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Interview with Rev. T. Hanger, Baptist  
Chapel, Grafton Sq. Waltham.

Rev. Hanger is nearing 70. He is  
a large, heavy, slow old man with white hair,  
thin white beard and shaved upper lip. He  
is dressed in the conventional ~~the~~ rusty black  
of the old-fashioned minister, and, though  
with a much pleasant expression, is distinctly  
of the Kruzer type. He proved a kindly and  
very chatty old fellow, but kept me  
a long time, but his talk for the most  
part was not greatly to the point.

Rev. H. has been here for 14 years,  
and has not met with much success: the  
Chapel has indeed a slightly larger membership  
than when he came, but by no means in  
proportion with the enormous growth of population

in Clapham in that time. This does not appear to be a case of a church which has once been full and has emptied into a change in the neighbourhood: the chapel was built by the H's predecessor, and has never been a success. For this the H's gives three reasons: - (1) It is hidden away in a quiet square (2) Clapham is an extraordinarily dead dull place, exceedingly difficult to move whether religiously, politically or in any other way (3) The sympathies, so far as it can be moved are all on the side of Roman Catholicism, Ritualism, and Conservatism. It is probably the greatest centre of Roman Catholicism in London: the R.C. church is the fullest in the neighbourhood. Even in such a street as Manor St. the H's is told that half the inhabitants are R.C.'s; while many R.C.'s come to the neighbourhood to hear the ministrations of this particular

Church. Of the churchgoers there who are not  
 R. C. is nearly all belong to the Church of England.  
 Clapham has always had a 'churchy' tradition,  
 but now the exemplification for which it was  
 once famous has "degenerated" to a pronounced  
 Pietism: there is only one Wesleyan church  
 here in Hanger, St James, Park Hill, which  
 Mrs Lillingston has just left.

From then (as Mrs Clapham has been  
 and still is exceedingly bad soil for the  
 Free Churches, very few of which there is:  
 none are full, the most prosperous being the  
 Wesleyan church in High St. and the Hindcross  
 Baptist Chapel in Victoria Road. Even the  
 Guinness Rogers' church is not more than half  
 full, and has not been full for some years:  
 but this probably more than any of the other  
 Free churches has been hit by the social decay  
 which is going on in Clapham.

As to the work it is evidently of the sleepy kind. There is a large chapel, seated for 1000; the membership is 181, and the congregations from 400 to 500. There is a Sunday school of 160, and a male Band of Hope. The "two most encouraging features" of the work are the Christian Endeavour of so young people, (who "really are thorough-going earnest Christians; they don't go in for amusements, private theatricals and such nonsense, but for praying together, genuine study of the Scriptures and so on") and a Men's Bible Class of about 50.

Beyond an open air service on Sunday and a weekly open air service conducted by the Christian Endeavour no mission work is carried on. There is a d. s. m. in Broad's Road who used to be <sup>officially</sup> connected with the Chapel, but is so no longer, though still a

member. He has been at work there for many years but finds the people almost impossible to move: he gets only about 12 to a service.

Mr H. dwelt at some length on the excommunication of the Church of England in the district: as even his own flock are approached by the curate of the parish church and urged to come to confession: and he gave me a long account of a Mission held at the parish church some years since, when open air processions were held with crosses, vestments etc, and at each ~~halt~~ halting place the virtues of Mary were extolled. This pronounced ritualism has made it impossible that there should be any sympathy between the established and the free churches: and the only parson who has ever so much or noticed Mr H. was Mr Hughes of St. Paul's, who has just resigned his



living under pressure.

A good deal of Mr H's talk dealt with the change in Clapham in 14 years: the pulling down of the old houses standing in gardens and their <sup>re</sup> replacing by rows of small houses, and still more the decay of some of the older streets. Mr H. especially mentioned Diston Rd, when he lives, and Grafton Sq, when his church is: up to 2 or 4 years ago both these were "quiet, respectable, even select" with no house inhabited by more than a single family: now the whole of the large houses on the south of Grafton Sq are let in flats: the place swarms with children: the gardens from being beautifully kept is filthy and unkempt, and the old inhabitants who are left tell Mr H. that they cannot stand it much longer. In Diston Road at least three houses are now

let to be two or three families, the men being  
artisans. "I see the women coming out," said Mr  
H. "with their children and a mail cart; they  
are quite clean and respectable, but it is  
very different to what it was, and my wife  
tells me that we shall have to go."

Mr J. Jackson  
London City Missionary

GH  
July 18/1900

The District

The Poor Streets

Mr J. Jackson. L.C.M. 14 Lambourne Road  
Clapham. SW.

Mr Jackson is a stout muscular man of about 50. Ruddy smiling face with hair and short moustache, a mixture of light brown & grey. Neatly dressed: black morning coat, turn down collar & black tie. Came from Oxford in 1875 to join the L.C.M. & for 3 years he worked in Spitalfields. Was then removed to his present district where he has resided for 22 years.

The district is bounded west by Wix's Lane, south by Clapham Common, east by Reebury Grove and ~~south~~ <sup>north</sup> by Heath Road and comprises the greater part of St Paul's parish and a portion of Holy Trinity. The latter, however, is mainly well-to-do & excepting a part of North Street & some courts off it is unvisited.

The worst part of the neighbourhood is Rushleigh Street (L13) <sup>or map</sup> a short street off Heath Road. Houses are let in rooms. Houses have 6 rooms and scullery & often have 3 or 4 sets of people in them. Costers and the lower grades of labour predominate. Next to this street

Jackson - LCM, Grange Road.

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He would place the 'Barracks' some old houses in North Street, also let in rooms. Women do washing and charring and the men 'odd jobs'. The rest of the district is fairly respectable but the surface looks very different to what it is. Thus in Lambourne Road (pt. on map) the house next door to Mr. J. is let out in floors by the landlady as are several other houses. Two houses are occupied as a laundry and others do laundry work.

Two families in nearly every house; rents being the great difficulty. Two or three houses in Heath Road have only one family - old tenants paying 10/- a week for the 6 rooms. Raised to 4/6 at least for new tenants. One house just let in Lambourne Road (9 rooms for £38).

Reckons he has 500 visitable houses and 1000 families. Covers the district 5 or 6 times in a year. Give prior attention to sick cases and is constantly getting messages asking him to call on sick people. Showed me one received last evening.

Has a Mission Hall in Grange Road, holding 120. Only been open a short time. It is built on the

Building used

London City Mission,  
NORTH STREET DISTRICT, CLAPHAM, S.W.

NEW MISSION HALL,  
GRANGE ROAD.

Probably you are already aware that the above Mission Hall was dedicated for worship on the 27th day of May, 1899, by Sir George Williams, amidst a goodly gathering of friends and supporters of the Mission.

Services have been held in the Hall since then, and have been very well attended, and by the class of people for which it was built.

We have gratefully to acknowledge, and most earnestly to thank all the kind friends who have helped us by generous donations. A list of donors and donations is annexed.

The Mission Hall has not been legally vested in the Trustees of the London City Mission. There yet remains a debt of £75, and we are most anxious to have this debt paid off so that we may, as early as possible, hand over the building and its furniture to the Trustees entirely free from debt.

May we, therefore, venture once more to appeal to you for sympathy and help to enable us to clear off the amount still remaining unpaid.

Donations will be gratefully received by Dr. Eugene Cronin, Old Manor House, Clapham, S.W. (Treasurer of the Building Fund); or by Mr. J. F. Evitt (the Superintendent), 67, The Chase, Clapham Common, S.W.

J. F. EVITT, Superintendent.  
T. J. JACKSON, Missionary & Hon. Sec.,  
14, Lambourn Road, Clapham, S.W.

April, 1900.

Services held

The Churches

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Special Donation			W. Marten Smith, Jun.,		
Anon ...	129	15	Esq...	1	1
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Mrs. Bartlett ...	0	12	0	Miss Pears ...	0
Miss Townsend ...	0	10	6	Mrs. King ...	0
Mr. Tillett ...	0	10	3	Miss Roberts ...	0
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who get about a good deal, working on particularly high church lines. The chief thing with them is to see that the children are baptised and that the people take the communion. "I say this with a great deal of feeling" said Mr J "as I am a church man". He had been telling me previously of how Mr Hughes had altered the worship at St Pauls, driven away the old workers and used to invite the young men to his house & offer them pipes & tobacco & glasses of grog.

The Clapham Cong<sup>l</sup> Church is the richest in the district. Business Rogers has gone and they are now having supplies. The church has a Mission in Queens Place, Wandsworth Road worked by Mr Gregg, a gentleman living in Clapham Park. It is not doing much but has a good Sunday school. Victoria Baptist Chapel has a splendid attendance. Mr Henderson is popular. Majority of the people are working class. Its Mission in Renshaw St is not well attended.

A good many Wesleyans in Heath Road, belong to Queens Road Chapel - are good workers.

Not many R.C.s on district. Those there are go to Clapham.

Of the middle class people on the district, he thinks a fairly good percentage go to church or chapel, but with the poorer people the proportions would be small. Many of the men are "very indifferent to spiritual things" yet they like their wives to go to church. "It will do for both of us".

~~Of the~~ From the economic point of view he thinks things are becoming worse. The London Chatham & Dover Rly are transferring their works to Ashford. The younger men they give a chance of going at a reduced wage but the elder men are discharged. One man with 33 years service has just been put off & given 5/- a week during the Company's pleasure. Elderly men find great difficulty in getting work even with good testimonials. Applies to domestic service as well as to trades. Mentioned case of a man - a butler - had to take a place as caretaker eventually - always too old, altho' character irreproachable.

From the religious point of view, things are hopeful. No hostility - a family that used to go



to the Hall of Science to hear Bradlaugh, now works at his mission. He recounted several cases of conversions.

A good deal of drinks. Pubs are crowded at night. Many women ~~there~~ in them. Children also sent for beer. Not a bad house on the district. Thrift is represented by slate clubs but it is the better class only who save.

Mr Jackson is, I think, a successful Missionary. He has a genial manner and plenty of common sense, and would have little difficulty in getting on well with people.

He told me how the Clapham Auxiliary of a Society to Lepers was organised. The secretary was lecturing at his <sup>old</sup> Mission Hall in the Lillieshall Road about 8 years ago and said that £4 a year would support a leper in India. Mr Jackson was presiding and said that if 40 would give 4<sup>s</sup> a week, they could support one. Some of the people promised. At the end of the first year they sent £5 & today the thing has grown & spread to the churches & they are sending £157. See Report on next page.

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## REPORT.

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"First the blade, then the ear."  
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IN a manner suggested by the foregoing words, has been the growth of interest and work in connection with the Mission to Lepers in Clapham.

Your Committee rejoice to be able to announce, that the amount collected during the year is considerably in advance of any sum hitherto collected in one year by the Auxiliary. While last year the amount was only £6 more than the year before, this year we have exceeded last year's contribution by more than £30; and it is most gratifying to us all to know, that while last year we sent £125 17s. 5d., this year the sum stands at £157.

Some six years ago, when the Auxiliary was started, it seemed to many almost beyond the dreams of avarice to hope that we should ever be able to contribute as much as £100 annually; now there seems no difficulty in believing, that in the space of a year or so, our contributions will have amounted to the £350 a year necessary to the up-keep of our own Clapham Poladpore Asylum. That this may be speedily realized your Committee earnestly beg your prayers.

It is most helpful to our faith and stimulating to our further efforts and prayers in the good work, to know that no less than 100 Lepers in our Poladpore Asylum, during the past year, have confessed their faith in our Redeemer by baptism. One cannot but suppose, that this is in a great measure, due to the constant stream of prayer that rises daily to the Throne of Grace from Clapham friends. That it is so, let us not for one moment doubt, and let it urge us to more fervent prayer, not only for the Clapham Asylum, but for all those Asylums throughout the world in which these poor outcasts are gathered, tended, and evangelized.

No special effort has been made in Clapham to celebrate the semi-jubilee, or twenty-fifth year of existence of our Society. A special fund has been started in its commemoration, to be devoted to the erection of new buildings for the housing of Lepers. It was felt that all our efforts ought to be concentrated as an Auxiliary in helping to pay for the buildings in connection with our own Asylum at Poladpore. The outlay, in connection with these buildings, has been considerable, and can hardly yet have been covered by the contributions sent up by us as an Auxiliary. It is a pleasant and significant fact to reflect upon, that without any special effort, we have more than realized the £25 extra appealed for in connection with the various Auxiliaries, as a fitting memorial of the twenty-five years' work of our Society.

By the kindness of Dr. DUNBAR—so often now repeated—the usual Drawing-room Meeting was held at 44, North Side. The attendance was excellent, and the collection amounted to £8. Owing to increasing infirmities,

our honoured Treasurer does not see his way to continue in office any longer, and has sent in his resignation. Your Committee would take the opportunity of putting on record how deeply grateful they are to him for having so long, under what must have been to him, trying circumstances considering his age, held the office, and how earnestly we trust and pray, that GOD—throughout his declining years now that his strength must be but labour and sorrow—may grant him abundance of peace, and that when the call comes, an entrance may be ministered unto him abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

A few changes have been made in connection with our staff of collectors. Miss CHAMPNESS takes Miss MAXWELL'S place at the Wesleyan Church, High Street, and an energetic coadjutor in the work at St. Barnabas and St. Matthews has been found in Mrs. PERKINS, of Stormont Road, who has already been instrumental in obtaining several new subscribers in those congregations. Miss NYREN has had to resign her collectorship in the Congregational Church, owing to her removal to Folkestone. She is succeeded by Miss CUDLIP.

In concluding what all cannot but consider a most hopeful Report, your Committee would commend the work to your earnest prayers. Enough has been said to show that GOD does hear our prayers; let the thought stimulate us to expect from GOD, and attempt for GOD still greater things than these.

### Account of the Annual Meeting.

THE Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary took place on the 20th November, at Clapham Hall, at 8 p.m. The Rev. T. CURRIE was in the Chair.

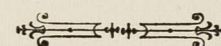
The Rev. T. HANGER led in prayer. The Secretary read the Report. J. JACKSON, Esq., Organizing Secretary of the Mission for London, gave a most interesting lecture, illustrated by limelight views.

The hall was more than full, many having to stand.

The collection amounted to £7 10s. 6d. There were no less than 392 coins in the plate.

There was singing by the usual Choir, from 7.30 to 8.

### Subscriptions and Donations.



#### Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clapham.

Collected by Miss CLARKE.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Mrs. Borley .. ..	0 10 0	Brought forward	4 15 8½
Rev. T. Currie ..	1 0 0	Mr. Hood .. ..	0 0 6
Christian Endeavour	0 10 0	Mrs. Hocking ..	0 0 9
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Mrs. Coomber ..	0 3 0	„ Jeffreys .. ..	0 5 0
„ Cannon .. ..	0 4 0	„ Lewin .. ..	0 2 0
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Miss Blanche Cannon	0 2 6½	„ Morton .. ..	0 1 0
„ E. Cannon ..	0 1 5½	Mrs. Murray ..	0 2 0
„ Downey .. ..	0 1 0½	Miss Marshall ..	0 2 0
Misses Darling ..	0 12 6	Mr. Mills .. ..	0 2 6
Miss Dawson ..	0 2 0	Mrs. Pohl .. ..	0 2 0
Mr. Ford .. ..	0 4 6	Miss Riseley ..	0 2 2½
„ A. Ford .. ..	0 2 0	„ Read .. ..	0 2 0
„ Gray .. ..	0 2 0	„ Smith .. ..	0 1 0
„ Gould .. ..	0 2 0	„ Florry Smith..	0 1 0
Mrs. Gould .. ..	0 2 0	Mr. A. Thomson ..	0 2 0
Miss Hughes ..	0 2 0	Miss R. Hurst (colle-	
Mrs. Hughes ..	0 2 0	ted by) .. ..	1 11 8
Miss M. Harris ..	0 5 0	A Friend .. ..	0 5 9
Carried forward ..	£4 15 8½		£9 0 0

Lavender Hill Congregational Church.

Collected by MRS. CLEMENT.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Miss Ashford ..	0	2	0	Brought forward	4 12 2
Mrs. J. H. Bennett ..	0	5	0	Mrs. McPherson ..	0 2 0
Collected by ditto ..	0	11	0	„ Newton ..	0 2 0
Mrs. S. R. Clark ..	0	2	0	Mr. R. B. Peacock ..	0 4 0
„ Chittock ..	0	2	0	Mrs. R. B. Peacock ..	0 4 0
Mr. Chittock ..	0	2	0	„ Rose ..	0 2 0
„ Clement ..	0	5	0	„ Seddon ..	0 2 2
Mrs. Clement ..	0	5	0	„ Stringer ..	0 2 2
Mr. W. H. Clement ..	0	2	6	Mr. Stringer ..	0 2 2
Master H. Clement ..	0	1	0	Miss C. Turner ..	0 5 4
Mr. David Roberts ..	0	5	0	Mrs. Trotman ..	0 1 0
Mrs. Gilbert ..	0	4	0	Miss Tompkins ..	0 2 6
Mr. Gilbert ..	0	1	0	Mrs. Tyler ..	0 4 4
Christian Endeavour	0	5	0	„ Underhill ..	0 2 6
Christmas Gift from				U.B.Z. ..	0 10 0
Mr. Wheeler and				Mrs. Waterer ..	0 2 0
Family ..	0	13	0	Miss May White ..	0 2 6
Miss Harris ..	0	4	4	Mrs. White ..	0 2 6
Mrs. Heather ..	0	2	6	Mr. Wheeler ..	0 6 5
„ Honeycott ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Whitehead ..	0 1 0
Mr. Jaques ..	0	2	0	Master Whitehead ..	0 1 0
Mrs. Jaques ..	0	1	4	Mr. H. Williams ..	0 2 2
Miss Jaques ..	0	1	0	Miss Willcocks ..	0 1 0
„ Knight ..	0	2	6	Mrs. W. M. Willcocks ..	0 5 0
Rev. R. Cynon Lewis ..	0	2	6		
Mrs. Letchford ..	0	2	6		
„ Lamb ..	0	2	0		
Miss Levick ..	0	1	0	Trustees of late Thos.	£8 2 1
Mrs. Monti ..	0	1	0	Pratt, per Wm.	
„ Martin ..	0	2	0	Clement ..	5 0 0
Carried forward ..	£4	12	2	Total for the year	£13 2 1

St. James's Church, Clapham.

Collected by Miss CRISTALL.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. H. Barham ..	0	2	0	Brought forward	4 5 4
„ Bachhofner ..	0	2	0	Miss G. Hole ..	0 2 0
„ Birdseye ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Hardy ..	0 1 0
Mr. Banks ..	0	2	0	Miss Hardy ..	0 1 0
Miss Buckley ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Harding ..	0 2 0
Mrs. Butler ..	0	2	0	„ Hooper ..	0 10 0
Miss Chapman ..	0	2	2	Miss C. Holland ..	0 7 5
„ Colyer ..	0	1	0	Mrs. Hughes ..	0 2 0
Mrs. Cristall ..	0	2	0	Miss Hughes ..	0 6 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
The Misses Cristall ..	0	4	0	„ Hurst (box) ..	0 9 8
Dr. Dunbar ..	0	5	0	Mrs. H. Jones ..	0 2 0
Mrs. Dunbar ..	0	5	0	„ Jenkinson ..	0 2 0
Miss Dodman ..	0	1	0	The Misses Jenkinson ..	0 4 0
Mrs. Darby ..	0	5	0	Mrs. Keen ..	0 4 0
The Misses Elliott ..	0	4	0	Miss Knolleke ..	0 2 0
Mr. Edgley ..	0	2	0	Miss Kenward ..	0 2 0
Mr. Fletcher ..	0	2	0	Rev. F. A. C.	
Miss Fletcher ..	0	2	2	Lillingston ..	0 2 2
„ Foster ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Lillingston ..	0 2 2
„ Farquhar ..	0	2	0	Miss Lavender ..	0 2 0
A Friend ..	0	5	0	Mrs. G. Middleton ..	0 2 0
Mrs. Grundy ..	0	2	0	„ Moorhead (box) ..	1 0 6
The Misses Grautoff ..	0	4	0	Miss Meggeson ..	0 2 0
Miss Grimmett ..	0	1	0	Mrs. Munro ..	0 2 0
„ Hewett ..	0	4	0	„ Otway ..	0 2 2
Mrs. Harding ..	0	2	0	„ Pugh ..	0 2 0
Miss Hungate ..	0	2	0	Miss Poole ..	0 1 0
„ H. S. Hungate ..	0	2	0	„ Roberts ..	0 2 2
„ F. G. Hungate ..	0	2	0	The Misses Ridsdale ..	0 5 0
„ H. M. H. ..	0	10	0	Sister Clara Dss ..	0 2 0
Carried forward ..	£4	5	4	Carried forward ..	£9 9 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>



Brought forward	£	s.	d.	Brought forward..	£	s.	d.
Mrs. R. Smith ..	9	9	10½	Mrs. Toomey..	11	6	10½
The Misses Smith ..	0	4	0	Miss Walter ..	0	1	0
Miss Scott ..	0	2	6	.. Webster ..	0	1	0
Mrs. Swallow ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Warner ..	0	2	0
The Misses Steevens	0	4	0	Miss F. Wilkins (box)	0	8	0
Miss Sanders ..	0	6	6	.. Waterfield ..	0	2	2
Mrs. R. Tyler ..	0	2	0	.. Ward ..	0	2	0
Mr. R. Tyler ..	0	2	0	.. Watts ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Titterton ..	0	5	0	.. Wallington ..	0	4	0
Miss Tress ..	0	5	0				
.. C. Tyler ..	0	2	0				
Carried forward..	£11	6	10½		£12	14	0½

**Grafton Square Baptist Chapel, Clapham.**

Collected by MRS. GERDLER.

Mr. Abbot ..	£	s.	d.	Brought forward	£	s.	d.
Miss Bacon ..	0	1	8	Mr. & Mrs. Gerdler	2	6	6½
Mrs. Batchlor ..	0	2	0	Miss Gibbs ..	0	4	0
Miss Basted ..	0	0	7	Mr. Girling ..	0	3	0
Mr. & Mrs. Bentley	0	2	6	Mr. and Mrs. Grant	0	3	1
Mrs. Bone ..	0	6	0	Mrs. Grant (box) ..	0	5	0
Mrs. Bone ..	0	2	1	.. Groves ..	0	10	2¾
Miss Bone ..	0	7	8	.. Hemmens ..	0	0	5¼
Mrs. Clark (box) ..	0	7	4½	Mr. & Mrs. Hanger	0	4	0
.. Clears (box) ..	0	4	8	.. Hemmens ..	0	2	0
.. Cooper ..	0	2	0	Mr. Harvey ..	0	1	0
.. De Jong ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Harvey ..	0	1	2
Miss De Jong ..	0	2	0	Miss Harvey ..	0	3	8
.. K. De Jong ..	0	2	0	.. Hicks ..	0	2	0
Mr. H. De Jong ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Hillier ..	0	9	6
Miss Dod ..	0	2	0	Mr. Johnson ..	0	3	0
Carried forward..	£2	6	6½	Carried forward ..	£4	18	7½

Brought forward	£	s.	d.	Brought forward	£	s.	d.
Mr. Jessey ..	4	18	7½	Mrs. Page ..	6	2	0¾
Miss Kemp ..	0	1	1	Mr. Seal ..	0	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. King	0	1	6	Mr. Sirmon ..	0	2	0
Mrs. King ..	0	1	0	Mrs. Smith ..	0	2	0
The Misses King ..	0	2	0	Miss Shepherd ..	0	3	0
Mrs. Maiden ..	0	1	0	.. E. Stamford ..	0	2	0
Miss Mainard ..	0	2	0	.. G. Stamford ..	0	2	0
.. Moon ..	0	2	0	Master M. Stamford	0	2	0
.. Murrell ..	0	1	0	W. Stamford ..	0	1	7
.. Nightingale ..	0	2	0	Mr. & Mrs. Taylor	0	4	0
.. Norville ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Vears ..	0	2	0
.. Norville (box)	0	6	10¼	Miss Wilkins ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£6	2	0¾		£7	7	7¾

**Queen's Road Wesleyan Chapel, Clapham.**

Collected by Miss HOLLOWAY.

Miss Archer ..	£	s.	d.	Brought forward	£	s.	d.
Misses Coote ..	0	2	0	Mr. Rice ..	1	2	6
Miss Bayne ..	0	6	0	.. White ..	0	3	6
Mr. Bate ..	0	2	0	.. White ..	0	2	6
Mrs. J. Holloway ..	0	2	6	Mrs. Sargant ..	0	1	6
B. Holloway ..	0	2	0	A. Sargant ..	0	1	6
S. Holloway ..	0	2	0	P. Sargant ..	0	1	6
M. Holloway ..	0	2	0	F. Sargant ..	0	1	6
Miss Katanact ..	0	2	0	Mrs. Laker ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£1	2	6		£1	17	0

New Mission Hall, Grange Road.

Collected by J. C. BOWYER.

