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Wm W. S. Caine M. P. 33 North Side, 4-15
Clapham Common. SW. Honorary Pastor
of Wheatsheaf Hall, South Lambeth Road.

Wm Caine is the well known temperance advocate. A big full bodied old gentleman with deeply set, merry twinkling eyes, grey hair & beard with just sufficent brown threads left to indicate the original colour. He came to the office dressed in a loosely fitting grey check suit and light straw hat. Ease & comfort are more important to Wm Caine than fashion is. He is a ready talker and came armed with the form filled up & a little pamphlet which I subsequently found contained most of the facts & many of the opinions he expressed.

Wheatsheaf Hall was started 15 years ago by Wm Caine. It is now a recognised congregational church with Wm Caine as pastor.

The history of its growth during the first 10 years is given in the little brochure "The Story of Wheatsheaf Hall attached to the next page..

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BY

W. S. CAINE, M.P.

September, 1894.

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THE Story of Wheatsheaf Hall.

1884 TEN years ago my friend, the late Ebenezer Maclean, then Minister of Stockwell Baptist Church, was anxious that his people should interest themelves in Mission Work outside the walls of their own handsome Chapel, which is situated in a well-to-do neighbourhood abutting on Vauxhall. He and I together had long hunted the district for some suitable premises, and at last we found an old villa in Wheatsheaf Lane, standing in a small garden, called Lemon Cottage, a survival of those days, not so long ago, when Vauxhall Gardens occupied the site of the great gas works, and Wheatsheaf Lane literally ran through corn fields, a short cut from South Lambeth to the Wandsworth Road. This villa was sub-let to six tenants, in single rooms, and we had considerable trouble in finding fresh quarters in the densely crowded neighbourhood for the people we dispossessed. However, we got possession; knocked the dining-room and drawing-room of the old villa into a small hall to hold one hundred persons, and started work.

We did not expect much personal help from the members of Stockwell Church, but Mr. Walter Glover undertook the Secretaryship, Mr. John T.

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Rae organised the Temperance Society, and Mr. Bailey, who shortly afterwards removed to Greenock, became responsible for the Sunday School. Mr. Maclean took the warmest interest in the work from the commencement, until, three years after, he accepted a call to Newport, Mon. After his departure, the interest taken in our work by the Stockwell Church slackened, and for the last four or five years the Mission has not been connected with any denomination, and been conducted, with myself as its minister, on "Congregational" lines.

Our first Sunday evening service was held in February, 1884. It was attended by 17 people, every one of whom were entire strangers to me, and were working men and women out of the immediate neighbourhood, unconnected with any church or chapel. The blessing of God rested upon us at once, and I am thankful to say that 13 out of the 17 then present eventually have become members of our church, and active workers for Christ. In the address which I gave to these 17 people, I endeavoured to lay down the principles on which I believe all aggressive work for Christ should be carried out; that conversion to God involved not merely the acceptance of all His priceless gifts of pardon, salvation, and eternal life, but the active personal service of everyone who takes these gifts. I invited everyone present to devote themselves to God's

service in the district, promising that if they would find the labour, I would find the capital—if they would do the work, that somehow or other whatever money was needful for its efficiency and permanence should be forthcoming.

Eleven out of the seventeen remained behind, and then and there put down their names as willing to do all they could, God helping them, to bring the sweetness and light of the Gospel into the neighbourhood; and they have kept that promise nobly. Most of them are with us still, in positions of responsibility and trust; some have gone to other places and are doing good work; but all have remained faithful. The eleven have grown to nearly 250, the present strength of the church at Wheatsheaf Hall. I asked no theological guarantees from these faithful eleven, who are among the best and warmest friends of my life. It was enough for me that they were willing to work for God and their fellow men. I took them on trust, and in no single instance have they proved a disappointment.

From the beginning of our work at Wheatsheaf Hall, we have placed in the very forefront the need of personal conversion to God, as the one foundation of success; but we have also recognised the duty of using every means in our power to prepare men for the reception of Gospel influences, by adding to our work anything and anything that will make the

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dismal and squalid life of London brighter and better, everything that brings joy to the home life, instruction to the ignorant, encouraging thrift and temperance, or that gives innocent enjoyment to young or old. So, we have added from time to time Sunday School, Bible Classes, Temperance Society, Band of Hope, Free Library and Reading Room, Mother's Meeting, Young Men's Association, Girl's Guild, Slate Club, Benefit Societies, Debating Societies, and what not besides.

In November, 1884, we opened the first Free Library in Lambeth, with 1,000 well selected books, in one of the rooms of the Hall. Mr. Alfred Appleby, with a competent staff of voluntary helpers, undertook the work of Librarian. During its first year nearly 7,000 books were issued, and the demand became such that it became necessary to increase the number of books to 4,000 and rent a house in South Lambeth Road at £50 a year to hold them and provide rooms for readers as well, half the cost being borne by my friend Mr. Henry Jephson, who also added largely to the collection of books.

In 1886, the movement in favour of the adoption of the Free Libraries Act for Lambeth resulted in a vote in its favour, and the Commissioners appointed, of whom I was one, took over our Library and Reading Rrom. Mr. Henry Tate, who has been such a generous friend to South London, built

the first public library under the Act, in South Lambeth Road, practically next door to Wheatsheaf Hall, relieving us of all further responsibility in this direction. There are now six public libraries in the great Parish of Lambeth, which have cost £70,000 to build and furnish, and which are maintained by an income from the rates of £6,000 a year. There are now 26,000 borrowers of books, and 7,000 persons every day using the reading and news rooms. The people at Wheatsheaf Hall look back with some justifiable pride to having been the pioneers of this great movement for the culture and education of South London.

Before we had been at work a year, it became evident that the small room in Lemon Cottage was too small for our Sunday evening meeting, and in 1885 I built a large extension, at a cost of about £500 in the small garden at the back. On its completion it became known as the Wheatsheaf Hall, and it constitutes our present premises, seating when crowded about 450 persons. The rooms of Lemon Cottage where included in its area, and the other apartments were utilized as class rooms. It is a patched-up affair, which, for some time past has become miserably inadequate for the work of the Mission, requiring the further addition of Hartington House (a large shop and dwelling house in Hartington Road, near by), at which various services and week-night meetings are held

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with a large men's Bible class on Sunday afternoon, and services for adults both morning and evening.

Caine Hall, in Vauxhall Walk, a still further extension of our work, was taken by me mainly for the use of my friend, Mr. R. Jackman, the City Missionary of the district, whose Superintendent I am; who, since it was opened, has gathered round him, a stalwart band of Christian workers, all members of the Church at Wheatsheaf Hall. It consists of two rooms, seating respectively 150 and 100 persons. It is a cheap building, run up on the only bit of vacant land in the district. We have received notice to quit from October 1st, and are transferring the Sunday School, and some other work, to rooms rented in the neighbouring Board School, until we can find other premises.

Pascal Street Mission, is a small room in Pascal Street, the worst and most squalid district of all South Lambeth. The work here is carried on by a small group of our most earnest members, with much blessing to themselves and others. The entire expense is borne by these workers.

THE DISTRICT.

Those who are best acquainted with the spiritual requirements of London, and the moral condition of its people, are well aware that the worst and most concentrated groups of poverty. immorality and irreligion, are to be found within half a mile of the South bank of the Thames, from Battersea to Woolwich. Two or three of these are placed in Vauxhall, East and West of Vauxhall Bridge, in the midst of which Wheatsheaf Hall, and its dependent Mission Rooms, Caine Hall, and Hartington House are situated.

Wheatsheaf Hall and Hartington House are in the centre of a group of streets, of which Vauxhall Bridge, South Lambeth Road, Mawbey Street, Thorne Street, Brooklands Road, and the river Thames form the boundaries.

Caine Hall is in the thick of that densely populated district of Lambeth of which Vauxhall and Lambeth Walks are the arteries.

Within the boundaries of the district covered by Wheatsheaf Hall influence, there is a total population of 21,668. For the spiritual needs of these 22,000 souls, there are eight places of worship, great and small, Church, Chapel, and Mission Hall; these seat less than 2,500—viz: Church of England, 1,300, Nonconformist 900, Undenominational 250. I had

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the attendances of these counted on a favourable Sunday evening, and the total was less than 800, of which two-fifths were at the Wheatsheaf Hall.

In the same area are 38 Public Houses, some of the largest in London. From 6 to 11, one Saturday night recently, a larger number of persons entered *one* of these Public Houses than was to be found in all the places of worship the following Sunday evening.

In Mr. Charles Booth's "Labour and Life of the People," this district is included in groups *a*, *b*, and *c*, of district 101 on his descriptive map of London poverty; in group *a* 75·3 of the people are in poverty; in group *b*, 45·6; in group *c*, 46·4. He describes them thus:—

Group a. The greater part consists of the Gas Works and South Western Goods Station. Low class Irish, Gas, and Railway labourers are located in a group of streets abutting on the Railway, and are the only inhabitants, except a few shop-keepers in the main road.

Group b. The greater half of this block is occupied by the Works of the L. & S. W. Railway, where many of the inhabitants find work; these, with mechanics and labourers, some in casual work, form the main of the population.

Group c. Generally composed of 4 or 6 roomed houses, inhabited by a hard-working class of people.

Many Railway men, carpenters and other mechanics, postmen and small tradesmen, with an immense amount of unskilled labour. Some fall into great poverty through casual work."

Caine Hall is in the immensely populated district lying behind Doulton's pottery. This district consists of groups *b* and *c* of No. 94 in Charles Booth's book. The total population is 21,180 of whom 7,269 are in poverty. They are described thus by him:—

Group b. A number of these people find employment at Doulton's pottery works, others on the Railway; there are many artizans and labourers in regular work, with a sprinkling of the very poor, hawkers, waterside labourers, and loafers, an irregular rough lot.

Group c. A few stage professionals and good shopkeepers; but nearly all the people are of the working class; majority are fairly comfortable, but there are many labourers, hawkers, carmen, &c., below the line of poverty. Some large houses are let in tenements.

It will be seen by a glance at the map that the two areas covered by the work of the four premises, Wheatsheaf, Hartington, and Caine Halls, stand back from the river, from Nine Elms to Lambeth Bridge; and contain a population of 43,000, mostly very poor, and many in the depths of the most

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abject poverty. Some of the blackest spots in all London are in the thick of it. Its spiritual destitution is appalling, and there is no area in the whole Metropolis which presents greater claims on the generous sympathy and activity of the Christian Church.

THE WORK.

Wheatsheaf Hall is open every night of the week all the year round. The following is the programme of weekly engagements there, and at Hartington House :—

SUNDAY, 7 a.m. Prayer Meeting.
10.30 a.m. Children's Service. 2.45 p.m. Sunday School.
11. Morning Service, conducted by Mr. O. Millard.
3. Young Men's Bible Class.
3. Women's Bible Class, conducted by Mrs. Caine and Mrs. Gardner.
3. Men's Bible Class at Hartington House.
6.15. Open-air Meeting.
6.30 Workers' Prayer Meeting.
7. Religious Service, conducted by W. S. Caine.
7. Gospel Meeting at Hartington House, conducted by Mr. J. Insall, L.C.M
8.15. Prayer Meeting. Second Sunday in the month.
8.30. The Lord's Supper. Last Sunday in the month.
8.30. Open-air Meeting, througout the summer.
MONDAY, 2.30. Mother's Meeting, conducted by Mrs. Caine.
8. Temperance Meeting.
8. Sisters of Phœnix, Blue Order.

TUESDAY, 3. Cottage Meeting, Hartington House.
6.30. Band of Hope.
7.30. Young Men's Association.

WEDNESDAY, 8. Mid-week Service, conducted by Mr. J. Insall. Christian Union Meeting, second Wednesday in the month.
8. Meeting of the Sons of Phœnix.

THURSDAY, 7.30. Alice Caine Juvenile Tent of Rechabites, 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month.
8. W. S. Caine Adult Tent of Rechabites, 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month.
8. Girls' Guild. Conducted by Miss Ruth Caine.

FRIDAY, 7.30. Young Men's Association, and Literary Society.
8. Prayer, Praise and Testimony Meeting.
8. Friends of Labour Loan Society.
8.30. Sisters of Phœnix, Red Order, at Hartington House.

SATURDAY, 4. Young Men's Association. Musical Drill.
6. Slate Club.
7. Women's Slate Club, at Hartington House.
8. Happy Saturday Evenings for the People.

The Meetings at Caine Hall are ;—

SUNDAY, 2.45. Sunday School.
6.30. Prayer and Open Air.
7. Gospel Service.
8.15. Prayer, Praise, and Testimony. (Except the last Sunday in the month).
MONDAY, 2.30. Mothers' Meeting.
TUESDAY, 8. Gospel Service.

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THURSDAY, 6.30. Band of Hope.
8.15. Prayer and Praise Meeting.
SATURDAY, 7.30. Slate Club.
8. Gospel Temperance Meeting,

Sunday is of course our busiest day. We begin with a prayer meeting at 7 a.m., which is very well attended. The children's service at 10.30 is attended on an average by 140 young people. The morning service for adults is held at Hartington House. The Sunday School is in the hands of 30 teachers, who have 320 children on thefr books. The two Bible Classes for men and women bring more members into Church fellowship than any other agency. They have a membership of 50 and 40 respectively, and these classes are practically a Sunday Afternoon Service for Adults. At 6.30 I meet the members of the Church Committee, and other workers, for prayer, and at 7 o'clock I conduct a crowded religious service in the large hall, attended by an average of 400 men and women. On the second Sunday of the month, after service, we hold a large Prayer Meeting, and on the last Sunday the Lord's Supper, at which all the members and workers of Caine Hall and Wheatsheaf Hall meet together. There are seldom less than 180 persons present.

The Mothers' Meeting, conducted by Mrs. Caine, has a membership of about 200, and an attendance often larger than this number. This meeting has

always been one of our greatest sources of growth and prosperity, both spiritually and materially, and has produced many of the best workers we have.

The Temperance Society supported by the weekly contribution of a penny from each member, is one of the most active and vigorous in the Metropolis, and Wheatsheaf Hall has for many years been the centre of Temperance action in Kennington. The Band of Hope is the largest and most flourishing in South London, and numbers over 500 members. Both hold a weekly meeting all the year round.

The Young Men's Association meets there times a week, and is a Social and Athletic Club, for the young men who grow up in our Sunday Schools and Band of Hope Some of our best and most earnest Christian workers have come out of this Association.

One of our most important agencies is the house to house visitation of the district by a staff of 40 members of the Christian Union, who are each alloted from 70 to 200 families upon whom they call periodically, with a view to bringing them under the influence of our work. These friends distribute the *Wheatsheaf*, our monthly magazine of which we print 4,000 copies, one for each family visited. The cost of printing this paper, which is eight pages (the size being 16 in. by 10 in.), is £110 a year, but the income from advertisements, selected with great care. just covers the cost It is about to be considerably enlarged.

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The Girls' Guild is a social club for young women, which was established by my eldest daughter, but is now conducted by my youngest, who took up the work on her sister's marriage. There are 90 members.

The Mission Band consists of about 30 of our best workers, men and women, and its work, consists in Open Air meetings in the streets surrounding the Hall on fine evenings during the Summer, and conducting Gospel meetings in various places during the Winter.

The Sunday School has at Caine Hall 15 teachers and 350 scholars. Mr. R. Jackman conducts the service every Sunday evening, occasionally changing with myself The meetings are well attended, and the month seldom passes without conversions, and additions to the Wheatsheaf Hall Church. Mrs. Jackman is a true helpmeet to her husband in all his work. There is also a Mother's meeting and a Temperance Society meeting weekly at Caine Hall.

