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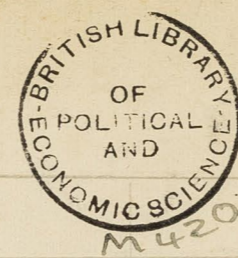
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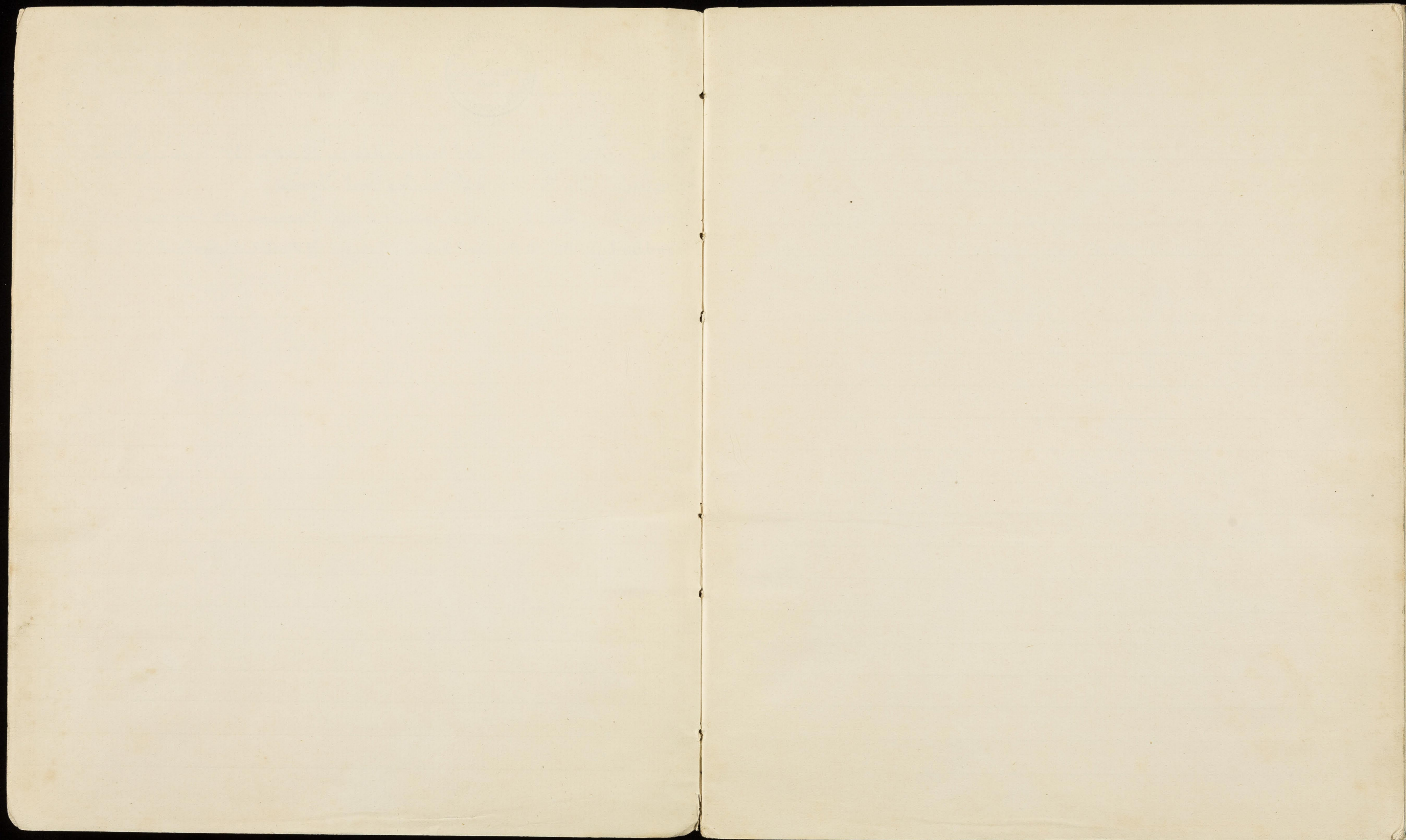


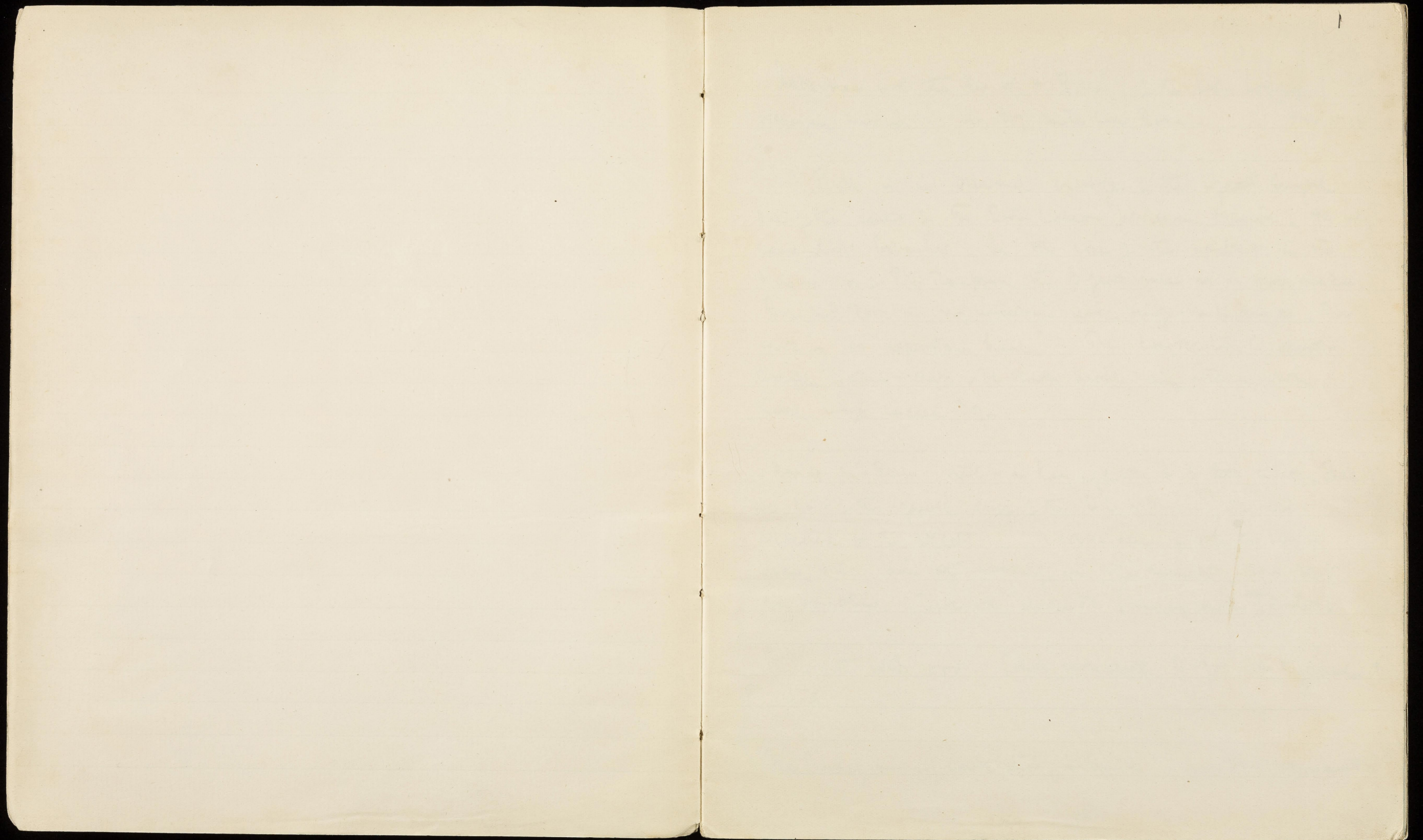
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Interview with the Rev. W. H. Rolls, of the East-London Wesleyan Mission, at 319 White Horse Road. Feb. 15. 98.

Mr. Rolls is in special charge of the Lyceum Chapel, one of the centres of the East-London Wesleyan Mission. He only came last September. In the case of the assistants in the Mission, as of Peter Thompson, the 3 year rule is in abeyance. But Mr. Rolls is very much in doubt as to being able to do so. The work is so desperately hard. The congregation is almost entirely working-class - he thinks hardly any attend where weekly wages exceed 30/-.

Beside Mr. Rolls, there is a lay agent, & 3 ~~lay~~ sisters. These are part of the general staff of the E.L.W. Mission, especially allocated to the Lyceum. A great deal of volunteer help is given, & they are at work in their numbers, some 225, do something. There are about 50 Sunday School Teachers.

The Lyceum holds 1000. Seats unoccupied 6-700. & there are 8 values.

