

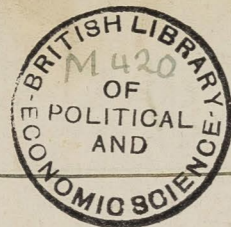
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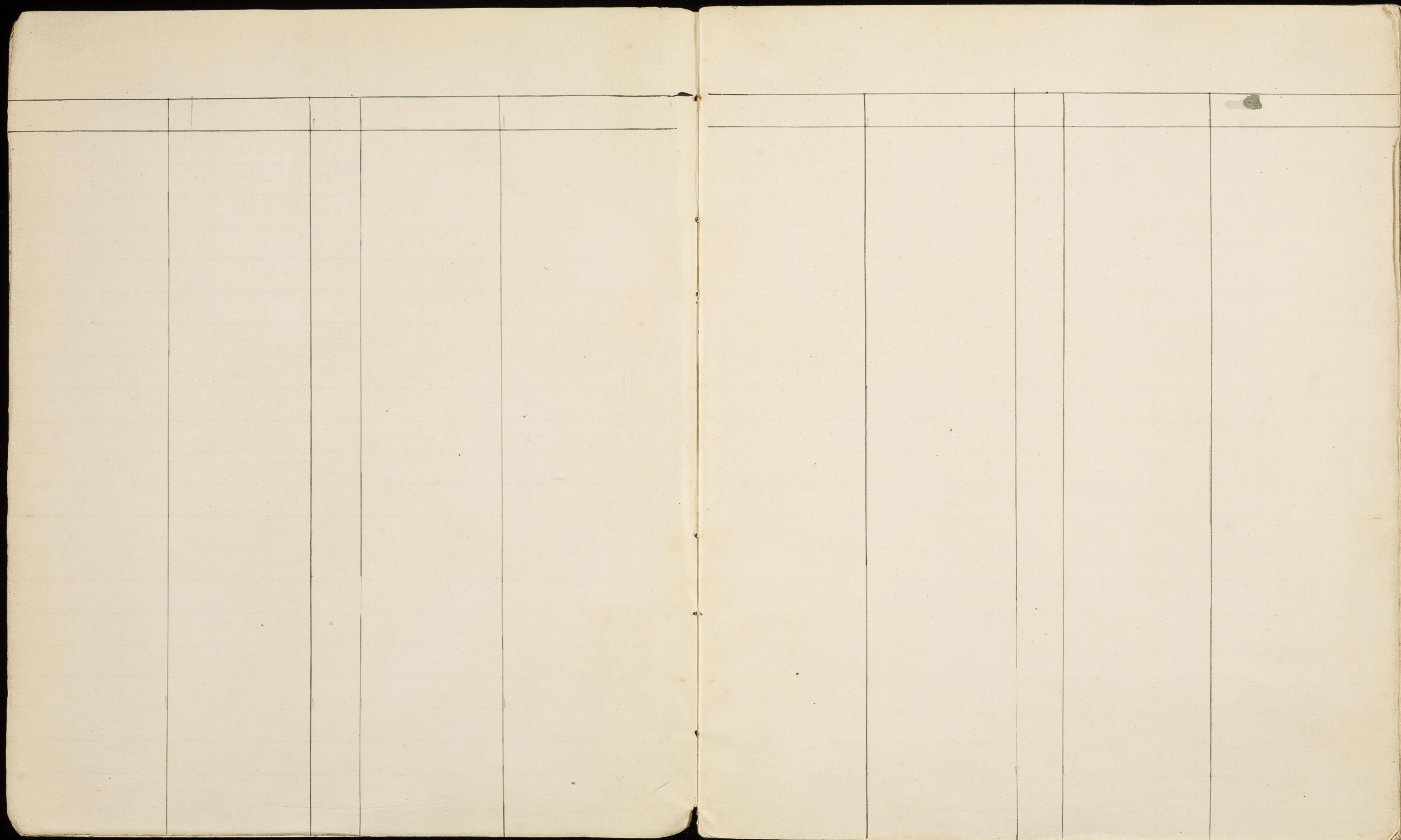


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Rev. Thos Jackson
Primitive Methodist

Glo. Co. Sept 8/97

Clapton Circuit

Working Lads Institute

St. Mary's Parish.

Rev. Thos Jackson. ^{of no importance} 8 Rushmore Road, Clapton.
Primitive Methodist Minister. In charge of the
Clapton Mission Circuit.

This circuit beside the two chapels at Clapton and one in Hoxton contains the Working Lads Institute, 137 Whitechapel Road. Detailed accounts of the Clapton work is given in Book XVII p.60-75; of Hoxton in Book 14. & this interview refers to the Institute only.

Mr Henry Hill founded the Working Lads Institute & carried on the work for nearly 20 years. The Institute was closed & had to be sold in 1896. The building (freehold) was purchased by the Primitive Methodist Missionary Committee for £8000 and is to be used for its original purpose and also as a Methodist Church centre. In the Report announcing the purchase, Mr Jackson says

It is our intention to open the Institute as soon as possible, and re-commence the work for the benefit of the Working Lads of East London, strictly upon the lines adopted by the Founder. The plan of work we have sketched out will embrace Evangelistic services, Sunday School, Bible Classes, Band of Hope, Temperance meetings, Services for Germans, a Medical Students' Club, Benefit and kindred societies. We shall include the Spiritual, Educational, Recreative, Social, and Philanthropic departments of work in our programme.

It was ~~now~~ opened ^{on April 22/97.} and some of these agencies are

working

Building Used

Religious Meeting held

working but can hardly be at their best as yet.

The building is large and fronts upon the main road.

"This building covers an area of about 7,500 feet. It was specially designed for the purposes of this Working Lads' Institute for East London and is probably the best and most complete Youths' Institute in London. On the first floor is the Reading Room and Library. On the ground floor a large Gymnasium and Swimming Bath. There are six Dormitories with 36 beds.

Such ample provision is arranged for Educational and Technical instruction that it is practically a College and Polytechnic combined. There are seven large class-rooms and four workshops with accommodation for 400 students and mechanics' To these must be added the "Princess" Lecture Hall which seats 600 so that 1,000 lads might receive instruction simultaneously every evening in the week."

The lecture hall is used for the religious service.

Sunday 11 A.M. Fellowship Mtg. About 40 or 50 present.

6.15 PM Open air opposite London Hospital. got a great crowd - hundreds.

7 - Preaching service. 150 to 250 attend.

Tuesday 8.15 Bible class - Average 24.

8 - Class Meeting.

Sunday School at 10 am + 2.45 PM. 170 scholars and 16 teachers on the books. Average attendance 30 in morning + about 150 in afternoon.

A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour has also been started.

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Persons Employed

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A missionary and a biblewoman are employed here, the latter being a certificated nurse. In addition the two ministers on the circuit take part in the services & direct the work.

[For further details see interview with Mr Jackson in Book . We shall need to see the missionary or nurse here for additional detail especially as the Primitives have so recently commenced work here.]
GLA.

Rev. J. Sissons
Congregational Minister

Ed Jan 5/98

S^t Philip's parish.

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Rev. J. Sissons, Minister of Wycliffe
Chapel, Philpot Street, Commercial Road. E

Met Mr Sissons at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon
Street. Thin man of medium stature, with a sharp
clean shaven face. Dressed in full clerical garb -
stock, soft felt hat &c. ~~or~~ A clerical nonconformist
and quite unlike the usual congregational
ministers. Thinks in a clerical groove: talks
of 'lay' control etc. Has been here about 2 yrs.

The interview was somewhat hurried and
Mr S. promised to send a copy of the Church Manual
& the statistics.

Specially emphasised the respectability of
the people attending the church. Always has oc-
cupied a sort of cathedral position to the Cong^l.
churches around. Do not go in for mission
methods: their people do not like it. People
attending are comfortably off. Sunday school scholars
are mostly tradesmen's children. The poorer people
go to Watney Street (Ebenezer)

A middle class church

Persons Employed.

Buildings used

* This mission is belongs to the L.C.M.

Services Held.

Social Agencies

Visitation

Minister, deaconess and scripture reader (all paid)
Voluntary workers.

Wycliffe Chapel. seat 1500 people. Schools on opposite side of street & a mission in Raven St. (116 Bedford Street) Little Street Board School used for a Sunday School.

Sunday Services 11 am & 6.30. Congregation 300 men & and 500 evening. Many come twice a day.

Wednesday Service.

Sunday Schools. At Wycliffe. Morning and afternoon at Wycliffe & afternoon at Board School. At Wycliffe Teacher. 41. Scholars on Books. 339. Attendance 205
" Branch Sch. " 14 " " 97 73

Have a number of Social agencies. Literary society, Band of Hope. 183 members. Dorcas society etc. Mothers' Meeting; working mens' work.

Pastor visits sick members & the congregation. The deaconess ^{looks} ~~has~~ the district and the L.C.M. (Mr Murray) has a district to the north east of the chapel. The deaconess is well received - has the 'run' of the district.

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Other Religious Agencies

St Peters

Don't meddle with nursing. In case of need the people go to the London Hospital.

For relief purposes they have the Communion fund and a special 'Bethesda Fund'. In the bad weather they go in for the "soup kitchen business". Relief cases of sickness & out of work to a limited amount. The relief depends on the visitors reports. "We don't go in tout like some of them (e.g. churches) who are always trying to attract the people by giving them something or other".

Don't know anything of St Peter's work. (Wyldiffe is in the centre of the parish)

Charringtons is strong. The place is crowded with chapels. District is better provided with places of worship than any other in London. There is not population enough to work upon. Watney St., Brunswick, Trinity & cannot help overlapping.

Also said that the people were the most religious in London & stuck to it when I suggested doubts on the point. The deaconess in her visitation very rarely finds a house where no one

Character of People

Health

Police

Thrift

Rents

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attends worship & it is also rare to go into a house
where there is not a bible. Visitors report to Mrs.

Apart from the Jews the people are working
class. Comfortable: lots of them have their
turkey on Christmas day etc. Only change
in the district is that the Jews are taking the
place of the gentiles & this makes it very hard
for gentile tradesmen.

Health exceedingly good. Dry and well
drained. Streets wide.

Police are very rarely seen. Not much needed
round here.

Thrift. fair. Savings banks & that kind of thing

Rents are very high. One of the highest rented
neighbourhood. Hebrews will pay any amount
and give a premium to get the key.

Co-operation of Churches

Membership of Church

General Impression

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Church belongs to the Free Church Council and also to the London Union which exists for increasing the inter-connexion of the churches - the richer help the poorer.

Membership is about 300 and is growing. Great improvement within 2 last years e.g. Mr S's ministry. New members come from the neighbourhood.

My impressions of Mr S. & his work was not very favourable. He seemed too careful to impress me with the respectability of his people. He may be a good preacher but seems to lack that enthusiasm which is needed for aggressive work in such a district. The church possesses a few endowments. It dates back to 1642 & is the premier congregational church of the district. Stepney meeting house coming 2 years later.

Rev^d J. P. Lansdowne
Brunswick Congregational Chapell

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Jan 10/18

Historic note

Personal note

Character of the People

Persons Employed

St. Mary's Parish.

Interview with Rev^d J. P. Lansdowne. Minister of
"Brunswick" Congregational Church, 193 Whitechapel Road.
Residence: 21

Brunswick Church was ~~formed from two~~ by the amalgamation of Zion Church (founded 1790) + Mill End Road Church (formed 1660). The union took place in 1894.

Mr Lansdowne is a fine, broad shouldered middle aged man. Pleasant, frank face; cultured manner & ready speaker.

Looking at the map, Mr L. thought it was generally poorer than coloured. The black patches have gone from Lady Lake Grove (now Adeline Grove) and from Oxford Street. Jubilee Street & the pink streets there about are all let out. Jews

More than half of the people in the immediate neighbourhood are Jewish. The Jews are still coming in & in time all will be Jewish. Would describe the people as poor struggling folk, with a difficulty to make both ends meet.

Minister and deaconess paid. 7 Deacons; and about 12 other workers beside 20 Sunday S. teachers.

Buildings Used

Membership of Church Services Held

Social Agencies

Chapel seating about 500; + schoolroom below + 3 class rooms. A peculiar building. Frontage to road only that for one house. Shops on each side + to these the chapel is built close up on either side ~~to~~ occupies the ground at the back; hence chapel is much larger than it looks from the road.

Membership - 1074.

Sunday. Services at 11 + 6.30. Attendance ^{morning} 60 to 150.

Sunday School, 10 + 2.45. Has grown wonderfully ^{lately} ~~to~~ 230 scholars on books. Aftern^o attendance average 170. Teachers 20. Bible class for adults. About 120 attendance. Evangelistic service in schoolroom at 8 pm. by Mission Band. Get a different set of people. About 60 average attendance.

Wednesday Service About 30. Mostly members.

Congregation comes mainly from the street to the S.E. but a few from all round.

Monday, 7 PM. Band of Hope. About 100 members. Attendance 80.

" 2.30 to 4.30. Mother's Meeting About 25.

7.30 to 9.30 " " " 30.

Tuesday evening. Welsh Meeting. Taken by a Welsh missionary. Philanthropic + religious. About 70 or 80. Come from all round the district.

Thursday, 8.30. Christian Band. Mostly young people. Average attendance 30. Growing.

Friday.. Choir Practice.

Protestant Defence Brigade. 8 to 10. Meetings vary in character and the attendance in the same way. Until just recently they had a Boys Club. 4 nights a week. Young men of 15 to 25. Just been discontinued for want of funds. It was a survival of a club formed at the Working Lads Institute, in which Mr Lansdowne was interested during Mr Hill's regime.

The deaconess visits within a radius of half a mile of the chapel. Mr L. also visits members of the congregation.

For charitable purposes they have two endowments. "Infants Friend Society", which meets once a month. Loans 'bags' to expectant mothers & helps needy cases. About £26. Then £65 to £70 a year from the Dorset Fund, which may be used at the Pastor's discretion. Mostly spent in pensions to widows and elderly women connected with the church. Relief is given on the results of visitation.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Other Agencies

Charrington's

Oxford House

Free Church Council

Police

Drink

Charrington's swallows everything. 5000 every evening. Explains it by the fact that people like big things. "It is an age of big shows". Charrington's has taken some of their people but it has done its worst now & they are gaining back again.

Oxford House is doing a most efficient work. The head, ^(Ingram) is a high churchman but he is a good man. One of the finest fellows in this part. Is in sympathy with the social work.

Free Church Council recently formed. Rev J. Fletcher is chairman & ^{Rev} Clark Hallam of Stepney Green, Sec. Has held meetings in connection with the school board elections.

Police. very good: always willing to help.

Drink is a burning question with us. Has been at Kings Cross & other places were working people abound. but none worse than this as to drink. "I think the curse of the West End is prostitution; the curse of the East is drink". Mr Gerald, the Sunday school sept. who was present & is an old resident, said

Prostitution

Marriage

Health

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there was some improvement. Altho' the neighbourhood is much poorer, it is a pleasure to walk down some of the streets to what it was 30 years ago. Attributes change to indirect influences, churches, public opinion &c.

Prostitution is scattered. It goes on but nothing glaring.

People go to the Parish Church to be married. Thinks the difficulty of getting the registrar militates against marriages in non-con. chapels. He ^{feels} would it keenly. Would like to marry some of the couples living together unmarried but it would make it too public. He has had to recommend them to go to the registrar. Inclined to advocate two ceremonies as practised by the S.A. Civil marriage at the registrar & religious service after.

The health of the district is wonderful to him. Our children are pictures of health.

'Brunswick' is evidently a church struggling

struggling against adverse conditions due to change of population. This has affected their financial position very greatly and has "made them very careful". Their proximity of the Great Assembly Hall has also affected them. They however seem to be making a little headway now - ~~the~~ especially amongst the young people. Mr Lamsdowne is a man certain to be popular with young people and impressed me as an energetic, clear headed man and a decided Christian to boot.

Rev^d Chas. Chambers
Congregational Minister.

The Buildings

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St Dunstan's Stepney.

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Interview with Rev^d Charles Chambers, Stepney
Meeting House, Garden Street, Stepney.

Stepney Meeting House is a historic non conformist church & has had a succession of ministers of considerable note, ^{one of the} the earliest being Matthew Mead who was tried with the Rye House conspirators & acquitted. The church dates back from 1644. When I met Mr C. he at once proposed that I should see the buildings, which form two large blocks one on each side of Garden Street.

The present Meeting house is a large ~~big~~ building, seating 2000 people, stained glass windows, large organ, &c. Behind it is the vestry, a small hall & 4 large schoolrooms now being used as temporary schools by the L. S. B. By the side of the church is a public garden occupying the site of the old meeting house, which stood until 1862. On the other side of the street is a long range of buildings, including 4 schoolrooms (used for club purposes), and a caretaker's and a school keeper's houses. They also own another house at the back of the chapel: purchased, Mr C assured me, to secure possession of a lane between the house & chapel. Negotiations are now in progress for the sale of the old ~~schools~~ schools to the
Luton

The Man.

Character of Population

Effect of Education

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London School Board. At present they are somewhat of a white elephant to the Church altho' used for Sunday Schools & Clubs.

Medland Hall, formerly a Mission of this Church is now worked by the London ^{Congregational Union}

Mr Chambers is about 50; ~~is~~ there a well built, big man: strong face, ^{short} pointed beard; ready and methodical in his talk and quite frank and open in manner. ~~He~~ Appeared somewhat anxious that I should obtain a complete view of the work centred at the Meeting house.

The tendency of the population in the immediate neighbourhood is downward: people becoming more rowdy and the number of Jews is increasing. The better class Jew as well as gentile is moving outward. Some trades people are living here, mainly because their shops are poorer & they cannot afford to live away. Considerable number of people employed at the wharves but few from the docks. Also many employed in the City.

Education has improved the young men and they are very much above the girls of the same class. Young men improve themselves and get good positions

Persons Reached by Church

Persons Employed

Services held

+ the one for home
Seems an impossibly
high number on
books +

positions: the girls work in the city + their earnings are very much smaller.

Practically they don't touch the Jews, except through the Club. For the rest they touch some of all grades except the roughest and of these they only get the children. Get a few more poor than other places "because we can look after them better". Mr C. specially tries to get the young people.

Minister. A late minister (Dr Kennedy) draws a pension + helps occasionally. Lady district visitor + a paid secretary for the Sunday afternoon work. 11 Deacons, 49 Sunday School teachers + quite 70 others. Work all agencies on com^{tee} system + this have more workers than usual.

Sunday. Service 11 AM. + 6.30 PM
" 3 PM Men's Social Union held in church
Women's " " in schools.

Sunday school. Morning, afterⁿ + evening.

746 Scholars on books. Average attendance, Morning 99
Afternoon 298
Evening 126

Services held (cont^d)

Men's Club

"Any games but no gambling"

Sunday 10 am . Lady's Bible class.

Monday Prayer Meeting.

Wednesday Service. . Attendants almost all members or people connected with children.

Sunday morning congregation small - about 200.

Evening. 400 to 600 - nearly all from the district.

Children's evening service - About 400 - very poor. "Regular

little rascals". Sunday school; a better class of children

Has difficulty in getting the people up on Sunday morn^g.

His lads say they get up early all the week and like

to indulge on Sunday morning. By laughing at them,

he has doubled the attendance.

Men's Club. 140 members. Meets every evening (except Sunday from 6 pm. to 11.30 pm. They have two billiard tables & one bagatelle board. Have no restrictions. Men pay their subscription and also manage club by a Com^{tee}.

Women's Club Some of these men come to the Sunday afternoon meeting. This used to be very large but the commencement of similar meetings at Barnard's Charrington's and other places near has reduced the numbers. Attendance averages 350. Have 600 to 700 sometimes.

The Women's Union

Social Agencies

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The Women's Union numbers about 100. Once a month they meet with the men & then the attendance is greater. Has tried to combine the two meetings but the people will not hear of it. The men have an antipathy to the women & the women don't want the men. "Quite a Whig & Tory business" between them.

Mothers' Meeting (Monday afterⁿ) No clubs. A religious ^{only} League of Hope, consisting of 3 ~~grades~~ sections.

Section 1st girls of any age - Girls Athletic Club.

" 2nd is the 35th Company of the Boy's Brigade.

" 3rd children under 12.

Has half an hour combined meetings & the remainder of time dull etc. All are abstainers - takes place of ~~Band~~ of Hope. Over 250 members.

Young Peoples' Guild (Mon). A little finer than the C. E. S. The Benevolent Society and Ladies' Missionary working meeting; once a month.

Cricketer Club (Stebon Heath) & Football Club for young men. Also one for Boy's Brigade.

Boy's Club Room - once a week for members of Brigade.

Two Buildings Societies & One Beneficial Society.

The London County Council
& Places of Entertainment.

Visitation

Saturday evening? Entertainment. Managed by Poles Union.
Get the hall crowded. 600 to 700 people, mostly of the
rougher class.