Mr. Insall, the City Missionary to the Gas Workers, conducts his meetings at Hartington House. Mr. Insall like Mr. Jackman is a member of our church.

Nine Benefit Societies find their homes in our various premises; the Men's Slate Club numbers 450 members, and the Women's Slate Club about 80 members, and both for many years have been properous and increasing.

The Church membership is collected into a Society

called the "Wheatsheaf Hall Christian Union." During the first 3 or 4 years of our history, we endeavoured to encourage those who were converted to join other Christian Churches, but the natural attachment to the place where they had received the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and the fact that nearly every one had been put to specific work of one sort and another, compelled us to organise a Church, and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We still kept in view the desirability of association with more established Christian Churches, and framed our rules on such wide lines that members of such Churches who wished to help us in our general aggressive work for Christ, could enter into full fellowship with us, without severing themselves from the different Churches and Chapels with which they and their families were associated. As a matter of fact, however, we are now a *Church* organisation, with myself as minister, with deacons and deaconesses, and some 250 active members, who meet as a Church twice in the month, once for the Lord's Supper and again for Church meeting, at which a special address is given. The whole spiritual work of the Mission is vested in the Christian Union, its executive being a diaconate of one member for every 12, men and women alike eligible.

We have never been "sheep stealers" from other churches. The fact is that with one or two ex-

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ceptions all our members, and they are all *working* members, are men and women who have come to us, *not* from other Churches, but from outside the Church altogether. It is a very moderate estimate to say that at least 70 per cent. of our members have been converted to God in the Hall itself, which to them, inconvenient, humble, and ugly though it be, is the dearest spot on earth, and their love for the place and devotion to its work is both singular and very pathetic. We can honestly claim to have dug the most of our workers from the mass of irreligion with which we are surrounded.

Our people are all very poor. I doubt if there are many of the 500 families brought under the direct influence of our spiritual work who live in more than two rooms, or whose income exceeds 24s. a week. Two rooms can rarely be got for less than 7s., leaving little enough for food, clothing and other necessaries. Yet any stranger looking in casually on Sunday night, would wonder how so well-dressed and prosperous looking a congregation could tolerate such a grimy old place of worship. But it is only those whose great privilege it is to bring the light and joy of the gospel into darkest London who understand the material prosperity, and consequent changes, it brings into the life and homes of the converted to God. It is the most powerful Gospel sermon that can be preached.

I have never asked them for sixpence since the work commenced, but they contribute willingly from their poverty. I never personally give a penny in charity at Wheatsheaf Hall; it is ruin to a mission in a poor district for the minister to give largely. But a strong committee of their own number collects and administers help to those who are known to us as in need, and the spirit of brotherly helpfulness which exists tells many a tale of self-sacrifice for others that would move the hardest heart. The Temperance Society and the Band of Hope, strong and vigorous organisations, raise their own funds, and contribute handsomely to the general cost of the Mission besides; a Missionary Committee collects £25 a year for Foreign Missions, and in a score of ways, direct and indirect, our people squeeze out of their poverty very generous financial aid. In view of coming changes, the Christian Union are establishing a proper system of weekly subscriptions, which has been warmly taken up by the members and will probably realize over a £100 a year.

In ten years we have grown from very small and modest beginnings, into a body of 250 Christian Workers, with well organised agencies and four Halls devoted to aggressive work for Christ. There is not a paid worker amongst us, and for whatever I am worth, I am their only minister.

I can place no limits upon our powers of expansion;

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but without abandoning other and perhaps weightier responsibility, I am personally quite unable to face further developments, and yet I dare not hang back, or restrain the energies of my colleagues. It is altogether wrong that such a movement as this should have grown into, and should be in the hands, or at the risk, of a single life. It ought to be part of the aggressive work of a Great Christian Organisation, to be attached to one of the Evangelical denominations. My wife and I are both Congregationalists by upbringing and conviction, the work has always been conducted on Congregational lines, and in response to our appeal, the London Congregational Union has come to our help, and absorbed the Church at Wheatsheaf Hall into their powerful body, voting £400 towards our Building Fund.

I seek no relief from personal service, or from the leadership of the movement which has furnished for the last ten years my deepest well of happiness and pleasure. But it has reached the limits of my power, unless I get help elsewhere, or retire from parliamentary life and my general temperance work, to concentrate entirely on Mission Work in South London.

I have now conveyed the land on which Wheatsheaf Hall stands to Trustees, in the broad and comprehensive Trust Deed of the London Congational

Union, and the Church at the Wheatsheaf Hall, with myself as its minister, has been formally admitted to the Union.

W. S. CAINE.

33 North Side,
Clapham Common,
London, S.W.

September, 1894.

Since this little book was written a large new Hall has been built as the result of this appeal, at a cost of £5500. and the work has doubled itself.

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The Poor districts

The Membership:

No lazy people need apply

poor spots of the district are two- both marked in dark colours on our map: (1) Pascal Street occupied by a rough low lot. Some time since they found that of 72 couples living there only two were married. Mrs Caine is a guardian & says that they frequently have the families of these people left on their hands. Cannot touch the men who know that they cannot be got at & simply laugh at the guardians. They had a little Mission room there (see page 6 of The Story). This they were compelled to give up. The people pelted the workers with ordure & ~~the~~ refuse of all kinds. (2) The dark patch in Nine Elms Lane occupied by Irish labourers &c. Cannot touch these- the S. A. have a small ~~&~~ post there but make no impression.

The work is entirely voluntary. Mr Millard the ~~other~~ assistant minister is in the Iron trade. Everybody is expected to do something. "Don't have anybody who won't work and if they are lazy fling them out." Consequently the membership- "known as the Christian Union"- numbers 340- all doing something. All are working people of the same class as those amongst whom they live. Not more than

Meetings held

Caine - Congregational

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When 10 have more than 2 rooms. 60 of these members belong to Caine Hall (See interview with Mr Jackman)

The following list of meetings taken from the Monthly magazine was affixed to the back of the question paper with the attendances marked by Mr Caine.

LIST OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

average attendance

WHEATSHEAF HALL, South Lambeth Road.

10. **Sunday**, 7.30. Prayer Meeting. (Vestry.)
10 10.30. Prayer Meeting. Vestry.)
100 10.30. Children's Service.
100 11. Service (The Hall.)
~~12.30.~~ The Lord's Supper Second Sunday in the month.
250 2.45. Sunday School. Superintendent, Mr. J. Whiting. Secretary, Mr. J. Crossley.
25 3. Young Men's Bible Class. (Vestry.) Leader, Mr. H. W. Harvey.
50 3. Adult Bible Class. (Upper Hall). Leader, Mr. R. Kent.
~~6.30.~~ Prayer Meeting. (Vestry.)
600 — 7. Service.
200 — 8.15. Open-air Service, corner of Hartington Road.
250 8.30. The Lord's Supper. (Last Sunday in the Month.)
(340 Church members at Wheatsh
100 **Monday**, 2.45. Mothers' Meeting.
~~7.30.~~ Sisters of Phœnix (Juvenile).
200 8. Total Abstinence Meeting in the Hall.
40 8.30. Men's Own Slate Club. (Kitchen).
40 8.30. Sisters of Phœnix. (Lower Hall).
~~8.30.~~ Heart's of Oak " Members " Slate Club. (Upper Hall).

350 **Tuesday**, 7. Band of Hope. Secretary, Mr. H. Harbord.
50 8.0 Lambeth Perseverance Lodge, I.O.G.T. (Lower Hall).
50 8.30. Christian Endeavour Society, Senior Branch. (Upper Hall.)

Notes on Services &c

20 **Wednesday** 3. Cottage Meeting for Women.
40 7.30. Christian Endeavour Society, Junior Branch. (Lower Hall).
60 8. Service. (Upper Hall).
25 8.30. Young Men's Association. & Cricket Club summe
300 9. Christian Union Meeting. Second Wednesday in the Month.

60 **Thursday,** 7. Alice Caine Juvenile Tent of Rechabites. (Lower Hall).
100 8. W. S. Caine Adult Tent of Rechabites, Alternate Thursdays. Secretary, Mr. H. Poulton, 31 Meadow Place. (Lower Hall).
40 8. Choir Practice. H. W. Harvey, Choir Master

30 **Friday,** 8. Prayer Meeting. (Upper Hall).
8.30. Friends of Labour Loan Society. Chairman, Mr Terrell. (Lower Hall).
50 7. Girls' Guild, conducted by Mrs. W.S. Colman, M.D.

1500 **Saturday,** 6. Penny Bank. Sec., A. E. Crawley, 249, South Lambeth Road.
250 6.30. Men's Slate Club. (Upper Hall). Secretary, Mr. Douglas, 3 Rutland Street.
250 7. Women's Slate Club. Secretary, Mrs. Chapman, 12 Thorne Road.

Have more men than women in their congregations. The Sunday morning congregation is small. People at home cooking their dinners. Encourages the hot dinner on Sunday – the only chance the workman has to have it at home. All are decently dressed. When they are converted they give up the drink: & this adds 5/- a week to their wages and soon makes a difference in the appearance. Indeed it is a distinct hindrance to them now "that our people look such decent folk"

Labour Loan Society is very successful. Managed by working men. Has a great deal of money out & has never made a bad debt.

Replies to
Questions

Wentworth Road Congregational Church
South Lambeth Road, S.W.

U.S. Camp

Wheatsheaf Hall Congregational Church
South Lambeth Road, S.W.

Form B.—Non-conformist Churches. Ministers - W.S. Caine
O.L. Millard

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

QUESTIONS to be asked in each parish as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the population?

Labouring - and my book consists of groups a. b. & c. district 101. W Booths "poverty" map practically the whole of this group.

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not)

It is the feature of our work that we employ no paid agency whatever - (except the Hall Keeper) The ministers, Messrs Caine & Millard, are laymen

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs)

Wheatsheaf Hall - a large Hall with four subsidiary rooms - Caine Hall is a branch agency in Vauxhall Street -

(e) What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended?

See sheet pasted on back.

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.

ditto.

(g) What Educational Work is done?

none.

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by ~~Clergy~~ Missionary or District Visitors)

Every House in the district, about 5000 is visited by 50 Volunteers, an average of 100 houses to each visitor.

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?

Visited at request by the South London District Nursing association.

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

we only care for our own poor, ie. those connected with the Church itself. Indiscriminate charitable relief is fatal to such a work as ours.

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come?

(l) What co-operation is there between the Churches and other bodies.

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally

This would involve a wider statement than is possible in the space given.
See "Story of Wheatsheaf Hall" herewith

Parish Lambeth - (St Barnabas district)

[Where possible, a comparison should be made between Past and Present.]

NOTE—It is not intended that this Form should be filled up, but it may be found useful for making notes preparatory to an interview.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

The Conditions of Mission Work

The Visitation of the district does not appear to be very effective except as a means of advertising the Hall. The visitors take copies of the 'Wheatsheaf' an eight paged monthly, of which they distribute 5000 copies. (A copy is placed with the material). "Visitors try to get to know all about their houses. Have 20 to 50 each.

They have a "Poor + Needy Fund" to which they invite their people to contribute. but they are very careful in its distribution. "A front row of cadgers is fatal to any Mission and most of them have it." They tried Wheatsheaf Hall but have given it up. When the Vauxhall Kowton House was opened they had a row of dossers every night. He refers these cases to the Secretary of the Fund. and is not troubled with them now.

~~The M~~ Mr Cairne was explaining his relation to the work when Mr Booth came in & the conversation became more general. Mr Cairne repeating some of the things he had said previously & adding other particulars.

"I am the personal friend of these people" said he & averred that anybody could start a similar work in

in almost any district in London. Don't however build a Mission Hall. Take a house and turn the rooms into the meeting place. Any young man could do the work if earnest & sincere. and you would only need to go occasionally "to be looked at". It costs very little. Wheatsheaf Hall is almost self supporting but they could not pay a minister.

If ~~you~~ the ministers were paid they could only give him £100 a year and get a man of the City Missionary type, whereas for this work you need the £600 type of man. Here Mr Cairne seemed contradictory. ~~Then~~ He thinks that laymen are better suited for this work, altho' he did not ~~state~~ state it directly. The working man has a deep rooted distrust of anyone in a white tie. I think that "parsons are on the make" & "he is not far wrong" added Mr Cairne.

The great thing in this work is the personal service & it is here that the Churches & non-conformists fail. They don't give personal service. At the Wheatsheaf, we get down and rub ourselves into it."

The poor are much nearer religion than the rich.

When

When the poor man wants to lead a new life ~~He~~ he wants a clean slate. He thinks that he is going to hell. If you can persuade him that he is forgiven, you have the clean slate and he can start afresh. Then he must have something to do. The curse of Evangelicals is that they preach the blood of Christ and forget the Sermon on the Mount.

Mr Caine appears well satisfied with the results of the work at Wheatsheaf Hall. ~~Then~~ He thinks they touch a lower strata of the population than any congregational or baptist church. In this I think he is mistaken, as I know Mission Churches in Camberwell & Bermondsey that are formed from as low if not a lower class of society, though in these cases as at ~~W~~Wheatsheaf Hall the appearance & dress soon improves.

The average earnings of the people ~~are~~ in some cases taken was 20/6 and they paid about 7/ for two rooms. ~~There~~ A great need exists for cheap working mans dwellings.

Mr Caine was largely instrumental in obtaining the adoption of the Library Act in Lambeth & told an

amusing

amusing story of how Henry Tate was induced to build the Tate Library in South Lambeth. A young architect having nothing to do asked Mr Caine to give him something. He was asked as a speculation to design a library & this he did. The design showed a scroll above the doorway: & In this the words 'Tate Library' were inscribed & Mr Caine handed the drawing to Mr Tate as a puzzle picture. When the latter discovered the inscription, he was told that he was wanted to build the library. The next day Mr Caine received a note reading "I will do it, Yours truly, H. Tate"

Mr Caine now has an idea for a Free Picture Library, which he hopes Mr Carnegie will take up. From this, working men would procure the loan of pictures to hang in their rooms for a month, changing them for others at the end of that time.

Asking for more detail respecting their charitable methods, Mr Caine said that we could obtain any further particulars respecting that or other matters from his Secretary Mr F. Grubb c/o W.S.C. Northside. C.C.. He has a long acquaintance with the work & is familiar with the detail.

Wm. G. Goodman. L.C.M.
Lambeth Walk Mission

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July. 11/99

Personal Note

Boundary of District

Some of the Streets

Wm George Goodman. L.C.M. Supt of Lambeth Walk Mission. 189 Lambeth Walk. SE

Wm Goodman has been 24 years in this district & is well known to frequenters of Lambeth Walk. He is nearing 50 but is as upright as a young man; A Tall broad shouldered & muscular he is a picture of healthy manhood. Intellectually he is much above the average L.C.M; shrewd, ready and well read, he is seldom at a loss for reply to anybody. Has a strong clear voice; & is a good speaker & temperance. Wears a black clerical coat & collar. Has been called the Bishop of Lambeth Walk.

His district is a strip stretching between Kennington Road & the river & bounded on the north by Paradise Street & East Street & south by Broad Street & Princes Road.

In this area Wake Street (late King St) & the Lambeth Walk end of Lollard Street are the worst parts. Costers of the lowest type. Ward & Wood Streets would be about the best. In Lambeth Walk most of the tradesmen live over their shops. With about a dozen exceptions

all

Gambling & Drink

Overcrowding

all the shops open on Sunday. Trade however is not so good as formerly and rents have fallen. This is partly due to ~~a change in the character of~~ the greater poverty of the people and also to the competition of some stores, which undersell the ordinary shops.