	£	s.	d.
Miss L. Adams ..	0	2	2
„ Banting ..	0	2	0
Mr. Bowyer ..	0	5	0
Per Mrs. BOWYER, Bracknell.—			
Mrs. E. Bowyer ..	0	4	4
Miss E. Bowyer ..	0	4	4
„ C. F. Bowyer ..	0	0	6
„ M. R. Bowyer ..	0	0	5½
„ M. E. Bowyer ..	0	0	10½
Mrs. T. Bowyer ..	0	1	0
Mr. S. G. Bowyer ..	0	4	4
Mrs. Clark ..	0	2	0
„ Atkins ..	0	2	2
„ Brown ..	0	2	0
Miss Caswell ..	0	2	2
Per Miss COX—			
Miss Balfour ..	0	2	0
Mrs. E. Grundy ..	0	1	0
J. Holland ..	0	0	6
E. A. J. ..	0	0	6
E. Penn ..	0	0	6
Small Amounts ..	0	1	6
Dr. and Mrs. Cronin	0	5	0
Mrs. Cronin (Mothers' Meeting) ..	0	6	9½
Miss Cutbush (box)	0	5	0
„ Dunbar ..	0	2	2
Mr. Evitt ..	0	2	0
„ J. E. T. Evitt ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£3	2	3½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	3	2	3½
Mrs. Evitt ..	0	2	0
Miss Evitt ..	0	2	0
„ Mabel B. Evitt (box) ..	0	8	0
Mr. Forbes ..	0	2	0
Miss Grove ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Hale ..	0	2	0
Miss Hamilton ..	0	2	2
„ Herbert ..	0	2	2
Mr. Jackson ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Jackson ..	0	2	2
Miss Jackson ..	0	2	0
„ K. Jackson ..	0	2	2
Mr T. Jackson, Jnr.	0	2	0
„ Chas. Jackson ..	0	2	2
„ A. Jackson ..	0	2	2
Mrs. E. Jenkins (donation) ..	0	1	0
„ T. Jenkins Jnr.	0	2	0
Rev. F. E. and Mrs. Middleton ..	0	4	0
Miss A. Moore ..	0	2	0
„ E. Moore ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Morley ..	0	2	0
„ Pears (box) ..	0	7	0
Master Phillips ..	0	0	6½
Mrs. Pullar ..	0	2	0
Miss Pyke ..	0	2	2
Mr. Reekes ..	0	3	0
Carried forward ..	£6	6	6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	6	6	6
Mrs. Reekes ..	0	2	0
Mr. G. Reekes ..	0	2	0
Miss L. Roads ..	0	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rowe ..	0	2	6
Mr. Scraggs ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Scraggs ..	0	2	0
Mr. H. Scraggs ..	0	2	0
Mr. J. Seeby ..	0	5	0
Miss Stanford ..	0	2	0
„ Staveley ..	0	4	0
Mrs. Tayloe ..	0	2	0
Per Miss THOMPSON			
Mrs. & A. Battle ..	0	5	0
„ Davis (box) ..	0	11	4½
Emmie and Archie Phillips ..	0	2	9
Eveyn Rush ..	0	0	6
Mr. J. B. Thompson ..	0	2	0
„ S. Thompson (box)	0	11	5
Miss Thompson ..	0	8	0
„ G. Thompson ..	0	2	6
„ S. Thompson ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Trotman and Sister ..	0	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. H. Tyler ..	0	4	4
Mrs. H. Tyler (box)	0	7	4
„ Waller ..	0	1	0
„ & Miss Wheeler ..	0	4	0
Miss Young ..	0	2	6
Interest, &c., account	0	2	1
Per Mr. E. H. TILLY—			
Miss Alcock ..	0	2	0
Mr. Burt ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Burt ..	0	2	2
„ Cowell ..	0	0	4
Miss Cowell ..	0	0	4
Carried forward ..	£11	9	11½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..	11	9	11½
Mr. Hayes ..	0	0	2
Mrs. Hayes ..	0	0	2
Mr. Heath ..	0	2	0
„ Hill ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Hill ..	0	2	2
Miss Hill ..	0	2	2
Mr. Lee ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Lee ..	0	2	0
„ Morgan (box)	0	6	1
Miss Painter ..	0	2	0
„ Roberts ..	0	3	0
Mrs. Scott ..	0	2	0
Mr. Smith ..	0	2	0
„ Spicer ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Spicer ..	0	2	0
Mr. Thomas (the late)	0	1	4
Mrs. Thomas ..	0	0	8
Miss Thomas ..	0	0	8
Mr. Tillett ..	0	2	2½
„ Tilley ..	0	2	0
„ E. A. Tilley ..	0	2	0
„ E. H. Tilley ..	0	2	0
„ F. Tilley ..	0	2	0
„ A. Tilley ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Tilley ..	0	2	0
Miss Tilley ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Townsend ..	0	2	0
Miss Townsend ..	0	4	0
Mr. Wilford ..	0	3	8
Miss Wilford ..	0	2	0
Mr. Wilford, Jnr. ..	0	2	0
„ Wilford (Sale of Magazines) ..	0	2	8
„ Wilford (Two Kind Friends) ..	0	0	7
Mr. Thompson ..	0	4	0
£15	1	8	

Collected by Miss MUFFETT.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Anderson ..	0	2	6
„ Anderson ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Chown ..	0	2	0
Miss L. Chown ..	0	2	0
„ F. Chown ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Hinton (in mem- ory of their beloved daughter May) ..	0	4	2
Mrs. Hill ..	0	2	0
Miss Mannering ..	0	2	0
„ M. Mannering ..	0	4	0
„ Millard ..	0	2	0
„ Muffett ..	0	2	0

Carried forward .. £1 7 2

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1	7	2
Mrs. Ogle (in memory of their beloved daughter Ethel) ..	0	4	2
Mrs. Pariss ..	0	2	0
Miss Pariss ..	0	2	0
„ F. Pariss ..	0	2	0
Mr. Stafford ..	0	2	0
Miss Scott ..	0	2	0
„ Tayler ..	0	10	0
„ A. Thift ..	0	1	6

£2 12 10

Collected per Miss B. BAKER.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Baker ..	0	2	0
Mr. G. Baker ..	0	2	0
„ J. Baker ..	0	2	0
„ L. Baker ..	0	2	0
„ D. Baker ..	0	2	0
„ W. H. Baker ..	0	2	0
Miss Baker ..	0	4	0
Do. (Box) ..	0	8	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
„ M. Baker ..	0	4	0
„ B. Baker ..	0	3	6
„ B. A. Baker ..	0	4	0
„ Brown ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Bates ..	0	2	0

Carried forward .. £1 19 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1	19	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Mrs. Cleaver ..	0	2	0
„ Cousins ..	0	4	0
Miss Cousins ..	0	1	0
„ A. Cousins ..	0	2	0
Master B. Cousins ..	0	2	0
Miss Dean ..	0	4	0
Mrs. Fatham ..	0	2	0
Mr. Harding ..	0	2	0
Miss Jupe ..	0	2	0
„ Lowe ..	0	2	0
„ Martin ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Neden ..	0	2	0

Carried forward .. £3 6 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	3	6	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Miss Spittle ..	0	2	0
„ Underwood ..	0	0	6
Mr. Waller ..	0	2	0
„ Walters ..	0	2	0
Miss Walters ..	0	2	0
„ M. Walters ..	0	2	0
„ H. Walters ..	0	2	6

Carried forward .. £3 19 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	3	19	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Mr. H. Walters ..	0	2	0
„ W. Walters ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Walters ..	0	2	0
Misses H. and A. Walters ..	0	2	0

£4 6 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Wesleyan Chapel, High Street.

Collected by Miss MAXWELL.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. J. Banham ..	0	2	0
„ R. Cully ..	0	2	2
Miss Cully ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Chamberlain ..	0	2	6
Miss Lazenby ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Mundy ..	0	2	0
„ Maxwell ..	0	2	2

Carried forward .. £0 15 6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	0	15	6
Mr. Maxwell ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Pease ..	0	2	0
Mr. Pease ..	0	2	0
Mr. Webb ..	0	2	0
Small Sums ..	0	6	4

£1 10 0

Grafton Square Congregational Church, Clapham.

Collected by Miss NYREN.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Coad ..	0	2	6
Mr. Coates ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Coates ..	0	2	6
Mr. W. J. Fryer ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Fryer ..	0	2	6

Carried forward .. £0 12 6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	0	12	6
Mrs. Idle ..	0	2	0
„ Irvine ..	0	2	6
„ Jarvis ..	0	2	6
„ King ..	0	2	6

Carried forward .. £1 2 0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1	2	0
Mr. Lake .....	0	2	0
Mrs. Lake .....	0	2	0
Miss Lake .....	0	2	0
F. Lake .....	0	2	0
Light .....	0	2	6
Longhurst .....	0	2	6
Mr. F. V. Longhurst	0	2	6
G. H. Nyren .....	0	2	6
Mrs. Nyren .....	0	2	2
Miss Nyren .....	0	2	2
G. Nyren .....	0	2	2
Carried forward ..	£2	6	6

Collected by Miss CUDLIP.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Adams ..	0	2	0
Ashworth ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Benham ..	0	2	0
L. Benham ..	0	2	2
Bristow ..	0	2	6
Miss Colman ..	0	2	2
Cudlip ..	0	2	2
L. Cudlip ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Evans ..	0	2	2
Percy Evans ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Fowles ..	0	2	2
Miss Griffin ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Hayes ..	0	2	6
Higgs ..	0	2	2
Highton ..	0	2	6
Ingram ..	0	2	6
Miss McLaren ..	0	2	6
McCorkendale ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Peaston ..	0	2	2
Carried forward ..	£2	3	2

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2	6	6
Mr. Norman Nyren	0	5	0
Frank Nyren	0	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. W. Nyren	0	5	0
Miss Pinch ..	0	2	0
Polley ..	0	2	2
C. Polley ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Powell ..	0	2	0
Rothwell ..	0	2	0
Miss Slater ..	0	2	0
Mr. G. W. Sullett ..	0	2	6
	£3	13	4

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2	3	2
Mrs Pocock ..	0	2	2
Miss Plummer ..	0	1	0
Mrs Renshaw ..	0	2	6
Soar ..	0	2	2
Mr. Marten Smith ..	0	2	6
Miss Marten Smith ..	0	2	0
J. Marten Smith	0	2	6
Mrs. Searle ..	0	2	6
Thorns ..	0	2	0
Toone ..	0	2	2
Turquand ..	0	2	0
Tonkin ..	0	2	2
Webb ..	0	2	2
Mr. Welch ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Welch ..	0	2	2
Miss Willans ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Woodhead ..	0	2	2
	£4	0	2

Victoria Road Baptist Chapel, Clapham.

Collected by Miss SPAFFORD.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Anderson ..	0	2	0
H. Baldwin ..	0	4	0
G. Battley ..	0	4	0
Miss Battley ..	0	0	4
C. Battley ..	0	1	2
Mr. and Mrs. Bould ..	0	2	0
W. H. Clark ..	0	4	0
V. Crabbe ..	0	1	10
Miss Dack ..	0	2	0
Mr. F. Dalton ..	0	1	10
Miss Edwards ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Evans ..	0	2	0
Mr. W. J. Evans ..	0	1	0
Mrs. Fletcher ..	0	1	2
Mr. Greenway ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Greenway ..	0	2	0
Rev. E. Henderson ..	0	2	0
Miss L. Heath ..	0	1	2
Miss Jarman ..	0	2	2
Mrs. Kneiling ..	0	0	5
Miss F. Kneiling ..	0	0	2
N. Kneiling ..	0	0	6
A. Landers ..	0	1	0
N. Luke ..	0	1	10

Carried forward .. £2 2 11

St. Matthew's Church, Lavender Hill.

Collected by MRS. PERKINS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Armstrong(box)	0	5	8½
Barnes ..	0	2	0
Burrow ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£0	9	8½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2	2	11
Miss Marsh ..	0	4	0
Mrs. Matthias ..	0	0	10
Miss Mead ..	0	1	8
Moore ..	0	3	7
Mrs. Palmer ..	0	2	0
Pleass ..	0	2	0
Mr. S. Pleass ..	0	2	0
Miss M. Pleass ..	0	2	0
Ratcliffe ..	0	0	2
Spafford ..	0	2	0
L. Spafford ..	0	2	0
W. D. Spafford	0	3	0
Stenlake ..	0	2	0
Stone ..	0	2	0
Sullivan ..	0	2	0
Mr. Townsend ..	0	2	0
Miss Watkins ..	0	2	2
Mr. White ..	0	2	0
Mrs. White ..	0	2	0
Mr. G. White ..	0	2	0
H. White ..	0	3	4
Anon. ..	0	0	4
	£4	8	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	0	9	8½
Miss Burrow ..	0	2	0
Browett ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£0	13	8½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	0	13	8½
Mrs. Barr .. ..	0	1	0
„ Castell .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Craighead ..	0	2	0
Miss Chadwick ..	0	2	0
„ Dickens .. ..	0	2	0
„ Dobbie .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Eele .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Eele .. ..	0	2	0
„ Frazer .. ..	0	2	0
„ Mitchell .. ..	0	2	0
Miss A. Mitchell ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Miseldine ..	0	2	0
Miss E. Miseldine ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Mitchelson ..	0	2	0
Miss Oddie .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Perkins (box) .	0	7	3½
Carried forward ..	£2	10	0

Collected by C. W. YOUNG.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Abbott .. ..	0	3	0
Rev. W. Ayerst ..	0	2	0
Mr. Atfield .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Barnes .. ..	0	2	0
„ Bartlett .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Beard .. ..	0	2	0
„ Clear .. ..	0	2	0
„ Costello .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. C. D. Costello ..	0	2	0
„ L. D. Costello ..	0	0	0
Mrs. Chapman .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. Chapman .. ..	0	2	6
„ Cannon .. ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£1	8	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2	10	0
Miss Philpott .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Prior .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Robinson .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Robbins .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Nellie Rands ..	0	2	0
Nurse Rudge .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Ramsey .. ..	0	2	0
„ Rudge .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Serin .. ..	0	2	0
„ Sparrow .. ..	0	2	0
„ A. C. Thomp- son .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Thorneycroft ..	0	2	0
„ F. Varney .. ..	0	2	0
Anon. .. ..	0	2	0
	£3	18	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1	8	0
Mrs. Cannon .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Cutler .. ..	0	2	0
„ Colbourn .. ..	0	2	0
„ F. Clarke .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Crane .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Crook .. ..	0	2	0
„ Claris .. ..	0	2	6
Miss Claris .. ..	0	2	0
„ Carr .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Denny .. ..	0	2	0
Miss H. Deacon .. ..	0	2	0
„ S. Deacon .. ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£2	12	6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2	12	6
Mr. Griffin .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Gaddes .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. C. D. Gribble ..	0	1	0
„ Green .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Gyles .. ..	0	2	6
Rev. J. Hobson .. ..	0	5	0
Mr. Hale .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Horton .. ..	0	2	0
„ J. S. Hall .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. C. Hills .. ..	0	2	6
„ B. W. Hills .. ..	0	2	6
Mrs. R. Hewlett .. ..	0	2	6
Miss Jones .. ..	0	2	0
„ Knight .. ..	0	4	0
Mr. J. Kipling .. ..	0	2	0
„ Linsell .. ..	0	2	6
„ Lorimer .. ..	0	2	0
Rev. F. W. Metcalfe	0	2	0
Miss Moss and Friends	0	6	0
Mr. Mathias .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Manders .. ..	0	1	0
Miss Manders .. ..	0	1	0
Mrs. Maxwell .. ..	0	4	0
Mr. Monk .. ..	0	2	0
„ Mason .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Mason .. ..	0	2	0
„ Moone .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. Moone .. ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Mackintosh .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Neighbour .. ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Pike .. ..	0	2	0
„ Plunderleath .. ..	0	2	0
Miss E. Price .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. G. U. Price .. ..	0	2	6
Carried forward ..	£6	13	6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	6	13	6
Miss M. Price .. ..	0	2	0
„ Peak .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Roone .. ..	0	2	6
Miss Roads .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. Rhodes .. ..	0	4	0
Mrs. Rhodes .. ..	0	4	0
Miss E. Rhodes .. ..	0	2	0
„ B. Rhodes .. ..	0	2	0
„ J. Roads .. ..	0	2	0
„ Rooke .. ..	0	5	0
Mrs. Sharp .. ..	0	2	0
Miss D. Sharp .. ..	0	2	0
„ C. Sharp .. ..	0	2	0
Rev. T. E. Smith .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Stanley .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. Sheppard .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Tilburn .. ..	0	2	0
„ Tullidge .. ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Tompkins .. ..	0	6	0
„ Tucker .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Upton .. ..	0	2	0
„ A. Upton .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Whittick .. ..	0	2	0
Collected in box ..	0	5	1
Miss Webber .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Wilshire .. ..	0	2	0
Miss Wilshire .. ..	0	2	0
Mr. White .. ..	0	2	0
Dr. Pelham Webb .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Pelham Webb ..	0	2	6
Mr. C. W. Young .. ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Young .. ..	0	4	0
Miss B. Young .. ..	0	2	0
Collected in Box ..	0	4	9
Carried forward ..	£11	2	4

Brought forward..		£	s.	d.
Miss F. Young ..	0	2	0	
„ L. Young ..	0	2	0	
Part of proceeds of Missionary Sale, '98. at Miss Price's, 9, Victoria Road ..	2	0	0	
Miss Virgo ..	0	2	6	
Mr. Warrington ..	0	2	0	
Per Miss COWARD—				
Mrs. Arnum ..	0	2	6	
„ Coward ..	0	4	0	
Mr. H. Coward ..	0	2	0	
„ J. Coward..	0	1	8	
Mrs. J. Coward ..	0	1	0	
Miss G. E. Coward..	0	2	0	
„ G. M. Coward..	0	4	0	
„ Ely ..	0	4	0	
„ French ..	0	2	6	
Carried forward ..	£14	14	6	

Brought forward		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Hillman ..	0	2	0	
Miss Kent ..	0	2	0	
Mr. Stooling ..	0	2	0	
Mrs. Stooling ..	0	2	0	
Miss E. Stooling ..	0	2	0	
Mr. E. Stooling ..	0	2	0	
Miss Tallent ..	0	2	0	
„ Way ..	0	2	0	
Mr. White ..	0	2	0	
Miss White ..	0	2	0	
„ A. White..	0	2	0	
Mrs. Knight ..	3	3	0	
„ Yates ..	3	3	0	
Carried forward ..	£18	19	6	

Y. W. C. A.

Collected by Miss RAWLINS.

Brought forward		£	s.	d.
Miss Dunbar ..	0	13	6	
Mr. Davies ..	0	2	0	
Mrs. Edwards ..	0	2	0	
Miss E. J. Freaker ..	0	2	0	
Mr. Freaker ..	0	2	0	
Miss A. E. Gibson ..	0	1	6	
„ M. Gibson ..	0	0	7½	
Carried forward ..	£1	5	9½	

Brought forward		£	s.	d.
Miss A. Gibson ..	0	1	0	
Mr. G. T. Gazley ..	0	2	0	
„ Golding ..	0	3	0	
Mrs Harbour ..	0	1	8	
Miss M. S. Halsey ..	0	0	10	
„ Jenkins ..	0	2	2	
„ H. L. Maceers ..	0	2	0	
Mr. Maceers (don)...	0	1	0	
Miss Mackay ..	0	2	6	
Mr. E. Mitchell ..	0	2	0	
„ H. Newton ..	0	2	0	
„ C. Newton ..	0	2	0	
„ Olden ..	0	2	0	
Miss Rust ..	0	1	6	
Mr. W. E. Rugg ..	0	1	0	
Mrs. Rawlins ..	0	1	0	
Mr. A. Rawlins ..	0	1	0	
„ T. G. Rawlins ..	0	2	0	
Carried forward ..	£2	16	5½	

St. Stephen's, Putney.

Collected by Miss RUMBLE.

Brought forward		£	s.	d.
Rev. A. Rouse ..	0	2	6	
J. M. Rücker, Esq. ..	1	0	0	
The Misses Rücker..	1	0	0	
Miss Bird ..	0	2	6	
„ Skinner ..	0	2	0	
Mrs. Clarkson ..	0	2	6	
Miss Taylor ..	0	2	0	
Mrs. Udall ..	0	2	0	
Carried forward ..	£2	13	6	

Brought forward		£	s.	d.
Mrs. T. G. Rawlins ..	0	2	0	
Mr. John Rawlins ..	0	2	0	
Miss J. Rawlins ..	0	2	6	
„ G. Rawlins ..	0	2	6	
Mrs. Street ..	0	1	0	
Miss A. Street ..	0	1	0	
Mr. W. Street ..	0	2	0	
Mrs. Sawyer ..	0	2	0	
Mr. R. T. Slinn ..	0	2	6	
„ A. Walker ..	0	2	0	
Miss Whitby ..	0	1	8	
Members of Y.W.C.A. Do. without boxes	1	0	0	
(Per Miss Stephens)				
A Friend ..	0	3	6	
„ ..	0	0	4½	
Carried forward ..	£5	1	2	

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	3	14	0
Mrs. Jackman ..	0	2	6
Miss Porter ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Hammond ..	0	2	0
Miss McLaren ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Stileman ..	0	2	6
„ Savage ..	0	2	0
Miss Graham ..	0	5	0
Mrs. Dudgeon ..	0	2	6
Misses Nicholson ..	0	5	0
Miss Kirk ..	0	1	0
Mrs. J. R. H. ..	0	1	0
Miss A. Barnard ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Searle ..	0	1	0
Miss Blake ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Grange ..	0	2	6
Mr. Williams ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Leach ..	0	1	0
„ Sloper ..	0	2	6
„ Page ..	0	10	0
„ Walker ..	0	2	0
Miss Allen ..	0	5	0
Mrs. Bouthan ..	0	5	0
„ Dickens ..	0	2	0
„ Churchill ..	0	2	0
Lady Hay ..	0	5	0
Mrs. Silverlake ..	0	2	6
„ Withall ..	0	2	6
„ Macleod ..	0	2	0
„ Neil Macleod ..	0	6	0
„ Ellis ..	0	2	0
„ Williams ..	0	2	0
Miss Williams ..	0	2	0
Honble. Mrs. Pelham	0	5	0
Mrs. Marshall ..	0	2	0
Carried forward ..	£8	13	6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	8	13	6
Mr. Rouse ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Prichard ..	0	2	0
„ Roberts ..	0	2	0
„ Claydon ..	0	2	0
F. Bond ..	0	1	0
Mrs. Scott ..	0	1	0
„ Charlton ..	0	2	0
„ and Miss Pulston	0	4	0
„ Pike ..	0	2	0
„ Whiffen ..	0	2	0
„ V. Jones ..	0	2	6
„ Spicer ..	0	2	6
Miss Lloyd ..	0	1	0
Mrs. & Miss Marsh	0	4	0
„ Currie ..	0	5	0
„ Knocker ..	0	2	6
„ Duno ..	0	2	6
Miss Single ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Dahl ..	0	1	0
„ Norman ..	0	2	6
Miss Rushton ..	0	3	0
Mrs. Parkes ..	0	2	0
Miss Lord ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Moody ..	0	1	0
Miss Long ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Kidner ..	0	10	0
J. Whiffen, Esq.	0	10	0
M. and E. R. ..	0	4	0
Anon. ..	0	6	0
	£13	0	0

Received by THE SECRETARY.

	£	s.	d.
Bachhoffner, Mrs. ..	0	10	0
Baldwin, Mrs. (box)	0	8	6
Bidder, Mr. & Mrs.	0	4	4
Boyson, Miss A. H.	0	5	0
Broomfield, Miss ..	0	4	0
Cooper, Miss (collected by) —			
Barker, Mrs. ..	0	5	0
Charlton, Miss ..	0	2	6
Cooper, J. C. Esq.	0	10	0
Cooper, Miss ..	1	14	6
Lambrick, Miss ..	0	5	0
Robinson, Mrs. ..	0	4	8
Sengel, Miss ..	0	4	6
Smith, Miss ..	0	4	0
Towsey, Miss ..	0	5	0
Woods, C. ..	0	2	6
Servants ..	0	2	6
Currie, Rev. T. ..	0	10	0
Fiddy, Miss B. (box)	0	12	3½
Four Friends (for support of child)	4	0	0
Hills, Miss (collected by) —			
Crew, Mrs. ..	0	2	0
Harris, Mr. & Mrs.			
R. ..	0	5	0
Hills, Mrs. ..	0	4	0
Hills, Miss ..	0	3	0
Keable, Miss ..	0	2	0
Keable, Mr. B. ..	0	4	6
Keable, Mr. R. ..	0	4	0
Littlehale, Mrs. ..	0	2	6
Nesham, Miss ..	0	2	0
Ruston, Mrs. ..	0	4	0
Carried forward ..	£12	7	3½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..	12	7	3½
Oakley, Mrs. ..	0	2	0
Oakley, Miss ..	0	2	0
Traylen, Miss ..	0	2	0
Traylen, Miss A. T.	0	2	0
Traylen, Miss H. ..	0	2	0
Traylen, Miss A. ..	0	2	0
Watson, Miss ..	0	2	0
Middleton, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. ..	0	4	
Middleton, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. (box)	1	6	2
Payne, Mr. ..	0	4	0
Payne, Mrs. ..	0	4	0
Payne, Miss ..	0	2	0
Rolls, Miss E. (box)	0	6	3½
Sharp, Miss (box) ..	0	8	1
Shrapnel, Miss E. (box) ..	0	9	0½
Stevens, Mr. A. ..	0	10	0
Stewart, Miss (collected by) ..	0	17	4
Sclanders, Miss (collected by) —			
Austin, Mrs. (per Maitland, Miss (collected by) ..	1	19	6
E. L. S. ..	0	2	2
E. J. S. ..	0	2	2
B. M. S. ..	0	2	2
Richardson, Miss ..	0	3	6
Skinner, Miss (collected by) ..	0	10	6
Upton, Miss (box) ..	0	14	7
Carried forward ..	£21	17	9½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward..	21	17	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Wilson, Miss (collected by) ..	0	10	0
Anon (box) ..	0	2	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Brooks, Miss (collected by)—			
Bevington, Mrs. . . .	0	5	0
Brooks, Miss . . .	0	5	0
Fisher, Mrs. . . .	0	2	0
Rentiers, Mrs. (don). . . .	1	0	0
Roberts, Mrs. . . .	0	2	0
Thomson, Mrs. . . .	0	5	0
Tilt, Mrs. . . .	0	3	6
Wright Mrs. . . .	0	2	0
Evans, Miss (collected by)—			
Bannister, Miss T. . . .	0	1	3
Bagster, Miss A. . . .	0	2	0
Choat, Miss . . .	0	1	0
Clark, Mrs. and the Misses . . .	0	1	6
Clarkson, Mr. . . .	0	2	0
Cotell, Mrs. . . .	0	2	4
Cotell, Miss . . .	0	2	2
Evans, Miss A. E. . . .	0	2	2
A Friend . . .	0	1	0
Carried forward ..	£25	10	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward..	25	10	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
A Gentleman ..	0	2	0
Gosling, Miss ..	0	2	0
Harrison, Miss ..	0	2	6
Harrison, Miss M. . . .	0	2	6
Hamblin, Mrs. . . .	0	2	2
Horlock, Miss ..	0	1	0
Horsell, Miss ..	0	1	0
Kemmish, Mr. H. J. . . .	0	2	0
J. . . .	0	2	0
Kemmish, Mr. E. . . .	0	2	0
Lee, Miss M. . . .	0	2	6
Lindsay, Mr. . . .	0	2	6
Main, Miss. . . .	0	1	0
Martin, Miss . . .	0	1	0
Miles, Mr. & Mrs. . . .	0	4	4
Penvill, Mr. C. . . .	0	2	2
Stroud, Mrs. . . .	0	2	2
Thomas, Miss . . .	0	2	0
Thomas, Miss P. . . .	0	4	4
Thatcher, Miss . . .	0	2	0
Wharton, Mrs. . . .	0	1	0
Young, Miss . . .	0	2	2
	£27	14	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

Statement of Account of Clayham Branch of Leper Mission,  
For 1898—99.