Sewing Class for Girls. About 70 members. Make clothing
for Mrs Hilton's Crèche or other philanthropic society.

Whilst speaking of the Saturday entertainment
Mr C. said that they were under a summons with
respect to their lecture hall. The L.C.C. is enforcing
the law as to places of public entertainment & is com-
pelling ~~chairs~~ them to bring up their provision as to
exits etc to that of the music halls. They are now
negotiating with the L.C.C. & hope to ~~stand off~~ ^{get through}
the winter months as they are. Mr Charrington
will not pay & has stopped all entertainment.
Poplar Congregational Hall has been closed.

The visitor makes about 3000 visits a year.
Mr C. visits the sick & some of the deacons visit the
members. Really visit "our own people," "A broad
term including any sick cases of which we hear."

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Cases Relieved

In cases requiring nursing they send to the Nursing Assⁿ on Stepney Green. "It has been of great use"

Give considerably over £230 a year. This includes the Common fund & part of two endowments they have, known as the Dorset & Foljambel Trusts. From the Dorset Trust they get £60 to £70 a year. Brunswick, Bethnal Green & the Brotherhood Church, Dalston, also derive benefit from this trust.

Have Almshouses in Whitehorse Lane, where 10 old people are provided for.

They give first of all to their own members and also in sick cases. Have a number of pensions but these are being reduced as Mr C. is opposed to them. "I make them go further - don't give so much. When 10/- falls in, I knock it into 4 half crowns."

Mostly give money and also drapery &c. We can give money to our people as they are sober. "No good for beggars to come here. They get nothing."

Mr C. would evidently like to have more money for relief. "Mr Atkinson is the only man that can get it money. It is no use for us to ask. We cannot get it. All has to come out of our funds."

Other Religious Agencies

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Stepney Church has a lot of workers & gives a lot of relief. Only co-operate with them in public relief such as Princess's dinner. Not much fear of clashing: they would hardly cross me.

Primitive Methodists (Stepney Green). Lively little place
Unitarians (corner of Garden St). Don't know ^{of them} anything
Stepney Temple. (Westyan). Active.

Charrington's & Barnardo's are the active agencies however. The former especially. Work very well with Barnardo but Charrington's keep apart. Their charities are immense but it would not be fair to say that the people want for what they get. Have a beautiful choir at Charrington's & this is one of the attractions. Reckoned the best in the district.

Dr Barnardo's is a very nice work. A little church. Mr Burrell is secretary of the P. S. A. Can be seen at the Edinburgh Castle. Have all kinds of agencies & well ^{worked}.

Police

Police are very nice but think they might look after the place a little better. Children knocking at the doors. Place becoming rowdy. A free fight amongst the boys last Thursday etc.

Drink

Prostitution

Crime

Marriage

Thrift

Health

Housing

Tendencies

Drink very bad - could not be worse

Prostitution not bad. Scattered but still here.

Petty theft or "nicking" very prevalent amongst the boys. They plan these things deliberately.

Only one marriage in ~~7~~ 2 years. Costs $\$$ more than at church.

Not much thrift

"People say it is healthy. I don't believe it."

Houses are too small or too big. The small ones are too small to be divided - but they all are. Others are 14 or 15 rooms. He has tried to get a house in the district & failed so far. Rents are very high; don't think they are worse anywhere. Bow is better & cheaper.

District is going to be better or very much worse

worse. Some parts ~~that~~ look very respectable & yet there is much poverty. Bromley Street has some rich men living in it & also some people in one room.

The Church has 240 members on the Roll. It has gone down considerably from its earlier days but has revived latterly. He has left the old congregational lines and now works it ~~as~~ on mission lines.

^{Medland Hall from} Mr Chambers is a shrewd clever man and he has increased the influence of the church, which after the defection of Rev G. S. Reaney seems to have reached its low water mark. Still the maintenance of the great building must be a heavy strain notwithstanding the endowments they have. Whilst Mr C. will probably increase the influence of the place, I doubt whether he will ever fill the meeting house. He ~~appears~~ seems to lack the religious fervour & enthusiasm that are necessary for such a work.

He was very careful in his statements & in the only case in which I could check his figures - the Sunday schools - he had understated the numbers.

Church Membership

General Impression

Captain (Miss) Such
Salvation Army

GLA
Jan 18/97

The Captain

District worked

Christchurch, Stepney parish.

Interviews with Captain (Miss) ^{only} Such. (2)
Salvation Fortress, Jubilee Street. E.

The Salvation Fortress is an old Methodist chapel which the Army purchased. The Officers live in a small house adjoining.

Miss Such is a tall thin young woman. She had been ill ^{about 14 days} & only ~~just~~ been able to take the meetings during the past fortnight & when her lieutenant fell ill & she was singlehanded. Her face was pinched and dark rings around the eyes told of exhausted physical powers. Like most of her colleagues, she thought little of her condition but was absorbed in her work. Has been here 5 months. Came from South Norwood.

No defined district is allotted to the corps but they work within half a mile of the Hall. The only point they touch another corps is on the Whitechapel boundary: when holding meetings at the Blind Beggar, Mile End Gate, they sometimes see the Whitechapel Slum corps a short distance off. ~~There~~ A new corps is about to be opened in Doukey Row e.g. Car Street Liveryhouse.

Persons Employed

Buildings Used

Services Held

55
Two paid officers; Capt + Lieutenant. 9 local + 8 junior officers. Have 71 soldiers + 13 recruits. 21 junior soldiers.

The Chapel holds 450 + schoolroom upstairs about 80. Junior meetings are held here.

Sunday meetings at 7 am 11, 3 + 7 pm.

Children's meetings at 3 pm + 7 pm. ^{In books 42, average attendance 35.} Three open air meetings on Sunday. 10 am Mill End West, 2 pm in side street + 6 pm at Blind Beggar.

Congregation Sunday morning 40 to 50. mostly Christians - some being outsiders. Evening about 120. People come in their working clothes, women with aprons etc. Has noticed the number that are out of work. Over 60 at a recent meeting, mostly men out of work.

Every week evening have a meeting at 8 PM. and have open air meetings at 7 pm on Mon, Wed, Thur + Sat.

Meetings differ little in attendance but drop a little toward the end of the week. 60 on Monday + reduced to 40 or 50 at end of week. Character of meeting varies. Tu + Fri being for Christians. Do not get the same people every night. Nearly half would be strangers, e.g. people she did not know.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

How the officers live

57
Childrens meeting on Tuesday & Friday at 7 PM.

Band of Love has about 50 members. Have a sewing class for girls; boys make picture frames. Children are well behaved, nice class on Sunday. Rougher element on week nights - would be playing in the streets.

Officers each visit 18 to 20 hours a week. Visit the members and their regular people first. Then we take streets. Don't get into the houses very often. Are better received in places where they hold open air meetings are thus known. So strong on visitation. I bring people to the meetings - nothing pays better."

Has no money for relief. Gave a good deal out of ~~my~~ her own pocket - "more than my salary came to last week" - (but this does not amount to much as will be seen later.

I then asked how they managed to live & whether they had to send ask headquarters for money. They had not done so here altho' they would have had to do so but that the Divisional officers send

The Officers' Income for 5 weeks.

Corps growing slowly

to them without asking. She then fetched the account book & I looked over the past month or so. It ~~was~~ showed that the officers received the following amounts during the past 5 weeks.

Week ending.	Capt.	Lieut.	
Dec ^r 18	2/3	2/-	
" 25	10/-	10/-	20/- received from D. O. or they would have had nothing.
31.	2/9	2/6	
Jan 7.	8/10	8/10	10/- received from D. O.
14.	8/3	7/-	

Beside the amount mentioned at side the Divisional officer sends 7/- for their house rent, whilst the corps pays 10/6 a week for the chapel. Still pressing the question as to how they managed to make these amounts suffice, she said that if they wanted clothes & ask for a grant they get it. She had a grant 30/- a little while ago.

This Corps is one that has a hard struggle for existence. It has however made steady progress during the past 12 months, save for a slight relapse whilst the officers were ill. When she came they had 63 soldiers & 10 recruits & have made a net gain of 8 soldiers & 3 recruits since.

The Minerant System

East ender likes open air meetings

The Self denial of the Officers.

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Speaking of changing, Miss S. said she should be rather sorry to leave because "I don't think we have done what we might, but we can't help that". This referred to their illness. Agrees with other officers that as a rule the people like a change. Fresh ways of conducting the meetings bring the charm of novelty. In the whole she thought the changes were advantageous.

One special point about the work here was that they could always get large open air meetings. At Redman's Road the police have to move the people but they are always friendly. Of course, Mile End Waste is the place par excellence for these gatherings.

In conversation with Miss Such, I could not help being strongly impressed, as I have ^{been} when meeting other officers, with the extraordinary self denial, amounting to self sacrifice displayed. This is reflected in the members of the corps, and is ^{the secret} ~~one of the reasons~~ of much of their influence, which altho' it may not extend to a large number of people, yet ~~is~~ ^{is} a very powerful, if not the most powerful, influence upon the lives of those who come under its sway.

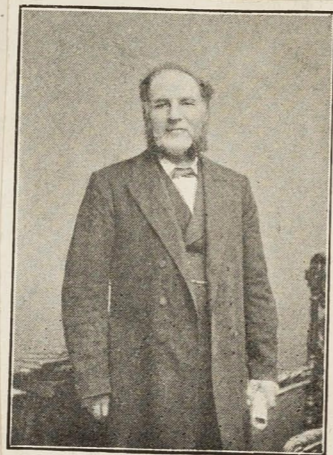
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 As I came away the lieutenant came into the
 room. She was a slight girlish figure, fairer, but
 even thinner than the Captain. Both gave me the
 impression that they were denying themselves not
 only the luxuries but some of the necessaries of
 life. One would like to invite them to a good
 dinner but that the Army regulations would not
 permit them to accept such an invitation.

Mrs S. told me that Staff Captain Lyne has
 left the East London Division & that Ensign Green,
 whom we saw at Holloway has been promoted to his
 post with the rank of Adjutant.

Mr C. Montague
King Edward Schools

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June 20/98

The Man



CHARLES MONTAGUE.

The Patrons of the School

St Olave's parish.

Interview with

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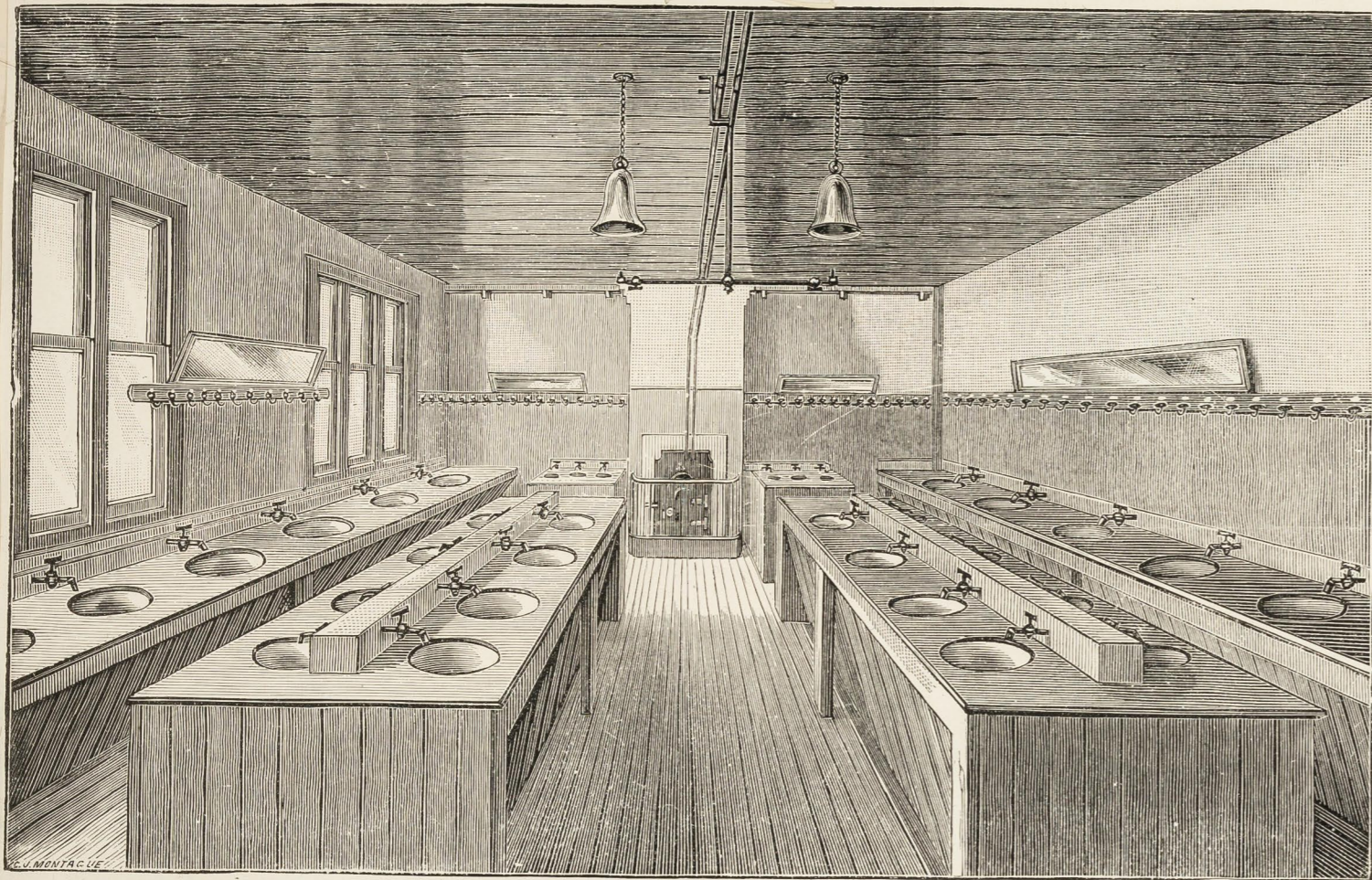
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OUR GIRLS' LAVATORY.

Girls can come direct from work and wash here before going into the Needlework and other Classes.

St Olave's parish.

Interview with

Mr C. Montague. Hon Secretary of the King Edward Ragged Schools & Missions. Spitalfields.

Mr Montague is a somewhat remarkable man. He is now a little over 60 years old & has been in business as a lithographer at 75 Bedford Street, Stepney. He has been connected with the King Edward Schools since their commencement in 1846 when he joined as a scholar. In 1856 he was made a teacher & in 1864 superintendent, a post which he still holds. He spoke little about himself & curious to know more of his history I turned up some back numbers of the Ragged School Union paper "In his Name" & from that I gleaned these particulars. In 1833 Lord Shaftesbury presented him with a testimonial - the Earl had been associated with the Mission from the first & opened the King Edward School in 1846 & the Albert Street Bldg. in 1851. Indeed the place has been associated with nobility & royalty all through. In the Committee Room at Albert St are numerous portraits of noble persons who have been connected with the place. The Duchess of Teck, Princess May, Duke of York (given by himself), Earl of Aberdeen etc.

I met Mr M. just before one o'clock, at which hour

The Children's Dinners

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dinner was to be given to 200 children at the King Edward School. As we entered the children were waiting round the doors. Inside the tables were spread; basins, and bread (2 slices), and the workers (Missionary & the ladies) were ready. The doors were opened & the youngsters filed in & took their seats. Grace was said in absolute ~~silence~~ ^{silence} and then they fell to. About 180 were present at the commencement & a few more dropped ⁱⁿ & filled the tables. ^{The dinner consisted of good thick soup & bread.} At the close grace was said & all filed out as quietly as they came in. The quiet & order observed was the noticeable thing. These dinners are given on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during the winter (Nov^r to March), a different coloured ticket being used for each day. These tickets are distributed ~~amongst~~ by the missionary & visitors & by the teachers of the Board school (Haubury). The children have tickets for the week, a fresh distribution being made each week. They were poorly clad, the girls especially so, altho' some looked well nourished. Most were children of widows or the father was out of work -

After Mrs Montague had sent a copy of the 51st Annual Report and this formed the basis of a conversation

The Annual Report

Exultant & hopeful tone.

after the dinner. This report (96 pp.) is written in a very hopeful tone throughout. The following is the 2nd paragraph.

Fifty years ago, almost on this very day, the first Report of the Schools from which this Institution has sprung, was read, and your Committee, contrasting the position then and now, cannot help feeling strengthened and encouraged to redouble their efforts. To the Committee of that date, past and present could offer little help, all their hopes were centred in the future. The Committee of the present day derive support both from past achievements and present prosperity, and are encouraged by the promise of a bright future. Looking back on the past we see the work holding its own in spite of difficulties, in some years making a little progress, and gradually gaining strength, until during the past few years it has advanced by leaps and bounds. On all sides, both at home and abroad, we are able to point to men and women in good circumstances, some holding positions of trust and responsibility, who frankly own that it is in a large measure to their early training in our Schools that they owe their success. We gain additional encouragement from the fact that never has the work as a whole been so flourishing as at the present time. The number of agencies in active operation is larger than it has ever been, and in most of them we have to report an advance on previous years. Further, in every direction there are indications of a bright future, promising even better results than have been achieved in the past.

Then follows a detailed account of the various branches of the work & the concluding paragraphs, which

The objects sought.

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I quote give the objects of the Institution.

Looking at the work as a whole, it may be briefly described as a work for the improvement of the material and spiritual welfare of the poor. The great aim of the work is the extension of God's Kingdom here on earth, and to this end the work of our various branches, whatever their immediate purpose may be, is directed. We endeavour to show that Christianity is a practical religion, and believe that any efforts tending towards the alleviation of distress and the

improvement of the social and intellectual condition of our fellow-creatures will be accepted by the Master as work for Him. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." In this belief the sick have been visited, the poor have been helped, and the hungry fed. Children have been trained physically and mentally, so that they may hold their own when called upon to engage in the great Battle of Life, and have been led to the Saviour, who is waiting to take them in His arms and bless them.

Mr Montague had invited 4 of the chief paid workers. ~~There~~ Mr Moolenaar, the missionary, (L.C.M.) formerly a missionary at the Congo. Has been here 5 yrs. Miss Grigg, Supt of visitors & Mother Meetings (17 yrs here), Miss Stoner, the nurse (10 yrs) & Miss Bunt the biblewoman. (8 yrs). Mr Montague was the chief speaker, the others joining in when their work was referred to. Perfect sympathy & freedom evidently marked the relations of all.

The District worked

Changes in 50 years.

Persons Employed

Buildings Used:

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The people attending the meetings are drawn from the immediate neighbourhood, the district specially worked being bounded on west by Brick Lane, north & east by the G.E. Rly. & South by Whitechapel Road. None come from west of Brick Lane but they get some from the dwellings in Seabright & Wilmut Street near Bethnal Green junction. These are generally people who have moved out of Mile End New Town.

During the 50 years Mr. M. has known this district the Mile End New Town part has become worse in the sense of being much poorer. It was then comfortable working people. ^{South of} Hambury Street is better than it was, owing to the influx of Jews. Spring Gardens was an Irish colony - fights nightly & that sort of thing. Abbey Street is now the poorest part of the district.

Paid workers - Missionary, Nurse, Supt of visitors, Nurse and the teachers of the industrial classes, gymnastics &c. Over 100 voluntary workers.