Gambling & drunkenness have increased in recent years. Bookmakers wait at the entrances of the potteries: the publichouses are also used as rendezvous and in one case the landlord is a bookie. Notices specially the increase in drunkenness amongst women. "It is awful". Much poverty but it is preventable. Overcrowding is a serious evil & has increased considerably. He took a census of Newport Street about 12 months ago. Nearly all the people occupied one room only.

Within the past year Mr. G. has taken to visiting the potteries and has given up the portion of the district between Lambeth Walk & Kennington Road. To this another missionary is to be appointed, who will work with Mr J. at the Mission.

In the district between Lambeth Walk and the river he has about 500 visitable families.

Amongst

Building used

Workers engaged

Open Air Meetings

Goodman - LCM Lambeth Walk

Amongst them are th some of the Kilnburners, who usually live close at hand. They are a rough set of men. The Potters are a superior class and usually all live at a distance.

For the Mission services they have taken a £70 shop in Lambeth Walk. The shop has been seated, painted & lighted with modern gas burners. It forms a bright hall seating 130. The upper rooms are used for smaller meetings.

He has a large band of voluntary workers including a Brass Band with 18 performers.

A list of the Services held is given in the Report attached to the next page, together with some notes on the meetings by the Secretary.

Open air meetings form a very prominent feature of the work. On Sunday morning from 10 to 1 pm. a meeting is in progress in Lambeth Walk & a large number of the visitors attend regularly. Always have a big crowd. Two spots are used regularly - The Parade corner & the corner of Princes Rd.

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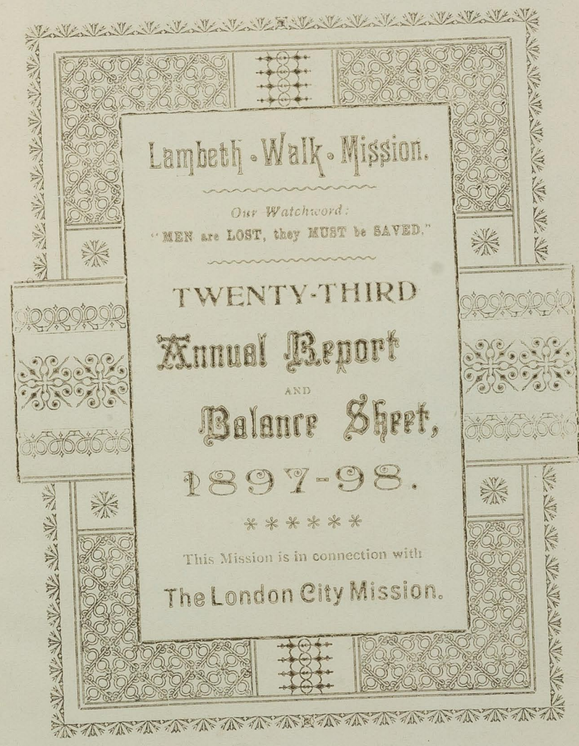

Lambeth • Walk • Mission.

Our Watchword:
"MEN are LOST, they MUST be SAVED."

TWENTY-THIRD
Annual Report
AND
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Mr. E. J. PAKEMAN, 207, Lambeth Walk, S.E.

Missionary and General Superintendent:
Mr. G. GOODMAN, 128, Kennington Park Road, S.E.

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Miss WILD.

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LIST OF SERVICES, ETC.

SUNDAYS.—7.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Hall.

10 a.m. Free Distribution of Tracts, and Open Air Services amongst the Buyers and Sellers in Lambeth Walk.

6 p.m. Accompanied by our **Brass Band,** we go out to hold Open Air Services, Sing, Visit, and Distribute Gospel Tracts in the Courts and Streets in the District.

7 p.m. Bright, Helpful, **Gospel Service,** in the Hall.

8 p.m. Open Air Service, corner of Princes Road.

MONDAYS.—8 p.m. Band Practice, conducted by Bro. SIMPSON (Bandmaster).

TUESDAYS.—7.30. Prayer, Praise, and Bible Exposition.

WEDNESDAYS.—8 p.m. Gospel Temperance Meeting. Pledges Free.

THURSDAYS.—8 p.m. Fellowship Service, for Christians only.

FRIDAYS.—8.30 p.m. Band Practice, etc.

SATURDAYS.—8 p.m. **P**leasant **S**aturday **E**venings.

Benevolent Society. Bread and Soup Society.
Maternal Society. Cricket Club. Brass Band.

Potters' Temperance Meeting

"Lambeth Walk Mission."

(Founded in 1875 by Mr. G. Goodman).

ANNUAL REPORT, 1897-8

"THE Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth." What an encouraging word is this to the Christian worker who has paused to take a retrospect of a year's work for God and souls.

Amidst all the failures and disappointments in those for whom he has been working, and a keen sense of his own shortcomings, it is indeed a glorious fact which should encourage him to *go forward* in the work, remembering that He indeed reigns, and shall reign, until all enemies are put under His feet. Hallelujah!!!

In reviewing the year which has now run its course, we can indeed raise our Ebenezer, and say, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

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In the experience of all Christian workers there are, we believe, times of quiet sowing, a time when, if we would not be discouraged, we must lay hold on the many precious promises which God's Word has for the sower.

We feel that the work of our Mission has this last year been essentially a *sowing* time. What the harvest will be Eternity will alone reveal.

But we bless God that He has gladdened and encouraged us by "signs following" the preaching of the Gospel.

We refer especially to the blessing received during an Eight Days' Special Mission, held at the beginning of this year, when many professed conversion.

The **"House-to-House Visitation"** of our beloved Leader, Mr. GOODMAN, is, we fear, sometimes *overlooked* by our friends of the work. The quiet influence that must be brought to bear on the lives and in the homes of the people as he moves in and out amongst them, should prompt us all to bear *him* up in the arms of prayer and faith.

"Though sundered far, by faith, we meet
Around one common mercy-seat."

In summarising the work of the Mission, we would divide it into two sections—the **"Indoor Meetings,"** and the **"Open Air."** Under the latter head we would call special attention to the aggressive work of our

BRASS BAND.

During the past year we determined to visit consecutively every **court** and **alley,** not only in the district covered by our Missionary, but a wider radius still has heard the glorious Gospel of Love proclaimed in **speech, song,** and **music.** The need for thus enlarging our sphere of influence was brought home to us very forcibly by a conversation one of our workers had with one of the residents outside our district, who stated that our visit to that **court** was the first of its kind for over **20** years.

We also take a definite stand each Sunday evening opposite the **"Jolly Gardeners,"** a noted public-house within a stone's throw of the **Hall,** and realise more than ever the imperative necessity of preaching the simple Gospel which shall be the "power of God unto salvation to all that believe."

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We have again commenced our Sunday Morning Open Air Services on the Parade, where, as in years past, we trust the truth as it is in Jesus will be faithfully proclaimed to the crowds of **Sabbath-breakers, gamblers, drunkards,** and others who frequent the **" Walk "** on the Lord's Day.

A somewhat

NEW FEATURE

of our work is the **evening visitation of the public-houses** in the immediate vicinity of the Hall, when Gospel Leaflets are distributed amongst the customers at the bar, and an earnest invitation to the Gospel Service at the Hall is given.

A very important part of our

OUT-DOOR WORK

is the weekly distribution of over 1,000 Gospel Leaflets each Sunday morning and evening throughout the year, amongst the thousands who gather there to **buy** and **sell.** Will our friends pray for us that these **silent messages** may be blessed to every recipient.

INDOOR MEETINGS.

GOSPEL SERVICE. This has been held every Sunday evening, and has been well attended, our bright little Hall being comfortably filled. The simple Gospel has been preached, and souls have been saved. " To **Him** be the glory."

SPECIAL MISSION. Our Eight Days' Special Mission previously referred to was a time of great blessing. We had special speakers each night. The **Band** paraded before the Services, and every effort was put forth to get the people into the meetings. We rejoice to know that many passed from death unto life whilst these Services were being held.

A Gospel Service is again conducted on Tuesday evenings. Though the friends that gather are few in number, yet it is a lift by the way, and well rewards any extra effort it may entail to be present.

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TEMPERANCE MEETINGS

have been held each week. The advantages of Total Abstinence have been impressed upon the people by means of lectures, speeches, songs, etc. Pledges taken and lasting good effected.

FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

Are held on Thursday nights, conducted by our beloved Leader, Mr. GOODMAN. The gatherings are most essential to the spiritual progress of our own people, and have been looked forward to as times of strengthening and encouragement for the Christian warfare. The **Quarterly Teas** held in connection with this Class have been instrumental in bringing our own people into closer fellowship, and we trust has been the means of developing in the lives of the people that love to the brethren which our Lord said should be the distinct evidence of discipleship.

P. S. E.

The second winter session of these meetings have just closed. The chief aim of the workers in connection with these gatherings, has been to provide a counter-attraction to the iniquitous influence of the *public-house*. Bright, attractive entertainments have been held, refreshments at nominal charges provided, and every effort made to prove to the people how delightfully easy it is to spend a *sober*, rational, and instructive Saturday evening.

CLOSING REMARKS.

One cannot allow this Report to close without specially noticing the heartiness and earnestness of the people who contributed the noble sum (voluntarily) of **£37 1s. 11d.** towards the rent of Hall.

Our beloved President, **Horace B. Marshall, Esq., M.A., J.P., C.C.,** has again continued his invaluable help, and **Howard Morley, Esq.,** for his cheque of **£10,** which was, and *is still*, sadly needed.

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To **one** and **all** we express our sincere heartfelt gratitude, and trust for a continuous supply in the future.

Yours, very faithfully in Him,
E. J. PAKEMAN,
Honorary Secretary.

OUR BRASS BAND.

President - WILLIAM MEDWIN, Esq.
Leader - Mr. G. GOODMAN.

THE Secretary writes: "Our Band is now in its sixth season, and is proving what it should be, viz., a **great help** to the Mission.

We have been steadily increasing—our membership of Bandsmen being upwards of **thirty**—all of whom are playing some instrument in the Band.

But we are very much **handicapped,** as most of our instruments are **old ones,** and do not give forth the proper tone that they should, as they are nearly worn out.

As our Bandsmen are beginning to play in **good style,** we should like to replace our old instruments with some **new ones,** which would greatly add to the sound and improvement of the Band.

We further, sadly need **music pouches and cross belts** for the Bandsmen, as it is most inconvenient to carry in one's coat pockets a quantity of Band Cards, especially on long marches. **Who will help us to get these?**

As a Band, we are all very much indebted to our **Bandmaster,** Mr. R. SIMPSON (late Band-Sergeant of the Gallant 24th Regiment) for his untiring energy, trouble, and patience, in teaching the Band; but I feel that he is rewarded by the splendid music its members play, and for a Mission Band it is hard to beat.

The Bandsmen—being all working men—cannot find all the necessaries to make a good Band, and any help that our friends can send us will be greatly appreciated, and gratefully received by

Yours in His service,
P. GOODMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

128, *Kennington Park Road, S.E.*

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BRASS BAND FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
J. C. Balchin, Esq.	1	1	0
William Medwin, Esq.... ...	1	1	0
Alfred Jonas, Esq.	1	1	0
Miss Gent	0	10	0
Misses Snelling	0	6	0
H. Drakeford, Esq.	0	5	0
G. McKeen, Esq....	0	5	0
William Payne, Esq.	0	2	6
H. Corbin, Esq.	0	2	6
Subscriptions of Bandsmen ...	5	16	2
	£10	10	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Instruments ...	4	5	0
Repairs to Instruments ...	1	10	0
Band Music	1	1	9
Large Duplex Naptha Lamp, Poles, and Fittings... ...	0	15	2
Donation to Bandmaster ...	0	10	0
Postage and Printing	0	8	1
Oil, etc., for Lamp	0	6	3
Baize, to make Instrument Bags	0	3	11
Refreshments, Quarterly Band Meeting	0	5	0
Sundries	0	3	4
Balance in Treasurer's hands	0	15	8
	£10	10	2

Audited and found correct, March 30th, 1898.
JOSEPH DUNMAN.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Horace B. Marshall, Esq., M.A. (President)	10	0	0
Miss Gent	0	10	0
The Readers of the "Christian" (Morgan & Scott)	0	15	0
Harvest Festival Collection ...	4	0	0
	£15	5	0

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer ...	0	2	1
Account for Grocery	5	12	6
" " Meat	3	6	6
" " Coals	1	6	6
" " Boots	0	3	6
" " Relief case ...	0	5	0
" " Printing	0	2	6
" " Drapery	0	2	8
" " Bread	0	7	4
Balance in hand	3	16	5
	£15	5	0

P.S.—During the time the Report has been in printers' hands, we have paid for Meat the sum of £3 16s., leaving a balance of 5d.

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GENERAL FUND.

From Mar. 1, 1897, *To Feb. 28, 1898.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from Hall Fund ...	2	11	2
Howard Morley, Esq.	10	0	0
G. F. Malcolmson, Esq. ...	5	0	0
The Readers of the "Christian" (Morgan & Scott)	5	0	0
Ebenezer Stiff, Esq.	3	0	0
Douglas S. Whitcher, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Messrs. Doulton & Co.... ...	2	0	0
S. Gurney Sheppard, Esq. ...	2	0	0
J. W. Massey, Esq.	2	0	0
F. W. Lawrence, Esq.	2	0	0
W. & J. W. Young, Esqrs. ...	2	0	0
William Medwin, Esq.... ...	1	1	0
Chas. Palmer, Esq.	1	1	0
Isaac Sheppard, Esq.	1	1	0
Caleb Hutchison, Esq.	1	1	0
Capt. Andrews	1	1	0
George Gibbs, Esq.	1	1	0
Lord Robartes	1	1	0
Chas. Walter, Esq.	1	1	0
W. H. Clemow Esq.	1	1	0
George Penn, Esq.	1	1	0
H. Myers, Esq.	1	1	0
F. L. Cook, Esq., M.P.... ...	1	1	0
Alfred Jonas, Esq.	1	1	0
Chas. Marsh, Esq.	1	1	0
Samuel Cawston, Esq.	1	0	3
W. H. Burgess, Esq	1	0	0
S. Barclay Heward, Esq. ...	1	0	0
Messrs. Wm. Clowes & Sons ...	1	0	0
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J. C. Balchin, Esq.	0	10	6
John Newby Esq.	0	10	6
Messrs. Peek, Frean & Co. ...	0	10	6
Alfred Chapman, Esq. ...	0	10	6
Joseph Dunman, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Thos. Cash. Esq.	0	10	0
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Palmer Bryant, Esq.	0	10	0
Messrs. Noble & Hoare ...	0	10	0
Chas. Rumens, Esq.	0	5	0
George J. E. Carter, Esq. ...	0	5	0
William Payne, Esq.	0	5	0
H. S. Nettleton, Esq.	0	3	6
Rent of Stables	8	6	9
Free-will Offerings of the People	37	1	11
	£108	18	1

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer ...	1	5	4*
Rent of Hall	70	0	0
Rates...	2	9	7
Gas	3	18	8
Printing, Stationery & Postage	3	11	5
Repairs and sundry purchases	5	1	6
Insurances (Glass and Fire) ...	0	15	0
Purchase of Tea Tables & Trestles	2	5	0
Grant to the Piano Fund ...	5	0	0
Sundries	0	15	10
*Balance in hand	13	15	9
	£108	18	1

** Lady-Day Quarter's Rent already paid, £17 10s., which leaves a deficit due to the Treasurer of £3 4s. 3d.*

Notes on Services

List of Service - see page 2 of Annual Report

Goodman - LCM Lambeth Walk

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During winter the Hall is filled on Sunday evening, the number dropping to 80 or 90 in the summer. Those attending have been attracted by the open air meetings and the visitation.
At the Pleasant Saturday Evenings the Hall is filled. Bands of workers from other Missions come and give entertainments &c.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
DURING THE PAST YEAR.

