
Carried forward ...				£606	18	0

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RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	575	4	4
DAY IN THE COUNTRY—			
Contributions	8	3	6
Balance due to Bank, 30th September, 1897 ...	143	4	6
	£716	12	4

We have compared the above Account with the books and

ACCOUNT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...				606	18	0
DAY IN THE COUNTRY—						
Railway Fares	10	8	1			
Food and Attendance	4	11	0			
				14	19	1
Balance due to Bank, 30th September, 1896 ..				104	15	3
				£726	12	4

vouchers of this Mission, and find it correct.

J. & A. W. SULLY, Chartered Accountants,
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BALANCE SHEET, 1st Oct., 1896, to 30th Sept., 1897.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	4	6	5½
Dinners, &c. ...	152	0	3¾
Repaid by Lodging House ...	144	17	3¾
Repaid by Church and Schools ...	22	0	0
Books of Tickets sold ...	0	3	9
Relief Fund for Special Cases ...	1	5	11
C.O.S. ...	0	1	2
	£324	14	1½

SOUP KITCHEN.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Groceries ...	114	0	7½
Bread ...	70	6	3
Meat ...	46	6	0
Vegetables ...	29	4	7
Milk ...	16	7	8½
Wages ...	36	19	6
Coal and Coke ...	16	8	6
Repairs, Cleaning, &c. ...	2	6	10
Balance ...	1	14	2½
	£324	14	1½

Balance brought forward	£	s.	d.
Paid by Lodgers ...	3	5	4
Relief Fund for Special Cases ...	330	0	4
C.O.S. ...	3	13	0
Books of Tickets sold ...	0	10	0
Workers, paid by ...	0	9	0
Rent of Duke Street rooms ...	34	0	0
	£372	11	8

LODGING HOUSE.

	£	s.	d.
Food ...	146	7	9½
Wages ...	76	6	3
Coals ...	22	4	0
Cleaning and Repairs ...	29	19	0
Sundries ...	4	10	3½
Duke-Street rooms ...	3	16	11½
General Fund for Gas, Water, Rates, &c. ...	85	0	0
Balance carried forward ...	4	7	4½
	£372	11	8

Mothers' Payments ...	£	s.	d.
J. Fraser, Esq. ...	39	7	1
Miss Willcox ...	3	0	0
From General Relief Fund ...	2	0	0
	5	11	10
	£49	18	11

MOTHERS' COAL CLUB.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. H. Clarke ...	48	18	2
Carried over ...	1	0	9
	£49	18	11

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GRAY'S YARD
RAGGED CHURCH AND SCHOOLS,

FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1896, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1897.

Name.	*Church.* £ s. d.	*Schools.* £ s. d.	*Breakfast.* £ s. d.	*Day in Country.* £ s. d.
Aikman, Miss Robertson	1 0 0	2 0 0		
Aked, Mrs.	1 1 0			
Anonymous	7 10 0	7 10 0		
,, ...	5 0 0			
,, ...	0 2 6			
Armitage, Mrs. J. R. ...				1 1 0
Barron, Miss	1 0 0			
,, Miss S. ...	1 0 0			
,, Mrs.... ...	1 0 0			
Beale, Miss Anne ...	0 5 0			
Beauchamp, Hon. Lady	2 10 0	2 10 0		
Bentinck, Countess ...	2 10 0			
Best, Hon. H. M. ...	1 1 0			
Bewes, C., Esq. ...	1 0 0			
Billinghurst, Mr. ...		0 5 0		
Blackden, Mrs. ...	1 0 0			
Blackwood, Miss ...			1 0 0	
,, Mrs. ...			1 0 0	
Carried forward £	25 19 6	12 5 0	2 0 0	1 1 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	25 19 6	12 5 0	2 0 0	1 1 0
Brocklehurst, Mrs. W. W.		0 10 0		
Brodribb, Mrs. ..	0 5 0			
Brooks, Sir W. Cunliffe, Bart.		1 1 0		
Brown, Mrs. George ..	1 1 0	1 1 0		
,, Mrs. Sneade ...		0 5 0		0 5 0
Bunsen, Miss de ...	1 0 0			
Burmester, Miss ...	2 2 0	1 1 0	1 0 0	1 1 0
Burrage, Miss ...		0 10 6		
Buxton, Noel, E., Esq.		3 0 0		
Cecil, Lady Sophia ...	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	
Chamberlayne Charity, The		20 0 0		
Christian, Readers of the, per Messrs. Morgan and Scott	2 0 0	1 10 0		
Christian World, a reader of the, per Messrs. Clark and Co. ...		0 2 0		
Currie, Lady ..	1 5 0	1 5 0		
Davidson, Miss ..	1 1 0	1 1 0		
,, Mrs. ...		1 0 0		
,, Miss E. D. ...		1 0 0		
,, Miss M. ...		0 10 0		
Davidson, Walter R., Esq.	5 0 0	5 0 0		1 0 0
Davy, Miss Anne ...	0 10 0	1 0 0		
,, Miss Elizabeth...		1 0 0		
Dawson, John, Esq. ..		1 0 0		
Daly, The Misses ...		0 7 6		
Carried forward £	41 4 6	55 10 0	4 1 0	3 7 0

Name.	Church	Schools.	Breakfast.	Day in Country.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	41 4 6	55 10 0	4 1 0	3 7 0
Debenham & Freebody, Messrs.	1 10 0	1 10 0		
Dugdale, J., Esq. ...		1 0 0		
Dundas, Lady June ..		1 0 0		
Elliott, Mr. Russell ...	1 1 0			
Ellis, Mrs.	0 5 0			
Ferguson, G. H. H. Oliphant, Esq. ...	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Fordham, Mrs. ...	0 5 0			
Fraser, Alister G., Esq.	2 0 0	2 0 0	0 10 0	0 10 0
,, Mrs. Arthur ...	2 0 0	2 0 0		0 10 0
Friend No. 2, per Mr. E. C. Swift ...		2 0 0		
Gascoigne, Col. French	10 0 0			
Gibbs, Geo., Esq. ...	1 1 0			
Gillow and Co., Messrs.	2 2 0			
Goodman, H., Esq. ...			0 10 6	
Gordon, The Misses Duff		0 15 0	0 5 0	
,, Mrs. ...		0 10 0		
Gray, The Baroness ...	10 0 0	10 0 0		
Gristock, W., Esq., M.D.	0 10 6	0 10 6		
Habershon, Miss A. R.	5 0 0			
Haden, Mrs.	1 0 0			
Hamilton, Duke of ..	25 0 0	25 0 0		
,, Lady Flora Douglas		10 0 0		
Hanbury, Geo., Esq. ...	5 0 0			
Hardie, T. K., Esq. ...	3 0 0	3 0 0		
Hart, Mrs.	1 0 0	1 0 0		
Hayes, Miss		0 5 0		
Carried forward £	113 0 0	117 1 6	5 6 6	4 7 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	113 0 0	117 1 6	5 6 6	4 7 0
Henwood, T., Esq. ...		0 10 6		
Higgins, Miss C. ...			0 12 0	
Hill, Miss	0 5 0	0 5 0		
Hogg, Miss	2 0 0			
Ince, J. H., Esq. ..			1 1 0	
Johnson, Miss (from sale of clothes)		0 6 0		
Keeble, J. Esq. ...			0 5 0	
,, Mrs.	2 2 0			
Kendal, Miss		0 5 0		
Kennaway, Sir John, Bt.		0 10 6		
Leigh, Lord	1 1 0	1 1 0		1 1 0
Leslie, R. Murray, Esq., M.D.		1 1 0		
Letchworth, Miss, per C. O. S.		1 0 0		
Lilley & Skinner, Messrs.			1 1 0	
Luff, Miss M.... ..			0 10 0	
Macgregor, Col. C. B....	10 0 0			
Macnicoll, Miss ...	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	
Maitland, Mrs. E. ...			0 10 0	
Marshall and Snelgrove, Messrs.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
McTaggart, Miss ..	0 10 6	0 10 6		
,, Mrs. O. ...	0 10 6	0 10 6		
Meiklam, Miss ...	4 0 0			
Meredith, Miss ...	0 2 6			
Mitchell, Miss M. B. ...	1 10 0	1 10 0		
Moir, Mrs. W. ...		0 10 6		
Morehead, the Misses ...			0 5 0	
Carried forward £	136 12 6	126 13 0	10 0 6	5 8 0