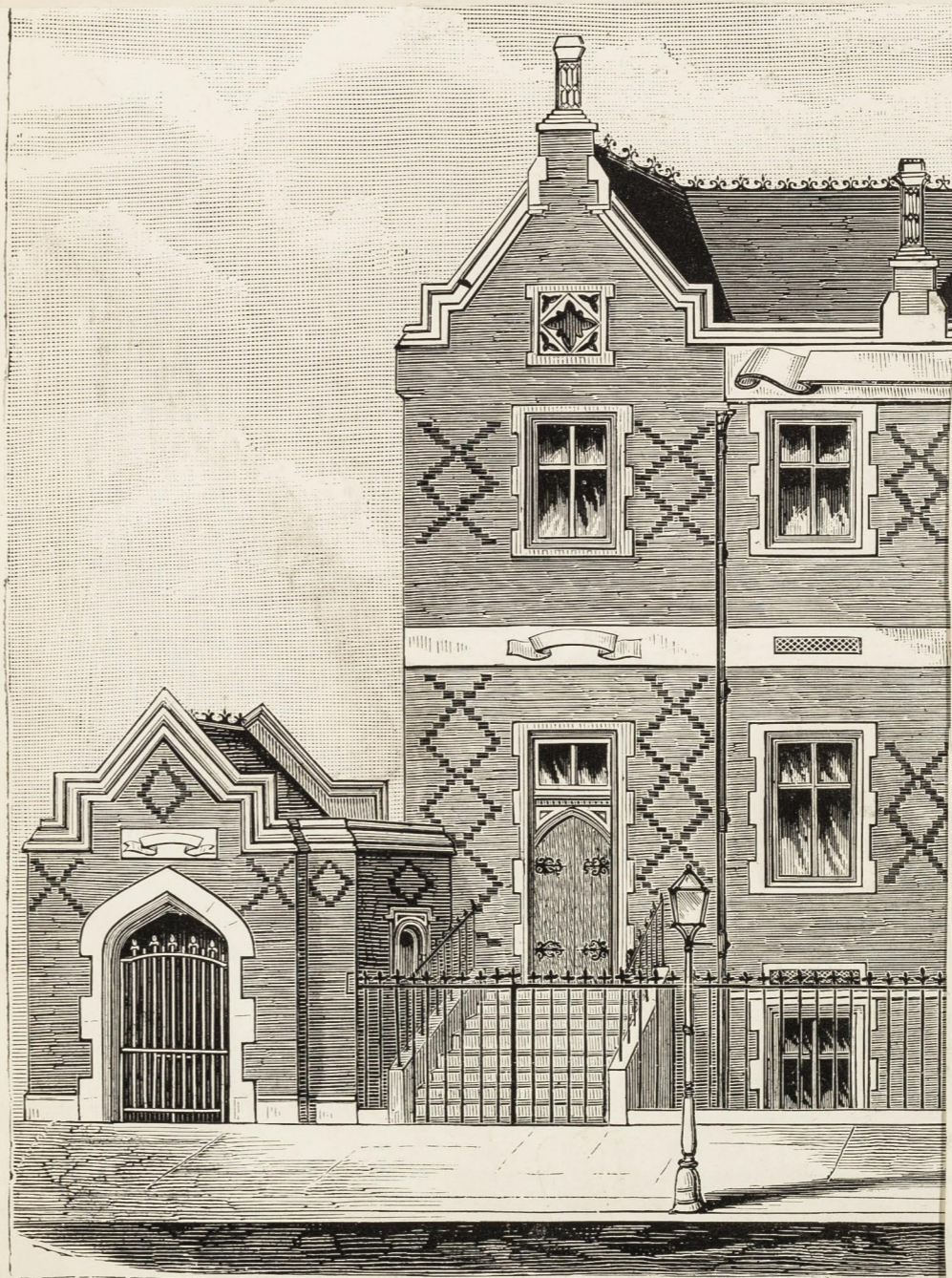
At King Edward Street; Hall seating 250, classrooms library, Clubroom, Kitchens & caretaker's apartments



School and Mission.

THE KING EDWARD

At Albert Street. Large hall holding 550, smaller hall 200; Kitchen for cooking classes, 5 or 6 large class rooms, Committee room + offices. Large lavatory for working girls, ladies room etc. Carpenter's shop, + large gymnasium.



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School and Mission.

Free Circulating Library.

Men's Reading Room.

Class Rooms.

THE KING EDWARD RAGGED SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN MISSION,
King Edward Street, Spitalfields.



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THE KING EDWARD INSTITUTE AND SCHOOLS, ALBERT STREET, SPITALFIELDS.

A catalogue of the services held &c would take several pages: the following summary is from Report

SOME OF THE OPERATIONS CARRIED ON.

- A TRAINED NURSE to attend the Sick Poor in their own Homes.
- FREE HOT NOURISHING DINNERS to Poor Children of struggling widows and others three days a week during the Winter Months.
- A BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for Helping the Sick and Aged Poor.
- VISITATION OF THE SICK. Upwards of 40,000 visits paid to the Sick and Homes of the Poor during the year.
- COUNTRY HOMES for Weak and Convalescent Children and Adults. Nearly 600 sent away in the Summer from one to four weeks.
- DAY IN THE COUNTRY. - Upwards of 2,500 taken last year.
- X SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Average attendance 1,600.
- YOUNG GIRLS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
- FREE NIGHT SCHOOLS for Boys and Girls employed during the day.
- INDUSTRIAL CLASSES for teaching Girls Needlework, Cutting-out, Knitting, Darning, &c.; 25 per cent. given to girls towards materials for their own clothing made up by them at the Schools and Institute.
- CARPENTERING, CABINET-MAKING, AND FRETWORK CLASSES for Lads. *Lads afterwards apprenticed.*
- X MISSION SERVICES AND LECTURES for Adults. Five weekly.
- WORKING LADS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
- BIBLE CLASS for Working Men. 40 in attendance.
- A BIBLE CLASS for Women. 80 in attendance.
- FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY for Adults. Upwards of 82,000 Books and Publications lent and given away during the year.
- FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY for Boys and Girls. *2000 vols.*
- A MATERNAL SOCIETY for the free loan and distribution of linen to poor married women and their infants during the month of their confinement.
- CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION SOCIETY for the free circulation of Elevating Literature. Between five and six hundred houses visited weekly.
- TWO SAVINGS BANKS for teaching habits of Frugality and Thrift.
- VISITATION TO POOR WOMEN in their own Homes by our Bible Woman and other Lady Visitors.
- VISITATION TO WORKING MEN in their Workshops and their Homes by our own Missionary.
- (2) COOKERY CLASSES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN. *(Two)*
- X THIRTY-SIX BIBLE CLASSES for Boys, Girls, Young Men, and Young Women.
- DRAWING CLASSES FOR BOYS.
- CHILDREN'S SERVICES. Sunday and Wednesday.
- BAND OF HOPE AND SINGING CLASSES.
- GYMNASIUM, STRING AND DRUM AND FIFE BANDS, SWIMMING AND CRICKET CLUBS.
- MOTHERS' MEETINGS. Average attendance 450. 620 on the books.
- CLASS FOR TEACHING YOUNG GIRLS DRESSMAKING.
- CLOTHING AND BEDDING CLUBS. *Girls 176 25.*
- READING ROOMS for very Poor Men of the Neighbourhood.
- X WHITEWASH BRUSHES AND PAILS lent, and materials given, to poor people, to cleanse the walls and ceilings of their rooms.
- AN ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION of Carpentering, Cabinet Work, Models of Machinery and Buildings, Boot Making, Needlework, Knitting, Darning, Trimming, &c., executed by the Boys and Girls of the Institution.

Bible Reading Assⁿ 400 members.

The Sunday Schools

Sunday Services

See visit confirming
the number claimed
in morning but not
in evening; 21.169

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Excepting ~~the~~ ^a Sunday School and the children's dinner,
the children & young people are gathered at Albert Street,
the King Edward Street premises being used for adults.
The Sunday schools are the centre of the work. One is
held at King Edward Street with average attendance of 4000 juniors.
At Albert St. Morning 300 attend. Afternoon 3 ~~per~~
Bible classes occupy all the rooms. One women's class 70
members; men's 40 to 50 & young men 50.
In evening Sunday Schools in 3 divisions according
to age; 1400 on books & attendance averages 1000.
Report gives average attendance at Schools as 1600.
In connection there are libraries. All rooms, including the
gymnasium, are used for the Sunday schools.
Sunday Services 11 am & 6.30. 200 in morning &
250 in evening. Children not admitted. Very poor
people from the immediate neighbourhood. Unusually
large proportion of men & most of these sit on one
side of the building. "Looks like a high church". Men
came at first & propped round the corner by the
door. Liked it & then followed & naturally went to
the same part of the building. Men come with their
wives and separate when they enter. Have tried
to alter it but not successfully. The few men
that sit with their wives are quite conspicuous.

Bible classes

Mothers Meetings



CUTTING-OUT FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CLASS.

Bible classes (36) for all classes. One for mothers with over 80 members. All attending the industrial classes belong to one or other of these. By these classes a large proportion of senior scholars have been retained & they have 40 to 45 teachers, who were former scholars.

The Social activities are very vigorous, see list p. 77. Two mothers' meetings on Monday afternoon & evening, 624 on books & average attendance 420. About equal in size. Don't think any go to another mothers' meeting. If they do they are struck off & the question is asked when they join. Would not admit if attending another. Sure to find out if they attend elsewhere as they are "so ready to tell of each other." Clothing, bedding & boot clubs & saving bank in connection. Saved £100 last year. Bought materials ^{nearly £200.} Plain needlework - two classes. Children & elder girls. Taught to alter old garments as well as make new. Knitting, Darning & Woodwork (Tu). Elder girls. Needlework Guild numbers about 60. grows out of classes. Girls take work home & and later ^{on} can buy the

Visitation

the articles at periodic sales.. Have certificates of membership, signed by Duchess of York!

Band of Hope, 150 to 200 children.

Country Holiday Home at Pilsea, 18 beds. Also send children away through the Ragged School Union. Children pay 3/- for the fortnight. Sick have first class + then delicate people. Sent 500 to 600 last year.

Night School, Mon + Tuesday evening. Teach the ordinary subjects including bookkeeping + shorthand. Gymnasium is set apart for women + girls one night a week.

Working Men's Club in connection with the Men's Reading Room. All are welcome to the Reading Room + generally after attending a short time the men join the club.

Thursday night lectures - Get Albert Street room full. 500. All from neighbourhood.

District is visited systematically. Missionary from house to house. 10 voluntary visitors beside the paid agents. These distribute illustrated ^{papers} ~~periodicals~~ such as Friendly greetings, Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home. Accepted + read by R.C.'s + Jews as well as the Gentile population. 40000 visits a year

Nursing



NURSE RECEIVING PARTICULARS OF A CASE FROM OUR MISSIONARY.

Charitable Relief.

Cases of sickness are reported to the nurse, who visits. She used to attend some Jewish cases but does not now as the Jewish Board of Guardians has a nurse. Did not like this work as the Jewish homes were extremely dirty & there was also the language difficulty.

Considerable sums are spent in relief. The Balance sheet gives the following amounts:

Relief to Sick, Meat, grocery, Blankets, bread, Coals + <small>& was dinner</small>	£ 309
Change in Country, Annual Excursion etc	£ 384
<small>less</small>	<u>101</u>
Children's & Old people's dinner.	121
Maternal Society	<u>24</u>
	£ <u>737</u>

The relief is given upon the reports of the visitors. Each visitor has to fill up a sheet giving name & particulars of cases & these are gone over every week. Give coals, groceries, beef tea but seldom money. Exception would be to save a home. All is done in a systematic way - groceries are bought in large quantities & kept ready packed at the Mission.

Christmas dinners were provided for about 300 families

Charitable Relief (cont^d)

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families. At same time 100 old ladies were given petticoats² & 30 men, shirts. Of course there are treats at Christmas & in the summer. At each season about 1500 people are entertained.

Re Mr Bourcher's story I asked "Do you ever give legs of mutton?" A roar of laughter, in the midst of which Mr M. said "No"; but immediately after one of the ladies reminded him that about 3 years ago, somebody sent a sheep at Christmas, which was cut up, so that $\frac{2}{2}$ legs had been given.

They take all the care they can to prevent overlapping and know their people thoroughly. Send a list of cases helped to the C. O. S. with an understanding that they are not shown to any clergyman. The secretary may tell any ~~else~~ applicant whether a particular case is relieved. Says this proviso is necessary as if the clergy had access to the lists they would go to any person on the list, resident in their parish.

Do not help Jewish cases. Refer them to Jewish Board of Guardians as there must be something wrong if a Jew cannot get help there.

Church Membership

Other Religious Influences

The Maternal Society helps at confinements. Lends bags for the return of which a householder is responsible. If returned clean, a parcel of clothing is given for the child. Not lost anything in fifteen years. Also lend various appliances to sick cases.

Weekly dinners to 12 old people. Robin dinners &c to children.

Have a Church Membership of 167.

Trinity Cong^l. Church. Practical + active. Don't visit much.

St Blaves (Mrs Bouches). Passed this church on the way to Albert St. Pointing to one of the Church doors, ~~Mr. B.~~ the Missionary said "That door is never opened". Previously Mr M. had said "You could put the congregation in a 4-wheel cab". Ed. Why is the attendance so small? Missionary. "The people do not like Mr B. He looks down upon them & is rough with them. Goes into their rooms without knocking" etc.

Sts Ruste Church is much more active. Has a large number of workers.

Did not go into the general questions, except the

Crowding amongst Jews

Influence of Mission

A Attention given to detail

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housing. During the period (50 yrs) they have been in the neighbourhood the density of the population has largely increased, mainly thro' the overcrowding amongst the Jews. Altho' poor the homes of the Christian population are much better than formerly & this they attribute to the influence of the Mission. Many of the parents were boys & girls in the Schools.

The mission certainly has a strong influence on the young. For 13 years in succession the School has taken the highest number of Long Service prizes in connection with the R. S. V. (103 last year) These are given for 1, 3 and 5 years service with good character from employer & teacher.

Going over the buildings & especially the Albert Street block, I was impressed with the completeness of the arrangements & the attention given to detail. ~~No pains~~ ~~are evidently spared to~~ "Either do a thing well or leave it alone" said Mr Montague was the principle upon which he acted & he certainly has one of the best equipped institutions of its kind that I have seen. He is evidently not only good at planning but also at choosing his workers &

this no doubt has contributed largely to the success attained.

The early patronage of the ^{9th} Earl of Shaftesbury, ~~had~~ paved the way for obtaining the necessary funds & has no doubt been used as a means of introducing other titled persons to the work, the subscription list containing many well known names, whilst the Queen & Princess of Wales are amongst those sending flowers & fruit for the harvest festival.

Balance Sheet

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE KING EDWARD

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From 1st April, 1895, to

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought from last account	...	139	1	10
„ Subscriptions and Donations	...	2,563	19	6
„ Sale of Materials at Mothers' Meetings and Industrial Classes	...	100	14	3½
„ Sale of Excursion Tickets and Proportion paid by Scholars and Parents to Holiday Home	...	101	9	0
„ Subscriptions from Drum and Fife Band	...	4	2	10
„ „ „ Band of Hope and Temperance Society	...	9	8	2½
„ „ „ Gymnasium Members, and Proceeds of Gymnastic Display	...	5	1	7
„ Food sold at Cookery Classes	...	0	11	2
„ Sale of Books	...	5	18	6
„ Collection at Annual Meeting	...	3	0	6
„ Sale of Poultry, &c., at Holiday Home	...	13	0	6
„ Proceeds of Swimming Entertainment	...	7	14	11
„ Sale of Tea Tickets	...	6	9	7
„ Sales at Industrial Exhibition	...	7	19	0
„ People's Contributions (as per Boxes)	...	26	11	5
„ Grants from Ragged School Union	...	90	0	0
„ „ London School Children's Dinner Association	...	45	0	0
„ Balance due to Treasurer	...	83	7	3

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RAGGED SCHOOLS, INSTITUTE, AND MISSION,

31st March, 1896, inclusive.

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EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
By Fuel, Gas, Insurance, Rates and Taxes	...	75	2	3
„ Relief for Sick—Meat, Grocery, Blankets, Bread, Milk, Coals, and Christmas Dinners to families in their own homes	...	309	3	5½
„ Change in Country and at Seaside for Weak and Convalescent Children and Adults, Annual Excursion, and Medical Officers' Fees for examining Children and Adults	...	384	17	6
„ Mission Services and Lectures	...	114	9	8
„ Materials for Mothers' Meetings and Industrial Classes, Needlework Guild, and Children's Clothing Club	...	164	2	5½
„ Wages—Carpenter and other Technical Instructors, Night School Master, Sewing Mistress, Bandmaster, Dressmaker, Caretakers, and Doorkeepers for two Schools, and Mission	...	417	8	2½
„ School Books, Reports, Appeals, Printing, and Postage	...	397	6	8
„ Enlargement of Workshop, Repairs, School Utensils, and Furniture	...	256	12	10½
„ Children's and Old People's Dinners, Christmas and Infants' Treats	...	121	12	3
„ Pitsea Holiday Home, Maintenance of Children, Matron, Railway Fares, Repairs, and Utensils	...	269	7	2½
„ Publications for gratuitous distribution, New Books for Libraries, Prizes and Rewards	...	126	13	9
„ Hymn Books and Bibles	...	6	19	10
„ Proportion towards Nurse, Bible-woman, Missionary, and District Visitor	...	157	4	0
„ Exhibition, Prizes, and Expenses	...	120	5	4
„ Publications for Reading Rooms, Cartage, Carriage of Parcels and Advertisements	...	57	8	3½
„ Materials for Night Schools, Cookery Classes, and Senior Scholars' Meetings	...	56	7	7
„ Band of Hope, Swimming and Cricket Clubs	...	39	1	9
„ Gymnasium, Annual Meeting, and Harvest Festival	...	64	18	5
„ Materials, Grocery, &c., for Maternal Society	...	23	19	10
„ Subscriptions to Hospitals and Dispensaries	...	11	11	0
„ Towards Refuge Girls' Summer Treat, Toys, &c.	...	11	17	9

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We have examined the above accounts and vouchers appertaining to the same, and find them correct.

WILLIAM H. EDGLEY, Coal Exchange,
JAMES FLACK, L.R.C.P., South Woodford, } *Auditors.*

Mr W.B. Murray
London City Mission.

LHM
Jan 24/98

The District

Changes on Districts

St. Mary's parish.

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Mr W.B. Murray London City Missionary.
21 Belgrave Street, Stepney.

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Mr Murray is a tall, military looking man of about 55. Hair and whiskers turning grey. He has been working 26 years on his district and has a Mission Hall at 111 Bedford Street.

His district includes all the houses between Philpot St & Sidney Street, East & West & between Mill End Road & Commercial Road. In this area he reckons there are 500 "visitable" houses with 1000 families. In the district, quite 1600 families live, and the remaining 600 would be Jews. They are still coming into the neighbourhood. Polish Jews as a rule. They crowd very much. ~~It is~~ A block of dwellings in Bedford Street is built for 60 families. All are Jews & "I should not like to say there were not 160 families. Some of the people even sleep on the landings".

District is poor but has improved morally. Oxford Street brothels, of which there were 21, have been cleared. John's Place (Jack's Hole) another black spot has also been cleared with the past year and is

now

now occupied by poor Jews, except two or three houses which are still bad but the occupiers being the freeholders, they could not touch them.

Has a Mission Hall seating 180 + 2 class rooms. Was formerly a strict Baptist chapel. Is built on the back yards of two houses.

Has about 18 voluntary workers to assist him. Most were trained in his Sunday school.

Sunday School. On books nearly 200 children. Average attendance. Mon 8.65 Afternoon 1.30. 14 Teachers. Respectable poor but not extremely poor children. Service. 7 pm. . 80 to 120 attend. All from district.

Open Air Meetings during summer.

Monday. Christian Band. About 30 young people.

Tuesday. 2.30. Mothers' Meeting. Small - about 30.

Wednesday. 6.30 " " Average attendance. 90

No clubs. Thinks some of Wednesday people go to other meetings but not many. Tuesday best meeting.

Girls Sewing Class. Teach to make + mend garments. Fruit + Flower Mission - carried on by the young people. who visit sick children. Have a monthly collection for this.

Building Used

Persons Employed

Meetings held +
Social Agencies

Pence Bank. . . Quite 100 accounts. Save £150 a year.

Some people deposit their money for rent & draw it out at the quarter day. No interest paid & depositor pay 1^d for book.

Clothing & Coal Club. on building society principle. Shares 9^d each per week. Each member is entitled to an

order worth 4²/₄ when she gains a draw. The 3^d is covered by the 7¹/₂% discount allowed by the merchant. Careful about those allowed to join. Was started in 1876 and 20^d would cover losses. Difficulty to keep the number down.

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* Raven Street Mission *
Clothing and Coal Club,
 HELD AT THE
MISSION HALL,
 RAVEN STREET, WHITECHAPEL,
EVERY TUESDAY EVENING,
 From 6.30 to 8 o'clock.
 ESTABLISHED JANUARY, 1876.

RULES.

- 1.—That each Member pay One Penny for Subscription Card, and One Penny for each order.
- 2.—That a Ballot takes place on the first Tuesday Evening in each month, at 9.45; but that no Member be entitled to draw whose subscriptions are not fully paid up.
- 3.—That each Member must find a security for the payment of the remainder of their subscriptions after obtaining a draw.

MR. W. B. MURRAY,
 Missionary.

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 Please keep this Card as clean as possible.

Bible Reading (Tu 8 PM) Adults. Average 35 attend^{ce}

Band of Hope (Thurs) Average attendance. 60 to 70.

Prayer Meeting (8 PM Th) About 24.

Chess & Draught Club (Sat)

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SUBSCRIPTION CARD,

No. 295 Mrs Millshere 2 Shares.

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Bible Reading (Tu 8 PM) Adults. Average 35 attend^{ce}
Band of Hope (Thurs) Average attendance. 60 to 70.
Prayer Meeting (8 PM Th) About 24.
Chess & Draught Club (Sat)

Visitation

Charitable Relief

The Mothers' Meeting Women

Visits consecutively on district, covering the ground about 4 times a year. Visited 482 sick cases last year and ^{made} 4542 other visits.

