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26	Griggs M ^r R.	Local C.O.S Sec ^y Chelsea	278 Kings Road	1 -
28	Parkhouse M ^r A. V.	Sec. ^{Notting Hill & N. Kensington} Philanthropic Society	14 St. Lawrence Road	11 -
28	Simpson Miss	Sec ^y ^{North Kensington Assocⁿ} of Friendly Workers	78 Cornwall Road	25 -
	Henniker M ^{rs}	Guardian. COS (Fulham)	Comeragh Road	37 -
28	Meyrick Jones Rev. F.	Rugby Boys Club	Rugby House, 292 Lancaster Rd.	43 -
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28	Kensington C.O.S. Committee	Answers to questions on Form D.		63

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26 Interview with Mr. R. Cripps, Local C.O.S. Sec. at
Chelsea, at the Offices of the Committee at 278 King's
Road. (E.A.) Mar. 20.99. 35

Mr. C. came to Chelsea from S. Olave's, in South London a few months' ago, and therefore has no very intimate knowledge as yet of his new district. But he was able to tell a good deal, and his outside judgment on the past work of the Committee and the difficulties it had had to contend with could not perhaps have been obtained from an older worker. He is one of the younger of the C.O.S. staff of district secs. and is a pleasant fellow enough, of perhaps 30 years of age.

Facts: Not a very strong Committee in Chelsea, or rather not one that has been able to secure anything approaching to a complete organization of the charities of the district. It includes no parsons, but two Guardians, of whom the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Egerton, is one, and two excellent doctors, whose advice and help are invaluable. The extracts from the Report will give some details of the work of the past year. The Committee is not in touch with any Friendly Society, but gives general advice and has issued a leaflet (which see). They co-operate with the local Medical Provident Dispensary.

Opinions: Considers that the poor are tending to move out of the district covered by the committee, but that nothing very noticeable is going on. When structur-

al changes are made and the poor are displaced, there is, as a rule, nothing as regards their employment that makes it imperative for them to continue living much on the same ground. Movement therefore is facilitated.

He mentioned Stayton St. as being exceptionally bad and insanitary, but there are no areas of extreme poverty: "nothing like the Jago or Bethnal Green". Several parishes have practically no poor.

Thinks that there are only two parishes -- Holy Trinity and Christ Church -- in which there are parish relief committees at work. On the whole the administration of charitable relief in the district is at a low ebb, & Chelsea has and deserves a bad name for it. As a rule the Committee ~~is~~ cannot be said to have won the confidence of the Clergy, and he suggested, what is probably quite true, that Bosanquet, who while in Chelsea was the chief figure on the Committee was not a persona grata to them. As a rule it is ^{city} the shady cases that are sent on to the ^{City} (except from Christ Church where they have a sensible district visitor) or those that need prolonged help (see later). He mentioned that part of the old parish taken over by Webb Peploe as being well worked. On Blunt, Myers, Bevan (who is on the Committee), and Ridgeway (whose own parish is rich and outside but who takes over a poor bit of Chelsea) Mr. C. had nothing special to say. Park

Chapel is for the moment in commission; the administration at Christ Church (Pullein Thompson's) he pronounced good, but as to the other parish in which there is a committee at work, Holy Trinity, (Eyton's old church), he said nothing. Mr. Wilkinson he described as very low church and rather given to shilling tickets; improving and friendly, but in reality "indifferent to these things".

The tendency is for his Committee to get fewer cases, ~~to deal with~~, but for those that come to be more heavily dealt with. There is also a tendency to force pension cases on the Committee, and, in fact, to make the Committee a "pension Committee". The burden of such cases is naturally heavier, and the inducement to send them on to the Committee proportionately greater. The relation of the Noncons of the district ^(who are not very important) is roughly speaking similar to that of the Church of England. He was afraid that his general report and information was "unsatisfactory", but, he added, "that is what Chelsea is, I feel". The Committee has not had a good name, but it has to be admitted that the district is not an easy one. The administration of the local funds (four) does not make the task any easier. These are managed in an old-fashioned way, and co-operation with them is only very occasionally possible. When it takes place it is generally with the largest fund, with an income of about £195, that gives

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 half-crown pensions. The next largest fund has an income of about £122, and gives its money away in cash. Mr. C. gave me a pamphlet containing particulars of the various Chelsea Charities.

In comparing conditions at Chelsea with those in St. Olave's, Mr. C. is impressed by the vastly greater amount of help that is available in the West end parish, both from private persons and from other sources. Altogether there is "more going". . . It affects the people; they are more obsequious; they expect help, and look up to you as to a member of the giving class.

We have to record, with great pleasure, that during the past year an arrangement has been entered into with the Holy Trinity Relief Committee for mutual representation on the respective Committees, which we hope will result in greatly increased confidence and knowledge.

We have successfully co-operated with the Chelsea Benevolent Society and Chelsea Relief Society on several occasions, particularly in obtaining weekly allowances for aged persons. These allowances are, under proper conditions, a very satisfactory mode of relief, but one for which it is singularly difficult to raise the necessary money.

Our thanks are also due to our Hon. Medical Advisers, who have been of very great service to the Committee in its convalescent and other work. We feel ourselves fortunate in having the help of advisers who take such a personal interest in the cases referred to them.

Our Provident Visiting Association has formed itself into a separate body under the title of the Chelsea Provident and Collecting Bank Association. Mr. G. Fitzgerald has kindly consented to become the Chairman. We wish the Association good speed, and trust it may obtain the support of those who are interested in fostering habits of providence and thrift.

The branch of the Medical Provident Association, at 472, King's Road continues its work, although it has to compete with the free medical aid so largely bestowed in Chelsea. The object of this Association is to promote the independence of the poor in medical matters.

The Committee have issued a fresh "Look-a-head" leaflet, giving the names and benefits of some of the local lodges of Benefit Societies,

RETURNS

For the Year ending September 30th, 1898.

Referred to other District Committees .....	.....	62
Inquiries for " " " .....	.....	267
Number of Applications decided .....	.....	371
" " withdrawn .....	.....	60
" " not assisted .....	.....	224
" " Assisted .....	.....	87
Sources of Assistance :—		
Institutions or Local Agencies .....	.....	30
Guardians .....	.....	2
Individuals .....	.....	53
Other Sources of Assistance ... ..	.....	5
Reports sent out .....	.....	283
Forms of Relief :—		
Employment ... ..	.....	12
Emigration ... ..	.....	—
Hospital Treatment .....	.....	8
Surgical Apparatus .....	.....	7
Convalescent Aid .....	.....	25
Pensions .....	.....	4
Admitted to Homes .....	.....	1
Loans .....	.....	6
Other forms of Relief .....	.....	44

LOOK AHEAD!!!

HOW TO PROVIDE FOR SICKNESS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE

Chelsea Lodges & Societies.

JOIN THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, Manchester Unity.

Age between 16 and 34. Medical Certificate Required. Entrance Fee 2/6. Subscriptions from 7½d. to 10d. per week. After Six Months' Membership you will receive in Sickness :—12/- a week for 12 months. 10/- a week for 12 months. 5/- a week for remainder of illness. £12 at Death. £7 at Wife's Death. A Lodge is held every Friday at the "Coopers' Arms," Flood Street. (Registered No. 4118 M.U.) Applications can be received at the Lodge or through the Secretary and Members.

JOIN THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Age 18 to 40. Medical Certificate required. Entrance Fee 2/6. Subscriptions 2/9 to 3/8 per month. After 12 Months' Membership you will receive in Sickness :—14/- per week for 26 weeks. 7/- per week for 26 weeks. 3/6 per week for remainder of illness. £12 at Death. £6 at Wife's Death. A Lodge is held at Sydney Hall, Leader Street, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month. Applications can be made at the Lodge, or through the Secretary and Members.

JOIN THE HEARTS OF OAK.

Age between 18 and 30. Medical Certificate required. Entrance Fee 2/6. Subscriptions average 10/- per Quarter. Sick Pay for Members who have belonged for less than 3 months, 2/6 per week. Between 3 and 6 months, 6/- per week. Between 6 and 9 months, 9/- per week and £6 at Death. Between 9 and 12 months, 12/- per week and £9 at Death. After One Year, 18/- for 26 weeks, 9/- for 26 weeks, and £20 at Death, and £10 at Wife's Death. No Local Lodges. Apply to the Secretary, 17, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square.

JOIN THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES, SALFORD UNITY.

(Total Abstainers). Entrance Fee 2/6. Ages from 15 to 50. Quarterly Contributions from 10½d. to 10/10½. Benefits from 2/6 to 15/- per week. Full Pay for 6 months. Half Pay for 6 months. Remainder of Sickness, Quarter Pay. Death, £5 to £30. Hope of Chelsea Tent meets on alternate Tuesdays at the Star and Anchor Coffee Palace, 300, King's Road.

WOMEN CAN

JOIN THE COURT COUNTESS CADOGAN OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Entrance Fee 2/-, including Medical Certificate. Age 18 to 39. Contributions from 1/8½ to 2/9 per quarter. Benefits from 4/- to 8/- per week. At Death of Free Member, £6 to £12. Full Pay for 26 weeks. Half Pay for 26 weeks. One fourth for remainder of Sickness. Meetings are held at the Star and Anchor Coffee Palace, 300, King's Road, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.

JOIN THE NATIONAL DEPOSIT FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Entrance Fee 1/- Medical Certificate required. Admits Men and Women between the ages of 13 and 55. Sick Pay in proportion to contributions. 1/- per Calendar Month entitles to 1/- per day in Sickness, and 6d. in Old Age. Members must keep a Deposit Account from which a percentage of the Sick Pay is drawn. The Society meets its liabilities yearly, and any surplus in the Common Sick Fund is paid to the Deposit Accounts of Members. Applications for membership will be received at the Co-operative Society's Hall, King's Road, on the 1st Tuesday in every Month at 8 p.m.

Juvenile Societies.

JOIN THE CHELSEA JUVENILE FORESTERS.

Entrance Fees:	Contributions:	Benefits:
4 to 10 years, 1/-	1d. per week.	Medical Attendance and Medicine.
10 to 14 " 1/6	2d. " "	3/- per week, Medical Attendance and Medicine.
14 & upwards, 2/6	3d. " "	6/- " " " " " " " " " " " "

Full Pay for 26 weeks. Half Pay for 13 weeks. One-Third Pay as long as illness continues. Funeral Claim, £1, £2 and £3, according to age. Star and Anchor Coffee Palace every 4th Wednesday.

JOIN THE GROSVENOR JUVENILE ODD FELLOWS.

Entrance Fee, 1/-	Medical Certificate required.		
Age.	Monthly Payment.	Sick Pay.	Funeral Claim.
8 to 12.	7d.	3/-	£3
12 to 15.	9d.	5/-	£5
15 to 18.	1/1	8/-	£7

Full Pay for 26 weeks. Half Pay for 26 weeks. Afterwards One Third during continuance of illness up to 18 years of age. Meeting at the Parish Hall, Pavilion Road, on the 1st Tuesday in every month from 7 to 8.30 p.m.

JOIN THE JUVENILE HEARTS OF OAK.

Age from 9 to 14—Class 1. 14 to 16—Class 1 or 2. 16 to 19—Class 2 or 3.

Class 1.—Quarterly Payment, 2/6.	Sick Pay, 5/- per week.	Death Money—£5.
Class 2.—" " 5/-	" 10/- "	" " £10.
Class 3.—" " 7/6.	" 15/- "	" " £15.

Apply to the Secretary, 17, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square.

JOIN THE METROPOLITAN PROVIDENT MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, CHELSEA BRANCH.

472, King's Road. Open every Morning from 10 to 1, and every Evening from 7 to 9. Monthly Payments, Single Card, 6d. Family Card, Husband and Wife, 1/- Family Card with Children participating, 10d. Children under 14, 3d. each. 1d. on each prescription. Interchange of Benefits has been arranged with Branches at Battersea, Brompton, Wandsworth and Kilburn.

BEGIN TO SAVE.

JOIN THE CHELSEA COLLECTING BANK.

Collectors call weekly and transfer Deposits to the Post Office Savings' Bank. The Post Office will keep the Warrants till called for, if desired.

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May 17th 1899 - J. A.

Interview with Mr Archibald N. Parkhouse, hon. sec. of the Notting Hill and North Kensington Philanthropic Soc^y at 14 S. Lawrence Road, Ladbrooke Grove.

Mr Parkhouse is one of the Kensington rate collectors, a bright, active young fellow, much interested in the work of this Society.

This Society has been going 40 years & is one of 3 in the parish, the others being:- The Kensington Philanthropic (which is still older) and the Kensington and Chelsea Philanthropic, the younger of the three. There is also a branch of the Friendly Workers, which does a little.

The Society is not of the public house sing-song order, but is conducted on quiet business lines, its funds which amount to about £500 a year being obtained by annual subscriptions which are collected at the houses of the well-to-do, and by a yearly dinner concert &c. A grant is obtained from the Camden Charity Trustees, who also subscribe to the other two Societies.

FORTY-FOURTH
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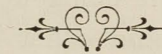
The Society has no politics, nor creed, but tries to work in harmony with all sects & parties. Cases are recommended to it by various religious sects, and as will be seen from the report, ^{it} has a very large committee of well known local men, with the Liberal candidate as president, the Conservative member as vice, and Catholic priests, Church Clergy, Nonconformist ministers, Vestrymen, Guardians, and men of no particular creed as members. All the work is honorary (save commission to collector) and relief is distributed by means of visitors. These visitors, of whom there are about 28 (see p. 4 of report) have each a district allotted to them and are generally old residents who know the people well. Usually they are men who, in calling on the people, have no other interest to serve, but Mr. Betts, L.C.M., is an admitted exception - a blot, says Mr. P. caused by difficulty in getting visitors. Still he is not denominational.

The visitors do not visit on their own initiative. Either the applicant for relief applies to them direct, or is recommended to them by a member, or else the application has been made to one of the officials

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RULES.

1.—A Donation or Annual Subscription to constitute Membership.

2.—A Committee, President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Collector, and Auditors, to be elected annually.

3.—Visitors to be appointed by the Committee.

4.—The Parliamentary Division of North Kensington to be the area of the Society's operations.

5.—Relief to be given only after personal enquiry and visitation at the homes of the applicants.

6.—All Members to be at liberty to recommend cases to Visitors.

7.—The Committee to meet once a fortnight during November, December, January, February, and March, and at other times when necessary; three to be a quorum.

8.—The proceedings of the Committee to be regularly entered in a Minute Book.

9.—Every case relieved, with particulars as to number of family, cause of distress, and any other procurable information, to be recorded on the Counterfoil of the Relief Book.

10.—Visitors are invited to make returns to the Committee, at their meetings, of cases relieved; and to furnish information at the end of the year as to the working of the Society from their own experience, it being desirable to co-operate cordially with the Clergy and other Ministers of religion, District Visitors, and all other existing agencies for charitable purposes.

11.—The Annual Meeting to be held in November, at which the Report and Balance-Sheet are to be presented, and Officers elected.

12.—The Committee to have power to make bye-laws, but not to alter rules.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President, F. C. FRYE, Esq., J.P., 19, Colville Mansions, W.

Vice-Presidents—

JAMES BAILEY, Esq., J.P., M.P.

AUGUSTUS BIRD, Esq.

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HENRY HOLMES, Esq.

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C. L. KINGDON, Esq.

HON. TREASURER—Mr. G. NELSON WATTS, J.P., 147, High street, Notting hill.

SUPERINTENDENT OF VISITORS—Mr. F. L. CHANDLER, 214, Portobello road.

HON. SECRETARY—Mr. ARCHIBALD V. PARKHOUSE, 14, S. Lawrence road, W.

ASSISTANT SEC. & COLLECTOR—Mr. F. T. TANNER, 131, Chesterton Road, W.

General Committee.

Mr. JAMES F. ACRELL, 111, Walmer rd. Rev. F. B. MARSLAND, B.A., Kensington

„ H. ARMFIELD, 13, Archer street Infirm., Marloes road

Dr. J. J. ATTERIDGE, 121, Ladbroke gr've Mr. ARTHUR J. MILESON, 24, St.

Mr. W. B. BAILEY, 106, Lancaster rd. Mark's road

„ J. J. BAKER, 46, Elgin crescent „ P. D. MILLEN, 163, Ladbroke grove

„ J. E. BARTLE, 208, Lancaster road „ P. MONSON, 19, St. James's square

„ LEWIS BEALE, 126, Ladbroke grove „ T. W. MONTAGUE, 44, Archer st.