DR.		CR.	
	£	s.	d.
1898. Nov. 9. Collection at Annual Meeting at Clayham Hall ..	5	3	6
Do. at Drawing-room Meeting ..	8	0	0
1899. May 29. Collection for Half-year, 1899 ..	55	0	8
Dr. Dunbar's Half-year's Subscription ..	1	1	0
Nov. 6. Collection, Half-year ..	87	0	10
" 7. Dr. Dunbar's Half-year's Subscription ..	1	1	0
Nov. Received from Collectors ..	1	4	7
	£158	11	8
	£	158	11 8

JAS. DUNBAR,  
Treasurer.



20 July 1900.

I called this morning on Mr J Guinness Rogers <sup>38</sup> at 109 Northside Clapham Common. He resigned his pastorate of the Grafton Square Congregational Church last January & no successor has yet been found, he regretted to say.

Mr Rogers is an oldish man but seems still vigorous. He said he had been 35 years minister of the church - the present building is no doubt of late date but I did not ask what date. He has lived 22 years in his present house. In appearance he is dignified without being commanding. He is quite sufficiently clerical but without any stress being ~~laid~~ laid on the cloth. He has gentle educated manners.

I was ushered first into the dining room where I saw & spoke to his wife & he, coming into the room, withdrew me at once to his study at the back. It is a comfortable well appointed & fairly large house - w. a terrace. one of the earliest built at this side the Common

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Speaking of the population he said that until lately there was nothing in it, & even now very little, "to interest me". I tried to show him that I was not limiting myself to poverty - or even to the working classes - & we at once turned to the problem of the new population & its religious & other wants. I spoke of the great congregation gathered in McDeviss's new church - he thought it was partly drawn from other Wesleyan Churches, & expressed very gloomy views on the growing neglect of Sunday - denouncing the bicycle & the 3 year lease system - Sunday more & more a day of pleasure, & unattached Church going of those who cared to go at all - 1<sup>st</sup> year trying round amongst the churches - 2<sup>nd</sup> year nobody concentrating more on one - & 3<sup>rd</sup> year looking forward to a move. The result is that they don't take sittings or join in Church membership.

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Nevertheless - whatever the Character or results of the Church-going - he admitted the numbers. His own church fully kept up - though containing fewer wealthy people - Stormant Church built & filled, & another near Dattessa Park - His Congregation having to a great extent found the money & partook with members too, in this development - St Barnabas too got large congregations, flying from High Church ritual in the surrounding Churches. I spoke of the large numbers I had seen at the Church of the Ascension & that I believed might be found in Clapham Parish Church - He knew nothing of either.

His own Congregation used to be drawn from a <sup>very</sup> wide area & still is to some extent, but less so with the change to a middle-middle or lower middle class.

The spire of his church is a prominent landmark at the East End of the Common

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& he admitted that the Church was a beautiful building. There are also schools in Belmont R<sup>o</sup> & a Mission Hall in Queen's Road.

At present he had, for a while, an assistant minister but this is evidently not an established arrangement. They have also had several London City Missionaries working in connection with them - but I did not (rather I don't think he knew) what was being done now with them. In the Mission Hall the services are taken by the Deacons, & he thought more <sup>people</sup> were in touch with them there than appeared by any single service - quite a number came on occasions - such as the anniversary service - or Harvest etc. There is of course a Mother Meeting - & there are Sunday Schools both at the Mission Hall & at Belmont R<sup>o</sup>.

But it is evident that all this is apart from the main stream of congregational life. They have a very fine choir - men & boys

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 (mainly if not entirely) and an excellent devoted volunteer Chorimaster - one of the Colman family (mustard people) - who has given his life to it for years & rouseth the Board schools for good voices. The ~~Choirs~~ are repaid for their services by the teaching & training they get. Perhaps some may receive money too but not to call it anything but a volunteer choir.

The young people of the congregation have a Society of Christian Endeavour (Sewid) & there is a Boys Brigade & a number of classes for children. Culmination on Sunday in the "Childrens Happy hour" in 2 divisions according to age. I think there are <sup>several</sup> separate meetings from Sunday to Sunday in the vestries & once in a way a joint gathering in the Church.

There is a Bible Woman & District Visitation, a doocas Society, & a Benevolent Society. & by these means charity is administered. These

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who manage all this are in themselves  
a committee in effect, & meet to consult  
but I doubt if there is any very definite  
organization

Mr Rogers does not think co-operation  
in religious matters is practicable beyond  
friendliness. The cutting out of districts  
on the Free Church Council plan is hopeless  
and attempts at <sup>social</sup> gatherings of the  
clergy which have been made are  
apt to fall to pieces. "What can be  
done if a member of such a meeting  
makes newspaper copy of what has  
passed in conversation?"

Then we discussed the halfpenny  
paper case & the Chinese war &  
foreign relations. He was plaintive on  
the trouble the papers had got him into  
with John Morley over the attitude of  
some non-compromisers on the Noer war. & so  
we parted - (C.D.)

Rev. E. Henderson. Baptist Minister

His congregation.

July 31. 1900.

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J.H.D.

Interview with Rev. E. Henderson: minister of the Baptist Church at the corner of Victoria Rd & Wandsworth Rd: at 21 Victoria Road.

Mr. Henderson is a man about 55, Scotch, grey hair & beard, middle height, pleasant voice & manner, is an educated man. Has been here 27 years. Is the only paid worker.

His congregation is mostly composed of the comfortable class. Not so rich as they used to be as Clapham is going down socially, but still not poor. Majority are shop-keepers: bakers & butchers: good many are employed in the Army & Navy stores: easy access to West End, constant trains to the Victoria: some are in the City: & The poorer members are railway men in the L.C. & D.R. works. Of the poor for

formerly so employed about 400 have gone to the new works at Ashford but 400 re-  
-main. The recent amalgamation has re-  
-sulted in the shelving of the older men.  
The richest members are two army <sup>retired</sup> doctors  
& a Surgeon.

The comfortable & rich live between Wandsworth  
Rd & the Common: the poor between Heath  
Rd & Wandsworth Rd: Both are becoming  
poorer. The rich have gone further out or further  
in to the West end: The keepers of one  
or two servants flock to Wimbledon.  
His young people when they marry go to  
Wimbledon, fashion has set that way  
from Clapham. To shew the extent of  
house depreciation, No 21 Victoria Road  
in which he lives, with 4 sitting rooms  
& 7 bed rooms (he has a wife & 7 children)  
& a good garden behind is now rented  
at £50 a year: He used to pay £70 & before  
he came the rent was £100 or £120. The  
merchant prices of Clapham are gone. Their

The neighbors hood.



Houses are now Institutions & their gardens, rows of two storied red brick houses occupied by the city ~~class~~ class. The new electric railway which debouches ~~at~~ the corner of the corner of the Common in High Street has brought the city very close - only 20 minutes now between the Lombard Street Station & Clapham Common.

Service is at 11 in the morning & at 7 in the evening.

The Church seats about 850.

At 11 betw 5 & 600 come on the average.

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The morning is rather the richer congregation. They come at 11 & are out again at 12.30.

Service consists of hymns, prayers & readings of the Scripture: an address to children & a sermon. They sing 6 times in the course of it, in unison. "Non conformity is no longer so bald as it used to be". Both he & his people like music. They don't sing in parts but

Church services & attendance

Choice of sermons.

Henderson - Bap<sup>t</sup> Wandsworth Road.

w<sup>d</sup> | have no objection to doing so if they c<sup>d</sup> do it well. In Scotland he has heard splendid fast singing in the Free Church. "But the sermons are the real features of nonconformist services." "People sit up for it:" as the preacher enters the pulpit there is a general bracing of the attention. "What the people of London need is Biblical exposition, what they like is topical preaching." By topical preaching he meant the choice of an appropriate text & the preaching on such subjects as Christian joy, Gratitude, Thanks giving. At first he used to choose topics now he has one such sermon occasionally but he feels that the people should learn their Bible from the pulpit & that none sh<sup>d</sup>. leave church without understanding & appreciating it more than he did when he entered it. The Children's ~~ad~~ sermon lasts 30 to 35 minutes never less than 30 nor more than 40 minutes. The Children's address which precedes it is very popular both with young & old. Here

aims at the choice of a subject that appeals to the imagination such as Jacobs ladder or Paul in a basket. Attention is at once arrested by the picture of the subject & for ten minutes he illustrates it with anecdote & draws lessons from it.

There is a fair proportion of men in the congregation both young & old: "more than in most con-  
-gregations, about 3 ~~female~~ <sup>men</sup> to one female I should say." More in the morning than in the evening because the wife is left at home getting the Sunday dinner ready.

"But here as elsewhere there are two classes that the church fails to reach, they are men; & the poor, whether male or female."

He hoped I wd not think he took an over-gloomy view. "Men will go to political meetings, to Socialist meetings, to hear John Burns but they won't come to Church." The Church fails to attract.

The poor are visited, cried to at open air meetings, & coaxed, nothing touches them"

Proportion of men.

Can he mean that?  
my mistake. GAD.

They have a chapel seating 80 or 100 in Rashleigh  
 St (in the poor block N of the Wandsworth  
 Road) where they have schools & services  
 but very few come. Here they hold open  
 air services but no one listens. They visit,  
 coax & relieve but no one cares. There is no  
 hostility, only indifference. "It is not only us  
 who fail, everyone does." There is something in  
 it, that those who come to church fail to  
 live up to their professions but that is not  
 sufficient. "However much you dislike <sup>doing so</sup> you  
 must admit that church-going denotes a  
 certain height in the social scale." The sine  
 qua non is a certain respectability. You must be  
 fairly comfortable to come at all but even then  
 you go in very small numbers. A Sunday in  
 Scotland the street round here wd be black  
 with church goers, here there are only one  
 or two specks in streets containing a thousand  
 people.

They have two Sunday Schools.  
 One in the Chapel One in the Holden St B<sup>d</sup>. School  
 which

Church-going

Church Services.

Sunday Schools

**SUNDAY SERVICES :**

Public Worship—Morning, at 11 ; Evening, at 6.30.  
 Communion—First Sunday in Month, in the evening ;  
 Third Sunday, in the morning.  
 Sunday Schools—at Chapel, and also at Holden Street  
 Board School : Morning, at 9.45 ; Afternoon, at 2.45.  
 Bible Classes at Chapel—  
 12 For Men, in Pastor's Vestry, at 3 p.m.  
 24-30 For Young Men, in Deacon's Vestry, at 3 p.m.  
 30 For Women, in Chapel, at 3 p.m. *by wife.*  
 20 For Young Women, in Class Room, at 2.45 p.m.

**WEEK-DAYS :**

**MONDAY :**

Mothers' Meetings—Chapel and Mission Hall, at 2 p.m.  
 Prayer and Praise Meeting at 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY :**

Bands of Hope—at Holden Street Board School :  
 Junior, 7 p.m. ; Senior, 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY :**

Second Wednesday each Month, Young Ladies' Zenana  
 Meeting, at 3 p.m.

**Bible Study at 7.30 p.m.**

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour at 8.30.

**THURSDAY :**

First Thursday each Month, Dorcas Meeting, at 3 p.m.  
 Bands of Hope—at Chapel : Junior, at 7 p.m. ;  
 Senior, at 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY :**

Choir Practice at 8.30 p.m.

**SATURDAY :**

Prayer Meeting at 8 p.m.



VICTORIA ROAD BAPTIST CHAPEL.

which is rented at £30 a year : for morning &  
 afternoon on Sundays & for one night a week.  
 at the Chapel - 600 are on the books, about 450  
 attend.  
 at the School - 300 on books - 200 to 230 attend.  
 Holden St. is on the Shaftesbury estate. The  
 chil.

children come at the age of 5 & stay till 14 or 15. A few are but most are not children of church members. The school teachers (go in number, all young men & young women, some married, he likes best married women) are all church members.

He cannot manage to keep the children after 15. They think it 'infra dig' & the boys say 'we don't care about being with the kids'. He has started a Boys' Brigade, an idea of Professor Drummond, to take on the boys over 15. 50 come. They have a uniform, are allowed to drill on Thursdays on condition that they have attended a Bible Class at 10 on Sunday morning. The boys come for the drill & have to 'ump the religion'. Drill begins with prayer & a 5 minute talk. About 100 boys have passed through since it was started 2 years ago. A excellent moral influence - Obedience & cleanliness insisted on. Camp at Deal for 10 days for 10 of each year. The age of the boys in the Brigade is bet 12 & 18.

Boys' Brigade.

Societies:

There is also a Band of Hope for children & there used to be a Senior Band of Hope but that was raised by the Christian Endeavour Society. 'Something new': Band of Hope became X<sup>tian</sup> Endeavour. 100 members. 60 attend. Mr H attends all their meetings & helps their discussions.

Benevolent Society gives dinners to 70 or 80 at Christmas.

Communion Fund for relief of Church members only. Between them they give away £100 a year.

State Club is flourishing: gives them room, lights & honourable treasures & but for nothing: 'but none of the men in it think of coming to church'. 100 members.

No cooperation with Churches outside the Free Church. The Council have given him a district but it must not be considered a parish. "I have alone all who already go somewhere, the effort is only for those who go nowhere." "The Church of England look down on the Noncon<sup>g</sup> at most they tolerate us."

Cooperation of other Churches.

He invites them to his meetings but they wont come. They will speak at Temperance Mission in the Town Hall but not in the Chapel. Once he got me into the Chapel but the result was a wiggling from the Bishop (Talbot's predecessor). He cannot see why they are so hostile. They also rob him of the richer part of his congregation. Mr. Stiff the potter, was his richest member, his children were got at by the church & now they have all left him. "It is partly that they want to go because church going represents a higher social grade but it is also that they want my richer members."

Mr. Wallace at the Ch of the Ascension is very high: goes in for visiting by ladies & sisters: bribes the people to come to him. <sup>Character of class</sup> Greene is a pleasant man but also high.

Tries to get at the children of the well-to-do also: Two years ago when he had a mission he invited all the girls at the High School to attend. Mr. H wrote that it was a not

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Other Churches.

The struggle for the rich.



unfair way of getting at them: 'I put it pretty stiffly'. Greene answered it, a very gentle letter I must own & said he had never meant anything by it.

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Simon Lewis - at Stormont Rd. Congregationalist Chapel has a good congregation & Kidding<sup>(?)</sup> the ~~protestant~~ <sup>Wesleyan</sup> is also good. He makes a point of the drink question: but his meetings are not more than pleasant gatherings of 'tee tottlers'.

John Burns has a good influence - tho' has lost some of his popularity. He can wake up the people. He is down on the treatment of wives. He is a teetotaller himself: 'seems somehow to be able to make the labourers feel ashamed of him self'!

Hardly ever sees a Roman Catholic on Levenside Hill but believes they are strong in Putney-way.

The congregation here at Grafton Green has been ruined by Guinness Rogers. now he has retired & they are having 'supplies' to get another minister & hope to go up again in numbers.

Guinness Rogers was a good preacher but a bad  
per

John Burns

Local Govt.

Drink.

Prostitution

Henderson Bap<sup>t</sup> Wandsworth Road.

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pastor. Too much politics in the pulpit & too much  
away. 'You don't want a minister to spend  
the whole week away preaching & lecturing  
in the country'.

Clapham very conservative. Have no public hall  
where you can have a meeting. Everything very  
slow & not much done. He knows more about  
Battersea. 'That is the other extreme'. The  
men in the vestry there of a low type: a  
bear garden when they meet: rates going  
up by leaps & bounds: vestrymen say openly  
'those on the hill shall pay for us'.

Drink. The curse. All the public houses in the poor  
streets thrive: women drink more 'some in  
Victoria Road': he puts it down to the  
greater nervous strain of modern life &  
greater freedom: not to Mr Gladstone's much  
'abused grocer's licenses'.

Prostitution. Fearful on the Common. Will never let his  
daughter walk across towards evening. Hardly  
ever walks across himself without being  
solicited. A disgrace. More supervision wanted.

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The first thing to do wd be to light it at night.  
Sexual intercourse a public exhibition in the  
Common. Women ragged & dirty; not young.  
Full of disease. A plague spot. Does not see  
his way to admitting licensed houses. "That  
wd seem to condone the sin even though it  
resulted in fewer falling & less disease."

Marriage. a great deal among my own young  
people & I am delighted to see it. They  
many fairly young (over 17) & set up either  
here or in a flat in Wimbledon.

Health good though not so bracing as north London.  
Housing - more room wanted badly - great demand  
for small houses.

Mothers meeting at Chapel 70 or 80 on books: 60

come

9<sup>th</sup> St Raskleigh St Hall. 30 attend.

Great feeling of social distinction between  
the two sets of mothers. Those who come to  
the Chapel wd not sit down with those  
who go to the Mission. They have the usual

man.

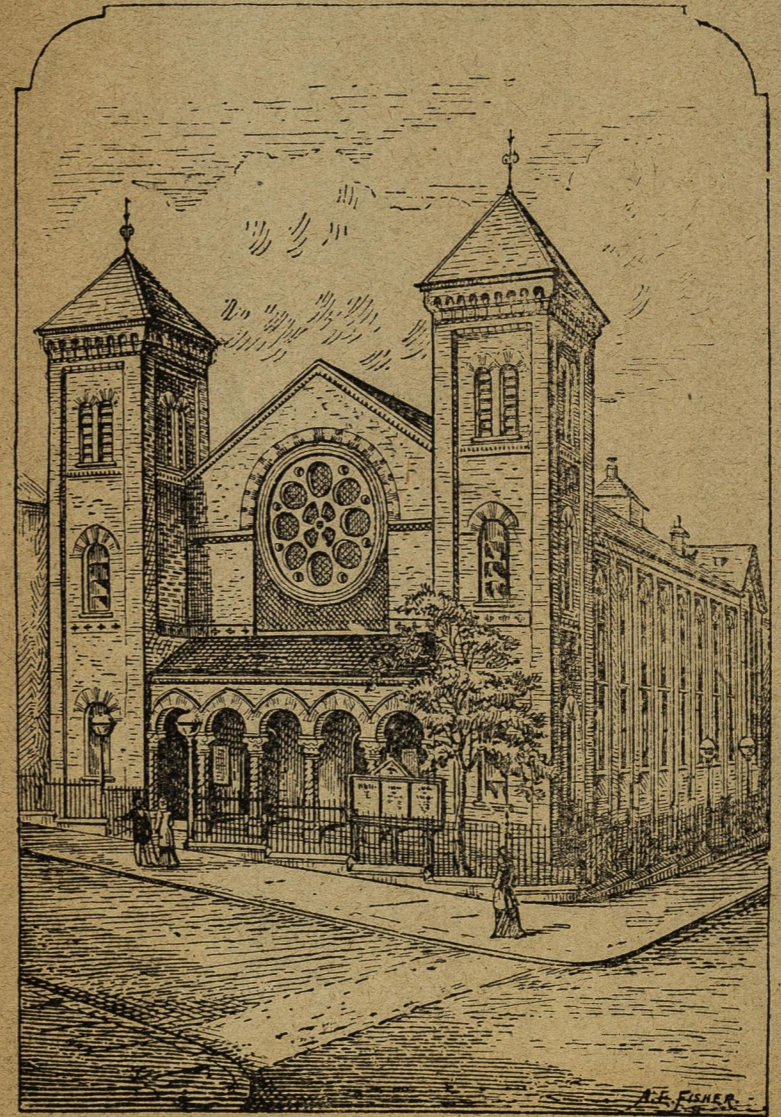
Mothers meeting.

Henderson - Bap<sup>t</sup> Wandsworth R<sup>d</sup>

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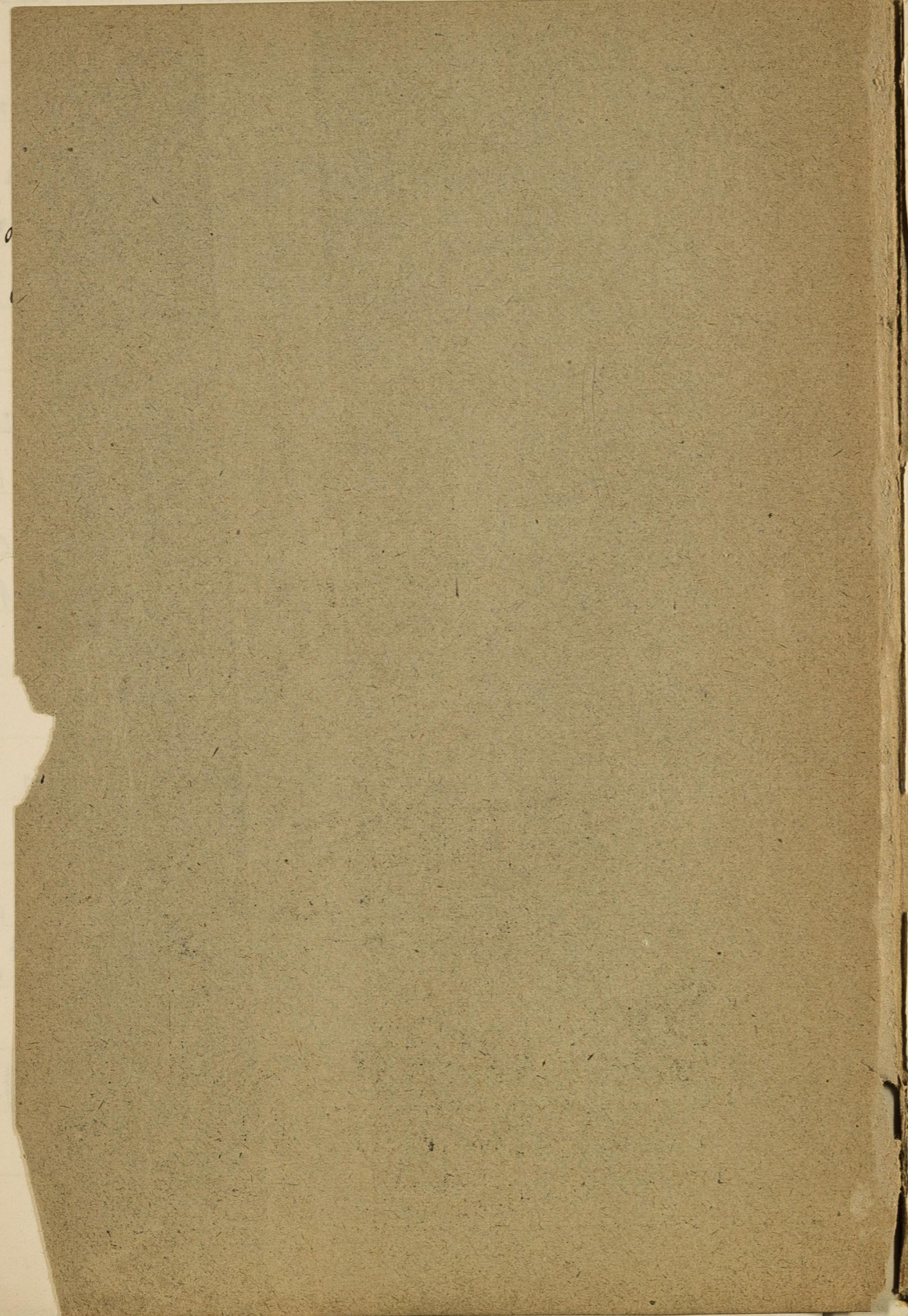
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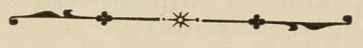
**MANUAL**  
Containing Reports presented at the Annual Church  
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PASTOR'S ADDRESS.



MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I cannot allow the issue of our Yearly Manual without sending with it a few words of Christian greeting. During another year through the abundant kindness of our Heavenly Father, we have been spared to each other as Pastor and People, for the ministry of God, and for the service of man. The dove of peace has rested upon us, and consequently love has prevailed. Our Sanctuary Worship has been spiritually helpful and stimulating, not marred by any jarring notes of discord, nor have our manifold labours been weakened by strife or division.

Much valuable work for the Master has been attempted, and gladly done, and while signs of blessing are probably less manifest than in some past years, yet we are prayerfully hopeful that ere long we shall reap a rich and plentiful harvest. "They who sow in tears, shall reap in joy."

In our ever-changing district, we have sustained in the past year considerable losses, in the removal of highly esteemed workers, whose fellowship we greatly miss, and whose places have been most difficult to fill. But God has raised up other helpers, so that the work has been successfully maintained.

The Renovation Scheme which was taken up so heartily, and executed so successfully has proved beyond all controversy what can be done by a united people by the blessing of God. We shall always be grateful for that outburst of Christian generosity.

I regard it as a good omen, a splendid preparation for the New Work for God at Earlsfield, which in virtue of Presidential Office accepted falls to my lot in 1898. The London Baptist Association has already erected an Iron Chapel, but this must be displaced by a good and permanent Sanctuary towards the close of 1898, or beginning of 1899. To this work all our energy must be given consistent with the efficient carrying on of the work at "Victoria."

What we need specially as a Church is more prayer, more

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quiet waiting upon God for His blessing. True success comes to the Church that prays. This is the secret of all spiritual prosperity. To pray much is to grow in grace, to increase in holy earnestness, and to win by faith Heaven's richest treasures.