Has as little to do with relief as possible. "If I ~~could~~ had to begin my work again, I am afraid, I should scarcely touch it". A danger of manufacturing hypocrites. "If I found a really deserving case I would run the heels off my boots to help but cadgers & people who come hanging round I won't look at." Gives little ^{£15 to £20 worth} but ~~could~~ ^{can} get help for cases when he needs it. Has rolls of calico &c sent to him. Engages poor women to make this up; paying them for the work instead of relieving by gift.

Garments (mostly childrens) are distributed. Gave 42 Christmas dinners last year. Also give Hospital letters.

Has a low opinion of the women, usually attending mothers' meetings. Thinks that all the meetings should be held at the same time. Some of the women are so artful, they would still continue to attend two meetings. Some now attend two on same day. Go in & register attendance & then cannot stop.

Poor Relief

Drunk

Other Religious Agencies

Results of work

Guardians are ready to grant out relief to deserving cases. Has friends on the Board. Got 5/- a week for 2 old people recently.

Jews are temperate compared with gentiles. There were 27 publichouses on the district, when Mr M. began. Now only 21 or 22. Drunk is the chief cause of poverty.

Not more than 20% of the adult population attend a place of worship. That huge church (St Philips) gets very few. Wycliffe Chapel has only about 300 night & same at morning service. In St Thomas's time, it was crowded when I went there. Brunswick is not doing much while the Great Assembly Hall swallows up the people.

On the whole Mr M. is satisfied with his work, altho' it has not equalled his expectations. "It never does"?! "But it is most encouraging". In 1887 the people gave him an American organ, and £20 when he completed his 25th years on the district.

He is an earnest methodical worker and his visitation of the district during so many years has given him a strong personal influence.

Coal Credit Trade

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Mr Murray says that a very large trade in coal is done in the district on the same lines as the credit drapers adopt. The collectors are constantly calling at the houses. Trade is ^{largely} in the hands of Chandler and W J Cook of Commercial Road. They sell inferior coals at the best prices and thus make a good profit.

Rev^d Dolgan Lewis
Congregational Minister

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The Minister

Character of Population

Persons reached by Church

St. Olave's parish.

Interview with Rev Dolgan Lewis, Minister of
Trinity Congregational Church,
Hauxbury Street, Mile End New Town. E.

Mr Lewis is a tall venerable looking man of about 60, but lithe & vigorous in mind & body. High forehead, long flowing iron grey beard & bright eyes. A ~~Welshman~~ has been in America, where he took a part in the Christian Endeavour movement. Probably a bright & good preacher: has been at Trinity 2 1/2 years.

A large proportion of the people, ^(about 3/4th) are Jews and these Mr L. does not profess to touch. In Old Montague Street only 3 gentile families now. The Metropolitan Bldg will not take Jewish tenants, so that these will remain Christian, but remainder of district will become Jewish. Good many of the people are employed in the breweries.

The church is supported mainly by small shopkeepers and mechanics. People come from the immediate neighbourhood & also from Bethnal Green, the buildings, London Street etc. Most come from Bethnal Green direction.

Persons Employed

Buildings Used

Services held

Notices

See visit LI. 165
Congreg about half
of what is here claimed

Social Agencies

Minister, missionary & deacons paid. 9 deacons,
24 tract distributors. Apart from S. S. teachers about 65
voluntary workers.

Trinity Chapel seats 1000, 5 rooms beside.
Hambury St Board School is their freehold property
& leased to the Board, the Church using it on Sunday
& week evening. Infants school, adjoining church, is
also let to the Board.

List of Services - see next page.

Sunday

Morning congregation about 170. Evening much
larger 350. Children go to a service in the
Schools at the same time.

Christian Endeavour Society. 90 to 100 members.

Week evening service. 50 to 60 people

Sunday School 245 On Books 245. Teacher 20

Average attendance. 160. Children come
from the Waterloo Street district

The Mothers' Meeting (Monday 7 to 9.) has 130 members,
& average attendance of 100. Some attend two meetings; not all.
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THE + HOME + MESSENGER.

ISSUED BY
TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
HANBURY STREET, MILE END NEW TOWN, E.

Pastor 1844—1890 The late Rev. WM. TYLER, D.D.
Pastor Rev. DOLFAN LEWIS.



WE CORDIALLY INVITE THE READER

TO THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH.

The following Meetings are held for your benefit:—

Sunday Services.

MORNING 11 o'clock. EVENING 6.30 o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING.

MOTHERS' SEWING CLASS (Members' Room), 7. CHILDREN'S BAND OF HOPE, 7.45.

TUESDAY EVENING.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MEETING—Junior, 7 o'clock. Senior, 8.15 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING.

SERVICE, 7.30 o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING.

CHOIR PRACTICE, 8.15 o'clock.

Sunday School.

MORNING, 10 o'clock ; AFTERNOON, 2.45. (CHILDREN'S SERVICE, 11 o'clock.)

Bible Class.

YOUNG WOMEN (Class Room), 3 o'clock.

A SEAT. A BOOK. A WELCOME FOR ALL.

Social Agencies (cont^d)

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Band of Hope. About 90 members.

Dr Kennedy's Medical Mission. Doctor comes for 2 hours once a fortnight.

Ladies Sewing & Lending Mission

Christian Instruction Society

Boys Recreation & Athletic Clubs.

Home Messenger. print 1000 & distribute 600 free in the neighbourhood.

Deaconess & missionary are constantly visiting the poor. Go as far as W. Court Street, Bethnal Green. Christian Instruction Society with 24 distributors, leaves the goods magazine etc etc the doors of the people. . . 1000 copies of magazine printed; of these 600 are given away.

Give a good deal of relief. Communion Fund for the poor members of the church. Relieves their own people first. About £60 a year. Communion fund provides for about 30 poor members. Give tickets and a little money. Latter to sober and industrious families. Mrs Kennedy, (the widow of Dr Tyler a former pastor) also gives a good deal. & Mrs Lewis has tickets from various philanthropic societies.

Charitable Relief (cont^d)

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Showed me some for 1/2 cwt of coals from two societies:

'Mull End New Town' Philanthropic Society

Albert Field Jun^r: 182 Hanbury St. Secretary.

Notes in
margin mark

'Knight of Trafalgar' Spitalfields, Benevolent Society,
meets at Black Eagle¹⁴⁰ Brick Lane.

Hon. Secs: G.O. Redmond + L. Solomon.

Another society 'The Good Shepherd' also gives relief in
a similar way.

Deaconess is a trained nurse (from Memorial
Hall) and takes up serious cases.

Montague's is doing a great work but is not
really a ragged school. They get the young life of the
district. "If I had not come the church would have
been extinct now".

St Olave's is not doing much. Very friendly with
Mr Boushier. Told him "We should be starved out long ago"
^{but for the endowment.}
All Saints does more but thinks Montague's +
Trinity are the only places that really touch the
people + they do not reach them all.

Nursing

Other Religious Agencies

Experiments in
Reaching the People

Church Membership

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He was convinced that the people attending the ordinary services were drawn from a church going people. Two years ago he started a P. S. A. & it went well & he could have worked it up & made a flourishing meeting, but he was certain that the people came from other meetings and were not the class he aimed at. After a short time, he told them to go to their own place. He only wished those to remain, who did not belong elsewhere. They went & he stopped the meeting.

He now gets the non-church goers by special lectures. Sends out a 1000 special invitations by missionary & deacons. No public announcements. Get about 500 & most of these are people, who do not attend the services or any other services. From these a few are drawn to the services. He makes no fuss about them - shakes hands as they pass out & turns to someone else.

Have 250 members but only 200 are active: others old people, who cannot attend but will be on the books as long as they live. Lose a good many by transfer & has not had one transferred to the church during the 2 1/2 years of his pastorate. Bulk of new members come from Sunday school through the Christian Endeavour Society.

Police

Drink

Marriage

Health

Housing

Prospects

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Police very faithful. District exceedingly orderly.

A good deal of drink amongst women. Deacons tell him of much amongst married women.

Married a dozen couples last year. Not his own people but came from neighbourhood. So in & out in the neighbourhood & popular with the young people.

Exceedingly healthy.

Very dissatisfied with housing. Nothing in London life has surprised him more. Overcrowding. Three roomed house with 23 people &c.

Prospect in district is not good, altho' recently have had growth in every department. Recognises that it is only temporary & that the place must become Jewish. As there is no work for them, he wishes his deacons to consider advisability of removing the church to the suburbs. Local members could be transferred to 'Brunswick' which is only 5 minutes walk.
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Mr H. C. Arnall.
London City Missionary

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District

The People

Visitation

Christchurch parish.

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Mr H. C. Arnall. L.C.M. (2) CP
21 Bancroft Road, Mill End.

Mr Arnall is a man about 45 years of age. Medium height; brown hair & mutton chop whiskers. Very nervous and diffident manner. Has been 11 years in the L.C.M. 8 years on his present district and 3 years at Watney Street under Rev B. Sackett. He is a member of Ebenezer Congl Church & this 'unfortunately' does not improve his relations with his supt. Rev Hobbs of Christ Church.

The district is bounded on west by Jubilee Street, south by Oxford Street, east by Gold Street & Stepney Green and north by Mill End Road; and includes nearly half of Christchurch Parish.

The people are labouring & working folk; mostly in work at low wages but there is no extreme poverty. A few widows etc.

Visitation is the backbone of his work. He goes

Visitation (cont'd)

Building used

Persons Employed

Services Held &c

over the district from house to house covering the whole about 5 times a year. Where necessary he visits oftener - once a week or more. Old people, who cannot go to church or chapel like him to call & read the Bible to them. During the year, he made 1120 visits and 4535 calls, the distinction being that a visit means going into the house to read, or pray &c; a call when he ~~do~~ only leaves a tract or talks at the door. Difficulty in reaching lodgers. People do not like you to know they have more than one lodger.

Has a Mission Hall in Silver Street. Seats 100 adults comfortably.

11 Sunday school teachers, 5 other young men & 8 or 10 ladies assist in this work.

- Sunday. Childrens service at 11 -
- " 3pm. School. About 180 on books. Attendance 150. Nearly all come from the district. Most from Silver St.
- " Service 7pm. About 50 adults and a few children with parents.
- Monday Junior Sons of Phoenia
- Tuesday. Band of Hope.
- Wednesday. Prayer Meeting.

Services + Social Agencies (cont^d)

Charitable Relief

The first time he went to Mr Atkinson, the latter questioned him as to the cases the result being "well I will give you the letters but I want you to be careful in giving them". Now he does not ask questions relying upon Mrs Carnallo's discretion for

Other Religious Agencies

Thursday. 6.30. Children's Service. This is the work of Mrs S.W. Hart, the son of an Estate Agents in Can^lgd. He collected in the Limehouse Fields district and get the children from that district to come to this meeting. Room crowded with rough children - 150 or so. Magic lanterns etc.

Friday. Girls Sewing Class. About 80 on Book + 50 attend. Give them 25% on the material they buy but must make it up there. Sew better now than 7 or 8 years ago. Some used their left hands. Improvement due to better teaching.

Not a great deal of charitable relief given - "I practically give ~~not~~ none" except about 500 garments to the children. These are sent from the country. Not much help wanted - mostly old people that are needy. Has hospital letters from Rev Atkinson.

Scotch Church (Oxford St) has a lady visitor on the district.

Christ Church (Mr Hobbs) has 2 mission women, + scripture reader + is very active.

Other Religious Agencies (contd)

Influence of religion
& Church attendance

Stepney Tabernacle (Mr Hollams) also has a lady visitor.

Indeed Mr C. thinks this district is well worked and feels that he is not needed on the district which is well looked after compared with the other. He visits the cripples for the R. S. U. in a poor patch north of the M. E. Workhouse - Longnor Bradwell Road etc where the people are neglected. Wonders he is not sent to such a place as that. but the subscription is given for the present district.

The influence of religion upon the people, he thinks, is mainly a restraining force. Remove it & there would be awful scenes. Not more than 10% of the adults go to church or chapel but fully 90% of the children go to Sunday school. He walks about his district on Sunday afternoons talking to the men as he gets opportunity. Streets are more free from children than on week days. His mission attendance is the result of the visitation & this visitation is sometimes the means of bringing back those who lapse. Told of a woman, formerly a Wesleyan S. S. teacher. She married a barman

then the family came & they moved into this district. She had given up all attendance when he saw her. Subsequently she began to attend Christchurch.

There is a feeling ~~at~~ amongst the people that they are doing you a favour by attending the services. "I will give you a look in" Regards this as a bad sign. Also a number go for the loaves & fishes. He addresses Mr Hobbins' mothers' meeting & notices that the attendance always increases before Christmas and before the summer heats.

Drink is not conspicuous but the people drink enough to keep them poor. Man and wife earning 24/- would spend 4/- to 6/- in this way and be temperate.

People in the district are remarkable for the time they occupy their houses. I mentioned a man who had been there 46 years. Even in the poorest part (Gold & Silver Streets) they remain & you never see

Drink

Housing etc

Relation of Sexes

an empty house. These houses belong to Mrs Pemberton Barnes. The rents are rather low (5/6 for 3 small rooms & a washhouse) & this enables them to pick their tenants. Mrs Barnes in her will ~~added~~ forbade any dishes for rent & the people have to leave if they get 2 or 3 weeks in arrears. To show how these houses are sought after he mentioned the case of a policeman who lived here. Through a quarrel with a neighbour he was sent away & had to leave. When he went to give notice, another man went with him to ask for the house.

Relation of sexes before marriage very good. Very few cases of girls having babies. Does not think that many are having together unmarried.

M^r Carnall is doing a quiet little work, and ~~has~~ ^{wields} a certain influence on the people, more by his quiet, persistent christian life than by his force of character. As with so many other missions the most effective influence is upon the children.

Mr Eli Ashdown
Loar Street & Particular Baptist

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Feb 3/98

The Building

St Mary's parish

Interview with

~~Rev~~ Mr Eli Ashdown, Pastor of Loar Chapel, 185
St. Alie Street

Mr Ashdown is a tall corpulent man of about 70. Talks ~~with~~ in a nervous hurried manner and was ~~at~~ at ease during the interview, which ~~took~~ took place in his vestry before the evening service. He has been pastor for 17 years. For the 40 previous years the church had been served by supplies.

The building is one of the most old fashioned I have entered. It seats about 700 persons. A gallery round three sides and a tall ^{wooden} pulpit at the far end with an enormous extinguisher shaped sounding board above it. The area is occupied by high wooden pews that only permit an observer on the floor level to see the heads of the occupants whilst the backs of the rows nearest the entrance is so high that you cannot see anything until you reach one of the aisles. It is lighted by a number of gas brackets (one burner each enclosed in a frosted glass globe) pendant from the gallery. Walls ~~base~~ whitened but now rather dirty, showing the ~~rows~~ courses of bricks

bricks; the bareness totally unrelieved by text or ornamentation of any kind. [I read this description to my wife immediately after writing it & asked if she could recognise the kind of building. She replied "It is just like an old strict Baptist Chapel."]

Beside the chapel the only room they have is the vestry a rather small place. Sunday school is held in the Chapel gallery.

Pastor, 2 deacons and 8 or 9 teachers.

Sunday. Service, 11 and 6.30.

" aft^r School and prayer meeting

Monday. 7 - Service

Thursday 7 do.

Beside these meetings a quarterly meeting of the members and an occasional special meeting is all that is done.

Congregation about 400 in morning and about 300 at night. People come in the morning and stay all day. Bring their children & these form the Sunday school. Do not get the outside people children. At one time Mr A. used to remain all day & then about 70 or 80 of the people used

Persons Employed

Services Held

Where the people come from.

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remain after morning service. Had their dinner there and then ~~remained~~ had a prayer meeting whilst the Sunday school was in progress. He has had to give this up & now the number that remain is reduced altho' some dozen or so still remain all day.

These people come from almost everywhere except the immediate neighbourhood, which Mr A. explained was "nearly all Jews". Amongst the places he mentioned were Canning Town, Bow, Brockley, New Cross, Shepherd's Bush Dalston &c.

Asked why they should come such distances rather than worship nearer home, he said it was because they were Strict and Particular Baptists & very careful as to where they worshipped. Rather repelled a suggestion of mine that personal associations with the place retained their allegiance.

At one time the people did live near. The church was formed in 1808, by a party splitting off from the church in Old Gravel Lane. In 1856 they had a large number of people, merchants & others living in St. Uie Street & the chapel was crowded. All gone
away

Church Membership

Visitation

Charitable Relief

away now. As illustrating their exclusiveness Mr A. mentioned that some years ago the pastor of the Commercial Street Baptist Chapel (I forget name) wished to combine the two churches. They had several meetings about it but finally decided not to do so altho' the union would have saved them the £80 a year now paid for ~~this~~ Tower, the Court St Chapel being freehold.

Church has a membership of 93.

Mr A. & the two deacons visit their own people.

About £60 to £70 a year is spent in relief and this also goes to their own people

I tried to ascertain in what way they differed from ordinary Baptists but got no clear account of their position save as regards two points: (a) that they insisted rigorously upon baptism by immersion and (b) that they were more strict as to church membership & would not admit members on their own confession of faith alone. In the latter point however I do not think

There is much difference as in all the Baptist churches I know the testimony of two members is needed as to the fitness of a candidate in addition to his or her profession of faith.

As a local influence, the chapel is practically nil. I have however given a somewhat full account of the interview as we are not likely to get much information respecting these order of churches. Although individually unimportant, the number of these little Bethels is considerable and their adherents would number some 1000's in London. Most of these, altho' narrow and selfish in their outlook, are excellent citizens, living their daily life quietly and rarely coming in contact with any public officials, except the tax gatherer: supporting their own poor, who would rarely be allowed to become dependent on public charity.

As I left, the people were gathering for the evening service. As I passed down the side aisle I counted about 42 heads with above the high pass & I watched some 18 or 19 enter before the time for commencing. Allowing for a few late comers the number would be about 40.

Mr George Holland
George Yard Mission

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Feb 3/18

Changes in district

St Mary's parish.

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Mr George Holland, George Yard Mission and
ragged schools, High Street, Whitechapel. E.

Mr Holland is 75 years old. He has just recovered from a serious illness and was weak & tottering. He has changed considerably since I saw him 5 years ago, when he was quite upright. He is now stooped somewhat.

Altho' bodily weakness has increased, his mind was clear and while he probably directs the whole enterprise, his personal share in the work must be slight, ~~altho'~~ He has been at George Yard 43 years & has known the district for 50 years. "I have given my best days to it!"

During this period the changes have been enormous. Police only entered George Yard in '35 or '45: now a single man can go down. Angel Alley was a nest of brothels, the sites of which are now occupied by the Mission buildings. Even within comparatively recent years the conditions were extremely bad especially in Angel Alley. Just by Shaftesbury House this alley makes a bend & is outside of sight of High Street. Women used to use it as a dressing room, changing their clothing completely, whilst further up men would do the same thing. Passing up the court became utterly

Buildings used

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utterly demoralizing to the children. He has seen men and women having connexion during the day time & a number of children looking on. This state of affairs has been altered by the Vestry closing the thoroughfare & placing a locked door for which those having right of way are provided with a key.

Directly I arrived Mr H. took me over the buildings. These consist of three distinct blocks. The largest consists of the George Yard Mission & schools & 87 High Street. Here there is a large Hall seating 800 people organ etc, not used for the day school. Above are 3 large rooms also used for school & in the evening for the ladies clubs. At night 87 High Street is entirely shut off from the remainder of the block by a shutter & forms the girls portion of the building. On the ground floor classes are held; on the first floor is a play room and a parlour for girls over 15. & a library. The upper floor contains a young girls room & the caretaker's & apartments.

In Angel Alley, Shaftesbury House contains a number of rooms for various purposes, kitchen, offices etc. A second block contains the infant school, a hall holding 200 or so & on the top floor the crèche, whilst in the basement is a men's reading room

Persons Engaged

Notes as to Meetings

Beside Mr Holland, the paid agents are: - 7 day school teachers, an eighth is about to be engaged; an evangelist. 2 mission women, one being specially set apart for "inebriate women". One visitor. 48 Sunday school teachers & about 18 other voluntary workers.

List of Services see next page

Sunday school has 850 scholars on the books with an average attendance of 380 in the afternoon.

Sunday morning service about 100, mostly young people. Evangelistic service in evening 500 to 600.

Do not hold so many lodging house meetings now, owing to closing of registered houses in Wentworth St. Visit George Yordt.

Girls Classes &c. This part of the work seems very vigorous. Asking about the object of the classes, Mr H. replied "Well let us say Christian sympathy." Ladies take classes & try to ~~and~~ take an interest in all that concerns the girls. The attendance varies - 150 to 200. Monday & Thursday the largest nights. All are over 16.

List of Meetings

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." II. Cor. x. 4.

GEORGE YARD
Mission and Schools,

HIGH STREET, WHITECHAPEL, E.

LIST OF OPERATIONS.