„ G. BETTS, 14, St. Ervan's road „ L. NEWMAN, 2, Dalgarno gardens

„ G. BIRD, 62, St. Quintin avenue „ F. W. NICHOLLS, 25, Golborne rd.

„ G. BUTT, 96, Campden bill road „ W. NODES, 157, Lancaster road

„ F. L. CHANDLER, 214, Portobello rd. „ T. W. OFFER, 32, Queen's road

„ W. CHANDLER, 214, Portobello road „ C. OTLEY, 17, Acklam road

„ R. CLEMO, 179, Lancaster road „ S.H. PARKHOUSE, 9, Upper High-

„ A. COLLMAN, 51, Lonsdale road lever road

„ HENRY CORRY, 15, Ledbury road „ C. W. PEMBLE, 71, Princes road

„ W. E. COVE, 68, St. Mark's road „ W. POPE, 3, St. Ann's villas

„ T. H. DARBY, 96, Ladbroke grove „ T. RIDER, 128, Ladbroke grove

„ C. DENNIS, 17, Silchester road „ G. RABBETH, 1, Up. Highlever rd.

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„ A. FORD, 5, Brewster gardens Royal crescent

„ J. FLEICHER, 44, Golborne road Mr. J. H. ROBERTS, 15, Bonchurch road

„ W. C. FLORY, 10, Bonchurch road Dr. W. ROBERTS, 79, Cambridge gardens

„ T. FOWLER, 363, Portobello road Mr. W. SARL, 58, Acklam road

„ J. FRENCH, 216, Cornwall road Mr. G. H. SEALY, 38, Silchester road

„ J. GIMBRETT, 30, St. Mark's road Rev. J. FLEMING SHEARER, 22,

„ J. GREEN, 3, Elgin crescent Oxford gardens

„ OSWALD R. GREEN, 16, Elgin cres. Mr. E. F. SPENCER, 9, Darnley road

„ W. J. GREEN, 1, Elgin crescent „ T. SQUIRE, 59, Tobin street

„ J. HALE, 257, Portobello road „ R. SWAIN, 169, Ladbroke grove

„ J. T. HALY, 298, Ladbroke grove „ J. N. TAGLIAFERRO, 341, Lad-

„ F. D. HEAD, 138, High street, broke grove

Notting hill

„ R. HENDY, 17, Cambridge gardens Rev. FATHER TASKER, Church House,

„ W. H. HITCHCOCK, 100, Blenheim Pottery lane

„ crescent Mr. W. A. THOMSON, 134, Ladbroke gr've

„ ALBERT HUNT, 171, Ladbroke grove „ W. O. THYER, 33, Kensington pk. rd

„ G. INGLISH, 132, Ladbroke grove „ B. K. TOMALIN, 1, St. Helen's gdns.

„ G. B. JOHNSTON, 82, Portobello rd. „ J. TRAVIS, 57, Bassein park road

Rev. G. J. M. KINGSTON, B.A., 24, „ J. W. WAKEHAM, 4, Bedford ter.

Treadgold street „ T. S. WARE, 26, Queen's road

Mr. A. H. LANGMAN, 14, St. James's sq „ W. WARREN, 16, Princes road

„ T. LEWIS, 20, Treadgold street „ E. A. WILKINS, 4, Maxilla gds.

„ C. E. LIVESAY, 43, The Avenue, „ W. J. WILKINS, 1, Acklam road

Castle hill „ E. WILLIAMS, 171, Bythe road,

„ C. J. LOCKWOOD, 42, Silchester rd. West Kensington

„ W. McRAE, 3, Highlever road „ T. WILLIAMS, 34, Bangor street

„ H. E. MANFIELD, 66, St. Helen's gds. „ J. P. WILLIAMS, 87, Lancaster rd.

„ W. MARDELL, 216, Westbourne gr'v. „ J. WOODMASON, 97, Golborne rd.

With power to add to their number.

Finance Committee.

Mr. F. L. CHANDLER, 214, Portobello rd. Mr. H. E. MANFIELD, 66, St. Helen's gds.

„ H. CORRY, 15, Ledbury road „ P. MONSON, 19, St. James's square

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AUDITORS—Messrs. R. HENDY, and H. E. MANFIELD

Notting Hill and North Kensington Philanthropic Society.

*This Society was established for the purpose of affording Temporary Relief to the deserving Poor residing in the district of North Kensington.
The tickets given are (except in special cases) for Meat, Bread, Coals, or Groceries, and are distributed by the Visitors of the Society only*

LIST OF VISITORS.

District,	Visitors.	
1 Bulmer place and terrace	...	Mr. G. N. WATTS, J.P., 147, High st, Notting hill
2 Portobello road (from 66 Pembroke villas to Archer street)	...	Mr. G. B. JOHNSTON, 82, Portobello road
3 Portobello road and mews adjacent (east side, Archer street, to Railway arch)	...	Mr. F. L. CHANDLER, 214, Portobello road
4 Portobello road and mews adjacent (west side, Archer street, to Railway arch) and Elgin mews	...	Mr. G. INGLISH, 132, Ladbroke grove
5 Portobello road and mews adjacent (west side, north of Railway arch)	...	Mr. F. L. CHANDLER, 214, Portobello road
6 Portobello road (east side, north of Railway arch) and adjacent streets north of Golborne road, including Wormington road (north of Golborne road)	...	Mr. W. C. FLORY, 10, Bonchurch road
7 Western and Buckingham terraces	...	Mr. G. BETTS, 14, St. Ervan's road
8 Bolton road	...	Mr. TRAVIS, 57, Bassein park road, Shepherd's bush
9 Lonsdale road and mews	...	Mr. W. MARDELL, 216, Westbourne grove
10 Convent gardens	...	Mr. H. CORRY, 15, Ledbury road
11 North end of Kensington park road and Cornwall road (from Portobello road to Ladbroke grove)	...	Mr. JOHN GREEN, 3, Elgin crescent
12 { Princes road and place, St. James' place, Queen's place	...	Mr. C. W. PEMBLE, 71, Princes road
13 { Charles street, Royal mews, &c. St. Ann's road, St. Katherine's road (between St. Ann's road and St. Clement's road)	...	Mr. P. MONSON, 19, St. James' square
14 { Sirdar road	...	Mr. T. LEWIS, 20, Treadgold street
15 { Bangor street and Crescent street	...	Mr. E. WILLIAMS, 171, Blythe road, West Kensington
16 Portland road and Portland place, St. Katherine's road (north of Sirdar road)	...	Mr. W. O. THYER, 33, Kensington park road
17 Heathfield street, Kenilworth street, Stoneleigh street, and Lancaster road	...	Mr. T. RIDER, 37, Bramley road

18 Tobin street, Bird's cottages, Hesketh place and Walmer road (south of Lancaster road), Barandon street, Bomore road, Powell street and Dulford street...	...	Mr. SQUIRE, 59, Tobin street
19 Talbot grove and mews adjacent	...	Mr. G. H. SEALY, 38, Silchester road
20 St. George's road and St. Mark's road	...	Mr. J. FRENCH, 216, Cornwall road
21 Bramley and Silchester roads	...	Mr. C. J. LOCKWOOD, 42, Silchester road
22 Blechynden street and mews, Testerton street, Hurstway street, Silchester terrace, Martin street, and Lockton street	...	Mr. TOMALIN, 1, St. Helen's gardens
23 Manchester road and Mersey street	...	Mr. C. DENNIS, 17, Silchester road
24 Walmer road and adjacent streets (north of Lancaster road)	...	Mr. CLEMO, 179, Lancaster road
25 St. Ervan's road, Acklam road, Swinbrook road, Wormington road (south of Golborne road), Bevington road, Blagrove road, Rad-dington road, Angola mews, Golborne road (to railway bridge)	...	Mr. J. WOODMASON, 97, Golborne road
26 Golborne road (south side east of the railway bridge), Southam street (south of Golborne road), Edenham street, and Tottenham street	...	Mr. E. A. WILKINS, 1, Acklam road
27 Golborne road (north side, east of the railway bridge), Southam street (north of Golborne road), Adair road, Appleford road, Bosworth road, Golborne gardens, Hazlewood crescent, and Kensal road	...	Mr. T. FOWLER, 363, Portobello road
28 Rackham, Hewer, Raymede, Bransford and Branston streets, Edinburgh road, Admiral place, terrace, and mews, Treverton street and Ladbroke Grove (north of Rackham street)	...	Mr. J. N. TAGLIAFERRO, 341, Ladbroke grove

It will be seen by the foregoing list that the operations of the Society extend from High Street, Notting Hill, to Kensal Green, embracing, in fact, the whole of the Parliamentary Borough of North Kensington. Funds are urgently needed for the north and north-east portions, which are densely populated by the labouring classes.

Signed Hospital and Dispensary Letters may be sent to the Treasurer, who will gratefully acknowledge them, and see that they are given with discrimination to the sick poor.

Subscribers may refer deserving cases of temporary distress and sickness to the Visitor in whose district the person resides (a list of which is printed above.)

Donations will be thankfully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. NELSON WATTS, J.P., 147, High Street, Notting Hill; Mr. ARCHIBALD V. PARKHOUSE, Hon. Sec., 14, St. Lawrence Road; Mr. F. T. TANNER, Assist. Sec. and Collector, 131, Chesterton Road; or by any Member of the Committee.

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

of the Notting Hill and North Kensington Philanthropic Society, for the year ended November, 1898, being the 44th year since the foundation of the Society.

Read at the Annual Meeting, 29th November, 1898.

To the Subscribers and Donors of the Notting Hill and North Kensington Philanthropic Society.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee have the pleasing duty of submitting to you their forty-fourth annual report, giving a short account of their work during the past year.

The Society was established to aid the deserving poor of this densely populated neighbourhood, who from sickness or scarcity of employment, are in need of temporary assistance, and it is a matter of great satisfaction to your Committee that with the funds which have been so generously subscribed they have been enabled by

rendering timely relief to save many families from becoming paupers. Your Committee, therefore, desire to gratefully acknowledge the continued confidence and support extended to them.

Your Committee, in accordance with Rule 7, met fortnightly during the five months from November to March and on four other occasions, and the average attendance of Members for the 16 meetings held was 20.

Your Committee cannot recognise too highly the energies of the Visitors—upon whom the brunt of the work of the Society falls—of the 29 districts into which the Borough of North Kensington is divided, and some of which include the poorest streets in London. As is very generally known, the Visitors are supplied by the Superintendent, Mr. F. L. Chandler, as funds will allow, with books of 20 tickets, each one of which entitles the holder to 1s. value in either bread, coals, grocery, or meat upon presentation to *any* tradesman in the district. These tickets are only issued to deserving cases after personal investigation on the part of the Visitor and a visit to the home of the applicant. Cases calling for special or more substantial relief are brought under the notice of your Committee at their fortnightly meetings, and if reported upon favourably by the Visitor and duly supported, are relieved by money grants varying in amount to a maximum of £2.

The number of tickets issued by the Visitors during the year just ended was about 5,900, and the amount granted by your Committee to the 86 special cases entertained was £76 9s. 9d. Your Committee have recorded the full particulars of all the cases relieved, and will be pleased to furnish such information to any subscriber who may desire it.

Your Committee beg to invite reference to the financial statement, which has been duly audited, and is submitted as an appendix to this report, and it will there be seen at a glance how the funds have been received and distributed during the year; and also that the amount of the balance which your Committee have in hand to start the present season is one which, in the event of severe weather ensuing very shortly, will enable them to somewhat cope with the consequent misery and distress.

The forty-third anniversary dinner of the Society was held at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford Street, on the 16th March last, when the chair was occupied by Mr. H. T. Van Laun, and the duties of the vice-chair fulfilled by Mr. Henry Holmes, one of the Vice-Presidents, and proved to be one of the most successful gatherings ever held, the Society benefiting thereby by an amount of over £250. To the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the best thanks of the Society are due for their untiring efforts to make the dinner the financial success it proved to be.

On the 10th February last a Ball was held at the Empress Rooms, Kensington Palace Hotel, when your Committee acted in conjunction with the members of the Kensington Philanthropic Society, and, as a result thereof, the sum of £46 19s. 3d. was handed over to this Society.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Archibald V. Parkhouse, gave his Seventh Annual Concert in aid of the Society's funds at the Ladbroke Hall, on the 2nd December last, and handed to the Hon. Treasurer the sum of £31 10s. 7d. as the net proceeds.

A Cricket Match, between representative members of the Kensington Philanthropic Society and this Society, was held, by kind permission of Mrs. Rutter, at the West London Ground, St. Quintin's Park, on the 11th July last, the respective teams being captained by Messrs. C. Olliff and R. Hendy. The result of the game was a most decisive victory for the northern team, and there is no doubt that this first win for the Society was accomplished mainly by the careful selection of the team, and the able captaincy of Mr. Robert Hendy. The day was beautifully fine, and there was, consequently, a very large attendance. The net proceeds, which was divided between the two Societies, was £10 5s. 4d.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon S. Pennefather, D.D., and the Churchwardens of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, the Society has benefited this year

by an amount of £6 11s. 11d., the moiety of an offertory at the Parish Church, and your Committee embrace this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to those gentlemen. It is sincerely hoped by your Committee that, as the Society is entirely unsectarian, the example of the Vicar and Churchwardens of Kensington may be followed by the authorities at other places of worship in the Parish.

Your Committee have also the great gratification of again recording their indebtedness to the Trustees of the Campden Charities for their grant of £35.

Your Committee regret to announce the death of three of their colleagues during the year, viz., Messrs. M. Goodman, John Short, and O. Thyer. The loss of the services of these gentlemen will be greatly felt alike by the Poor and the Society.

Your Committee cannot close this report without referring to the great interest taken in the well-being of the Society by your esteemed President, and heartily thanking Mr. Frye for so kindly granting them the free use of his comfortable offices for the purposes of their meetings.

In conclusion, your Committee, feeling sure that not one half of the poverty and distress existing in North Kensington in the winter season is known to the well-to-do residents in the district, desire again to press the

claims of this Society, and, to those of their Members, who are well aware of the absolute necessity of such a Society as this, and of the really inadequate funds to be distributed, your Committee would urge that they should bring the work of the Society under the notice of their friends, so that next year an increased subscription list will enable your Committee to minister more largely to the wants of the suffering and deserving poor living in their midst.

All which is submitted.

Signed on behalf the Committee,

FREDERICK C. FRYE,

President.

ARCHIBALD V. PARKHOUSE,

Hon. Sec.