May we be a praying people is the earnest desire of

Yours, in the Gospel of God,

E. HENDERSON.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE.

The necessity is urged of regular and punctual attendance at the Worship of the Sanctuary. Let the resolve of the Levites and others in Nehemiah's day be lovingly observed by us: "We will not forsake the House of our God." To be in time is the way to get a blessing, to be late is a hindrance both to ourselves and to fellow worshippers.

Attention is also called to the Week Evening Services, which so many neglect and think unnecessary to attend. By a little management in business or home duties we are persuaded that the number in attendance could be largely increased. Let us pray that they may be as Elim in the desert—with shade of palm trees and wells of living water, to refresh us amid the toils, troubles, and temptations of the busy world.

Enquirers or Candidates for Membership may be seen by the Pastor after any of the Services, or at his own residence by special appointment.

PASTORAL VISITATION.

If any member of the Church or Congregation should be in affliction or desirous of Christian counsel, it is hoped they will communicate directly with the Pastor or Deacons, and not leave their circumstances to be heard of in a casual or indirect manner. "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the Church."

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS.

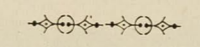
Pews and sittings are appropriated in the usual manner, but no fixed charge is made, the Church having resolved to depend for the support of the Ministry and the maintenance of Public Worship, upon the Free-will Offerings of the People. Envelopes bearing a distinctive number are supplied to each Seatholder and each member of the Church; the amounts paid are entered every week to the names of the Contributors, and receipts are placed in pews at the close of each quarter.

As this system is wholly Voluntary, it is hoped, that this liberty will stimulate the sense of individual responsibility, and increase rather than diminish liberality in support of the Gospel.

The success of the Weekly Offering depends very largely upon the regularity with which the offerings are presented. Friends are requested to bear this in mind, and to contribute as far as possible each Lord's day, making up for omissions and times of absence on their next attendance.

Hymn and Anthem Books can be obtained of Mr. W. J. EVANS, after any of the services.

GENERAL INFORMATION.



PUBLIC SERVICES.

	MORNING AT 11.	EVENING AT 7.	
Monday	PRAYER MEETING	...	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	BIBLE STUDY	...	7.30 p.m.
	Y.P.S. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR...		8.30 p.m.
Thursday	BAND OF HOPE	...	7 p.m.
Friday	CHOIR PRACTICE	...	8.30 p.m.
Saturday	PRAYER MEETING	...	8 p.m.

LORD'S SUPPER: ON FIRST Lord's Day Evening, and on THIRD Lord's Day Morning.

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**Communion Cards** are supplied to every Member of the Church, and as these are intended to aid in maintaining discipline and pastoral visitation, the Members are requested to use them *regularly*. Any one failing to do so may cause the Pastor and Deacons much needless trouble.

**CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.**

Members changing their residence are desired to give immediate information to the Deacons; and if removing to a distance, to acquaint the Pastor before leaving, either in a private interview, or at the close of any of the Services.

Members whose removal from the neighbourhood is likely to be permanent, are requested to unite themselves at once with the Church that may be nearest or most convenient.



**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

OF THE

**VARIOUS SOCIETIES**

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE PLACE OF WORSHIP

**For the Year 1896-97.**

The funds for the support of the Ministry, and to meet the incidental expenses of the Church, are dependent upon the free-will offerings of the Church and Congregation. All regular worshippers are invited to contribute either weekly, monthly, or quarterly, and can obtain promissory forms and envelopes for their subscriptions from the Deacons.

[GENERAL ACCOUNT.]

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GENERAL ACCOUNT, 1896-97.

DR.	Treasurer, Mr. A. SULLIVAN.	CR.
To Balance	£ s. d.	By Pastor's Stipend
Weekly Offerings	.. 17 3 11½	.. 325 0 0
Weekly Collections	.. 333 14 8	Chapel-keeper
Anniversary Collection	129 18 1	.. 39 0 0
Baptist Missionary Society	.. 9 1 4	Organist
Hospital Collection	.. 8 14 3	.. 15 15 0
Evening Collection	12 8 5	Organ-blower
Evening Collection for Armenians	.. 7 15 4	.. 5 0 0
Evening Collection for Benevolent Soc	.. 11 14 6	Pulpit Supplies
Mission Hall Collection	.. 7 10 5	.. 8 8 0
Colln. at Re-opening	14 1 7	Mr. Henderson
Harvest Thnkgiving Sunday	.. 2 0 0	.. 15 15 0
For L. B. A	.. 5 6 8	Missionary Society
Evening Collection for Deaconess Fund	6 3 0	.. 7 4 3
Collected by Mr. Henderson for same	3 13 6	Benevolent Society
Collected at Mr. Jones' Lecture	.. 1 8 0	.. 10 10 0
Profits on Hymn Books	0 19 0	Hospital Funds
Balance of Hymn Book	.. 0 3 9	.. 10 2 0
Collected at Social Tea	0 2 8	Armenian Fund
Received for Surplus Cake	.. 0 8 10	.. 7 15 4
		Mr. Phillips, for Renovation Fund
		.. 9 19 7
		Mission Hall
		.. 5 5 0
		Home Mission
		.. 4 11 0
		Mr. Livingston
		.. 1 4 8
		Deaconess Institute
		.. 10 0 0
		L. B. A.
		.. 5 0 0
		Hospitalities Fund
		.. 0 15 0
		Mr. Jones (Lecture)
		.. 2 2 0
		Insurance
		.. 7 1 3
		Mr. Jones (Organ Tuning)
		.. 5 5 0
		Donation to Mr. Hamilton (Free Chrch Council)
		.. 0 10 6
		Mr. Holbrook (towards Demonstration against Education Bill)
		.. 1 1 0
		Teas
		.. 5 10 3
		Printing
		.. 5 9 0
		Gas
		.. 21 11 8
		Water
		.. 2 2 0
		Coal
		.. 2 2 0
		Collier, Coke (including an a/c from last year)
		.. 4 12 0
		Male Choir Books
		.. 1 4 6
		Oilman a/c
		.. 2 19 5½
		Tuning Pianos
		.. 0 7 6
		Miscellaneous Items
		.. 3 17 2
		Mission Hall
		.. 4 0 0
		Magazine Fund
		.. 6 0 0
		Organist
		.. 10 10 0
		Balance
		£567 10 1½
		.. 4 17 10
		£572 7 11½

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DR.	Treasurer—Mr. J. PHILLIPS.	CR.
To Victoria Anniversary Collection	£ s. d.	By Balance due to Treasurer
.. 14 1 0	.. 8 8 8	.. 8 8 8
Donations—		VICTORIA SCHOOL.
Mr. Steel	.. 0 5 0	Anniversary Expenses
Dr. Dunbar	.. 1 0 0	.. 2 15 1
Treasurer, J. P.	1 0 0	Hon. Sec.'s ditto
Annual Subscriptions—		.. 0 7 11
Coll. Miss Brooker	4 0 7	Clapham Auxiliary
Miss Botting	0 17 6	.. 1 1 0
Miss Nethercott	2 12 6	Old Scholars' Meeting
Miss Vine	2 15 4	.. 1 18 6
Proceeds from Lecture per Rev. Mr. Ewing M.A.	.. 6 6 9	Hon. Sec.'s Expenses
Harvest Services Collections	.. 12 19 7	.. 0 12 0
Holden Street Anniversary Collection	.. 13 11 4½	Printing and Sundries
		.. 1 11 6
		Caretaker
		.. 2 2 0
		Infants' Xmas Tree
		.. 1 5 4
		Parents' Tea
		.. 2 2 7
		HOLDEN STREET SCHOOL.
		By Rent
		.. 29 16 3
		Old Scholars' Meeting
		.. 1 5 5
		Infants' Entertainment
		.. 2 0 11½
		Caretaker
		.. 1 0 0
		Songs and Solos
		.. 1 1 0
		S. S. Union
		.. 0 5 0
		Registers & Printing
		.. 0 7 3
		Parents' Tea
		.. 1 7 1
		Anniversary Expenses
		.. 3 9 0
		UNITED SCHOOLS.
		Deficit on Excursion
		.. 4 18 11
		Remitted to Church Fund
		.. 2 0 0
		Harvest Services Expenses
		.. 2 17 2
Due to Treasurer	£59 9 7½	
	13 3 0	
	£72 12 7½	
		£72 12 7½







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Summary of Receipts on Account of Foreign Missions,  
1896-97.

Subscriptions from Congregation .. .. .	£	s.	d.
.. .. . Sunday Schools .. .. .	49	16	6
Annual Collection .. .. .	38	1	2
Zenana Mission .. .. .	9	14	6
	43	18	8
	<hr/>		
	£141	10	10

DEACONESS FUND.

DR.		CR.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Mr. Clissold .. .. .	0 7 6	By Deaconess Institute
.. Evans .. .. .	0 5 0	10 0 0
.. C. Jervis .. .. .	0 10 6	
.. Dr. Dunbar .. .. .	1 0 0	
.. Mr. Phillips .. .. .	0 10 0	
.. .. Townsend .. .. .	0 5 0	
.. .. Jordan .. .. .	0 5 0	
.. A Friend .. .. .	0 10 0	
.. Collection .. .. .	6 3 0	
	£9 16 0	
.. General Account .. .. .	0 4 0	
	£10 0 0	£10 0 0

HYMN AND ANTHEM BOOK FUND.

DR.	Treasurer, Mr. W. J. EVANS.	CR.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To gross value of Stock,		By Books sold .. .. .
April 1, 1896 .. .. .	4 14 3	.. Stock in hand .. .. .
.. gross value of Books		.. General Fund .. .. .
purchased .. .. .	2 0 6	0 19 0
.. Profits on Books sold	0 19 0	
	£7 13 9	£7 13 9

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
To nett value of Stock,	By Loan from General
March 31, 1897 .. .. .	Fund .. .. .
.. Cash in hand .. .. .	.. Balance to Credit .. .. .
	2 4 1
	3 5 6
	5 0 0
	0 9 7
	£5 9 7
	£5 9 7

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Damage sales of cast off clothing of the congregation.  
All that is paid for the clothes goes to giving  
It is better a second hand than the sale is very

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN  
ENDEAVOUR.

This new movement, which has taken such hold, and is so popular, is really the bridge between the Church and School. It may not please everybody, but those who know it best love it most. It is a spiritual movement for the culture of the inner life. It has proved a help to many, but only earnest devout souls will really appreciate it.

DR.	Treasurer, Mr. R. G. TOWNSEND.	Sec., Miss VINE.	CR.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Cash in hand .. .. .	1 0 11½	By Topic Cards .. .. .	0 7 9
.. Missionary Fund .. .. .	3 5 1	.. Provisions and other	
.. Donations and Sub-		Goods .. .. .	3 15 6
scriptions .. .. .	0 12 7	.. Printing Cards, &c. ..	0 7 1
.. Collections .. .. .	3 15 0½	.. Chapel-keeper	
.. Sale of Provisions .. .. .	0 2 0	(Mr. Jervis) .. .. .	0 7 0
.. Collection for Chapel		.. Hymn Books .. .. .	0 9 4½
Renovation Fund .. .. .	0 16 6	.. Miss Dyson (Mission-	
		ary) .. .. .	3 5 1
		.. Chapel Renovation	
		Fund .. .. .	0 16 6
		.. Subscription to Dis-	
		trict Union .. .. .	0 1 0
		.. Balance .. .. .	0 2 10½
	£9 12 2		£9 12 2

JUNIOR SOCIETY.

To Children's Pence .. .. .	0 2 3	By Balance due to
.. Missionary Fund,		Treasurer .. .. .
per Mrs. Tyler .. .. .	0 2 6	.. Topic Cards .. .. .
.. Donations .. .. .	0 2 6	.. Mr. Jordan for
		Missionary Fund .. .. .
	£0 7 3	0 2 6
		£0 7 3

TRACT SOCIETY.

DR.	Treasurer, Mr. A. SULLIVAN.	CR.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	0 5 11½	By Mr. Foley for Tracts
.. Subscriptions received		by Mr. Heath .. .. .
by Mr. Heath .. .. .	1 3 9	.. Balance in hand .. .. .
	£1 9 8½	0 9 8½
		£1 9 8½



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**DORCAS SOCIETY.**

DR.		Treasurer, Mrs. HENDERSON.		CR.	
To Subscriptions, &c.	£ s. d.	By Cash for Material	£ s. d.	In hand..	£ s. d.
	8 4 10		6 19 4		1 5 6
	<u>£8 4 10</u>		<u>£8 4 10</u>		

**MISSION HALL.**

A good and steady work is being carried on here. A well-attended Mothers' Meeting, presided over by Mrs. Axford. Gospel Meetings on Sunday and Thursday Evenings, and classes for the young. Open-Air Work is also associated with this Mission. More helpers are greatly needed.

DR.		Treasurer, Mr. SOPER.		Secretary, Mr. G. SULLIVAN.	
Superintendent of Mission, Mr. C. GARLAND.		CR.			
To Cash in hand	£ s. d.	By Rent ..	£ s. d.		
" J. Rains, Esq.	2 2 0	" Mrs. Neal ..	5 0 0		
" Dr. Dunbar ..	1 0 0	" Coals ..	0 13 7		
" Mrs. Sullivan, result		" Oil and Wood	0 4 11½		
from Sale of Work	5 0 0	" Mr. Heather	0 18 6		
" Chapel Collection ..	5 0 0	" Tuning Piano	0 4 0		
" Coll., per Mrs. Soper	4 12 6	" Gas ..	1 7 8		
" " Miss Young	3 10 6				
" Gift from Chapel					
Funds ..	4 0 0				
" Mr. Munns, proceeds					
of Concert given by					
the Choir ..	1 10 0				
" Collected from Mission					
Hall Box ..	0 4 9				
" Collected, Chess Club	0 1 3				
	<u>£27 9 6</u>				
Due to Treasurer..	0 19 2½				
	<u>£28 8 8½</u>		<u>£28 8 8½</u>		

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**SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

Per Mrs. SOPER—	£ s. d.	Per Miss YOUNG—	£ s. d.
Mr. A. Sullivan ..	0 10 0	Mrs. Law ..	0 4 0
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Mr. Botting ..	0 5 0	H. Miller, pro G.	
Mr. H. P. Clark ..	0 5 0	Stuchbery ..	0 5 0
A Friend ..	0 5 0	H. Moore ..	0 2 6
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Mr. Jones ..	0 5 0	J. S. Oldham ..	0 2 6
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		The Misses Soar ..	0 3 0
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**VICTORIA JUNIOR BAND OF HOPE.**

DR.		Treasurer, Miss BROOKER.		Superintendent, Mr. A. BOTTING.	
Secretary,		CR.			
To Balance brought fwd.	£ s. d.	By cost of Teas & Special	£ s. d.		
" Members' Subscriptns	2 9 8½	Meetings ..	2 13 9		
" Donation—	9 9 9½	" Cards, Hymn-books, &c.	1 5 0		
J. Rains, Esq.	0 10 0	" Prizes and Medals ..	2 9 0		
" Amount collected by		" Excursion Expenses	7 11 3		
Members & Friends		" Remittance for Tem-			
for Temperance		perance Hospital			
Hospital ..	8 13 2	Collection ..	8 13 2		
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" Choir Fee returned	0 2 0	" Balance in hand	0 12 11½		
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Rummage sales of cast off clothing of the congregation. All that is paid for the clothes goes to giving the mothers a seaside treat & the sale is very popular. Literary Society.

N.B. No report last 2

THE MOTHERS' MEETING & PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

Conductors, Mrs. BOULD and Mrs. TURNER.

This is a Mutual Help and Benefit Society, and its Report for the year shows—

Cash received for work materials .. .. .	£23 14 9
Cash received in Provident Fund .. .. .	£20 7 2

Two Rummage Sales were held last year. The 1st providing Funds to take Mothers to Brighton. „ 2nd providing Funds for relief of necessitous Cases during the Winter.

Summary of Cash received during the Year.

	£	s.	d.
Renovation .. .. .	560	12	5
General Account .. .. .	556	3	3
Foreign Missions .. .. .	141	10	10
Mission Hall .. .. .	27	1	0
Communion Fund .. .. .	52	4	0
Benevolent Society .. .. .	14	15	0
Maternal Society .. .. .	4	0	5
Dorcas Society .. .. .	8	4	10
Band of Hope .. .. .	21	18	1
"Gospel Chimes" .. .. .	70	9	5
Sunday Schools .. .. .	59	9	7
Excursion (Donations) .. .. .	1	6	0
Exhibition .. .. .	37	15	8
Y. P. S. C. E. .. .. .	8	18	4
Bible Class .. .. .	3	6	5
Choir Fund .. .. .	5	18	3
Tract Society .. .. .	1	3	9
			£1574 17 3

Exclusive of Mothers' Meetings and "Victoria" Mutual Help Society, whose revenues belong to their Members, and of the Hymn Book Fund and Pure Literature Society, whose funds arise solely from Sales.

Statement of Membership.

Names on Church Roll, April 1st, 1896 ... ..	409
ADDITIONS—	
Transfers from other Churches ...	13
Profession and Baptism ...	22
Restoration ... ..	7
	42
	451
REMOVALS—	
Transfers to other Churches ...	15
Erasures ... ..	11
Deaths ... ..	4
	30
	421

Obituary.

- CAPT. MORRIS.
- Mrs. LUKE.
- Mr. FREER.
- Mr. CUMMINGS.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."



The District

This should probably be Silverthorn Road (W)  
Jackson visits west of Silverthorn R.

Interview with Mr North, LCM 43 Bromells Road,  
@ 5 Rosell Road, Blapham August 3<sup>rd</sup> J.A.

If Mr North has any particular aptitude for mission work, I failed to discover it. He struck me as a commonplace little man of 35 or so, without vigour or fervour, but just conscientiously plodding his daily round.

He has been here 6 years and visits in the groups of poor streets north of Wandsworth Road between Queens Road and New Road, in the centre of which Dr Guinness Roger's church has its mission, and in a smaller group further south, off High Street, of which Bromells Road is the centre. Formerly he only worked south of Sarkhall Lane but the rising character of the District led to the removal of the missionary, who worked north of him, and to his having charge of the 2 portions. This rise does not refer much to the Wandsworth Road piece, where the houses are largely occupied by the railway workers of the L&DR, but is so affecting the southern piece that he thinks the poor will all be turned out of it.

Building & Services

North - LCM, Bromells Road.

Bromell's Road, for instance, has been largely changed from a rookery to a street of flats let at 13/ a week each. The people displaced were promised new places, but, of course, could not pay this rent, and some of them have gone to Tooting.

At 73 Bromells Road, M<sup>r</sup> N. has a small mission hall, which is rented from the Board of Guardians, who have their dispensary adjoining. Here he gathers a score or less of people, mainly women, on Sunday evening and Tuesday evening, and in fine weather, after Sunday service, sallies forth with a faithful few to hold an open air meeting in the Old Town by the fire station, where he shares, with the Grafton Square Baptists and other sects, the attention of such passersby from Blapham Common as are attracted by a good solo, or a pungent address. This, save perhaps for attendance occasionally at a social gathering of neighbouring Nonconformists (the churches are high, and ignore him entirely) is the scope of his work. He has no meetings for children, or for social purposes. He did once try open air meetings in the streets adjoining his hall, but could only get one assistant and abandoned it as

Visiting

too hard.

Regarding his visiting Mr North has the usual tale to tell. He goes from house to house, and is generally well received, though often getting no further than the doorstep. Even the Catholics are civil. The only hostility comes from one or two High Church families. "The people listen and take your tract: they agree with all you say, but that's all." They promise to come to service, but rarely do so.

He confines his efforts entirely to the poor streets. Cannot do anything with the others, the people thinking themselves above the missionary level. He used to visit all the houses in Bromells Road, but now only goes to the few cottages that are left.

Relief

Mr N. has a good friend in his superintendent, Dr Brown, who, he says, is well known to all who need help. To him he refers needy cases. The doctor, he thinks, does not particularly connect himself with any one denomination, but goes oftener to the S. A. than anywhere else.

Mr N. also can get Hospital or convalescent home letters when needed, but he professes himself quite

out-done in this and like respects by the churches (Holy Trinity and S. Paul's). They trouble themselves more about these things than they do about religion. "I have to look after the religious side: they seem to look after the other - blankets, coals &c. in winter."

M<sup>r</sup> N. says he seldom meets any of the church workers, but he believes there is a good deal of social activity at S. Anne's House, a large new building in Bromell's Road connected with Holy Trinity. They used to hold their Workmen's club in the hall which he now uses.

Considering he works on the District, he knows surprisingly little of the Congregational Mission in Queen's Road. Thought they got a fair number of people but added that you could not get them without bribery "and that isn't much good."

He gets on well with the police, and thinks they are pretty straight here in dealing with the drink question. It isn't a very bad place for drink; - Bramwell Street - the worst part

Houses in good sanitary condition, well looked after. Terrible amount of prostitution on the common.

Other Influences

Police & Drink

Housing  
Immorality

Well dressed women: would not know what they were if they did not accost you. Does not think they live about here. Used to be much lower class.

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Card from Mr W. Marten Smith  
re Belmont Hall, Belmont Road  
[connected with Blapham Congregational Church]

Captain  
Homer 1872

18 Cedars Road SW  
4 Aug. 1900

Dear Sir,

In reply to enquiry I  
beg to say Belmont Hall is  
used for the Sunday School & its  
various associations in connection  
with Blapham Congregational  
Church. It is allowed to be used  
for Philanthropic meetings on  
payment for rent but is not let  
out for hire.

If you desire further informa-  
tion I will endeavor to make  
an appointment - Yours truly  
W. Marten Smith

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H. 16

July 20th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. T. H. Abbott  
Old Baptist Union Hall, Lyman Road, Napier.

Mr Abbott is a man of something less than 30. He looks like a constant jumper and is of the same social standing or rather lower. He begins our with self satisfaction and spirited pride, and at an early period in our interview I found myself saying "What a loathsome little creature you are", but when I came away I was much less certain that my first judgment was right, and began to ~~be~~ think that under the transparent conceit and the apparent cant there quite possibly lay a genuine man.

Mr A. at some period in his career was for 18 months a great sinner "had plenty of money and saw the world in all its

Mr. Abbott is only an evangelist (called  
"Pastor" but not "Rev")

(P)

Abbott - Bap<sup>t</sup> Lyham Road

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not vicious phrase: then I suppose he was  
converted & became a Wesleyan Minister. (he  
said, though I cannot help supposing that he  
was only an evangelist: for his manner and  
speech is such as would I should have thought  
~~done~~ closed the door of the ministry to him)  
and was attached to the Manchester Mission,  
"the biggest mission in the world". Two  
years ago he headed on the question of  
Baptism, joined the Old Baptist Union, and  
he was sent to found a new church at  
Birmingham: had for his own account a  
phenomenal success, and after 15 months came  
away leaving three new churches behind him.  
He came here last December to a cancer which  
after 10 years of fair vigorous life had 5  
years ago been hopelessly crippled by an eccentric  
minister who finally enlarged certain church  
funds in his ~~own~~ hands. Several very able men  
were sent to try and work the cancer up



again, but with out avail, and when Mr J. came it was still a struggle for existence.

In spite of the fact that "this is the hardest ground in which he ever had to work" Mr J. claims and apparently with some justice that he has put life into the machine.

The work is necessarily on a small scale: the Hall only holds 100; but Mr J. has ~~well~~ doubled the membership - (which is now between 30 and 40) - and has started a second church at Baltham. He has plans for building a new church to replace the hall in Lyham Road and when this is done "we expect to ~~be~~ the most important church in the neighborhood."

Mr J. says that at present the Lyham Road hall is full on Sundays and that they already get good numbers at Baltham. He ascribes the attendance to his preaching power:

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## The late Pastor G. Cousins.

George Cousins was born on October 6th, 1862, and after receiving an excellent schooling chose the profession of a School Teacher, receiving his certificates and undertaking his duties at St. John's Parochial Schools, Tunbridge Wells. It was while residing in that town that he became connected with the Old Baptist Union, soon after Pastor James Wicks had commenced his ministry there in 1881. His faithfulness and reality even in those early days won the love and respect of his fellow-workers, and in September, 1883, he entered the ministry and thenceforth devoted his life to the cause of Christ. Probably no minister of the Union has had charge of a larger number of Branches than Pastor G. Cousins. Twice he had charge of the Lewes Church; Ramsgate, Tunbridge Wells, Luton, Cwmtillery, Camden Town, Lewisham, Pimlico, and other Churches owe a great deal to his faithful instrumentality, and much of the fruit of his labours still remains, by which "he being dead, yet speaketh."

He was always filled with "the Missionary Spirit,"—and in some of his published sermons—years back—his appeals to the church of Christ to send forth more workers among the heathen, reveal how deeply he himself felt upon this subject. It was in the summer of 1898, however, that he felt to formally offer himself for Foreign Mission work, China's needs being especially laid upon his heart. By the end of the year, sufficient funds were forthcoming (in which work the Worthing Church stands pre-eminently forth for eager zeal and liberality) and in January, 1899, he and his dear wife sailed for the distant scene of their labours, accompanied by the prayers and blessings of the whole Union. Many of his brethren as they kissed him for the last time, little thought that "they should see his face no more," this side of the veil. A little over one year of eager toil on China's barren ground, a little glimpse of joy in seeing at last some manifest result of that labour and the Lord of the Harvest said, "It is enough—Come up higher." Thus on March 31st,—the very day that his last letters to this Magazine and to other friends, reached us,—the servant of God laid down his mortal life, and entered upon the sweet rest that "remaineth for the people of God."

The following letter from the Rev. JAMES E. BEAR, of the American Southern Presbyterian Mission, will testify to the love and respect with which our beloved brother inspired those who knew him in China:—

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Chinkiang, China,

April 5th, 1900.

To the President, Rev. H. A. Squire,  
Ministers, and others, of the Old Baptist Union.

Dear Friends,

Your hearts will have been saddened no doubt ere this reaches you by the news of the death of our brother, Rev. George Cousins. But while I mourn with you our loss, I can but rejoice with him. Brother Cousins and his wife came into our midst a little over one year ago, and by their loving Christlike walk have endeared themselves to us all. While devoting himself conscientiously to the study of the language he was still ready for every opportunity that offered, whereby he might serve his Lord; and during the Summer of last year, at the request of our Community he took charge of our *Foreign Sunday Evening Service*—(English)—preaching the "Word" as he only who feels that he must give account to God, can do.