1st. Proclaimed the Glad Tidings to many Thousands.

2nd. Visited and called upon **12,502** Families.

3rd. Visited and Comforted **1,271** Sick and Dying.

4th. Read the Scriptures **1,995** Times.

5th. Freely Distributed upwards of **43,982** "Silent Messengers."

6th. Held **230** Indoor, and **159** Outdoor Services.

7th. Given away **158** Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the **Word.**

8th. Had **35** who gave evidence of their Conversion to God.

9th. Induced **10** Drunkards to Abstain and Reform. (Number of Pledges taken is not here given).

10th. Assisted with Food, Clothing, Coals, Boots, etc., some Hundreds of Poor (*yet Very Deserving*) Families.

11th. Aided with **Beef Tea** (a great boon to sick ones), also Soup and Bovril, Dispensary and Hospital Letters.

WILL YOU KINDLY HELP IN THIS EFFORT.

All gifts of Clothes, Hospital Letters, Tracts, etc., to be sent to 128, KENNINGTON PARK ROAD, S.E.

THANKSGIVINGS.

To the Right Hon. Lord Robartes, for **30** Coal and **18** Bread Tickets. (Invaluable).

To the "Religious Tract Society," for Parcel of Texts and Scripture Cartoons for Hall.

To D. S. Whitcher, Esq., for continued supply of Tickets for Soup, Beef Tea, and Bread. (A regular **God-send** for the afflicted poor).

To William Medwin, Esq., for Annual Subscription **(£1 1s.)** to the South London Dispensary. (These Dispensary Letters are most valuable. Who will send me some ?)

To "Drummond's Tract Society," and "Monthly Tract Society," for **free** grants of Tracts.

To a Friend, for **600** copies (monthly) of "A Message from God," and a gift of Money.

To Miss Ellis' "Scripture Union Class" (of Lyme Regis) for Flowers for the poor.

To Mr. T. Wild, our *late* co-worker, for enabling us to purchase **Piano** at cost price, by advancing the money.

To Miss Wild, our Organist, for her continued voluntary services.

Charitable Relief

From the Benevolent Fund about £12 was spent last year, mostly in ticket for grocery & food. Has some tickets for coals from a philanthropic society also.

MOTTO: "DEEDS. NOT WORDS."

"Lambeth * Walk * Mission."

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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To Mr. G. MILLETT, Coal Merchant,
2, GRANBY'S BUILDINGS, BROAD STREET, LAMBETH.

Please Supply 1 Cwt. of Coal on behalf of the above Society, to Mr. .....
of .....

GEORGE GOODMAN, S.S.

Motto:—"DEEDS. NOT WORDS"

"LAMBETH + WALK + MISSION"

Benevolent Society.

LEADER and FOUNDER ... Mr. G. GOODMAN. S.S.

To Mr. A. CHAPMAN *(Cash Tea Stores),*
58, *Lambeth Walk, S.E.*

Please supply BEARER *with* GROCERY *to the amount of.....s.....d., on behalf of the above Society.*

W. J. MASSEY, ESQ., TREASURER.

Mrs G. tries to help poor cases that he knows but is down on cadgers. If they say they are hungry he will take them in to a coffee house & give them food, "much to their disgust sometimes". They want money.

Goodman - LCM Lambeth Walk

Says many people about there never work at all; some never pay rent. They see rooms to let and go & take them whatever the rent, possibly paying half a weeks rent. Then they stay until they are turned out when they seek another victim. Usually pounce on some poor widow. Most of this scheming is done for drink. There is no temperance feeling except amongst the workers & with them it is very strong. They get the drinking fits on Saturday night. Some come into the meeting 'as drunk as Lords'. Give them a cup of coffee to keep them right. As an illustration of the apathy of the people on the temperance question Mr G. & cited the Bishops fete at Lambeth Palace Gardens in which nine churches took part. It was largely advertised & yet was a failure from beginning to end. Not more than 200 present. Part of failure might be due to threatening weather but not all.

Very few of the people attend places of worship. On the other hand many go to for Sunday excursion. Thousands' start from here on Sunday mornings.

Mr Goodman has a measure of satisfaction in

in his work and has "some splendid trophies of grace". "Where they have a manly religion, the people will respect it" and Mr. G. will give place to no man in straightforward talk. "There is not a man who does not respect me although they dont believe what I tell them"

Of the police, with some exceptions, Mr. Goodman has a poor opinion. They work on the line that so long as there is no complaint it is alright". They have some splendid fellows but some awfully bad ones. Their acquiescence in the betting traffic, is his chief complaint. Outside the Jolly Gardeners between 1 & 2 you can see bookmakers taking bets every day. He has called the attention of the police to them but no action has been taken.

The Church of England has nurses at work in the district but seldom sees the clergy. St. Marythe less is 'creeping along'. The parish church is full of ritualism.

The Wesleyans (Rev J.S. Cooke) are doing good work but with a lot of bluster. Have got into debt by the recent forward movements and are in "an awful stew" in consequence.

The Baptist Church (Rev. Henderson) is a failure. Ethelred St)

Upton Chapel (Rev W. Williams) is holding its own.

Rev F.B. Meyer's Church is the only one that is doing well.

The Lambeth Ragged School, Newport Street is doing a large work amongst the children. No school at Mr G's mission because Mr G. leaves the children to that agency. Write to Travis Bryant Esq. Shirley Rd. Clapham. Asst Supt

Goodman - LCM Lambeth Walk

No prostitution in the immediate district: too poor for that but a lot of unmarried people living together. They are faithful to each other.

Thinks this part of Lambeth is "one of the most healthy places going". Attributes it partly to the gas given off at the potteries.

Mr Goodman has a remarkable individuality and is undoubtedly a power on his district. He was a teacher in the Lambeth Ragged School in former years and many of the parents of today are his boys & girls of former years. The responsibility for the rent of the shop premises must be an anxiety as the L.C.M. take no responsibility in these matter. He is now forming a committee of gentlemen to relieve him of this & as he is well known to the employers & other influential people, he will no doubt succeed.

WANTED!

20,000 MEN AND WOMEN.

Dear Friend,

The District of LAMBETH WALK, S.E., is in need of THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN, who will PLEDGE themselves, in the sight of God, to give up SIN, and to Live—by HIS free Grace—Noble and Pure Lives; and who will try to Rescue others, who are sinking into Eternal woe.

Will YOU Make ONE of the Number?

A Noble and Pure Life brings Peace and Joy,
A Life of SIN brings MISERY and Despair.

God Wants YOU, my Fellow-Sinner!

Yes! HE Wants YOU, to SAVE You, and make you Happy, even in this World.

Will You Come and Help Us?

We are all Striving, as Members of the LAMBETH WALK MISSION to WIN Men and Women for Jesus; to make them SOBER, INDUSTRIOUS and HAPPY.

SERVICES

Having that OBJECT in view are held every Sunday Evening in the Mission Hall, to which you will receive a Hearty Welcome.

Your Sincere Friend,

GEO. GOODMAN, S.S.

DO NOT BUY OR SELL ON SUNDAYS.

Revd. P. A. Milne GEA.
Lambeth Presbyterian Church.

The people of the District

Revd P. A Milne. Minister of Lambeth Presbyterian Church. Kennington Road S.E. Seen at his residence: 169 Fentiman Road, Clapham Rd S.W.

Mr Milne is a stout, merry, little, Scotchman. Shrewd, and methodical, having a keen sense of humour and abundance of energy Mr Milne has worked here for years. Like most of the ministers of his body he ~~has a~~ is well educated and has had a good theological training.

The Church is a Mission church connected with the South London Presbytery and has an allowance from the Central body (£50 a year I think)

The neighbourhood has declined owing to the exodus of the better class folk. Their best people have gone out & the main supports (financially) come from Brixton & Clapham. The worst part of their district is St Alban's Street & the houses at the back of the chapel. In some of the houses in Walnut Tree Walk, there are 3 or 4 families. With the exception of Bird St. the streets on the other side

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Persons Employed

Building used

Notes on Services

of Kennington Road are occupied by a decent class of people.

The Minister & Sister are paid workers. Have about 40 voluntary workers, including 16 visitors and over 20 S.S. teachers.

Church seats 300 people. Two small vestries in addition.

Congregation is small on Sunday morning. Get 200 in the evening; fall off during the summer. Principally working people and from the district. Also a number from a distance, who are presbyterians by conviction.

Sunday School about 200 attendance. Children decently dressed altho' poor.

Wednesday. Church Service. 8to9. About 40.

Tuesday. Happy Evenings for people - during the winter months (Oct to April) Gets 150 to 200 of the local people. Always gives them the 'gospel in simplicity'. It is the only chance to get some of them.

Christian Endeavour Society. 25 to 30 members.

The usual experience as to wk. night meetings. Cannot get people before 8pm. Come in direct from work.

Social Agencies

Church Membership

Visitation

Social Agencies include Mothers Meeting (70 to 80 members) Sunday School Institute - Two nights a week, one for Boys & once for girls - Also a number of clubs in connection with the Happy evenings. Goose club had 155 members, Coal club £60 paid in, Boot club &c. In these clubs the aim has been to supply the goods as cheap as possible consistent with making them financially stable. Thus Mr M. says they can sell coal at 4/- a cwt below the current price & yet have a small balance on the right side. Adopts same kind as Mothers' meeting & has respectable women. Those coming for what they can get soon drop off. They used to give bonus to clubs but dropped it. The mothers pay for their own excursion - have club for the purpose.

Church membership is now 120 & to maintain this level they have to add 20 to 25 every year. The Church is growing slowly. Thinks those who leave the district are not lost to the Church of Christ altho' they may be lost to Presbyterianism.

Visitation of their Church parish is done systematically

Charitable Relief

Lambeth Charities

Milne Presbyterian

Have 16 visitors visiting every week. + they go to every house at least once in three months. Make a practice of going, even if they know the occupants attend other places of worship because the changes are so frequent that they never know that the place has not changed. Finds that about one third of the people are new each year. Even in the better streets the people are continually changing. The Sister visits continuously.

Charitable Relief to about £10 a year is given in tickets for bread & soup, and beef tea. Mostly to people in need thro' want of work or sickness. Give some clothing also.

A good deal of relief is given in the district. The parish charities are numerous - Walcot Charity (pensions) A parliamentary return was made on March 10/99 of the Inquiry made by the Charity Commissioners into the Lambeth Charities. Most are attached to one or other of the Churches. + the total gross income is stated as £14306. Of this £3260 goes in Almshouses or Pensions + £3610 in 'Education' another name for Church schools + £1126 is Non-con. endowments.

The Free Church Council

Religious Beliefs
of Paupers

The Free Church Council are now arranging for a Service in the Workhouse (Lambeth) on Sunday afternoon. The Chaplain is a high churchman and is opposing very bitterly (Mr Milne is the Evangelistic secretary). The annexed return is a copy of the Official figures as to the religion of the inmates of the Parish institution.

Parish of Lambeth: Board of Guardians

Return of the number of inmates decl[ared to belong to] Church of England and other denominatio[ns] on the 19th April, 1899

Denomination	Renfrew Road	Princes Road	Infirmary	
Church of England	1037	269	551	
Roman Catholic	129	39	55	
Baptist	8	3	4	
Wesleyan	7	2	3	
Presbyterian	4	-	2	
Congregational	4	1	-	
Primitive Methodist	-	-	2	
Unitarian	2	-	-	
Independent	2	-	-	
Salvationist	-	-	-	
Ethicist	-	-	1	
Puseyite	1	-	-	
Hebrew	-	-	1	
Unknown	-	-	-	
	1194	314	619	

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Parish of Lambeth: Board of Guardians

Return of the number of inmates declared to belong to the Church of England and other denominations, in each establishment, on the 19th April, 1899

Denomination	Renfrew Road	Princes Road	Infirmary	New Schools	Old Schools	Total
Church of England	1037	269	551	422	196	2475
Roman Catholic	129	39	55	-	3	226
Baptist	8	3	4	3	1	19
Wesleyan	7	2	3	-	1	13
Presbyterian	4	-	2	2	-	8
Congregational	4	1	-	-	-	5
Primitive Methodist	-	-	2	-	2	4
Unitarian	2	-	-	-	-	2
Independent	2	-	-	-	-	2
Salvationist	-	-	-	1	-	1
Ethicist	-	-	1	-	-	1
Puseyite	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hebrew	-	-	1	-	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	2	-	2
	1194‡	314	619	430	203	2760

Open Air Meetings
of Free Churches

Other Religious Agencies

The Free Church Council ~~Federation~~ has also arranged for a series of United Open air meetings in the district as per plan annexed:-

Please preserve this Plan, and read the inside carefully.

. . SPEAKERS' PLAN. . .

Open-Air Federation.

CENTRAL SOUTH LONDON
FREE CHURCH COUNCIL.

President: Rev. P. ARCHIBALD MILNE.

PLAN OF SPECIAL
WEEK-EVENING SERVICES,

MAY TO JULY, 1899.

Mr.....

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IMPORTANT

TO THE MEMBER RECEIVING THIS PLAN.

1.—Make a careful note of your engagements, as **no further notice will be sent.** Each date on which you are planned is marked with a star, thus—

2.—If unable to fulfil an engagement kindly **inform the Secretary a week beforehand.**

3.—The direction of the Meeting is entirely in the Leader's hands, who will arrange for the Speaking and the time to be occupied by each Speaker. Come prepared to assist in any way required.

4. Pray earnestly for a blessing on each Meeting. **Always be present at the preliminary Prayer Meeting.** The success of the Meetings will depend very greatly on the punctuality of the Members.

5.—Never speak without preparation. Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.

6.—The Leader of each Meeting will kindly provide Hymn Books or Hymn Sheets, also Music to lead the Singing.

4 Walberswick Street,
South Lambeth Road, S.W.

E. JOYCE, *Hon. Sec.*

PLAN OF

OPEN-AIR + SERVICES

From MAY to JULY, 1899.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd.

Hatfield Street, Stamford Street, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Henry. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, Goodman, Henry, Kilsby, Pound, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Stamford Street Wesleyan Chapel at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th.

Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Hodgson. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, Eveleigh, Henry, Kilsby, Steer, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, MAY 18th.

Goding Street, Vauxhall, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Jackman. *Speakers*—Messrs. Case, Channon, Edwards, Jackson, Kilsby, Prosser, Steer, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Caine Hall, Vauxhall Street, at 7.30.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25th.

Royal Street, Westminster Bridge Road, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Case. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, Edwards, Jackson, Kilsby, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at 128 Westminster Bridge Road at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MAY 27th.

Webber Street (Blackfriars Road end), at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Licence. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, Henry, Hodgson, Jackson, Kilsby, Pound, Thomas, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Webber Street Mission Hall at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1st.

Lambeth Walk (Princes Road end), (outside "The Jolly Gardeners"), at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Goodman. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, Edwards, Jackson, Kilsby, Mazengarb, Prosser, Steer, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Lambeth Walk Mission Hall at 7.30.

MONDAY, JUNE 5th.

Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Benson. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, DePont Geison, Harvey, Hawes, Hodgson, Kilsby, Pound, Thomas, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Christ Church at 7.30.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th.

Borough Road (Newington Causeway end), at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Hawkins. *Speakers*—Messrs. Benson, Channon, DePont, Gray, Jackson, Kilsby, Newton, Pound, Richards, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Borough Road Baptist Chapel at 7.30.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd.

Great Bland Street, Great Dover Street, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Rev. S. T. Nicholson. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, Edwards, Jackson, Jones, Kilsby, Morton, Richards, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Brunswick Chapel at 7.30.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th.