Sunday.		Time of Meeting.
Morning School and Service	...	10 a.m.
Afternoon School	...	2.45 p.m.
Bible Classes for Lads and Young Men	...	2.45 p.m.
Bible Class for Elder Girls and Young Women	...	3 p.m.
Sunday Class Library	...	2.30 p.m.
Workers' Prayer Meeting	...	6.15 p.m.
Evening Schools, in the Large upstairs Room, George Yard; in the Class Room, Angel Alley	...	6.30 p.m.
Evangelistic Service for Adults	...	7 p.m.
Lodging-House Meetings	...	7 p.m.
Open-Air Services	...	7 p.m.
Prayer and Testimony	...	8.45 p.m.

Monday.		Time of Meeting.
Infant Day Nursery opens at	...	7.30 a.m.
Day Ragged School	...	9 a.m.
Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Counsel	...	10 a.m.
Day Ragged School	...	2 p.m.
Band of Hope	...	6 p.m.
Institute for Young Men and Lads	...	6.30 p.m.
Boys' Club	...	6.30 p.m.
Young Women and Girls Institute opens at	...	6.30 p.m.
Gospel Temperance Meeting for Adults	...	8.15 p.m.
Classes for Elder Girls and Young Women	...	8.15 p.m.

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List of Meetings

				Tuesday.	Time of Meeting.
Infant Day Nursery opens at	7.30	a.m.
Morning School	...	...	...	9	a.m.
Afternoon School	...	...	...	2	p.m.
Mothers' Meeting	...	...	...	2.30	p.m.
Clothing, Boot, Blanket, and Coal Clubs	...	...	...	{2.30	p.m.
				{6.30	p.m.
Mothers' Meeting	...	...	...	6	p.m.
Classes for Boys	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Boys' Club	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Club for Big Boys	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Class Meetings for Young Women and Elder Girls	...	...	...	8	p.m.
Prayer Meeting	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Industrial Classes for Rough Boys	...	...	...	8.15	p.m.

Not being held now

				Wednesday.	
Infant Day Nursery opens at	...	...	...	7.30	a.m.
Morning School	...	...	...	9	a.m.
Afternoon School	...	...	...	2	p.m.
Classes for Children	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Service for Children	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Recreation for Elder Girls, Young Women and Adults, such as Dissolving Views, Lectures, Singing, &c.	...	...	...	8.15	p.m.

				Thursday.	
Infant Day Nursery opens at	...	...	...	7.30	a.m.
Morning School	...	...	...	9	a.m.
Afternoon School	...	...	...	2	p.m.
Mission to Inebriate Women, Meeting at	...	...	...	3	p.m.
Little Girls' Sewing Class and Boot Club	...	...	...	6	p.m.
Toy Class, For Infants brought by girls attending	...	...	...	6	p.m.
Boys' Club	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	...	...	...	6.30	p.m.
Bible Classes for Rough Boys at	...	...	...	8	p.m.
Classes for Elder Girls and Young Women	...	...	...	8	p.m.
Clothing Club for Young Women and Elder Girls	...	...	...	8	p.m.
Young Men's Prayer Meeting	...	...	...	8	p.m.

Have been 400 + 500 women in the Mothers' Meetings. Afternoon the large of the two. Give no bonus in the club. Simply supply the articles at cost price. Coal is bought by the ton from a local tradesman, he undertaking to deliver it in cwts. Took £45 for clothing & boots last year. Give them nothing except a treat once a year.

The Mission for Inebriate women has a good attendance. Women who have been under the influence of drink & have escaped & try to bring others. "These women have broken the pledge time after time, then God comes in and takes away the desire for drink in answer to prayer". They usually pay the Mission woman's salary.

Friday.

	Time of Meeting.
Infant Day Nursery opens at ...	7.30 a.m.
Morning School ...	9 a.m.
Afternoon School ...	2 p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute ...	6.30 p.m.
Women's Bible Class at ...	8.30 p.m.
Men's Bible Class ...	8.15 p.m.
Work among Young Men and Lads ...	6.30 p.m.
Young Women's Christian Band, first Friday in the Month ...	8 p.m.
Occasional Meetings for the Fallen ...	5 to 10 p.m.

215 members.

Saturday.

The Infant Day Nursery opens at ...	7.30 a.m.
Bible Class for Elder Girls and Young Women ...	4 p.m.

Friends are invited to visit the Institution any day but Saturday.

We shall be glad to receive for the use of poor Men, Women, and Children :-

Old and new Clothing, Bedding, Boots and Shoes, Flowers, Food, in a whole or broken state, Tracts, Books, &c.

G. HOLLAND, Superintendent.

The People reached

The bulk of the people come from within a radius of half a mile but others come further. "If you have the right sort of thing they will come from a distance". Their plan has been to follow up those who come in touch with the building either through the schools or other meetings. Very many of their girls have come from the schools: others have been brought by friends. From the children they try to get at the parents. The schoolmistress arranges for entertainment by the children & this brings the parents.

The Day Schools

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They find that the people are here today and gone tomorrow but they do not move far so that they keep in fair touch with them. In the old days children used to come from Stratford, remaining all day. "Their parents did not follow their example." These would be persons who had shifted out from Whitechapel.

In the day schools they have a very poor type of child. Whilst walking through I could not but notice the flabby anemic condition of the youngsters, whilst rags were in evidence everywhere. They have on the books about 340 children of whom 80 are infants. The mistress told me that 230 out of the 260 seniors were present and added, "They would be very ragged but for Mr Holland". Except that all had shoes, they were the raggedest lot I have seen for a long time, not excepting the Collingwood Street school or the Catholic school in Chamber Street. Many of them live in the lodginghouses. The attendance is good for the class of child. In the infant class, the mistress said the children come regularly but were frequently late. When she got there at 9 am. very few would be present & it was often 9.30 before they had prayers.

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Had a trained nurse but had dropped ~~her~~
her as another had been placed in the district.
Gave Hospital letters to cases requiring them.

Give very little relief. As a general rule give nothing
said Mr Holland but I think he was unconsciously
minimising his part of their work. When talking
about the children, he said they ^{never} ~~never~~ allowed
a child to go hungry. Dinners to children are
given once or twice a week whilst a considerable
amount of clothing is loaned e.g. given for use.
He was also careful to explain that most that was
given was given by the workers out of their pockets
etc & that none of the funds of the Mission were devoted
to relief. In the balance sheet the only items that
might come under this head are:

Food & clothing £ 88.

Boys Shelter 132.

Sending Women & ^{children to country} 20 £ 240.

Of course the usual treats and excursions
are arranged - see marked Report.

Visitation

Visitation is now from house to house but the visitors make the school registers, the mothers' meeting books etc the basis of their work. & consequently go to all parts of the district.

~~Amongst some many agencies, it is difficult to~~

As it is not possible to give a short account of all the agencies connected with George Yard, the Report is affixed in which some parts have been marked.

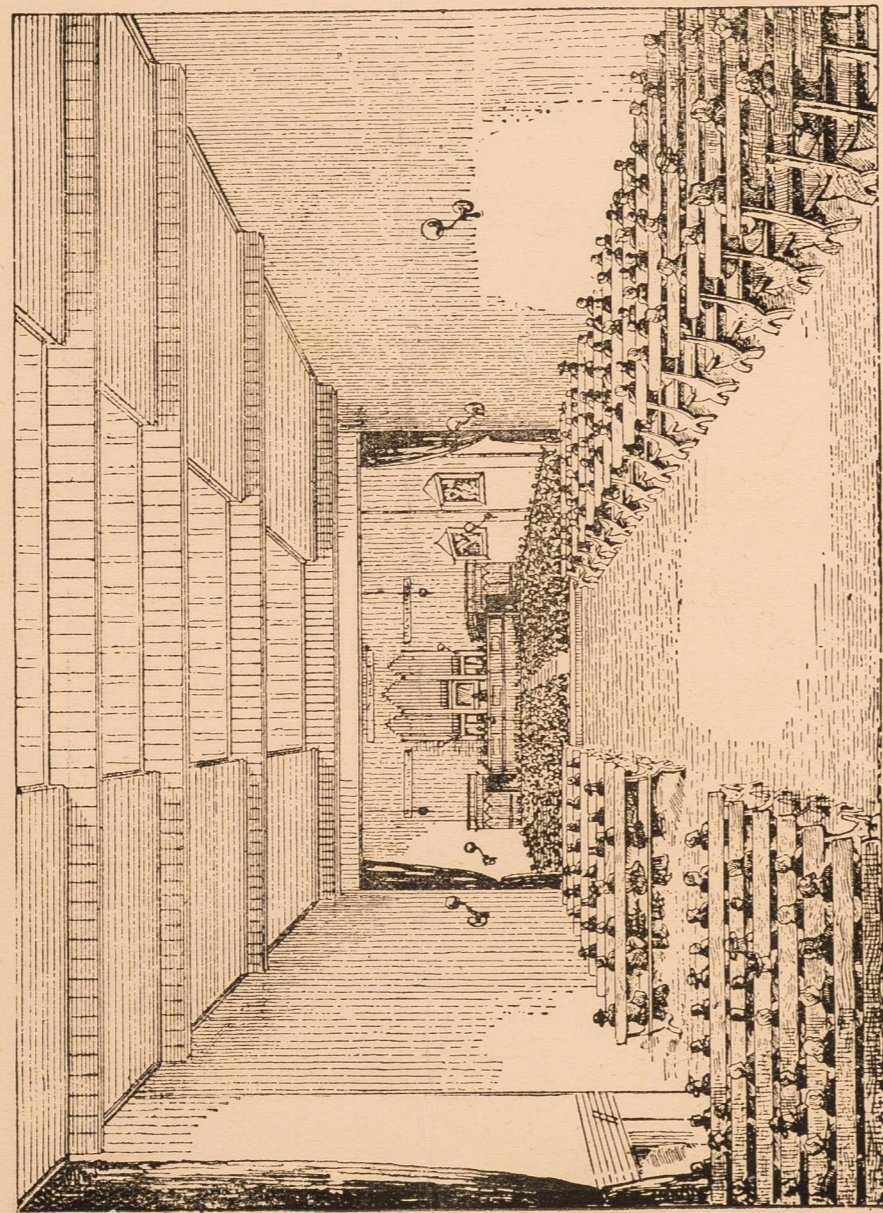
In connection with the girls' work, which is perhaps as successful as any, a home for training them as servants has been established at Addiscombe. The girls are watched & those likely to make servants are invited when about 14 years old to go to the home. After training they are obtained situations away from London. Mr H. has about 150 girls in service in the Croydon district. He showed with evident pride an Album containing portraits of a large number of bright young women, who had been trained at the Home. Also two volumes of the Queen's Journal in the Highlands presented to him by Her Majesty & bearing her ~~own~~ autograph.

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“Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.—*Psalm xl., 5.*”

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"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through
God to the pulling down of strong holds." II. Cor. x. 4.

GEORGE YARD

— Mission and Schools, —

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LIST OF OPERATIONS.

Sunday.		Time of Meeting.
Morning School and Service	10 a.m.
Afternoon School	... ..	2.45 p.m.
Bible Classes for Lads and Young Men	... ..	2.45 p.m.
Bible Class for Elder Girls and Young Women	... ..	3 p.m.
Sunday Class Library	... ..	2.30 p.m.
Workers' Prayer Meeting	... ..	6.15 p.m.
Evening Schools, in the Large upstairs Room, George Yard; in the Class Room, Angel Alley	... ..	6.30 p.m.
Evangelistic Service for Adults	... ..	7 p.m.
Lodging-House Meetings	... ..	7 p.m.
Open-Air Services	... ..	7 p.m.
Prayer and Testimony	... ..	8.45 p.m.

Monday.

Infant Day Nursery opens at	... ..	7.30 a.m.
Day Ragged School	... ..	9 a.m.
Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Counsel	... ..	10 a.m.
Day Ragged School	... ..	2 p.m.
Band of Hope	... ..	6 p.m.
Institute for Young Men and Lads	... ..	6.30 p.m.
Boys' Club	... ..	6.30 p.m.
Young Women and Girls Institute opens at	... ..	6.30 p.m.
Gospel Temperance Meeting for Adults	... ..	8.15 p.m.
Classes for Elder Girls and Young Women	... ..	8.15 p.m.

Tuesday.

	Time of Meeting.
Infant Day Nursery opens at	7.30 a.m.
Morning School	9 a.m.
Afternoon School	2 p.m.
Mothers' Meeting	2.30 p.m.
Clothing, Boot, Blanket, and Coal Clubs ...	{ 2.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mothers' Meeting	6 p.m.
Classes for Boys	6.30 p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	6.30 p.m.
Boys' Club	6.30 p.m.
Club for Big Boys	6.30 p.m.
Class Meetings for Young Women and Elder Girls	8 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6.30 p.m.
Industrial Classes for Rough Boys	8.15 p.m.

Wednesday.

Infant Day Nursery opens at	7.30 a.m.
Morning School	9 a.m.
Afternoon School	2 p.m.
Classes for Children	6.30 p.m.
Service for Children	6.30 p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	6.30 p.m.
Recreation for Elder Girls, Young Women and Adults, such as Dissolving Views, Lectures, Singing, &c. ... }	8.15 p.m.

Thursday.

Infant Day Nursery opens at	7.30 a.m.
Morning School	9 a.m.
Afternoon School	2 p.m.
Mission to Inebriate Women, Meeting at	3 p.m.
Little Girls' Sewing Class and Boot Club	6 p.m.
Toy Class	6 p.m.
Boys' Club	6.30 p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	6.30 p.m.
Bible Classes for Rough Boys at	8 p.m.
Classes for Elder Girls and Young Women	8 p.m.
Clothing Club for Young Women and Elder Girls	8 p.m.
Young Men's Prayer Meeting	8 p.m.

Friday.

	Time of Meeting.
Infant Day Nursery opens at	7.30 a.m.
Morning School	9 a.m.
Afternoon School	2 p.m.
Young Women and Girls' Institute	6.30 p.m.
Women's Bible Class at	8.30 p.m.
Men's Bible Class	8.15 p.m.
Work among Young Men and Lads	6.30 p.m.
Young Women's Christian Band, first Friday in the Month }	8 p.m.
Occasional Meetings for the Fallen	5 to 10 p.m.

Saturday.

The Infant Day Nursery opens at	7.30 a.m.
Bible Class for Elder Girls and Young Women ...	4 p.m.

Friends are invited to visit the Institution any day but Saturday.

We shall be glad to receive for the use of poor Men, Women, and Children :-

Old and new Clothing, Bedding, Boots and Shoes, Flowers,
Food, in a whole or broken state, Tracts, Books, &c.

G. HOLLAND, Superintendent.



LIST OF SOME OF THE OPERATIONS.

FOR CHILDREN.

Infant Day Nursery.	Scripture Union.
Free Ragged Day Schools.	Girls' Sewing Classes.
Free Ragged Infant Day Schools.	Penny Bank.
Sunday Schools.	Shelter for Girls and Boys.
Week Evening Classes for Rough Boys.	Rations of Food to the Hungry.
Industrial Classes.	Soup Dinners.
Band of Hope.	Training Home for Motherless Girls.
Children's Services.	Christian Band.
Library.	

FOR YOUNG WOMEN & ELDER GIRLS.

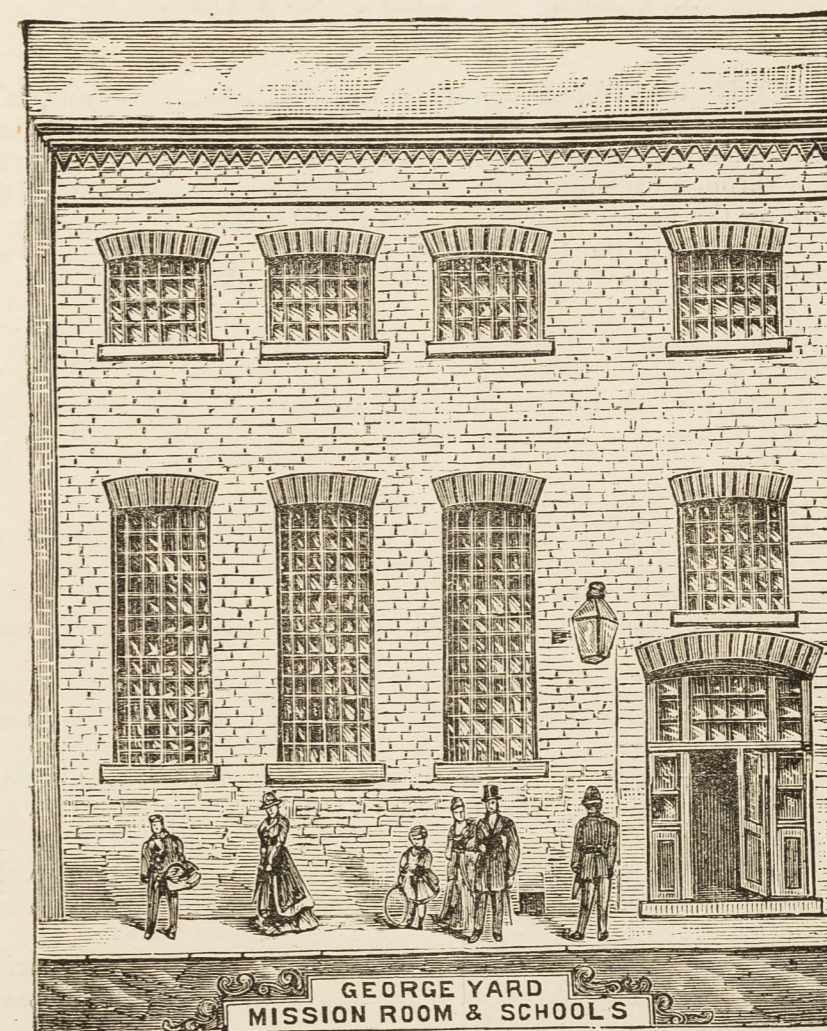
Week Evening Classes.	Clothing Club.
Sunday Bible Class Library.	Institute. Reading and Sitting Rooms.
Bible Classes.	Library, &c.
Interesting Lectures.	Musical Drill.

FOR YOUNG MEN.

Reading and Sitting Rooms.	Prayer Meetings.
Cricket Club.	Tract Distribution.
Bible Classes.	Lectures.
	Library.

FOR ADULTS.

Evangelistic Services.	Open-Air Services.
Gospel Temperance Meetings.	Coal Club. Boot Club.
Prayer Meetings.	Clothing Club.
Bible Classes.	Mothers' Meetings.
Men's Bible Class.	Common Lodging-house Services.
Women's Sewing Classes.	Room to Room Visitation.
Men's Benefit Club.	Tract Distribution.
Mission to Inebriate Women.	



"O Lord, Thou art my God. I will exalt Thee—I will praise Thy name, for Thou hast done wonderful things. Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."—Isaiah xxv. i.

THE REPORT.

THROUGH the tender mercy of our God, we are brought to the close of another year. Oh, what boundless goodness and rich distinguishing mercy have followed us, not merely through the year, but through each and every year since the commencement of this work among the people and children of East London.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Wonderfully has He prospered the work in the past.

All praise is due to Him.

"He hath done all things well."

"Not one thing hath failed."

For forty-three years the Lord has smiled upon and blessed this great work carried on for Him amongst the people and children of East London.

We are filled with amazement in the review of the past.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake."

There are more than thirty Missionary Agencies in operation, having for their object the spiritual and temporal benefit of young and old.

During the last forty years we have witnessed many changes; we have noticed a marked improvement in many who were formerly children attending the Schools, and in the people who used to be present at the Meetings. Some are labouring hard for the bread which perisheth, engaged in some useful pursuit, a benefit to themselves and to society at large.

Our old boys and girls are to be found all over the world. Many have emigrated, and are now settled in distant Colonies and doing well.

A great many are Christian workers—they are Missionaries, Sunday School Teachers, Workers in the Common Lodging Houses—all labouring for their Divine Master.

Many adults have been reached by the gospel of the grace of God—hearts have been changed.

Many have become the Lord's, and prove by their past and present living whose they are and whom they serve.

And where hearts have not been changed, such has been the influence of the gospel that its restraining power has prevented many from entering upon a life of crime and vice.

Last year, on account of the illness of Mr. Holland, the Superintendent, the usual Meeting was omitted, everyone expecting that he would be called away to his heavenly home.

Mercifully and graciously the Lord spared his life and raised him up again in answer to the many prayers of God's people everywhere. He is once more labouring among the children and people after 43 years of active service in this portion of the Lord's Vineyard. He is not strong, but much better in health, and hopes to fulfil another term of service for Christ and His Gospel, long or short as the Master pleases.

THE WORK AMONG THE CHILDREN.

The Flowers of the Forest Day Nursery.

Infants are received into the Nursery—clothed, fed, and cared for by an experienced nurse. The mothers bring their little ones in the morning and then go to their daily work, knowing that their children are in safe keeping and their wants attended to. After the day's work the mothers come for their children and take them to their humble homes.