Name.	Church.	Schools.	Breakfast.	Day in Country.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	136 12 6	126 13 0	10 0 6	5 8 0
Noel, Hon. Henry		2 0 0		
Orr, Mrs.	1 1 0	1 1 0		
Oswald, Mrs. Gordon ...	2 2 0	1 1 0		
Patterson, Mrs. Myles...	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Peal and Co., Messrs. ...	0 10 0			
Phillips, Mrs. ...	1 0 0			
Pilcher, Mrs. ...	2 2 0	2 2 0		
Pitt, Miss Ellen ...	0 5 0	0 5 0		
Pole, Mrs.			0 5 0	
Purnell, W. H. and A., Esqrs.	5 0 0			
Radstock, Lord ...	2 0 0	1 0 0		
Ralli, Mrs. John E. ...				1 0 0
Reid, A., Esq. .				0 5 0
Rothschild, Alfred de, Esq., per Miss Coates			2 2 0	
Routh, C. H. F., Esq., M.D.	0 10 6	1 1 0		
Seafield, Georgiana, Countess of ...	2 0 0			
Smith, Heywood, Esq., M.D.	1 0 0			
Spottiswood, Mrs. ...	0 10 0			
Stanley, Mrs. Charles	1 1 0	0 10 6	0 10 6	
,, Mrs. John ...	1 0 0			
Studd, Mrs. E. ...	1 0 0	1 0 0		
Tildesley, E., Esq. ..				0 10 6
Townsend, Mrs. ...	1 0 0			
Unknown (collected by Miss Coates) ...			5 6 2	
Carried forward £	159 4 0	137 3 6	18 4 2	7 3 6

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	159	4	0	137	3	6	18	4	2	7	3	6
Unknown, Norah Mack				0	9	10						
,, Alice Wheelwright				0	5	5						
Waldegrave, Hon. Elizabeth	1	0	0									
Waldegrave, Hon. Montague	1	0	0	2	0	0						
Walker, Lady Juliana	0	5	0	0	5	0						
Waller, Mrs.	2	0	0	2	0	0						
Watney, Miss Mary ...	0	10	0	0	10	0						
Watson, General ..	1	0	0									
Willcox, B. A., Esq. ..				1	1	0						
,, Miss ..	1	0	0				0	10	0	0	10	0
,, Miss Rose ...	1	0	0				0	10	0	0	10	0
Williams, Mr. ...							1	1	0			
,, G. Maudesley,				2	0	0						
Wilson, Mrs.	1	0	0	1	0	0						
Winfield, Miss ...							0	2	6			
Woods, Edward, Esq....				2	2	0						
Total of Contributions to General Expenses	167	19	0	148	16	9	20	7	8	8	3	6

Please notify any errors in the names with the next contribution.

Form of Bequests or Legacies.

I give to the Treasurer for the time being of the Institution called "THE GRAY'S YARD RAGGED CHURCH," *Gray's Yard, James Street, Oxford Street, London, the sum of pounds, for the purposes of the said Institution, to be paid free of Legacy Duty within months after my death; and I hereby charge the same upon such part of my personal estate as may be legally applied in payment of my charitable legacies.*

I give to the Treasurer for the time being of the Institution called "THE GRAY'S YARD SUNDAY RAGGED SCHOOL," *Gray's Yard, James Street, Oxford Street, London, the sum of pounds, for the purposes of the said Institution, to be paid free of Legacy Duty within months after my death; and I hereby charge the same upon such part of my personal estate as may be legally applied in payment of my charitable legacies.*

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Social Agencies

following day. In speaking of these services Mr Fraser strongly emphasized the fact that their work was first of all a spiritual effort, the aim being to effect a change in the people themselves as being the only real means of benefitting them. This is also ~~ab~~ brought out in the Report which says that the "real cure for the distress and want so apparent at our meetings is regeneration by the Spirit, through faith in Christ Jesus."

The numerous social activities are referred to in the report – Mothers' meeting with several clubs; Girls Club, Boys Club for lads 12-17, with games, fretwork, carpentry &c. Gymnasia for boys and girls; a recently started club for elder lads designed to receive those who are too old for or grow out of the younger club; Play hour for children on similar lines to that connected with the West London Mission. Boot club with 40 or 50 members. A somewhat novel institution is the "Mothers' Hour". This is limited to the parents of the children attending the schools to whom an invitation similar to that on next page is sent.

A little of this, l, but the boudoir, dispensable. It be- had to be managed ear of angering the into tirades on tem-, and I drawing her then to the consi- len, drawing-room, flowers, and similar scrappy notes about ıbt, she imagined I racts from her last as good enough to ıay have been dis- w when it appeared

y never been inter- ıted, and yet nervous d deal that he felt ıer he would be made g to seem completely ime, and punctuated s laughs. When I sitting in the midst , just as if he had the moment of my warmly as if I had d of a total stranger, . He had an excel- ret was totally free ld his story readily serve, and was alto- s.

er received me lying ry scantiest courtesy, oing to tell me any- a fair run for my uld out of him. I l a cigar, if I liked. im to do the same; l of wit, I began on onal way, and, as I ulky answers. After ook and said, "As I of you, I will have ighted, and over that unicably on all sorts

He was nervously anxious not to stammer, and this made him worse. The interview took a prodigious time, and at the end I had gained very little. However, by the next morning's post there arrived about a dozen folios of MS., wherein he had stated his views at length and added a good deal of personal information. That information came out clear-cut, without a trace of stammering.

I once interviewed a lady by accident. I was paying an ordinary visit, and over tea we conversed on a variety of subjects, drifting at last into one in which she was much interested. She knew so much, and made it so interesting, that I prolonged the conversation. Later, it occurred to me that she was one of the most active workers in that movement, and her remarks might be valuable. I obtained editorial permission to interview her, and her permission to use her remarks already uttered. The interview, in fact, was reported without having formally taken place.

My most unconventional interview was my first. I went to dine and spend the night with the subject, expecting that after a quiet dinner we should have a talk in the smoking-room and look round the place in the morning. On the contrary, I found that a political dinner-party was on the programme. The guests stayed late, and those who were spending the night stayed up later smoking. At one we retired, and then the host took me into his room, and we sat up talking till three. He was as clear and businesslike as if it were midday, and he had all the points that I touched on at his fingers' ends. After that I had to make rough notes of the whole in my own room, for fear that I should forget it all in the night.

Mosquitoes on Guard.

AMONG the sands of the Volador River, a stream rising in the Sierra de S. Martha, in South America, is to be found enough gold to satisfy the most avaricious, and yet no one has succeeded in removing it, so abundant and terrible are the mosquitoes of that region.

The first to attempt the task was the French Vice-Consul at Rio Hacha, who had obtained the concession of this Eldorado well knowing the difficulties in the way. He took with him a large

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Gray's Yard Mission.

THE MOTHERS' HOUR.

MRS. BRAITHWAITE & MRS. FRASER

Will be glad to see Mrs. Wilson

on the SECOND Wednesday of the Month, in the Girls' Club-room, from 2.45—4 o'clock.

Refreshments provided at a small cost.

No children admitted except infants in arms.

THIS CARD IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

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The City Missionary visits the streets around the Gray's Yard. He is an excellent man & has been on the district for years. We might see him — Mr Rice, 31 Moore's Bldgs, Robert St, Oxford St. W.

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The Charitable Relief is given under supervision of a Relief Committee, which meets every Monday morning. Cases are investigated and they try to find the friends of applicants. Find it is most difficult to

HOMELESS IN LONDON FOR 50 DAYS.

An Unprofessional Vagabond's Adventures in the Great City.

WITH THE "DOSSERS" AT "CHURCH."

Sunday as the Destitute Spend It.

If there is one day more than another that the unemployed detest, that day is Sunday. It is all right for the "timber merchants" or match vendors, and for those "dossers" who in the early morn vend the crisp cress, the salacious shrimp, and that article of commerce which occupies an anomalous, indefinable position somewhere between food and poison, the muffin. To such as these the day of rest brings trade, and therefore money; hence, naturally enough, it is welcome. But the lot of the ordinary homeless man in London on Sunday! Until I was that individual, I never believed in the theory of "solitude in a crowd," but now I am sure he feels the sense of aloofness, of being cut off from everybody, more keenly among the people at Charing Cross or in Regent's Park than he would if he were destitute in the middle of Salisbury Plain, with not a soul in sight.