Fraser Street, Lower Marsh, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. King. *Speakers*—Messrs. Benson, Channon, Harvey, Henry, Jackson, Kilsby, Pound, Steer, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Oakley Street Mission Hall at 7.20.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th.

Walcot Square, Kennington Road, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Rev. P. A. Milne. *Speakers*—Messrs. Case, Channon, Eveleigh, Goodman, Harvey, Jackson, Kilsby, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Kennington Road Presbyterian Church at 7.30.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th.

Fire Station, Waterloo Road, at 8.45 p.m.

Leader—Rev. D. Rounsefell. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, DePont, Henry, Jackson, Kilsby, Richards, Thomas, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Waterloo Road Chapel at 8.

MONDAY, JULY 10th.

The Green, Kennington Gate, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Eveleigh. *Speakers*—Messrs. Channon, DePont, Geison, Goodman, Hawes, Jackman, Jackson, Jones, Kilsby, Pound, Prosser, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Claylands Road Chapel at 7.30.

SATURDAY, JULY 15th.

Leopold Street, Vauxhall, at 8 p.m.

Leader—Mr. Prosser. *Speakers*—Messrs. Benson, Channon, DePont, Gray, Jackman, Jackson, Kilsby, Pound, Steer, Topley.

Meet for Prayer at Vauxhall Baptist Chapel at 7.30.

DEAR BRETHREN,

In entering upon another season's Open-Air Work I wish you God-speed. May the Divine blessing rest abundantly upon your labours.

Your work forms an important branch of Christian service, and in order to magnify your office I commend the following to your consideration:—

Prepare your Address.—Study the subject, put your best thought into it, sit at the Master's feet and meditate upon the Word, consult such helps as may lie to your hand, and endeavour to be interesting, clear, and practical.

Prepare yourselves.—The Message that is to be blessed must be spoken in the Spirit. Speak from the heart to the heart. Speak in love and with a yearning desire to win souls to Christ.

Pray before entering upon your work. If you are to speak with authority you must first look God-ward before you look man-ward. Commit yourselves to God, and pray for the Divine blessing upon every part of the service.

Then go forth with dependence on the Holy Spirit and in the full assurance of faith, and God will give you souls for your hire.

I am,
Yours in the bonds of Christian love and
in the service of Christ,
P. ARCHIBALD MILNE,
President Open-Air Federation.

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Police & Prostitution

Drink

The Religious Attitude of the People

Police are terribly negligent in dealing with prostitution which is growing very much in Kennington. Recommends us to see Mr Bainton, the Free Church Councils agent

Drink alarming. Nearly the whole of the publichouse property has been transformed during the past 5 years- small houses turned into palaces. The Ship at the corner of St Mary's Sq. has been rebuilt at a cost of £2000 to £3000. The 50 years lease was sold for £20000 + £150 rental.

Betting & gambling are also prevalent.

Indifferentism is the general attitude of the people to religion. Very few go to church. They are practically dealing with home heathendom. Some have a notion that they don't need any religious teaching and are indignant at their visitors think they should go to East End slums. Some claim to belong to the Church of England, whilst others attend the Metropolitan Tabernacle or Christchurch. The first class as a rule are merely nominal. The children go to Sunday school. Notices also that very few go to church or chapel as families. Scarcely find a whole family going to a place. The individuals go where they like.

Sunday a holiday

Sunday for the great majority is being turned into a ~~day of pleasure~~ a holiday. Beer and the newspaper are in demand. A few ~~Sundays~~ ago he saw some brakes laden with children going ~~out~~ out for the day. The first time he had seen such a thing.

Attributes the tendency to indifferentism to the formal teaching of the Church. The High church teaching he believes to be derogatory to the true interests of the Church. It has preached ordinances as a means of salvation instead of Christ + him crucified. This has driven the thinking classes outside.

Mr Milne frankly owns that his church can never be self-supporting and he thinks that all the churches in the district must eventually become mission churches. The people of the neighbourhood cannot support them.

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LAMBETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Kennington Road (opposite Brook Street),

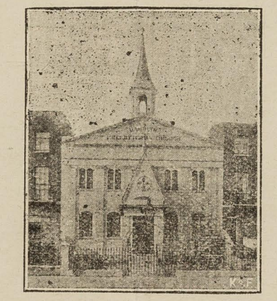
MONTHLY MESSENGER

Minister:

REV. P. ARCHIBALD MILNE,
169, Fentiman Road,
Clapham, S.W.

Sister of the People:

SISTER BENNETT,
104, Princes Road,
Kennington, S.E.



Church Notices.

The LORD'S SUPPER is observed at the *Evening Service* on the First Sundays in January, April, July, and October.

BAPTISM on the First Sunday of each month; previous notice to be given to the Minister.

Any SICK, or STRANGERS, desiring a visit from the Minister, please communicate after any of the Services.

... by Mr. G. Oehring, at the Church.

...RY, 1899. [2000 Circulated.

Lambeth Presbyterian Church

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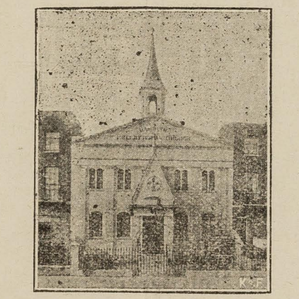

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BAPTISM on the First Sunday of each month; previous notice to be given to the Minister.

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Twelve Weeks School for Bible Study.

Every THURSDAY EVENING, at 8 p.m., as follows in Lambeth Presbyterian Church

Mar. 2.	**The Epistles.** Classification and Dates. Special Study—GALATIANS.	Apr. 6.	**Study of Bible Prayers.** Abraham—Moses—David.	May 4.	**The Mediatorial Kingdom of Christ.**—The extent of the Kirgdom — Authority over the Universe and how it is administered — The Kingdom as distinct from the Universe—The extent of the power which Christ has vested in His Church.
Mar. 9.	**The Acts of the Apostles.** An Exposition and Outline.	Apr. 13.	**The Gospel of Matthew.** A Special Outline and Feature of its teaching.		
Mar. 16.	**Annual Meeting of the Congregation.** Tea at 7; Public Meeting at 8 p.m.	Apr. 20.	**Death and the State of the Soul after Death.** How death is related to sin—How the Justified die—Evidence for the Immortality of the Soul—Old Testament teaching concerning "Sheol"—New Testament teaching regarding the soul immediately after death.	May 11.	**The Book of Genesis.** Its unique relation to the other Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments.
Mar. 23.	**Regeneration.** The Scriptural terms by which this work of God is designated. Different views — Pelagian, Romish Church, Church of England, Presbyterian—The Relation between Regeneration and Conversion.			May 18.	**The Mountains of the Bible and their Lessons.**
Mar. 30.	**Preparatory Service for Communion.**—Admission of Members to Church Fellowship — Communion Sunday Evening, April 2nd, at 6.30.	Apr. 27.	**The Epistle to the Ephesians.** An Exposition and lines of truth.	May 25.	**Five Characteristics of the Bible.** — Evidence of its Divine Origin.

It is hoped that all who can will be present at 7.45 to take part in the PRAISE and PRAYER MEETING. The Expositions will be one hour—from 8 to 9 p.m.

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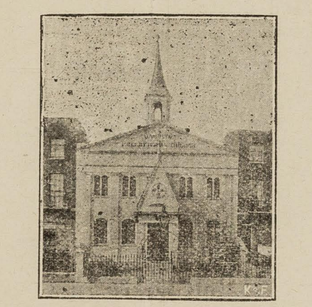

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Church Services.

Sunday Morning at 11 a.m.; Evening at 6.30 p.m.
Sunday Evenings during March, a Mission Service at 6.30 p.m.

Minister's Bible Class.

Is held Sunday Afternoon, from 3 to 4, in the Church Room.

A Hearty Welcome is given to both Sexes.

Christian Endeavour Societies

On Mondays.

Junior at 7. Senior at 8.30.

For other Announcements and Pastoral Addresses, *see* the "Monthly Messenger" of the Church.

The Minister is in attendance in the Vestry, from 7 to 8, every Thursday Evening, to meet with anxious enquirers, or anyone who would like to converse with him, or at the close of any of the Services.

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A NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

January, 1899.

My Dear Friends,

In the providence of God, *our Church* has been called upon to take its share in the spiritual oversight of this teeming and busy district in South London. Our allotted Parish in the Free Church Council map contains between 16,000 and 20,000 souls, and to you we send our most hearty greetings for the New Year, and desire to assure you of our sincere good wishes.

We know well the difficulties, and often the hard struggle it is for many of you to provide for the necessities of the family, and we wish to assure you of our sincere sympathy. Many, on the other hand, have been greatly blessed; God has given the bread-winner health, strength, and work, and you have been surrounded with many comforts. We wish to assure all such that your blessing is our joy, and your comfort our consolation.

It has always been our aim to conduct our work in the spirit of our Lord and Master, in helping the weak, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the sorrowing, and ministering to the dying; and through our agencies during the past year, some hundreds have been helped, their hearts cheered, their home life brightened, and above all, we rejoice that some have given evidence of their acceptance of Christ as their Saviour.

We shall continue our services as God may give us grace, and strength, and provision for the work. But we would not have you rely upon man, but God, for guidance and direction in the daily pathway and surroundings of your life. At the beginning of this *New Year*, I would give you this text as a motto (Prov. iii. 6): "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Ask guidance for every new undertaking which presents itself. If you cannot ask God's blessing upon it, or have His presence with you in the way, I beseech of you don't enter upon it.

In the moment of temptation, when you are assailed by the enemy, send up a petition from your heart to God for grace and strength to overcome, and you will be delivered.

In the day of sore trial, draw near to God and ask for His light to shine upon your darkness, and He will guide you and bless you.

In the day of prosperity, and the sunshine of His favour, be sure you commit your way to God, and ask Him to keep you from falling.

Acknowledge God by so arranging the household duties that you may take your place in His house, and praise Him in the congregation. There is a special blessing attached to this means of grace, and those who neglect this opportunity are losing much. You have formed many good resolutions to attend—we invite you to put them into practice at once. A hearty welcome awaits you.

May the sunshine of prosperity, and the light of God's love, rest upon you throughout the New Year, is the prayer of

Your sincere Friend,
P. Archibald Milne.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday Morning at 11, Evening at 6.30.

Prayer Meeting in Church Room at 6 p.m.

January 8th, at 6.30, "A Motto for the New Year" will be chosen as the subject of address, and suitable hymns selected. The whole Service will be specially adapted to the occasion. You are invited!

God's crumbs are better than the world's loaves.

God's word is the soul's medicine. Come to His house!

Hear and your soul shall live!

SPECIAL MISSION FOR THE DISTRICT.

MR. GEORGE CLARK,

The eminent Evangelist, whom God has so greatly blessed, is to conduct the Mission,

From Sunday 5th, to Wednesday 15th Feb.

Note the dates. Do not miss this opportunity.
Tell your neighbours and friends.

SUNDAYS at 11 and 6.30. WEEK-EVENINGS, at 8 o'clock (Saturdays excepted).

We would gladly welcome the help of Christian workers. Will you give your services for the winning of souls? Miss Bayley (Organist), would welcome help for special choir. Sankey's hymns.

HAPPY EVENINGS FOR WORKING PEOPLE.

A special programme is being prepared for the New Year. Re-opening evening, Tuesday, January 10th. The Rev. P. A. Milne, and the workers, have pleasure in inviting all the members to a Social Gathering. Tea at 7 o'clock. Admission by ticket only. New schemes for mutual benefit will be presented.

MINISTER'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sundays, 3 to 4, held in the Church Room. A hearty welcome is given to both sexes.

CHURCH SERVICE.

~~Thurs~~Wednesdays, 8 to 9 p.m. Come!

CHOIR PRACTICE.

Thursdays, 9 to 10. Miss Bayley (Organist), would welcome more members.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Mondays, 2.30 to 4.15. The following advantages are open to all the members—A Clothing Fund, Coal Fund, Provident Bank (half-penny interest on the 1s.), Numbered Work Bags lent free of charge, and also Maternity Bags.

Miss Berringham gives an address weekly.

Mrs. Milne invites you to join, and avail yourself of the many benefits it affords. There are 76 in the membership.

The Annual Tea and Social Gathering, to which all the mothers and their husbands are invited, is appointed to take place on Wednesday, January 30th. Tea at 7 p.m. prompt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

At 3 p.m. We have an efficient staff of teachers. Three hundred scholars on the roll. Send your children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Girls' Section meets on Tuesdays, in the Church Room, at 8. All girls over 12 years of age are welcomed.

Boys' Section meets on Wednesdays at 8. Boys over 12 may join on complying with the rules.

SOCIETIES.

Mondays, at 7. Junior Society of Christian Endeavour. All children welcome from 7 to 14 years of age.

Mondays, at 8.30. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. Young people of both sexes will meet with a hearty welcome.

Wednesdays at 7. Band of Hope. We trust you will encourage your boys and girls to join at once.

MOTHERS' GUILD.

Objects—

I.—To organise a band of Mothers who will unite in prayer, and seek, by their own example, to lead their families in purity and holiness of life.

II.—To uphold the sanctity of marriage.

III.—To awaken in mothers a sense of their responsibility in the training of their boys and girls.

A card containing Objects, Rules, and Mothers' Prayer, for hanging up in the home, is given to every member. The Rules concern every Mother who wishes to bring up her children rightly.

The *Meetings are to be Quarterly*, when an address will be given to the members.

You would find the membership of the *Guild* most helpful to yourself, and a blessing to your home. You should have your name entered as a member at once.

You will receive all information from Mrs. Milne (President), Mrs. Burn (Vice-President), or our Sister of the People.

GLAD TIDINGS MISSION.

This is conducted in the Church every Sunday Evening, from 8.15 to 9 o'clock. Lantern and Song Services, Solos and short Addresses. A hymn book, a seat, and a welcome awaits *you*. Come!

AN ANSWER IS REQUIRED.

The *message* is to you, and an answer is required—(Acts xiii. 26).

This is what the messenger says to you—(Genesis xxiv. 49).

We must have some answer; what shall it be?

I.—Shall you send an excuse? No. An excuse is a lie. It is no real reason. We must not lie unto God.

II.—Shall you plainly refuse the message? No. We cannot do without Christ. Without Him we must perish.

III.—Will you not say, "I will accept Christ's message of love to-day." Conscience dictates this answer. It would be pleasing to God. You will never regret it. What shall your answer be?

"Behold now is the day of salvation."

Mr R. Jackman L.C.M.
Caine Hall.

GLA
July 13/99

Vauxhall Gardens. District
Boundaries

Houses + Population

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3.11.

Mr Ralph Jackman. L.C.M. working in connection with Caine Hall, 92-94 Vauxhall Street S.E. Seen at Mission.

Residence: 323 Wandsworth Road.

Mr Jackman is a well dressed, thickset man of about 40-45. Fair, short reddish beard + mustache; good head + forhead. Good speaker + conversationalist; cultured + genial; hard + conscientious worker; although he deserves the encomium Mr Caine gave, when speaking of him as "a good fellow". ~~He is a~~ I have known him 10 years on this district + know him as a man of sterling character.

His district for visitation is a small rectangle bounded by Anderson's Walk, Jonathan Street, Tyers Street, Leopold Street + the Thames.