Subscriptions and Donations

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	£	s.	d.
Acrell, Mr. Jas., 111, Walmer Road	0	10 6
Alen, Mr. S., 91, Cambridge Gardens	0	5 0
Alexander, Mr. J., 166, Fulham Road	0	5 0
Anderson, Mr. J., 4, Clareville Grove, Onslow Gardens ...	...	2	2 0
Anderson, Miss, 25, Lansdowne Crescent ...	...	1	0 0
Angell, Mr. H., 18, Oxford Gardens ...	...	1	1 0
Aspland, Mrs. L. M., 47, Linden Gardens ...	...	0	10 0
Armfield, Mr. H., 13 & 14, Archer Street ...	...	0	5 0
Aston, Mr. D., 21, Ladbroke Square ...	...	0	10 6
Atteridge, Dr. John J., 121, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	1	1 0
Bailey, Mr. W. B., 106, Lancaster Road ...	...	0	10 6
Baines, Mr. J. A., 23, Kensington Park Gardens ...	...	0	10 0
Baker, Mr. J. J., 46, Elgin Crescent ...	...	1	1 0
Do. do. (1897) ...	...	1	1 0
Barbey, Mr. R. H., "The Abingdon," Abingdon Road ...	...	0	10 6
Barker, Mr. John (J.P.), Kensington High Street ...	...	1	1 0
Bartle & Co., Messrs. Jas., Western Iron Works, Lancaster Road ...	...	2	2 0
Bartle, Mr. J. E., 208, Lancaster Road ...	...	0	10 6
Bater, Mr. C., 151, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	1	1 0
Bates, Mr. Edgar, "The Duke of Sussex," Portobello Road ...	...	0	5 0
Bawcombe, Mr. W., 11, Archer Street ...	...	1	1 0
Beale & Capps, Messrs., 126, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	2	2 0
Becher, Mrs., 22, Arundel Gardens ...	...	0	5 0
Beit, Mr. A., 120, Bishopsgate Street, E.C. ...	...	10	0 0
Bell, Mrs. 123, High Street, Notting Hill ...	...	1	1 0
Bellamy, Mr. W., 21, Earl's Court Road ...	...	0	10 6
Betts, Mr. G., 14, St. Ervan's Road ...	...	0	3 0
Bird, Mr. Augustus, Eynham Lodge, Wood Lane ...	...	10	10 0
Bird, Mr. A. H., do. do. ...	...	1	1 0
Bird, Mr. E., 36, Elsham Road ...	...	1	1 0
Bird, Mr. G., 62, St. Quintin Avenue ...	...	1	1 0
Blake, Genl. H. W., Elgin Lodge, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	2	2 0
Blizard, Mrs., 105, Cambridge Gardens ...	...	0	5 0
Brandreth, Mr. J. E. L. (J.P.), 32, Elvaston Place ...	...	0	10 0
Bruzand, Mrs., 27, Holland Park Avenue ...	...	0	5 0
Buckland, Mr. J. R., 3, Bedford Gardens ...	...	0	10 6
Burton, Mr. Wm., 74A, Kensington Park Road ...	...	0	10 6
Butler, Mr. John, 11, Redcliffe Gardens ...	...	1	1 0
Butt, Mr. G., 96, Campden Hill Road ...	...	0	10 6
Cama, Mr. D. P., 44, St. Mark's Road ...	...	15	15 0
Carruthers, Mrs., 19, Kensington Park Gardens ...	...	2	2 0
Cave, Mr. W. H., 11, Highlever Road ...	...	0	5 0
Chandler, Mr. F. L., 214, Portobello Road ...	...	1	1 0
Chandler, Mr. F. W., 84, Holland Park Avenue ...	...	0	5 0

	£	s.	d.
Chandler, Mr. W. T., 214, Portobello Road ...	...	0	5 0
Chapman, Mr. J. J., 75, St. Quintin Avenue ...	...	0	10 6
Chocqueel, Mr. H. L., 6, The Triangle ...	...	0	10 0
Church, Mr. W., 19, Nevern Mansions, Earl's Court ...	...	1	1 0
Clark, Mr. R. (J.P.), 255, Cromwell Road ...	...	1	1 0
Clarke, Mr. E. S., 5, Ladbroke Square ...	...	0	2 6
Clarke, Mr. W. G., 81, Cornwall Road ...	...	0	2 6
Clemo, Mr. R., 179, Lancaster Road ...	...	0	2 6
Clinch, Mr. R., 62, Church Street ...	...	0	10 0
Collman, Mr. A., 51, Lonsdale Road ...	...	0	10 6
Do. do. do. (Dinner List) ...	...	0	10 6
Colley, Mr. W., 100, Portland Road ...	...	0	10 0
Corry, Mr. H., 15, Ledbury Road ...	...	1	1 0
Corry, Mr. H., Jun., do. ...	...	0	5 0
Cove, Mr. W. E., 68, St. Mark's Road ...	...	1	1 0
Cowan, Miss, 14, Stanley Crescent ...	...	0	5 0
Crooks, Lady, 7, Kensington Park Gardens ...	...	0	5 0
Cruickshank, Mr. G. E., 6, Lorton Terrace ...	...	0	10 0
Dallaway, Mr. H., 31, Bramley Road ...	...	0	2 6
Darby, Mr. T. H., "The Elgin," Ladbroke Grove ...	...	1	1 0
Do. do. do. (Dinner List) ...	...	1	1 0
Davenport, Mr. J. D., 17, Kensington Park Gardens ...	...	0	5 0
Davis, Mr. W. D., 147, Walmer Road ...	...	0	4 0
Daw & Son, Messrs. C. A., 27, Palace Gate ...	...	0	10 0
Dennis, Mr. C. G., 17, Silchester Road ...	...	0	2 6
Dodwell, Mr. J., 13, Lancaster Road ...	...	0	10 0
Dutton, Mr. E. A., 53, Pembridge Road ...	...	1	1 0
Earley, Mr. W., 222, Lancaster Road ...	...	0	2 6
Elton, Mr. C., 113, Gloucester Road ...	...	0	10 6
Emmett, Mrs., 3, Stanley Crescent ...	...	0	10 6
Evans, Major G. A. T., 44, Ladbroke Road ...	...	0	5 0
Fielding, Mr. Geo., 119, Gloucester Road, (1897) ...	...	0	5 0
(Dinner List) ...	...	0	5 0
Finch, Mr. A. R., 63, Lancaster Road ...	...	1	1 0
Fisher, Mr. H., 230, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	0	10 0
Flack, Mr. W. B., 29, Lower Phillimore Place ...	...	0	10 6
Flory, Mr. W. C., 10, Bonchurch Road ...	...	0	10 6
Do. do. do. (Dinner List) ...	...	0	10 6
Foalé, Mr. H. T., 159, Westbourne Grove ...	...	0	10 6
Ford, Mr. A., 5, Brewster Gardens ...	...	0	5 0
Ford, Mrs., do. ...	...	0	5 0
Fox, Dr. F., 15, Arundel Gardens ...	...	0	5 0
Fox, Mr. W. F., 19, Basset Road ...	...	0	2 6
Fox, Mr. W. H., 9, Austin Friars ...	...	1	1 0
(Dinner List) ...	...	1	1 0
Franklin, Mr. H. A., 49, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	0	10 0
Freemantle, Mr. W. H., "Railway Hotel," Southall ...	...	0	2 6
French, Mr. J., 216, Cornwall Road ...	...	0	10 6
Fripp, Mr. John, 177, Ladbroke Grove ...	...	0	10 6
Frost, Mr. W. H., 174, Portobello Road ...	...	0	5 0
Frye, Mr. F. C., J.P., 19, Colville Mansions ...	...	5	5 0
Fryer, Mr. G. E. S., L.C.C., 16, Pembridge Place ...	...	1	1 0

	£	s.	d.
Gamble, Mr. R. C., 48, Ladbroke Road ...	0	10	6
Gibbes, Mr. Wyndham, 32, Linden Gardens ...	3	3	0
Giffard, Mr. H. S., 22, Kensington Park Gardens ...	1	1	0
Gimbrett, Mr. J., 30, St. Mark's Road ...	1	1	0
Gladstone, Dr. J. H., F.R.S., 17, Pembridge Square ...	3	3	0
Do. do. (1897) (Donation)	5	0	0
Glensk, Lord, 139, Piccadilly ...	5	0	0
Goddard, Mr. C., 3, Basset Road ...	1	1	0
Godfree, Mrs. (Late), 34, Holland Park Avenue ...	0	10	0
Goodchild, Mr. W. E., 21, Bedford Gardens ...	0	10	6
Goodman, Mr. M. (Late), 53, Blechenden Street ...	0	5	0
Graham, Mrs. W. E., 12, Ladbroke Gardens ...	0	10	0
Green, Mr. Jas., 2, Prince of Wales Terrace ...	1	1	0
Green, Mr. J. H. Townsend, 32, Barkston Gardens, Earl's Court	1	1	0
Green, Mr. John, 3, Elgin Crescent ...	1	1	0
Green, Mr. R. C., Vestry Hall, Kensington ...	1	1	0
Green, W. J., 1, Elgin Crescent ...	0	5	0
Greenaway, Mr. F. E., 75, Elgin Crescent ...	0	5	0
Grove, Mr. F., 73, Ledbury Road ...	0	10	0
Hale, Mr. J., 257, Portobello Road ...	0	10	6
Hale, Mr. P. do. do. ...	0	2	6
Halswell, Mr. H. B., J.P., D.L., 26, Kensington Gate (Donation)	0	10	6
Haly, Mr. J. T., 298, Ladbroke Grove ...	0	3	0
Hardie, Mr. Jas., M.A., 11, Holland Park Avenue ...	0	5	0
Hatton, Mr. W. R., 73, St. Quintin Avenue ...	0	10	6
Head, Mr. E. B., 52, Lancaster Road ...	0	10	6
Head, Mr. F. D., 138, High Street, Notting Hill ...	1	1	0
Do. do. do. do. (Dinner List)	1	1	0
Head, Mr. H., 198, Belsize Road, Kilburn ...	1	1	0
Hendy, Mr. R., 17, Cambridge Gardens ...	0	10	6
Hepworth, Lt.-Col. J. S., 32, Elgin Crescent (Dinner List)	2	2	0
Hertz, Mrs., 40, Lansdowne Crescent ...	1	1	0
Herbert, Mr. H. ... (Dinner List)	0	5	0
Hewitt, Mr. J. A., 16, St. Andrew's Street ...	2	2	0
Hewitt, Mr. S., 69, Abingdon Road ...	0	10	6
Hickman, Mr. W., 28a, Archer Street ...	0	2	6
Hicks, Mr. W., St. Charles' Square ...	1	1	0
Hillier, Mr. W., 105, Ladbroke Grove ...	1	1	0
Holmes, Mr. Henry, 20, St. Lawrence Road ...	5	5	0
Holmes, Miss do. do. ...	0	10	6
Holmes, Mr. F. do. do. ...	0	10	6
Hopkins, Mrs., 21, Chepstow Villas ...	0	5	0
Horne, Mr. Newman F., 178, Portobello Road ...	1	1	0
Horsley, Mr. T. W. (late), 274, Portobello Road ...	0	5	0
Houghton, Mr. Boydell, 34, Linden Gardens (Dinner List)	5	5	0
Howden, Mr. Alexander, 72, Holland Park, W. ...	1	1	0
Huggins, Miss, 6, Kensington Park Gardens ...	0	5	0
Hughes, Mr. C. P. ...	0	5	0
Hughes, Mr. R. B., 90, Oxford Gardens ...	0	10	0
Hull, Professor, LL.D., F.R.S., 20, Arundel Gardens ...	0	2	6
Hunt, Mr. Albert, 171, Ladbroke Grove ...	1	1	0
Hunt, Mr. W. H., 7, Kensington Crescent ...	0	10	6

	£	s.	d.
Inglish, Mr. George, 132, Ladbroke Grove ...	1	1	0
Inman, Mrs. (per Mr. G. B. Johnstone) ...	1	1	0
Isaacs, Major L. H., 3, Pembridge Square ...	5	5	0
Jackson, Mr. F. C., 108, Fulham Road ...	0	5	0
James, Miss L., 2, Clarendon Road ...	0	5	0
Jarvis, Mr. John, 55, Ladbroke Grove ...	0	10	6
Do. do. (1897)	0	10	0
Jennings, Mr. F., 137, Walmer Road ...	1	1	0
Do. Mr. F. H., " " ...	0	5	0
Johnson, Mr. R. G. ...	0	10	6
Johnston Mr. G. Bruce, 82, Portobello Road ...	0	10	6
Jones, Mr. Edwin, 4, St. Ann's Villas ...	0	10	0
Jones, Mr. J. M., 56, Holland Park ...	1	1	0
Jones, Mr. S. M., Guardians' Offices, Marloes Road ...	0	5	0
Jones, Mr. T. H., 5, Ladbroke Terrace ...	0	5	0
Keene, Mr. R. H., 341, Ladbroke Grove ...	0	10	0
Keogh, Major, 50, St. Mark's Road ...	0	5	0
Kimpton, Miss, Clarendon Road ...	0	5	0
King, Mr. Robert, 15, Lansdowne Road ...	0	5	0
Kingdon, Mr. C. L., 67, Lansdowne Road ...	1	1	0
Kingston, Rev. G. J. M. B.A., 24, Treadgold Street ...	0	2	6
Knight, Mr. H. C., 451, Fulham Road ...	0	5	0
Lake, Col. B. G., The Priory, Orpington, Kent (Dinner List)	2	2	0
Lake, Mr. G. T., 104, Warwick Road ...	0	5	0
Lancaster Road Chapel (per Rev. J. G. Stuart) ...	1	1	0
Lander, Mr. E. M., St. John's Lodge, Kensal Green ...	1	1	0
Langdale, Mrs., 13, Ladbroke Square ...	0	10	0
Laver, Mr. Michael, 6, Stanley Gardens ...	0	2	6
Law, Mrs. R., 2, Stanley Crescent ...	0	10	0
Leaver, Mr. A., 24a, Kensington Park Gardens ...	2	2	0
Leete, Mr. T., 12, Church Street, Kensington ...	0	10	6
Leete, Mr. Wm. Chambers, 48, Holland Road ...	1	1	0
Levy, Mr. B., 50, Arundel Gardens ...	0	10	0
Lewis, Mr. T., 20, Treadgold Street ...	0	2	6
Lighton, Mr. A., 12, Hanover Terrace ...	0	5	0
Linscott, Mr. Herbert D., 120 & 122, Ladbroke Grove ...	1	1	0
Linscott, Mr. J., Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove ...	0	5	0
Lipscombe, Misses, 139, Elgin Crescent ...	0	5	0
Livesay, Mr. C. E., M.I.C.E., 43, The Avenue, Castle Hill, Ealing ...	0	5	0
Lloyd, Mr. John, J.P., 15, Chepstow Place ...	1	1	0
Do. Mrs. do. do. ...	1	1	0
Lockwood, Mr. C. J., 42, Silchester Road ...	0	5	0
McConnell, Mrs., 65, Holland Park ...	0	10	6
McEuen, Mr. D. P., 24, Pembridge Square ...	1	1	0
McRae, Mr. Walter, 3, Highlever Road ...	0	10	6
Macdonnell, Mrs., 40, Lansdowne Crescent ...	1	1	0
Maguire, Dr. T. Miller, 12, Earl's Court Square ...	1	1	0
Manfield, Mr. H. E., 66, St. Helen's Gardens ...	0	10	0
Mapp, Mr. G. H., 325, Portobello Road ...	0	5	0
Mardell, Mr. W., 216, 218, and 220, Westbourne Grove ...	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Marsland, Rev. F. B., B.A., Kensington Infirmary, Marloes Road	0	5	0
Mason, Mr. W. J., 31, Woodfield Crescent, Harrow Road ...	2	2	0
Matthews, Mrs. 15, Stanley Gardens	1	1	0
Middleweek, Mr. W., Kensington Public Baths, Lancaster Road... ..	0	5	0
Miers, Miss, 1, Addison Crescent	0	5	0
Mileson, Mr. Arthur J., 24, St. Mark's Road	1	1	0
Millard, Mr. J. C., 107, Cambridge Gardens (Donation)	0	10	6
Millen, Mr. P. Dreuille, 163, Ladbroke Grove	0	5	0
Monson, Mr. P., 19, St. James's Square	0	5	0
Montagu, Mr. T. W., The Granaries, 44, Archer Street ...	1	1	0
Mort, Mr. Wm., 1, Stanley Crescent	0	10	0
Munford, Mr. J., 295, Ladbroke Grove	0	5	0
Nash, Dr. E., 123, Lansdowne Road	0	5	0
Nash, Mr. Wm. H., 30 Stoneleigh Street	0	10	6
Nathan, Mr. M. H., 36, Basset Road (Donation)	1	0	0
Nelson, Mr. E. B., 4, Ladbroke Gardens	1	1	0
Neville, Mr. W. B., 65, Chesterton Road	0	10	0
Newman, Mr. Leonard, 2, Dalgarno Gardens	2	2	0
Do. do.	0	10	6
Nicholls, Mr. F. W., 25, Golborne Road	0	10	6
Nodes, Mr. H. K., 240, Ladbroke Grove	0	5	0
Do. Mrs. John do.	1	1	0
Nodes, Mr. Wm., 157, Lancaster Road	0	10	0
North, Mrs., 42, Ladbroke Square	0	2	6
Offer, Mr. W., 32, Queen's Road, Notting Hill	1	1	0
Otley, Mr. C., 17, Acklam Road	1	1	0
Ottley, Mr. R. B. (late), 39, Ladbroke Square	2	0	0
Painter, Mr. E. J., 55, Finborough Road	1	1	0
Parkhouse, Mr. A. V., 14, St. Lawrence Road	0	2	6
Do. do. (Dinner List)	0	5	0
Do. Mr. S. H., 9, Upper Highlever Road	0	5	0
Pearson, Mr. J. (late), 6, Lansdowne Crescent	3	3	0
Pemble, Mr. C. W., 71, Princes Road	0	5	0
Pennefather, The Rev. Canon S., D.D., The Vicarage Kensington	0	10	0
Pettit, Mr. G. M., 22, Chesterton Road... ..	0	5	0
Pitts, Mrs., 95, Lansdowne Road	2	2	0
Pope, Miss, 39, Kensington Park Gardens	1	1	0
Pope, Mr. W., 3, St. Ann's Villas	1	1	0
Porter, Mr. J. B., L.C.C., 8, Fig Tree Court, Temple, E.C.	1	1	0
Potter, Mrs., 11, Stanley Crescent	0	5	0
Prater, Mrs., 36, Ladbroke Grove	0	2	6
Price, Col. Anstruther, 61, Basset Road	0	2	0
Rabbeth, Mr. Geo., 1, Upper Highlever Road	0	5	0
Do. do. (Dinner List)	0	10	0
Ralford, Mr. Francis, 26, Pembroke Gardens	2	2	0
Do. do. (Donation)	5	5	0
Reade, Rev. Chas. Darby, M.A., J.P., 83, Holland Road ...	0	5	0
Revell, Mr. W. F., 58, Oxford Gardens	0	5	0