The only boon that Sunday brings to the bulk of "dossers" of all classes is that food can then be obtained merely by going for it to the proper places, most of which I visited myself at least once. You must, however, "work" a sequence of such free feeds to get through the day with anything like comfort.

Some hundreds begin every Sunday by attending the "Ragged Church," generally known as the Gray's Yard Ragged School. When I reached this institution, shortly after ten o'clock on a Sabbath morning, I found about one hundred "dossers," women as well as men, awaiting the opening of the door. On entering each of us was given a mug and a hymn book; and no sooner had we taken our seats in the large hall upstairs—the females here, as elsewhere, sit apart from the men—than one-half of our number fell asleep. One by one, and two by two, others dropped in, till at last three or four hundred, perhaps, were present when service began at eleven o'clock.

I do not profess to have paid much more attention to it than anybody else—and that is saying very little indeed. A man on my right read steadily through a Sunday paper, making no disguise of it, and never raising his eyes from its columns, even during prayers; another, close to me, diligently studied what looked suspiciously like a Turf Guide; while about half the congregation slept placidly till the Benediction was pronounced. As for myself, I merely observe that I had had no breakfast.

Some allowance, however, appears to be made for "dossers." Nowhere do they rise for the singing of the hymns. At several places, too, there is an understanding that the "cackle" portion of the proceedings, as many of them call it, shall terminate at a certain time. At Gray's Yard, for instance, the speaker must bring his address to an end at twelve o'clock, or the enamel mugs begin to fall on the floor in a regular shower till the clatter is enough to check the eloquence of a cheap jack.

On this occasion there was nothing to complain of on this score, for service concluded promptly. Tea and bread were then brought round, after which little dainties were fished out of pockets in all directions. This man had brought some butter to spread on his chunk of "dry rooty" (bread); that had a lump of cheese; the other a cooked bloater. Greater luxuries were not lacking. Right under my very nose—it was really too bad—were fried bacon, cold mutton (cadged from a cook shop, I expect), bits of beef, and even the plebeian but tasty saveloy and the liberally-seasoned faggot. Dry bread! Pooh! It is the deserving unemployed who have to eat that, not the thorough-paced "dossers."

From Gray's Yard I went with others, on a subsequent Sunday, to the Orphanage at Kilburn. A tea is given there at 1.30, and it is, of course, a good walk from one place to the other—which explains why those of the professional element in the ranks of the homeless who are present at service in the former institution become impatient if the address is prolonged after mid-day. At Kilburn takes place the largest gathering of its kind in London, no fewer than fifteen hundred, I believe, having sat down to tea one day last spring.

Here you are handed, as you enter the hall where the service is held, two and a half thick slices of bread and butter, as well as a basin, which, after grace, is filled as many times as you like with tea brought round in large cans. The "dossers" consequently swear by Kilburn, and I am bound to say, from my own experience, that the hungry man gets a good meal there. But I would like to suggest to the good sisters that some limit be put on the allowance of tea per man. After you have handed up a fellow's basin a dozen times, the monotonous regularity of the thing worries and annoys.

The feature of the place which impressed me most, however, was the singing. Never did I hear anything like it. I do not know how many were present—fully five hundred, I should say—but one and all joined most rousingly in it, and the "dossers" grew so fervid (if that is the word) at the finish that seven or eight hymns were sung right off the reel. Before the last strains of one had quite died away cries arose from all parts of the room—"Nine," "Eighty-seven," "Twenty-six," and so on—the numbers being those of such favourite London mission hymns as "Are you coming home to-night?" and "God bless you till we meet again." And then we had another, and another after that, until finally the sister who conducted the service smilingly shook her head. If I had been in her position I should have suspected I was assisting at a rehearsal or series of rehearsals; for one reason why the "dossers" attend such places as Kilburn is to learn hymns for "griddling" (street singing) in the suburbs on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, a number of the "unemployed" had left hurriedly to get back to Gray's Yard, where there is a tea at three or four o'clock. When we came out some of us made for the parks, while others at once set off to the Medland Hall for more tea and more bread and butter, and to enjoy the service that follows. Proceedings at that shelter begin at six o'clock, and I was assured many times that a pleasant Sunday evening may be spent there.

Starting at the East End, you may make another round. I attempted on two successive Sundays to begin at the Bedford Institute, where at about 10.30 a breakfast of bread and coffee is provided; but as the number taken in is limited to about eighty, and women are admitted first, I was on both occasions among the thirty or forty others who had to seek admission elsewhere. So we rushed across to Clerkenwell, and attended "church" at the Field Lane Ragged School. At this institution a chunk of bread was given many of the early comers as we entered, while after service each worshipper (I use the word without prejudice) received a large piece and as much cocoa as he or she cared to drink. I noticed here, as at Gray's Yard, that the regular "dossers" had provided themselves with butter, cheese, bacon, and other delicacies to eat with the bread.

In the afternoon you have the choice of several places—notably, in winter, the Dock Street Restaurant and "Father" Jay's Church in Shoreditch. No man in London, I make bold to say, is more respected by the "dossers" than this gentleman, not because of the splendid work he has done in that neighbourhood which is called "The Sweaters' Hell," but because he is "the Scrappin' Parson." I shall never forget the wonderfully enthusiastic description which a member of the fraternity gave me of an incident that took place at a Sunday afternoon tea in the "Church in a Stable." A big, "buck" navvy sort of a fellow, remonstrated with by Mr. Jay for certain conduct which I will not even hint at, threatened to punch that gentleman's head. "The Scrappin' Parson" invited him to come below, "knocked 'im out at one smack, 'e did, and then 'e got 'old of 'im an' chucked 'im! Love a duck! I never see anythin' like it. Oh, he's a Jay by name, but 'e ain't a 'jay' by nature!"

I should much have liked to attend and partake of the tea at Holy Trinity Church; but, unfortunately, it was stopped during the summer months.

On one occasion, however, I went to Christ Church Hall, Hanbury Street, Spitalfields. Resting in the parish churchyard on a Sunday afternoon, I

> **TO THE UNEMPLOYED**
>
> **PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.**
>
> If you want a Smoke (free) and a glorious Gospel Song to do you good,
> Come NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 3,
> To Christ Church Hall, Hanbury St.
> A FREE CUP of TEA for you if you like.
> TOBACCO GRATIS.

was handed a curiously-worded card of invitation to the service in that building; and when I arrived there about two hundred men and women were assembled in it. The chairman (one of the curates of Christ Church) opened the proceedings by bringing round to each of us a pipeful or so of shag, and, ascending the platform, filled his briar, and lit up by way of example. While the smoke was still ascending in little clouds to the roof the service began.

It was not, as may be imagined, of the deadly-dull variety. The gentleman who presided appealed to us to "shout, make a noise if you can't sing," and made the introductions after this fashion: "One of a numerous family, and, I hope you will think, a very good-looking specimen—Mr. Jones—will now read a passage from Holy Scripture." Then we had a solo (admirably rendered by a lady, and loudly applauded), next a practical address by the chairman, while finally we were each given a cup of tea and a slice of bread and marmalade. Altogether we spent a pleasant and profitable afternoon, and I think the first smoking service I ever attended was a decided success.

On Sunday evening also there are two or three "functions" for the homeless. By far the best, however, not only then, but at any part of the day, is the meat supper at St. Mary-at-Hill

> **ST. MARY-AT-HILL RECTORY,**
> GREAT TOWER STREET, NEAR THE MONUMENT.
>
> **MEAT SUPPER TICKET.**
> AVAILABLE ONLY ON
> SUNDAY 28-7-95 AT 8.30.
> *I certify that the bearer is believed not to have had a square meal for 24 hours.*
> *Initials* L C.
> N.B.—NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Rectory, Great Tower Street. Admission is by ticket, which is obtainable about three o'clock on Saturday afternoon from a Church Army Mission Room near the Dormitory in Spitalfields. I was given one without being asked a question, and that of which a *fac-simile* is here shown was brought for me by a companion while I was attending the hospital for—what *was* the matter with me? I really forget what complaint he said I had. But in winter, I believe, you must struggle to get a ticket.