Mr Jackman made a census of this area in February 1899 when he reckoned that he had 862 houses (counting tenements in building as houses), ~~and~~ 1089 families and about 4742 people. The summary of this count I have given on the next pages:-

Houses & People in District

February 1899

Name of Street	Total No. of houses or tenements	No. of families	Adults	Children	Together	Tenements occupied but no responses	(1) Remarks
Anderson's Walk Nos. 1-28	28	57	116	74	190		
Pheasant Cottages Anderson's Walk Nos. 1-7	7	9	14	24	38		
Tinworth Street Nos. 1-31	23	42	165	89	254	1	
Glasshouse St Nos 1-51 and 46-58	33	58	143	105	248	6	
Albert Embankment (factories excluded) Nos 27-38. Flats 1-62.	63	56	85	126	211	15	Reckons 246 in all.
Guinness' Buildings Block A	39	27	47	40	87	1	
—"— —"— —"— B	32	27	49	43	92	10	Reckons 110 in all.
—"— —"— —"— C	31	30	59	51	110	2	" 120 " "
—"— —"— —"— D.	30	30	49	59	108	-	
—"— —"— —"— E.	30	27	46	48	94	3	Reckons 104 in all.
—"— —"— —"— F.	30	30	52	62	114		
—"— —"— —"— G.	16	13	23	26	49	1	
—"— —"— —"— H	30	23	~~39~~ 44	44	88	3	Reckons 106 in all.
—"— —"— —"— J.	32	24	~~55~~ +	65	110	2	" 125 " "
—"— —"— —"— K.	16	15	20	23	43	3	" 59 " "
—"— —"— —"— L.	30	28	48	53	101	2	
—"— —"— —"— M	30	24	46	34	80	1	
Nauxhall Walk (parts) Nos 68-90. 92. 94. 96. 98. 99-148.	74	99	184[3]	208	391	21	
	574	619	1234	1174	2408	71	

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Name of Street	No. of Houses or Tenements	No. of Families	Adults	Children	Together	Occupied but no responses	Remarks
Shaftesbury House Vauxhall Walk	10	10	21	22	43		
Cromwell House —"—	10	10	18	24	42		
Spring Gardens	15	36	63	99	162	1	
Vauxhall Mansions Land Street	95	88	168	245	413	5	
Land Street nos 12-16	5	12	23	39	62		
Hunt Street nos 1-24	24	40	68	109	177	8	
Catherine Street nos 1-68	67	69	127	231	358	5	
Jonathan St. nos 21-41	11	16	30	31	61	1	
Tyers St. nos 66-144	41	51	90	128	218	9	
Leopold St. nos 10-25	16	34	59	76	135	1	
	294	366	667	1004	1671	30	
Total of Sheet 1	574	619	1234	1174	2408	71	
Total as enumerated	868	985	1901	2178	4079	101	
Mrs Jackman's Estimate of Total	862	1089			4742 From which no response was obtained	These figures would include the 107 tenements	

Noted on Streets

Visitation

Hunt Street is now the worst part of the district. Catherine Street has gone down 50% during the time Mr J. has known it (10 yrs). Gunness Bldgs contain some of Doulton's men; carmen, labourers, postmen and coalmen. People are not supposed to have more than 25/- a week. A number of widows live in single rooms. Rent 3/3 a room. A mixed class; occasional rows at night. Albert Dwellings have been cleared & are occupied by a better class than formerly. Working people - 25/- to 30/-. Pleasant Cottages are now poorer than Anderson's Walk & more like Catherine Street.

The most crowded part of the district is The Terrace, Vauxhall Walk, where 15 & 16 people live in a house. Catherine Street 65 houses, 82 families & 409 persons. Mostly large families in the small houses. The objection to lodgers with children is strong. and people with large families must get a small house

This district Mr J. visits consecutively; covering the ground 4 & possibly 5 times in the year. Finds the people do not move much - no where to go.

The Caine Hall District

Rowdyism at night

He also knows the district between Vauxhall Street and the Thames, this being the area worked by Caine Hall, the streets east of Vauxhall Street being left to the Moffatt Institute. The streets of this district are rather poorer & more crowded than formerly & they have rows at night. The part of Vauxhall Street between Newburn Street & Tyers Terrace is exceptionally afflicted. The lads play here & after the publichouse is closed, they have lads & lasses dancing to the strains of a mouth organ & people standing about. The spot affords excellent facilities for getting away if the police come & Mr J. thinks this reason has something to do with its selection. Complaints have been made to the police & officers have been sent there, but as soon as they are withdrawn the nuisance re-commences. Mr Jackman slept at the mission for a fortnight to observe it. Now a petition is being signed by the inhabitants requesting "that steps may be taken to prevent the obscene language, singing, shouting and horseplay such as football, between the hours of 9pm & 1am, which is an everyday occurence" at that place.

Building used

Workers engaged

Meetings held.

Caine Hall consists of two private house, upon the back premises of which the Hall is built. It holds 200 (crammed); have a second hall seating 120 3 class rooms & caretakers apartments.

Have about 60 voluntary workers at Caine Hall & about 60 members of the Christian Union & of the Church.

The meetings held are as under:

CAINE HALL.

92 & 94, VAUXHALL STREET, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE.

City Missionary—Mr. R. JACKMAN, 323 Wandsworth Road, S.W.)

Sunday,	10.	Men's Meeting.
	10.45.	Children's Service, conducted by Mr. Goodchild.
	2.45.	Sunday School. Superintendent, Mr. Goodchild. Secretary, Mr. Brame.
	6.30.	Prayer and Singing before Service.
	7.	Service.
	8.15.	Open-air Service, foot of old Vauxhall Bridge.
Tuesday,	2.45.	Mothers' Meeting. Superintendent, Mrs. Caine.
Thursday	6.30	Band of Hope. Supt. Mr. Goodchild. Sec. Mrs. Brame. Assist. Sec., Mrs. Jackman.
	8.15.	Open-air Service, foot of old Vauxhall Bridge.
Saturday,	6.30.	Men's Slate Club.
	3.30.	Women's Slate Club.
	6.30.	Penny Bank.

Last month Mr Jackman wanted something to fill up the Magazine & so inserted a description of these meetings, which is affixed to the next page.

Notes on Meetings
from July "Wheatsheaf."

CAINE HALL,

92-94 Vauxhall St., Upper Kennington Lane.

President—Mr. W. S. CAINE, J.P. Hon. Supt.—RALPH JACKMAN, L.C.M.

Arrangements for July, 1899.

Preachers on Sundays.

2nd. 7 p.m. MR. R. JACKMAN.

9th. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

MORNING AT 11. **MR. O. L MILLARD.**

AFTERNOON AT 3. **MR. C. BRANSCOMBE.**

EVENING AT 7. **REV. V. J. CHARLESWORTH**

16th. 7 p.m. South London Evangelistic Band.

23rd. 7 p.m. MR. J. DENCHFIELD, L.C.M.

30th. 7 p.m. MR. R. KENT.

Tuesdays, 3 p.m. Women's Meeting.

4th. Mrs. J. HERBERT LEWIS.

11th. Mrs. J. HERBERT ROBERTS.

18th. Mrs. W. S. CAINE.

25th. Miss STOWELL BROWN.

Open-Air Meetings, Old Vauxhall Bridge, Sundays & Thursdays at 8.15 p.m., except the last Sunday in the Month.

N.B.—No Meeting on Wednesday until further notice.

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CAINE HALL.

92-94 VAUXHALL STREET.

We have to report that during the past month the work has gone on as usual. The various meetings have been very well attended considering the warm summer weather.

Perhaps it will be interesting to state the work from day to day during the week.

On Sunday, at 10 o'clock a.m., a number of men meet for prayer and praise and a refreshing time it is, and the promise is fulfilled, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." At 11 o'clock the men hold 2 or 3 short open-air meetings,—one Sunday on Mr. Jackman's District and the next Sunday on Mr. Denchfield's, in Vauxhall and Kennington respectively. Also at 11 o'clock, there is a Young People's Service in the Hall, conducted by Mr. Goodchild, and this is well attended. ~~90 to 100~~ Average 100 attendance.

At 3 p.m., the Sunday School meets, with over 200 scholars and 20 teachers. At 6.30 p.m., there is a short open-air meeting held in Vauxhall Street and also a short prayer meeting in the Hall.

At 7 p.m. the Mission Service is held in the Hall which is very well attended, and during the past month we have been favoured by visits from Mr. W. Snow, from Northampton, Mr. W. S. Caine, J.P., and also Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., who came for the first time on Sunday, the 25th, and gave us a rich spiritual address.

At 8.15 should the weather be favourable we hold an open-air service at Vauxhall Cross at the foot of the Old Bridge where we have had the largest audiences we have seen in Vauxhall.

On Monday at 7.30 the Brass Band meets for practice. ~~Just commenced~~

On Tuesday, at 3 p.m., the Mothers' Meeting is held. This meeting is not a large one, but the good feature about it is that those who attend come for spiritual good rather than temporal help and many have spoken of the helpful addresses given by the ladies who come to speak.

Every Wednesday at 8 p.m., since March, we have had a Lecture delivered preceded by a prayer meeting at 7.30. These lectures have been well attended and being on the question of Protestantism, show that the people of England will not have the priest to rule over them. The lectures will not be continued for the present, but will probably be resumed in the winter.

On Thursday, at 6.30, the Band of Hope meets under the Superintendence of Mr. Goodchild, and during the present quarter over 140 have joined as paying members. The teachers and workers have noticed that their leader in the children's work (Mr. Goodchild) needs absolute rest as he gives his only free evening in the week to this work, and they have urged him during the next 3 months to go into the country as much as possible instead of Vauxhall. This he has reluctantly consented to do, and we ask that the workers will rally to the work during his absence so that he may have no anxiety about it.

On Friday we have no meeting, but several of us join our friends at Wheatsheaf Hall at their weekly prayer meeting.

Saturday at 6.30 the Men's and Women's Slate Clubs meet and also the Penny Bank. The latter has been a great success, and much praise is due to Mr. A. E. Crawley for the way he has worked it up without any pecuniary gain.

In the winter months we have a Temperance Meeting at 8 p.m., from October to March.

50 men
60 women.

Average 120. Has nearly doubled within the past year.

Considerably over 200

Just commencing.

About 30

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JULY.

PREACHERS ON SUNDAYS.

2nd.	7 p.m.	Mr. R. Jackman.
9th.	11 a.m.	Mr. O. L. Millard.
,,	3 p.m.	Mr. C. Branscombe.
,,	7 p.m.	Rev. V. J. Charlesworth
16th.	7 p.m..	South London Evangelistic Band.
23rd.	7 p.m.	Mr. J. Denchfield, L.C.M.
30th.	7 p.m.	Mr. R. Kent.

TUESDAYS 3 p.m. WOMEN'S MEETING.

4th. Mrs. J. Herbert Lewis.
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18th. Mrs. W. S. Caine.
25th. Miss Stowell Brown.

Open-Air Meetings, Old Vauxhall Bridge, Sundays and Thursdays at 8.15 except the last Sunday in the month.

N.B.—No Meeting on Wednesdays until further notice.

Visitation

Have 15 visitors going to the houses west of Vauxhall Street. These ~~take~~ deliver 1500 copies of the "Wheatsheaf" to the houses each month.

Charitable Relief

Charitable Relief - "Nothing at all" "At least, it is not a public thing. Have a poor ~~box~~ box, started about 6 months ago, but amount received is very small (£3. 10. I think for 6 mths). Our audience is absolutely free from cadgers". In this Mr Jackman re-echoed Mr Caine & he went on to tell how the mothers paid for their own excursion ($\frac{3}{8}$d) & for their quarterly tea.

The Mothers

Most of these women were christians & they had a decided influence in the district. Brought other women to the meeting but they dropped off unless they were sincere. Have had 60 on the books. As against their small meeting, St Peters has 3 or 4 mothers meetings.

Other Religious Influences

Of the other churches:
St Peters was active.
Baptist (Vauxhall) not doing much
Wesleyans (Jonathan St) doing a good deal but not successful. Think the Sister has had to go.

Drunk

Prostitution

At Caine Hall, they have had some good cases of conversion. Thirteen of the workers have been converted this year. Have ~~had at~~ not lost many by removals. They generally move into better places as soon as they can but remain at the Hall. Finds that most of the people have listened at the open air meeting, some of them for years before coming to the Hall.

Drunk is the great evil of the district. The Black Dog, Vauxhall Walk & the John Bull, Ivers St, are bad houses. A policeman is on duty outside the latter from 6 pm.

No prostitution but irregular living.

Mr Jackman is doing a steady work here. He is well read in the Bible & this gives him the a power with the people, who admire his robust manly christian character.

Asking about Mr Caine's relation to the work, he practically confirmed my previous impression. Mr Caine pays the rent & the wool people fund the working expenses

July 11/99.

Revd D. Henderson, Minister of Regent Baptist Church, Ethelred Street, Lambeth.

Residence: 19 Mowbell Road, Sheatham Hill SW

In reply to ~~the~~ letter, Mr Henderson gave an appointment at his service time 8 to 9 pm. In reply to a second letter asking him to fix some other time when he could give a little time to the interview, Mr Henderson replied that he could not ~~could~~ gave the time on that evening & enclosed form, which is affixed to next page.

As the church is comparatively unimportant another date was not requested.

Mr Henderson is a young man & has been working here since 1895. The chapel seats 500 people and they have a Mission Hall in George Street.

The church has a membership of 62 Sunday School with 18 teachers and 189 scholars on the books. When Mr H. came the church made some effort to reach the people around by open air meetings and special meetings but does very little now & has but a small congregation.

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none

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.

none

(g) What Educational work is done?

2 ministers

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Ministers or District Visitors)

None

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?

our own poor Members

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

General Questions—

open air Services

(k) Under what other religious influences do the people come?

(l) What other charitable or philanthropic work is done, and what co-operation is there between the Churches and other bodies?

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

district changed a
poor: class members

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally

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Interview with Mr H. G. Turner.

Mr Turner is Private Secretary of the Rev. F. B. Meyer, the pastor of Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road. Mr Meyer, who is one of the busiest of men, asked us at all events to see Mr T. first, and him afterwards if necessary.

I had a very long interview with Mr T. but as he is a most discursive talker, and the work of the Church is probably the biggest thing of the kind in London my knowledge of detail is still not large. Finally I took a Report; Mr T. promised to send ~~me~~ me further literature, and to see me again if necessary after I had digested it. I incline to think that rather than see

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Mr T. again it will be advisable to see one at least of the other heads of this huge organisation.

The history of this famous church is given in the Report. It appears that for some years before Newman Hall's retirement in 1892 the church had been losing ground: Newman Hall did little beyond preach and for that he was "worn threadbare": the genuine membership was very small, and the present tremendous activity and success of the church is, according to Mr T., entirely due to Mr Meyer, though the old members would attribute it ~~to the~~ in great measure to the traditions of the church

My talk with Mr T. centred chiefly round the P. S. A. Brotherhood which has been

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and is his main work for the church.

But first as to the church and its services:- The names and addresses of members are given in the Report: since the death of Spurgeon the church draws from a wider area than any other church in South London. In Newman Hall's time the people were all well off, but Meyer has laid himself out especially to break down the class barrier and has brought numbers of the poor of the neighbourhood to the church: 1/3rd of the congregation Mr T. thinks ~~would b~~ would be working class, though the church is much hampered by the use of the Church of England prayers, which the poor, at first at all events, neither like nor understand. Mr Meyer has opened all the galleries free, and though in the body of

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The church seats not is paid for. the
seatholder is allowed to assess himself, and
Mr T. mentioned a pew where three successive
occupants were paying two guineas, £5 and £6
each for their seats. The church holds
2500: in the morning it is nearly always
full and often overflowing, in the morning the
average is about 1500. There are always
a number of strangers and visitors, especially
Americans at this time of year.