The Sunday morning congregation is small - from 80-100. In the

Worked.

W. H. Rolls

Attendees.

Evening at 6.30 - about 500. Counted car money + given.
Mission board at 7.30 (open air).
Children at 10 (about 200). Sunday school at 2.45. Regular 100.
Week night religious work food; preaching night - 80. Average 400.

They are not very strong on the social side. Mothers Meeting: 150 on
look; average 100. I have hopes for. Note club. 300 members etc.
In addition they have the ordinary Methodist organization.

Like the evening congregations at St. George's St. James are just about the
same as at the Lyette, but have social work for on at the
first hand - especially temperance work.

Their chief visiting work is the area between Harford St. + St. James
green. District visitors cover this very month. Roles, the lay aged, +
the sisters visit mainly the parents of the children of the congregation, +
these generally do not in some way attached to the mission.

No more old at Wendover Square who works chiefly in St. George's.

The poor fund raised locally amount to £15-£18. + this is
administered as usual by the Poor Stewards. Mr. P. gets an allowance of

Board of Missions

Congregations or other centres of the Mission

Visiting

No more

Charity

"Women's Sewing Meeting".

See interview with Peter Thompson
by whom the sale is made (in 25% dist)
Howard law 50% dist

Children's Meeting.

£20 a year from Peter Thompson, for social purposes, & the he & the lay agents use at their discretion. There are no other special funds than the opposite side £500 in special. There was no indication either that any serious remedial relief was given or on the other hand that large sums were disbursed.

Further particulars were given of the Women's Sewing meeting which is really a very small affair, with about 12 or 15 coming, but is based on an important principle. The idea is to "save from pauperism" work that would just pass, that is, which need not be put back out again, but which presumably would hardly secure the woman employed in the open market, is made a sort of standard; & modestly paid work is paid 15% more; & good work 30% more. The women come once a week from 3-7; have tea & bread & butter. No religious meeting "only a little social intercourse with the sisters". The work is sold but not sold as in the open market. Sometimes the women are allowed to take the work home. At 12-13 years 20-40 come, & have a work instead of one. (these are carefully selected women)

The children's week-night meeting is well attended & greatly enjoyed. It is "purely evangelistic", not lots of singing etc. A register is

kept of showing in the two tree parts + the manner of things are made conditional on regularity. At times, profit we find the value is graded according to attendance, or classes and sitting in the best class of school; another class is a inferior class + so on.

The Thursday evening children are poorer than the Sunday school as, the former coming almost entirely from South of the Mile Run Road + the latter from the North.

The other religious centers seem to be regarded rather as rivals: the first Assembly Hall is "a very strong competitor" + they do "feel the effects of the Edinburgh Cattle work".

When the Lyceum was transferred to a Mission a good deal of hostility had to be overcome on the part of the remaining school-bodies. However respecting bankruptcy settled the question. The congregation has looked well. But a "desperate indifference" has now to be contended with. The lay agents, however, to who came in for part of the loss, think that people will stop to listen better now than they would four years ago soon after the Mission started. But the whole sub-clinic has to be followed from this that people's lives were being affected. They are extremely hard really

Other centers

"desperate indifference"

General Question: Police.

Prohibition.

Charitable.

Trust.

Housing.

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to get hold of. He does not think however that there is much objection or real inability. Inefficiency is the prevailing attitude of mind. But you see in everywhere - as in public institutions - L.C.C. L.S.P. Water Co. They are just as responsive to religion as they are to these other claims.

Admiral's reception, in - Gilder (the long walked), suspected the police of very general collusion with the publicans. "They can always get hold of them and so." There is not much outward protest, but here again the police are suspected. One of their missions was held close by a house of the name in Clinton St. for which a search warrant was issued. But a day or two before the morning, the keeper of the house boasted that he had two footpads in the place to be caught that way. As the police arrived, the house was empty.

Much irregular charitable suspected. Very difficult to detect: "the purchase of a wedding ring is so common."

Not much traffic. Little traffic as a rule, & happens into the night, the first morning.

Housing varied. Buckets, beer & skulls about the work in the district. Cleanliness often found with poverty, but often with dirt. Many of these are people seen to be very dirty.

sleep, + some of the look over down!

Generally, ~~the~~ number of those who seemed particularly hopeful except perhaps the reference to work is being done with the children. But it did not appear that they had any organization by which they can hope to retain a hold over those who they have begun to grow up.

Both noticed a growing tendency for people to regard religious + allied work as professional + to be a special branch of those who were paid to do it. This feeling increases the difficulty of getting volunteer work. [Perhaps it is partly explained by the considerable staff that the E.L. Wesleyan Mission employs].

W-Roberts is a delicate looking man of about 35; dressed like a cleric; into rather a professional intonation. Goodell was a man of about the same age but of a much stouter type. But he was quiet + rather reserved + I felt that I did not quite understand him. If he is sincere what I think he is, it speaks well for the Mission that they are retaining his services.

Mr G. L. Barraclough
Parmiter Street Mission

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16/7/98

PARMITER **S**TREET **S**UNDAY **S**CHOOL **AND** **M**ISSION.

Principles—Protestant and Evangelical—Those of the Bible and the Church of England.
Object—The Glory of God in the Salvation of Souls.

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Character of Streets

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Mr G. Lonsdale Barraclough, Supt. of the Parmiter Street Mission, Bethnal Green. E.

Mr Barraclough is tall, well developed, dark hair and short beard. Genial & cultured, with a frank, open face and manner, that would help to make him popular with young people. About 30 years old.

The Mission at Parmiter Street was formerly connected with the Jewish Mission at Palestine Place and was used for the work amongst Gentiles. Just before Palestine Place was sold to the B.G. Guardians for their infirmary, the Mission was made a distinct affair, Mr B. taking charge & his father (now vicar of St Thomas, Lambeth & then head of the Jewish Mission) being president. Has been in existence 70 years.

Parmiter Street is the best street in the immediate neighbourhood. Most houses, one family with a lodger. In the light blue strata to north and also across Cambridge Road, two families in every house. Quern's Building & Martha Court are the worst parts and poorest.

Persons Employed

Buildings used

Services held

Notes

No paid workers. Have 32 Sunday school teachers and about 6 other regular workers. Respectable working class people - only two not engaged in daily work. Also get considerable occasional help from people connected with various churches. Last year 57 different persons gave the address at the Sunday evening service.

Mission Hall seating 250; 2 schoolrooms, 150 each, class room and caretakers house.

Services - See programme next page.

Sunday Mom & Childrens service - about 50. (Report says 60)

Sunday school. Scholars on books. 387. Attendance 280

Respectable working class children. Had dinners last year ^{arranged} ~~for~~ by Destitute Childrens dinner society. twice a week. Not more than 6 of their children came. Same class of child at Tuesday meeting.

The two mothers meetings have an ^{attendance} ~~membership~~ of about 50 each. Parents of scholars & a number of widows.

Sunday evening service. Evangelistic service on church lines.

Use the prayer book & Sankeys hymns. 60 to 100.

Also have a branches of the Scripture Union (150) and the Anti Narcotic League. Hold open air meetings in Bishop's Road. No opposition, except about 2 years ago by the Guild of Reasoners.

OUR PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY, 1898.

1. Tu. 7.30—Children's Service.
8.30—Early Seekers' Union, Section II.
2. W. PURIFICATION OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.
7.45—Choir Practice.
8.30—Teachers' Preparation Class.
3. Th. 7.0 —Mothers' Mission Service, conducted by Mrs. Hore.
8.15—Gospel Lantern Service. (See NOTE.)
4. F.
5. S. 8.0 —Prayer Meeting, Mr. A. Robins.
6. S. SEPTUAGESIMA. 11.0—Children's Service, Mr. G. W. L. Barraclough, Mr. H. T. Bourn, and Miss Hore.
3.0 —Sunday School, "Partners in Guilt," 1 Kings xxi.
4.30—Monthly Sunday School Prayer Meeting.
7.0 —Mission Service, Mr. R. Hamilton.
8.30—Prayer Meeting.
7. M. 6.0 —Mothers' Meeting Tea.
8.30—Early Seekers' Union, Section I.
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3.0 —Sunday School. Special Addresses.
7.0 —Mission Service, Mr. A. B. Fisher, of Uganda.
8.30—Prayer Meeting.
14. M. 2.30—Mothers' Meeting, conducted by Mrs. Crossfield.
15. Tu. 7.30—Children's Service.
8.30—Early Seekers' Union, Monthly United Meeting.
16. W. 7.45—Choir Practice.
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17. Th. 7.0 —Mothers' Mission Service.
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18. F.
19. S. 8.0 —Prayer Meeting, Mr. G. W. L. Barraclough.
20. S. QUINQUAGESIMA. 11.0.—Children's Service, Mr. Herbert Ford, Mr. G. Spall, and Miss Isley.
3.0 —Sunday School, "The Arrow of Judgment," 1 Kings xxii.
7.0 —Mission Service, Mr. H. Meadows.
8.30—Prayer Meeting.
21. M. 2.30—Mothers' Meeting.
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23. W. ASH WEDNESDAY. 7.0 —Boys' and Girls' Schools' Tea and Prize-giving.
24. Th. ST. MATTHIAS. 7.0 —Mothers' Mission Service.
8.15—Protestant Lecture. (See NOTE.)
25. F.
26. S. 8.0 —Prayer Meeting, Mr. I. E. Culver.
27. S. 1ST IN LENT. 11.0.—Children's Service, Mr. A. W. Barrett, Mr. J. F. Taylor, and Miss E. M. Gillman.
3.0 —Sunday School. "Consuming Fire," 2 Kings i.
7.0 —Mission Service, Mr. J. Hanchard.
8.30—Prayer Meeting.
28. M. 2.30—Mothers' Meeting.
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THE COMING MONTH.