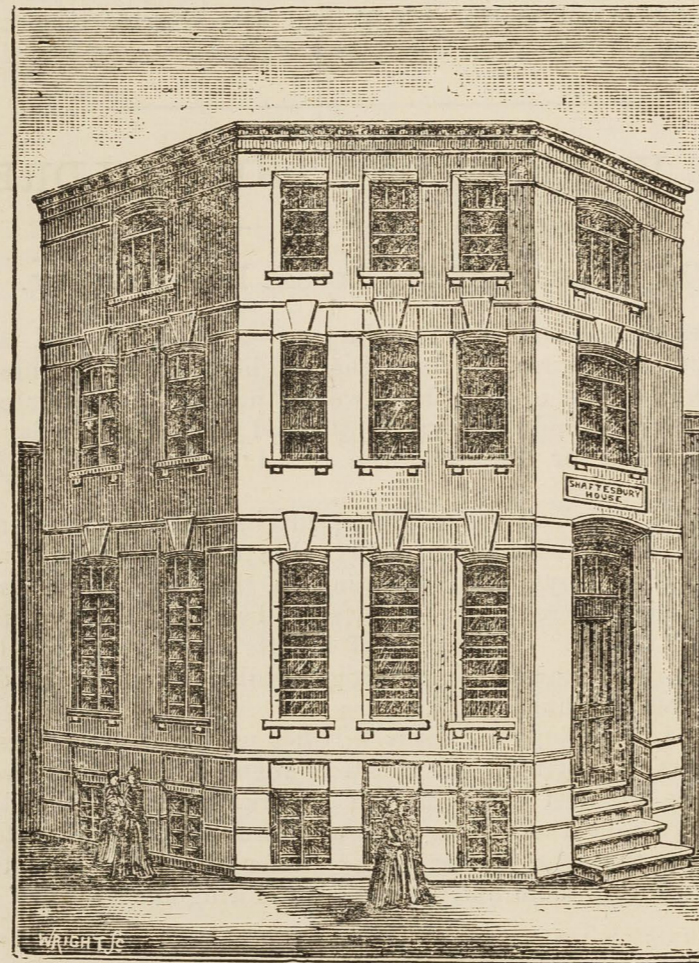
The little ones look very well considering their surroundings, the parents being very poor and not always able to obtain proper nourishing food. The nurse pays great attention to them, and takes care that they have their food regularly—they soon begin to improve and look healthy and strong. Thousands of infants die every year through neglect and carelessness; everything possible ought to be done to lessen this waste of human life.

This is a work done for Jesus. It has proved a great blessing to those mothers who bring their children regularly. They leave their infants in the greatest confidence, and work on during the day free from anxiety about their little ones, who are happy and comfortable. We remember that the Master said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of God."

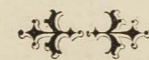
The Sunday Schools.

The children meet three times on Sundays for Bible instruction by soul-loving teachers. In the morning at 10 o'clock; in the afternoon at 2.30, and in the evening at 6 o'clock.

Many of the parents cannot or do not instruct their children. Shall the children then be left to grow up in ignorance of the way of salvation, and of the great blessings of the Gospel? What a deficiency if our children are not taught about Christ—Christ in the mystery of His being, Christ in the completion of His finished work. Salvation by Him, and Him alone.



Shaftesbury House, Angel Alley.



We are thankful for the children who attend the Sunday School, but at times we greatly need teachers. Many friends would gladly help us but for the distance.

They come up to town every day to business and return to their homes in the country, and are not in London on Sunday.

The classes have been too much crowded from the want of teachers.

It is so necessary that the children should be taught to value the Bible, and to read it so as to learn about Christ. We cannot do too much for them. We cannot be too watchful—the enemy is busy. So many parents are neglectful, careless, Godless. It is a joy to know that the soul of a child has been saved. In no part of our lives have we truer views of Christ than in our childhood. Nothing reaches the heart; nothing is such a motive to all that is good, nothing makes such an appeal to a child's conscience as Christ—Christ presented to the mind as He really is. A great preventive work is done when the young are converted, with these views you will not be surprised when we tell you that we look after the children.

The Children's Service.

The Children's Service is held on Wednesdays at 6 o'clock. A great many attend—they sing the beautiful hymns, and listen attentively to the Gospel Addresses. We are sure that God smiles upon this portion of His work, for Jesus is lifted up, and He is always present and stays to bless.

The Band of Hope.

This important and useful work has been continued. It is conducted by two gentlemen who have been long connected with the work. It has been carried on with unabated vigour. If our boys and girls are trained to habits of total abstinence from intoxicating drink, they will grow up to be sober men and women. Many old members remain firm and steadfast, and spread their principles wherever they go.

There is a Halfpenny Bank in connection with the Band of Hope. The money thus saved is found very useful when the weather is cold and work scarce, and helps to purchase food.

The Day Ragged Schools.

The children meet morning and afternoon—the very poorest attend, some in very great poverty. The authorities speak highly of the work, and greatly encourage by their sympathy and advice those who have this portion of work in hand.

The Bible is read and explained, and Gospel messages are given from time to time.

The Health of the Children.

God has very graciously taken care of the health of the children. We have escaped contagious sickness; the ailments our boys and girls have suffered from are those arising from exposure and cold.

Feeding and clothing and the use of the large bath has contributed greatly to the healthy appearance and condition of the children.

It is more than ever necessary to use every exertion for the spiritual good of the children—they are an influence at home—they make earnest missionaries, and carry home the news of salvation to their parents.

It is necessary because the enemy of souls is busy amongst the children: his agents are making many efforts to influence the young against receiving the Gospel.

The Old Nursery.

The old Nursery is now used to shelter poor children. It sometimes happens that the boys and girls become homeless. They are known to us, because they are already connected with the Schools and Classes. The children are cared for until placed in some suitable institution, or returned to their friends, as soon as they have a home again.

Thursday Evening Bible Classes for Rough Boys.

These classes are taken by gentlemen who have gathered around them in classes the poor boys from the courts, alleys, and back streets. The instruction given is Scriptural: the only book used is the Bible. During the Winter months the classes are full. Arising from these classes is a "Home" at Norwood, founded and conducted by Mr. Dalton. There many ailing and weary children have enjoyed the fresh air for a time, and have returned to their friends rested and improved in health.

Other boys have been received altogether into the "Home," and their future provided for.

Another work arising from the Thursday classes is conducted by Mr. Dalton at Stafford House, Bow Road, E. There lads, once in the Bible class, who have obtained employment, are boarded, watched over and cared for. There they have a good home, nice rooms, plenty of good books and good friends, who take a real interest in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the lads.

The Boys' Club.

The club is open three evenings in the week. There is a good library: newspapers and games are provided. All have something to do. During the Winter months the room is crowded, some are cutting fret work, others are reading, painting, and amusing themselves with some kind of work. The club closes with prayer and reading a portion of God's word.

Clothing the Children.

It has been very difficult to obtain boots and clothing for the children, especially for the boys. The supply has been unequal to the demand, and many have had to wear their well-worn and tattered garments, exposed to the Winter's wind and cold. It is not a wonder that some of the poor children lose their health, their lives shortened, and life wasted. We shall be thankful for cast-off clothing and boots, and thus be the means in God's hands of preserving health and saving life.

Thursday Evening Sewing Classes for Girls.

More than 200 girls attended the classes. They are taught to make up their own clothing—teachers are much wanted. There is a clothing club in connection with this branch of work. By saving their pence they are sometimes enabled to purchase material, supplied by the club at cost price—but little money is saved, and that is sometimes required for the purchase of food.

There are toy classes for little children, who have been brought by their big sisters who are in the sewing classes. The little ones play and spend a happy hour.

The Tuesday Evening Classes for Boys.

There are ten sewing classes conducted by ladies for boys. One boy is employed in hemming a sheet, another is making a shirt, a third is repairing his clothing.

The usefulness of the sewing class is often seen in the homes where the boys live. Some of our boys go to sea, some enter the army—they have found sewing very useful, to know how to sew and mend and make up their garments. Some of the boys knit and make up their own comforters.

At every gathering they are spoken to by one of their teachers about the Lord Jesus Christ, afterwards they are commended in prayer to His care and keeping.

WORK AMONG ELDER GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN.

Monday and Thursday Evening Classes.

These have been held regularly for many years. Ladies preside over each class.

When classes are taken regularly they are always full. Much good has been done among the young people, and thousands now scattered throughout the East End and other parts of London were associated with this branch of work.

With a larger number of regular teachers the rooms would be far too small to hold all the young friends wishing to attend.

Ladies full of Christian sympathy will find ready listeners.

The Young Women's Clothing Club.

The Clothing Club has continued its useful work. Many by saving their money have purchased material at cost price, and have thus been supplied with strong, useful, and serviceable garments.

The Library.

The books have been well read, and we shall be glad to receive suitable books for the many readers in connection with this branch of work.

There is a weekly prayer meeting which is well attended.

The Sunday Afternoon Bible Class.

The class has been very well attended. The young people seemed deeply interested in the subjects brought before them from time to time, and there is an evident desire by many to know more about Christ; many profitable conversations have been held about spiritual things. The Lord has won to Himself precious souls, and some of the members of this class are "Growing in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Saturday Bible Class.

This class has been continued, and is conducted by the ladies who have had this work in hand for the Lord for many years, and He has blessed their labours. Many young people now out in the world thank God for the teaching received in the Saturday Bible Class.

The Christian Band.

The Christian Band is a source of great blessing. The members greatly encourage one another by their Christian experience.

The Girls' Good Influence Club.

This is a Gospel Temperance work. Wherever the members are, whether in the workshop or in the factory, or at home, they are an influence at work for all that is good. With pledge-book in hand they press other young women and elder girls to become total abstainers. Relying upon God's own word, they urge upon all they come in contact with that "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Kinnaird Institute.

The Institute is open from six to ten every evening. The rooms are bright and cheerful, they are comfortably furnished, and much used by the young people.

There is a good library, and daily papers are provided.

It greatly cheers and gladdens us to see the parlour and playroom well filled with young people enjoying themselves. Sometimes ladies come and preside at the piano, and the girls spend an enjoyable evening.

Wednesday Evening Gatherings.

Occasional Lectures and Readings are given, illustrated with beautiful Dissolving Views, the apparatus used being that which Lord Shaftesbury, late President, presented to the Mission.

Very often the pictures exhibited illustrate a Bible subject. Plenty of hymns in large type are placed on the screen, so that the audience can see and sing them.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Palmer, some very beautiful singing and music were provided for the enjoyment of our poor friends.

All the entertainments are such that the blessing of God can be asked upon them.

We feel that we cannot do too much for this class of young people with whom we deeply sympathize—we must do all we can for their spiritual and temporal good.

Staying in the Country.

The young people have been invited to save their money—to put by a small sum every week, that if possible they may be able to spend a few days in the country. Several have availed themselves of this opportunity, and friends have helped, for without their aid it could not have been done.

Working in factories and workrooms a change is necessary, or health would give way, want of employment would result, and poverty greatly added to at home.

The young people in most cases, return home looking much better and stronger, and greatly benefited.

WORK AMONG YOUNG MEN AND LADS.

There are two Bible Classes meeting on Sunday afternoon.

A Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening.

There is a parlour where our young friends meet in the evening.

A good library is open for their use.

Various games are provided.

Here they can sit, read, and write their letters if they wish.

Here they have classes formed when necessary, so that they may improve their education.

Here too they are safe from many temptations. They meet with friends, from whom they can obtain counsel and advice, who will take an interest in their temporal well-being, and talk to them about their eternal welfare.

Some of the young men have rendered assistance in connection with the lodging-house meetings and open-air services.

WORK AMONG ADULTS.

The Mothers' Meetings.

A large and most useful work is being done for Christ among mothers. There are two meetings—both are held on Tuesday, in the afternoon at three o'clock, and in the evening at six.

There are clubs for blankets, clothing, coals, boots, Bibles, &c.

These works of thrift are very important. The members subscribe their pence, and are able to purchase articles at cost price—they have more comforts about them in winter than non-subscribers, being warmly clad and better shod—in very cold weather a blazing fire—and the Bible, the book of books, upon the table.

Some mothers, especially those with infants, are unable to attend any place of worship on Sunday. The Mothers' Meeting to many is the only place where they can hear of Jesus and of His great love to sinners. The Bible is the only book used, the addresses given are full of Christ.

Many of the mothers were once children in the Schools.

Mission to Inebriate Women.

Thousands of women are suffering from the degrading sin of drunkenness, husbands are unhappy, children are neglected and wretched, homes are broken up and made desolate, children come to us hungry, ragged, and shoeless, and whole families suffer most bitterly.

We have a Female Missionary visiting the women who are thus enslaved by the drink—she is received everywhere most kindly. This branch of mission work has been very successful, some are thoroughly reclaimed and kept by the power of God, daily their prayer is "Hold Thou me up and I shall be safe." In some cases the Lord has taken away the desire for drink. The meeting is held on Thursday afternoons at three o'clock.

The sum of £16 9s. 11d. was contributed by the members towards the salary of the Female Missionary. Any deficiency is made up from the general Mission Fund.

A Lady who takes a deep interest in this portion of the work encourages them to save their pence, which they can take out any time.

The testimony borne by many of the women is most touching—the Lord has wonderfully helped some of these poor women, who by His grace have been kept sober for years.

Gospel Temperance Meetings.

A Gospel Temperance Meeting is held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

From the very first it has been a great success, a source of blessing to thousands of men and women who have been benefited by joining the society.

The children have been cared for, better clothed and fed, and everything improved.

The Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting.

Many of the poor gladly attend this meeting, they make their requests known to God. He has heard and answered prayer, and many have been the blessings showered down upon His people spiritually and temporally.

Evangelistic Services.

An Evangelistic Service is held every Sunday evening at seven o'clock—they are well attended. The Gospel message has been plainly and faithfully delivered. "To the poor the Gospel is preached."

Sometimes when the weather is very cold, and clothing thin and boots bad, the number of attendants is lessened, but there is always a good and attentive audience.

The Evangelisation Society very kindly sent Evangelists to take the Services. We are very thankful for the good and true men of God who have so plainly and faithfully proclaimed the glorious Gospel of God's grace to perishing sinners; the people thought the addresses not long enough. Many of the hearers were those who for years had neglected the house of God. Some have been inwardly and outwardly changed, good has been done, and real fruit seen.

A Second Meeting is held; this is also well attended. Plenty of singing, prayer, and praise.

The Men's Bible Class.

This class is held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A large number of the poorest men are present. Our hearts are drawn out in Christian sympathy towards them. Some are children of God; most touchingly do they approach their Heavenly Father in prayer: some can say, "Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee, Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee."

We are sorry to say that most of the members are in extreme poverty; during the cold weather they had to endure many privations, and were often cold, hungry and weary. Many are casual labourers, when they have employment; they work hard, their bodies are often in a weak state, because they do not have sufficient nourishing food. The men enjoy the meeting, their names are registered, called out and marked present or absent; this plan is adopted in nearly every branch of adult work.

Bible Class of Women

This is held on Fridays, in the Mission Room in Angel Alley, at 8 p.m. The attendance is good, the women enjoy a happy and a profitable hour, they learn as much as possible about their Bible. They have been cheered, encouraged and comforted, and look forward to the weekly gathering with much pleasure.

The Lodging House Meetings and Open Air Services

Have been continued; the gospel has been faithfully proclaimed to the people, they have gathered around the speakers in good numbers.

The Working Men's Benefit Society,

Managed by the members themselves. Members subscribe and supply the funds necessary for help to be given in sickness, and at death.

Those who have been connected with the society, by making provision, have to a great extent, been able to meet the pecuniary trials arising from sickness and bereavement. The club has its own Doctor and is enrolled.

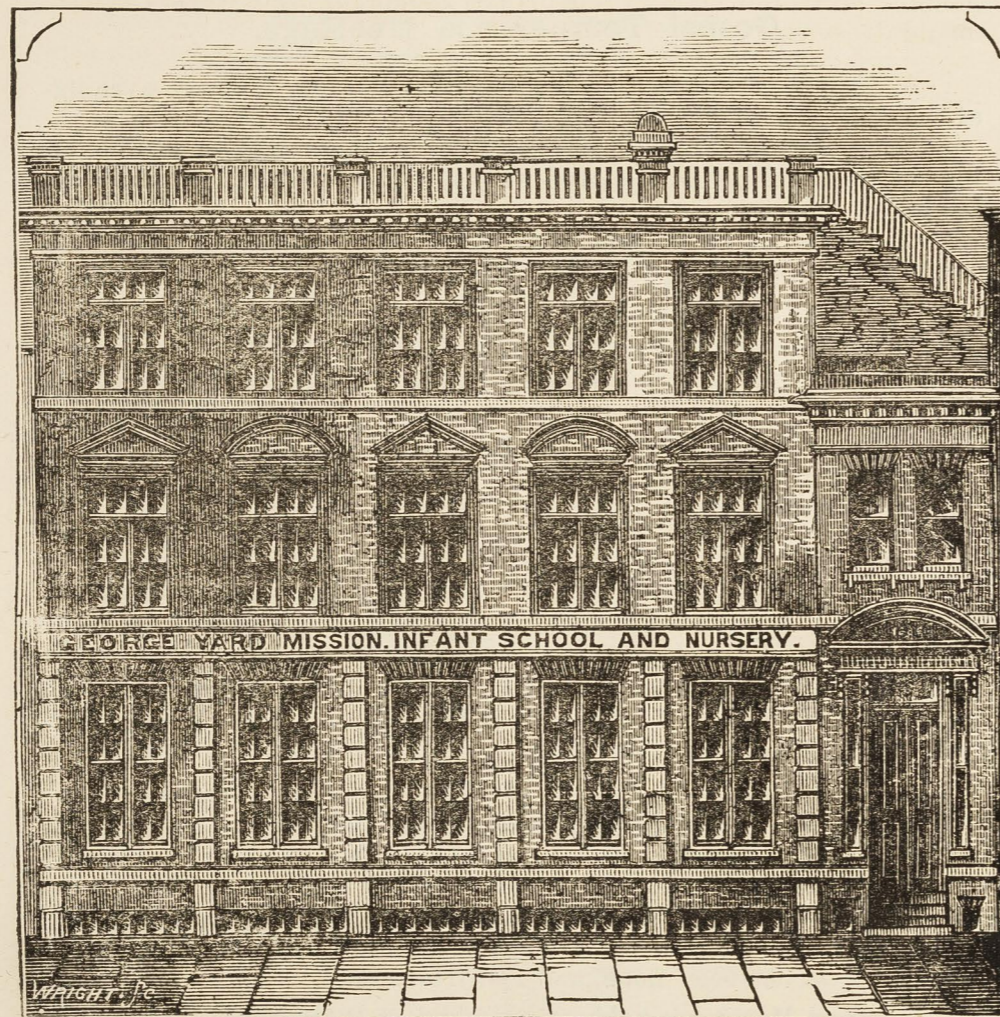
Visitation.

It is the duty of one of the staff to visit from time to time all who join the Temperance society, to sympathise with, and encourage them to persevere in the right path upon which they have entered, and to tell that it is only by God's help they can stand; to advise them to attend a place of worship, to send their children to a Sunday school, and give them counsel in any difficulty.

The absent scholars from the Sunday school are also visited, the parents are seen and spoken to, the visitor converses with the parents and children. The visitor is often encouraged by the kind manner in which he has been received.

Those who attend the various meetings are visited as far as possible; this is often difficult on account of frequent removals.

The visitors find many opportunities of speaking a word for their Lord and Saviour; the people are pleased to be visited and spoken to about spiritual things. Counsel has been given, and some in trouble have been comforted by the God of comfort, "who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."



Exterior of New Building, Angel Alley.



The Midnight Movement Meetings.

These meetings have been held as usual, and the most wretched and degraded of women were invited to tea. Then they were addressed in language full of Christian sympathy, they listened most attentively, some were overwhelmed with sorrow and wept bitterly; it was very cheering to see Christian ladies go into the midst of these poor women and talk with them kindly, inviting them to enter a Home, where an opportunity would be given them to start afresh, to regain character and enter upon a new course of life. It greatly cheered us to see some leave for the Reception Home.

What would these poor women and girls do if deprived of the Christian sympathy and love of those who care for these lost and desolate ones.

What would they do, but for such workers as are connected with the Midnight Movement Society.

Bless God that there are practical Christians who are ready to give counsel and help to these poor women.

Flower Mission.

Our thanks are due to the Highgate Flower Mission, and the Bromley Flower Mission, and several friends, who have very kindly sent supplies of flowers. All were so pleased to receive a small bunch with text card. The sick and ailing were delighted, and their pleasure and happiness much added to.

Feeding the Hungry.

During the inclement season, an occasional meal was provided for the very poor; from 200 to 300 adults would sit down to a plentiful supply of plain food. 350 children would be supplied with good soup and bread, or a plain tea, occasionally during the very cold weather. No really hungry child is refused bread at any time.

Sending to the Country.

Through the great kindness of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, we have been permitted the privilege of sending to Combe Warren, some of our poor women requiring rest, change and fresh air. They will never forget the kindness and sympathy they have received from H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck.