Has to the P. S. A. Brotherhood - it
has 700 on the books with an average
attendance of 500: it has been in existence
6½ years. and at the start every effort was
made to keep out those who were going
to any place of worship, and Mr T. says
that with very few exceptions those who have
joined have & been now church goers, and mostly

of the roughest class of working men: they are drawn from an area of about a mile from the church. The register is kept alphabetically: men are marked off each time and certificates or badges of some sort given for regular attendance: if a member is three absent he is looked up. The members including the Mayor are addressed as Brothers. The Mayor always presides, but there is a different speaker each Sunday: no subject except politics is forbidden, but what the whole basis is religious and what is professed by both managers and men is a plain Gospel address. A great point has been made of holding the meetings in the church: a much larger meeting might perhaps be gathered in some secular place, but Mayer's object has been to bring the working

man to church. Though not church goers when they first came many of the men have since joined Christ Church or other churches. From the P. S. A. have sprung an Institute and endless other activities, for which see Report, while numbers of the men have practically become Missionaries in their own district.

Though Mr Meyer originally enthused Mr T. he (Mr T.) is now I think the moving spirit of the P. S. A. He evidently lives for it: in order to take up the work he threw up a position when his salary was double what it is now, "but," he said "the last five years have been the happiest years of my life". He knows all the men, visits them in their homes, and has twelve of them living with him

Beyond a mention of the Sunday Schools with their 5000 scholars and 400 teachers, and

of the work of the Provincial Society, whose
chief operations extend from Lambeth to London
Bridge. We did not discuss any of the further
branches of the Church's work, but a good
deal of our talk dealt with the personality
of Mr Meyer. Mr T. was not connected
with the church before his time: he has
the most unbounded admiration for him,
and from his account his power of exciting
the enthusiasm of his congregation and workers
is immense. Though he does not take any
part in politics and refuses to label himself
politically he is "a thorough progressive" and
"practically a Christian Socialist": he is
"an intensely spiritually minded man" and
insists that all the social work shall be
done on a strictly religious basis: the whole
object of all their efforts is "to bring men

to salvation". Though some of the organisations connected with the church are of older creation the bulk of them have been due to Mr Meyer, who is the inspirer and guiding spirit of ~~the~~ all the work which centres at the church. Whereas Newman Hall only came from a distance to preach Meyer "is always on the job" and himself controls all the organisations, which all have to present monthly reports to him, and noticing is too small for his notice. Though at first many of the old members resented the new developments, and especially the P.S.A., he practically won them all over and has lost none: while he has developed a spirit of camaraderie between rich and poor which before was unknown. Mr T. noticed that whereas the church officers would at first scarcely

spoke to "that dreadful P.S.A. man" they
were now on the friendliest terms with him.

A good deal was said as to the
Free Church Council of the district which
"is practically Christ Church": according
to Mr T. they have closed 150
Brothels which they think have not reopened
in the district, and to almost punished
Stamford St: the neighbourhood of Waterloo
which ten years ago was "disgusting"
is now quite decent. As an instance of
the sort of thing which used to go on
Mr T. mentioned a case of a brothel which
was watched by agents of the Council, where
one woman, between 7 and 12 at night,
was seen to enter with 23 men. Mr
T. admitted that the Hotels and Coffee shops

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were still very bad, but the difficulty of getting sufficient evidence against them is very great: the Hotels make a practice of suggesting to a couple ~~[illegible]~~ who present themselves without luggage, that they have missed their last train from Waterloo and this is the regular fiction: thus though there is moral certainty as to the main use of the Hotels the solicitor of the Council advises that the evidence is not sufficient.

The Council to have rescued numbers of children from brothels: Mrs T. mentioned a case in Oxley St. where a brother and sister of about 10 used to sit at the door and take the money from the customers.

The Council have also been most active on the Temperance Question: have watched hawkers

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Christ Church,

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD.

Minister - - F. B. MEYER, B.A.

Order of Service, Hymns, &c.

5th Sunday after Trinity, *July* 2, 1899.

MORNING SERVICE.

It being the first Sunday in the month, we use the Communion Service (page 36).

Christ our Passover .. *Chants* 19 & 20.
Kyrie .. .. *Ancient Chant* in F.
Hymn 564 .. .. *Tune* 189.*
Hymn 476 .. .. *Tune* 131.*
Hymn 471 .. *Tune* (in M.S.) 24.

The Communion is open to all Christians.

EVENING SERVICE (Page 23).

Hymn 411 (to v. 5) .. *Tune* 242.*
Responses (Ferial) .. .. *Tallis.*
Psalms 12 & 13 .. *Chant* 94.
Magnificat (p. 26) } *Haynes* in E flat.
Nunc Dimittis (p. 28) }
Anthem "As pants the hart" *Spohr.*
Hymn 275 .. .. *Tune* 34.*
Hymn 506 .. .. *Tune* 77.**

* *Hymns A. & M.* ** *Congre. Psalmist.*

A Collection for Church Expenses before Sermon.

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Church Services	11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
P.S.A. (Men only)	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School*	9.30 a.m. & 2.45 p.m.
Children's Service*	11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Bible Classes for Young Men and Women* ..	3.0 p.m.
Tea (open to all) 4d. each	5.0 p.m.

* *Held in Hawkstone Hall, adjacent to the Church. (Entrance in Kennington Road.)*

The Lord's Supper is held on the morning of every Sunday, except the last in the month, when it is held after the Evening Service. *Open to all Christians.*

For the **Dedication of Children, Baptisms** and **Marriages**, apply to the Pastor.

If you attend the Church regularly, please procure the Service Book and Hymnal from the Verger. Price 2s. 6d. If you can sing you can also get copies of the Te Deum and Evening Service.

F. R. GRIFFITHS, Organist.

Special Notes for the Week.

The Meetings on this page are held in the Hawkstone Hall, unless notice is given to the contrary. (Entrance from Kennington Road.)

Mon.—2.30—Women's "At Home."
4.0—The Pastor will be glad to see any who desire to speak with him. *Enter by door in Westminster Bridge Road.*
6.30—Elders' Meeting.
7.15—Officers' Meeting.
8.0—The **Prayer Meeting** in the Lower Hall.
9.15—C. E. Council in Committee Room.

Tues.—Our Floral Festival. This is one of the great days of our Church's history, and everyone should make an effort to be there, either to the tea (1/-), or to the meeting in the Church afterwards. *See bills for particulars.*

Wed.—7.30—The Pastor will visit the Band of Hope.
8.0—Mr. Benson's Mission Service.
8.0—Boys' Brigade.
8.15—Y. P. S. C. E. Consecration Meeting in the Lower Hall.
8.0—B.W.T.A. Meeting in Large Hall.

Thurs.—12.0—**Service & Sermon.**
1.0—Luncheon, *open to all*, 1/- each.

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Thur. *(continued)*—
6.0—Trustees' Meeting.
7.0—Benevolent Society.
7.0—Girls' "At Home," in Hawkstone Hall. *All young women invited.*
7.0—Junior C.E. Prayer Meeting in the Tower.
8.0—Intermed. C. E. Prayer Meeting in the Tower.
9.0—**P.T.E.** in the Church. The Pastor will speak on "The Charge of the Life Brigade."
Fri.—8.0—**Bible Reading** by the Pastor.
8.30.—Stewards in the Tower.
Sat.—C.E. Excursion to Windsor and Wraysbury.
7.0—Prayer Meeting in Tower.
8.0—**P.S.E.** for Everybody.

Sunday, July 9th.
11.0 & 6.30—Usual Services.
3.30—P.S.A. (men only) in the Church. Speaker, Mr. HUNT.
8.15—Young Women's Meeting. An Address by Miss OSMASTON.

Tuesday, July 11th.
Sunday School Excursion to Worthing. The Pastor hopes to preach there at 3 p.m.

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I have placed with the papers a copy of Mr Meyer's "Reveries and Realities" the greater part of which is an account of his work at Christ Church. It is interesting and important, and should be read with this interview and Report.

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SOUTH-WEST LONDON MISSION.

The Lambeth schoolroom was well filled on Monday to give a hearty welcome to the two new ministers. Mr. Spencer, the senior steward, took the chair, and was supported by his colleague, Mr. Riseborough. After the representatives from the various branches of the mission had spoken, Mr. Spencer in a few well-chosen words extended the hand of welcome, on behalf of the whole mission, to Rev. Robert Browell and Rev. Edwin A. Spear. The latter, in gratefully acknowledging the kindness shown him, said that it had done much to make him feel quite at home amongst them, and urged upon the friends to make themselves known to him, and that the members should do all to welcome strangers who found their way into their pews, and that all should be loyal and true to the work of God. Rev. Robert Browell, in replying, thanked them for their hearty reception, and said he felt sure they were on the eve of a great revival, and that the previous Sunday's services had been but the droppings of the shower that was coming, and he should not rest satisfied until they had conversions every Sunday night. He expressed his intense interest with the young people, and assured them that his hand and his heart were theirs. The meeting was of a very enthusiastic character. Methodist Times Sept 14. 99

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Interview with Rev. J. Surman Cook, Lambeth Wesleyan Mission, Lambeth Chapel, ~~Wesleyan~~ Lambeth Road.

Mr Cook is a man of about 60: intelligent face; white hair and beard: looks rather weary and worn. There is a portrait of him in the Report. He has been here for 2 years, and is I believe soon going.

Mr C. ~~[illegible]~~ gave us only half an hour for an interview. As it was he came in to me twenty minutes late and I was only able to secure him for 25 minutes. I therefore thought best to make our talk quite general, trusting to the Report for details. Mr C's lateness and

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Curtailment of our interview was due not to any desire to shirk us but to mere lack of time. He was most friendly and spoke most warmly of our work and of the great assistance it had been to him: "Whenever I want to stick a man with a statistic" he said "I always quote Charles Booth".

This is one of the old Wesleyan Churches which once had it's carriage congregation, and had gradually been left stranded by the outward flow. On Mr Cook's arrival it was determined to carry it on purely on Mission lines. Things are now to some extent in a state of transition, and the Mission has been much hampered for want of funds, but

Mr C. speaks in the most hopeful way of the work. In common with the other Wesleyan Missions the greatest stress is laid on social work as the only means of getting the people to ~~x~~ religious observance. Mr C. said, almost in the words of Mr Howard in the East End "We must attend to their bodies first: if we don't what will they think of our Christianity?"

As at the other Missions great reliance is placed on the work of the Sisters, of whom there are three constantly visiting in the district. Mr C. said that owing to want of funds not much was given in relief, and that great caution had to be exercised owing to the attempts at

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imposture.

It will be seen from the Report that while the Chapel was being renovated services were held at the Canterbury and here as many as 1700 attended: in the Chapel the morning congregation is still very small, but in the evening there are from 500 to 600, and it is constantly growing. Mr C's experience at the Canterbury has convinced him that numbers will go to such a place who will not at first enter a chapel, and he is anxious to see the churches securing all the theatres and music halls for such a purpose: the essential of success for such work is that it should not be left to "Tom, Dick and Harry", but should be backed

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and followed up by the organisation of a great church. Mr C's experience of evangelical work in East London with Lord Shaftesbury convinced him that mere preaching in big halls which is not followed up is of little use.

The regular Sunday School of the church is small but it is in the main a relic of the old regime and consists of the children of old Wesleyans. But a Mission Service for children is held on Sunday evening with from 400 to 500 in attendance, nearly all of a rough class, who are being gradually trained for the regular Sunday School.

Mr C. spoke of Drink as far the greatest hindrance to their work: "it's smear

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is our everything" he said. Drunkards were constantly being reclaimed and as constantly falling away again, and the number who are permanently reclaimed is very ~~small~~ small. "The churches" he said "can do little till the drinking is reduced" and the only hope is with the children, who are being taught temperance principles much more systematically now than at any previous period: Mr C. believes that in 10 years the effect will be seen in a tremendous feeling for temperance.

Another great difficulty of the district is ~~for~~ prostitution: Stamford St is in the circuit, and swarms with brothels of the lowest kind, mainly conducted by foreigners, with foreign prostitutes. A good deal of

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Rescue work is done by the sisters and workers, not so much among them women, as among girls who have just entered the life, or are in danger of doing so.

Of other agencies in the district Mr C. spoke of Mr Meyer's chapel as for the greatest influence: "in fact" he said "their organisation is so complete as to make it difficult for others." The Free Church Council, with Mr Meyer at its head, is unusually active and takes a great part in all social questions: they have closed 3 or 4 brothels, and ~~prevent~~ prevented the granting of 16 licenses. As to the brothels great difficulty is experienced owing to the fact that several

ness to do all in their power to aid it. Many of them have already sent most interesting letters from their stations, and have promised to write quarterly. After many careful inquiries, I find the expense of multiplying these letters for distribution to the representatives in the several Parliaments will be so considerable that I am anxious, if possible, to get it done gratuitously. I am, therefore, asking the Guild Parliaments to undertake the copying of one letter a quarter, furnishing me with one hundred copies. It has occurred to me that several of our young men and women—especially such as are typewriters or have copying machines of any sort—might be willing and glad to help our Missionary Society in this way, giving their time and trouble in the service of Jesus Christ. If a penny saved is a penny gained, our young people might in this way contribute annually between ten and twenty pounds to the missionary cause. If those who are willing to help in the multiplication of these letters will kindly send me their names and addresses, I will forward them a letter once a quarter, together with the paper upon which to copy it. —With kind regards, I am, yours ever sincerely,

(Rev.) J. Henry Greeves.

3, Shalston-villas, Surbiton, Surrey.

THE DECAY OF FAMILY WORSHIP.

Sir,—Your leader of last week deals with one of the most important subjects, as it affects the real interest of our Church and family life. My own personal experience in many so-called "good families" in Methodism causes me to believe that you have not overstated the case against the systematic neglect of family worship. How can it be remedied? I don't think the neglect arises altogether from a desire to avoid the duty, for it brings its own punishment in the shape of an uneasy conscience. I rather imagine that the difficulty of "freshness" in our petitions is a considerable item. Our young people are now better educated, and more quickly notice repetitions which make them to know what is coming next. This consciousness somewhat cripples the father, who generally is responsible. I know the reply. If we were what we ought to be, then the words would be lost in the spirit. But, unfortunately, we are not always in the "praying spirit." Circumstances militate against it, and we must take facts as they are. This is my suggestion—Let our Conference be instructed to prepare a suitable book of "prayers for family worship," and our people encouraged to use it under certain circumstances. The Church would help us when we were weak, and when we did not require the help we could on those occasions dispense with it. I don't think we need fear that it would weaken our power of extempore prayer, but would certainly assist those of us who really desire to "order our families aright." This might help, even if it did not cure.

"A Guilty Father."

[As we stated in our leading article last week, the Conference Office has already provided a "suitable book of prayers for family worship," and those who find our correspondent's difficulty should hasten to obtain this book.—Ed. *M. T.*]

LITANY FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

Dear Sir,—You deserve the hearty thanks of your readers for calling attention to Dr. Downes's "Litany for our Soldiers." It supplies a great want. Hitherto the Church of England has had the advantage of one or more hymns appropriate to the uppermost question of the hour, an advantage which has wisely been made the most of. Let me recommend Sunday-school superintendents to introduce this "Litany" into their schools, and use it every Sunday afternoon during the

A SUNDAY EVENING AT LAMBETH.

("Methodist Times" Special.) Feb. 22/1900

It was a wet and dreary Sunday upon which I wended my way to attend the service in that historic sanctuary in Lambeth-road. The morning opened out in an ominous way, for sleet and snow fell from the break of day until well on to noon. But the evening, if anything, was worse, as the streets in South London, like everywhere else in the metropolis, had become one attenuated puddle.