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Elder Scholars' Gathering.

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Gospel Meeting.

Mr. John Coates, of Ross, who recently held a series of special services here, will conduct a Gospel Service on Thursday Evening, February 10th.

Missionary Sunday.

On Sunday, February 13th, our interest and our contributions will be asked on behalf of the Lord's work in heathen lands. In the afternoon, our scholars will be addressed by Mr. A. B. Fisher, of Uganda, and (we hope) Mr. Charles E.

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Protestant Lecture.

The Rev. George H. Hewitt, B.A., Senior Curate of St. Mark's, Victoria Park, will give a Protestant Lecture, on February 24th. Subject and full particulars will be announced by bill.

See Programme.

For the times of the above meetings, and also for other arrangements, we must refer our readers to Programme.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Religious Influences

No Co-operation

No systematic visitation. Visit parents of scholars.

Not much relief. Christmas dinners - 130 last year. Also has soup kitchen open 4 days a week. Weather has been so mild this winter that it has not been needed.

Replying to question as to the religious influences under which the people come, Mrs B. said that the great numbers were not being reached at all. The churches are powerless. Missions are the only things that will reach the people. Churches of B. G. are practically empty.

No co-operation in charitable work but thinks it desirable. One of St John's workers called & he thinks they will arrange next Christmas to compare lists etc.

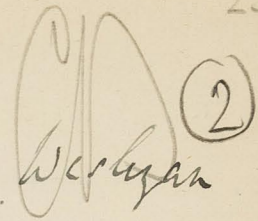
Localize "Home words" as monthly magazine of the Mission. The numbers attending the Mission do not vary much, The Sunday school being the centre of the work. Mrs B. takes a special interest in lads. Gets them to come there a few at a time. Believes that the only way to lead them is to take a personal interest in them. ~~This~~ The aim in all their work to maintain this personal contact with the children, as they grow up. All their teachers were scholars in the school.

~~As to~~ The future, is veiled in obscurity. Leace expires in a few years & the Committee has not decided what it will do.

Mrs Barracough impressed me favourably. The Mission is a quiet unpretentious place but the teachers, if imbued with the same spirit as their supt^s are exerting a strong influence on the lives of the young people. Parmiter Street is of the rare instances of a distinctly Church of England Mission, unattached to a parochial organisation.

Feb. 22nd

Interview with Rev. John Howard, Wesleyan
East End Mission, 5-83 Commercial Road.



Mr Howard is a man between 30 and 40:
pale ascetic, delicate face and very shrunken
cheeks: but the upper part of his head large
and well furnished: altogether a spiritual face,
with something of the saint in it.

He has been with the Mission for 7 years
but during that time has moved about between this
branch, St. George's and The Lyttle: he has been
head of this branch since September last.

Character of congregation.

The Church has 250 full members and Mr
H. has analysed their composition for us: they are
as follows:-

- ✓ 14 Casuals
- ✓ 15 Dockers (regular)
- ✓ 18 Clerks (all very small)
- ✓ 13. Dray and Carriers
- 12 Dress makers
- ✓ 7 Workmen.

- ✓ 14 Tailors etc.
- ✓ 3 Bakers
- ✓ 5- Engineers.
- ✓ 3 Charwomen
- ✓ 1 Cooper
- ✓ 2 Sanitary Inspectors
- ✓ 2 Sailmakers.
- ✓ 7 Launderers
- ✓ 1 Shirtmaker
- ✓ 6 Jam and Fruit-makers
- ✓ 6 Sewants
- ✓ 1 Rind-collector
- ✓ 6 Teachers
- ✓ 1 Rope maker
- ✓ 4 Sailors
- ✓ 10 Shopkeepers and Shop assistants
- ✓ 2 Postmen.
- ✓ 1 Bookbinder.
- ✓ 1 Drayman
- ✓ 1 Driver
- ✓ 1 Blacksmith
- ✓ 1 Plasterer

- ✓ 1 Hatter
- ✓ 7 Carpenters
- ✓ 1 Mason
- ✓ 1 Joiner
- ✓ 3 Policemen
- ✓ 4 Nurses
- ✓ 2 Cooks
- ✓ 1 Tailor

In a few of these cases when the employment is male the wife is the member not the man: this is so with 4 of the Casuals, 2 of the Dockers, 6 of the Draymen and 2 of the Carpenters. In many cases both man and wife are members.

An Organist. Four Sisters.
About 15-20 voluntary visitors.

The large work of Building are all together: it includes Chapel, School Room, 5 class rooms, Lecture Hall, 2 Guild Rooms, and Coffee Palace.

Mr H. had made out for me a complete

Persons employed.

Buildings.

Levies, Meetings etc.

list with attendances as follows:-

Sunday. 10 School 120
 11 Service 250
 2.45 School 300
 3. P.M. Class 50
 5.30. Prayer Meeting. Open Air.
 6.30. Service 700
 6.15. Mission Children's Service. 80.
 8. After Meeting. 100. In summer this is held in front of the Chapel and attracts great numbers.

Monday. 6. Children's Mission: rough lot of children. 300.
 8. Temperance Meeting: a Concert with a Temperance address

Tuesday. 6.30. Band of Hope 70.
 8. Sons of Temperance Lodge meeting.

Wednesday. 3.30. Mothers' Meeting 50.
 8. Young Women's Guild.
 8. Good Templars Lodge.
 8. Brass Band.

Thursday. 8. Service 50

- Friday
- 6. Sewing class for children
- 6. Junior Lodge of Good Templars
- 8. Senior
- 8. Young Men's Guild sitting evening. 25.
- 8. Choral Society.

- Saturday
- 8. Devotional Meeting.
- 8. State Club.

Those who come to senior and meetings are of exactly the same class as the members i.e. almost exclusively working class, living for the most part in half a small house or with two rooms. Most of them 30/ to 40/ a week people: these are the people whom it is serious to get hold of: as to the really degraded or the hopelessly poor Mr H. admitted to being in great doubt as to what to do: "the difficulty" he said "is that if they come to you you find that within a month or two you must help them: they get into some difficulty and unless you are prepared to help what will they think of your Christianity? Their motives no doubt are very mixed but you can't assume that they are wrong." "The test"

I said "of their motives is whether their lives and the condition of their homes are improved".
 "I admit it" said Mr. H. "let us take the book and judge them by that test." He then took his book of members and out of some 20 names names picked out 5 or 6 people who had been reclaimed from lives of squalor: most of them he admitted had stumbled more than once since their conversion, but they were all trying to lead upright-lives. He acknowledged however that with this class there were a good many failures: "then we have to drop them".

See list.

The ladies spend the greater part of their time in visiting, not systematically, but chiefly among the members of the congregation and meetings.

Mr. H. was struck by the complaints of doctors that they were robbed of their practice by Hospitals etc. He has therefore started the plan of sending sick poor

Social Agencies and Education.

Visiting.

Nursing.

Relief.

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to a local doctor and paying the fee. He thinks all religious agencies should recognize it as their duty to support the local parishioner.

"I don't suppose the Sisters and I spend \$20 a year in actual relief." but there is a great deal of indirect charity in the form of trusts, bonuses, soup etc. The Mother for instance has two lands, clothing land with bonus of $\frac{1}{2}$ in the $\frac{1}{2}$, and Bank land with interest of $\frac{1}{2}$ in the $\frac{1}{2}$.

Then as at the other centres there is the Women's Sewing Meeting. Mr H. says their lowest rate of pay is the ordinary market-rate: he also said that the goods were sold at half price to poor people connected with the mission.