Only about twenty-five or thirty were present at St. Mary-at-Hill Rectory on the night when I was there; but, as a gentleman "dosser" on my right observed we "shifted something." First we had

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Gray's Yard Mission.

THE MOTHERS' HOUR.

MRS. BRAITHWAITE & MRS. FRASER

Will be glad to see Mrs. Wilson

on the SECOND Wednesday of the Month, in the Girls' Club-room, from 2.45—4 o'clock.

Refreshments provided at a small cost.

No children admitted except infants in arms.

THIS CARD IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Turn over

See back

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A little of this, but the boudoir, dispensable. It be- had to be managed ear of angering the

He was nervously anxious not to stammer, and this made him worse. The interview took a prodigious time, and at the end I had gained very little. However, by the next morning's post there arrived about a dozen folios of MS., wherein he

The invitation on the other side of the card is intended to give you an occasional opportunity of an hour's rest and relaxation in the middle of your busy day.

It will also, we hope, be the means of our learning to know one another and of passing a pleasant hour with conversation and music.

DATES—

JANUARY 11. FEBRUARY 8. MARCH 8. APRIL 12.
MAY 10. JUNE 14.

Visitation

book and said, "As I of you, I will have ighted, and over that unicably on all sorts

The first to attempt the task was the French Vice-Consul at Rio Hacha, who had obtained the concession of this Eldorado well knowing the difficulties in the way. He took with him a large

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The Soup Kitchen

The Lodging House

to help the people who come. They are so broken down. Finds a great many old soldiers, men who have been in service as well as the inevitable once well to do people, solicitors doctors &c. In the account published £81 was spent on relief: of this £27 was spent for the Princess of Wales' Jubilee Dinner, for which a grant of £24 was received. Apart from this, the money appears to have been well spent. Only £22. was spent on general relief, £14 on sending men to Mr Hazell's Farm whilst £7.11. represents a contribution to the coal club – the amounted added to members payments of £40. The Soup Kitchen like the Home is intended to be self supporting. The name is a misnomer as it provides many kinds of food. The men ~~using~~ living in the lodging house purchase their food there, the receipts from this source being £144 out of a total of £320.

The Lodging House is always full. Accommodates 64. The men come and go but a certain number stop for months.

Mr Rice
London City Missionary.

GHA
10/3/99

Personal Note

The District

The Streets & their people

Gee's Court

St Thomas' parish.

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Mr W. H. Rice., 31 Moore's Bldgs, Robert St, Oxford St. W.
London City Missionary, working in connection with Gray's Yard. Mission.

Mr Rice is a fair slightly built man of about 30. Short light brown whiskers & mustache, small regular features. Neatly dressed in black morning coat, turn down collar & black tie. Looks a neat methodical worker; energetic without being fussy. Has been on this district since entering the L.C.M. 7 years ago.

The boundaries of the district are :- S: Oxford Street; ~~W~~ E Marylebone Lane; N, Hindle Street; and W - Duke Street and within this area Mr R. visits consecutively from house to house. No ~~visitor~~ missionary is working to the north so that he also visits special cases in the poor streets off High St e.g. Paradise St, Little & Gt Barlow Streets, North St &c.

The district has not changed much in Mr R's time. Gee's Court & Grays Bldgs are the poorest parts. In Gee's Court they are mostly one room people. Costers and other rough class folk. Women do work when they can and the

Gray's Bldgs.

Christopher's Bldgs

Visitation

Rice - L.C.M

the men then do nothing. Gray's Bldgs is same class of people but it has improved very much. Used to be one room people but now many have two rooms, the result of pressure by the L.C.C. Landlords have retained the desirable tenants and the others have gone to Lisson Grove or Notting Hill, mostly the latter as Lisson Grove "is getting filled up now". In Christopher Bldgs 2 rooms may be had for 6/-. People are more respectable: a good many policemen. Buildings are unhealthy however and the people are continually changing. More illness here than in Gee's Court. Get dissatisfied with the place and move out. Contrast to Gee's Court & Grays Bldgs, where the people stop as long as they can. [A poorer class, who know they cannot get rooms anywhere in the district.]

Mr R. takes 2 to 3 months to cover his district, much of his time being taken for visitation in the Workhouses (weekly), the workshops and stables and also by special cases in the Barlow St area. To aid in making the visitation of his district complete, he has divided it into 6 parts, ~~of~~ each of which a young lady visits

from

Charitable Relief

Meetings Held

Men's Sick Club

Social Club

Rice - L.C.M.

from house to house. They inform him of any cases of poverty or sickness. Finds it useful as they will attend to any cases and can help where he could not. They are mostly servants in good situations - ladies maids &c.

When he meets with cases needing relief he endeavours to help them but does not go to the Grays Yard Comte unless it is a case that needs considerable help. Gets what he can privately or helps out of his own pocket if needs be. You can't visit these people & see them in want and not do something for them. Does not like the C.O.S. They are too harsh. Nor do the people.

His meetings on Sunday & Wednesday have grown gradually (see page 11 of Report). ~~When~~ In his predecessor's time attendances of 8 were registered on Sunday. Now 120 and are growing. People all come from the district. Has an open air meeting at corner of Barrett Street during summer & also holds meetings in the Bldgs.

The Sick Club has 100 members, 1s on sharing out principle. Benefits 10/- & 5/- a week in sickness (8 wks, 8 wks) and £10 at death, £5 wife's death.

The Men's Social club has not been so successful

The Ragged Church
& the Homeless Men

Other Religious Agencies

Can't get the men to attend, altho the room is cosy, bagatelle & other games, still only get a few. Thinks the rougher section of the men go off to the music hall, Edgware Road &c. They do not go to public house taprooms here as there are none in the neighbourhood.

Asked about the Ragged Church, Mr G. said that many of the men attended regularly. He would not help them (e.g. to the food) unless they ~~should~~ showed an inclination to work. Would carry out the apostolic injunction. Knows men who have lived in the Gee's Court lodging houses for years and only care to get enough for their food & drink. The men living at Grays Yard are lower if anything than those ~~attending~~ living in the Gee's Court Lodging houses. The latter pay 6d & have beds. At Grays Yard they pay 4d – no beds but have a basin of soup at night & a basin of tea & a piece of bread in the morning.

Of the other religious agencies in the neighbourhood, Mr R. mentioned St Thomas's Church