Rider & Son, Messrs. T. P., 128, Ladbroke Grove	2	2	0
Do. do. (Dinner List)	2	2	0
Ridler, Mr. T. H., 63, Palace Gardens Terrace	1	1	0
Roberts, Rev. C. E. T., M.A., 26, Royal Crescent	0	10	0
Roberts, Mr. H. T., 77, Cambridge Gardens	0	5	0
Roberts, Mr. J. H., 15, Bonchurch Road	0	5	0
Roberts, Dr. Owen, 60, Cambridge Gardens	0	10	6
Roberts, Dr. W., 79, Cambridge Gardens	0	5	0
Do. (per C. J. L.) do. (Dinner List)	0	10	0
Robertson, Mr. William, 17, Basset Road (1897)	1	1	0
Robson, Mr. Henry, J.P., Aubrey Lodge, Campden Hill	5	0	0
Rogers, Mr. E., 6, St. Lawrence Road	1	1	0
Ruscoe, Mr. George, 156, Clarendon Road	0	5	0
Rutherglen, Mr. J. H., Guardians' Offices, Marloes Road ...	1	1	0
Do. do. (1897) (Dinner List)	2	2	0
Salaman, Mr. J. Seymour, 65, Chancery Lane	1	1	0
Sampson, Mr. A. D., 196, Lancaster Road	0	10	0
Sang, Mrs., 24, Kensington Park Gardens	0	10	0
Sarl, Mr. Wm., 58, Acklam Road	0	10	0
Sawyer, Mr. T., 119, Cambridge Gardens	0	5	0
Schneider, Mrs., 61, Oxford Gardens	0	10	0
Scott, Mr. N., 11, Sylvester Mews	0	10	6
Sealy, Mr. G. H., 38, Silchester Road	0	5	0
Do. do. (Dinner List)	0	5	0
Sharpe, Mr. William E. Thompson (M.P.), 11, Ladbroke Square	1	1	0
Do. do. (Dinner List)	1	1	0
Shearer, Rev. J. Fleming, 22, Oxford Gardens	0	2	6
Sheffield, The Misses, 65, St. Charles Square	0	10	0
Sherriff, Mr. H., "The Notting Barn," Silchester Road ...	0	10	6
Short & Sons, Messrs. J., 13 and 15, High Street, Notting Hill	1	1	0
Simpson, Miss, 7, Hanover Terrace	0	5	0
Smith, Mr. Jesse F., 145 and 147, Portobello Road	10	10	0
Smith, Mr. S. J., 255, Portobello Road	0	2	6
Spencer, Mr. E. F., 9, Darnley Road, W.	0	10	0
Do. do. (1897)	0	10	0
Spens, Mr. Nathaniel, 13, Queen's Gate, Terrace... ..	3	3	0
Spicer, Mr. R. L., 28, St. Mark's Road	1	1	0
Squire, Mr. Frederick, 59, Tobin Street	1	1	0
Do. do. (Dinner List)	0	10	6
Stein, Mrs., 51, Basset Road	0	5	0
Stiles, Mr. E. W., 36, High Street, Notting Hill	0	5	0
Straus, Mr. Sidney R., 58, Basset Road (Donation)	0	5	0
Swain, Messrs. E. & A., 26, High Street, Notting Hill ...	1	1	0
Swain, Mr. Frank, 170 do. do.	1	1	0
Swain, Mr. R., 169, Ladbroke Grove	0	10	6
Swain & Son, Messrs. do. (Dinner List)	1	1	0
Tagliaferro, Mr. J. N., Royal Exchange Assurance	0	2	6
Tamblyn, Mr. J., 116, Ladbroke Grove... ..	0	10	6
Do. do. (Dinner List)	1	1	0
Tanner, Mr. A. W., 29, Pelham Place, South Kensington... ..	0	5	0
Tanner, Mr. F. T., 131, Chesterton Road	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Tasker, Rev. Father, Church House, Pottery Lane	1	0	0
Thomas, Mr. J. L., 2, Hanover Terrace...	0	10	0
Thompson, Wm. Whitaker, 24, Argyll Road	1	1	0
Thomson, Mr. T. C., 149, Ladbroke Grove	1	1	0
Thyer, Mr. Oliver (late), 33, Kensington Park Road	0	5	0
Tomalin, Mr. B. K., 1, St. Helen's Gardens	0	5	0
Do. do. (Donation)	0	5	0
Travis, Mr. J., 57, Bassein Park Road ...	0	2	6
Urquhart, Mr. F. W., 15, Royal Crescent	0	10	6
Van Laun, Mr. H. T., Kensington Park Road	25	0	0
Vassie, Mr. F., 134, Chesterton Road	0	5	0
Waite, Mr. W. L., 20, St. Lawrence Road	0	2	6
Wakeham, Mr. Jas. W., "Kensington News," 4, Bedford Terrace	0	10	0
Ware, Mr. T. Softley, 26, Queen's Road, Norland Square	0	5	0
Warkworth, Lord, M.P., 28, Grosvenor Square, W.	5	0	0
Warren, Mr. W., 16, Princes Road	0	10	0
Watts, Mr. George Nelson (J.P.), 147, High Street, Notting Hill	2	2	0
Weaver, Mr. Wm. (C.E.), The Limes, Holland Park	1	1	0
Webb, Mr. A., 1, Hanover Terrace	0	10	0
Weir, Mr. James, 55, St. Charles Square (Dinner List)	2	2	0
Welch, Mr. J. R., 91, Bramley Road	0	10	0
West London Police Court Poor Box (per J. Rose, Esq.)	3	3	0
Wetherilt, Mr. D., "The Notting Barn," Silchester Road	0	10	0
Wheeler, Mr. Wm. W., 57, Ladbroke Road	1	1	0
White, Mr. A., 13, Earl's Court Road	1	0	0
Wilkins, Mr. E. A., Acklam Road	0	10	6
Do. do. (Dinner List)	0	10	6
Wilkins, Mr. W. J. do. do.	0	10	6
Do. do.	0	10	6
Williams, Mr. J. P., 87, Lancaster Road	1	1	0
Williams, Mr. T., 34, Bangor Street	0	5	0
Williams, Mr. E., 171, Blythe Road, West Kensington	0	2	6
Willis, Mrs., 242, Ladbroke Grove	0	2	6
Winter, Mr. W., 172, Portobello Road...	0	10	6
Woodmason, Mr. J., 97, Golborne Road	0	2	6
Woods, Mrs. A., 36, St. Mar's Road	0	5	0
Wright, Mr. A. W., 36, Ladbroke Square	0	2	6
Wright-Anderson, Mrs., 6, Stanley Crescent	1	0	0

Notting Hill and North Kensington Philanthropic Society.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year ended November 28th, 1898.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897	115	5	10	By Payments to Tradesmen	294	18	6
" Annual Subscriptions and Donations	341	3	6	" Special Cases relieved by Money Grants	76	9	9
" Grants from Campden Charity Trustees	35	0	0	" Assistance to Hon. Secretary	6	6	0
" Kensington Parish Church Offertory	6	11	11	" Stationery, Postages, and Petty Expenses	6	9	1
" Proceeds of Concert, per Mr. A. V. Parkhouse	31	10	7	" Printing, Advertising, and Delivery of Annual Reports	22	13	11
" Proceeds of Cricket Match	5	2	8	" Collector's Commission	13	4	0
" Proceeds of Ball	46	19	3	" Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	1	2	6
				Balance	160	10	0
					<u>£581</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

We have this day audited the above and find same correct, and the balance to be £160 10s. 0d.

G. NELSON WATTS, *Hon. Treasurer.*
 ROBERT HENDY,
 HENRY E. MANFIELD, } *Auditors.*

28th November, 1898.

Parkhouse

of the Society and is referred to them to investigate. Each visitor is supplied with books of tickets similar to this:-

Notting Hill and North Kensington Philanthropic Society.

Date, _____

TOTAL VALUE, 1s.

Name _____

Residence _____

Please to supply the Bearer with

Bread _____ Grocery _____

Coals _____ Meat _____

Signed *[Signature]*

The parties receiving a Ticket can apply to any Tradesman for the articles named in the Ticket. Tradesmen are particularly requested to insert the particulars of their claims on an invoice head, to be sent, with the Tickets received, on the FIRST MONDAY IN EVERY MONTH to the Superintendent of Visitors, Mr. F. L. CHANDLER, 214, PORTOBELLO ROAD, and payment for the same will be made by the Honorary Secretary on the following Monday evening, between 6.30 and 7.30 o'clock, at the same address. In the event of a tradesman sending a representative, a written authority upon a headed bill will be necessary for the payment to be made.

J. W. Wakeham, Printer, Kensington and Uxbridge Road.

These they may give away at their discretion, but must enter a report of each case on the counterfoil of their relief book.

If more substantial help than is afforded by these tickets is required, the case is considered by committee who may grant not more than £2.

Where ^{yet} more substantial assistance is needed, (such as £5 for purchase of tools or a mangle &c.) the committee will recommend the matter to the Hampden Trustees, who usually respond, or will refer the case to the B.O.S. They work harmoniously with the local C.O.S but will often relieve a case which the C.O.S would decline. They do not go into past history but only consider present needs and circumstances. They will never, under any circumstances, grant money for back rent. They also refer cases to the Guardians with a view of obtaining out relief, and have in several cases succeeded. The Kensington Guardians as a body, are strongly opposed to out relief, but the N. Kensington representatives are in favour of it and work with this Society in procuring it.

The system of allotting districts and comparison of reports prevents overlapping between those who distribute relief for the Society and he thinks there is very little with other agencies, they being in touch with so many religious bodies and having such a representative committee that a case

scarcely ever comes before the committee without one of its members knowing something of the people. Two are School Board visitors, who are of much service.

The same cases come up over and over again, painters being the most frequent applicants. Several of the committee are employers of labour, and find work for the most likely applicants, or domestic employment is obtained for the women. Usually they will work if given the chance.

In the case of drunkards they relieve the wife & children in such a way that the husband shall not participate.

The Society is very cautious about what it does in the Notting Dale district. The visitors occasionally give tickets there, but they hardly ever do anything more substantial for these people. They find in these bad districts there is generally money. "It's the way of spending it that's wrong" Their relief is mainly given in Kensal Town or its borders, where the people are very poor but not vicious. They get to know the people pretty well, for

altho' they move a good deal, it is from place to place within the locality. They rarely go far away.

He thinks on the whole the district is improving, but the crowding in Notting Dale is very bad. The landlord will know of 7 families in an 8-roomed house, but there will be others in addition that he does not know of. The Sanitary Inspector accompanied by a policeman has taken to making night visits, but the "wheeze" is given down the street directly he starts, and the people are up to all sorts of dodges to evade him.

There are general hopes that when Kensington becomes a municipal borough, it will be able to deal more effectually with this bad spot.

Speaking of the effect of the Society's work, Mr P. says it is mainly temporary in character, but that in a goodly number of cases they have effected permanent benefit. Some instances of this he related.

The other two societies are conducted on very

similar lines, but the Kensington Philanthropic has a pension fund in addition.

I drew M^r P's attention to the fact that there were no ladies either on the Committee of the Society or amongst the visitors. He said this had no particular significance, but admitted that in one or two instances the nomination of ladies had been refused. Some years ago, when the unemployed trouble was at its height, several ladies gave the Society large donations towards the relief of the out-of-works in the district, and it was then thought right to add their names to the Committee. But they did not attend, and were afterwards struck off, since when they have had no lady members.

June 10th. 1891

Interview

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Interview with Miss Simpson, Secretary
of the North Kensington Association of Friendly Workers
among the Poor.

Miss Simpson is a young lady of
under 30: rather shy and nervous but pleasant
in appearance and manner.

As this was the parent-branch of
this Association and the only one reported to me
any vitality I thought it only right, in view of
the hopeless condition of the two other branches here,
that we should know something of this branch.

In common however with the other branches
it proves to be a moribund, and is scarcely likely
I think to survive another year. Though his
name still appears on the Report his Henry
Poundell who started the Association with such a
flourish of trumpet, has deserted the sinking
ship: without funds his own workers are forthcoming,
and Miss S. takes a hopeless view of the position.

The office closes next week till October
at all events and it is doubtful whether it

will be reopened.
As with the Haggston Committee this
Committee has been driven to cooperate with the
C. O. S. and has refused to the Kensington C. O. S.
cases which it has been unable to deal with.

The same Inquiry form is in use as
at Haggston, but Miss S. said that it
was as a rule only imperfectly filled in. For
if any questions were asked of applicants, and
such information as cannot be obtained from
them indirectly is omitted.

The failure of the Committee is the greater
in view of the fact that as a glance at
the map will show, they have chosen a district
in which as Miss S. admitted there is
very little poverty, and such as there is not
of the character which presents the most
difficult problems: the really poor part of
North Kensington, to the north of Solborne Road
is not included in their district!

Some attempt has been made during the
last two years to galvanize some life into the

Association in connection with H. P. Hill's scheme for the unemployed, and for a time it was hoped that he ~~would~~ would supply funds, and also find work for unemployed applicants. Both these things he did for a time, but as he fed the unemployed on beans and the sanitary and living arrangements at the Farm were most unpleasant few would stop there; and disgusted with I suppose with the failure of the farm Hill is no longer prepared to finance the Association.

A farm too as Miss S. has discovered is of little use except ~~to~~ as a place of reclamation for the loafer; ~~the~~ for the man who is only temporarily out of work it is little good; painters e.g. have been urged to go there, but have pertinently said that they cannot hope to get work at their trade if they are exiled to the country.

North Kensington Association of Friendly Workers among the Poor

IN CONNECTION WITH THE MANSION HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBLEM OF THE POOR OF LONDON.

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Secretary—Miss SIMPSON. Office—78, Cornwall Road, W.

The area covered by the work of the Association comprises 66 Streets and 1934 houses (of which about 1000 are inhabited by the very poor) and is bounded as follows:—

- North—Golborne Road. South—Norfolk Terrace, Archer Street, Ladbroke Gardens. East—Swinbrook Road, St. Luke's Road, Ledbury Road. West—Ladbroke Grove, Ladbroke Grove Road.

In submitting their Annual Report for the year 1897, the Committee of the North Kensington Friendly Workers among the Poor, desire to thank the numerous friends who have assisted them in their endeavour to mitigate the distress and alleviate the condition of the poor, by means of kindly hearts and ready hands. The Association has been at work since the year 1889. It takes an annual census of the entire poor population of the area above mentioned, and the information thus supplied, supplemented by the efforts of the Friendly Workers, working side by side with the District and other Visitors, has to a great extent already enabled the Committee to acquire a real knowledge of the needs, circumstances and character of the poor in the area.

The object of the Association is to procure for every case of suffering ascertained through its officers, the kind of assistance really required; and by means of the information possessed by the Friendly Workers, added to that furnished by the Association. census, and of the facilities afforded by the interdenominational character of the Committee, it is enabled to do this summarily and without inquisitorial investigation. In very many cases of distress, pecuniary relief is found to be unnecessary. Where it is necessary, the Committee make it their business in the first instance to endeavour to obtain the sum required, or a portion of it, from one of the existing agencies for charitable relief.

There is, however, particularly in winter, a residue of distress which the existing agencies are insufficient to meet; and for this it is essential that the Committee should have funds of their own available for relief when necessity arises. The efforts of the Association are directed mainly to the deserving poor, or to those who may, by timely help, be raised to a position of independence and self-respect; and they endeavour to assist in such a way that the person assisted may be permanently improved. One great aim is to provide work. Our connection with the Mansion House, and the fact that areas in four other parts of London have, during the last three years, been established upon the lines initiated by this Committee, are a guarantee that the work is valuable and based upon sound principles.

During the past year the Committee have been enabled to relieve or assist *The Work* in relieving (otherwise than by finding work) 85 cases. Instances of the cases *of the Year*, dealt with are printed on page 3 of this Report. In addition the Committee have found work for 11 men and 38 women. Almost all the houses above mentioned as being inhabited by the very poor, have been visited by or on behalf of the Committee during the present winter months, so that the Committee are now in possession of the information necessary to enable them to deal with the existing distress.

Parcels of clothing have been received from the following ladies and gentlemen—Lady Walpole, Lady Blanche Hozier, Mrs. Bristowe, Miss Blakesley, Mr. Duffield, Mrs. Power and Miss Taylor. In some cases clothing has been given away, but in others the Committee have adopted the plan of selling it at a price much less than its value, and this is found to be highly appreciated by the honest and deserving poor.