On the general question of relief while recognizing that the C.O.S. had done a lot of good work ^{in the} waxed rather warm against their general attitude: "they assume that they are dealing with the ~~of~~ problem of poverty and no one else is: they haven't touched it; we're none of us touched it."
"The fact is when you are doing work like ours

you must run some risks; you must be prepared to be deceived sometimes."

"The Society for benefiting the Poor of the East End" started by Miss Charlton (see Mr. Thorne's Book Page) and which had an office in their building has collapsed.

Poor Law

Mr. H. has seen terrible cases of hardship as the result of the Poor Law policy in St. George's, but admits that his knowledge is only superficial and is not prepared to condemn the policy. His experience however has convinced him that "if once a man and his family are sent into the Workhouse they are socially hopeless for evermore."

Police.

"The Police do their duty in the main, but then followed a very large 'let'. The Mission was largely instrumental in opposing licenses in St. George's, and Mr. H. had to collect evidence and "I am as certain as that I sit here that the Police were hard and stern with every publican."

Drunk.

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Crimps and prostitutes in St. George's. Mr H.
also referred to the Testimonial to Inspectors,
saying that as far as the public were concerned
the whole thing was bogus, and that practically
no one but Publicans subscribed. He had also
been told by a convicted burglar from London to
of ~~the~~ a policeman accepting £10 to keep off
a certain part of his beat while he and his
pals did their job.

As to Drunk "the condition of things has
improved especially south of Commercial Road, but
I don't like to say so: I positively dread seeing
a statement in print that anything is better down
here: at once people all fold their hands and
think that the whole problem is settled, and that
there is no need to do anything." This remark
led me to say "It's that feeling I suppose
which induces people to pitch their reports in rather
a high key." "Well yes" said Mr H. "I suppose
it is: the object of a Report is to bring in
the ~~the~~ shakels, and though in some he go

through it most carefully, to ~~do~~ eliminate anything which is untruthful. I don't know that one is bound to tell the whole truth. Still one has to be very careful in accepting the reports of ladies who allow their feelings to run away with them."

But though acknowledging some improvement in drink Mr. H. looks upon it as ~~still~~ still far the greatest impediment to their work. But as long as the police are in the ~~pay~~ pay of the publican it is almost impossible to reduce the number of houses except by legislation: practically all license cases are decided on police evidence. Mr. H. suggested further that in these cases both sides should be able to appeal to Quarter Sessions, at present only the publican can do so. In St. George's for instance the local magistrates, who presumably know the facts best, did close six houses, but Mr. Peter Wain ~~overruled~~ overruled them in every case.

Mr. Howard is a first rate fellow, keen, emphatic, energetic, full of enthusiasm. He reminds

Personal.

From 'The Star' March 15th. 1895.

Conservancy Board.

The Rev. Peter Thompson, chief of the Wesleyan East-end Mission, who preaches regularly, and has large influence in Stepney, has been one of the many industrious workers during the Stepney struggle.

Mr. Thompson's colleague, the Rev. John Howard, who resides at the Stepney Temple at the top of Bromley-st., also worked hard in Mr. Steadman's behalf. Mr. Howard is one of the best known Wesleyan ministers in the East-end. He started life as a Lancashire mill hand, and little by little he climbed up until he reached the Richmond Training College and became one of the most successful students of his time. He is tall and clean shaven, and still in the early thirties.

me much more of some of the High Church parsons than most of the Non-Cons: indeed I felt that if he had been born in a different social stratum (he drops an H occasionally) and sent to Oxford he is the sort of man who would probably be ~~be~~ a devoted and hard working Anglican like his neighbour Dalton.

Mr A. A. Goodbody.
Artisan Y.M.C.A.

GA 28/2/98

Building occupied

The Dublin Castle

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Mr A. A. Goodbody. Hon. Sec. of Mill End
Artisan Young Men Christian Assⁿ: Dublin Castle,
39 Mill End Road. E.

Mr G. is a vigorous young fellow of about 28. Full face, slight mustache, talks somewhat rapidly but quite freely and without any hesitancy even when speaking of subjects, such as their split from Charrington, upon which one would expect some wrapping up. He is evidently full of enthusiasm in the work & has the support & sympathy of his members. One of them, a carman, dressed in a brown coat, that was once black, came in during the interview & was quite at home. Addressed ~~him~~ Mr G. as "Goody".

The Assⁿ occupies the first & second floors of the Dublin Castle. First floor consists of one large room seating ~~to~~ 90 "but we get 100 in - standing on the stairs". Second floor has 3 rooms, one being office & other 2 reading rooms.

Originally Dr Barnardo had the Dublin Castle, & the house on the other side & the Chapel at back was the Mill End Congregational Church. The latter is now
united

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united with Brunswick Chapel: & when St Barnardo gave up, Charrington bought the chapel & the use of it for these children's meetings.

Mr G. is anxious to get other rooms but cannot. Some in West End has promised to buy a place if he can find it.

The Association has 250 members - all Christians & total abstinents. Ordinary Y.M.C.A.'s will not admit working men & therefore they call theirs 'artisan' to emphasize that they accept them. Have a few clerks; bootmakers, carpenters, engineers bricklayers & carmen form bulk. Poorer class are the road sweepers. Ages range from 18 to 35 or 40.

Have no paid workers. Having said this Mr G. explained that he received £40 a year - £10 from each of 4 gentlemen - to partially recoup him for £50 a year that he lost in salary by devoting his time to this work. He was willing to dose the other £10 himself.

About 150 of the members work directly in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Some "female workers" help in the open air meetings.

The Membership

Workers

Rules

The Bands



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The Bands

RULES.

I.

That this Society be called "THE MILE END ARTISAN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

II.

That the object of the Association be the improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of Young Men.

III.

That the Agency employed for the attainment of this object be that of the Members of the Association in the sphere of their daily calling, Devotional Meetings, Classes for Biblical Instruction and for Literary Improvement, the Delivery of Lectures, the Diffusion of Christian Literature, a Library for Reference and Circulation, and other means in accordance with the Holy Scriptures.

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IV.

That the affairs of the Association be in the hands of its office bearers and a Committee of Management, who shall meet as often as necessary for the despatch of business. Five shall form a quorum. The Committee shall be elected in the following manner:—

a. That all officers shall retire annually, the Members retiring being eligible for re-election. The election shall be by the votes of the majority of the Members present, at the annual meeting, which shall be held during the last week in each year. The Committee shall have power to fill up vacancies which may occur during their period of office, and to add to their number.

b. The Committee shall, at a meeting preceding the said business meeting of members, prepare a list of names of persons whom they recommend to fill the vacancies occurring, provide for the due nomination of these persons at such members meeting, and appoint the

Chairman thereof. Notice of any nomination, other than those contained in the aforesaid list, or of any resolution intended to be submitted at the members meeting, shall be sent to the Secretary in writing, signed by the mover of such nomination or resolution, one clear week before the date of such meeting, in order that the same may be submitted to the Committee prior to its being proposed thereat.

V.

That an Annual Meeting be held, at which a Report of the Society's proceedings be read.

VI.

That Meetings be held in connection with the Association for the purpose of prayer, reading the Scriptures, mutual edification and encouragement and for receiving information on all matters tending to promote the welfare of the Association; at which meetings any member shall have the privilege of introducing his friends. That the Chairman at each meeting shall be ap-

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pointed by the Committee, and that all Meetings shall begin and end with prayer.

VII.

That any person shall be eligible for membership who gives decided evidence of his conversion to God. And a member of some Christian Church, and a Total Abstainer. That he shall be proposed by a Member of the Association at any of its Meetings, and elected by the Committee, after a satisfactory enquiry as to his suitability.

VIII.

That the Committee shall possess power to suspend or exclude any member whose conduct is found, in their judgement, inconsistent with the Christian character.

IX.

That these rules may be altered only by the votes of a majority consisting of two-thirds of the members present at the Annual Members' Meeting.

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Services + Meetings held

Social Agencies

Their accommodation being so limited they have a large number of open air meetings.

Sunday Mth. 11 am. 5 open air meetings.

" 3 PM Victoria Park, at spot allotted by L.C.C.
Have band + get 800 people.

3 PM. Meeting for ~~men~~ men only. Get room packed with "worst possible class". Addresses by various ministers.

7 PM 5 open air meetings. Keep up until 10.
Best time after dark, when people can stand without being seen.

Monday. Juvenile Sons of Phoenix use room.

Tuesday Training Class for evangelists. Addresses + criticisms. About 70. Different ^{persons} from week to week as men work late. ~~for~~ During month would get all the members.

Thursday Bible class 25 to 30

Friday Brass band practice

Saturday Prayer meeting. Mixed audience. _{well attended}

Also have Cricket Club, Cycling club (about 70 members). Harriers ⁽¹⁴⁾ &c. Does not go in much

An off-shoot from the }
Great Assembly Hall

Visitation

for social agencies & physical recreation. Partly because they have not the space and also because they can go to the People's Palace or Stepney Club e.g. the ~~the~~ local name for the club at Stepney Meeting House (Rev Chambers).