Hinde Street Wesleyan

The Weighhouse Chapel

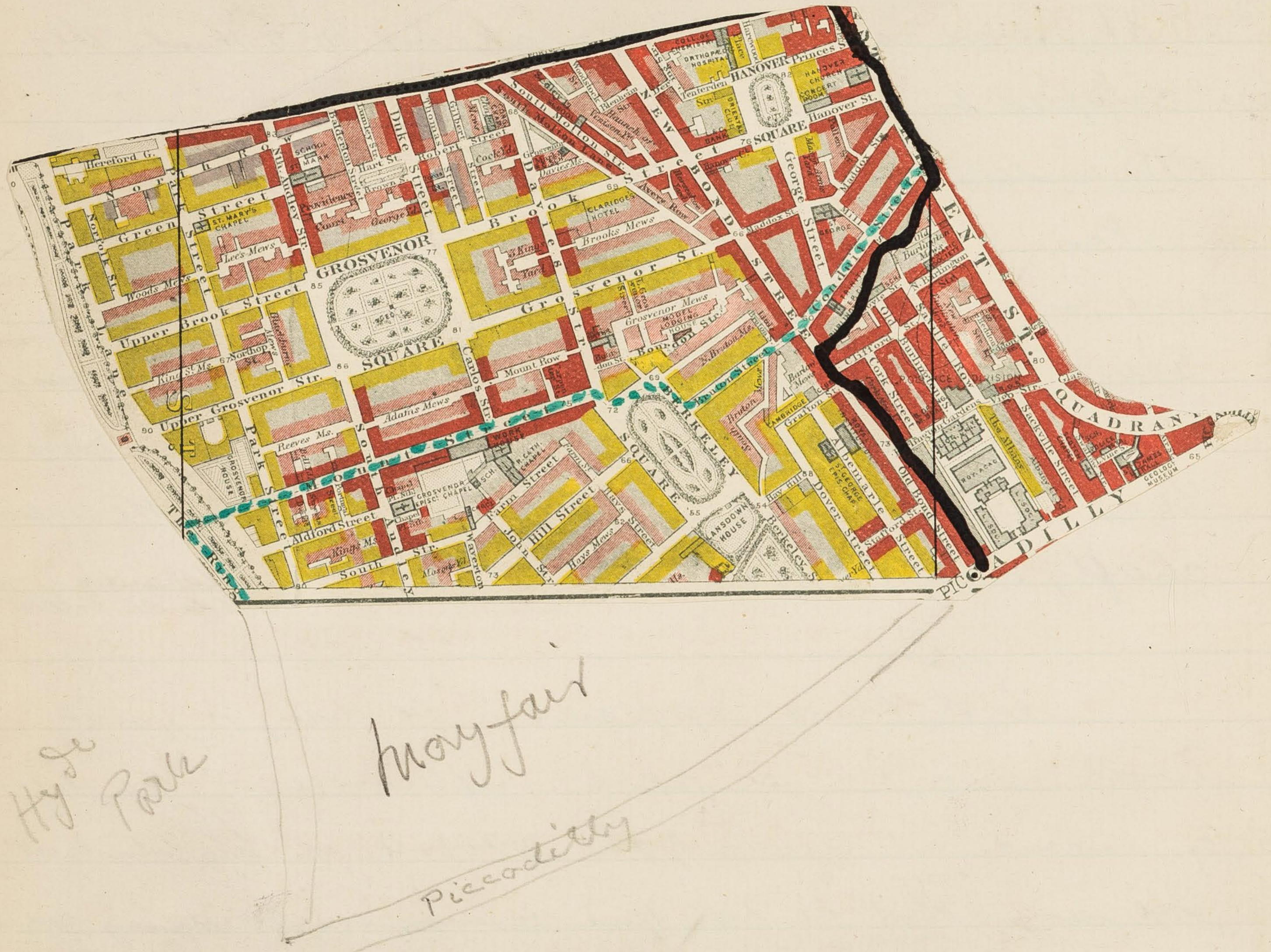
Rice - L.C.M.

St Thomas is doing good work but Mr G. thinks they are crippled by want of funds.

Hinde Street Wesleyan does not touch them. Has workers in the district by most of their work is done in the Gt Barlow Street area.

The Weighhouse Chapel (Rev A. Sandison) is not doing much, & does not cross to the north side of Oxford Street. The City Missionary visits in the mews chiefly. His address is: Mr Staydon, 15 Clarendon Terrace Maida Vale. W.

Mr Rice appears to be doing a quiet work and is a real influence on the lives of some at least, of the people on his district. He says that he has had many encouraging cases. Some leave the neighbourhood; others remain. A few have joined Hinde Street Chapel & others have gone to Portman Chapel but those who remain usually cling to the mission



St George's parish (chiefly). 22/3 Mar. 16. 99. J.A.

Mr. Haydon, L.C.M., called at the office in response to our letters, & proved to be an elderly man, with a good face & manner, but with energies undermined by indifferent health.

He has bn. for 21 years on the district sketched opposite, & now finds his occupation gone, owing to the energetic clearances of the Duke of Westminster, who has abolished a full score of public houses on this area, &, as leases of old & poor property have fallen in, has relet on such terms as have ensured that only the best class of new building shall succeed the old. Such poor streets & courts as there were have either given place to first class mews, or else there has bn. a widening out of thorofares & erection of flats or good models — as those in Balderton St., Lumley St., Brown St., Hart St., &c., about a dozen blocks in all. These blocks are owned by private companies, & are conducted on the strictest lines, the demand for rooms in them being very great, altho' rents are high & increase with each new tenant. Mr. H. thinks that favoritism

Haydon - L.C.M

is shown in choice of tenants, for some get in quickly whilst others wait a long time in vain. Preference is certainly given to those in good regular work, such as policemen & shop assistants.

Mr. H. visits in the buildings promiscuously, but the response is not encouraging, the people being too respectable. He seldom gets beyond the threshold, & the work evidently is not greatly to his liking. He also tries to get hold of the men engaged in building, of wh. there is generally a good deal going on, by calling in the dinner hours, & goes each Saturday to the blacksmiths shops in the mews. For the rest he puts in a little work at Weigh-house Chapel, Porter St., to wh. he is attached, & where he has a Band of Hope. He is evidently kept on here more for old association than present work, & says that when he goes a successor will not be appointed.

It was to obtain information about Weigh House Chapel, principally, that we wrote to Mr. Haydon, the minister (Rev. Sandison) having failed to respond. He gave the following

Weigh House Chapel.

Aves says Finsbury Circus.

particulars of the chapel:-

The King's Weigh House Chapel originally occupied the site of the Monument, & subsequently was for many years in King William St., but was turned out some ten years ago (by the railway, I think), & with £40,000 received as compensation, the congregation came to the present locality, & spent £30,000 in erecting new buildings, being liberally treated in the matter of site by the Duke of Westminster. They have got a really fine set of buildings - a large chapel, a Gothic Hall seating 500, big schoolrooms beneath the chapel, &c., & now having got it they seem at a loss to know what to do with it. For, as Mr. H. puts it, there is so much competition in religion all round that there seems little room for its work. He thinks a really energetic capable minister might, with such a fine place, do a good deal, & that the chapel may have a promising future before it, but, tho' he did not say so, I thought his ~~meaning~~ words rather suggested that this would ~~rather~~ be by outbidding ~~religious~~

Congregation & Services.

Week-night agencies.

rivals more than by breaking fresh ground.

At present the congregations are quite small, & consist largely of people who live elsewhere, but have kept up their old connection.

The Gothic Hall is used on Sundays evenings by a small congregation of Welsh people, who have left their old quarters in Poland St. on the expiration of their lease.

There is a moderately large Sunday School, the children being mainly those of parents who do not themselves come to the chapel ~~themselves~~. "They think it good for the children, but not for them".

For week-nights there is one service; a fairly-successful literary institute & Christian Endeavour Society, & a Band of Hope with 60 youngsters in attendance.

Beyond this, the chapel elbows out its usefulness by letting its hall, &c., at nominal cost to the Regent St. polytechnic people for social gatherings, or to little meetings of clubs

Visiting, &c.

& classes connected with large business houses in the locality.

Charitable work & visiting by the church are confined to their own people, who include some poor; but a large mission in Derby St., E. (close to Royal Mint) is carried on principally by members from here — a continuation of work begun whilst in the City.

St George's parish.

Interview with the Rev. Father Charnley, of the Chapel of the Jesuits in Farm St. (E.A) Feb.17.99.

Father Charnley is the head of the Presbytery in Mount St. but not the Superior of the Order in England. The head-quarters of the Father Superior are also in Mayfair -- in the new building in Farm St, adjoining the Church. The large Presbytery has about 9 priests living in it, of whom 4 work mainly in connection with the local work. The others are scholars and writers; much literary work is done here for the Church; the "Month" is edited from here, and it is the head-quarters of the Catholic Truth Soc. The Sec. of the latter, Mr. Britten, is a layman, but many of the tracts are written, and much of the controversial armoury supplied by the clergy of Down St. They are a body of highly trained men, and watch the interests of the Church, by writing, by holding missions and retreats, etc. The recent attack made by Dr. Horton was an occasion when they intervened in the ensuing controversy, and, judging from Father Charnley's manner, they are well satisfied with the results. Many converts come to them, about 100 a year, and educated people form a considerable proportion of those who come for instruction: "The Jesuits are supposed to know their theology".

They have no district, and do not want one. Their work lies in other fields. Much of it centres in their church, at which the services are very numerous. But,

Charley - R. Catholic (2)

not having a parish, neither have they parishioners. Thus they have to "tempt" people to them, and all the world knows how successfully they do this. Their church, although only 50 years old, and built at a time when bad styles of building prevailed, is surprisingly beautiful; the singing is good; and the ceremonial perfect. The preachers are gifted men. The Church holds from 6 to 700, and on Sunday mornings at 11 is full, with perhaps 600; there are no evening services, "our people dine late", but one at four, to which "a good number, varying with the season and the speaker come". [On the Sunday after my visit Father Bampton was speaking on "The Pope" (see handbill), and I went. There were perhaps 400 people there; a well-to-do congregation, but appearance does not betray class in a Roman Catholic Chuerh ~~ex~~ in Lent. Father Bampton spoke well; he based his argument on Scripture, enlarging impressively on the text "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock etc" He prefaced his sermon with a summary reflexion on the state of things in the English Church, arguing that the great moral of the crisis was -- the Pope, Authority.]