In order to provide needlework for some of the poor women during the winter, we have for the last two or three winters been able to procure from a Deaconesses Home in the North of London, parcels of garments ready cut out. These were given out to the women to make up, and we paid them a shilling for the work done. The parcels of finished work were from time to time returned to the Home, and the Secretary has had many letters of thanks from the Sisters for the help thus afforded. This winter we tried the plan of buying the materials and cutting out the garments ourselves. A large amount of clothing for women and children has been made in this way during the winter, which we hope to be able to sell among the poor at a low price. Lady Walpole and Miss Lloyd-Williams have kindly assisted us by sending parcels of material, which were most acceptable.

Except that the Secretary receives a small salary, the work done in connection *Expenses*, with the North Kensington Friendly Workers is voluntary. The expenses do not exceed on an average £80 per annum. This sum is provided for by the Association's regular subscribers, and any further donations and subscriptions will, therefore, go to actual relief. From the Balance Sheet following this Report it will be seen that the greatest care is exercised over the expenditure.

During the past year the Committee have lost the services of their able and *Changes in* indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Mr. Duffield, who, owing to absence from London *Committee*, was obliged to resign his post. His place has not yet been filled up, and the Committee will be very glad to receive applications from any gentleman willing to undertake the work.

The Committee regret to announce the retirement of the Rev. E. Hawkin, owing to temporary absence from London; they hope, however, to secure his services again on his return. Another loss has been sustained in the retirement of Rev. J. Tuckwell; through change of residence.

Additional subscriptions and contributions are urgently needed to enable *The* the work of the Association to be efficiently carried on. Membership consists *Association's* of a subscription of not less than 10/- annually, but smaller contributions will be *Needs*, gratefully accepted. Last year we opened a Shilling Donation Fund, and it is hoped that many persons, who perhaps may not be able to give more, will again help us in this way. We have also lately had printed some Collecting Cards, on the suggestion of one of the Lady Workers, and we trust this will secure an addition to our Funds. The Committee will also again thankfully receive the names of any persons willing—without contributing to the Funds of the Association—to assist cases of special distress.

The Committee would appeal most strongly to the Ladies and Gentlemen living in the neighbourhood to support the labour side of the Committee's work as much as they possibly can by using the Labour Bureau, whenever in need of men or women to do temporary work. The Secretary has generally on her list a number of respectable and competent persons, men, women and boys requiring work of different kinds; and no charge is made either to the applicant or the person employed. Additional Friendly Workers are greatly needed, and offers of help in this direction from persons of either sex, willing to give a few hours every week to the work, will be warmly welcomed by the Committee. All Friendly Workers are *ex officio* members of the Committee.

The following are ways in which help is asked:—

- (1.) By serving as Friendly Workers.
- (2.) By sending Letters of Recommendation to Hospitals, or to Convalescent Homes, &c., to the Secretary.
- (3.) By sending to the office from time to time any unused article not required.
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- (5.) By becoming Annual Subscribers or Donors to the Funds of the Society, or by assisting individual cases.

N.B.—Parcels of clothing will be gladly received or will be sent for on receipt of a Post Card, and acknowledged by the Secretary.

The following are examples of Cases dealt with:—

Case of Middle-aged Unmarried Woman—Just come out of hospital, where she had been four months, suffering from an internal complaint. Known to us previously and assisted on several occasions; now strong enough to work. Asked for loan of 10/- to pay board and lodging till she obtained a situation again as cook. Case brought before Committee who granted the loan. The woman went into a situation in about a week, and repaid the loan in two months in two instalments of 5/-.

Case of Frenchwoman, Widow, Dressmaker.—Very badly off. Helped her by having her sewing machine repaired, which had been broken some time, and she was thus prevented from doing quickly what little work came in. Also obtained work for her on several occasions by advertising. She has lately been doing better and paid off several pounds of rent owing to landlord.

Case of Woman, 44.—Husband ill with chronic asthma and bronchitis—been ailing for 20 years and supported by wife. Latterly she has been in situation as cook, but as her husband was worse she was obliged to return home and nurse him. We assisted them with food and coal while inquiries were being made about getting the man admitted into a Hospital or Home. Having failed in our attempts, we at length persuaded the man to go to the Kensington Infirmary, and continued our help till he was removed there. The wife then returned to her situation. Very deserving woman and most grateful for all that we have done for her.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

L. S. BRISTOWE, Chairman.
W. J. THORNHILL.

78, Cornwall Road, January, 1898.

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X During the past year the Association has been enabled by the kindness of Mr. A. F. Hills, the Chairman of the Mansion House Committee, to send men to a Labour Farm in Essex, which was established by Mr. Hills some years ago, primarily for the benefit of the poor in another part of the metropolis. The men sent down to this farm leave town on Monday and return on Saturday, thus spending Sunday at home and the week-days at the farm. The work given to them is spade labour, for which they receive 2/- for a full day's work. Out of this a small deduction is made for food and lodging and the cost of a workman's ticket, and the balance, 8/-, is handed to them on the Saturday. The farm has been found of great assistance to men temporarily out of work.

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The following are examples of cases dealt with:—

Case of Dressmaker, Middle-aged, having to support her Mother, aged 77.—Ill for six weeks with bronchitis, then had an accident and broke her arm. Helped them with food and coal for some weeks, till the daughter was able to work again. Later on a post of Parish Nurse at Bolton was offered to the daughter, which seemed a good opening for her. In conjunction with All Saints' and St. Columbs we raised £3 to pay expenses of their removal to Bolton, for which she and her mother were most grateful, and we hear they are doing well there.

Case of Boy, aged 10.—Dangerously ill with heart disease, bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs. Parents very respectable, but poor, and unable to procure enough nourishment for the boy. Helped them for two or three weeks with food, and later on when the boy was strong enough, in conjunction with All Saints' and St. Stephen's, we sent him to a Cottage Home in the country, where he stayed a month and came home much stronger.

Case of a Man, 54.—Dying of consumption, not able to work for some months. Wife only earning a shilling or two by taking in washing, was not able to go out to work, husband too ill to be left. Assisted them by sending milk every day for several weeks, and occasionally beef tea. Afterwards a lady interested in the case kindly gave us 5/- a week for him for three months. Shortly after this the poor man died, and at the lady's request we continued to give the 5/- a week to the widow till she could get some work.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

L. S. BRISTOWE, Chairman.

M. E. CLARKE.

42, Cornwall Road, W.,

January, 1899.

RAMSDEN BELLHOUSE HALL FARM.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Men working at the farm will be expected to conform to the rules and regulations, among which are the following:—

Men arriving by train on Monday morning must reach the farm not later than 11.15 a.m., or they will be fined 6d. After 11.45 a.m. they will not be taken on at all.

On arrival, each man who requires them will be lent a pair of clogs and a suit of working clothes. He will be responsible for their good condition, and should therefore be careful to see that the numbers on the clogs and clothes issued to him are correctly entered in the book by the superintendent in charge.

Each man must keep his tools clean, and see that the tools issued to him bear his own number stamped upon them. Deductions will be made for broken tools at the discretion of the management.

Every man must be in at night at 9.30 p.m. If late, he will be fined 2d. the first time; 4d. the second; and dismissed the third. When a man goes out he must wear his own clothes.

Cash advances of not more than 6d. a night will, at the discretion of the manager, be made to each man who requires it, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. No advances will be made on Monday or Friday nights, or on Saturday before pay-time. If requested, the manager will, at his discretion, send a proportion of a man's wages to his family.

Deductions at the rate of 1½d. for each meal, and 1½d. for each night's lodging, will be made from each man's pay.

No meat, in any form, will be provided at the meals. No intoxicating liquor will be provided, or allowed to be brought on the farm by the men.

A deduction also of a 1/- a man per week will be made towards the cost of his railway ticket, *whether he uses the return half or not. The return half will only be given him on Saturday afternoon at pay-time, as it is only available by the afternoon train from Wickford on Saturday, probably the one leaving Wickford at 3.50 p.m.*

For new-comers, for the first two days only, the rate of pay for double digging will be 4d. an hour, or a piece rate of 1/6 a square rod (30½ square yards), whichever rate, time rate or piece rate, amounts to most at the end of the day. Single digging and other work will be paid for at the discretion of the management, but a new-comer's pay will not be less than at the rate of 4d. an hour for the first two days. A man will be expected to do whatever kind of work is given him.

Old hands, and new-comers after the second day, will only be paid for digging by the piece at the rate of 1/6 for double digging, and such sum for single digging as the management may think proper.

The number of digging hours in the week will not be more than 36. Men employed in the barn will be expected to do what work there is to do, and will be paid 2/- a day or 1/- a half-day. They will not be paid overtime, but will be allowed to work in the field if they prefer it.

No man who has ever worked on the farm will be taken on again without a written permit to return from the manager at the farm.

In conclusion, while men will be made as comfortable as possible, they are respectfully informed that if they do not like the arrangements made for them, their best course is to leave at once.

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Interview with Mrs. Henrich.

Mrs. Henrich is a widow of 60 or more living in Comstock Road, West Kensington. She has lived here for 25 years; has been on the C.O.S. for many years and a Guardian for 12 years.

My meeting with Mrs. H. to-day was only ~~for~~ for the purpose of explaining our object preparatory to a further interview. Mrs. H. has promised to see me again later and place much documentary and other evidence at our disposal. But I sat with her to-day for more than an hour talking dispassionately, and did make a note of a few points mentioned.

Mrs. H. attends St. Andrew's Church and has a high opinion of Mr. Hilliard especially as an organizer. The church is always full and Mrs. H. has a quite unusual influence over her. His Relief Committee does excellent work almost on C.O.S. lines.

Mr Propert was mentioned as "an able and remarkable man but with too many irons in the fire"

Mr Johnson is "an exceedingly good man but too soft and easily imposed upon"

Mr Denny (who would not see us) is so strange that Mrs H. "sometimes doubts if he is sane"

The only man mentioned was Mr Meek of Tuzgholm Hall of whom Mrs H. evidently has a poor opinion largely due however to his aggressive attitude towards the church. Mr Meek has just been elected to the Guardians and is making himself unpleasant on the attitude of the Guardians to the religious bodies, objecting to the favour shown to the church

Of the Fulham Vestry Mrs H. has a low opinion and thinks there is no improvement lately. The members are mostly of a poor class

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and there is much jockey and corruption.

Mr. H. referred to the Shepherd's Bush district of Hammersmith as notorious for shady transactions and as being the great haunt of leppin' letter writers.

Mr. H. read me a recent report of how the Poor Law at Fulham cut-throat with other papers she is going to send me.

Interview with the Rev. F. Meyrick-Jones, Manager
of the Rugby Boys' Club, ^{Netting Hill} (E.A.) May 4.99.

Meyrick-Jones has only been at the Club for about 6 months, but, even three months ago, had succeeded in giving a very good idea of what the Club is and tries to be in the last Report (which see). The text of this reflects the character of Meyrick-Jones perfectly -- simple, straightforward, pleasant, manly. There is no nonsense about him; if the boys don't bathe when they have the chance, and stand shuddering and hesitating on the side, he chivvies them in; if they make too much noise, he makes more than they do and shouts them down to comparative silence; in the club rooms he is everywhere and is bright and friendly with all. He is a parson but dresses like a layman, and some have dubbed him the "detective parson," although there is nothing of the detective about him. He is just a wiry, cricketing,, pleasant-mannered, genuine specimen of the muscular young Christian whom Kingsley would have loved. He is Trinity and Marlborough (not Rugby) and before coming to Netting Hill, was working at the Clifton Mission.

Rugby House, where we dined, before going on to the Club, is intended to be a Settlement, but the three or four laymen who were keen at first have had to leave for one reason or another and for some time there have been practically no lay settlers. However, it is still ~~the~~ hoped to carry out this part of the Rugby scheme.

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Report

OF THE

RUGBY BOYS' CLUB.

(NOTTING HILL.)

Meyrick Jones - Rugby Club (2)

The Club premises are large, and fresh arrangements have just been completed by which five adjacent cottages will become part of the property controlled. (v. Report, pp. 11 to 13.)

The rooms of the Club include ^{one with} a billiard table for the "Old Guard", a swimming bath, a certain amount of gymnastic apparatus, but not a regular gymnasium, a large room or two, and folding doors by which a single hall, to hold 3 or 400 people can be secured, and several smaller class and committee rooms.

There are two main divisions of the Club, the Boys, and the Old Guard. The latter, until recently, were all old members of the Boys' Club, but it has been recently thrown open to others, with good results. The membership is 60; average attendance about 30. While I was there, I saw about 14 members, and all but one had been in the Boys section before age promotion came. They were all of the right class, genuinely rough and working class, and seemed a very decent set of fellows, well-spoken and fond of the club. One had been a member of ~~the~~ one or another of the divisions for 13 years, and the average "life" of the members seemed good, speaking well for the management, and for the attraction of the Club. That it has not become too "respectable" is perhaps shown by the fact the two of the

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292, LANCASTER ROAD.

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turn to the left; take the first turning
on the left and the last house on the
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THE RUGBY BOYS' CLUB,
223, WALMER ROAD,
NOTTING HILL, W.,
January, 1899.

WE follow the line that has for some time been adopted in previous Reports of the Club, that of writing shortly about the *general* work and progress of the Rugby Club at Notting Hill.

The words must necessarily be few, for the writer has been working at Notting Hill only for the last three months of the year. Accordingly we shall not attempt any description of the district, or even of the ordinary day's routine of the Club boy, but will try to give the reader some idea of the character of the average boy member of the Rugby Club.

Like all other human beings, he has a bad side and a good side to his character; but in contrast to other boys whose lot is cast in fairer places, and whose surrounding influences are guardedly good, our Club boy more often has surroundings away from the Club which tend to bring out the weaker side, if not the worse side of his nature—we were going to write down "selfish" side of his nature, but that would not be strictly true, for every now and then we come across acts of heroic unselfishness incomparably finer and of more frequent occurrence than the writer has seen in more comfortable stations of life. These hard

lives often demand great deeds of unselfishness; sometimes a full and satisfying reply is given.

Truthfulness is not common. Ask a boy if he has done this or that, but if it is something he ought not to have done, and even when there is more than sufficient evidence to prove a case against him, "I never" will be maintained until he is battered out of his position. Their powers extend further than those of the celebrated George Washington of our copy books, who *could* not tell a lie!

There is a want of self-respect in our average Club boy, and consequently a want of its visible result, strong, manly, self-respecting and respectful independence. There is too much of a wanting to be paid for everything, though it would be only just to add that sometimes the awful need, sometimes the soul-clogging thirst for money on the part of those at home is often the reason, if not the excuse, for this.

In vain we look for dogged, persevering determination in our average boy. He takes up one thing at one moment, another thing at another moment, consequently a number of boys can do something at a quantity of things but not one thing really well. And so it is that, time after time, men out of work, to the question "What kind of work are you looking for?" reply, "I don't trouble, I'm ready to turn my hand to anything," which really means that he has not learnt to do any one thing really well. It is "the specialist," and more so if a steady man, that gets constant work.

Again, a Notting Hill boy is too easily led. Any boy, good or bad, but with any force of character, can have a big following—for a time. Of course a reply might be made that, if he is so easily led, surely it is not hard to lead him in the right direction. Quite true, but the fault mentioned above, viz., want of persevering determination, helps to make the right way only a temporary road.

Still, we think that many of these faults are peculiar to boys of *all* classes. Most of those who dwell among boys will, we fancy, agree.

But there is a great, big, good side; for when we see the huge temptations which meet the boy and cluster around him at every turn, it is a mighty miracle that he is what he is.

The biggest and first of these is what we have already touched upon—unselfishness. If in a good humour and it is not raining very fast so that the boy is altogether wet through, there is hardly anything that one boy will not do for another, especially when that other is "down on his luck," out of work or ill; he will do anything, even to lying right and left for his mate. With our boys, too, there is a certain loyalty to the Club—like some of their elder brothers treat their wives—grumbling at them, cursing them, and sometimes cuffing them, but directly anyone else comes between them it is a case of "hands up." So with the average boy and his Club. "Fine new table in that other club! Wish we had one like it! They won't care to play on our table. Still, it ain't quite like our Rugby Club, yer know!"

Visiting the homes of these boys is a difficult problem. In the afternoon the chances are that no one at all is in—the mother out at work; club work prevents an evening visit to the father. Sometimes we get a chance of seeing some of the mothers at a parochial Mothers' Meeting.