In the Autumn, having acquired a little freedom in the use of the language, he made several trips into the surrounding villages and towns, selling Gospels and preaching as best he could. It was my privilege to be with him on one of these trips; and in his earnest, patient, winning manner, I saw the promise of the successful Missionary. This last Winter he held a morning Chinese service on Sunday in the Chapel attached to his house. Once when I asked him how many he had present that morning, he replied, "about thirty." I expressed my surprise at so many being present, as the Chapel is in a retired place, and he had so little command of the language. "Yes," said he, "I was surprised too, but wife and I had made it a matter of much prayer the night before." And the same could be said, I suspect, of every service he held.

On the last Sunday night of March I saw him at our foreign service, and he appeared to be in his usual health. Friday morning about 9 o'clock, a note came to me from Mrs. Cousins saying that he had not been well for several days, and that he would like me to come down and anoint him. I found him suffering considerably with fever, and his body covered with a fine eruption; but his mind was clear and bright. After the prayer and anointing we talked together some little time, not a murmuring word was heard; all was thanksgiving and praise. I wished to stay and help nurse him, but he said there was nothing I could do. Telling him then that I would be back at 4 o'clock, so as to let Mrs. Cousins out for a walk, I went to my Chapel for several hours, and then back home. At 4 o'clock I found him about the same; the eruption however, had developed a little more, and I felt pretty well convinced it was small-pox. When Mrs. Cousins returned from her walk, I again offered to spend the night, but he insisted there was no need of it, as he required no attention during the night. Having again prayed with him, and asking Mrs. Cousins to let me know at once if there was any need, I returned home, not thinking but that the Lord would raise him up. The next morning about 7 o'clock, a hasty note came, asking me to come down quickly, as he had passed a very trying night. I found him breathing with great difficulty, yet still perfectly conscious. We again brought the matter to the Lord in prayer. I then, (in accordance with a suggestion made by my wife the night before), asked if I might call Dr. J. Williams, of the China Inland Mission,—not to give medicine, but to decide

the nature of the disease, as others might blame me for going and coming if it were a contagious one. To this he readily assented; not suspecting that the end was at hand. I went in person to call the doctor, so as to make it plain to him in what capacity he was to come.

Dr. Williams who was a warm friend of Bro. Cousins, and above all is a whole-hearted Christian, immediately returned with me; but death had done his work about 20 minutes before we got there. Dr. Williams has since told me that in his opinion it was a mercy he went so soon; that judging from what he knew of his constitution, and the large dose of the small-pox poison he seemed to have gotten, he did not think the most careful medical attention, even from the beginning of the disease could have prolonged his life over ten days, and that with untold sufferings to him.

Dr. Williams then very kindly assisted in the burial preparations. As the next day was Sabbath we felt that it would be better to have the burial Saturday afternoon. A nice Chinese coffin was procured, and he was laid to rest in our quiet little Chinkiang Cemetery, by the hands of those who loved him, as carefully and as tenderly as could have been done in his own native land. A simple service, attended by the Missionaries and others was held at the grave; three hymns were sung—"In the Christians' Home in Glory" (a favourite with Bro. Cousins), "For ever with the Lord," and "I would not live away." Prayer was offered, and 1 Thess. iv. 13-18, with 1 Cor. xv. 51-58 read. Often have I heard those blessed words read at the open grave, but never did they sound more appropriate than on this occasion—for Bro. Cousins' life had been such as to leave no doubt in any one's mind that he was one who would be raised up in glory.

Dear friends, do any of you feel that he came to China in vain? Remember that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Who knows but that the last day will show that his brief year has in God's hands accomplished more than the tens of years some others have spent here. Would he be living to-day, had he not come to China? I ask is it possible for the Christian to die before his work is done, and the Lord's time has come? He rests from his labours, and his works follow him. His time with us was short, but all of us feel the better, the stronger for having been with him. Like his Master, *others*, not *self*, seemed to be uppermost in his thoughts. That Friday morning, after the anointing, weak and suffering as he was, he insisted on praying and anointing me for a bad cold that I had had for several days.

He is not, for the Lord hath taken him; the hearts of one and all of us go out in tender sympathy and prayer for her who is left, and may the God of the Widow make her path plain and smooth before her. And now, may the all-wise Father, who makes no mistakes, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Almighty to save, and the Holy Spirit, the Divine Comforter, be with each one of us now and evermore, is the prayer of—

Your Brother in Christ,  
JAS. E. BEAR.

Southern Presbyterian Mission, U.S.A.

Mrs. G. Cousins (formerly Lucy Bailey) was an earnest worker in the Tunbridge District of the O.B.U., when she became united to her late husband, eleven and a half years ago. She has proved herself a true helpmeet indeed to her noble self-denying partner. Not only at home, but in

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the Lord's vineyard she has ever assisted him in all possible ways, and her eagerness to preach the Gospel in the dark places of the earth was only equalled by his.

Even now, in her lonely sorrow, there is a tone of determination to persevere in the grand work from which her loved one has been taken, which fills us with admiration. We commend her to the prayers and sympathy of God's people. May she be preserved and sustained by the God of all comfort.

Farewell beloved brother! Our hearts miss you, but our memories will for ever cherish your faithfulness, meekness, and holy example.

Let it be our task to see that the work which our brother began, is carried on without financial hindrance. Already Pastor and Mrs. J. Curtis are on their way to take up the sword and trowel where God's servant laid them down,—let us uphold them in every possible way.

### “Follow Me!”

There was a man seated “at the receipt of custom,” and Jesus drawing nigh, called him into His service with the simple command, “Follow Me!” Matthew was not the only man to whom these words have been spoken, but unlike many, he straightway arose and forsaking all followed the Lord. The sublime and noble ideal which Matthew then saw, conquered him and led him forthwith into willing service. If we can grasp what the future Apostle then did, we too may experience a revival of grace, and love to our Master. When first I came into contact with God's grace I beheld my soul's great need and its remedy, and was soon led to know that it would pay better to follow Christ than to do my own will and go my own way. In the succeeding times of poverty and trial, there may have come to Matthew a temptation to go back to the occupation of money gathering, but if so, he conquered such, having “respect to the recompense of reward” before him.

“If I find Him, if I follow

What His guerdon here?

Many a sorrow, many a labour,  
Many a tear.”

Christ suffered these things. He wept over the sin and unbelief of others, He “bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.” And many of our griefs and trials are from the same causes—but Christ had a joy in sorrow, and a peace in trouble which He has bequeathed to His followers. Follow Him!—and follow Him closely, come what may, for it is the nearness of the soul to God which makes a man or woman happy enough to “despise the shame” of suffering. Follow Him fully, and the goal He has reached shall be yours, and everlasting riches, long after the wealth of this present evil world shall have melted away. “I offer to My disciples,” says Christ, “a crown of glory, and he that overcometh shall inherit all things.” Communion with each other at Conference brings gladness and pleasure, but communion with Christ brings more blessing than can be told—follow Him!  
—Pastor G. S. READ.

A STUPID worldly man once said to Dr. Nettleton, “You know, Dr. Nettleton, that when we would do good, evil is present with us.” “Yes,” replied Dr. N., “and that is a bad case; but it is worse when we would *not* do good, and evil is present with us.”

### First Missionaries to the Congo.

With the sad remembrance of our recent loss in China by the death of Pastor G. Cousins, the following account of Missionary losses and successes contained in the *Christian Herald* of May 10th, will prove interesting to our readers:—

In the dawn of 1878 the Livingstone Inland Mission to the Congo was founded—a frail craft launched on a troubled sea. Harley House was the headquarters of the Council, and before long it also became the centre of the whole work, when, three years later, the young and difficult enterprise was adopted as their own by Dr. and Mrs. H. Grattan Guinness. Therefore the pages of “Regions Beyond” are mainly occupied with the record of that mission and of the gradual development of

#### The New World of Central Africa.

Such a story! Enough to quicken the veriest Meroz to come “to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” The Congo climate was deadly, the work expensive and arduous. The little home committee had no experience of such efforts, and no means in hand either to send the men out to Africa or to maintain them there. No society or group of churches stood behind Mr. and Mrs. Guinness pledged to help, no endowment guaranteed future supplies. No denomination said, “Go forward in our name.” But the love of Christ constrained them. For men and means and methods they leant on the commands and promises of God.

Before them lay an almost utterly unknown country. A single line of light—Stanley's route—threaded its darkness. They knew that Congoland existed; that it was tropical and populous; that beyond 230 miles of cataract barriers its 1,680,000 square miles—an area as large as that of all India—were opened by a noble waterway, the largest in the eastern hemisphere; that its climate was peculiarly fatal to Europeans; and that it contained millions of heathen—degraded, but intelligent and hardy races. They knew that all its multitudes had been redeemed by Christ; that He had committed to His Church for them His Gospel, and would be with them in the preaching of it. They knew that it was therefore the privilege and immediate duty of the Church to carry them the Gospel, and they resolved in spite of all the obstacles and of their own insufficiency, to attempt the task. “For God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”

#### The First Missionary to the Congo.

Henry Craven, trained at Harley College and Cliffe, sailed in February 1878, and, landing on the sandy shore of the mouth of the Congo, entered the land for God. Little could he, who was destined six years later to lay down his life in that country, finding a lonely grave near the river's mouth—little could they, who in simple faith thus started to seek Jesus' “other sheep” on the Congo—know what that entrance would involve!

The first six years were spent in one long struggle in missionary work as far as the cataracts to Stanley's Pool. The fight was hard and heavy on both sides of the sea. At home, volunteers were not lacking, mostly from the Institute, but financial demands were large, and the difficulties in Africa were such as to sometimes make the task seem almost hopeless.

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Without dictionary, vocabulary, or grammar, the language had to be acquired. Grammars, vocabularies, dictionaries, translations, had to be compiled by slow degrees, and this amid the manual toil of station building, and under the physical strain of prostrating, and often fatal, fevers.

Man after man went out and died. Others sailed to fill the broken ranks, dying sometimes even sooner after landing than those they had gone to replace, till many friends of the Congo Mission doubted the justifiability of trying to evangelise so deadly a sphere. Every station was consecrated by a missionary tomb; every step of the way was won by lives laid down for God. And not till after six years of ceaseless suffering and toiling did the pioneers, passing over the graves of eight of their fellow-workers, at last reach Stanley Pool.

But the battle was not man's, but the Lord's. It was His will that from the Congo thousands should be gathered to join the multitude which no man can number in "the kingdom that cometh." As one after another died in that kingdom's service, He raised fresh labourers up to fill the gap. And step by step they overcame.

#### The Old Hero Spirit in them,

"La garde ne se rend pas; elle meurt" ("The Guard does not surrender, but dies") won the day. They could die, but they could not relinquish the good fight for Africa and Christ. They did die—young men and women, older men, fathers, wives, mothers,—one by one they laid down their lives in the modern martyrdom of missions. And from their graves life sprang.

The leader of the Mission was Adam McCall. He had been a great traveller in Africa, shooting big game. He afterwards became converted at Leicester through hearing a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Newman Hall, and then offered himself as a missionary to the Congo. He had journeyed in his hunting days in South Central Africa, and on the majestic Zambezi, by whose mighty Victoria Falls he had stood and wondered. Presently sad letters brought news of his death—of the brave struggle he had made to push on to Stanley Pool and the longed-for "Upper River" that he was never to reach, of the fever-stricken voyage to Madeira, of the final hours and the suffering death-bed.

He seemed exceptionally fitted for his task, and his death appeared one of the darkest providences of those years; but by all, the loss was met in the spirit of his last prayer: "Almighty—eternal—God, I am—very near—Thy presence. I am not able to use many words to Thee,—but that is not necessary, Thou knowest all I want. Thou knowest the circumstances, Lord; do as Thou please—I have nothing to say. I am not dissatisfied that Thou art about to take me—away. Why should I be? I gave myself, body, mind and soul—to Thee, consecrated my whole life and being—to Thy service; and now if it please Thee to take myself instead of the work I would do for Thee,—what is that to me? Thy will be done." But soon the long sowing in tears was exchanged for reaping in joy. With the fifth year of the Mission came spiritual fruit. The first two Congo lads who became converted to Christ were brought to London, and after months of work with them, Dr. Guinness completed a grammar of the Congo language on July 31, 1883.

These two lads were the firstfruits. Faith could see in the far future hundreds, thousands, yea, even millions of Ethiopia's dark sons pressing

"through the gates into the city"; while love looked back to the devoted men and women who had given all they had—themselves—that Africa might live, and to whom belongs the honour of being the first to die in the attempt to enter Congoland for Christ.

During the fifteen years which have passed away since the simple evening service when these two Congo lads—dark-skinned, but with light in their hearts and faces—went down into the water which signified their burial and resurrection with Christ, the conquests of the Cross on the Congo transcend even the hopes of the leaders of the Mission. After years of apparently almost fruitless study, work and prayer, Henry Richards was granted the unspeakable joy of seeing spiritual life spring up among the Banza Manteka heathens. The whole district was stirred, not by a "killing palaver," but by hunger for the Word of God.

"I am assailed on all sides," he wrote, "by the question, 'What must I do to be saved?' I am preaching and talking with enquirers all day long, and have no time to write—no, not so much as to eat. The converts are numbered by hundreds. 'Nkissis,' poison-giving, throat-cutting, diabolical dances, witchcraft, and fetish worship are things of the past here. 'Old things are passed away; behold all things have become new.' I shall be baptising the converts as early as possible. Pray for us! Jesus shall reign!"

The work was deep and lasting; the Christians were known by their fruits.

#### Thieves Became Honest,

liars truthful, the superstitious confiding and fearless, the women modest, the men kind. Gifted evangelists appeared among the converts, and were used of God in preaching to their own countrymen in idiomatic, forceful Fyot that no foreigner could command. Banza Manteka had become a Christian place. Similar blessing was received at other stations of the Mission at the same time and since. From Lukunga alone, in the next few years 800 were gathered into the fold of Christ—wanderers over whose home-coming there is joy in the presence of the angels of God.

REPORTS AND FALSEHOODS.—Beware of reports and falsehoods. It is a true saying that a report never loses anything while travelling except its originality, for before it has gone far not a whit of its originality may be left. We have been much struck with the following: One day a Lie broke out of its enclosure and started to travel. And the man who owned the Premises saw it after it had started and was sorry he had not made the enclosure Lie-tight. So he called his swiftest Truth and said "A lie has got loose and will do much mischief if it is not stopped. I want you to go after it and bring it back or kill it." So the Swift Truth started out after the Lie. But the Lie had one hour the start. At the end of the first day the Lie was still going full gallop. The Truth was a long way behind it and was getting Tired. It has not yet caught up and never will.

SUBSTITUTES.—The whole system of Ritualism pure and simple, is one of Church, instead of Christ; priest, instead of Gospel; concealment of truth, instead of manifestation of truth; ignorant superstition, instead of enlightened faith; all tending to load us with whatsoever is odious in the worst meaning of priestcraft, in place of the free, affectionate, enlarging, elevating, and cheerful liberty of the children of God.—*Gospel Trumpet.*

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

SPECIAL NOTICE!—All orders, advertisements, remittances, reports, and articles for this Paper, must be sent direct to the Editor, Rev. T. H. Squire, Tennyson Rd., Birkbeck Estate, Mill Hill, N.W. All letters to the Rev. H. A. Squire, President of the O.B.U., 13, Fordyce Hill, Lewisham, S.E., must contain a stamped addressed envelope if an answer is required.

THE 20th ANNIVERSARY and 60th GENERAL CONFERENCE of the Union will (D.V.) be held in the Wordsworth Road Chapel, Stoke Newington, N., on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Bank Holiday) August 4th, 5th, & 6th. All who wish, are invited to unite in fasting and prayer on Friday, Aug. 3rd, (until the noon is past) for God's blessing on the Convention.

It has been suggested that as a memorial of Pastor George Cousins—the first O.B.U. Missionary who has died at his post in a far-off land,—a suitably inscribed marble tablet should be placed in our Stoke Newington Chapel,—the cost to be defrayed by donations of 2/6 each from any desiring to contribute. The President of the Union will gladly receive such gifts, and will acknowledge them in this Magazine.

In connection with the account of the sending forth of Pastor and Mrs. J. Curtis to China, it may interest our readers to know that we purpose publishing a portrait and biographical sketch of Mr. Curtis next month. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis sailed in the Sado Maru, on Wednesday, June 13th.

The *Daily Mail* of June 8th, makes a statement with respect to the crisis in China's politics which reminds us forcibly of our utterances in our leading article a few months ago, with respect to the last great battle of the world. The statement of our contemporary is:—"Were war to break out between two Powers in the Far East, it might easily develop into Armageddon. This fact is obvious. It must act as a powerful restraint on hostilities." There is not much fear of Armageddon being fought in China, for He who holds the destinies of the world has arranged otherwise, but this admission shows how near we may be to the great conflict between the forces of Anti-Christ and the army of God's choice, ere He descends to fight for His people "as in days of old."

We cannot help calling attention to the remarkable dream of our President, which we publish on another page, and to that of Pastor J. Wicks, which probably occurred about the time of Rev. G. Cousins' death. *We believe in Divinely-given dreams.* The Old and New Testaments combine to teach men to look for guidance by dreams and visions, and notwithstanding latter-day sneers, we still stand by the Word that declares, "God speaketh once, yea twice, . . . in a dream, . . . in a vision of the night . . . then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction" (Job xxxiii.14-17).

Received on behalf of the Home and Foreign Mission Fund: Lewisham, 7s. 9d.; Brighton, 7s.; Mrs. Stapleton's Box, 1s. 6d. Foreign Mission Fund: Grays, £7 10s.; Farewell Service Collection, 16s. 6d.; A., Lewes, 4s.; Pastor E. T. Lockyer, 5s.; Pastor A. Clark, 2s. 6d.

## A Remarkable Dream.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."—Acts ii. 17.

The Rev. H. Augustus Squire, President of the Old Baptist Union, had the following dream on May the 25th, 1898:—

"I thought in my dream that I was in a fairly large hall, sufficiently spacious to seat between two and three hundred people. Some of our members and congregation were sitting in front of me, and some were seated at my back, as the platform was very large. In my dream, I felt powerfully impressed that we, as a people, ought to send out some Missionaries to foreign fields of labour with the *Fulness of the Gospel*. In order that we might do this, I suggested to the meeting that if there were 3,000 members in the Union, with our Sunday Schools, and each one donated a small amount, we should be able to raise a goodly sum for that purpose. After this, in my dream I felt the Spirit of the Lord descend powerfully upon me, and I at once called upon all present to unite with me in prayer, when I began from my heart to pray unto God to influence every one in the Union to give liberally toward the accomplishment of this great and good object.

In my dream, I prayed with great fervour until I felt covered with perspiration, as the whole of the Vision was to me as perfect as if it had been a reality. After this I was led to suggest that a collection should be taken up for Foreign Missions by every Church in the Union, also private persons should be appealed to for means, as six persons would offer themselves for Foreign Missions. I might say that this part of the dream was literally fulfilled at the coming August Conference, as four Missionaries from us went to Africa, and two to China.

In my dream, I felt greatly inspired of the Lord, when a wave of light came over my soul from the Spirits or Souls of the well-beloved late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, and three of his departed friends who had been co-workers with him, but had since passed away with him behind the veil. My soul entered into sympathy with them, as I felt their regret that they had not sent out more men on Foreign Missions, while they had the hearts of the rich with them, and the opportunity. That 'regret' I took as a warning to myself. Also I saw in my dream the Spirits of those departed loved ones sitting on one of the seats on the right hand side, about three parts down the hall, as I looked down from the platform where I stood. After this I felt moved to offer another prayer similar to the one I had prayed before.

Then I appealed to the congregation, and said that every one could (if willing) do something to extend the cause of Christ. At this a lady from behind me on the platform approached me and said: 'Every one could not afford to give.' Also at this juncture an Elder of the O.B.U. came from behind me on the platform, approached me and said, 'I do not agree with you in this matter.' To which I made the following reply,—'Brother So-and-So, every time you oppose the truth of God's cause, you dwindle and

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become Spiritually weaker and weaker.' The Spirit of faith and power was upon me, therefore I felt those words go into him like fire. As he turned from me and started to go down the hall he said in a whining tone, 'I know that.' Thus I felt that there was a spirit of opposition present, which grieved me much.

The lady and gentleman referred to I know well, and in my dream saw them and heard them speak, as much so as if it had been a reality. After this I awoke from the dream, and by my clock it wanted five minutes to five a.m., May 25th, 1898. At once I sat up in bed, and immediately prayed that the Lord in His goodness might not allow the dream to pass from me, neither has it from that day to the present.

About nine or ten days before I had the dream, my mind was much exercised and troubled about Foreign Missions, so much so that I could not rest. That being the case, I laid the matter carefully and prayerfully before the Lord, either to remove this weight and trial from my mind, or give me a clearer perception what to do in this matter. This I did in a very special manner on the 24th day of May, and the dream came the same night. To me the dream was satisfactory, all that I had asked for and desired. Praise God!

—H. A. SQUIRE."

#### "Appointed for thee to do."

One chief thought which has been exercising my mind for a long time past, is, the declension of the Christian church. As a nation, we are accounted a religious people, but with all our profession there is a great lack of real Godliness even in England. The cause is not far to seek,—it is the result of our not strictly following Christ. Only as we imitate Him, do we become divine, only as we do "whatsoever He has commanded," do we realize His power in us.

This is a day of "Have things at your own price," and this spirit is not confined to the market, but has come even into the Church. "Only believe, and you are all right," say the Religious journals, and too many preachers. There is a tendency in men to say "you go your way, and I'll go mine," as though we had the right to "turn everyone to his own way."

First of all, I look at the extremes on every hand. The old Romish Church, the Greek Church, and many in our Established Church are full of extreme doctrines of ritual and ceremony; while on the other hand, "liberty" is claimed, and no leadership, form, ceremony, or rite is tolerated by those of the opposite party whose cry is, "Do nothing, only believe!" In Acts xxii. Paul describes his own conversion: "And I said, What shall I do Lord? And the Lord said unto me, arise and go into Damascus, and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do." What is appointed for us to do, *must* be done. There are many ways of being convicted, but only one way of being converted. No man is truly converted until he comes to an end of himself and like Paul cries out, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" We know well that no doing on our part can save us, but we must prove our conversion by obedient faith. God's kingdom is well ordered and beautifully arranged, "It is appointed"—"Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins." Christ, having purchased our redemption, has every right to dictate the conditions upon which we can claim the pardon. We can go out of God's appointed way if we like, but He will lead us on if we obey Him.

—Pastor R. G. ALLEN.

#### Christ's rule for maintaining fellowship.

In Mark xi. 25-26, our Lord lays down a law of grace for His people in all ages. When Christ founded His church He knew that men were liable to go astray and come short of the Spirit which He Himself manifested, therefore He appointed a way whereby brotherly love might continue. If we acted on His commands, much evil in the church would be cast out, and much suffering abolished. "Forgive, if ye have aught against any." We may not be able to forget people's sins, but we must not remember them *against* them. It is not for erring man to be unforgiving, and to take revenge is for us to usurp the Lord's own prerogative. Bitterness in our hearts is sinful, and with sin in us, the Lord cannot regard our prayers, and thus the unforgiving injure themselves. To forgive as we have been forgiven, we need the softening grace of the Holy Spirit, but that grace is at hand when we seek it, to bring us into the mind of Him who prayed for His enemies even on the cross of suffering.

—Pastor W. POWELL.

#### Another Remarkable Dream.

A week or fortnight previous to our April Conference (I cannot be sure of the date) I dreamed that I was in the company of our Brother and Sister Cousins. It seemed to be in a large open field and they were sitting on the ground, trying to sing. The hymn was one I had not heard before, and they evidently were in some trouble about its import. The part I remember was: "We soon shall sing the sweet sweet song." In my dream I stood near them, and the President stood not far from me. Their song conveyed to my mind that they expected soon to be in heaven. A large table was being spread some distance from where they were sitting. I was impressed in my dream that their work had not been in vain, *i.e.*, that some good had already been accomplished by their labours. The dream so impressed me, that I arose from my bed—it was about 4.30 a.m.—and wrote a long letter to them. The subject or import of the letter was the glorious resurrection and reward in the life to come, &c. The dream also so impressed me that I went over to the President to tell him about it. I think I had more light and a better understanding given me on the subject of the resurrection while writing to Brother and Sister Cousins, than ever I received before; so, that, no doubt, the letter has been of considerable comfort to Sister Cousins.

"Oh these parting scenes will end, some sweet day, by-and-by;

We shall gather friend with friend, some sweet day, by-and-by.

There before our Father's throne, when the mists and clouds have flown,

We shall know as we are known, some sweet day, by-and-by."

—Pastor JAMES WICKS.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, JOACHIM?"—Martin Luther once listened to an urgent appeal for help when he was absolutely penniless, and in his anxiety to give he remembered that he had a beautiful medal of Joachim, Elector of Brandenburg, which he highly prized. He went to the drawer where his treasure was kept, and said: "What art thou doing here, Joachim? Dost thou not see how idle thou art? Come out and make thyself useful!" How many idle Joachims are there, hidden away in homes, that should be called forth and set to work!

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## Risen with Christ.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. iii. 1). Having been buried with Christ and having risen with Him in newness of life, it is our privilege to seek those celestial things which pertain to a spiritual life. The glittering toys of this world must not allure us from our high aims. Our path is uphill, our trials are many, but Christ is always behind them. Sin may afflict and grieve us, but sin shall not lord it over us. Grace reigns in us unto eternal life, and the inheritance of celestial blessings now, and heavenly glory hereafter is ensured to us by our covenant-keeping God. Let us press onward! —Pastor W. H. HOBBS.

## Among our Churches.

[The Ministers and Secretaries of our Churches and Missions are invited to send Reports for these columns. These should not exceed 200 words in length, and must reach the Editor not later than the 14th of the month for insertion in the next issue. The Editor reserves the right to abridge or exclude any Report.]

**The President** of the Union preached with much power at Camden Town on June 3rd, and at Balham on June 10th. At each of these Churches he was welcomed by eager congregations, and much blessing attended his labours.