I spoke to Father Charnley about the state of things in the Church of England, and he did not profess to attach any particular importance to the present agitation. But it was clear that he viewed it with a quiet satisfaction. He quoted a saying of an Anglican priest to a friend

A. M. D. G.

Church of the Immaculate Conception,

FARM STREET, BERKELEY SQUARE, W.

FATHER BAMPTON

WILL PREACH A COURSE OF FOUR SERMONS

ON

THE POPE,

BEGINNING ON

The First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 19,

AT

THE AFTERNOON SERVICE, FOUR P.M.

L. D. S.

Charnley - R. Catholic

of his, - a remark that "might quite well have been said to one of us", that it would be "rather mean to leave a sinking ship"! A feeling of loyalty was given as the motive that inspired this remark, but both the speaker and Father Charnley clearly anticipate some xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx disruptive movement.

Farm St. with the Oratory, and to a less extent, the Pro-Cathedral at Kensington are the fashionable Roman Catholic Churches in London. The Presbytery in Down St. is a large building, and is used as a hotel by their own people when passing through London. It doubtless focusses much of the intellectual energy of Catholicism. Money appears to be plentiful; the house itself is chargeable with £300 a year in rates and taxes alone, and £500 a year is spent in charitable relief. They appear to have given up the attempt to work with the C.O.S. or to do the work on a careful basis, except in the exercise of the best private judgement. People come to them from many parts, and the majority are not the very destitute, but those needing something more than a meal. Father C. admits that they are taken in at times, but thinks that this cannot be helped. Personally, he is an interesting man, clever, courteous, smiling, confident.

Revd J. S. Miller
United Methodist Free Church

GLA
28/3/98

Personal Note

The Chapel folk

Revd J. S. Miller. Minister of the United Methodist Free Church, Queens Road, Bayswater.

Seen at his residence: 33 Bark Place, Bayswater.

Besides having the charge of the Queen's Road Church, Mr Miller is Supt. of the 6th London Circuit, which includes four other churches, two in Fulham, one at Kensal Town & another at South Acton.

He is a spare built, middle aged man, short, closely cut whiskers. Quiet & somewhat reserved. A good man but lacking strength. Looks over worked and nervous: possibly the results of a recent illness.

The people attending the chapel comprise a number of old adherents, most of whom come from a distance, people who have been driven outward by local changes. Beside these, they have a number of tradesmen and the remainder, a large proportion, are servants from the numerous yellow sheets in the neighbourhood. Mr Miller spoke in similar terms of approbation of these servants to Mr Spence (Chelsea) Their regularity of attendance and liberal financial support.

Buildings used

Services Held

Visitation

Miller - Unit. Meth. Free.

The Chapel is a large building seating 600 to 800, even without a big gallery. In addition they have a building at the back (formerly a hospital) which has a hall & other rooms used for class rooms & the caretakers' apartments.

Sunday Morning Service 11. Attendance 100 to 130
Evening " 6.30 " 110 to 150.
P. S. & A. 3.30 Mixed audience. Band and good music. Body of church full - 250 at least.

Tuesday. Bible Reading & Prayer meeting, followed by meeting of Christian Endeavour Society. These are the chief week night meetings & are well attended.

Young Peoples Guild (Thursday) is well sustained.

Shop assistants and servants but the latter are the better.

Very little visitation. Not only the usual difficulty in visiting servants but finds that London people do not care to be visited except a few families, which have a reception room. In place of this, they circulate bills with names of speakers, lists of meetings &c. People always seem to be engaged.

Charitable Relief

The Free Church Council

Chief Religious Agencies

Miller - Unit. Meth. Free

They have a poor fund, which is in a very good condition, mainly because they have very few poor. Only 2 poor persons need relief. At Christmas they give a little to a few other poor families. About £7 or £8 in all.

Co-operation is only by the Free Church Council. Mr Miller is the Secretary of the Paddington Council, but he does not speak very sanguinely of the Councils. In London, especially West London, the difficulties are enormous. Besides their own, which happens to have several well-known men connected with it - (Mr Parks, Dr Clifford &c) there is only one active ~~coun~~ Council in West London - that of Fulham. The Paddington Council has held a demonstration; provided a prize essay scheme for the young people; instituting a Social Bureau and arranging to visit the Hospitals, somewhat on the lines of the St John's Wood Council. The Council is bringing out the unity of spirit and aim in the Free Churches. All are imbued with the same spirit.

The principal religious agencies in the district are: Dr Clifford & St Matthews (Rev Ed. Stuart). The latter "speaks. That is all"

General Questions

Police

Prostitution

Marriage

Housing

Church membership.

Church members &
Attendants at Services compared

Miller - Unit. Meth. Free

Knows nothing of the Police, except that they appear too friendly with the publicans. Prostitution is very bad in the Richmond Road — bad houses + also girls in the street. Marriage means losing the members who marry. There is not only the loss but many do not settle down to christian work where they go. The personal ties that held them are broken. No empty houses. ~~In~~ Some parts of the district, ~~the~~ are — deteriorating e.g. the Squares to the north, where the houses are being converted into flats. Health & good

Membership of the church is 120. They are holding their own & find "that is hard enough." Recruit from the Young Peoples meetings and gain some by transfers

These people are the cream of the ~~attendants~~. They deny themselves and give liberally. Homes are greatly improved. Those attending the P.S.A are ~~poor but~~ a poorer class; they ~~[illegible]~~ ~~understanding, [illegible] Then~~ seem to have no backbone. They ~~[illegible]~~ are not seen at other services except ~~by~~ on rare occasions. The P.S.A is a pleasant meeting, ~~&~~ good music and short bright speeches, ~~and~~ so that attendance may be due to pleasure seeking rather than due to worship.

Names and Residences of Preachers.

J. S. Miller, 33, Bark Place, Bayswater.
C. D. Barriball, 16, Wandsworth Bridge Road, Fulham.
M. L. Clapham, 13, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W.
J. Hazzledine, 16, Richmond Road, Bayswater, W.
G. Whitfield, 15, Ossington Street, Bayswater, W.

ON TRIAL.

J. W. Smith, 40, Ilbert Street, Queen's Park, W.

Preachers from other Circuits and Churches.

Rev. J. B. Saul.
Rev. F. J. Ellis.
Rev. Holmes.
Rev. Bamforth.
Rev. Jacomb.
Rev. A. Crombie, 119, Salisbury Square.
B. Browning, 486, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.
R. M. Wharam, 35, Melrose Gardens, West Kensington Park, W.
R. Wakeford, 101, St. Dunstan's Road, Fulham Palace Road.
A. G. Harvey, 50, Church Street, Marylebone, W.
J. Harding, 24, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C.
G. Tuddenham, 14, Ashmore Road, Harrow Road.
T. H. Holding, "Hazeldean," Fulham Park Gardens, S.W.
H. Roberts, 68, Sugden Road, Clapham Common.
W. Ward, Forest Gate.
W. J. Back, 95, Earl's Court Road.
E. Allen,

The United Methodist Free Churches Preachers' Plan.

THE SIXTH LONDON OR BAYSWATER CIRCUIT, 1899.