A few words about our older boys—the Old Guard—Club, which is developing into a regular Men's Club. Numbers are well up—and going up—due in some measure to a Boxing Club lately formed and splendidly managed by E. H. F. Bradley, O.R. Much, or most, of the present satisfactory condition of this part of our Club life is due to the splendid work done there and being done by him and

Godfrey Rendall, O.R., in fact it would be impossible to give too much praise to the splendid work being done by the O.R. staff here, not only in the men's Club but by those who work regularly among our boys it is no easy and comfortable thing to come down to our Clubs on a foggy raw evening, week after week, especially after a long day couped up in an office—'tis somewhat of a pleasing novelty once or twice—but, sticking to it week after week, year after year, is quite another thing. If any O.R. doubts it, please let him come and try!

We could only wish Present Rugbeians would in their way help to do their part. True, we have to thank some Present Rugbeians for coming here and playing football with our men, also we have to thank others for a 65 minutes' concert—no doubt it would have been longer if the performers had been better supported, but beyond that, I don't think we have had three Present Rugbeians who have lately even looked at their work. One evening out of 15 weeks' holiday in the year would not be much. Of course some are too far off, but others are not. It would help your work here if Present Rugbeians would give one evening each holidays out of the incessant round of theatre and entertainment, to see how their brethren fare.

A. F. Walrond, Esq., O.R., has kindly written a Special Report about the purchase of the lease of our Club premises.

We are looking hopefully forward into 1899.

F. MEYRICK-JONES.

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SPECIAL REPORTS.

(A) LEASE OF CLUB.

I am asked to give some account of a scheme, which has been set on foot during the past year and has now nearly reached completion, for the purchase of the lease and possibly of the freehold of the block in which the Club stands.

At present the position is this: Our landlord holds a lease, with 30½ years to run, of the Club premises and of the five cottages between it and Walmer Road, at a ground rent of £15 per annum. These cottages are readily let at 9s. a week each, or £117 a year, subject to deductions for rates, taxes and repairs. We hold from him a lease of our Club premises only, at £80 per annum, expiring in 11½ years. After considerable negotiation, he has agreed to assign to us his lease from the freeholder of the whole block for the sum of £1,510.

At first sight it seemed quite out of the question that such a sum could be raised by us; but the generosity of the Rugby world is not easily to be gauged, and in due course Dr. James, Mr. Michell, and H. H. Child, O.R., offered to lend us £500 each at 4 per cent., taking as security a joint mortgage for a fixed term of 10 years at least, with power to us to pay off in multiples of £100 at a time; while, among other kind assistants, an O.R. who refuses to divulge his personality any further than the letter "D," has sent me £50 as a donation in furtherance of this object.

The difference that this arrangement will make to the Club's life and prospects must be obvious. Instead of being turned out or having our rent of £80 raised against us in 1910, we shall have undisturbed possession until 1930 at a rental of £15, paying in addition, of course, interest of the unredeemed portion of the mortgage. The five extra cottages will give us the invaluable ingredient of the whole frontage, and may be eventually converted into additional Club premises, or a boarding house for boys, or perhaps into a "Hostel" for residential members of the Staff. In the meantime it is thought that they may be relied upon to produce sufficient income to enable us to repay the mortgagees in twenty years' time, and with this object in view the Staff have pluckily undertaken the management of this rather awkward property.

Now it would never do, when we are being treated in this liberal manner, merely to say "Thank you!" however heartily, and not take any steps to show our gratitude, and we feel that we can hardly allow our future mortgagees to run any risk in the matter. So it has been suggested that some fifteen O.R.'s, or others interested, should guarantee the repayment of the mortgage to the extent of, say, £100 each, not so much with the view of protecting them in the unlikely event of a general collapse of Rugby School, her Home Mission and this part of London, as to provide for the possibility of any one of the mortgagees wishing to retire from this particular form of investment, in which case it would be the duty of the guarantors to find some one to take his place in the mortgage, and I do not imagine that that would be very difficult.

It is with very real pleasure and, on behalf of the Club, with very real gratitude that I can announce that the legal part of these arrangements is in the hands of Mr. W. Sayer, one of the original starters of the Old Boys' Club, who has

always been good enough to act as our Hon. Solicitor, while Mr. A. M. Cope, our Secretary for so many years, acts in the same capacity for our landlord.

Further, I may mention that we have reasons for thinking that the freehold may prove purchasable, and if that were obtained the security to the mortgagees would of course enhance in value very materially, and the need for so large a guarantee disappear.

Now there is nothing like asking plain questions. Does any one know of an O.R. or other friend who would, if we secure the freehold, lend us £500 and increase the mortgage to £2,000? And will any one who may be willing to join in such a guarantee as I have mentioned, to the extent of £100, £50 or £25, be good enough to send me in his name?

ARTHUR F. WALROND.

2, OLD BURLINGTON STREET, W.

(B) RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

In October we started with having a Club Service every Sunday, taking and using much of the Common Prayer Book; the attendance was fair—all told, 18 to 30—on one occasion 50; but the behaviour was only very very moderate; due, we believed, in a great measure to the form of Service not being much understood by those who came. So we settled to start two Bible Classes (1) for the Old Guard and other men at 4 o'clock, undertaken by the Manager; (2) a Boys' Bible Class at 5.15, undertaken by G. H. Ranking, O.R.

The numbers in (1) the Men's Bible Class have varied from 0 to 12; we hope to increase this Bible Class in numbers and to work outwards by its means amongst other members of the Old Guard. (2) The Boys' Bible Class has been, and is being, most

carefully, regularly and conscientiously conducted by G. H. Ranking, numbers varying from 13 to 25.

On the first Sunday of each month we have started—from January 1st, 1899,—a combined Club Service for men and the lads in the Club who are at work—not at school; at the first of these, on New Year's Day, there were present some 40 men and lads; the Address was given by Mr. Wellington, a friend of the Manager's, who had kindly come up from Bristol to help; at the time of going to press the February Club Service has just taken place; the Address was given by Mr. G. H. Morrell of the Oxford House.

On New Year's Day, too, was started a Total Abstinence Section of the Church of England Temperance Society; Mr. Wellington and Mr. Cunnington, both friends of the Manager, who had come up from Bristol, spoke to the men and lads present, with the result that during that evening and during the rest of the week 55 pledges were taken; all have not been kept—but we have reason to believe that a fairly large number find it a great help to them to stand side by side in a Men's Union against a common enemy.

In October we started again our Sunday Evening Lantern Lectures to Men; our operators being "Serjeant" and J. A. Davies, O.R., who always render the Lecturer very efficient help.

Here, too, we might record our debt of gratitude to the Oxford House men who supply many more than half of our Sunday evening lecturers; they know well the kind of men to speak to, and how to put their subject before their audience in a way intelligible and interesting. We believe that this Sunday evening work is not the least important work carried on by Rugby Club—among the men of our neighbourhood; that the influence of Oxford House is made to be felt in the East End of London very many people know, but that its influence is being felt in the West of London as well, we at the Rugby Club know—and it may be gratifying to our lecturers to know it also.

(c) THE "OLD GUARD" CLUB.

By Godfrey Rendall, O.R.

We mentioned in last year's Report that the Staff had decided to admit eligible outsiders to the Old Guard in addition to the lads regularly promoted from the Junior Club. We are glad to report that this "policy of the Open Door" which has been steadily pursued throughout the past year, has proved every way successful. Working men and lads from the district (mostly friends of existing members) have joined the Club in considerable numbers, the only restriction now being the necessity of election by the Members' Committee, over which one of our managing Staff presides; and, so far from the former Rugby element being driven away, it is found that old members attend better than before; at the same time the new comers have raised the standard of games, and added zest to all our competitions, which had fallen too much into the hands of a few established champions.

In consequence of this change, the Old Guard has at the present time 65 paying members on its books, and an average nightly attendance of about 30. Yet our rooms are by no means crowded, and fresh members are proposed each week for election.

One of the attractions which has helped to bring in additional men, has been the formation in November last of a regular Subscription Boxing Club among the Old Guard, under E. H. F. Bradley's supervision, in which "the noble art" is taught and practised without the degrading associations of "the knock-out blow," or the public-house "benefit" display. The new thing is always the popular thing in the O.G., and the "Gym." class (never very popular) and the Debating Society has unfortunately, for a time, melted away.

Ever since the starting of the Old Guard Club there has been a difficulty about the arrangements for the Drum and Fife Band, in which O.G. and Juniors both took part. For, while new boys were constantly joining who required to be taught the rudiments, the elders naturally desired to advance to harder studies. The times of practice chosen for the Juniors did not suit the O.G.,

who often come late to the Club from work or tea; and there were not enough instruments for all to take away for home practice. This problem, however, has now been most satisfactorily solved by the institution of an independent Old Guard Band with separate practices, a new and good friend of the Club (Mrs. Meyrick Jones) having very kindly made this possible by the present of a new set of fifes. It is hoped, too, that the Old Guard Band will help to provide music at our monthly Club Service.

The general tone and behaviour of the Club continues on the whole satisfactory. But we confess with regret that the Staff were compelled in the summer to expel two old and useful members for misconduct due to intoxication. Occasional drunkenness is still the besetting vice of some of our best members; and for this reason we hope success may attend the efforts of our Club Manager to found a Rugby Club Total Abstinence Society.

We have continued this winter the Sunday Evening Lantern Lectures, which we began in the Autumn of 1897, and they always draw a good audience of 70 to 100 working men. We have to thank many Old Rugbeian and other lecturers (especially friends from Oxford House) for their assistance. Many Sundays are still vacant, and we should welcome any one who is willing to give us a Lecture. (We can generally furnish slides ourselves.)

The Christmas Supper, which this year (as last) H. J. Mappin, O.R., gave to the Old Guard Club, was again an unqualified success: we owe him our best thanks for it.

(D) CAMP.

By an O.R.

The year 1898 witnessed yet another change in the site of our Camp. For Aldeburgh, where we had spent two pleasant seasons, was no longer available, the great gales in the winter of '97-98 having almost washed away the ground on which our tents had been pitched. The position finally selected, after some little trouble, was New Lodge, near Hartfield, Sussex, on the borders of the Ashdown Forest.

The weather, at the outset, can only be described as appalling, owing to the rain which fell persistently and in torrents during the whole of Sunday; however, on Monday it cleared, and before the end of the week we were enjoying delightful sunshine and almost tropical heat.

As a general rule our time was spent as follows:—After the important item of breakfast had been discussed and the tents had undergone their usual inspection, the brigade had a short drill, and this developed in the latter portion of the week into a sham fight, with real guns and caps which exploded, a source of gratification to all concerned. After the drill a bathing parade usually took place in a lake about a mile from the camp, and, this over, everybody was ready for dinner. The afternoons were given up to excursions to different parts of the Forest, and the evenings to sing-songs, either in the marquee, or, better still, round a huge bonfire. Our numbers, for two reasons, were somewhat less than usual. In the first place, the Old Guard were not present, on account of an age limit, and in the second, the boys' subscriptions had been slightly raised and payment made a *sine qua non*.

To sum up, the Camp of 1898 was a very great success. The behaviour of the boys was exceptional and their enjoyment undoubted. We were glad to welcome so many Rugby Masters and O.R.'s with one or two P.R.'s, and we hope that the former will not be deterred from again joining us, though we fear that, owing to certain strange noises heard at the very bewitching time of night, the barn in which they slept gained the reputation of being haunted!

Our best thanks are tendered to the Rev. and Mrs. Hubbard, for the kind manner in which they entertained both the boys and the Staff during our visit, and we are especially grateful for the hospitality shown by them towards one of the latter who was laid up for most of Camp and some days after—but in good hands.

(1) CRICKET.

(E) OLD GUARD.

No one who lives in London can fail to appreciate the great importance of providing for working men and boys—who, for the most part, live in overcrowded houses and dreary surroundings—a healthy and seasonable form of amusement on Saturday afternoons. This is why the Rugby Boys' Club goes to considerable expense in securing for its members, at St. Quentin's Ground, one Cricket pitch every Saturday and a second pitch every alternate Saturday, during the summer months.

There are many drawbacks to contend with. Members of the team are kept at work unexpectedly and cannot play; umpires are worse than bad, and generally think that their only business is to safeguard the interests of their own side; matches begin late, and there is not time to finish them; and Saturday afternoon is not a time when Members of the Staff are keen on helping. Notwithstanding all these difficulties, the Club Cricket has steadily improved, and the coming of more helpers is all that is wanted to make it a real success. There are, no doubt, many O.R.'s living in London, who, for one reason or another, do not care to go to the Club, who yet might be ready to give a helping hand to the Cricket, and there is still much to be done in that way. It is in August and September that the Cricket is apt to get slack. The neighbourhood of Wormwood Scrubbs is never a cheerful one, and it is most depressing at that time of the year, when one feels that the mere staying in London, while all one's friends and acquaintances are enjoying the delights of seaside and country, is a kind of martyrdom. There is no denying that Wormwood Scrubbs on a Saturday afternoon in August takes a lot of facing; nevertheless, we hope that someone will come forward who will really look after the Cricket during these two neglected months, and anyone who does so will certainly be doing very useful work.

X We hope, also, that Rugby will send us more old bats, balls, cricket boots and flannels—the two last especially, as they are of great importance. It takes a long time to persuade a Notting Dale

man that he can play Cricket better in flannels than in corduroys. If he has any possible excuse he won't, if he can help it, put flannels on, and will merely reply to your remonstrances that "he ain't a toff."

(2) JUNIORS UNDER 18.

By J. A. Davies, O.R.

Little need be said of our doings this year. We are not great, as will be readily granted by any cricketer who hears that the highest individual score for the season was 11, and the averages ran from a creditable zero to a stupendous 3·8. We are not great, but we are keen, and 1898 will be famous for the future as the first in which there was a really keen competition for places in the XI. And though we seem further off than ever from that coveted prize, the cup given to the winning Working Lads' Club, yet it is a pleasure to record that, year by year, as the tradition of it grows, good behaviour in the field, better grace in winning, greater pluck in losing are shown by our players.

(F) FOOTBALL.

(1) OLD GUARD TEAM.

By Godfrey Rendall, O.R.

A review of last season (1897-8) shows, on the whole, a satisfactory record, 11 matches being won, 1 drawn, and 9 lost, though it ended with a great disappointment in our defeat by the Tate Institute in the deciding match for the championship of the Working Men's Federation (Junior Clubs) after beating them easily on our own ground, and being defeated on theirs under rather unfavourable conditions. However, they were probably slightly the better team, and played up well for the Cup.

Owing to the increased number of entries for the Junior Competition this season, the competing clubs have been divided into local groups (as in Cricket); and so, before meeting our old

rivals, the Tate Institute, we shall have to secure the headship of the Western Clubs. Of these, three have scratched, leaving Rugby Mission and St. Clement's to fight it out alone. On December 10th. after a stubborn resistance, St. Clement's beat us by 2 goals to 1, but we hope to give a better account of them on February 18th.

Our team are very triumphant just now in consequence of having defeated "Rugby School" here in January. If only the School realised how much their reputation in Notting Hill depends upon that match, I am sure they would take more pains to get together a fairly strong lot of Association players to meet us. We are looking forward keenly to the return match, to be played on our visit to Rugby early in March, and the players are already resolving to forswear the delights of plum-pudding, to which our last defeat at Rugby was attributed!

In spite of our increased membership in the Old Guard Club, we have striven in vain to organise a reserve team this season. The old difficulties of late Saturday work and casualness in turning-up after promising to play, attach rather specially to a second team; but what we really want to make the thing a success (there is good material enough) is some Old Rugbeian, living in London, who will act as Secretary and play regularly with this team every Saturday. Is none such to be found?

As usual, we have to return thanks to our friends for most useful gifts of flannels, "knicks" and boots, which we continue to value as much as ever. "Let 'em all come!"

(2) BOYS' FOOTBALL.

We cannot say that our success so far has been phenomenal. Of keenness and continued keenness there is plenty, of skill there is not so large a quantity; for five or six weeks we had two teams of boys playing matches, the team of smaller boys being managed by "Sergeant."

We have to thank our generous friends at "Sandroyd" school for football shirts for our XI.; at the time of going to press we

have just won a Federation Match *v.* S. Christopher's. In '98 we were defeated by them 5—0; in '99, in the return match, victory rests with our team 1—0. So we look forward hopefully in this direction.

(G) BOYS' BRIGADE AND BAND.