The Y.M.C.A. used to be at the Great Assembly Hall but they came away 2 1/2 years ago because Mr Kerwin wished to abolish the Committee & work the thing himself. He came into the Committee & said this. ^{Had been} ~~was~~ a complaint that the trumpet at the open air meeting disturbed the congregation at the Hall. This however was remedied by removing further from the Hall. All except 25 came away. They numbered 140 then. Most of them belong to the Church at the Assembly Hall. as it is only a ~~year~~ Y.M.C.A split. ~~The Mr K.~~ However got rid of Mr Goodbody - the reason ^{given} being that he only attended the communion about 4 times in three months. Society at St. Asa's Hall. defunct now.

Have 24 visitors, each having a district, within which it is his duty to visit the sick and those who
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Charitable Relief

Religious Agencies of East London

Police

lag a little" in their attendance. Books with names &c are provided for visitors.

Not much charitable relief. At Christmas they gave 89 dinners to the poorest people they could find. Work by a committee & go outside those reached by the churches. Whilst not much relief is given & not much needed by members, they no doubt help each other whenever necessity arises.

Great Assembly Hall is undoubtedly the greatest centre of spiritual work in East London. Was a little doubtful about the second place but finally awarded it to the Edinboro' Castle with the East London Tabernacle (late Rev Archibald Brown) third. Edinboro' Castle is always full when he goes there. He spoke very fairly of the St Assembly Hall notwithstanding his expulsion. Only drawback in his opinion was the fact that they published no balance sheet.

The Police are some of the best men they have. Help them by clearing off drunken men, especially in Victoria Park, where the supt in charge is a christian man.

Drink

Prostitution

A live organisation

Carmen's Mission Band

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Drink - we are dead against

"A great many men, who come here have gone
in greatly for that but have become some of our
best men!"

The general impression I gathered during the interview
was that the organization was very much alive and
had not got into any grooves but could and
was adapting itself to changing circumstances.
This comes out strongly in their varying methods.
The Carmen's Mission Band - a small inner
circle formed of carmen - It was formed to reach
the lowest ranks of society "as it would be no
good for a person in a good position of life to
go to them". The band has been a "wonderful success"
Then in Victoria Park two or three ladies and several
members look after any who are impressed; get
into conversation with them and follow them
up until they join a church when the Y.M.C.A.
work is done. Leaflet on other side is used for dis-
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PROGRAMME

For JANUARY, FEBRUARY and MARCH, 1897.

Jan. 5.	Prayer, Praise, and Experience.....	
„ 12.	General Election	
„ 19.	.....	MR. J. PERCY
„ 26.	.....	MR. J. PICKARD
Feb. 2.	Prayer, Praise, and Experience.....	
„ 9.	.....	MR. W. J. BURE
„ 16.	.....	MR. R. AYRES
„ 23.	.....	MR. T. AINSWORTH
Mar. 2.	Prayer, Praise, and Experience.....	
„ 9.	.....	MR. R. JACKSON
„ 16.	.....	MR. J. RELF
„ 23.	.....	MR. H. T. DIX
„ 30.	.....

N.B.—Members are requested to make arrangements to ensure their attendance at these Meetings

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Meetings in Class Room.

Jan. 25th.	{ Prayer and Conference. Subject: How to prepare notes for preaching the Gospel.	J. P. FALLAIZE.
Feb. 22nd.	How to choose and prepare subject for preaching the Gospel.	
March 29th.	How to conduct Gospel Meetings.	

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Jan. 7.	Re-Union Tea and Lecture.....	MR. W. H. KNOX
„ 14.	3rd chap. of Ruth	MR. C. PICKARD
„ 21.	4th „	MR. W. H. KNOX
„ 28.	Five smooth stones.....	MR. H. JUCKES
Feb. 4.	Prayer.....	MR. T. AINSWORTH
„ 11.	Holy Spirit.....	MR. R. HAMILTON
„ 18.	Salvation.....	MR. C. PICKARD
„ 25.	Solomon.....	MR. F. RICKARD
Mar. 4.	Holiness.....	MR. J. PICKARD
„ 11.	Reward of Obedience.....	MR. A. KING
„ 18.	The Ten Tribes.....	MR. G. E. KIME
„ 24.	2nd chap. of Acts.....	MR. W. BRIDGER

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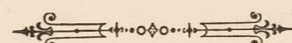
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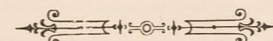
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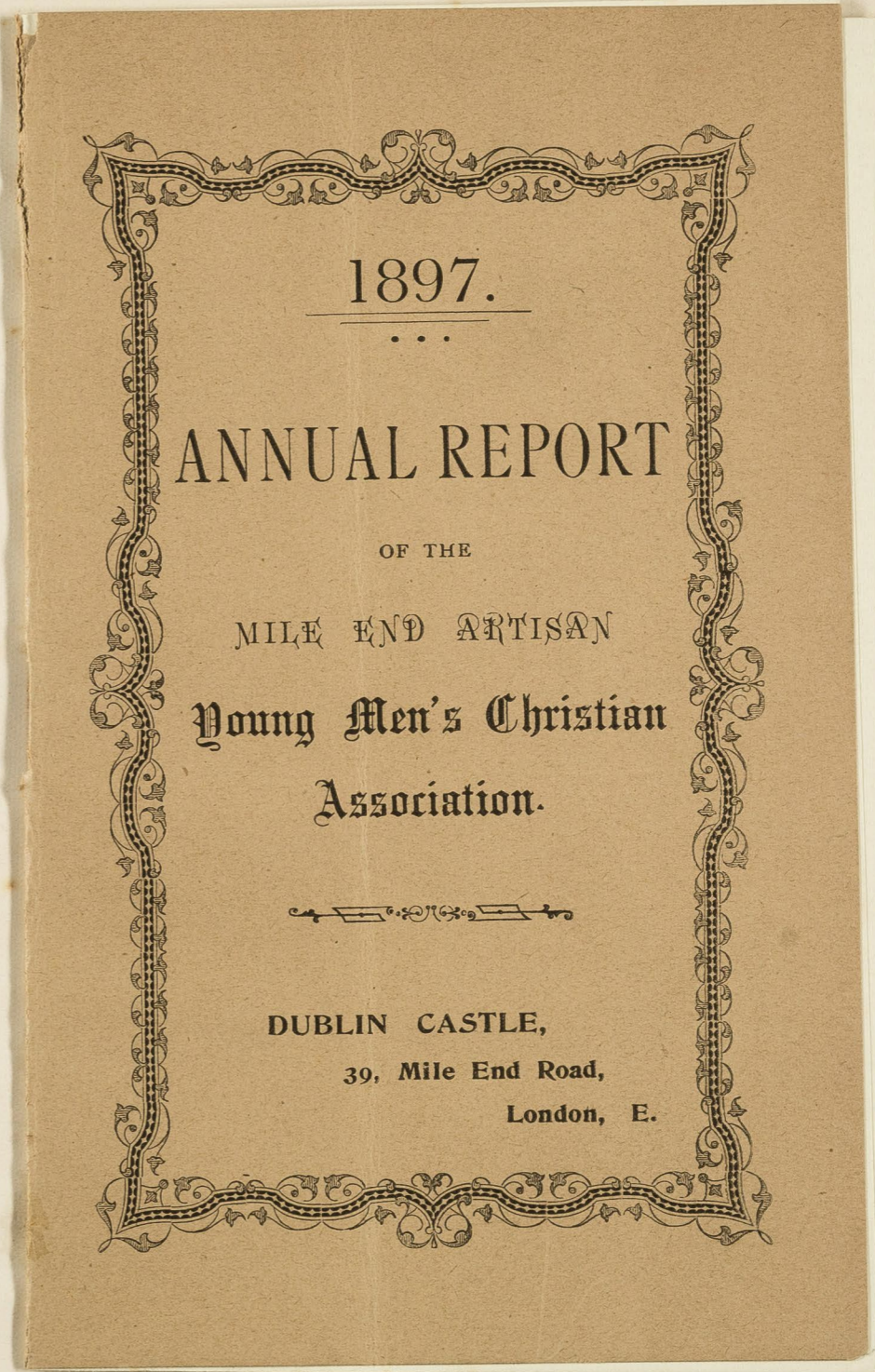
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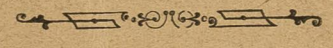
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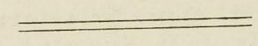
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Annual Report for 1897.

IN presenting to our friends and helpers an account of the work that we have been enabled to do, we are exceedingly happy to again testify to the lasting benefits of the various agencies in connection with this Association.