PLACES. "They keep His testimony and the ordinance that He gave them."—Psalm xcix. 7.	TIME.	MARCH. 5	MARCH. 12	MARCH. 19	MARCH. 26	APRIL. 2	APRIL. 9	APRIL. 16	APRIL. 23	APRIL. 30	MAY. 7	MAY. 14	MAY. 21	MAY. 28
BAYSWATER	11	Orchard	Barriball	Miller	Miller C.A.	Supply	Miller	Barriball	Saul M.S.	Miller	Barriball	Miller	Barriball	Miller
Queen's Road	6.30	Miller S.	Miller	Supply	Miller C.A.	Miller S.	Clapham	Miller	Ellis M.S.	Miller	Miller S.	Miller	Miller	Miller
Tuesday Evening	8.15	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller	Miller
WALHAM GROVE ..	11	Southouse S.A.	Miller	Carter	Barriball	Barriball	Clapham	Miller	Ellis M.S.	Barriball	Miller	Barriball	Miller	Barriball
Walham Green	6.30	Williams S.A.	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball S.	Barriball	Barriball	Saul M.S.	Barriball	Barriball S.	Holding	Barriball	Barriball
Thursday Evening	8	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball	Barriball
EBENEZER CHAPEL	11	Hazzledine	Palmer	Barriball	Supply	Allen	J. W. Smith	Clapham	Holmes M.S.	Supply	Douthwaite	Miller	J. W. Smith	Gentle
North End Road	6.30	Clapham	Carter	Miller	Wharam	R. T. Smith	Miller	Holding	Holmes M.S.	Back	Douthwaite	Barriball	Carter	Allen
Wednesday Evening	8.30	Miller	Barriball	Barriball	Miller	Barriball	Barriball	Miller	Barriball	Barriball	Miller	Barriball	Barriball	Miller
KENSAL TOWN ..	11	Miller	Dickens	Wakeford	Wood	Mission Band	Barriball	Smith	Bamforth M.S.	Truss	Browning	Dickens	Truss	Allen
Middle Row	6.30	Wood	Allen	Wakeford	Truss	Dickens	Wharam	Royston	Bamforth M.S.	Harvey	Browning	Clapham	Hazzledine	Humbles
Wednesday Evening	8	Barriball	Miller	Miller	Barriball	Miller	Miller	Barriball	Miller	Miller	Barriball	Miller	Miller	Barriball
SOUTH ACTON ..	11	Loydell	Furneaux	Browning	J. B. Smith	Miller	Phillips	Browning	Jacomb M.S.	Eamer	J. B. Smith	Widdowson	Browning	Supply
	6.30	Loydell	Furneaux	Browning	J. B. Smith	Clapham	Phillips	Browning	Jacomb M.S.	Eamer	J. B. Smith	Widdowson	Browning	Supply

REFERENCES.

S.—Sacrament.
S.A.—Sunday School Anniversary.
C.A.—Chapel Anniversary.
P.A.—Private Arrangement.
L.—Lovefeast.
M.S.—Mission Sermons.
H.T.—Harvest Thanksgiving.
F.S.—Flower Services.

NOTICES.

Each Preacher is earnestly solicited to fill his own appointment, or HIMSELF obtain an accredited supply.

In cases of Sickness it is particularly requested that notice be given as soon as possible to the Minister, with a view of prompt visitation.

The Circuit Committee will meet at Queen's Road, Bayswater, W., on Monday, March 20th, at 7.30 p.m.; and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting at 8 p.m.

SOCIETY OFFICERS.

BAYSWATER.

Society Stewards { Mr. J. HAZZLEDINE, 16, Richmond Road, W.
Mr. G. F. MORRIS, 35, Bark Place, W.

WALHAM GROVE.

Society Stewards { Mr. J. H. PALMER, 4, Gowan Avenue, Fulham, S.W.
Mr. WARNER, 101, Moor Park Road, Fulham, S.W.

NORTH END ROAD.

Society Steward { Mr. GEO. KEEN, 74, May Street, West Kensington.

KENSAL TOWN.

Society Stewards { Mr. W. TAYLOR, East Row, Kensal New Town.
J. MERRIFIELD, 276, Kensal Road.

ACTON.

Society Steward, Mr. JAMES FAIRLIE, 120, Avenue Road, Acton.

N.B.—The Money for this Plan must be paid at, or before, the *next* Plan Committee. The attention of the Stewards is urgently drawn to this.

The Bayswater and Walham Grove Chapels are licensed for the Solemnization of Marriages.

MEETINGS.

BAYSWATER CHAPEL.

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon	3 p.m.
Christian Endeavour	Tuesday, 9 p.m.
Divine Service	Tuesday, 8.15 p.m.
Guild Meeting	Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

WALHAM GROVE CHAPEL.

Christian Endeavour—Junior	Tuesday, 6.45 p.m.
,, ,, Senior	... Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Band of Hope	Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.
Service	... Thursday, 8 p.m.

NORTH END CHAPEL.

Young Men's Bible Class	Sunday, 3 p.m.
Children's Meeting	Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Fellowship Meeting	Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.
Social Circle	... Thursday, 8 p.m.

KENSAL TOWN CHAPEL.

Fellowship Meeting	Monday, 8 p.m.
Service	Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Band of Hope	... Thursday, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	... Saturday, 7 p.m.

ACTON CHAPEL.

Children's Meeting	Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Christian Endeavour	Monday, 8 p.m.

CIRCUIT OFFICERS.

Circuit Steward — Mr. M. L. Clapham, 13, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W.

Circuit Secretary—Mr. J. MacLachlan, 10, Delorme Street, Fulham.

Missionary Treasurer & Missionary Secretary — Mr. Jas. Fairlie, 120, Avenue Road, Acton, W.

Plan Secretary and Preachers' Secretary — Rev. J. S. Miller, 33, Bark Place, Bayswater.

Auditor—Mr. Thomas, 12, Waldemar Avenue, Fulham, S.W.

CIRCUIT COMMITTEE.

The Circuit Ministers and Officers, together with the names below, compose the Circuit Committee :—

BAYSWATER.

G. Harrison, 88, Portsdown Road, W.
J. B. Wood, 35, Bark Place, Bayswater, W.
G. F. Morris, 35, Bark Place, Bayswater, W.
W. Clapham, 13, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W.

WALHAM GROVE.

Mr. Thomas, 12, Waldemar Avenue, Fulham, S.W.
J. H. Palmer, Ismalia Road, Wandsworth Bridge Road.

NORTH END.

Geo. Keen, 74, May Street, West Kensington.
H. Cadman, 41a, North End Road, West Kensington.

KENSAL TOWN.

J. Dobby, 7, Wornington Road, North Kensington.
J. W. Smith, 40, Ilbert Street, Queen's Park, W.

ACTON.

Jas. Fairlie, 120, Avenue Road, Acton, W.

Rev^d. W. Muncaster

Trevor Congregational Church

Seems to be in District 27-25

-GLA 29/3/99.

Personal Note

District worked

The People of the District

All Saints Knightsbridge parish West End 27/23 WSK 29/12

Interview with the Rev. Wm. Muncaster, Pastor of Trevor Congregational Chapel, Trevor Square, Brompton Road.

Seen at his residence, 26 Beauclerc Rd. Hammersmith

Mr. Muncaster is about 50, of middle height; ~~of~~ square, strong ~~but~~ but refined face, finely chiselled features: face smooth, except for a little patch of closely cut ~~beard~~ ~~brush~~ whisker on each side; ~~of his~~ hair brushed back, and lying perfectly smooth. Dressed neatly and well, with the usual clerical collar and coat.

Commenced his congregational ministry in 1888, and has been 7 years in his present charge.

The congregation is drawn from a radius of about a quarter of an hour's walk from the chapel, except on the northern side, where the park offers an effectual barrier.

The building alterations in Chelsea have affected it considerably; the people who used to attend being driven out, and flats erected, which are occupied by a class who do not attend chapel. The Sunday school has been practically decimated by these changes. The people in the neighbourhood who go anywhere are either Church of England or Roman Catholics. Canon Covington told Mr. M. that he had 600 families in

Building used

Persons Employed

Services held

Muncaster - Congregational

his parish, and, of these, 400 went to the Oratory.

Chapel seats 800. A School room and a few class rooms. The lease of the Buildings expires in 1910.

Minister and organist are the only paid agents. 12 deacons: 14 Sunday School teachers: and a few others. Very difficult to get any help on week-day evenings. Deacons, who are mostly shop keepers, can seldon come.

Sunday morning service 11, evening 6.30. As a rule the evening congregation is better: the morning attend-ance regular but not so large. Varies from 100 in morning to 250 in evening. The people are mostly tradesmen, better class working people, coachmen & upper servants.

Sunday School. 85 on books, average attendance of 55. Children come from the mews and few streets to the north.

Christian Endeavour Society (Tuesday) about 16: shop assistants mostly.

Week night service on Wednesday: very small.