In reviewing the work of the Brigade Boys, it can scarcely be admitted that the company is forging ahead. By the constitution, boys over 17 years are not allowed to remain members, consequently the older and more influential boys in the juniors have had to resign their positions of Sergeants and Corporals, thereby not only withdrawing the good example they set to the younger members, but considerably reducing the number of effectives. Again, the problem of how to work a company single-handed remains unsolved, it is out of the question to put a novice, who does not know his right from his left, side by side with a youthful veteran who can rattle off the "Red Book" word for word; for he not only learns nothing, but keeps others back, becomes bewildered, exasperates the instructor, and comes to the conclusion that drill nights should be avoided. Another drain on the rank and file, but one not to be regretted, is the Juniors' Band, which can be congratulated on very fair progress under the instruction of our friend Mr. Myers during the winter, and no doubt by next August the Camp evenings will be considerably enlivened by such inspiring tunes as "Home Sweet Home" and "The Last Rose of Summer" on the drums and fifes of the Juniors' Band.

(H) BAMBOO CLASS.

The eighth year of this class has now been completed and we have a fair record to show of articles made and sold. Last year was exceptionally good, our receipts amounted to £24 1s. 6d.,

and we handed £4 9s. to our Treasurer. This year receipts are less—£18 3s. 3d., with a decreased balance of £1 8s. 4d for our Treasurer. Our appeal to Rugby School has not proved in vain ; over £8 worth of articles have been or are in the course of being sold there—though we notice it is the Masters, not the boys, of the Old School who are attracted by the articles, but this is perhaps not surprising, as a visit to Hoffly's is more in the boys' line than an inspection of the treasures of the Art Museum.

We sometimes think the demand for bamboo work is on the wane ; if we move with the times it occurs to us perhaps we should substitute a better class of work, such as wood carving and metal work for the bamboo. A good piece of carving can be readily sold and improves with keeping, which cannot be said of bamboo. Our class of boys are perhaps not the best material to work with, but with a keen instructor *from among the Staff*, we do not see why in time we should not do as thriving a trade as many villages now do and produce really good work of which any Club might be proud. Such work could, if need be, be shown at some of the numerous Art Exhibitions where, if good, it could soon be sold. This is merely offered as a suggestion, meanwhile the bamboo work proceeds as usual, giving a certain amount of employment to eight boys with their instructor on four nights of the week during the winter months. The boot class "snobs" was again discontinued, but with the new session has been started again. The present instructor is Jack Davis of the Old Guard, brother of Mike Davis, who held this post for the first five years.

(1) THE "SANDROYD" FRETWORK CLASS.

In November the Manager went down to Cobham in Surrey, to see two old friends of his, Messrs. C. P. Wilson and W. M. Hornby, and their school, with the result that they and their boys were most generous, the Manager returning to Walmer Road with over £6, to be devoted, first of all, to starting a

Fretwork Class, to be called, at the suggestion of the Manager, "the Sandroyd Fretwork Class."

Mr. W. L. Buxton, another friend of the Manager, kindly undertook to look after this class, which has been most popular, and is, we think, increasing in popularity. We started the class with the idea of giving interesting occupation and pleasure for one hour, 8 to 9 in the evening, but the majority sit tight at their Fretwork for two hours—until Club closes. We hope before long to start a Carving Class in addition to the above. We hope that it will be as successful as this promises to be. For receipts and expenditure in connection with this class we will refer our readers to Section IV. in the Report.

(J) BOXING.

This year, at the request of a few energetic Members of the "Old Guard," we have formed a Boxing Club. It is always a difficult question whether to encourage Boxing or no. One does not want to turn fellows into pot-hunters or prize fighters, and there is no doubt a considerable danger of doing one or the other. On the other hand, Boxing is a capital training, both for the temper and the body. Londoners *will* box, and it is best, on the whole, if you can, to give them proper instruction, by which means you can keep a guiding hand over them, and prevent them from going to public-house boxing shows, &c. Our first instructor was not an unqualified success. C. Allum, one of our best Members, who is reputed in the Club to be one of the best 10-stone men in England, and who, we hope, will win the Amateur Championship at that weight, has now become our instructor. He will, we think, be a great success.

The Federation are trying to do away with the knock-out blow in boxing competitions. As this blow tends to spoil boxing as a science, by making it more a matter of hard hitting and trick than of skill, we hope they will succeed in their endeavour.

II.

LIST OF DONORS OF CLOTHES, GAMES, BOOKS, &c.

F. D. Acland, R. E. Alston, E. P. Anderson, Mrs. Batt, H. E. Butler, J. C. Campbell, S. Courtauld, E. H. Cozens-Hardy, Rev. A. David, E. Dent, J. W. Eden, T. B. Eden, C. E. M. Hawkesworth, W. M. Hornby, Dr. James, G. W. Johnson, Mrs. Kempe, C. S. King, E. Kitchener, Mrs. Meyrick-Jones, W. G. Michell, A. E. Morris, A. Mort, J. Murray, Mrs. Ollivant, G. H. Ranking, G. Rendall, E. Rivington, W. L. Y. Rogers, E. L. Sanderson, Frank Sykes, F. C. Temple, E. V. Wellby, A. F. Wheeler, and others.

III.

LIST OF HELPERS.

Present Rugbeians, O.R.'s, Masters, and others assisting the Staff on different occasions.

Miss Elsee.	} Assisting on Thursday evenings with very popular knitting classes and writing lessons, and on several other occasions.
Miss Ranking.	
Miss Middleton.	
Miss Reynolds.	
A. F. Walrond, O.R.	} Auditing the accounts and for work and time given to the management of the Club lease business.
W. Sawyer.	
A. M. Cope.	
The Bros. Agnew.	For getting up Football Match.
A. Gowers.	For getting up a Concert.
G. H. Morrell.	} Giving Lectures to Men on Sundays in connection with the Rugby Club.
P. S. Waddy.	
Rev. G. M. Lester.	
H. S. Carleton.	
D. Christopherson.	
A. Leigh.	
A. I. Simey.	
J. A. Cunningham.	
A. W. Wellington.	
E. Kitchener.	

IV.

RECEIPTS NOT APPEARING IN ACCOUNTS.

“SANDROYD” FRET-WORK CLASS (per Messrs. C. P. Wilson and W. M. Hornby).

Receipts:—	£ s. d.	Expenditure:—	£ s. d.
From School	6 3 6	Tools and Apparatus ...	2 4 0
.. W. L. Buxton, Esq.	0 10 0	Wood, &c.	0 1 6
			0 4 9
			2 10 3
		Six Football Shirts... ..	0 13 0
			3 3 3
		Surplus	3 10 3
Total	<u>£6 13 6</u>	Total	<u>£6 13 6</u>

SPECIAL “CHRISTMAS” DONATIONS.

Receipts:—	£ s. d.	Expenditure:—	£ s. d.
(a) Received	5 0 0	Flutes	2 5 0
		Special Relief	1 0 0
			3 5 0
		Surplus	1 15 0
Total	<u>£5 0 0</u>	Total	<u>£5 0 0</u>

Receipts:—	£ s. d.	Expenditure:—	£ s. d.
(b) Received	2 0 0	Boxing Day Boys' Committee Tea	0 13 7
		Surplus	1 6 5
Total	<u>£2 0 0</u>	Total	<u>£2 0 0</u>

(a) Given by Mrs. Meyrick-Jones.

(b) Given by Mrs. Bett.

We hope to use some of the remaining surplus of (a) and (b) in purchasing a small Billiard Table for the Boys' Club.

RECEIPTS FOR CAMP.

	£	s.	d.
F. W. Caulfield (Donation)	2	0	0
Mrs. George Smith	0	5	0
Boys' Subscriptions	5	9	6
Rugby School	60	0	0
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	£67	14	6
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V.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amphill, The Lord	5	0	0	—	—	—
Badley, J. H., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Baker, M. M., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Banks, W. H.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Bazley, Gardner S.	3	0	0	—	—	—
Berners, C. H., O.R.	—	—	—	1	1	0
Blunt, C. M., O.R.	3	0	0	—	—	—
Blunt, F. W., O.R.	2	0	0	—	—	—
Blunt, Graham, O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Bosville, Mrs. A. E.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Bowden-Smith, J. R., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Boyd, Mrs.	0	10	0	—	—	—
Braby, Cyrus, O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Braby, Mrs. C.	—	—	—	0	10	0
Buckler, Mrs. G. G.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Butler, Rev. A. G., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Cartmell, J. Austen, O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Caulfeild, Francis W., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Child, H. H., O.R.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Cheese, A. E., O.R.	—	—	—	0	10	6
Codrington, Col.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Codrington, Mrs.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Cook, Samuel, O.R.	0	10	6	—	—	—
Cope, A. M.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Cozens-Hardy, E. H., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Cunliffe, Roger, O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Davenport, J. D., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Dennistoun, Cross & Co.	10	10	0	—	—	—
Denny, E. H. M., O.R.	5	5	0	—	—	—
Dumergue, Mrs. Adeline	2	2	0	—	—	—
Eley, Charles C., O.R.	3	3	0	—	—	—
Fellowes, Hon. Mrs.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Frankau, F. J., O.R.	—	—	—	1	1	0
Gray, Albert, O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Grenfell, Miss Alice	1	1	0	—	—	—

	Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grenfell, Riversdale ...	3	0	0	—	—	—
Hadrill, H. C., O.R.	—	—	—	1	0	0
Harris, G. W., O.R.	3	3	0	—	—	—
Hoare, James R., O.R.	2	0	0	—	—	—
Hodgkinson, Mrs. R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Holt, Percy E.	—	—	—	0	10	0
Hughes, Miss H. M. S.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Jackson, G. F., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
James, W. Ashton, O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Johnson, F., O.R.	0	10	0	—	—	—
Johnson, G. W., O.R.	3	3	0	—	—	—
Johnson, Mrs. J. H.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Johnson, The Misses...	0	10	0	—	—	—
Jones, H. E., O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Jones, Sydney E., O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Jones, Stanley H., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Key, Aston C. W., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
King, C. Stewart, O.R.	3	3	0	—	—	—
Kingdon, P., O.R.	2	0	0	—	—	—
Kingdon, Miss	0	5	0	—	—	—
Kingdon, W. F., O.R.	2	0	0	—	—	—
Kingscote, T., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Knowles, Lees, M.P., O.R.	—	—	—	1	1	0
Langdon, Rev. F. E. W., O.R.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lawrence, Rev. J. R., O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Lawrence, Lady	2	2	0	—	—	—
Lawson, Miss	1	1	0	—	—	—
Lawson, Miss E.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Lee-Warner, W., C.S.I., O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Lee-Warner, H., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Lupton, Hugh, O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Masterman, J. S., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Middleton, Miss Amy G.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Melvill, Sir William, O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Melvill, Hon. Lady	0	10	0	—	—	—
Meyer, W. F.	0	10	0	—	—	—
Millais, G. W.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Miller, G. T., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Mocatta, B. Elkin	—	—	—	5	0	0
Musgrave, C. F., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Myers, F. W.	0	10	0	—	—	—

	Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nevins, R. T. G., O.R.	0	10	0	—	—	—
Newton, F. G., C.M.G., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Newton, H. A., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Newton, W. G., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Ollivant, Col. E. A., O.R.	—	—	—	2	2	0
Ollivant, J. E., O.R.	—	—	—	1	1	0
Paget, Arthur	5	0	0	—	—	—
Pearson, E., O.R.	—	—	—	1	0	0
Potter, E. W., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Pritt, A. W., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Ranking, G. H., O.R.	3	0	0	—	—	—
Ranking, Miss R. I.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Ratcliff, W. M., O.R.	—	—	—	1	1	0
Rathbone, W. G., O.R.	3	3	0	—	—	—
Rendall, Godfrey, O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Rendall, Mrs.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Readhead, Robert, Jun., O.R.	0	10	6	—	—	—
Salt, Rev. F. J., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Samuelson, H., O.R.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Sayer, William	3	0	0	—	—	—
Simey, Miss E.	0	10	0	—	—	—
Simey, R. I., O.R.	3	3	0	—	—	—
Simey, R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Stamer, A. C., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Statham, F., O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Sykes, Lt.-Col. W. H., O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Tanqueray, Arthur C., O.R.	2	2	0	—	—	—
Tate, Mrs. A. G.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Tendron, F.	—	—	—	2	0	0
Thompson, Mrs. Fendall	1	0	0	—	—	—
Trevor, Major-General, O.R.	1	0	0	—	—	—
Torry, Rev. Claude, O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Turnour, E. A., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Vecqueray, A. H., O.R.	1	1	0	—	—	—
Villiers, Mrs. J. R.	2	0	0	—	—	—
Villiers, John R.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Walker, Lady...	1	1	0	—	—	—
Walrond, Mrs.	12	0	0	—	—	—
Walrond, A. F., O.R.	5	0	0	1	0	0
Walrond, S. H., O.R.	5	0	0	—	—	—
Wayne, F. H., O.R....	—	—	—	0	10	0

	Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellby, D.	1	1	0	—		
Wellby, E. H., O.R.	1	0	0	—		
Wellby, E. V., O.R.	3	1	0	—		
Wellby, J. H.	1	0	0	—		
Wellby, Capt. M. S., O.R....	1	1	0	—		
Whately, Rev. G. P., O.R.	2	0	0	—		
Wheeler, A. F.	2	2	0	—		
	<u>£219</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

The following Subscription has also been received, too late for inclusion in this year's accounts:—

Major Maxse, O.R. £1.

SPECIAL DONATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
For purchase of Organ—							
Mrs. A. F. Buxton	3	3	0				
C. C. Eley, O.R.	1	0	0				
Miss M. Elsee	0	10	0				
Miss A. G. Middleton	3	0	0				
Miss Middleton	1	0	0				
Miss C. Middleton	1	0	0				
G. W. Johnson, O.R....	0	5	0				
Alfred Ollivant, O.R....	1	1	0				
A. W. Rowden, O.R.	1	0	0				
W. L. Rogers, O.R.	0	10	0				
J. H. Tritton, O.R.	2	2	0				
					14	11	0
For Dinner for Old Guard, per H. J. Mappin, Esq., O.R. ...		9	17	6			
For Bagatelle Board, per C. G. Steel		2	0	0			
For Fares to Rugby, per W. G. Michell		3	3	0			
For Christmas Tea, per Do. Do.		1	15	0			
For Profits on Coffee Stall		3	3	7			
For use of Club, Mothers' Meetings, per Miss Baggalley ...		2	4	0			
					<u>£36</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions, Annual	219	5	0
Donations—General	20	7	6
„ Special	36	14	1
	<u>£276</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

VI.—AUDITED ACCOUNTS.

Dr. Rugby Boys' Club, Notting Hill.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, January 1st, 1898				18	4	9
„ Subsidy from Rugby School Home Mission Committee				100	0	0
„ Subscriptions—Annual	219	5	0			
„ Donations—General	20	7	6			
„ Do. for Special Objects	36	14	1			
				276	6	7
„ Boys' Payments for Bath	4	0	3½			
„ Do. for Subscriptions	6	13	7			
„ Do. for Sundries	0	5	9			
				10	19	7½
„ Old Guards' Subscriptions	11	17	0			
„ Do. Sundries	0	17	2			
„ Do. for Billiards	5	5	11			
				18	0	1
„ Boys' Payments for Clothes				14	7	0
„ Bamboo Class Receipts				18	3	3

£456 1 3½

To Balance in hand, January 1st, 1899 £22 5 8

Examined and found correct,
ARTHUR F. WALROND, O.R.
2nd February, 1897.

VI.—AUDITED ACCOUNTS.