Although this year has not been free from anxieties, cares and trials, it has been full of blessing and encouragement. The need of such an Association in this part of the East End of London is recognised widely by other Christian workers, as we find daily thousands of young men wandering idly up and down our main thoroughfares careless and indifferent, while others are young converts suffering from isolation and the lack of fellowship. These are invited to our rooms where they find young men who have breasted the same tide of temptation as themselves, and are now able to sympathise with their younger brothers in the faith. Here, too, many who have halted between two opinions have had their fears cleared away, and to many it has been the starting point of their journey to Zion, who are now living witnesses to the power of God's grace and the might of His Spirit.

Look which way we will we can see day by day souls going down to perdition in an unending eternity, and it is our aim and object to go forth like true soldiers of the Cross and say to such: "Come with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel," and many of these the Angel of Conviction has strived with, and they have wished that they were among us to share the same peace and joy; but, alas!

they have left our gatherings like a ship going to sea without a compass or helm.

The Committee are thankful to God for the growing interest in many parts of London in our work, interest of the best and truest kind which arises from a deepened sense of the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ upon His people. The aim of this Association is the salvation of individual souls, it goes to the individual sinner and seeks to win him to the one and only Saviour, who suffered death upon the Cross for our redemption, and by repentance and faith in the finished work of Christ, the greatest sinner who comes to Him for pardon receives eternal life. In this, and in no other way, does it aim at being used of God in the accomplishment of His great purpose. We do not estimate success by numbers, although we have seen great numbers who have entered our meetings careless and godless, but have left new creatures in Christ Jesus; but we go forward with confidence obeying the Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature, keeping always before us the one great fact that the Holy Spirit alone can truly convert a soul, and that He is able to do that miracle of grace through the instrumentality of the Y.M.C.A.

We feel that we have only touched the fringe of the great work there is to do, for it could truly be said of East London that the "Harvest is truly great and the labourers few." We find in all directions Christian parents who are praying for their sons and daughters till the ground upon which they knelt has been moistened with the tears that fell over their wandering children, who to-day are among the worst of society, and one visit to some of the thoroughfares that surround us would easily convince the most sceptical of the sin and misery that abounds. But we thank God and take courage that even these can and will be

saved in His own time and way for "the prayers of the righteous availeth much;" can the great sympathetic heart of God turn away from the prayers of His saints who have been pleading for the return of the prodigal? We unitedly answer "No," for He has promised that "Whatsoever we ask in His name it shall be done."

The evangelists of this Association have been busily engaged during the year that is past; they have conducted services in many parts of London and suburban towns, and very encouraging reports have been received from these places. The Sunday afternoon gatherings for men have cheered our hearts, our hall being nearly full every Sunday, and it is very rare that a meeting closes without some token of God's presence in the conversion of some of these men, who are of the worst class that can be found in this neighbourhood. The open air campaign during the summer was one of the best held during the past years. Five different bands are scattered about the district, two of them going from street to street, and, for about twenty minutes in each preach and sing the Gospel, where the windows are thrown open; and who knows but that the spirit of conviction has entered the heart of many a weary soul and found rest and peace in believing. The Gospel Temperance Band, the Carmen's Mission Band, the training classes and Bible classes, prayer meetings and all departments of the work have been well sustained, so much so that the testimonies of well-known Christian gentlemen referred to this Association as a model Association of activity. We tender our warmest thanks to all who so generously helped on the work by donations and subscriptions, and at the same time appeal to all for continued help and also to those who are interested in Christian work to help us, in order that we may carry on more thoroughly this great work in East London.

VICTORIA PARK.

I should think Victoria Park to be the most popular resort, particularly on Sunday afternoons, in the whole of East London. It is the rendezvous of the people. We do not meet with "slumdom" out for a walk, but a respectable class of artisans principally, with here and there the high hat and frock coat of the East End tradesman or the City clerk taking an "outing" in this beautiful park. It is here amidst the vast multitudes of people the young men from the Mile End Artisan Y.M.C.A. go forth to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the whole of the summer months, beginning with the first Sunday in April and continuing to the last Sunday in October, holding one of the largest meetings in the park; little wonder is it they gather large audiences to listen to them, the intense earnestness and enthusiasm that pervade the young men act like a magnet does to a needle. The Gospel of God's grace that brought light and salvation to them is the theme to their fellows told either by song or speech. There can be no doubt, too, as to the attracting power of the brass band, it is common to hear people whistling the same tune as that being played by the Band, and we do not wonder at the displeasure felt by those who are not preaching the Gospel at seeing their meeting depleted as the Band strikes up one of its lively sacred marches. Great credit is due to Mr. Draper, our Bandmaster, for the manner in which he has maintained the efficiency of the Band, considering the many changes that necessarily take place in a work like the young men are doing. We feel honoured by the presence of this earnest worker and veteran.

Whilst our Victoria Park work is a splendid training ground for young men actively engaged

in the Lord's service, it must not be overlooked that our primary object is to win young men for Christ, and it seems strange, humanly speaking, that the principal of the conversions from our work there has been young men, and last year in my report I gave a number of letters from the converts themselves, showing how definite and real the work has been. We began the season of 1897 under a clear sky and looked forward to a time of revival and blessing; the Lord gave us an indication of His presence on the first Sunday when we dealt personally with backsliders who returned to their Lord and master. Soon after, ill health overtook me. The conduct of the meetings was then undertaken by the Chairman of Committees, Mr. W. Rumbold; a good season's work was carried out under his leadership. The usual collections for the hospitals were taken up: Hospital Sunday, and for the local hospital, a much-needed and valued Institution, the Victoria Park Hospital for Diseases of the Chest.

Our Open-Air Harvest Festival was also held, and I was glad to be able to take part in that unique, but interesting, service. I do not know of any similar service held in any other part of London, but it will go to show how far the young men have won the hearts of the people; we get as regular a congregation as any of the places of worship in the Metropolis, for when it was hinted some years ago to institute a "harvest festival," the response in the shape of fruit and flowers was simply tremendous, and I am glad that this has now become a permanent institution in Victoria Park. The sight that pleases best of all is when we take the fruit and flowers to the Chest Hospital, the gladness of the matron and nurses, the brightening of the wan faces of the poor consumptives more than repay us for our labour. We should be glad to hear from any friends who

would help us at that service with either fruit or flowers, and we will communicate with them as to the date. Looking back over 1897 the young feel proud they were privileged to take part in so glorious a work. The disappointments, the anxieties, are more than compensated for by the good that has been accomplished. I should not like to close this brief report without thanking very heartily those friends who have so generously helped us and lightened the burden. Your servant for Jesus' sake,

JOHN P. FALLAIZE.

MILE END WASTE OPEN-AIR MEETING (SUNDAY).

Once again it is my privilege to give a brief report of this work, which is carried on from the first Sunday in April and continued, weather permitting, until the last in September; and truly this has been the best season it has been my privilege to witness; never before have I seen such crowds assemble on the waste ground in front of our premises, and as the evening advances so the company swell until at times the pavement has been thronged, which of course has to be cleared by the constable on duty. The meeting commences shortly after 7 p.m. and is continued until close upon 10 p.m. And here many a man who has been living a life of sin and shame has been arrested on his downward career by the simple preaching of the Gospel and the singing, accompanied by the musical instruments. Here, too, many a woman, careless and heedless as to her future welfare has been led to consider, and we believe that many of them have made a full surrender of themselves unto God to be used by Him and for His glory; and with confidence in the almighty power of God we are looking forward

to even greater success during the year 1898 than that which crowned our efforts in the year that has past. We take this opportunity of tendering our thanks to all who took any part, however small, in this branch of the work, for we have His promise that "one shall sow, another shall reap, yet we all shall rejoice together."

C. FALLAIZE, Leader.

LYDIA STREET OPEN-AIR WORK.

Mr. ABBOTT reports:—

From the beginning of April to the end of September 55 meetings were held in Lydia Street, Duckett Street, Knott Street, Cadiz Street, Mary Street, Ocean Street, and Lomas Buildings, where the Lord has enabled us to work for nine years among a people composed chiefly of the coster and labouring class. It has been expressed by many, and I endorse it, that last summer's work was one of the most blessed experienced. The people shewed an interest by their regular attendance at the meetings and attentiveness to the preaching of the Gospel, and also drank in the Word as never before. We have often been asked to hold our meetings "down our end of the street, so we can hear." We do not take any particular stand, so that all the inhabitants have an opportunity to listen, for the majority do not attend the Lord's House from one year's end to the other, so this is their only opportunity of hearing the Gospel of God's grace. We sometimes have calls for relief, and the Lord has helped us often to keep the brokers out, and oftener to keep the wolf from the door. The Roman Catholics and Ritualists (who are practically the same) are doing all they can to draw the people into their cruel fold, and are stooping to all sorts of devices to get the poor

children, many of whom have scarcely a rag to cover their backs. We have been looking for a suitable place in which to hold our meetings in the winter, but up to the present have not succeeded; we are laying the matter before the Lord and believe He will help us. We are preparing and looking forward to next season's work with increased power and more additions to our ranks. We believe and pray that God will own the preaching of His Gospel to the salvation of many. May God bless and save these people, whom we have learnt to love; and also bless all our brothers engaged in similar work is my earnest prayer.