Everything is done for the comfort and pleasure of the poor women; they enjoy the nourishing food provided for them, the beautiful walks in the wood and in the lanes, and return cheered and comforted, with health much improved, grateful for all the kindness and sympathy they received.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck takes a personal interest in each case, calling at the Cottage and speaking to them.

H.R.H. the Duchess of York, too, has always been very kind to our poor women, known to many of them as the Princess May. H.R.H. has taken a kind interest in the poor women, who will never forget her kindness to them.

Through Mr. Barclay's great kindness, we have been permitted to send to his beautiful place, "The Alexander Home," at Bookham, many of our poor children. The Home is close to common land, a large place for them to roam over and enjoy. The children regained their health and strength, and returned to London much improved in every way. Everything in connection with the "Home" has been arranged for the comfort and happiness of those who are fortunate enough to stay there for three weeks. A nice garden surrounds the "Home." A play room has been erected, where in wet and cold weather the children can play and enjoy themselves.

The excellent Matron has won the hearts of the poor children who have been under her care; they do not forget her kindness and her care and attention. They remember her with much affection.

Our children are very thankful for all Mr. Barclay has done for them, many would have drifted into serious illness but for his kindness and sympathy,—they and their friends are very grateful.

Mr. Barclay has built the "Home" and he sustains it. It has been erected as a memorial to a beloved relative.

Our poor children look upon Mr. Barclay as one of their best friends, whose name they mention with the greatest respect.

Through the kindness of Louisa Lady Ashburton, many men, women, and children were sent to her Ladyship's Homes, near Croydon, they returned stronger, better in health and greatly benefited.

Mrs. George Drummond very kindly received at her comfortable Home at Fordcombe, several women and children,—they returned greatly refreshed and benefited.

Through the kindness of Miss Smith, several children were sent to Brighton; Miss Smith kindly making all the arrangements and paying all the expenses. The children enjoyed their visit to the seaside, the fortnight's change did them good, they returned very grateful to their kind friend for such a pleasant time.

Through the kindness of Mrs. H. Arbuthnot and other friends we were enabled to send some away for a few days' rest and change.

We shall be very thankful to any friends who can kindly help us to send children and people away to the country for a short stay. Applicants are numerous, sometimes 200 a week, but only a few can be sent.

We are very thankful for the little we are permitted to do for the suffering poor.

Excursions.

Through the kindness of the readers of the *Christian*, and other friends, some of our children were taken to Theydon Bois.

The members of the Young Women's Bible Class, and a large number of our very poor boys and girls were taken to Eastbourne, for a day's outing.—dinner and tea was provided. The whole expense was borne by Mr. Barclay.

The rough boys' Bible Class was invited by Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland, to spend the day at Reigate. Lady Henry Somerset kindly permitted the boys to enjoy themselves in her Park.

The Duchess came down and remained with the party nearly all day. The expense was borne by Her Grace.

Day in the Country.

Through the kindness of Christian friends, the children and people were taken for one day in the country.

Some of the children were taken to Epping Forest, to Waltham Abbey, to Eastbourne.

We are very grateful to the readers of the *Christian*, Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Palmer, Victor Buxton, Esq., Lady Rawlinson, H. Barclay, Esq., who have so kindly helped us to make so many of the very poor happy for one day.

350 mothers were kindly invited by Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw to spend the day at Parndon Hall and Park.

The Treats.

Sir Richard E. Webster, Q.C., M.P., who for so many years has given a good substantial Tea about Christmas time, again invited the children to Tea and Entertainment. Three hundred of the most regular children were present. After tea, Sir Richard very kindly addressed them, giving them the best of advice, and urging them to attend the Sunday and other classes, and to remember the lessons taught by their Sunday teachers. Then Miss Webster and friends distributed clothing, each child receiving some article. This happy meeting closed with prayer. The children spent a most enjoyable evening. Sir Richard, Miss Webster and their friends were present the whole time.

Christmas.

For many years the late Mr. Milton Smith, accompanied by several teachers from N.W. of London, was wont to distribute Christmas dinners on Christmas-eve, to 300 of the poorest children, each child receiving enough food for two. That the food should not be eaten, extra food was supplied to be consumed at once. Sweets, cake, oranges, and a picture book were added.

The funds necessary were contributed by Sunday school scholars, and placed in the hands of their Sunday school teachers, to provide a dinner for less fortunate Sunday school scholars among the very poor. We thank God for the practical Christian sympathy never to be forgotten by our poor girls and boys.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Palmer invited 300 children to a New Year's Dinner of roast beef and plum pudding,—they were present the whole time, this largely contributed to the pleasure and happiness of the children. The children were very grateful to their friends for the excellent dinner and kind welcome they received.

Scholars' Prizes.

We are anxious that our young people should retain their situations and keep in one place as long as possible. Forty-seven of our young friends made application for, and obtained prizes from the R.S.U. and Shaftesbury Society for length of service.

Twelve of our young people received at Queen's Hall, from the hands of Lady Arnold, a beautiful silver watch. They had kept in one situation more than five years.

Beautiful Bibles will be presented to those who have kept their places for one year.

Our young friends are much pleased and greatly encouraged.

Nonington Hall.

God has greatly blessed this portion of His work.

Young persons have been trained and placed out in service, and the young people are mostly motherless. They can always find employment in the neighbourhood of the "Home," and can at any time obtain advice and help from the Matron. If without a situation, another place is found for them, the girls are eagerly sought after. Most of them are obtaining good wages and are doing well.

The girls are well provided for, and have learned that to be placed out in the world as domestic servants, is to occupy a respectable position.

Mistresses obtain well spoken and well behaved young persons, who in almost every case have given satisfaction to their employers. They are placed out where their spiritual needs are remembered.

The large Sunday Bible Class has been continued; many of the girls at present in situations, attend the Bible Class, and join those who are in course of training, in obtaining that scriptural instruction, so necessary for their future comfort in life.

It is to the Earl and Countess of Compton to whom we are indebted for the comfortable and pleasant Home, in which so many poor girls have been made happy, and by God's blessing have made a fair start in life.

It is a work done for Christ, upon which the Lord smiles approvingly.

We are thankful to know that many of the young people have become members of the places of worship they attend, and meet regularly around the Lord's table.

In this Training Home, we humbly endeavour to train girls both for the present life, and the life to come. We believe that we may reverently say, that the work we are doing is God's work, and that He is graciously pleased to bless it.

A short history of the "Home" is given at the end of the Report.

Funds

The Lord has again been pleased to supply the necessary funds to carry on His own work.

Owing no doubt, to the numerous collections made, and being made throughout the country, the loss by death of old friends, the serious illness of Mr. Holland,—many supposing that he had withdrawn from the work,—the money was less than in former years. But with great economy, and deferring for the present, necessary outlay for repairs, we closed the year with a balance in the hands of Treasurer of £21 19s. 5d.

Mr. Palmer very kindly placed a large sum of money in the hands of the Treasurer, for altering and fitting up premises, to be used during the evening as a reading room, &c., for poor men, who have nowhere but the common lodging house, or the public house, or the street, to spend their time in. It was also thought that a part of the premises might be used as a Gymnasium for our lads and boys. Many efforts were made to secure premises adjoining the Mission; every effort failed, and we very reluctantly had to return the money, because the necessary condition was that the premises must adjoin the Mission; we found it impossible to obtain any building near enough. Mr. Palmer very generously returned half the money; it may yet be God's will, that some suitable building close enough to the Mission, may be obtained for this purpose.

We leave in implicit confidence the matter of funds in the hands of the Lord, who in the future, as in the past, will supply all our need. We believe that He will provide for His own work.

With great sorrow we have to record the death of our much beloved Treasurer, Robert Lawrence Lankester, Esq., who for forty-three years was the Treasurer of this Institution. He was called home on the 28th of July, 1896, in his 86th year.

He sleeps in Jesus.

The following is an extract from the minute book of the Committee:—

“That we deeply regret the great loss we have sustained by the death of Robert Lawrence Lankester, Esq., who for more than thirty years rendered many and great services as Treasurer of the George Yard Schools and Mission, and Chairman of the Committee. They will never forget his uniform kindness, his readiness at all times to advance the interests of this Institution. His wise counsel will be much missed by the managers, friends, workers, and the poor in connection with the schools and mission.

In conclusion much remains to be done.

There are neglected and uncared for children to be rescued. Drunkards to be reclaimed. There are those living in sin to be dealt with. There are sufferers lingering out a miserable existence, to be sought out and visited. There are sinners of all sorts to be reached,—nothing but the Gospel of Christ can raise the degraded and fallen.

“The Gospel of Christ.” What a standpoint. All truth! All holiness! All peace! All love!

Thank God, there is a Gospel of Christ, to cover the very sins which that Gospel condemns.

Workers are much required, workers taught of God. Taught by the Holy Ghost. “He takes of the things of Christ, and shows them to us.” He teaches as none else can ever teach.

There are classes requiring teachers. There are young people who need to be taken by the hand by soul loving Christians. There are various meetings, for which good speakers are wanted. A great deal of work waiting, ready for self-denying labourers, who give Christ the chief place in everything, that souls may be saved and God glorified.

Looking back and retracing all the way the Lord has led us, we are deeply impressed with the fact, what debtors we have been to sovereign grace. We are deeply impressed with the sense of the Lord's marvellous long-suffering and mercy, His patience, His forbearance, His wonderful goodness to us for so many years.

He has stood by us in the great and difficult work He has placed in our hands to do for Him. He has made ample provision for every difficulty, and not one good thing has He with-held, so that we have learned from experience the truth of His precious word, “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God, and my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

We leave the future in the Lord's hands. We shall find His unchangeableness, His faithfulness, His power, His love, will be enough for us.



NONINGTON HALL, CHALMERS' INSTITUTE,
 AND
 Training Home for Motherless Girls,
 ADDISCOMBE, SURREY.

In connection with our work in London, among other branches is one for girls and young women, of whom we have several hundreds. Many meet in classes and are taught by devoted ladies, who deeply sympathise with their young friends. There are some poor but respectable girls who require kindly to be taken by the hand and trained, and they would become excellent domestic servants. For more than 40 years we have been doing all in our power for this class, especially those who are motherless. They are a deserving, poor, but respectable class of young people, and need some training before taking places. "In the year 1866, during the visitation of cholera in London, whilst ministering to sufferers in the London Hospital, Miss Marsh had comforted not a few of the dying parents by the assurance that their children should have a home provided for them. A suitable house was taken for them at Beckenham—it was a roomy house, and with addition of some iron rooms, it was enlarged to hold all the poor orphans.

Miss Marsh made herself responsible for the funds, and Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers threw themselves heartily into their sister's benevolent undertaking.

But the time came when, under the stress of his various works, Mr. Chalmers' health began to give way, and he felt it right on this and other grounds to accept the comparatively small charge of Nonington.

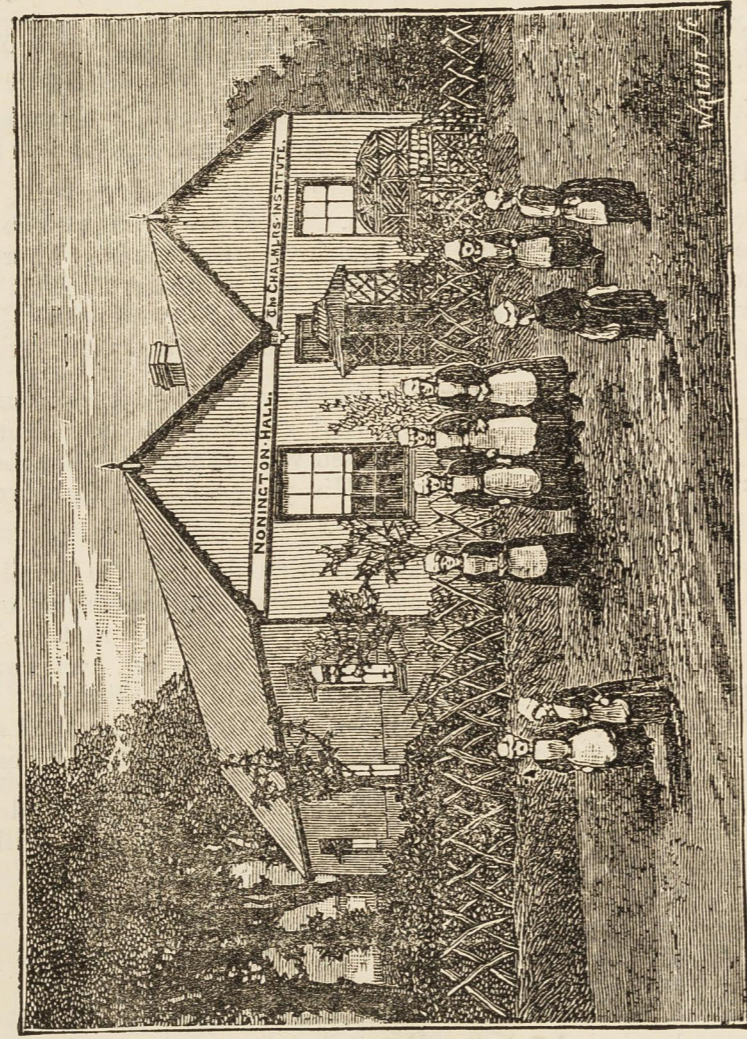
It was decided to move the iron house bodily to Nonington, and as there was a difficulty in obtaining land on which to erect it, it was set up in the Vicarage garden."

After the death of Mr. Chalmers, the iron building was given by Miss Marsh and Mrs. Chalmers to Mr. Holland, and erected at Addiscombe.

Through the great kindness of Lady Ashburton we were permitted to place the iron building on her Ladyship's land.

We commenced the work in 1887, and God provided the means to purchase furniture and other articles necessary for the work. The Home was soon filled, and many girls had to be refused admission, because we could only accommodate ten. The first supply of suitable clothing was kindly given by Mrs. Treffery. Much good and precious work has been done, and there are several young people who are in domestic service in and about Addiscombe and other parts of Croydon. It must not be forgotten that none but good girls are received; they are very poor, and mostly motherless, and it is impossible that they can obtain proper training at home, for what can they learn in one or two rooms, with but a short supply of furniture and cooking utensils, &c. Girls need a servant's training for a servant's duties. Girls who are untrained are in so many things unfitted for servants' work, and nobody will let unfitness occupy any place, at least where their own personal comfort is involved, so that we think training homes very important places.

Our girls are nearly always bespoken before they are ready, and we have found it impossible to supply many friends. The good conduct, the respectable appearance, and the bright, happy, and healthy looks of our young people, have favourably commended them to masters and mistresses. In the Report of 1892 it was stated that the old iron building was wearing out, and that when it should please God a new building would be erected, and a larger number of deserving girls benefited. The matter was taken to the Lord in prayer, and it pleased Him to move the heart of Lady Compton, who has at her own expense generously and kindly erected the new building. We are so thankful to her Ladyship for this new and beautiful "Home."



The Old Building, replaced by a Brick Building.



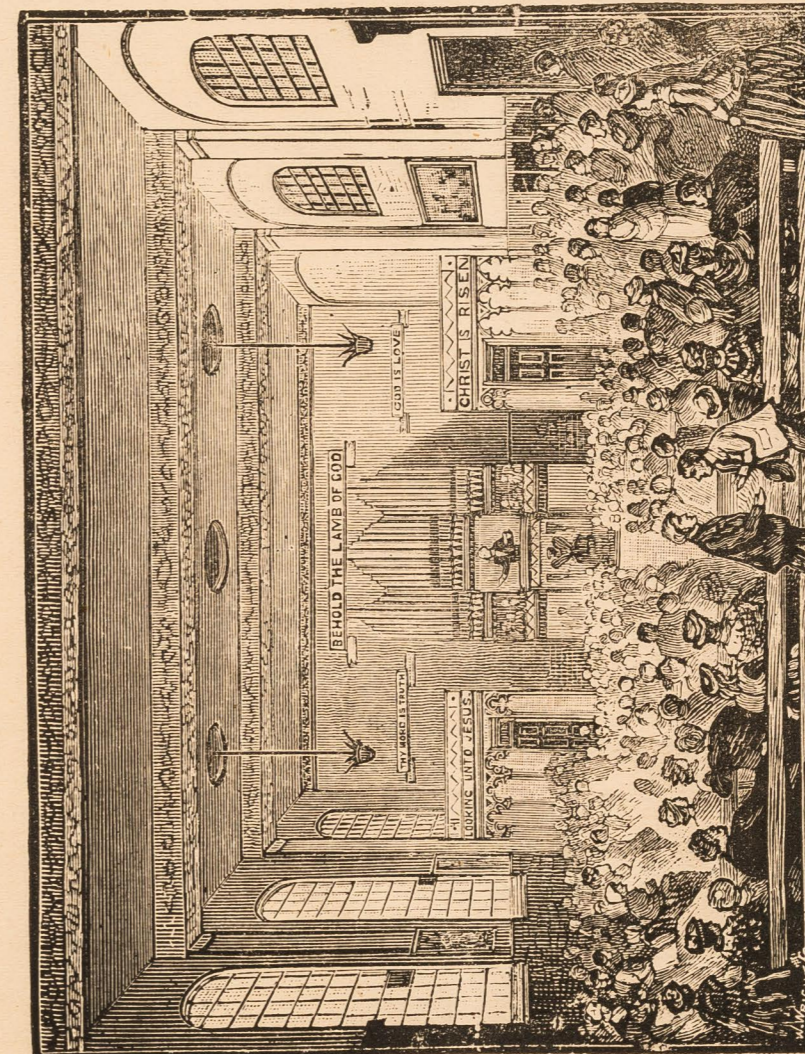
Through her Ladyship's kindness, we shall have twenty young persons in training for domestic service. The new building stands upon the old site. We are truly grateful to Lady Compton, and pray that God may graciously bless her Ladyship a hundred-fold for all her kindness, and may long spare her life to be a friend to His poor. Every girl will receive a good start in life, and now and in days to come will bless God for raising up so good and kind a friend.

We are thankful to Lord Compton for the great interest he has taken in the new building. His Lordship carefully looked into the plans, and made valuable suggestions, giving the benefit of his great experience, so that we have a building well drained and with perfect sanitary arrangements. The girls in training at the Home cost from £13 to £15 per head annually. The Home to them is to be a real "home" —if out of place they return, and if in a position to do so will have to pay something towards their board. The friends of the girls are encouraged to visit them on the last Monday in the month. Both meet at the Home, and tea is prepared for them. We think it better to have the friends down than to send the girls up to London, and the plan has worked well. Through the kindness of friends residing in the neighbourhood, the girls have (in the absence of a servant and at busy times) been sent for to assist in the kitchen or house. The experience thus gained has been valuable. The money paid to the girls for such services is placed in the Savings Bank to the girl's account, the book being kept by the Matron. The money is used in the purchase of clothing, and is supplemented by us, so each girl going to service for good, possesses a box of clothing suitable for a respectable servant.

The necessary money for the working of the Home is supplied by voluntary contributions. Whatever aid (with respect to funds) may be sent, will pass through the hands of the Treasurer and Committee. It has pleased the Lord to send funds for the London work without startling appeals, and we should like to work the Home on the same lines, help being rendered spontaneously, and the expense of appeals and collecting saved. Like our various branches of work in London, there will be no set time for ladies and gentlemen to visit the Home, only it must be remembered that girls have work to do, and that they have to be trained to be neat and tidy even when doing dirty work.

For many reasons it is found necessary to send girls to service in families residing in the neighbourhood of the Home.

It is pleasing to know that some girls out in service still keep up their attendance at the Sunday Afternoon Bible Class. We are sure that the Scriptural instruction given is producing much good fruit, and the portions of God's Word committed to memory will be a source of comfort to the young people in times of sorrow and trouble. Christ will be the head, the centre, and the base of all the work: we desire that He should have the chief place in everything.



A Temperance Meeting.



Balance Sheet

George Yard Mission

MISSION,

31st Dec, 1896. Dr.

	£	s.	d.
...	88	7	8
...	125	10	10
...	108	12	3
...	26	19	0
...	165	2	0
...	16	1	8
...	12	3	6
ments...	124	6	6
...	6	8	0
on Hall	237	1	0
...	80	13	4
...	132	8	8
...	1	1	7
to Country	20	3	2
...	30	0	0
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S. WOODLEY, *
WILLIAM GOULT.

* Members for C^{tee}

The Prospects

When asked about the prospects of the work, Mr. H. misunderstood the point and told me that the buildings were freehold & that supposing he could not carry on the work, the R. S. U. would step in and ~~control~~ control it.

At present they are doing as much as ever and the feeling with the Committee is to add to the work.

Mr. Holland is a pleasant talker and simply lives in his work. Throughout his career he has made the preaching of the gospel the main purpose of his work & has never gone into debt. Low work somewhat on the lines of Geo Müller? G. H. "I come a thousand miles behind him".