Guild, on Thursday evenings; really the most active institution connected with the Church: 7.45 - 9.0 social meetings: 9 - 10 discussion, debate or entertain^{t}.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

No co-operation

Other Religious Agencies

Church Membership

Muncaster - Congregational

Membership 50 - 60

Very little visitation. Mr M. finds the same reluctance to receive visitors, ~~as~~ mentioned by other ministers in the West End. Coming from the country, the receptions he had when visiting seemed very cold, although he did not think they were intended to be so. Finds it difficult to decide best time to visit: the afternoon when only the women are to be seen, or the evening when the men are at home it is too late. Christian Endeavour and Guild have visitors for their members.

Collect~~ed~~ about £20 a year for the Communion fund, and have about 6 pensioners.

Practically no co-operation. The North Kensington Free Church Council, which they agreed to join, is extinct.

Christchurch is doing some work: has 2 curates: also Sunday school ~~class of~~ near Trevor Chapel

The Oratory with its ornate services attracts a good many people.

Church membership 120. Includes tradesmen, young people from the shops & a number of servants. Lose by transfers.

Police

Prostitution

Marriage

Thrift

Prospects.

Muncaster - Congregational

Police are friendly. Clear streets of disorderly lads who annoy during services.

Charles Street and Trevor Square contain many houses of ill-fame. "Dubious better class of people: houses outwardly respectable.

Not many in a position to marry.

As to thrift, they always have money for excursions at holiday times but think they live rather ~~a~~ hand-to-mouth.

"What are the prospects." "Ah! that is the difficult part of the business." When Mr M. came, they had a reserve fund of £400, results of an unexpectedly successful bazaar. Now that is gone, and they are obliged to maintain themselves. This they do right nobly, giving in as astonishing manner. Last year they raised £400 and paid all their incidental expenses. ("Of course, they don't support me"). They hoped when Mr M. came that the place might revive, but Mr M

thinks, and the leaders of the Congregational Union agree, that the local tendencies are too strong. In fact, he thinks the latter would advise them to sell the lease of the premises, (Harrod's stores would buy) and transfer the congregation to one of the nearest Congregational chapels, devoting the money to church extension in the suburbs.

Mr M. is a delightful man and a pleasant talker. It is remarkable that a man with such exceptional abilities and culture should devote himself to a cause that, humanly speaking, appears hopeless, when his energies might be directed into other channels, very much more profitably to himself.

St. Mark's parish

Outer Circle
RC 21/13

Feb. 16th. 1895

Interview with Rev. Father Brennan, Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Maryldone Road.

Father Brennan is a pleasant-countenanced, dignified, rather handsome Irishman of about 60.

His Mission district includes a small bit of the south of Kilburn from down to Oxford St. and Bayswater Road on the south, to Paddington Station on the west and I think the canal on the north & the west of Edgware Road.

The total number of R.C.'s resident in the district is not more than 2000 of whom nearly all are of the poorest class: they are known recruited from a number of

loosers in the season.

The great haunt of the poor Irish R.C. is Horse Ho or "The Bay" as they call it. Here the people are desperately poor, but the cause of their poverty is "drink in the first second and third place." But in the 15 years that Father B. has been here there has been some slight improvement: the children certainly are improved in appearance, and no longer go about ragged or barefooted.

The poor R.C.s in the district are constantly shifting, and in a year a census is almost useless: for the most part they are very indifferent Catholics, and there is therefore great difficulty in tracing

Brenan - R. Catholic

here comers, who are often not discovered till they apply for relief. Altogether Father B. thinks that of the R.C.s in the district almost 50 p.c. have practically lapsed, though probably all would send for the priest if dying.

There are the ordinary masses at the Church: the attendance varies greatly, being much larger in the season, but on an average some 300 or 400 attend the Sunday masses.

Father B. thinks that the bulk of the children are at the school, which is distinctly flourishing: though the district is much poorer there is a better attendance than at Spanish Place. There is some difficulty now with R.C. parents owing to

Brenan - R. Catholic

their belief "that we are all struggling for the children": at the best little thing they threaten to send their children to the Board School: however the threat is not often carried out.

For the most part the other sects leave the R. C's alone: there have been instances of the visitors and Bible Reader of Christ Church, Lisson Grove, offering tickets to R. C's. but ~~to~~ in response to such offers the people say "May I take it, Father?" "Certainly you may" says the Father "if it is only offered out of Christian charity". This experience is however that such Christian charity ceases promptly unless it leads to some return in attendance at church or meeting.

Brenan - R. Catholic

Speaking of the lapse of so many of the Irish R.C.'s in London Father B. found that it was almost inevitable: men who come from Ireland, mixing with general London life, soon lose their fervour: there is little or no Catholic sentiment, and the second generation soon lose their respect for the priest, and even their fear of him is much "watered down". They will stop and listen to a rank anti-Catholic in the Park, when an Irish born Catholic will "cross himself and go away".

The death of Lord Herschell has recalled public attention to one of the most interesting of West London Nonconformist churches, Trinity Baptist Chapel, in John-street, off the Edgware-road. It was there that the Rev. Ridley Herschell ministered at the time when the Rev. James Stratten was pastor of Paddington Chapel. His famous son was born in what is now the pastor's vestry, a neat little square room which sixty-two years ago formed one of the rooms of the chapel house. The house adjoins the church, and has in its structure and fittings something of an ecclesiastical air, but it is no longer the minister of Trinity's home.

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Round the fireplace is a group of portraits, and in the centre, above the mantelpiece, is the stately figure of Mr. Herschell, tall and upstanding, with dark hair and a long, well-shaped Jewish nose. He is scrupulously dressed in the fashion of sixty years ago. His morning coat is something like the evening coat of nowadays. He has dark, expressive eyes, with something of a lawyer-like cast of countenance. One feels that he, too, might have adorned the Woolsack.

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In appearance Trinity Chapel has considerably changed since Mr. Herschell's time. Seven or eight years ago the old high pews, with their formal doors, were removed to make way for open and modern-looking seats. The chapel now is said to hold about 800, but it seemed to me (says a correspondent) as if a good many more might be accommodated. The gallery at the back used to be called "The Jews' Gallery," and an office-bearer said that many Jewish families came to this district in order to be near Mr. Herschell, just as many of the old French families of West London settled near the Chapelle de Saint Louis de France, in Little George-street. District 22

St Thomas' parish.

Notes of a conversation with Monsignor Barry, of the Spanish Chapel, Manchester Square, at the Presbytery, 22 George St. W. (E.A.) 22/6 April 20.99.

Monsignor Barry had not answered our letter, and on calling and finding him in, he said that he had been ill, and, since his convalescence, had had no time to spare. But he was ~~xx~~ not at all indifferent, and followed a practical refusal to talk, by doing so for a short time. He is a distinguished old gentleman, dark in complexion, and must be from 65 to 70 years of age. He is still in feeble health, but holds a fine presence ~~xxxxx~~ upright, and impresses with his dignity. He spoke with ease and distinction.

His knowledge of the district attached to the Spanish Chapel dates back for many years, but I do not know for how long he has been the Vicar. He began by speaking of 40 years ago, and appeared to think that things were in a small way now. It appeared that at one time the Catholic population numbered some 10,000, but now, in consequence mainly of rebuilding and changes and improvements in the Portman and other estates, and the increasing value of land generally in the district, ~~xxx~~ most of the poor had disappeared. The present R.C. census is computed at about 3000 in all, of whom perhaps 2000 are manual workers. They are a mixed body, and mixed marriages are ~~xxx~~ so common, that the

old Irish stock is nearly extinct. But there is little l loss to the Church in consequence, as those who would be most likely to lapse are the poor, and these are so well looked after by the Sisters of Charity. During the last ten years there has been but little change in the character of the Catholic population of the parish.

2300 made their Easter duty at the Church this year, and at the morning masses there is an average attendance of perhaps 1500 every Sunday, of whom from 11 to 1200 are adults.

Five priests are attached to the Church, and two additional ones who live on their own means, and co-operate. Apart from preaching away occasionally the energies of the staff are concentrated on the parish. They have Schools, and the Sisters, for visiting, teaching, etc.

He mentioned the very high rents that were now commanded in the distirct, saying that no two rooms could no be got for less than 16/- a week. Just lately they have been having practical experience of the state of things, as they have been searching in vain for rooms for a new school-master who is coming, and can find nothing that will do, even for £1 a week. They were, I understood, looking for two rooms for him.