STAYNERS ROAD WORK.

Having been entrusted with the leadership of this work I at once sought how these meetings might be more bright and cheerful for those to whom we are sent. These meetings are not as the ordinary open-air meetings, being a series of meetings held in several streets in the neighbourhood of Bethnal Green, each meeting lasting about 25 minutes. We visit every Sunday morning five streets, thus making about two hours' service in all, commencing at 11 o'clock and ending at 1 o'clock. We do not have large audiences to address and sing to, but have to be contented with one or two standing at the doors and a number looking out of the windows. We have singing of hymns, with occasionally a solo or duet by our workers. One is struck to notice the attention with which the people listen to the speakers and receive the tracts that are distributed by our lady helpers. We do not so often see the fruit of our labour here as in other meetings, but we rely on the promise of God that His Word shall not return unto Him void, but shall prosper

in the things whereto He sends it; notwithstanding it was very touching to notice tears in the eyes of one lady especially at our closing meeting for the season, showing the appreciation of our labours. Trusting that by and by we shall rejoice to see on the resurrection morning those who have found the Saviour at the Stayners Road and other places of meeting. C. PICKARD, Leader.

MILE END WASTE WEEK NIGHT SERVICES.

These meetings are situated in a very important position in East London, the Mile End Waste being used to air all the social and political as well as religious opinions of the East Enders. Upon this Waste are to be seen the anarchist giving vent to his independent opinions together with his social friend a little higher up, and in the midst of this confusion we humbly endeavour to lift up the Gospel of peace and goodwill to all men, bringing in peace and unity for all, settling all the conflicting views of the people, satisfying the longing soul with the happiness so longed for by all, whether blindly or intelligently. We have often been cheered to see the emotions of the listeners depicted in their faces, sometimes in sorrow and sometimes in joy at the convicting and comforting power of the Word of God. We have been gladdened to see men brought to God, which evidences we are sure are but the droppings of the showers we shall see by and by. Trusting that the Lord will continue to increase the blessing in the present year of labour.

C. PICKARD, Leader.

OLD FORD ROAD OPEN-AIR.

Another year is past and with it all its opportunities for service, but it is with pleasure that

one can record of the good that has been done in this district of Bethnal Green. We commence our meetings at 7 p.m. every Sunday during the months of April to September, and truly one can look back to blessings that have been experienced at these gatherings. Here we have people passing from all directions, and many have been arrested by the singing of the solos by our lady helpers, or by the earnest addresses of our brethren, and when one considers that these meetings are continued until 10 p.m. and many of the hearers staying nearly the whole of the time it speaks volumes for the interest shown in them. We have seen fruit for our labour in some deciding for Christ, but who can tell of those who have listened for a few moments and then passed on. The seed may have fallen into good ground and to-day is bearing fruit, but we are content to go on sowing, even if others have the privilege of the reaping, for "one shall sow, another shall reap, but we shall all rejoice together." I cannot close without tendering my best thanks to our friends belonging to Emanuel Hall for taking charge of the lamp, &c., and to all who took part in the services during the season.

R. HAMILTON, Leader.

TUESDAY EVENING TRAINING CLASS.

This is a work which we call "Our College." It is here that we have some of the rough material, and after some polishing they are able to go about as preachers of the Gospel of Christ. It may be asked, "How is it done?" Well, immediately we have a young convert join our ranks, our desire is to make use of him for the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom on earth. We therefore ask him to book a date, any Tuesday evening he wishes, and when his time arrives he

delivers a Gospel Address, or rather, conducts a Gospel Meeting, the same as he would do if asked to take one at some Mission Hall. He commences at 8.15 p.m., and is supposed to close at 8.45 p.m., dividing his time up the first 15 minutes with Hymn, Prayer, and Reading; the second 15 minutes a Gospel Address, when he is finished. The meeting is open for all the members to criticise him, but in brotherly love; showing him his errors and faults, and by this means many young men have become really good preachers, and some of them have left us for a larger sphere of usefulness. God has blessed this work abundantly to the young men who are willing to be trained for service for Him.

EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

Another year has gone, and with it its cares and its joys, and although the past year has been unique in many respects, notably the Jubilee of our beloved Queen, yet in Christian work it has been much the same as other years, and certainly it has been so in reference to our evangelistic work. We have been kept hard at work. We have preached the same old Gospel, and we have seen some blessed signs and wonders which have followed the preaching of the Word. We have held, in all, about 190 to 200 meetings during the year. We have visited all parts of London, and we have spoken to large and small gatherings.

Our men have not had a college training; the only training they have had has been at our own Association—in the Bible Class and our Training Class—but they have been trained at the feet of Jesus, and have learned of Him, and have gone forth telling others what He has done for them. Our men are, for the most part, working men, and although they are hard at work all the week,

they are glad to sacrifice their home comforts on the Lord's Day to go, sometimes long journeys, to tell to their brother men the old, old story of Jesus and His love. And sometimes on a week evening, after a hasty cup of tea, they have had to go a long distance to conduct a Gospel Service, and the work is so sweet, and the Master is such a good one, and the joy of seeing souls brought to the saving knowledge of the Truth, as it is in Jesus, is so great that one forgets about the weariness, and can only rejoice in being privileged to do something for Jesus.

The places we have visited are as follows: Millwall, Stepney, Limehouse, Mile End, Stratford, Bow, Woodford, Old Ford, Bethnal Green, Hackney, Bermondsey, Tottenham, and elsewhere.

It has made one's heart glad to hear reports from the men regarding meetings; souls have been saved, wanderers have been brought back to the fold, believers have been built up in the faith. I will give some of these reports briefly.

January 3rd.—Two of our men went to conduct Gospel Services at the Seamen's Mission, Millwall; after a very cheerful meeting three souls found rest in Jesus.

January 31st.—Fern Street Mission, Bow Common Lane. Two brethren conducted a Gospel Service; result, three young women found peace in Jesus.

February 19th.—Welcome Mission, South Tottenham. Two men conducted a Gospel Service. One young woman had been under conviction of sin a long time, she came to Jesus and received forgiveness of sin.

Two brethren conducted a Gospel Meeting at Bermondsey. Very poor meeting; only twelve present. After meeting closed, one young man sought and found the Saviour.

One brother went to conduct a Gospel Service at the Holborn Baptist Church; after a very bright meeting six adults declared themselves on the Lord's side. About four or five weeks after our evangelist was invited to go and baptize several of these, on profession of their faith in Jesus.

Two of our brethren conducted a two months' Special Mission at a small church in Sidney Street, Bethnal Green, and were rewarded by seeing several young people come out for Jesus Christ.

Just one more. We were conducting a month's Mission at the Seamen's Institute, Millwall, and after each service we saw some who professed to have found the Saviour. One evening, after the first service had closed, and the after meeting had commenced, one of our men noticed a rough-looking man in tears, to whom he spoke, and was able to point him to Him who wipes all tears from our eyes. A brother of his was in the meeting, who worked on the same vessel, and had prayed for his conversion. We were glad to be able to rejoice with him in his prayer being answered.

We might go on with such cases, but all good things come to an end. Trusting that the Lord will make us more useful this year, and bless us to the salvation of many precious souls.

W. C. RUMBOLD, Leader.

BIBLE CLASS REPORT.

We have come to another mile stone in reference to the work of our Bible Class, another year of study has passed away, and we are asked to give another year's report. One scarcely knows where to begin, the blessings of a Bible Class to young men are so great and so many that we never shall

be able to grasp the real and lasting good of our Bible Class until we get to glory.

One cannot help feeling grateful to God and to the men who gave up their lives for an open Bible, for to-day we believe that England owes a great deal to the Bible for the position she holds among other nations, being free to a large extent from popery, priestcraft and despotism.

We of the Mile End Y.M.C.A. believe in the Bible, and we have had a successful year in our Bible Class—in attendance and study. Our study has been much as other years, namely, different subjects weekly. We meet every Thursday night, and 15 minutes prayer precedes the Bible study. As well as the subjects we have gone through the "Epistle to the Colossians," which we found very instructive and helpful. We took the book verse by verse, and sometimes it took us the whole evening to look into one verse; and it was very interesting to hear the many questions the men ask, and we generally try our best to clear them up.