A humble minded persistent worker, George Holland's influence ~~has~~ has been & no doubt still is one of best in Whitechapel.

Mr J. Palmer
Little Alie Street Chapel

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St Mary's parish.

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Mr J. Palmer, Greengrocer, ^{1/9} Swan Street. Memories.

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Mr Palmer is the Sunday school Supt of the Little Alie Street Baptist Chapel. A rough, frank middle-aged son of the people. Told me the shop, a small one, had been in his family nearly 80 years. I called to try and gain some information about the chapel, for this however he referred me to Mr Bruce of 64 Bishopsgate Street Without, the Sec.

The Sunday school has 13 teachers and 84 scholars on the books. Average attendance of scholars. Mt. 27, Apr 67

Most of the children come from the Fire Station & Salvage Corps Bldg in Commercial Rd. The wife of one of the ~~to~~ men is a teacher and she looks after the new arrivals and consequently the number in the school fluctuates with changes of the staff at the station. Very few from outside and these come from Royal Mint Street neighbourhood.

The church is almost entirely supported from outside. People come in Sunday school secretary lives at Ilford &c. Small congregation - years ago, this & the chapels in Gt Alie St & Commercial Street were full. Driven out by Jews. These with the great displacement for railway &c have spoiled
Mr P.'s trade.

Mr Samuel G. Ince
Little Alie St Chapel.

GLA
Feb 14/98

Character of Population

Persons employed

Buildings Used

Services held

St Mary's parish.

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Mr Samuel G. Ince. 64 Bishopsgate St. Without. ^{7/9} (M2)

Mr Ince is the secretary of the Little Alie Street Baptist Church. A little man with hair and closely cut rounded beard just turning grey. He has been connected with the chapel from boyhood but now lives out (Ilford I think). Only carries on his umbrella business at above address.

Population Jewish - increasingly so during last 20 years.

No pastor - served by supplies. 4 deacons and about 12 other workers beside the S.S. Teachers. Well off for so small a church.

Chapel seats 500 people. Two vestries - Lensehold. School in Johnson's Court.

Sunday. Service 11 & 6.30. Poorly attended. 50 in morning and 100 in the evening.

Monday. Prayer meeting

Thursday. Preaching service.

Christian Endeavour Society. Started with 30 to 35 members - now about 28.

Memberships

Visitation

Charitable Relief

St Mary Whitechapel

No Co-operation

Drink

Prostitution

92 members.

Members are visited. Also have a Sick visiting society with about 10 visitors. Would visit sick cases wherever found and would help them.

For charitable relief they have common fund and a small income from investments. About £30 in all. In addition the S. V. Society collects about £15. Give small pensions to poor members but vary amount ~~as~~ so that they may not appear as pensions.

St Mary, Whitechapel - do a great deal of work. Some of their members belong to societies meeting there.

No co-operation either in religious or charitable work.

Drink is lessening in Whitechapel.

See little prostitution in Whitechapel but very much here e.g. Bishopsgate Street.

Change in District

Church declining

The Street Baptists

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While the neighbourhood does not improve in some respects, there is not the noise and turmoil there was. Partly due to the various entertainments, working men's clubs, which take the people from the neighbourhood & also to the change of the population.

Thinks the work of the church is declining & that a crisis must come. Collections only ~~about~~ ^{just} over 20/- and want at least £2.5 to pay expenses, so close each year with a debt.

They are strict baptists but not like St. Alice Street (Toad), which is very close & belongs to the "Standard party". They get a better class of people.

Two attempts have been made to combine with the church at Commercial Street, This would have been advantageous for both, as Commercial St. is freehold property & has every convenience. He voted in favour of it but the majority of the members would not agree. Could not look at it from a business point of view. Now he evidently thinks Commercial Street would not agree even if Alice Street were willing.

Rev J Parnell
Wellesley St Street Baptist.

St Thomas' parish.

with 70

Rev. J. Parnell 7 Trigon Road, ~~Wellesley~~
Clapham Road SW
Pastor of Wellesley Street Street Baptist Chapel
Stepney. 175
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The card below is Mrs Parnell's reply to request for interview: -

7 Trigon Road
A. W.
Dear Sir 1/2/98
In reference
to your inquiry about
the work in connection
with Stepney. My time
is so occupied that I
cannot make any
promise concerning
an interview.
Yours truly
J. Parnell

The church is small - 40 members. Chapel holds
300 people. Sunday school has 193
scholars & 12 teachers on the books.
Mrs Parnell has been at Wellesley Street since 1895.

Mr A. J. Alexander
The Bedford Institute

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Feb 21/98

Historical Note

Miss Macpherson's work

St. Stephen's parish.

Mr A. J. Alexander Hon. Secretary of the Bedford
Institute, Quaker Street, Spitalfields. E.

I met Mr Alexander at his office, 70 Gracechurch St.
He is a white headed, well-dressed city merchant.
probably nearly 70 years old but bright, alert, broad
shouldered and quite upright.

The Mission work was started in Jan. 1865
and has grown until today mission work is
carried on at eight centres under the control of
~~what~~ the "Bedford Institute First day school and
Home Mission Assⁿ" a society whose annual
report contains nearly 100 pages giving very full details
of the work at Spitalfields & the 7 other centres: Bethnal
Green, Ratcliff, Clerkenwell, Deptford, Bunhill Fields,
Barking & Hoxton Street. The ~~General~~ General Com^{tee}
provides the funds for all the work & ~~has~~ exercises
general control but detail is left to the local workers,
who make ~~to~~ application for the funds they need monthly.
Miss Macpherson commenced her work here in 1866 and
in the same year the Institute became a great centre for
the relief of the sufferers from the cholera. In recent years
its importance as a local centre has decreased owing to the
change of the population.

The "Attendees"

Buildings used

Persons Employed.

Services &c



The Bedford Institute, Spitalfields, E.

The people attending the services etc mostly come from Bethnal Green - thro the railway arch. Huntingdon Bldgs. Selater Street, Seabody Bldgs etc.

They are not extremely poor, except those coming to the Sunday breakfast, and the children have ceased to be ragged.

The block of buildings contains a large hall (400), basement hall, one large & a number of smaller rooms and a reading room

Have a paid secretary for general work: nurse & biblewoman (both paid) and a large number of voluntary workers.

Services & Societies - See programme next page.

Sunday School has 29 teachers.

Younger children come from a rather poorer element than the seniors. All are working class. International Bible Reading Assⁿ has 128 members.

Sunday morning service - small. Evening average 116.

Sunday morning breakfast. Get about 200 every Sunday. Used to have tickets but now take them in as they come
as long as

Services. List of

THE BEDFORD INSTITUTE,

Corner of Quaker St. and Wheeler St.,
COMMERCIAL STREET, SPITALFIELDS.

Monthly Programme, February, 1898.

SUNDAY.

SERVICES	11 a.m.	7 p.m.
SCHOLARS' MEETING		7 p.m.
CHILDREN'S MEETING		6.30 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, Boys & Girls, 9.30 a.m.,		3 p.m.
Infants		3 p.m.
YOUNG MEN'S CLASSES		} .. 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S		
ADULT CLASSES		

- FEB. 6—Prayer Meeting after Service.
- „ 13—Quarterly Meeting of Teachers, Senior, and Adult School, at close of Afternoon School.
- „ 13—Teachers' Prayer Meeting after Tea. 5.15 to 5.45 p.m.
- „ 20—Church Members' Meeting. Subject: "Our Morning Meeting, in relation to the Society of Friends."

E. H. WILLIAMS, PRINTER, 12, LEE ST., KINGSLAND.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL.

BOOT AND CLOTHING CLUB, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Boots and Clothing can be bought by weekly deposits of 1d & upwards.

MUSICAL DRILL, for Junior Girls, at 7. Subscription 1d. per month.

SATURDAY.

FOOTBALL CLUB.
(For Matches, see card).

SICK FUND.
 Entrance Fee, 1s. 6d. Subscription, 4d. per week. Sick Allowance, 10s. per week for first 12 weeks; 5s. per week for next 12 weeks, available balance shared at Christmas. Pay-nights 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in each month, 8.15-9.30.

SAVINGS BANK.
 Open Mondays, 8 to 9. Amounts received, 1d. to £10. Interest allowed, 3 per cent. per annum.

READING ROOM.

BIBLE CLASS for Teachers and Workers (open to Elder Scholars), 8.30 p.m.
 Feb. 3—"Luke as a Sailor." Joshua Rowntree.
 " 10—"A Teacher's Equipment." William Baker.
 " 17—"Work." M. J. Godlee.
 " 24—"Zeal." George Swan.

Flower Mission distributed 820 bunches last year.

Over 500 members.

192 Depositors £424 deposited during year.

Services List of

MONDAY.

MOTHERS' MEETING at 2.30.
MISSIONARY HELPERS' UNION, Second Monday
in each month, at 7 p.m.
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MEETING, for Boys and
Girls, 7 p.m.
FRENCH CLASS, 8.30.

Lectures on Social, Scientific, and other Sub-
jects, Concerts and Entertainments, at 8.30
p.m., to which all are welcome. Music at
8.15 p.m.

Feb. 7—Concert, by City Co-operative Choral Society.
Conductor, Mr. G. W. Williams.
,, 14—Ratcliff Crusaders. Chairman, Mr. J. Hilton.
,, 21—Cantata: "Maid of Lorne," by Bethnal
Green Free Library Choral Society.
Conductor, Mr. J. J. Cole.
,, 28—Concert, by Mare Street Chapel Choir.

TUESDAY.

MOTHERS' PRAYER MEETING at 7.

GOSPEL SERVICES, at 8.15.

Feb. 1—W. J. Eames. 8—J. Lemay.
,, 15—A. T. Alexander. 22—C. R. Pratt.

SEWING CLASS for Young Women at 7 p.m.
GYMNASIUM, for Seniors over 16 years of age, from 7.45
to 10 p.m. Subscription 4d. per month.

WEDNESDAY.

JUNIOR BAND OF HOPE 7.15. For Children under 14.
Member's Subscription, 1d. per month.
Feb. 2—Social Meeting for Members only.
,, 9—Speaker from the H. & E. M. B. H. Union.
,, 16—Magic Lantern Lecture. Non-Members, 1d.
,, 23—Entertainment, arranged by Miss Bulleid.

SENIOR BAND OF HOPE 8.30. Member's Subscrip-
tion, 2d. per month.
Feb. 2—Lantern Lecture, entitled: "A Tour Through
Germany," by Mr. W. C. Stewart.
,, 9—Gymnastic Display, by the Bedford Institute
Gymnasium. Commence at 8.15 sharp.
,, 16—Entertainment by the Stewart Family and
Friends.
,, 23—Special Evening Concert, in aid of the Band
of Hope Funds, at 8. Tickets 3d. each.

THURSDAY.

SEWING CLASS, for Girls under 16, at 6.45.
DRESSMAKING CLASS at 8.
GYMNASIUM, for Juniors under 16 years of age, 7.30 to
9 p.m. Subscription 1d. per month.
YOUNG MEN'S ELOCUTION CLASS, .. 8.15 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE 8.30 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS for Teachers and Workers (open to
Elder Scholars), 8.30 p.m.
Feb. 3—"Luke as a Sailor." Joshua Rowntree.
,, 10—"A Teacher's Equipment." William Baker.
,, 17—"Work." M. J. Godlee.
,, 24—"Zeal." George Swan.

FRIDAY.

BOOT AND CLOTHING CLUB, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Boots and Clothing can be bought by weekly deposits of 1d & upwards.
MUSICAL DRILL, for Junior Girls, at 7. Subscription
1d. per month.

SATURDAY.

FOOTBALL CLUB.
(For Matches, see card).

SICK FUND.

Entrance Fee, 1s. 6d. Subscription, 4d. per week. Sick
Allowance, 10s. per week for first 12 weeks; 5s. per week
for next 12 weeks, available balance shared at Christmas.
Pay-nights 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in each month, 8.15-9.30.

SAVINGS BANK.

Open Mondays, 8 to 9. Amounts received, 1d. to £10.
Interest allowed, 3 per cent. per annum.

READING ROOM.

Open 7 to 10 every evening (Sundays excepted). Sub-
scription, 3d. per quarter. Persons over 16 years
of age who are members of any recognised meeting, class,
society or club, in the Institute, are eligible for member-
ship; the subscription includes use of the Lending Library.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

Containing nearly 1000 Volumes, is open on Week-day
Evenings, 7.30 to 9.30. Sunday School Scholars may also
exchange books on Sunday afternoon, during school-time.
Subscription, including Catalogue, Members of any School
or Society in the Institute, 3d., others 1s. a year, ending in
August. Forms of Application to be obtained at Library.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES (Temper-
ance Benefit Society) meets every Monday, at 7 o'clock, in
the Lower Hall.

*Flower Mission
distributed 820 bunches
last year.*

*Over 500
members.*

*192 Depositors
£424 deposited
during year.*

as long as there is room. About one-third of them come every week. Report regrets that "large numbers are turned away for want of room & supplies". Come from the lodging houses - very few women. Sometimes find a few respectably dressed. Look after such cases specially. Seek to influence the individual. Took 129 pledges during the past year. Also from this meeting they get a number of girls, who are sent to the Rescue Home at Laura Place, Clapton.

Mother Meetings, 115 on book. Average attendance 60. Clubs took £41.

Band of Hope (Juniors) is in good condition. A slight falling off in the seniors. Membership Juniors 190, Seniors 130. The Monday lectures & entertainments are arranged to be interesting and instructive. X-Rays, Egypt under the Pharaohs, are subjects taken last winter.

Average attendance 143.

Of The Labour Dept. is an adjunct of the Sunday morning breakfast. During the year ending Nov 97, 189 applicants were registered. 12 were helped to permanent work; 55 to temporary employment in the workshop or elsewhere. 70 were employed at the shop during the year.

The Labour Dept

Work done was mainly firewood chopping and carpentry.

The circumstances and statements of the 189 applicants registered, have been fully enquired into, and many who could not be employed have had assistance in clothing and practical advice as to how best to help themselves.

The trades and occupations represented have been 74 (against 50 in our last Report). A larger proportion have been single men, viz:- 126 (against 108), 19 were married, and 44 widowers. The ages recorded were from 16 to 69, most being between 21 and 50, or men in the prime of life, and they have come from all parts of the kingdom, and several from abroad. Loss on the year £23

Evening classes for young men are not well attended. Include French & Elocution, Swimming, Have also Athletic Club, Cricket, Football & Cycling Clubs. These clubs are primarily for the young men connected with the Institute but ~~then~~ a number of others - friends of members are drawn in.

Have a Mission Church organization with 144 members on the Roll. Some of these become members of the Society of Friends but others are not likely to do so.

Church Membership

Visitation

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Had their excursion on Jubilee day "as most of the teachers had a holiday"

Character of work & workers.

The Biblewoman has a district but she goes beyond it. Visits the mothers and other connected with the Institute. No regular house to house visitation.

Nurse has paid 1298 visits during the year. Had 50 cases during the year of whom 46 recovered.

~~Both these~~

Charitable relief given at the Institute is returned as under:

Breakfasts for destitute £ 84. 11. 6

Food, dinners for aged & Coals £ 17. 3 -

Money, clothing & medical ^{attendance} } 16. 13

£ 128. 7. 6

Relief is confined to aged, sick and out of work cases that are "connected with us". Cases are reported to the Friendly workers. Do not help anyone they do not know & M^r A. evidently thinks this sufficient guard against overlapping.

The usual treats are given. Excursion of scholars in summer & tea in winter. Christmas tree for infants.

So far as the work at Quaker Street is concerned it appeared to be a steady quiet work, influencing the south of Bethnal Green rather than Whitechapel. In M^r Alexander, as in M^r Slade, the new secretary, whom

I saw a few days before, a a frank manly solidity of character is manifest & this is reflected in all their work. It may be that this is one element of their success in the men's classes.

The Annual Report of the Association gives some statistical notes as to the work at all stations which are given on following pages. The total income was £3300 in the year ending March/97. but this includes legacies £1600, of which only £200 has been invested, so that the regular income is less than current expenditure.

Mr Alexander also gave me a paper read by himself in 1882 on the work of the Institute. This gives details as to growth of the work and its branch missions.



Annual Report.

THE Reports presented in the following pages from the eight Mission Centres comprised in the Bedford Institute Association will serve to give our friends a fair impression of the character and progress of the work, whilst we feel how impossible it is to represent it adequately on paper. Those who have had experience of similar work will know how much of interest lies behind the printed page in lives changed, homes brightened, characters moulded, and friendships formed, the experience of that true communion which "is kept indeed in what we share with a brother's need," and in bearing one another's burdens, so fulfilling the law of Christ.

ATTENDANCES.

The returns from the different districts show an increase in the total number of attenders—some decrease in the Schools being more than compensated by increase in other directions. The figures, compared with those of last year, are as follow :—

	1896-7.	1895-6.
First-day Schools, Teachers and Officers	<u>200</u>	<u>217</u>
First-day Schools, Adults—Men	724	
" " " Women	406	
	—	
	1,130	1,176

Brought forward	1,130	1,176
First-Day Schools, Juniors	2,889	3,183
Religious Meetings—Adults	2,410	2,320
" " Children	1,355	1,121
Temperance Meetings, Lectures, etc....	2,029	2,060
Bands of Hope	1,745	1,746
Evening Classes and Clubs	1,309	890
Mothers' Meetings	1,043	1,046
	<u>13,910</u>	<u>13,542</u>

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES.

	1896-7.	1895-6.
First-day Schools, Adults—Men 420		
" " " Women 235		
	655	666
" " Juniors	2,090	2,325
Other Meetings and Classes, etc., taken at two-thirds of the total	6,594	6,122
Average Weekly Attendances (estimated)	<u>9,339</u>	<u>9,113</u>

The total of 13,910 is distributed over the districts as follows:—

	1896-7.	1895-6.
The Bedford Institute	2,109	2,112
Hart's Lane	2,360	2,245
Ratcliff	2,057	2,022
Peel and Clerkenwell	1,295	945
Deptford	403	379
Bunhill Fields	2,653	2,810
Barking	1,226	1,049
Hoxton Hall	1,807	1,980
	<u>13,910</u>	<u>13,542</u>

The following Table gives the approximate number of Persons in more or less frequent attendance at the respective Mission Centres, many of course attending under several of the headings tabulated.

	First-Day Schools.			Religious Meetings.	Children's Meetings.	Temperance Meetings, Lectures, etc.	Bands of Hope.	Evening Classes and Clubs.	Mothers' Meetings.	Totals.
	Boys and Girls.	Men.	Women.							
Bedford Institute	401	82	115	480	140	200	300	276	115	2,109
Hart's Lane	775	75	60	380	400	210	240	—	220	2,360
Ratcliff	488	25	—	150	100	614	450	150	80	2,057
Peel	200	40	—	400	130	70	130	335	50	1,355
Deptford	—	30	18	150	—	—	25	—	180	403
Bunhill Fields	450	386	181	350	285	600	150	21	230	2,653
Barking	230	24	12	250	150	150	250	100	60	1,226
Hoxton Hall	405	62	20	250	150	160	225	427*	108†	1,807
Totals	2,949	724	406	2,410	1,355	2,004	1,770	1,309	1,043	13,970

* Girls' Guild. † Women's Meeting.

Statistics of Attendance at First-Day Schools.

	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF SCHOLARS.						NUMBER OF TEACHERS.		
	Adult Men.	Adult Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Bedford Institute ...	36	45	66	78	89	314	15	14	29
Hart's Lane ...	24	38	97	161	320	640	22	20	42
Ratcliff	15	—	149	211	—	375	16	25	41
Peel... ..	23	—	51	48	50	172	7	6	13
Deptford	21	10	—	—	—	31	1	1	2
Bunhill Fields ...	258	122	145	155	30	710	16	13	29
Barking	8	6	55	70	—	139	8	10	18
Hoxton Hall ...	35	14	65	115	135	364	12	14	26
Totals	420	235	628	838	624	2,745	97	103	200

Savings Banks - see back.

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First-Day Schools.		Men.	Religious Meetings.	Children's Meetings.	Prayer Meetings, etc.	Sings of Praise.	Sings and Clubs.	Others' Meetings.	Totals.
Boys	Girls								

Statistics of Savings Banks.

	Bedford Institute.	Hart's Lane.	Ratcliff.	Peel.	Deptford.	Bunhill Adult School Prov. Society
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
On Deposit last year ...	947 4 1	435 5 9	13 16 6	451 6 .	215 10 11	1,870 5 .
Deposits during the year	424 . 6	220 8 0	24 15 5	1,650 . .	486 16 3	685 17 6
Withdrawals during the year ...	1,371 4 7	655 13 9	38 11 11	2,101 6 .	702 7 2	2,556 2 6
Amount remaining on deposit...	444 18 8	195 4 8	14 . 1	1,348 8 1	426 7 .	651 5 10
Number of Depositors ...	192	236	40	340	610	182