**Mill Hill.**—This little Church is enjoying much of the Lord's presence notwithstanding Satan's usual hindrances. On Whit-Sunday, appropriate sermons were preached by the Pastor (Rev. T. H. Squire), and on the Monday we had an extra good time. Over 50 partook of our Public Tea, and took part in the Open-air March afterwards, while at the Public Meeting, which was attended by a large number of members from Camden Town, Stoke Newington, Willesden and Whetstone, Pastors W. Powell (Luton), F. J. Caterer (Stoke Newington), and H. Hobbs (Whetstone) gave brief, but hearty and helpful discourses. On the Tuesday, Pastor E. T. Lockyer and four New Cross brethren paid us a visit, Mr Lockyer preaching on "The faith once delivered to the saints," greatly to the enjoyment of the congregation. On the Wednesday Pastor

T. H. Ibbott, of Brixton, preached with much liberty, and to the blessing of all present on, "Christ the Friend." By our Whitsuntide special effort we raised over £2 10s. towards the Chapel debt. —THOS. H. SQUIRE.

**Pastor** and Mrs. G. L. Collins, recently returned from South Africa, conducted the Services morning and evening at Camden Town on June 10, where, notwithstanding the warm weather, everybody was abundantly blessed. The Sun of Righteousness shone gloriously upon all.

**Two members** have been added at Camden Town since last month.

**Two more Missionaries sent forth.**—A Missionary Meeting was held in Wordsworth Road Chapel, Stoke Newington, on Wednesday evening, June 6th. The President of the Union was in the chair, & preached a powerful sermon on Mission work. He said that it devolved on us as ministers and disciples of Christ to adhere to His command in preaching the Gospel to every creature, and it could not be said that we were living by every word of God unless we complied with this command as well as others. He

we believe the friends did justice. We might state here that God-willing we wish to remove to a larger and more convenient place of worship, and all those who are interested in our cause might hold up our hands by prayer and faith, for which we, as a part of the true Church of Jesus Christ would be truly thankful.—T. A. WELLS, Sec.

**Balham.**—On Sunday, May 20th Special Opening Services were conducted in our new hall at Bedford Hill, by the Rev. T. H. Ibbott (the Pastor) at 8 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. In the afternoon, Mr. Ibbott conducted a Dedication Service, and in the evening an introductory Service, fully explaining the doctrines and teaching of the Old Baptists. In the evening especially, we had a good congregation, the majority being strangers. Miss Waller of Brixton sang, "Where-e'er my Father's hand may guide me." Afterwards a Testimony Meeting was held (a regular "old time,") when some good sound testimonies were given.

On the Monday, a Public Meat Tea took place, when a good number partook of the good things provided, after which we had an Open-air Meeting. The Devil tried to upset our first Open-air in this direction, but we got the victory. Then followed a Public Meeting, the speakers being, Mr. Pawsey (Whetstone), Mr. E. Harland (Brixton), Mr. R. Stockwell (Balham), and a bright, brief address by the Pastor. Solos, and duets were sung by Miss Waller, Miss Stockwell, Mr. R. E. Stockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Harland and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. Also a special quartette was rendered by Mr. R. Stockwell and son & two daughters, entitled, "Do you know the song." The Stockwell String Band, with others came up in full force. We desire to thank all who helped in any way to make the Services a success. Both Stockwell and Brixton were well represented, which shows that a good feeling exists between the Churches.

sincerely hoped that all would earnestly pray for those present who felt called of God as Missionaries for China. This request was heartily consented to, the Chapel being well filled. After this, the Rev. Joseph Curtis was requested to come forward, and, being seated in the sight of the audience, seven Elders placed their hands on his head, and two of them audibly besought God in the name of Jesus Christ to confer upon him the power and blessing which he needed for his sacred calling. These petitions were responded to by hearty "amens" from the Elders and congregation. Mrs. Curtis was afterwards set apart as an evangelist for the work of God in China in the same manner. The Special Meeting was brought to a close by singing and prayer. Ministers and members were present from a number of our Churches: Luton, Worthing, Walthamstow, Battersea, &c.

**Brixton.**—Another month sees us struggling Zionward in this our cause, and we might say with the Apostle Paul, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, yet not in despair," because we have the Treasure though in earthen vessels, and for this cause we faint not, knowing that "he that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." On Whit-Monday we held our Annual Tea, which proved a great success, especially in the spirituality derived from the bright and stirring addresses given in the after-meeting by Pastor Watts, Pastor Ibbott, Sister Moon, and Bro. Randall. Solos were also rendered by Sister Moon, Sister Waller, Sister Haynes, and Bro. Potz; Mr. Haynes kindly rendering his valuable assistance at the organ. The profit from the tea and collection was exceedingly good, and deserving praise was also given to the Sisters who kindly gave their energy and strength to prepare a tea to which

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Much credit is due to Mrs. Phillips and her helpers for the excellent way in which they provided for the outer man. Altogether as we start work in a somewhat new district, we feel that the Lord is going to bless us and that victory will be ours. The members of this little Church lift their hearts in thankfulness to God and sing, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

—A. PHILLIPS, Sec.

**Ramsgate.**—I have commenced an Open-air Meeting for children near my home, and have so far met with encouraging success. Quite a number of children, including big lads, listen attentively to a simple address, seated or lying on the grass around me. We have had a little trolley made, and bring our harmonium to these gatherings. Pray that the Lord will bless and save the dear children.—J. WICKS.

**SERVICES** are held in the Churches connected with the Old Baptist Union, as under:—

**BATTERSEA, S. W.**

Old Baptist Union House, 181, Bridge Road.  
Pastor F. A. WATTS, 181, Bridge Road.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; School at 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Prayer, & Thursday, Preaching, at 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. and Open-air Meeting at 8 p.m.  
Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Bible Class. Thursday at 3 p.m., "Dorcas" Meeting. Communion, every Sunday.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

Soho Baptist Church, Benson Road  
Board School.  
Pastor A. C. JARVIS, 77, Nineveh Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. School, 9.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Band of Hope, Alternate Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. At 77, Nineveh Rd. Monday, at 8 p.m., Bible Study. Wednesday, at 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting. Communion, 1st Sunday evening in the month.

**PERRY BAR:**—(Rev. Dr. PRICE)  
Perry Bar Board Schools, Sunday, 6.30 p.m.

**BRENTWOOD.**

Warley Free Baptist Church, Cemetery Rd.  
Pastor Rev. G. S. READ, Osborn House.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sunday School 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, prayer, 8 p.m. Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

**Macclesfield.**—On Whit-Sunday we received a visit from Pastor A. C. Jarvis of Birmingham, who preached two powerful sermons on "the Holy Spirit," which were greatly enjoyed; over 100 were present at night. A backslider returned to the Lord on June 4th. Praise God!—H. DEALL.

**Flower Services** were held at Camden Town on June 17 and 18, the Pastor preaching to very good congregations three times on the Sunday, and Pastor T. H. Ibbott of Brixton, preaching an excellent sermon on Monday night. The Chapel was tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers, the gifts of Sunday scholars, teachers, and friends, which were afterwards given to the sick poor. It was a thoroughly successful time, and one young man decided for Christ on the Sunday evening. —T. H. SQUIRE.

**BALHAM, S. W.**

Baptist Mission Room, 68, Bedford Hill.  
Pastor, Thos. H. IBBOTT, 28, Lyham Road Brixton.  
Sunday, Children's Service, 11 a.m.; Preaching, 3 and 6.30 p.m.; Open-air Meeting 6 p.m.  
Monday, Choir Practice, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Service at 8 p.m., Saturday, Prayer Meeting at 8 p.m.

**BRENCHLEY, KENT.**

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Matfield Road.  
Pastor G. GROVES, Forge House, Mile Oak, Paddock Wood.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Band of Hope, 7 p.m. Thursday, General Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Communion, 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings in each month.

**BRIGHTON.**

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Islingword Road  
Pastor W. LANE, 112 Chester Terrace.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday School, 10 a.m. & 2.45 p.m. Thursday, Preaching at 8 p.m. Monday, & Saturday, Prayer, at 8 p.m.

**BRIXTON, S. W.**

Old Baptist Union Hall, 28, Lyham Road.  
Pastor THOS. H. IBBOTT, 28, Lyham Rd.  
Sunday, 11 a.m., and 6.30 p.m. School, 9.45 a.m., and 2.45 p.m. Week-night service, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Y.P.S.C.E., and Band of Hope, 6.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer, 8 p.m. Communion, 1st Sunday evening in each month.

**CAMBERWELL, S. E.**

Albany Baptist Church, Wells Street.  
Pastor, C. REYNOLDS, 49, Cowper Road, South Hornsey, N.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Band of Hope, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Y.P.S.C.E., Monday, Junior, 7 p.m. Senior, 8 p.m. Communion, 1st Sunday in the Month after the Evening Service.

**CAMDEN TOWN, N. W.**

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Great College St.  
Pastor THOS. H. SQUIRE, Tennyson Road, Birkbeck Estate, Mill Hill, N. W.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. School at 10.15 and 3. Tuesday, Y.P.S.C.E. at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Prayer, and Friday, Preaching, at 8 p.m. Band of Hope, Tuesday, at 7. Communion, 1st Sunday Evening in each month.

**CHELSEA, S. W.**

33, Fernshaw Road.  
Pastor F. A. WATTS, 181, Bridge Road, Battersea.  
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, at 8 p.m. Friday, Preaching, at 8 p.m.

**CHELTENHAM.**

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Granville Street.  
Pastor, H. MILLIER, 38, St. Michael's Sq. Gloucester.  
Sunday, Preaching, 11.15 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Open-air Service, 5.30. Wednesday Public Service, 7.45. Saturday Prayer Meeting, 8.15. At 5, Hereford Place—Sunday Bible Reading, 3. Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7.30. Communion, 1st Sunday evening in each month.

**ELEPHANT & CASTLE, S. E.**

The Almshouses' Hall, Station Road.  
Pastor J. DANIELLS, 19, Fawnbrake Avenue, Herne Hill, S. E.  
Sunday at 3.15 p.m. Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

**GRAYS.**

Clarence Road Baptist Chapel.  
Pastor JOHN J. WINNER, 94, Brooke Road.  
Sunday 7 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. School, 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Monday, Women's Meeting, 3 p.m.; Singing Practice, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, Adult Bible Class, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Junior C.E., 6.30 p.m.; Y.P.S.C.E., 7.45 p.m. Thursday, Service, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month.

**LANGLEY.**

Pastor J. BARKER, Ford End Farm, Sheepcote Green, Clavering, Essex.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

**LEWES.**

Old Baptist Union, Providence Chapel, Lancaster Street.  
Pastor H. KILLICK, School House, Lancaster Street, Lewes.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Bible Class, 3 p.m. Open-air Meeting before Sunday evening service. School 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Prayer, and Wednesday, Preaching, at 7.30 p.m. Children's Service, Monday 6.15 p.m.

**LEWISHAM, S. E.**

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Albacore Crescent  
Pastor A. LAZZELL.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. Prayer Meetings, Sunday, 6 p.m., Monday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 p.m. Children's Mission, Friday, 6 p.m. Communion, 3rd Sunday evening in each month.

**LUTON.**

Old Baptist Union Hall, Guilford Street facing Cheapside.  
Pastor W. Powell, Rosemary Villa, Harcourt Street.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. School 2.30 p.m. Monday, Bible Reading, 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m. Communion, 1st Sunday in the month.

**MACCLESFIELD.**

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Windmill Square

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MILL HILL.

Baptist Chapel, Birkbeck Estate. Pastor, THOS. H. SQUIRE, Tennyson Rd. Sunday, Preaching, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., School 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Wednesday, Preaching, 7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting Monday, at 7.30 p.m.

NEW CROSS, S.E.

Florence Hall, Florence Road, New Cross. Pastor E. T. LOCKYER, Florence Hall, Florence Road, New Cross. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

PECKHAM, S.E.

James' Grove, Baptist Chapel, Commercial Road. Pastor F. TOLHURST. Sunday, Prayer Meeting, 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Preaching, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. School, 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Monday, Prayer, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Band of Hope, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Preaching 8 p.m. Thursday, Y.P.S.C.E., 8 p.m. Communion, 1st Sunday Evening in the month.

PIMLICO, W.

Old Baptist Union Mission, 57, Winchester Street. Pastor T. TUCKER, 2, Sandbrook Road, Stoke Newington. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Wednesday, Children's Mission, 6 p.m. Friday, preaching, 8 p.m. Saturday, prayer. Communion, 1st Sunday evening in each month.

RAMSGATE.

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Farley Place. Pastor, J. WICKS. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Communion, 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings in the month.

SHACKLEWELL, N.E.

Old Baptist Union Mission Church, Shacklewell Lane, N.E. Pastor W. FLANDERS, 31, Narford Road. Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. School, 3 p.m. Bible Class, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Preaching, and Saturday Prayer at 8 p.m. Thursday, Children's Choir, 7 p.m., Men's Bible Class, 8 p.m. Thursday, Gen. munion, 1st a each month.

PERRY BAR:-(Rev. Dr. PRICE) Perry Bar Board Schools, Sunday, 6.30 p.m.

BRENTWOOD.

Warley Free Baptist Church, Cemetery Rd. Pastor Rev. G. S. READ, Osborn House. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sunday School 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, prayer, 8 p.m. Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

STOKE NEWINGTON, N.

Pastor F. J. CATERER, 51, Cowper Road. Old Baptist Union Chapel, Wordsworth Rd. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. School 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Young Women's Class, and Men's Bible Class at 3 p.m. Thursday, Preaching, and Saturday, Prayer, at 8 p.m. Communion, last Sunday evening in each month. Class Meeting, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Junior Y.P.S.C.E., Wednesday, 7 p.m. Junior, 8 p.m.

SOUTH HACKNEY, N.E.

Brunswick Hall, Mead Place, Brunswick Street, Well Street. Pastor W. H. HOLLAND, 62, Bentham Rd., Cassland Road, South Hackney. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. School, 3 p.m. Monday, Band of Hope, 7 p.m., Y.P.S.C.E., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Prayer & Praise, 8 p.m. Communion, 3rd Sunday evening in each month.

WALTHAMSTOW.

Old Baptist Union Chapel, Wood Street. Pastor M. BOOKER, 54, Linford Road, Wood Street. Sunday, Prayer 7.30 a.m., Services 11 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. School 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Monday, Preaching, 8 p.m., Band of Hope, 7 p.m. Wednesday, C.E., 8 p.m. Saturday, Prayer, 8 p.m. Communion, 1st Sunday evening in each month.

WHETSTONE.

Mission Hall, High Road. Pastor H. HOBBS, Friern House. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Thursday, Preaching at 7.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer, 8 p.m.

WILLESDEN GREEN, N.W.

94, Chaplin Road, Villiers Road. Pastor T. H. SQUIRE, Tennyson Road, Mill Hill, N.W. Cottage Services: conducted by Workers of the District, Sunday, at 6.30 p.m.; Thursday at 7.30 p.m., by Pastor T. H. Squire. Workers heartily invited.

WORTHING.

Providence Chapel, Marine Place. Pastor J. GIBSON, 11, Bedford Row. Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. School, 3 p.m. Bible Class for Young Men, at 19, South St., 3 p.m. Bible Class for Women, at 11, Bedford Row, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Prayer and Testimony 8 p.m. Thursday, Children's Mission, 6 p.m. Preaching, 8 p.m. Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month.

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Reverend Mr. J. has any of the ministers of the Old Baptist Union have any fixed salary: they depend on the voluntary contributions of their congregations: but "God is the same yesterday to-day, and forever and never allows his ministers to want;" when things reach a low Mr. J. prays, and never without response, and he told me an amazing story of how last Friday he, his wife and children being all in the best sleep of sleepiness as regards clothing, he prayed over the matter: on Saturday morning a parcel arrived containing two suits of clothes for him, a skirt and two bodices (of the best silk) for his wife, suits for the two children, and underclothing for the whole family: still more marvellous was the fact that everything was an exact fit. On enquiring he found that the things had come from "a complete stranger," some

ledg who had never seen him, but had heard of him through a member, and had felt an irresistible prompting on Friday to send the things to him. "If this was not an answer to prayer" said he I. "what was it"?

At the Sunday School in connection with the church there are about 100 children.

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1900.

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Intervin with Mr. Jaggan Rickerd,  
Wesleyan Mission Hall, Lyham Road, Brighton.

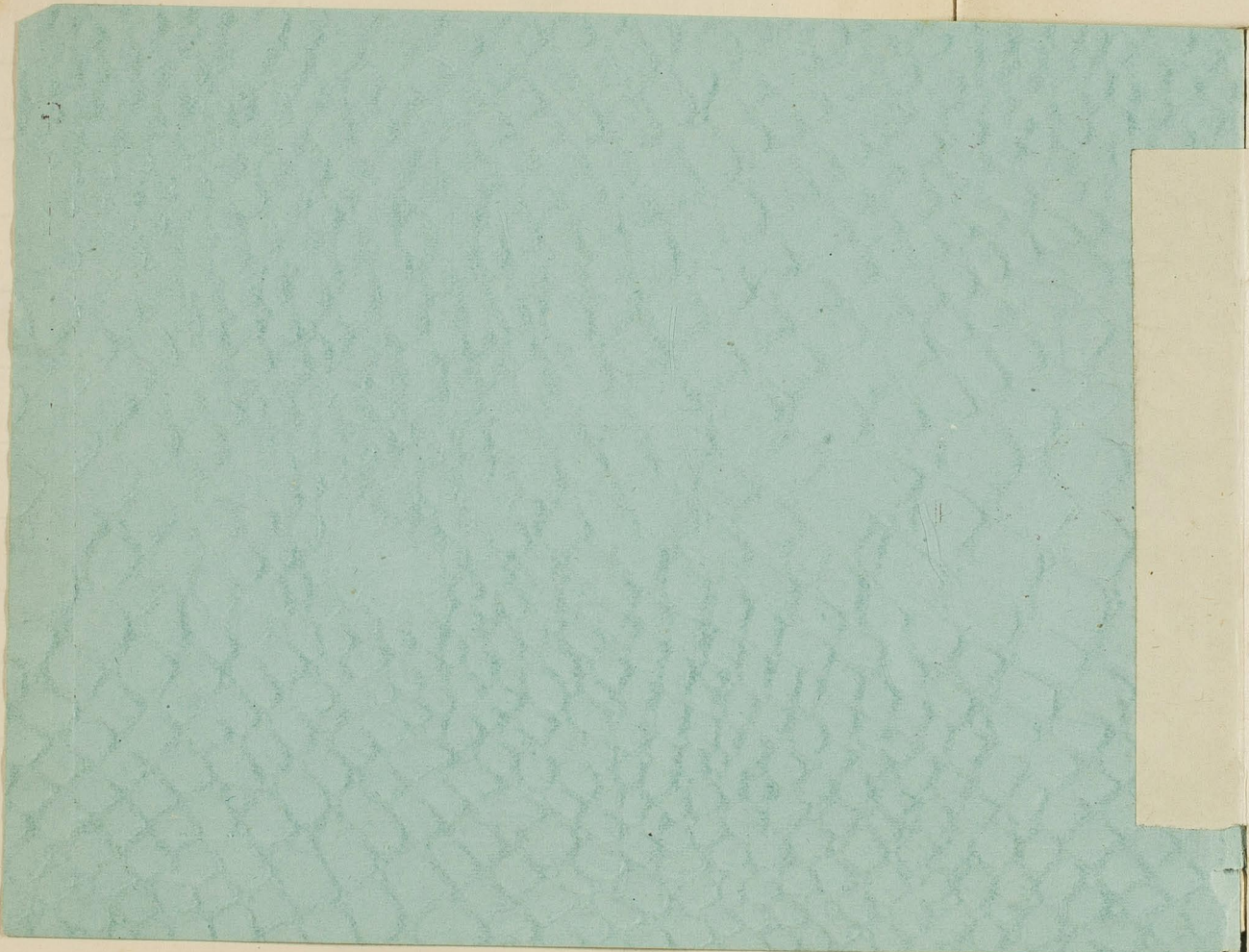
I met Mr. Rickerd (who is a  
small and ~~retracting~~ little man of the  
missionary type) at the Mission Hall  
in the evening. There is practically nothing  
to add to the voluminous reports which he  
gave me. This appears to have been  
an unusually successful little mission which  
has won its way without any help.  
It fills its Hall every Sunday with a  
large working class congregation, though he  
admitted that they could do nothing  
with the poor and rough population which  
has invaded the new streets which have  
been built just to the north of the Hall.

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Mr R. showed me over the premises which  
are unusually good: and there is every  
sign that this is a vigorous little work,  
probably as Mr R. claims "the most successful  
in the neighborhood."

*A Short  
History*  
OF THE  
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Lyham Road,  
BRIXTON,  
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MISSION,  
With interesting facts concerning the present working,  
ALSO  
Balance Sheet for 1896,  
Prepared for the 10th Annual Meeting, held  
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Chairman, C. C. WAKEFIELD, Esq. of Streatham.

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 Local Preachers.  
 MR. GARDINER, MR. RICKARD, MR. BLOXHAM, MR. WELFORD.  
 Organist.  
 MR. W. V. GIBBS.  
 The above with MRS. THOMAS form the Committee.

TO THE READER.

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DEAR FRIEND,

This little book is issued to excite the sympathy and secure the practical help of any benevolent friend into whose hands it may fall. It is hoped that after careful perusal you will contribute to the pressing need of the Mission according as the Lord has prospered you.

We have to meet a demand made upon us for the cost of making roads and foot-paths on either side of the premises, and trust we shall not be compelled to increase the amount of debt in consequence.

The following Officers would most gladly receive contributions on behalf of the trustees, or any amount, however small, could be left (anonymously if desired) with the Manager at the Hall.

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## HISTORY OF MISSION.



THE Lyham Road Mission, in the Brixton Hill Circuit, is the development of a work which was commenced many years ago.

The acorn from which we have grown was planted more than a quarter of a century ago in a tiny room, in a street which used to be called Elizabeth Street. We have still with us several worshippers who attended in those days, although the experience of the present workers only extends over a period of about sixteen years.

The Mission was moved from this room to another, and then to still larger, until it became absolutely necessary to make some better arrangements for the accommodation of a rapidly growing Sunday-School. For several months the children had to be marched

up to Brixton Hill. The Prayer-Meeting Room being kindly placed at the disposal of the little school.

During this period structural alterations were in progress in premises which had been rented in Cornwall Road. The ground floor of a house was made into one room, and the up-stairs into a builder's workshop. So different was this room from any other that had been used up to that time that the title of "Mission Hall" was given to it. This Hall was opened on the first Sunday in April, 1882, and the friend who gave the first address in that place is still a very active worker with us.

In those days the Mission consisted of a Morning Children's Service, an Afternoon School, an Evening Public Service, and Prayer Meeting on Sunday, a Public Service on Wednesday, and a Class Meeting on Thursday. No Collections were taken at any of these Meetings, but a box was placed at the door into which a few stray coppers dropped occasionally. The rent, etc., was paid by subscriptions collected by a friend at Brixton Hill.

There was rapid growth here and the place was soon too strait for us. The Sunday School occupied every nook and corner, and the infants had to be taught in another room that was hired

for the purpose. It was with much difficulty that any casual visitor obtained admission. The same remark frequently applied to the Sunday Evening Services, and in the After-Meetings our joy was intensified as we witnessed very many turning unto the Lord. As we look round our congregation of to-day we call to mind many of these scenes, the faces of those who were converted *then* meeting us still.

A Band of Hope was formed on October 19, 1885, Saturday Evening Temperance Meetings soon followed, and other week-night classes, etc., an Organised Mission Band with plan of Open-air Services, etc. was started, and an opportunity now offered for many young people to engage in definite Christian work, and very soon our list of Local Preachers was added to.

In March, 1885 a Meeting was held in Brixton Hill Chapel, when a scheme was laid before us for building six Mission Halls in the Circuit. Many promises of financial help were given, but no definite steps were taken for about a year, when a piece of ground was purchased for £1000 in a disused brickfield off Lyham Road. Many difficulties arose, and progress was very slow until

MIDSUMMER DAY, 1886

was proclaimed as Stone-laying Day at Lyham Road, with a large Meeting at Brixton Hill in the evening.

The Day's Ceremonies commenced at 6 o'clock in the morning, and resulted in a sum of about £750 being promised for this Hall, in addition to the proportion of general promises given fifteen months before. The intention of friends was, that this should be a Model Mission, and no pains were spared, nor expense either, to have every practical suggestion carried out.

At last the announcement was made that

**FEBRUARY 4, 1887.**

was to be the great Opening Day.

The scene on that occasion baffles description, the Hall was literally packed, the Corridor crowded, and many were turned away, not being able so much as to get a glimpse of the inside of the building.

The premises consist of a Large Hall capable of seating 400 persons (when we pack close with chairs in the aisle), a Minor Hall accommodates 100 persons, there is also a Library, a Club-room, a Kitchen, and a Coffee-bar.

A week's Special Mission Services were held commencing

February 6, and on Sunday the 13th the interest had grown to such an extent that not only was the Large Hall filled to overflowing but the Minor Hall was not large enough to hold the multitudes that flocked to see and hear, so a third Meeting was held in the Club-Room. In each of the three Meetings on that Sunday evening it was the joy of workers to point enquirers to the way of Salvation.

We were now fairly started and the only disappointing feature was that so much of the cost of the building was still unpaid. The property was held by a Building Committee whose liability was still about £1,850.

Several Meetings were held, and strenuous efforts made to collect the outstanding promises, until at last the premises were taken over by a properly constituted Body of Trustees, and at their first Meeting, held at Raleigh Hall it was reported that the liabilities were £1,250, which sum had been borrowed at 4½ per cent per annum.

The Trustees felt the seriousness of the position and found it very difficult to meet their expenses, especially as the Coffee bar at this time was an expense instead of a source of profit.

Every department of work was a great success, and we were much encouraged, except for the fact of the huge Debt still standing

against us. When four years had passed a Drawing-room Meeting was held at the late Mrs. Fletcher Bennett's, and the pressing need of Lyham Road was pleaded, and it was resolved that the celebration of the Centenary Year (1891) of John Wesley's death, should take the form of easing the burden of debt on Lyham Road. Promises amounting to £620 were given (but some upon conditions which could not be fulfilled) and by Sewing Meetings, etc., the debt was reduced to £650.