One interesting feature of the year was our Bible Class Social, held on Good Friday. We commenced from 3 to 4 Prayer Meeting, Tea 5, Singing from 6 to 7.30, Bible Study from 8.15 to 9.30, subject "Second Coming of Christ," which proved very interesting and helpful. This was open to members and their friends, and we had a very happy time together.

May the dear Lord bless our Bible Class more abundantly this year of 1898 than He has done before, and we will ascribe to Him all the glory.

W. C. RUMBOLD, Leader.

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING.

It is with thankfulness to God when one looks back from the time when this meeting was started

and see the wondrous way in which we have been led. If any meeting was discouraging at the commencement, this was the one; but we felt that we must go on, and the Lord would give the increase. And, truly, He has done it, for now we can praise Him for all he has done for us, and the great outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon us, so that each one of us can say "That it was good for us to be there, for it was none other than the gate of heaven to our soul." We started with a very small number, but steadily week by week they increased until we have had to leave the class room for the lecture hall, and here many a sad heart has cried to God, and prayer has been answered. Here, too, the whole of the Association work is laid before our Heavenly Father for His blessing, and we have seen great numbers brought to God on the Sundays following in answer to prayer.

A. KING, Leader.

CARMEN'S MISSION BAND.

During the past year we have been enabled to conduct meetings in various chapels and mission halls, and we can say that much good has been accomplished through the preaching of the simple Gospel of Christ and Him crucified. It is true that we have not had the education that others have had, but we believe that we have been saved for a purpose, and that purpose is to try in our humble way to win others for Him; and during the past year we have seen in one meeting seven who desired to lead a new life in Christ, and many backsliders have been restored. Our method is to tell out from a full heart what God through Christ has done for us, that being the simplest way we have of preaching the Gospel. And God has indeed honoured the testimony. We are confident that during the year our work

will be even a greater success in rescuing other brothers from intemperance and sin, for we rely upon the promise of His presence and power.

W. J. BURR, Leader.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS FOR MEN.

During the winter months, that is from October to the end of March, our energy on Sunday is centred in "Straight Talks to Men," and judging from what we have seen, great numbers of men of the lowest class of society can bless God for directing their steps to the "Dublin Castle Sunday Afternoon Meetings," for here every opportunity is given to any who desires any conversation with the speaker or with our brother R. Pilley, who is doing a great work in pointing sinners to the Saviour. Almost every Sunday there are some who have been under conviction of sin and desires to lead a better life, and that life "in Christ," and have gone away rejoicing in the knowledge that their "sins, which were many, are all forgiven." Some time before the meeting commences, our Brass Band assembles in front of the building and plays some sacred music. This very quickly attracts a class of men that we are specially seeking; that is the most neglected, indifferent, and careless that one can find, and this class can easily be found here in Whitechapel and Mile End. Immediately the Band has finished, the majority of those assembled follow them up into our hall, and it is not an uncommon thing to find us packed, sometimes sitting on the stairs. We would tender our thanks to the following gentlemen for their help in coming among us and addressing the meetings: Rev. T. P. Lansdowne, Rev. J. Howard, Rev. Clark Hallam, Rev. A. Allen, Rev. T. Richardson, Rev. Dolfan

Lewis, Rev. F. H. King, Rev. E. Schnadhorst, Rev. W. Joynes, J. A. Girdler, Esq., C. S. Dejijian, Esq. (Armenian), T. Dennis, Esq., J. P. Fallaize, Esq., H. A. Brooks, Esq., W. Rumbold, Esq., H. M. Barnett, Esq., B.A., Mr. Gruneisen.

SPORTS.

MILE END ARTISAN Y.M.C.A. CRICKET CLUB.

During the past season 22 matches have been played, 12 of which were won, 7 lost, 1 draw, 2 abandoned. Total runs scored 1,349, average per match 67.45 runs. In bowling there were 440.2 overs, 176 wickets taken for 815 runs, being only 4.63 per wicket. B. E. Richardson being the highest in batting with 25.11; C. W. Hovell in bowling, his average being 3.92.

The Cyclists have had many a good outing in the country, they having a large number belonging to the Club, and a great number of them taking part in the runs.

The Harriers, too, have had some good races from 1 mile to 10 miles, and some cross-country running, and numbers of prizes have been won by them.

MILE END ARTISAN Y.M.C.A. CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND.

The above Association has during the past year been carrying on its aggressive work in and around their premises, and among the various agencies, such as Evangelistic Work, Straight Talks to Men, Training Classes, Bible Classes, Visiting, &c., we have added the above fund, which was commenced a month before Christmas, and the success which attended our efforts is an encouragement for future work. Our workers and visitors had many a pitiful case of distress

and want to report to the Committee. Many a home being without fire or food, and most of the furniture sold to pay the rent, as was the case with numbers of the applicants that we enquired into, but how many thousands there are in East London to-day in similar circumstances, brought on them by depression in trade, long illness, and numerous other reasons, many of them, alas, having held rather good positions beforehand,

One man, when offered a ticket, said "No, sir, I would rather have a crust, providing I worked for it. I would enjoy it far better than I would if I accepted the gift you offer." Another, when offered a ticket, said "Thank you very much, but what is the use of it to us without coals to cook it?" Another case we relieved was a married couple, one blind, the other paralysed, and on the very verge of starvation.

If space would permit we could go on stating case after case which would appeal to the hearts of the reader.

But Christmas of 1897 is now gone, and with it many golden opportunities lost, but we are thankful to those who helped us, as we were able to provide a good meal for the poor in their own homes at this festive season. In all 66 homes were relieved, the total numbers in family being 277, but had funds permitted we could easily have given help to four times that number. We have to tender our thanks to F. W. Isaacson, Esq., M.P., for £1 1s., to H. Thompson, Esq., for £1, to Messrs. Fry & Sons for Cocoa, to Messrs. R. Cowell and L. Meyer for Bread, to our own members and friends for amounts collected, and to several anonymous friends, the whole swelling the total to £14 18s., out of which amount not a single penny has been taken for expenses, the whole work being done voluntarily and willingly.

Balance Sheet of Christmas Dinner Fund.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
F. W. Isaacson, Esq., M.P.	1 1 0	W. C. Bridger, for Meat	8 4 0
H. Thompson, Esq.	1 0 0	W. R. Cowell, for Bread and Flour	2 2 4
G. Edmonds, Esq.	2 0 0	T. Hington, for Grocery	2 14 9
Quarter Pence	0 2 4	E. Sturgeon,	0 9 6
W. H. Knox, Esq.	0 5 0	Extra	0 0 8
J. S. Rowe, Esq.	0 1 0	Balance in Treasurer's hand	1 6 9
W. Abbott, Esq.	0 2 6		
Anonymous	0 1 0		
"	0 1 0		
Collected on Lists	2 2 6		
"	8 1 8		
Cards	8 1 8		
	<u>£14 18 0</u>		<u>£14 18 0</u>

Audited and found correct, S. TAYLOR,
A. F. SPACKMAN.

BALANCE

For Year ending

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1896			2	4	9	¹ / ₄	
Donations (General)		61	17	6			
,, for Organ		15	0	0			
,, Lamp Stand		1	0	0			
		<hr/>			77	17	6
Collections			26	4	5		
Subscriptions (Members)			18	17	10		
Rent of Bar and Gas			83	11	0		
Building Fund			3	7	4		
Rent of Hall (Mondays)			2	0	0		
,, for Band			2	8	0		
Balance deficient		16	7	11	³ / ₄		

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SHEET

December 31st, 1897.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rent		80	0	0			
Rates, Taxes, and Gas		62	16	5			
Printing		16	16	10			
American Organ		15	0	0			
Open-air Lamp Stand		1	0	0			
Postage		7	18	0			
Papers		3	0	5			
Posters		1	9	11			
Repairs		1	4	6			
Stationery		1	4	5			
Solicitor's Fee for Lease		2	2	0			
Bank Charges		1	1	0			
Secretary's Expenses to Conferences, &c.		1	0	0			
Sundries:—							
Office Books		0	4	6			
Book Rack		0	2	6			
Bank Overdrawn, 1896		0	10	1			
Ruler, Dockdue for Photo		0	7	2			
Carriage for Tracts		0	2	9			
Insurance		0	6	0			
Advertising		0	6	4			
Hectograph		0	5	0			
Hymn Book (Music)		0	5	0			
		<hr/>			2	9	4
Outstanding Accounts:—							
Rent		20	0	0			
Gas		10	19	6			
Taxes		3	17	0			
Water		0	19	6			
		<hr/>			35	16	0
		<hr/>			£232	18	10

Audited and found correct,

W. H. KNOX, H. ANDERSON, E. A. SPACKMAN.