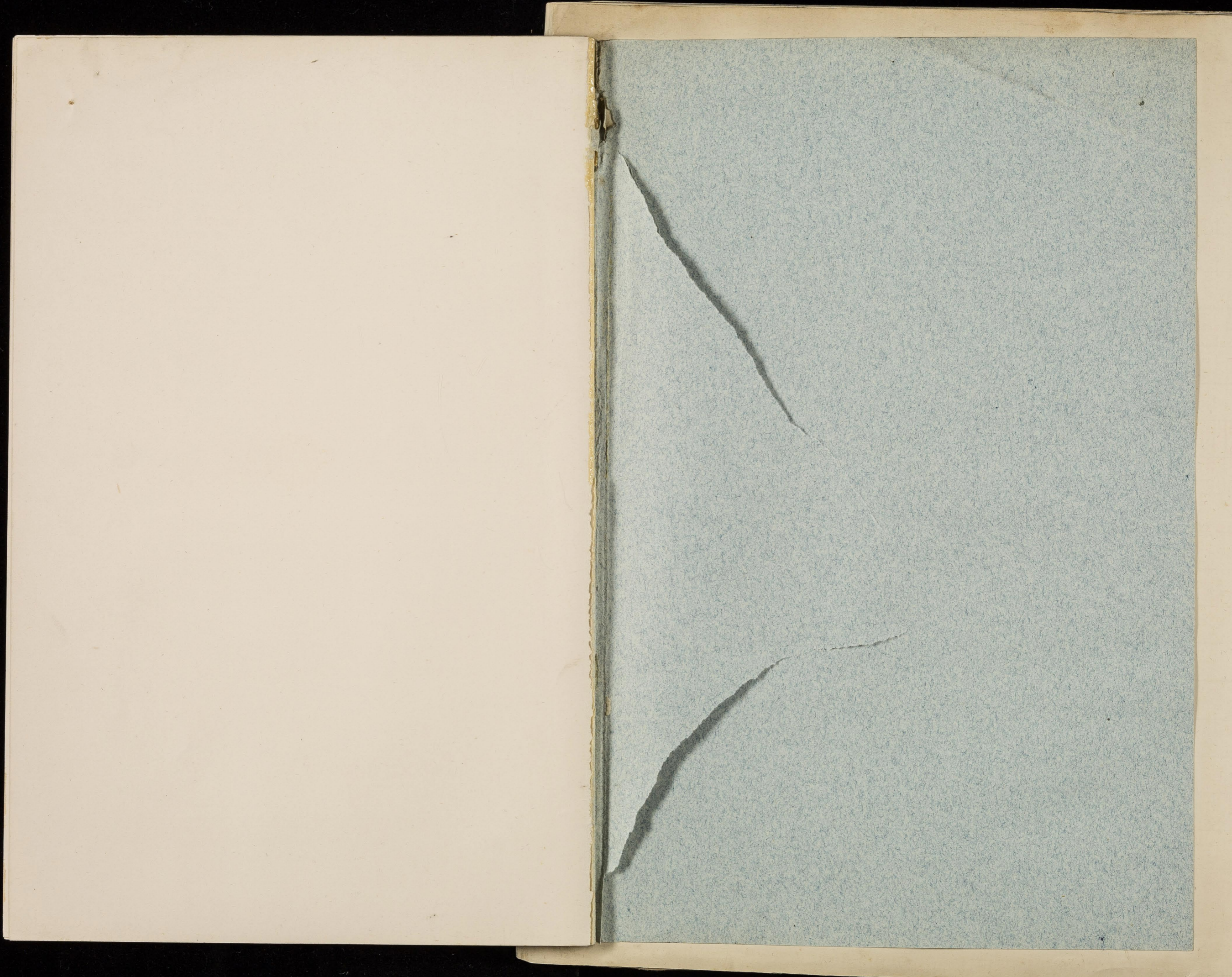
Balance Sheet for 1898. Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Caretaking and Attendance	45	3	11			
„ Rent of Premises	80	10	9			
„ Repairs to Buildings	26	4	3			
„ Heating and Lighting	35	12	1			
„ Rates, Taxes and Insurance	22	12	4			
				210	3	4
„ Education	8	14	0			
„ Boys' Brigade (17th London Company)	2	11	0			
„ Gymnasium (Instructor, &c.)	13	12	0			
„ Bamboo Shop Class (Wages, &c.)	16	14	11			
„ Band Instructor, Bugle and Fife Class	31	17	0			
„ Purchase of Organ	12	15	0			
				86	3	11
„ Games, Boxing and Billiards	8	13	11½			
„ Cricket—Rent of Ground and Railway Fares	25	19	1			
„ Do. Bats, Balls, &c.	5	7	9			
„ Football Expenses	7	10	6			
„ Entertainments, Treats, &c.	25	1	0			
				72	12	3½
„ Relief, Medicine, &c.				6	1	9½
„ Printing, Stationery and Report	13	15	9			
„ Library and Newspapers	1	9	10			
„ Postage and Portage	7	0	9			
				22	6	4
„ Athletic Prizes and Federation Fees				4	3	8
„ Bath Maintenance	5	0	6			
„ Do. Water Rates	15	3	3			
„ Do. Washing Towels	6	11	10			
				26	15	7
„ Sundry Small Payments				5	8	8½
				433	15	7½
<i>Total General Working Expenses</i>						
„ Balance in hand				22	5	8
				£456	1	3½

A. F. WHEELER,
Treasurer.

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Meyrick Jones - Rugby Club (3)

members, "old and useful" had to be expelled during the summer of '98, for misconduct due to intoxication.

The junior branch of the Club is much larger than the Old Guard, the register including some 130 names. They go up, at, I believe, 16, and the boys approaching the Old Guard age have certain privileges in the way of using a separate room etc. and some freedom from the class attendance that takes up the first hour of every evening for the bulk of the members. This hour is of the nature of a night school, and reading, writing etc. are taught. The second hour varies with~~xxx~~ the season, and, on the night that I was there bathing had just begun. Boxing, gymnastics, drill, ^{the Club-Hands,} and a certain number of interesting handicraft classes make up the curriculum. In the winter there is football, and in the summer cricket.

Religious instruction is attempted, but tentatively, and, in addition to some Bible Classes, a Monthly Club Service has just been ventured upon. Meyrick Jones is in the Club for four or five hours on Sundays, and during most of the time games are allowed. It is probably at this time that he does a good deal in the way of getting to know individual boys and in making his personal influence felt. He has recently started a Total Abstinence Section of the C.E.T.S.

Meyrick Jones - Rugby Club (4)

Neither sections of the Club make any pretence of being self-supporting, and both are in fact heavily subsidised, a total expenditure of £433 in '98, being only met by the boys and the Old Guard to the extent of about £30. This does not include their "payments for clothes", £14, the proceeds of the sale of clothing, boots etc. sent mainly from Rugby and from Old Rugbeians. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ The room at the House in which the collection of things is stored is opened weekly, and only members can purchase.

Most of the members are genuinely from the n'hood, and Tobin St. is said to send up the largest contingent. There are very few, ^{if any,} from Banger St. There is no reason to suppose that the Club is a very important local influence in this, one of the blackest bits of London, but every reason to think that in a limited field and among its own members its influence is thoroughly good. It is being well supported financially from Rugby, and personally also, apart from the failure of the School to ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ supply the desired contingent of residents. Four ladies are among the regular helpers, and altogether about 12 people, mostly Old Rugbeians, come down regularly. Many
 more help in other + less systematic ways.

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June 14th. 1895

Interview with Rev. H. J. Locke,
Chaplain of St. George's Hospital.

St. George's Hospital is situated
in Dist. 25 but as my ~~informative~~ interview
with Mr. Locke was of a general character,
and so far as it was local referred rather
to Chelsea, Fulham and Battersea - (where
most of the patients come) - than to Palgrave,
I have reported it here.

Mr. L. keeps a book showing the religious
persuasion, attendance at worship and
communion etc. of all patients and has
promised to send me an analysis of the
figures for two wards.

Mr. L. finds among the patients
practically no hostility to religion: here and
there a man professes agnosticism or atheism
but it is of the shallowest description and
soon broken down. Now even the general attitude
be described as one of indifference: almost all
men and women equally, recognise the truth of

Christianity and feel the want of it: of the large number of non-churchgoers nearly all admit that they ought to go, and are full of excuses for not doing so: the most common reason given is the prevalence of Sunday labour, and Mr L. is sure that in many cases this is something more than a mere excuse and that hundreds are kept away from church by railway bus, tram, and street and shop selling on Sunday.

But though all admit the claims of Christianity their faith is generally of a "very vague" character: most of them have been to Sunday Schools and their lack of instruction reflects Mr L. thinks on the character of the teaching. Not infrequently however Mr L. finds some (lads especially) who have been at a Board School but no Sunday School who "know absolutely nothing" and are practically "heathens": they have some knowledge of the facts of the Bible or history but "can make no use of it". Judging from his experience in the Hospital

Mr Locke thinks that the work of the churches
 (and especially of the High Churches) in the
 districts from which the patients are drawn
 is most vigorous and efficient: most have been
 visited or brought into touch with the church
 in some way, and know the duty of their
 parish. But parishes differ greatly in this respect
 and Mr L. I think rather limited his remarks
 to the High Churches.

About 7 or 8 p.c. of those who come
 to the Hospital are Dissenters: they are practically
 never visited by their ministers; but - with the
 not infrequent exception of Baptists, who for
 some reason are apt to be indifferent - are
 always genuine in their religion: but they
 are both ~~very~~ willing and eager to accept Mr
 Locke's ministrations, and are the first to
 complain if they are in any way neglected.
 The only patients with whom Mr L. has nothing
 to do are the R.C.'s, who are habitually visited
 by their priests.

Looked us to the Hospital as an influence

Mr L. said he was convinced that there were few who did not leave morally better than when they entered: apart from the opportunity for ~~some~~ some religious effort the whole effect of the life and surroundings is "softening." But Mr L. is often able directly to influence towards a religious life those who have come in indifferent and in such cases he always passes the patient on to the vicar of his parish on dismissal. On this point Mr L. regretted that the Church had not paid more attention to the question of hospitals: nearly all the indifferent sooner or later go through a hospital and at a time when they are abnormally susceptible to religious emotion: yet the attitude of the Bishops is rather to discourage the appointment of resident chaplains and to make the parish responsible for the spiritual care of such hospitals - (this has been done at St. Thomas and Guy's) - they ought rather to aim at the creation of more chaplains: it is impossible for one man to attend efficiently to about 400 patients: if

St. George's Hospital

Nov 69

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Church of England

49 go to church

15 doubtful or not at all

7 are confirmed but are not communicants

16 are confirmed & communicants

2 Roman Catholics

1 Baptist

1 Presbyterian

1 Unregimented

then were one chaplain to 100 patients the
Church would have an unequalled opportunity of
influence. In any case, looking at the matter
from a purely Church point of view, Mr L.
would greatly regret control of the Hospital, which
would probably lead to their secularisation, and
the abolition of chaplains a change which he
is convinced would be greatly regretted by the
bulk of the patients.

Mr L. quoted with assent the dictum of
'life and labour' that a Hospital Nurse "after her
training is either a distinctly worse or distinctly
better woman than when she entered". Unless the
claims of religion are kept prominently before them
he thinks that they become worse, agreeing with
Mr Mahomed that the familiarity with death
and suffering, apart from religion, tends
to deaden religious sensibility.

There is at other hospitals there is a
Samaritan Fund; last year Mr L. spent about
£150 on 220 patients. He works largely through
the C.O.S. granting 9/ a week while the

St James Hospital

Women S &

44 Church of England

44 go to Church

44 go to Church & are confirmed but are not communicants

25 are confirmed & communicants

1 not at all

1 unconsecrated

5 Roman Catholic

3 Presbyterians

do of Scotland

1 Salvation Army

2 Independent

Locke S. George's Hospital

Mad woman is in the Hospital: but though he works through the C.O.S. he has no love for it, and complains of its ~~very~~ rigour, especially in the case of some communicants.

July 12 99

St James Hospital
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Dear Sir,

I regret that I have been so long in sending the returns promised last month. I will

They have been taken the ward book that I am now writing. I do not think

consider ^{with} all those mentioned

as far as Church are

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all profess to go to Church

I am
Yours faithfully

W. Locke

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Local Authorities

Replies of Kensington L.C.S. Committee & of Mr Edgcombe
(Chairman of Kensington Guardians) to questions on Form 'D'

1. Local Authorities

These are the Vestry & the various associated

Bodies the Chief of which are

The Commissioners for Bath & Wootton Bassett

The Burial Board &

The Library Commission

The members of these Bodies are chiefly upper

tradesmen. They are active in local

improvements; ~~but~~ in hard times spend

largely in employing labour. No recent change ^{has}

taken place. 2. The Guardians

see reply to query VIII

Thrift &c.

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Wennington C.O.S.

Thrift &c.

The duty of encouraging thrift is increasingly recognised - & most of the ~~Churches~~
^{of all denominations} in our district supply facilities for some measure of saving - such as boot, clothing, & coal clubs, maternity societies &c. Some few have sick benefit-clubs on a small scale - chiefly for men only - & there are penny savings banks in connection with the Schools, but little effort seems to be made to induce systematic saving for future need - as nearly all the money put in to these clubs & banks is drawn out at Christmas.

The Metropolitan Provident Dispensary Association has 2 branches here - & the Fulham Sick Club has one, & another will probably soon be opened.

The Free Dispensary is a serious discouragement to provision against sickness in its neighbourhood, as is also the ease with which Hospital letters are obtained - The Maternity Provident societies especially suffer from the carelessness with which Queen Charlotte's Hospital letters are given - usually without any enquiry.

The great Friendly Societies - such as the Foresters, Hearts of Oak, & Oddfellows, drawing their members chiefly from the better class of working men - hardly affect the lowest classes at all.

The National Deposit Friendly Society is better adapted to meet the needs of these, & also of women who desire to save, & considerable effort is being made to press its benefits on the attention of the poor of our district.

Housing

Kensington C.O.S.

The housing of the ~~very~~ poor is becoming a matter of very serious difficulty. The Sanitary Authorities are giving increased attention to overcrowding & insisting on more space. Increased accommodation means more rent - & rent is already a disproportionately heavy charge on the poor man's earnings - & it is difficult to see how he is to afford to increase it.

On the other hand there is the growing disinclination in decent houses to take in large families, so that many fairly respectable families are driven into miserable quarters or into the Workhouse by the difficulty of finding decent accommodation.

The "furnished lodgings" have greatly multiplied here, & attract the lowest class of people from other parts of London.

It is quite common for these people to come into the district with just enough money to pay their first night's lodging, & to begin to beg help next day.

They are usually reckless of decency &

Kensington C.O.S.

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respect for property, & unhesitatingly use any available furniture to light the fire - so that the landlords have some sort of excuse for the wretched condition of the rooms they let - as "furnished lodgings"

This part of the population is continually fluctuating - shifting about from place to place. Most of the people displaced by the pulling down of Mission House appear to have migrated to Kensal Town.

It seems generally agreed that the practice of married women going out to work is on the increase, & that the influence on the homes & on the husbands is very deleterious.

Relief of Distress

Some sort of machinery for the relief of distress exists in connection with each ecclesiastical parish, ^{& with the various religious bodies,} either as a parochial Relief Committee, or in the discretion of the Visiting Clergy & District Visitors.

The District Nursing Association supplies nurses to the sick poor - & the Roman Catholic Churches maintain a nurse for those of their own faith, in addition to the ministrations of the Little Sisters of the Poor & other Orders.

The Camden Charity grants pensions, apprentices young people, gives temporary help in distress, & other kinds of assistance - The Kensington & the Hatting Hill Philanthropic Societies give grants in money & kind to persons in distress, & there are various other benevolent agencies for special purposes - & Homes for the Aged - for orphans - & for the training of the young.

On the whole the essential importance of investigation before granting relief is more generally recognised, & advantage is increasingly taken of the willingness

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of the Charity Organization Comtee to make such investigation at the request of benevolent agencies & individuals - but there is still a very great deal to be desired on this point, & a considerable proportion of the begging & misery in the district is largely owing to thoughtless & indiscriminate relief.

Poor Law administration

Kensington

1. Poor Law administration

The Guardians are drawn chiefly from the Professional, & Salaried classes.

Many of them have always given much time to their duties. A good deal of the work which now passes through their hands, & is generally admitted to be most valuable, is carried out to an extent & in forms which a few years ago were little known. Some of this work is the treatment of the sick either in the Dispensary, or at their homes: the provision of change of air for convalescents:

special treatment of those suffering under various forms of bodily or mental infirmity: & the provision of separate accommodation for various classes of in the workhouse. The last named point is now receiving the special attention of the present Board. All these changes, salutary though they are, cost a great deal of money.

On the vexed question of In- or Out-Relief the policy of the Kensington Board has moved backwards & forwards a good deal during the 30 years of the Committee's life. At first they gave much out-Relief to all classes: with & without a labour test: then for some years, hardly any: substituting school relief for direct

help to widows with families: & offering the house as a rule in other cases. Of late years there has been some change: school relief has been to some extent abandoned in favour of allowances in money & kind: This change is partly due to a feeling that in consequence of the high character borne by the schools this form of relief ^{has} got to be too highly appreciated, & has in many cases ceased to act as a deterrent. There is

also a feeling among many Guardians that education in the home of a careful mother is superior to the training of even the best school.

Out relief to the well-conducted aged has been rather freely given of late years.

There has been no remembrance to the system of out-relief to the able-bodied, under a Tubman-test.

During the last few years the numbers chargeable to the Poor Law, under every head, have increased to a higher degree than can be accounted for by the increase of population, or the prevalence of hard times. And it is to be observed

that increased liberality in Out-Relief has been accompanied, almost pari passu by increased pressure on the workhouse.