Even now for two years we only struggled along and at the end of that period found that we were indebted to the Treasurer on the current account £24.

Owing to removals, etc. it now became necessary to have a fresh staff of Officers, the management of the Coffee-bar was also changed, and at last the light began to dawn upon us. In the first year (1893) we were able to report a small balance in hand; at the end of 1894 this balance had grown to £58, and the Treasurer nobly advanced sufficient to repay £100 off the loan of £650 in February. Towards the end of this year (1895) owing to immense strides made in the business of the Coffee-bar chiefly, and strict economy practised in every department, it seemed likely that the Treasurer would have

a big balance in hand, so again the debt was reduced, this time to the tune of £50.

At the end of this little book the Balance Sheet for the year just closed (1896) will be found, by which it will be seen that the debt has been further reduced by £100 (leaving £400 still to pay).

Now we are face to face with a serious difficulty for we have £100 1s. 8d. to raise.

The estate at the rear of the Mission Hall is only just being built upon, and there is a roadway on either side of our premises, and the parish authorities make claim upon us, for the above amount for making up the roads and footpaths.

This little book is a special appeal for help to meet this extraordinary charge. We hope that when the report of the character and usefulness of the Mission is read, that a generous response will be made to this appeal.





# INTERESTING FACTS OF PRESENT WORKING.



## *Indian Famine Fund.*

Perhaps the first item of information respecting our present working should refer to the latest development.

On Tuesday February 9th of this year it was suggested by a member to the Hon. Secretary, that a Street Collection might be made for the Indian Famine Fund. The Secretary soon set the machinery in motion and by Thursday evening 2,000 handbills were printed, and a Brixton Hill friend had promised to write a Banner, Collecting Boxes were being made by several members, and at the Brass Band practice the Band were asked if they were willing to help in this work, every hand was held up, and they also voted that the Printing bill

should be paid out of their own funds. A special practice was called for 9 o'clock on Saturday, and by 10 o'clock everything was in order for the morrow. The March commenced at 2 o'clock on Sunday, February 14th, and lasted two and a half hours. It was found that the sum of £8 1s. was collected in the streets, and on the same day the collections indoors were given to the same object and they amounted to £3 7s 3d., making a total of £11 8s. 3d., which a friend kindly made up to £11 10s,

*Repairs to Premises.*

This is a very small item, as nearly all the work is done gratuitously by the members. Cost of materials is charged when a big job is executed, such as painting front railings, whitening ceilings, coloring walls, making tea-tables, and building platforms, etc. Many pounds a year are saved by the hearty co-operation of members when any matter calls for attention. All the clocks on the premises have also been presented to us by members and friends.

*Choir.*

This department is self-supporting, that is, it raises the funds for the purpose of their music, it also pays for the tuning of the Piano,

which was purchased by the efforts of a few friends (chiefly members of the Choir) who collected subscriptions for the same. The Organ (*i.e.* Harmonium) which was a castaway from Brixton Hill, was put into thorough repair at a cost of about £10. Two-thirds of this money was raised by the Choir. A most successful Musical Service is provided once a quarter, as well as the leading of the singing at the ordinary Sunday Services.

*Slate Club.*

This has been the most successful of any year since the Club came into existence. There are 176 members, an increase of about twenty-four. This fact alone will testify to its usefulness, and also to the satisfaction of the members at the way it is being conducted.

*Benefit Societies, Clubs, etc.*

Our resources are taxed to the full, for every evening nearly all the rooms are occupied, so that it is difficult to arrange for any Special Meetings. The mere mention of names of Clubs meeting on the premises will suffice.

- Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Victoria.
- Ancient Order of Shepherds.

Juvenile Order of Foresters.  
 Total Abstinence Sons of Phœnix.  
 " " " Juvenile Branch.  
 " " Sons of Temperance.  
 " " " Cadets.  
 Independent Order of Rechabites,  
 " " " Juvenile Tent.  
 Independent Order of Good Templars.

These together with Social Club, Prayer Meetings, Classes, etc., make the premises very successfully used.

*Social Club.*

A room is set apart for men and youths above 16 where they can read, or play dominoes, draughts, or bagatelle. There are only about 20 members but it is well conducted, and they have provided their own means of recreation and also contribute towards expense of lighting and cleaning their Room.

*Brass Band.*

This is another useful department of work, as it leads the singing in the Open Air Meetings, and also leads the march

back to the Hall. It is also useful on Bank-holidays, when meetings are held on commons and open spaces, and for other demonstrations. If a special meeting wants advertising the band is most effectual, as crowds will come out of doors at the sound of the band, and then the announcement can be made, as in the old days of the "town criers," or hand-bills can be more easily distributed. The Street collection for Indian Famine Fund illustrates the usefulness of the band. Then the members are all total abstainers, and recently they conducted a Gospel Temperance meeting at Walworth. Most of the members are able to speak of the benefits of Salvation, and have proved their willingness to "spend and be spent" by responding again and again to invitations to conduct evangelistic services.

*Mission Band.*

There are about sixty members of our Mission Band, who are planned in turn to attend and help at open air meetings. These meetings have been held on Sunday evening from 6 till 7 o'clock since the hall was first opened, and frequently on a Sunday morning also, from 10.30 till 11 o'clock. We find this an excellent means of helping our members to definite work for Christ, as well as

singing and speaking in the open-air, it is useful in making us all feel that our profession is not in vain, but real, and it is a good test of our spiritual life and vigour. Tracts and leaflets are distributed, and visits paid to those who are willing to receive them.

The Gospel is preached to the aged and infirm, who open their doors and windows to receive the glad tidings. We have no tale of violent opposition to tell, neither can we accuse ourselves of cowardice. We believe that the blessing of God rests upon our open-air work in a very special manner, and we trust that our opportunities for pursuing this work will be very largely increased when the new roads adjacent to the Mission Hall are complete. One of our Mission Band workers has developed into a Vicar of the Church of England, another into a Nonconformist Minister, a third into a Joyful News Evangelist, and a fourth is now working a Gospel Car in connection with Home Missions.

*Soup Kitchen.*

This branch of the work is not directly under our own control, although carried on in our own premises, it is managed by ladies from Brixton Hill. The mild weather of the past two seasons has

not created such a demand for soup; but the work has undoubtedly been a great boon to many poor families in the district, and has provided a good meal for scores of children who otherwise would have been hungry all day. We find that some of the poorest are also the most respectable, and that rags and dirt are not the surest signs of real want. No one can witness the joy depicted on the face of some who come to us for soup, without finding it a great help to encourage their sympathy for the deserving poor. Even a drink seller was moved to give us half a sovereign for the support of this good work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

If "Prevention is better than cure," then we must allow that the Sunday-school is a most important branch of Christian enterprise. We can follow a small part of the seed that is sown, and watch it as it springs up and blossoms forth into bud and afterwards into fruit. We are favoured in having with us now many who came in as infants many years ago. Our Secretary is home grown, and has passed right through the school to his present position.

We have also many elder scholars who can remember the old infant class which was conducted sixteen years ago by the same teacher who has charge of it to-day. This teacher was brought into the work by the father of his present co-worker. There are but few who can call to mind the noble character of those who toiled in this department for the six years prior to the opening of Lyham Road. The fidelity of our teachers has always been a characteristic feature, and no school in the the kingdom has been better served. A large proportion of the teachers make thirteen attendances per quarter. We have a morn- ing service for children, with an average attendance of 74 scholars. In the afternoon school we get an average of 195 scholars out of 266 on the books. When it is remembered that wet and bad weather prevents some of the younger ones from coming, and that some of the elder ones can only come once a fortnight, the average attendance is very satisfactory. Again, the average attendance is for the whole year, while the number on the books is for December 31st. The school is growing in every particular, from Infant Class to Young Women's Bible Class, and, commodious as the premises are, they seem to be very cramped on Sunday afternoon, and several more cla s rooms could be used to advantage.

*I. B. R. A.*

We have a branch of the "International Bible Reading Association" here, and there are 121 members. As the daily portions bear on the lesson for the next Sunday, this must be a great help to those who are earnestly seeking after the truth.

*Snowdrop Band.*

There is also a Snowdrop Band with 60 members. This is for girls over fourteen, and for mutual improvement; it does the work of a Senior Band of Hope and a Christian Endeavour Society. Young women who are not in the Sunday-school are encouraged to attend these meetings, which are held once a month on a Thursday evening from 7 till 9 (about the middle of the month).

*Library.*

The library is another branch of Sunday-school work, and is much appreciated. There are over 500 volumes (few are the worse for wear), and over 100 readers. With all the good cheap literature (as well as all the trashy and degrading publications) we are glad to find that OUR library is used more than ever before. Some

minds are profitably exercised which might be drawn away if not occupied with a good book.

*Juvenile Missionary Association.*

Our Secretary is justly proud of his work and workers, and the reader will admit that for a Mission School we have no need to blush. Mark the progress! In 1893 we collected £7, in 1894 £11, in 1895 £12 odd, while last year 1896 we beat all previous records by about £8, and the result was £20 5s. Altogether in four years we have collected over £50.

Other useful work such as visiting is done by the Sunday School, and our Anniversary is held in May, and prizes are awarded to Scholars for regular attendance. The School bears a share of the expense of working the Mission by contributing £10 per annum. More than twenty of our Scholars are Members of the Church.

*Band of Hope.*

This is another branch which is being successfully worked and has about 130 Members, with average attendance of about 90. Last year sufficient funds were collected to purchase a Magic Lantern so that this Winter many interesting and in some cases very instructive

Lectures have been given with illustrations. Band of Hope work tends to the improvement of the next generation, and we trust we are helping to make our country sober and Christian.

*Harvest Festivals.*

For the last two years we have held very successful Services at the end of September in acknowledgement of the Harvest. We have exhibited fruit, flowers, vegetables, bread, etc., and have had crowded Services, which have proved both financial and Spiritual successes.

*Watch-night.*

The last year's Watch-night Service was also the best attended of any we have ever held, and we know it was not in vain, the influence has not yet passed away. We took a collection for "Children's Home" which amounted to 10/6.

*Classes.*

We have four Classes with membership of nearly 90 in all, our numbers would be largely increased, but so many of our worshippers

are unable to attend Meetings in the week. Some of our Scholars are meeting in Class at Brixton Hill. The most successful Prayer Meeting is on Sunday evening after the Service. The week-night Prayer Meeting is not a success, very few finding it convenient to attend.

*Coffee Bar.*

Although this savors of commercial enterprise it is not a work that is carried on for financial results only, in fact it would have been closed years since if the only object was to make money.

Worked as a separate business, and bearing all expenses of such working, together with rent, etc., it would be *unprofitable*, but carried on as at present we find that during the last three years we have been able to do much good, and to add a little to the Trust Funds for maintaining the general work of the Mission.

Messrs Carter Paterson & Co's employees find a shelter here, and make good use of it. A large quantity of Cocoa is sent on to the buildings in the rear of the premises, which would, but for us, most probably be replaced by beer. Dinners have been cooked and children fed in the kitchen when the soup-kitchen has not been

open, breakfasts at 5 o'clock in the morning when occasion required, Eggs and Bacon at 10 o'clock on Saturday night when carmen have come in wet through. The excuse for a big gas bill is in the fact that about 8,400 eggs, and about 2,240 lbs. of bacon have been cooked in the year besides other meat, vegetables, pies, puddings, etc.

Teas for Special Meetings of Workers, Anniversaries, etc., etc. are always provided on such terms as leave a good margin of profit. This is a decided advantage as the experience of some workers has been that Tea Meetings have been a means of loss instead of profit.

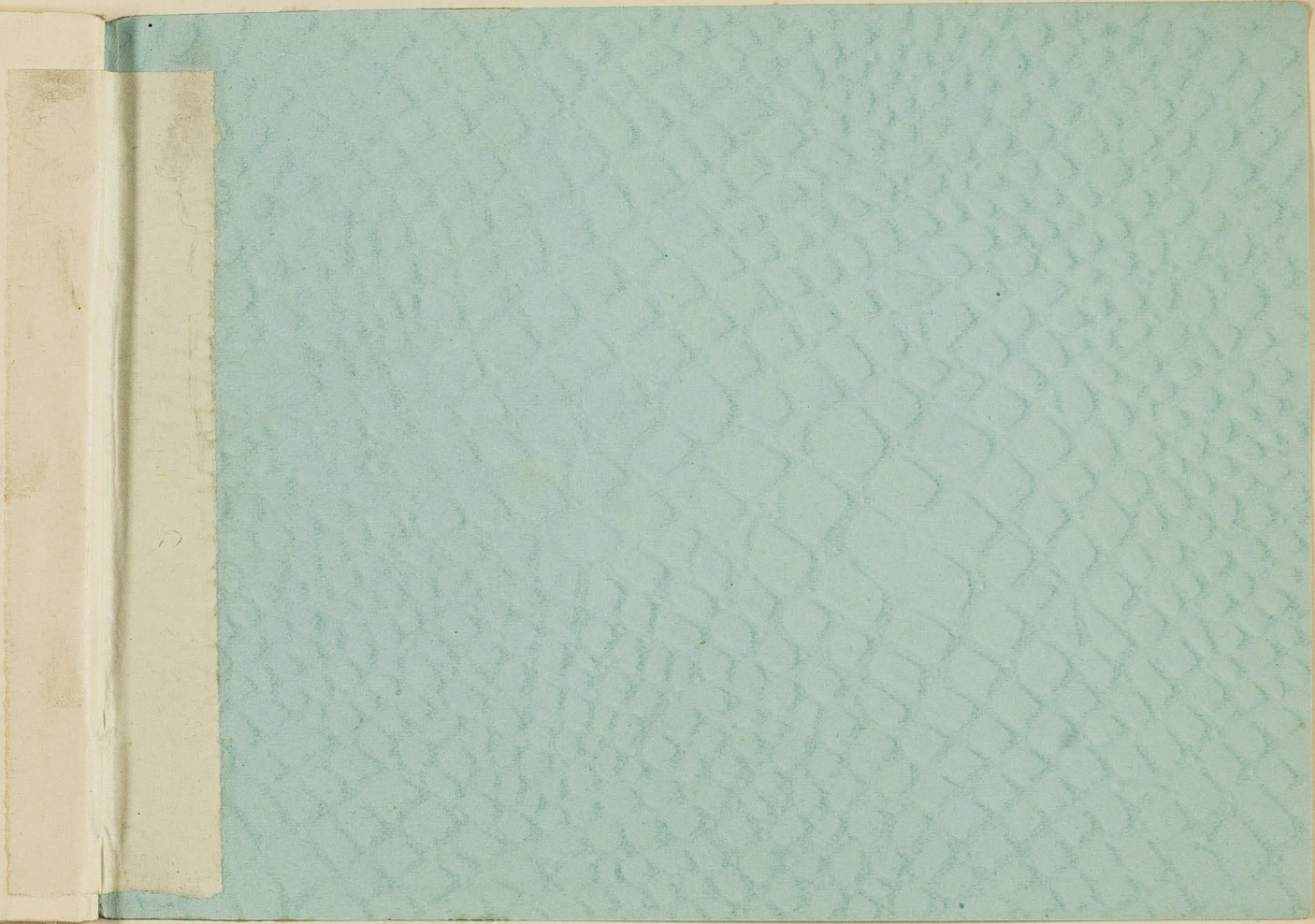
Those who have to do with the Coffee-bar derive much satisfaction from the thought that the best articles are sold at the lowest possible prices, thus conferring great benefit on the consumer without doing an injury to any other business in the vicinity of the Hall, unless it is the purveyor of intoxicating drinks, and the more his trade is injured the better pleased will all lovers of sobriety and industry be.

Many have been persuaded to sign the Temperance Pledge and helped to keep it.

"Joyful News" (a splendid paper for one halfpenny per week) is also on sale at the bar and about three dozen copies are disposed of each week.







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**Wesleyan Mission Hall,**  
LYHAM ROAD, BRIXTON HILL, S.W.

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY, APRIL, 1898.

DEAR FRIEND,

In presenting Report of the Eleventh year's work in our present premises, it gives us much pleasure to inform you that the year which dawned upon us with such threatening financial difficulties has closed with unlooked for triumph.

We take this opportunity of thanking our many friends who have rallied to our assistance and call their attention to our Balance Sheet by which they will see that our gross liabilities have during the year been reduced from £511 os. 9d. to £315 14s. 3d. This result has been achieved by the practice of strict economy in the management, and by the united effort of all concerned to avoid the borrowing of money to meet the extraordinary expenses of the year.

Gratitude is said to be "A lively sense of favors to come" and we trust that you will give us cause to repeat our acknowledgment in the reports of the future.

When the accounts were closed for the year we were indebted to the Treasurer £15 14s. 3d. Since then we have been obliged to still further draw upon him to pay for sundry repairs which could not be further delayed.

Several other matters call for early attention, so we trust you will be as liberal as you can in contributing to our Anniversary Appeal.

Yours faithfully,

GAZZAM RICKARD, *Hon. Sec.*

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1897.

1896			1896			1896			1896					
£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d			
49	7	7	Sunday Collections	*50	12	3	0	6	9	Due to Treasurer	10	19	1	
19	5	4	Anniversary Services				23	9	7	Interest on Debt	18	0	0	
			& responses to Report	89	9	7	4	1	4	Rates and Taxes	4	3	8	
3	15	8	Harvest Festival	10	5	2	40	7	3	Gas and Coal ...	40	11	6	
			Musical Evenings	7	3	3	2	2	5	Repairs ...	0	11	0	
			Christmas Carols	10	11	1	1	16	0	Insurance ...	1	16	0	
139	10	2	Coffee Bar after repaying				109	6	0	Management of Bar				
			for Provisions	151	9	2				Cleaning, etc. ...	107	9	0	
25	0	0	Grant from local Home							Printing, etc. ...	6	11	6	
			Mission Society	25	0	0				Paid to Sunday School	1	0	1	
10	0	0	Sunday School Com-							„ Band of Hope	1	13	9	
			mittee ...	10	0	0				Road Making	100	1	8	
23	11	6	Hire of Rooms ..	22	12	6	100	0	0	Reduction of Debt	100	0	0	
17	19	1	Due to Treasurer	15	14	3								
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281	9	4		£392	17	3	281	9	4		£392	17	3	

\* This sum does not include the amount of £11 10s. which was collected on February 14th for Indian Famine Fund.

Summary of Liabilities, 1897.

	£	s	d
Urgently needed Balance on current account (as per Balance Sheet)	10	19	1
Claim by Vestry of Lambeth for Roads and Foot-paths ...	100	1	8
Debt on Building, for which 4½ per cent is being paid ...	400	0	0
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	£511	0	9

Summary of Liabilities, 1898.

	£	s	d
Balance due to Treasurer as per Balance Sheet ...	15	14	3
Borrowed money for which we pay interest ...	300	0	0
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	£315	14	3

## R E P O R T.

We find it difficult to condense all the interesting facts which might be recorded into one brief report; but we can boldly assert that the activities of 1897 have surpassed those of 1896, and in no department do we report failure.

**Be ye also ready.**

One event however we recall which came as a surprise and disappointment to all our workers and friends; our Sister Marshall who had worked with us for many years was suddenly called to her reward. Fulfilling her duties (apparently quite well) until we closed the premises on the Saturday night, and before daybreak on Sunday, December 12th she had departed this life.

**Sunday Collections.**

We find a slight increase here as the total amount is only for fifty Sundays and last years amount was for fifty-two. On February 14th the collection was given to the Indian Famine Fund, and on October 3rd it was included in Harvest Festival Fund.

**Anniversary Result.**

Thanks to the generous gift of the Chairman, and hearty response of other friends to the special appeal we sent out we felt that our difficulties were at an end so far as the payment to the Lambeth Vestry for road-making was concerned at the close of the Meeting.

**Harvest Festival Results.**

Efforts were not relaxed however, and after carefully gathering the stray pence into envelopes (specially prepared for the purpose) during the summer, we felt that special opportunity was offered to make the Harvest Thanksgiving another occasion for reducing our debt.

**Musical Evenings.**

During the winter the Choir and Brass Band have united in an effort to raise funds by a series of Musical Evenings, and have been so far successful that after paying all expenses of Printing, etc., the nett balance of £7 3s. 3d. has been handed to Treasurer (see Balance Sheet).

**Mission Band Choir and Brass Band.**

Open Air Services have been held twice every Sunday with very rare exceptions, only deluge of rain prevents us, ordinary showers we manage to stand through. The Brass Band has taken part in every Open-air Meeting, and has been useful for other purposes which are mentioned in report.

**Sunday School**

The Choir, and inside musical arrangements generally, are giving great satisfaction under the able direction of our new Choir master.

Although we said such good things about our School in last year's report, we have better things to report this year. A larger school with better attendance, and a body of teachers which it would be difficult to beat for their regularity, punctuality and devotion. Teacher's Prayer Meetings are very large, and several of the elder scholars remain every month. The International Bible Reading Association has a larger roll than ever, and the Snowdrop Band continues to flourish. The Juvenile Missionary Society has a remarkable record, and this year our scholars have collected over £25, last year was just over £20, and 4 years ago the amount was only £7. For only a Mission School in a poor district we think it worthy of special notice that over £75 should be collected in 5 years.

**I.B.R.A. Snowdrop Juvenile Missionary Society.**

**Children's Services.**

The Children's Service on Sunday morning with its Choir and Orchestral-band is doing good work, and in point of numbers it is leaving the Adult Service behind.

**Band of Hope.**

Band of Hope which holds its Anniversary in the autumn, reports an increased membership and attendance, and in looking back over the past we cannot call to mind a time when this branch of work was in a more satisfactory condition.

**Soup Kitchen.**

Although the winter has been mild and there has not been much distress, we feel that very many have been filled and comforted whose lot is very hard, and the MASTER said "Give ye them to eat."

**Mother's Meeting.**

This is a new development of our work, and we take this opportunity of thanking our lady friends who have this matter in hand. It is growing, and it was our pleasure to be present at a Supper which was given several weeks ago, at which over 30 mothers and husbands were assembled.

**Lantern Services.**

The very latest addition is the Lantern Service, and we feel that the influence will not die for a long time. Some old scholars of Brixton Hill School were attracted, who by their appearance had need of the grand lessons which were illustrated. We hope next winter to repeat these illustrated services.

**Slate Club.**

There is another increase in membership of this useful Benefit Society which now numbers 190.

**Xmas Carols**

Here again the Brass Band rendered a distinct service, and many will call to mind the fact that during Xmas week they were roused from peaceful slumbers by the distant strains on the midnight air.

**and Supper.**

The fog was blinding and choking but the plan was laid and faithfully carried out, and on Boxing Day we had a march by day-light and several friends carried collecting boxes and others subscription lists, the result is shown in Balance Sheet £10 11s. 1d. was handed to our Treasurer. This was not the only result for by the kind invitation of our Treasurer's wife the members of the Band were entertained at Supper at their house. Our minister and his wife were also present and we shall not soon forget the very pleasant evening we spent together.

**Watch Night.**

This service was felt to be of great profit again, and a sum of 10s. was collected and sent to Dr. Stephenson's Home.

**Coffee Bar.**

It was thought that Building operations in the vicinity of the Hall accounted for great success in this department, and that we should experience a large falling off of revenue from this source, the past year however has shown a still larger increase (as a glance at Balance Sheet will clearly prove) and as we continue to give good value for money, and find our efforts appreciated, we are encouraged to believe that this branch will continue self-supporting for some time to come. Some friends were astonished when they saw in last year's report that 8,400 eggs had been used in bar, this time we report that over 9,000 have been used.

**"Joyful News."**

This useful little halfpenny cut-and-out weekly has an increasing sale here and we now take 50 copies per week instead of 36. There is no reason why the noble work of Thomas and Eliza Champness should not be still further supported, and we hope the friends will enquire at the Coffee Bar for "Joyful News."

**Our last year's Booklet.**

The printed report of last year we found to be a distinct advantage as many in the quiet of the home were able to read of our useful work and sent us on help. Nearly £10 came to us from these friends, and the amount is included in the Anniversary figures.

This present report we trust will fall into the hands of those whose sympathy with us will be proved in like manner. We have been prevented for years past from extending our work as we should have liked by reason of heavy debt. Do not give grudgingly, or of necessity, for

GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.

Wesleyan Mission Hall,  
Lyham Road, Brixton Hill.

REPORT  
To be presented at the ELEVENTH  
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Which will be held on  
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**REPORT**

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE  
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**ANNUAL MEETING**

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TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY,  
APRIL, 1899.

DEAR FRIEND,

We have much pleasure in calling your attention to the Report of our work here, and especially as the review of the year just closed creates in us a sincere and grateful acknowledgement of Divine Power, and blessing in our midst.

We are twelve years old, and we can see that the years of patient seed-sowing have not been wasted, for we are reaping that upon which we have bestowed much labour.

Financially we feel we have done fairly well, although there is a rather unsatisfactory balance due to treasurer. It is hoped that this balance will be cleared off as a result of our present appeal.

Our liabilities have been reduced from £315 14s. 3d. to £197 2s. 2d. during the year, and we take this opportunity of thanking our numerous friends for the cordial and hearty support they have given us, not only at our Anniversary Meeting but on the several other occasions when we have called for their assistance.

Many of our supporters are giving liberally to the 20th Century Fund, but we appeal confidently to them, and feel sure that our case is so deserving that we shall still merit a continuance of their favours.

If any further information is required respecting our work, or a personal visit requested a post-card would be promptly responded to by

Yours faithfully,  
GAZZAM RICKARD,  
*Hon. Sec.*

## REPORT.

**Our Holy dead.** Our first thoughts are of those who during the year have finished their course, and although many of our families have been visited, and signs of mourning are on every hand we think that mention by name of just a few will bring back to us the hallowed associations of the past. Old father Jennings and Sister Wells were saints of 60 years standing and left a good testimony behind them, their confidence in God was without limit, and their prayers in the Prayer Meeting brought down showers of blessing. Sister Bradstreet was not known so well by our congregation as she had been a prisoner of the Lord for very many years, but she was always with us in spirit, and she appreciated the fact that in our prayers she was always commended to our Father above. Our Sunday School was also called upon to contribute to the harmony of heaven, and one of our most devoted teachers (Bro. Herbert Knight) joined the white-robed throng.

The MASTER called them; why should we repine  
Or suffer grief, or bitterness to reign,  
To HIS most gracious will we all resign,  
And trust that we at last shall meet again.

To some HE gave a full long day of life,  
To others life seemed only just begun,  
Each battled nobly in their earthly strife,  
And now they hear the welcome word—WELL  
DONE!

**Sunday Services and Collections.** Perhaps the Sunday evening Services are taken by many to be the standard by which success or failure is to be measured. If so, we have good success, for our Hall is always comfortably full, and in the morning we should show a much better result, but for the fact that we have a separate service for young people, which also takes a goodly number of rather big children who might otherwise be worshipping with us. Our collections

are up slightly on the year, but we are still in need of increased help from outside in order to carry on our work as vigorously as we think the case deserves.

**Anniversary Result.** A goodly sum was contributed last year, but we hope to do even better this year, and trust friends will forward their subscriptions before the Annual Meeting so that the result may be known as soon as possible.

**Harvest Festival.** For the fourth year this popular and profitable institution proved a very great attraction, and the three services on the Sabbath as well as the one on the Monday fully repaid the friends for the trouble and expense to which they went. The sale was conducted by Bro. Potter and was perhaps the most successful of any we have had.

**Lantern Services.** About every month or six weeks during the winter months we have continued this means of reaching many who will not attend to ordinary religious services, and on one occasion gave two Lantern Services on the same evening, filling the minor Hall with children, and the large Hall with adults. If we were in a financial position to warrant it, we should like to extend our operations in this direction, but to prepare special slides for our own lectures, or to hire those which are already prepared by others would be quite beyond us for a regular week-night exhibition.

**Children's Services.** These continue to be well attended, in fact, we believe that our work for many years to come will be to watch over the crowds of children who are being influenced in our school and children's service until we get them soundly converted to God. We have watched many, and with joy we have witnessed the end for which we have prayed.

**Choir.** Our musical service continues to prosper, although we have sustained a serious loss by the removal of Mr. Jno. W. Hall to another part of the circuit. Our singing will compare very favourably with the singing of any congregation, at least as far as the heartiness of it is concerned, and the genuine spirit of worship which it excites.

**Mission Band.** Continues its useful work in the open-air and conducts services twice every Sunday. We are heartily welcomed wherever we go and it is quite a thing of the past for anyone to even attempt an interruption.

**The Brass Band.** Was never in a more flourishing condition in point of numbers or usefulness. Not only has it led the singing and marches in connection with our mission band, but it has been of service several times to the London Mission Band Union. At Lambeth Chapel on Easter Monday we were in full force and Lambeth Walk was a scene of wild disorder until our band appeared on the scene with Rev Surman Cooke at its head, many stray shots were fired at the thousands of people who surrounded us and we believe that it was not labour in vain. We visited East Greenwich on Whit Monday with similar results.

While other bands were asking £3 10s. for services in connection with Church Parade in aid of the Dispensary, our band stepped in as a volunteer without pay. We have also conducted services at Walworth and Loughborough Junction and assisted at Streatham on Good Friday.

**Carols.** A glance at the Balance Sheet will show that we were not idle at Xmas time, and in spite of fog and other unpleasant conditions we managed so effectually to engage the sympathy of inhabitants generally that when we called upon them on Boxing Day we gathered in a sum of £12 8s. So pleased were the Trustees at this successful effort

**Supper.** that they invited the bandsmen with wives and sweethearts to Supper at the Hall, a very pleasant evening was spent, over 60 friends being present, and during the evening the band presented their band-master with a teapot suitably engraved, in the inside of which was placed a small gold medal in the form of half a sovereign.

**The Soup Kitchin.** Continues its useful work, but we still deplore the fact that such very scant provision is made for convenience of the ladies who so kindly



manage this department. Several hundred pounds are required to put this department into suitable premises for dispensing so useful an article to the cold and hungry.

**Slate Club.** Our Slate Club has been steadily growing for several years, but this year a very extraordinary jump has been made and we have now 230 members, being an increase of over 50 on last year.

**Mother's Meeting.** This is another growing institution and is a very important branch of our work as more visiting is done in connection with it than with any other department, and mothers begin to know us, and the children become associated with the school. We have had several Baptismal Services and over 20 children have been baptised from the Mother's meeting.

**Sunday School.** Our Sunday School with its many branches of usefulness continues to grow, and we are fast becoming the largest school in the circuit. Our teachers retain the good character which they have enjoyed for many years, and are models of punctuality and regularity.

The Bible Class for young women numbers 40, and the Infant Class has an attendance of 120 frequently, whose ages vary from 2 to 9 years.

We have very large Teacher's Prayer Meetings to which many of the elder scholars remain.

**I.B.R.A. and Snowdrop Band.** The International Bible Reading Association as well as the Snowdrop Band are being worked with great success.

**Juvenile Missionary Society.** After all our boasted success in last year's report it is very gratifying to find the year just closed has added another triumph to our record, and £27 has been collected, making altogether in the last six years over £100.

**Band of Hope.** The Band of Hope whose sun last year seemed to be in its meridian has eclipsed itself, and both in numbers and attendance is by far the best we have known. Its Anniversary in the Autumn

was crowded to excess, and whenever an entertainment is given we are sure of a full house.

**Temperance Society.** We have not hitherto attempted to poll our temperance strength, but this year we are making a roll of all total abstainers either working or worshipping with us. The list is not yet complete but we have over 100 names.

**"Joyful News."** Continues a favourite with us, and we recommend it to all lovers of genuine go-a-head religion.

**Watch Night Service.** This Service was held as usual but owing to it being Saturday night it was not so well attended as on the previous occasion.

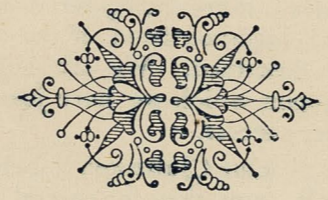
**Coffee Bar.** After the extraordinary record of 1897 we are not surprised that 1898 shows a falling off in this department. There are several reasons to give in explanation, Provisions were much dearer for a great part of the year, and the bread bill was a serious item, the price rose from 4½d. to 6½d. per quartern, and when busy we use from 6 to 8 quarterns per day. Then we were patronised by the working men who for some 6 months were engaged in road-making in the district in 1897, and there was a good deal of work done in repairs to houses in Clapham Park, and large joints were cooked every day to supply their demands. The last half of 1898 was very slow indeed, there being no work scarcely in the immediate neighbourhood of the character we have already described. We are hoping that the present year upon which we have just entered will prove a greater success.

**Social Club.** Our Club room is being used more now than for several years, and we find much pleasure in being able to afford shelter and recreation for the men who assemble from time to time.

**Benefit Societies.** We have also meeting on the premises various benefit societies, some of which are in a very flourishing condition and altogether we think the premises are being used for the purposes for which they were originally intended.

**20th Century Fund.** Although we are a poor people struggling to rid our premises of debt, we have another instance of the large-hearted-ness of our people in the fact that when the appeal for the 20th Century Fund came along we responded most promptly and already we have promises amounting to 98 guineas

**In Conclusion.** We venture to hope that all friends of true aggressive work, Religious and Social, into whose hands this report may happen to fall, will embrace the opportunity of lending practical support by sending along a subscription to our funds. No Mission could be carried on with stricter economy. We pay no one for services rendered, even the cleaning of the premises is paid for out of the Coffee Bar Account. We hand you a list of last year's subscriptions and should be much encouraged if the list could be added to.



BALANCE SHEET FOR 1898.

Sunday Collections	...	£	54	10	11	d	15	14	3
Anniversary Services	...	£	36	17	7	d	15	6	7
Harves: Festival, week night	...	£	3	2	4	d	4	3	8
Musical Evenings and Lantern Lecture	...	£	6	3	9	d	42	3	8
Christmas Collection by Band	...	£	12	8	0	d	7	10	6
Coffee Bar, after paying for provisions	...	£	106	13	11	d	5	18	8
Nett proceeds of Lecture by N. E. Tams	...	£	20	14	6	d	1	16	0
Grant from Local Home Mission Com.	...	£	30	0	0	d	101	9	0
Sunday School Committee	...	£	10	0	0	d	0	17	8
Hire of Rooms	...	£	19	6	6	d	0	11	11
Due to Treasurer	...	£	47	2	2	d	1	7	9
							150	0	0
							<u>£346</u>		19 8

Due to Treasurer	...	£	150	0	0	d	150	0	0
Interest on debt	...	£	0	17	8	d	0	17	8
Rates and Taxes	...	£	0	11	11	d	0	11	11
Gas and Coal	...	£	1	7	9	d	1	7	9
Repairs	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Printing, &c.	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Insurance	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Management of Bar	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Paid to Sunday School	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Paid to Band of Hope	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Paid to Foreign Missions	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
Paid off Loan	...	£	0	0	0	d	0	0	0
							<u>£346</u>		19 8

Liabilities, January 1st, 1898.

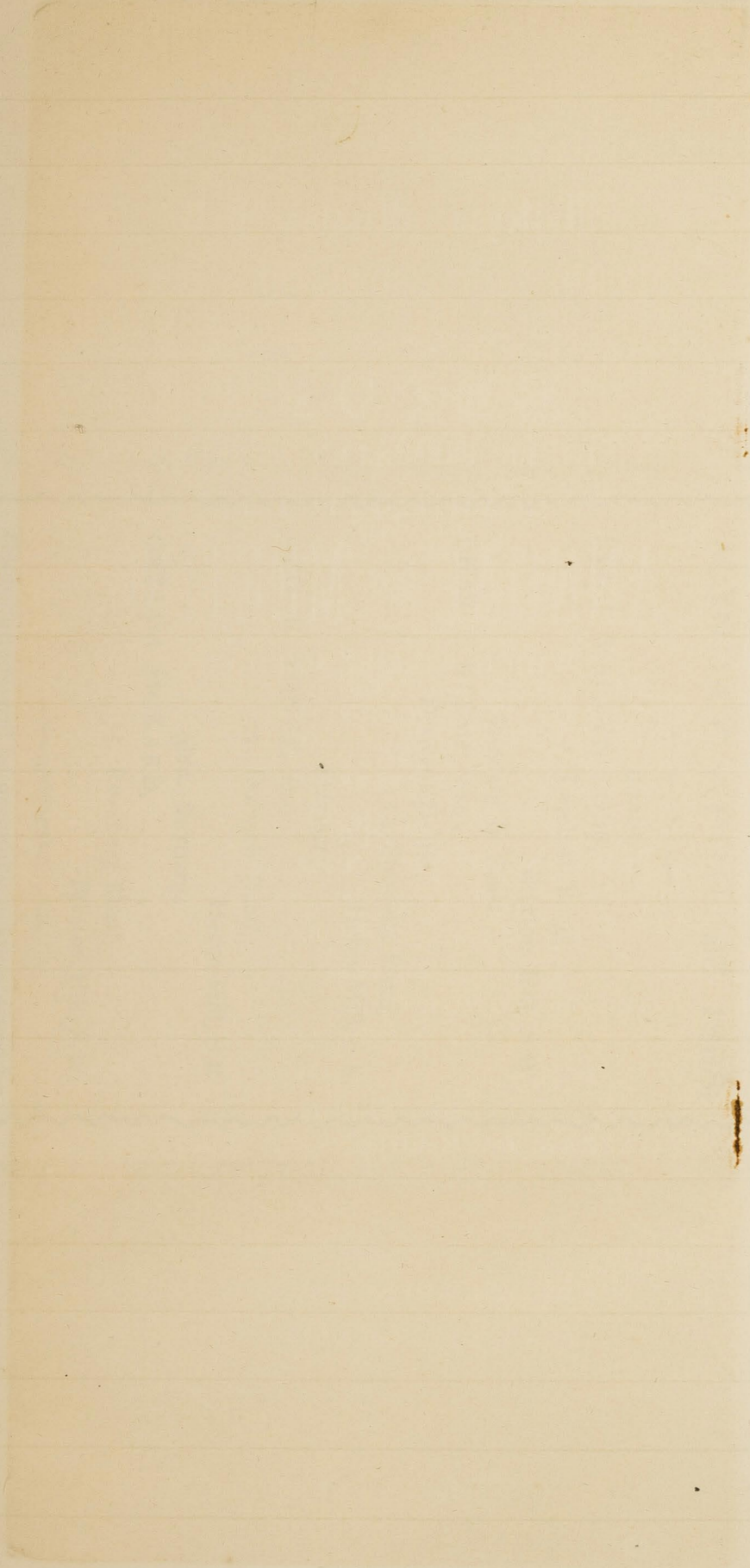
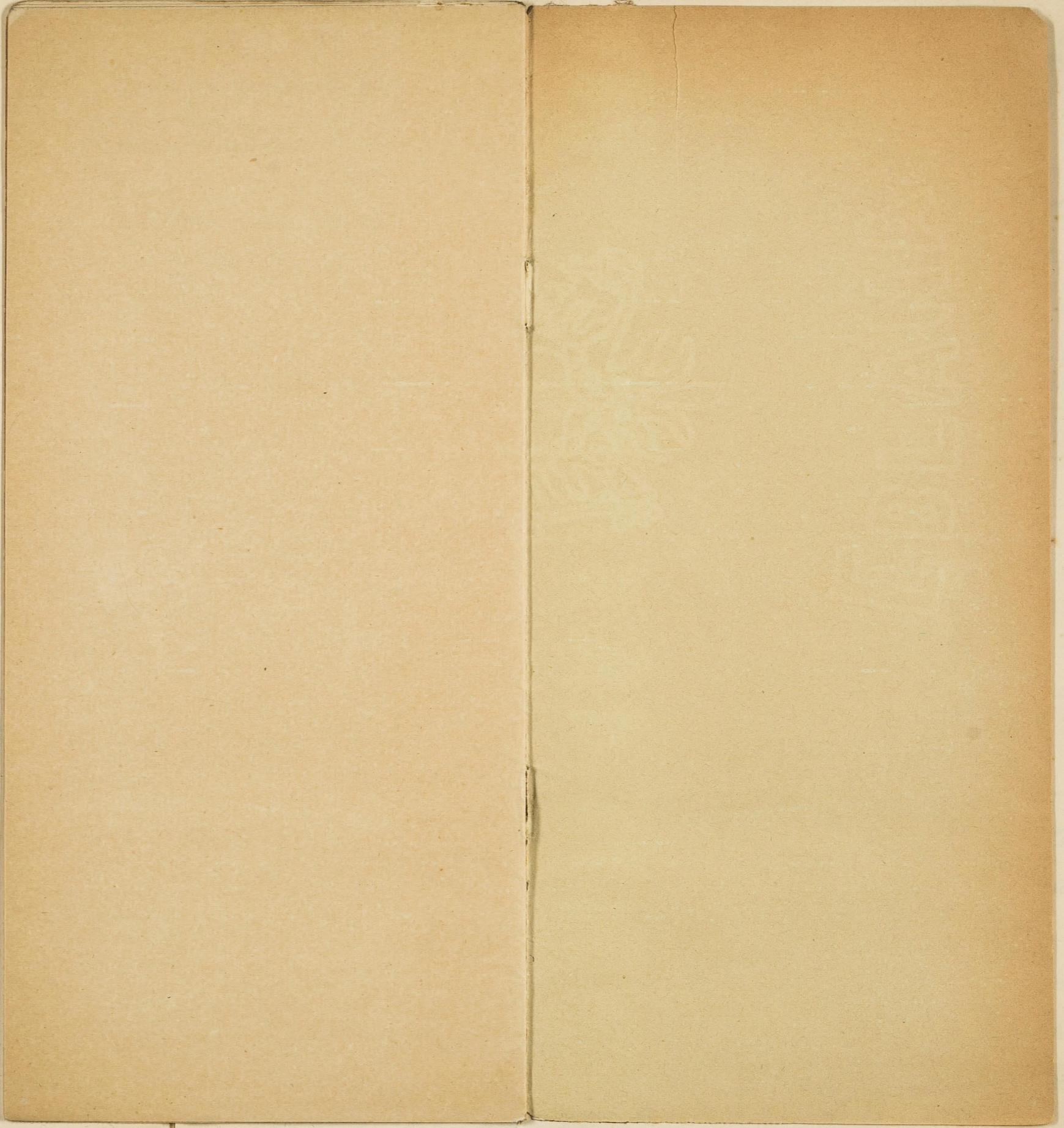
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Balance due to Treasurer	15	14	3
Borrowed Money at 4½ per cent	300	0	0
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	£315	14	3

Liabilities, January 1st, 1899.

	£	s	d
Balance due to Treasurer (as per Balance Sheet)	47	2	2
Loan at 4½ per cent	150	0	0
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	£197	2	2

Subscription List for 1898.

	£	s	d
Geo. Higgs, Esq.	5	0	0
Chas. E. Tritton, Esq., M.P.	2	2	0
C. H. Williamson, Esq.	2	2	0
Walter Griffith, Esq.	2	2	0
Herbert Holman, Esq., M.A.	2	2	0
Richard H. Holman, Esq.	2	2	0
Geo. R. Yonge, Esq.	2	2	0
Percy M. Thornton, Esq., M.P.	1	1	0
Wm. A. McArthur, Esq., M.P.	1	1	0
Chas. S. Stemp, Esq.	1	1	0
Geo. Smith, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Southall	1	1	0
Geo. Siggs, Esq.	1	1	0
Thos. Bass & Sons	1	1	0
W. A. Posnett, Esq.	1	1	0
Geo. W. Stemp, Esq.	1	1	0
Thos. J. Gardner, Esq.	1	1	0
Thomas Peed, Esq.	1	1	0
Miss Gardiner and Mr. Bond	0	15	0
Miss Chapman	0	10	6
H. K. Atkinson, Esq.	0	10	6
W. J. Canter, Esq.	0	10	0
T. H. Brown, Esq.	0	10	0
Miss Swindells	0	5	6
F. E. Potter, Esq.	0	2	6
Sunday Collections	2	9	7
Week-day Collections	1	16	6
Profit on Tea	0	4	6
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	£36	17	7



CLAPHAM: Courland-grove, Zion's Hill.—Pastor H. DADSWELL.—  
Through mercy we have been spared in peace and unity through another year.  
Our dear pastor has been enabled to declare with no uncertain sound the  
Gospel of the grace of God. Congregations at all services very good. Finances  
very satisfactory. Benevolent Society doing an excellent work. Sunday-  
school prosperous. We hope soon to begin to build new School-room. Pastor's  
week night Bible-class is well attended. We thank God and take courage.

P. E. SEARS

Report to Association

Lion's Hill Strict Baptist Church, Courland Grove,  
Clapham. Pastor H. Dadswell.

The following card was received from  
the pastor in reply to our second letter:

31.7.1900  
26 Manor Street  
Clapham S.W.

Dear Sir/ In reply to yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst: I  
am sorry to have put you to the trouble of  
writing again. I am however unable  
to name any time for an interview,  
nor have we any wish for the  
publication of information as to the  
work carried on at Courland Grove.

Yours faithfully  
H. Dadswell

The Church is connected with the Metropolitan  
Association of Strict Baptist Churches and for  
this class of church is fairly large having 82  
members. The Sunday School has 107 scholars  
and 10 Teachers. Mr Dadswell has a  
high reputation as a preacher amongst the  
Strict Baptists.

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1800.

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Interview with Mr E. Parnett. H-14

Mr Parnett is a member of the firm of Messrs Parnett and Wether, and Merchants of Stewart's Road, Battersea. I went to see him with reference to Park Crescent Church, Clapham; but found that there was very little to be said about it. It was a Congregational Church, and don't you want of support: the Free Methodist Church of Paradise Road, Lambeth, of which Mr P. is a member, took it over two years ago, and since then has been running a Sunday School (about 100), a Band of Hope and a few other meetings. During the last few months it has been opened for Sunday services, and the services

of a sister have been engaged, preparatory to a regular missionary work. At present there are very few members and those not of the poor class, and the sister who has been visiting in White St. and the other poor streets is disheartened by the lack of success which her efforts to bring the people in meet with. Mr. P. says that the people here are utterly impoverished by the Church.

Though Mr. P. had little to say of this church he talked for a long time of the Church in Paradise Road of which he and his partner Mr. Heden appear to be the moving spirits. They are both men who have risen from the working class to be employers: and are, Mr. P. says, the only members of this church who are above the working class. He spoke of it as a

gaining success, working class church, full of vigor and enthusiasm: its success is shown not only by the fact that it is always full, but by the ability and desire of the members to branch out in missionary work elsewhere. Mr P. attributes the success to the spirit of friendliness and cordiality which emanates from the leaders: "there is plenty of handshaking: one of the leaders stands at each door: people say 'We shall come to you again, you are so friendly here.'"

Mr P. noticed however that at this vigorous church it is much more difficult than it used to be to get the older members to teach in the Sunday school: "we have to depend now mostly on young people."



Interview with Mr Alex. Glegg, of the Queen's Place Mission,  
Wandsworth Road. August 3<sup>rd</sup> 54 J.A.

Mr Glegg is of the order of successful business men - a manufacturer, I should guess - and occupies a large house, with coachhouse &c. attached in the "yellow" countryfied Kings Road, just beyond the southern border of our map.

This mission which is attached to Dr Guinness Rogers Cong<sup>e</sup> Church, has been established 31 years, being taken over from the S.C.M. Mr Glegg has been its secretary for 18 years. Our interview was short, for Mr G. came late in from business, evidently tired, and I stood between him and his dinner. Not that he hurried me, or was otherwise than courteous.

Buildings

When Mr G. was first connected with the mission, they only used the building for religious purposes on Sunday, being let for a school on weekdays. Then the School Board acquired, and subsequently built the large new School close by. So it is now devoted entirely to the mission work, and is occupied every night. The large hall seats 300 & there are 4 classrooms.

Services &c.

Social Work.

Glegg - Queen's Place Mission.

Sunday morning, young people's service: afternoon Sunday school, 350 children on register: evening adult service average 150. Communion service every 2 months, 32 present last time - about usual number. 7 of these workers, like himself and wife: rest, of the ordinary class who attend the mission, i.e. respectable poor people, mostly female; only a small proportion come from the poor streets immediately surrounding the hall. Have tried special canvassing and holding meetings &c. in these streets to get the people in, but with little success. Still, Mr Glegg evidently takes little account of this, nor of the fact that he considers these streets no better, either bodily or spiritually, than ~~they were~~ 18 years ago. He is very well satisfied with the growth of the mission from a dozen or so then, to the present numbers.

Particularly does he pride himself on the social work and on what is done for the lads and girls by means of the Boy's and Girl's Brigades. The Boy's Brigade has 60 members and a good deal of trouble is taken in training them. They are taken largely from the Sunday school, and 30 or 40 of them are gathered into a Bible class on Sunday. It is made a rule that they

must be connected with the Sunday School, and those who are not already in the School when they join, conform (I assume) by attending the Bible class. There is a good gymnasium for them, they have a week's holiday under canvas, various prizes are given, and situations are found for them. The wildest boys are said to be tamed considerably by the brigade. The girls are catered for in a similar, though, of course, simpler fashion.

I tried to gather from Mr Glegg what had become of the many hundreds of children and lads who had passed through the schools and who seemed to be poorly represented by the 150 attending the adult service, but it did not seem to have occurred to him to think about this. They did not move away very much, he thought: they did not, he knew, join the parent church, for any attempts at transference there had quite failed, there being "too much velvet cushion" for the people, who did not feel at home.

A special feature of the social work is a pleasant Wednesday evening, which has eclipsed the Sunday service, which it to some extent feeds. Bright music

and good singing are provided, there is a short address, and a 10 minutes interval for buns and coffee, one penny being charged. The men come pretty freely to this - for "come just as you are" is the order - no Sunday wash &c. necessary.

Workers

All work voluntary. 35 Sunday School teachers, and an excellent choir of 40 or 50, trained by a musical enthusiast, with the result that the services are bright and attractive - always a solo, anthem &c. - one of the causes of success. Nearly all the workers come from the parent church. A few of those attending the mission will help in the singing, but seldom in any other way.

Visiting and Relief.

A Bible woman is employed. She visits in the district and acts as agent for the benevolent society. She reports to the committee any case of need, and they give her the necessary sanction. All relief is in kind, tickets for food or coals. About £25 a year given in this way. M.G. claims that they know the people sufficiently well to be able to check her reports.

A few of the cadging class come to the mission, but they soon find them out.

There is no co operation with these and M<sup>r</sup> G. knows little of them. Believe's S. Paul's is active in spite of its drinking vicar, and thinks M<sup>r</sup> North (LCM) a decent, striving man.

Other Agencies

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Captain (Miss) Jolly, 175 Manor Street, Clapham  
In charge of the Clapham Corps of the Salvation Army,  
Chip Street, Clapham.

We had written to Capt. Ward, formerly in charge here but no reply being received, I called and found that Miss Jolly had been in charge since May.

The corps is small: only 48 members and most of these are young people.

They have two halls (small) in Chip Street and hold the usual services on Sunday and also on week evenings. The best meetings are the open airs held at the corner of Clapham Common, near the Plough.

The corps has been in low water for the past year. No children's meetings have been held during the summer but they are re-starting in October.

Miss J. is a plain, homely woman from the country. She came here from the Midlands, where she had small village corps. Although more people are found here, they are more "stand offish and self righteous" than the country people and harder to get at.

Universal Brotherhood Organization, Lodge No 8.  
York Terrace, Clapham.

This body occupies a railway arch near Clapham Station, formerly used as a Russian Room.

It is a Theosophic centre and holds two meetings a week (Sunday and Tuesday evenings) for its propaganda.

A series of three lectures on Sunday evenings are now being advertised. They are to be given by a "Mr Campbell" a pupil of Madame Blavatsky.

G.H.

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The first of these is a rather old one  
 which has been found in a house  
 It is a photograph of a man and his  
 wife and a child and I suppose  
 for the purpose of  
 I have seen the same in  
 the same house a number of times. It is  
 given by a man called "a friend of mine"  
 I believe.