Passing the noble pile of Christ Church, and going along the Kennington-road, I turned into the thoroughfare where the new South-west London Mission is to be found. As I looked at the venerable sanctuary, I could not help the reflection that had it been built on the site of the new Lambeth Baths, which stand conspicuously at the corner of the two roads, what a magnificent site it would have occupied! There is just a suggestion of heaviness and gloom about the chapel, as though not yet recovered from its long period of adversity. Becoming critical, I ejaculated, "Light, more light," as I walked through the gates; but remembering that this branch of the London Mission is not six months old, I concluded that this necessary adjunct of success had not been overlooked by the friends hard at work there. A big board in front of the chapel informed passers-by of the programme for the day. This was the legend:—

Evening, 6.45.—Rev. R. Browell.

Subject: "The Speech from the Throne."

Although I was rather early, the congregation was rapidly assembling, and by the time the preacher had ascended the pulpit stairs the spacious chapel was nearly full. Later I observed that the corners were the only spaces not filled.

What a change since the last visit I paid to Lambeth Chapel! In spite of faithful ministrations and arduous toil the congregations had diminished, and the place wore a deserted and woe-begone appearance. Now everything is brightness itself. The singing, led by a good choir, was hearty and "congregational," and the whole service was most uplifting and reverent.

Mr. Browell is evidently a preacher abreast of the times, and one who does not entirely close his eyes to passing events. His remarks, always forceful and apt, bristled with quotations, and in his handling of current modern substitutes for Scriptural regeneration, his denunciations were fine and fierce. The "Speech from the Throne"—taken from Rev. xxi. 5, was, "He that sat upon the throne said, 'Behold I make all things new.'" After a passing reference to the Queen's Speech, the preacher proceeded to deal with the greater speech, and in a picturesque fashion showed God's way of making all things new, by making a new manhood, a new society, a new world. The congregation listened with deep interest, and was a standing rebuke to the notion that the poor to-day will not receive preaching that entails *thinking*.

As I came out I talked to some of the old *habitués* of Lambeth, and rejoiced to hear their unanimous declarations that with them as a Church "all things had been made new." One said that not for forty years had the pulpit been so well filled as at present, and another averred that the progress was solid and real, and the kind that made for permanence.

There is a bright future for the South-West London Mission, and I predict an absolute necessity for a speedy enlargement of the premises in Lambeth-road.

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of the authorities are thanks, "book
lines" and out of sympathy with the
extra piety of Nonconformity.

Though the Rev Church Council has
allotted districts to each church, that is
merely with the object of visiting, that no
district is left unvisited, and then it
has expected not to work in one
another's district. "We could not limit
ourselves down to that." said Mr C.
"we must go for a cat which comes
under our notice wherever it is situated."

Mr C. spoke well of the work
of the Rev at Lambeth Parish Church
"though he is not so keen as he might be
on social matters."

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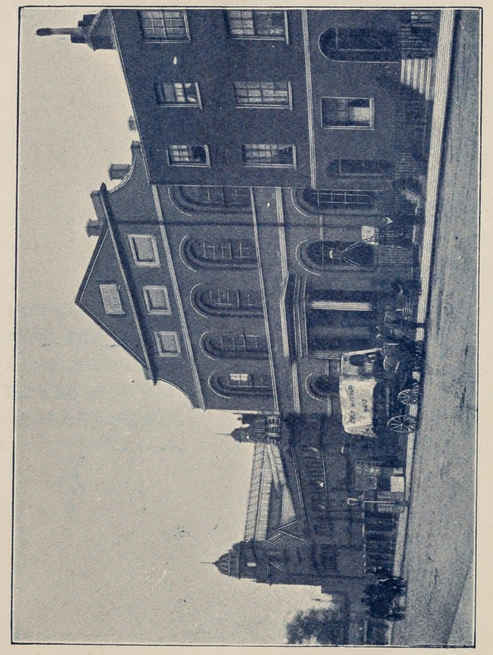

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Anniversary Services.

Sunday & Tuesday, March 4th & 6th, 1900.

SUNDAY, 11.0. REV. G. TALALUN NEWTON.
3.0. REV. E. A. SPEAR (Young People's Service).
6.45. REV. ROBERT BROWELL.

TUESDAY, 12.0. DEVOTIONAL MEETING. Address by REV. DINSDALE T. YOUNG.
JAS. E. VANNER, ESQ., will preside.

1.30. LUNCHEON IN SCHOOLROOM, 2s. each.
Chairman: LIEUT.-COL. FORD, L.C.C.
Supported by REV. J. H. RIGG, D.D.,
REV. WALFORD GREEN,
HENRY HOLLOWAY, ESQ.
and others.

3.30. SISTERHOOD MEETING.
Addresses by MRS. PRICE HUGHES,
SISTER MARGARET (West London Mission), and
SISTER MARY.
MRS. J. H. LILE will preside.

5.0. PUBLIC TEA IN SCHOOLROOM, 6d. each.

6.30. TESTIMONY MEETING. REV. W. H. LAX.

7.30. GREAT PUBLIC MEETING.
Speakers: REV. H. PRICE HUGHES, M.A.
REV. J. TOLEFREE PARR,
REV. W. D. WALTERS,
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REPORT.

A Retrospect.

Old Lambeth Chapel has a history which is unique in the annals of our Church in London. It is, indeed, the Mother of Methodism on the South Side of the Thames. Built in the early part of the present century, it was for many years the rallying place of a noble band of men and women whose names are written large in the records of Metropolitan Methodism. From year to year the Society developed increasing vitality, and from the force of an abundant life became the prolific Mother of Churches which have grown into some of the most important Circuits in the Connection.

A Change.

But the times have changed. Where once gardens and fields abounded, you have interminable lengths of street and road, with a labyrinth of alley and court, and where once dwelt the prosperous city merchant and his family in a house suggestive of luxury, you have three or four families in the same house, under conditions that point to struggle and poverty. Wherever you go you are confronted with indisputable evidences of mercantile activity. All this implies that whilst the poor remain with us in overwhelming numbers, the well-to-do classes have moved out to the suburbs.

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A Study.

Nothing is more pathetic in the study of the changed social conditions of our time, than that aspect of things that presents the venerable sanctuary—once the bulwark of strength—as a mere hulk stranded upon the rocks of a godless and indifferent population. The sea is there, but under ordinary conditions, the tide does not rise high enough to float her upon its sustaining strength. It is at once thought-provoking and suggestive.

A Moral.

Does it not suggest—to change the figure—that with the changing times there should be a greater mobility in the Church? Every human interest adapts itself to the spirit of the age, and in that adaptation finds its own salvation. Where you have the deserted sanctuary you generally have the prosperous gin-palace! Both nations and churches have to learn that when one method of warfare becomes archaic—however successful it may have been in the past—it must be abandoned for that which is more serviceable to-day.

An Awakening.

Thank God our Church has awakened to the new condition of things. With a brave heart and resolute will she has set herself to remedy the mistakes of the past. This spirit is happily found in the latest addition to the great London Mission. Lambeth is renewing its youth. The workers have found inspiration and hope in association with an organisation that has everywhere, by the power of Christ, brought joy and salvation to thousands, and a new life to Churches that formerly languished.

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The Problem Stated.

What is the state—morally and spiritually—of the people in the area of the South-West London Mission? Some one has said "London is England's soul shrunk to a skeleton." This is profoundly and tragically true, and needs only a few plain facts to bring out all the sad and subtle significance of the dark saying. Not only is the physical poverty of tens of thousands about us terrible and acute, but the moral and spiritual poverty is worse. Multitudes have no religious history. They are practically Atheists. Not that they deny the existence of God, but they live as though He did not exist. They are not antagonistic to the Gospel, but worse, an appalling indifference has crept over their souls, which practically makes them unreachable by the ordinary means. They never dream of entering the house of God, but they crowd into the Halls where Sunday Concerts are provided, with all their pernicious influences. They are "lovers of pleasure more than God."

"Son of a Lambeth Publican."

One of the most hopeful features in dealing with the thousands of South London, is the industrial element that has come to live in its area. As the West End is the recognised haunt of the gay and vicious, so the South-West has become practically the workshop of the Metropolis. Whilst we have the poor in great number and variety, a large proportion are of the regular wage-earning class—true those earnings are often small—but the man who best appreciates the Gospel is he who knows the moral bracing and physical blessing of honest toil. Rudyard Kipling has taken in the situation perfectly. Among the thousands who are fighting for their country you will find the type represented by "the son of a Lambeth publican."

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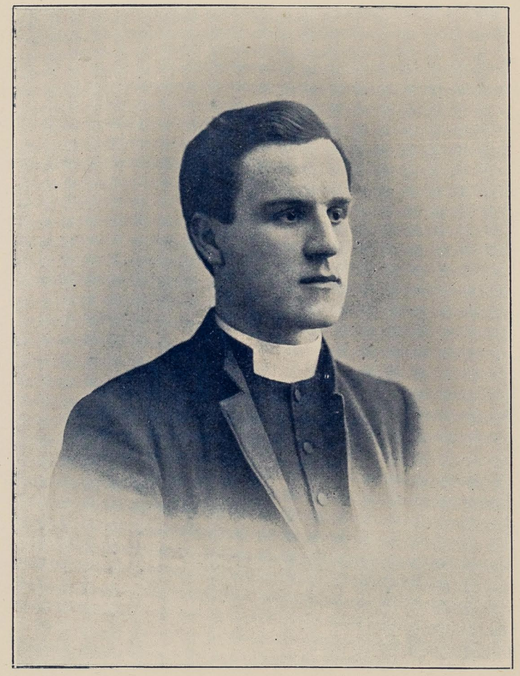
He makes an admirable soldier of the Queen. In the piping times of peace he may be boisterous and rough, but there is stored away immense latent energy. He is alert, brave, strong. And that is the man who makes a grand soldier of the Cross. Give him his opportunity—tell him of the love of the "Strong Son of God"—and he will be as heroic in the service of the Prince of Peace as of his Country and his Queen. These are the people amongst whom our Church has won her greatest triumphs. Shall she fail now? "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save."

Our Programme.

These, then, are our constituents. What are we doing? In what way do we propose to improve and save them? First and foremost we place the preaching of the Gospel of a Crucified Saviour. We believe that the Gospel is the only remedy for man's sin. And we believe also that it can be presented as to be so attractive that the man in the street will prefer it rather than the evanescent joys of the world. The history of the past few months is sufficient warrant for our faith. The Chapel is rapidly filling, constantly we see men and women seeking Christ, and on every hand the work is developing and spreading.

In the work of the ministry I am most ably and energetically supported by my colleague, the Rev. E. A. Spear. The Lay Agents and Sisters are doing excellently, whilst the work done by the voluntary officers is beyond praise. In every part of the Mission we have a most devoted and capable staff of helpers, who with singular unanimity and enthusiasm are labouring for the masses around them. Thanks to the good foundation laid by our predecessors, the work, although now colossal in its proportions, has been rendered much easier, and the ground cleared for definite aggressive enterprise.



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The Work of Conversion.

Our hope for the existence of our Mission Church depends upon the constant accession to our numbers of those who have been brought to see their need of Christ as their Saviour. Without this we could not continue to live, and it must always dominate our thought and inspire our effort. Our mission is to seek and to save that which was lost. Conversions are constantly taking place, and we are doing our utmost "to conserve and strengthen the spiritual life of our new converts."

Besides our Preaching Services and weekly Prayer Meetings we have 38 Society Classes, a powerful Wesley Guild, Sunday Schools, Mission Bands, Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes, which are all in a flourishing condition and highly appreciated by our young people.

Auxiliary Forces.

But we recognise that certain auxiliary forces to the plain preaching of the Gospel are indispensable in leading men and women to a life of sobriety and godliness. We are constantly inculcating the value of thrift among people who at any moment may be plunged into deep poverty by loss of work through accidents, strikes, and other causes. We have

Slate Clubs,
Penny Bank,
Temperance Societies,
Bands of Hope,
Mothers' Meetings,
Dorcas Society,
Maternity Society,
Visiting Association,
Tract Society,
Girls' Clubs,
Boys' Clubs,
Boys' Brigades,
Pleasant Saturday
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Temperance Work.

The Drink Fiend is here in great force and *éclat*. He occupies the best sites and smilingly entices the working man into his power. By means of teaching the young to shun the public-house, and going out to rescue the victims of the drink curse, we are doing something to mitigate the evil most flagrant in our midst.

Save the Children.

Whilst there may not be much hope for the besotted aged drunkard, we are aiming at the salvation of the children. How they appeal to our hearts! During the Winter we provide Free Breakfasts for the poor waifs of the streets. Already over 3,000 good meals have been given, the funds being supplied by the Children's Aid Society. We are glad to see how the children know us, and in the streets we are good friends. God save the children!

Sunday Schools.

No mention of our work amongst the children would be complete without giving a place to the Sunday Schools. They are worked by a noble band of men and women, and are a conspicuous success. Some of our best energies are devoted to Sunday School labour, and it is sure to bring a good return. We have dedicated one small Mission Hall entirely to children's work. Topaz Street is now known as the Children's Mission.

Mr. R. Spencer
(Circuit Steward).

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Open-Air Services.

Believing in the principle that "if the mountain won't go to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain," we have gone out into the streets with the invitation of the Gospel. By this means many who had a mistaken antipathy to the house of God, have been led into it, and pledges have been signed and souls saved as the result.

OUR BRANCHES.

Stamford Street.

This locality is one of the sorest problems of the the social reformer. In it are to be found some of the most vicious characters in all the metropolis. The name has become a synonym for vice of the lowest and most brutal type. Thank God, our Mission-Church in Stamford Street is a living protest against the works of the Devil. The work of the New Cut has been transferred to this Branch, and this concentration of forces has already borne fruit and justified the union.

Vauxhall.

This is a centre of Church life that is beset with peculiar difficulties. Our brethren there are doing their duty under conditions that demand the most ardent faith and untiring industry. Especially prosperous is the work among the children, and there is an upward movement in every department. We are looking for showers of blessing.

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Clifton Street.

This part of the Mission was taken over as the result of the recent action of Conference, when Stockwell Circuit was divided and merged into others. There is a most earnest and healthy remnant at work and doing well. At the delightful initiative of the Second London District, one of the most enterprising in the Connexion, a large and attractive Hall is to be built, when our friends will have ample room to carry on all the work of a great Mission.

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION.

As our readers will observe from the foregoing statement our prospects are exceedingly bright. We have everywhere an open door. But we cannot be ignorant of the fact that largely the measure of our means will be the measure of our success. The people of the Mission have done nobly. They have contributed to the utmost extent of their power.

During the past two or three years all the Chapels have been thoroughly renovated. We now find ourselves greatly embarrassed owing to our limited financial resources. The task of evangelising this vast area without substantial outside help is hopeless.

It will be obvious to our friends that to attempt any financial statement after an existence of only five months would be impossible. We shall remedy this omission at the end of the current financial year, when a complete statement and list of contributions will be published.

To meet our immediate requirements we must have

ONE THOUSAND POUNDS.

To pay debit balances on the various accounts of the Lambeth Circuit up to August 31st, 1899 - - - - - - - -	£700 0 0
To pay debit balance on Mission account up to date - - - - - - - -	£300 0 0
	£1000 0 0

To turn our unique opportunities into glorious actualities, we confidently appeal to our friends for help. Please send us your promise or contribution, if possible, by the morning of the Anniversary.

ROBERT BROWELL.

32 Durand Gardens,
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REV. E. A. SPEAR.

Lay Agents :

MR. G. S. SMITH,
MR. THOMAS WILD.

Sisters of the People.

SISTER MARY,
SISTER GRACE,
SISTER DONALDSON.

Treasurer :

MR. T. J. RISEBOROUGH.

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A Difficult Beginning.

WE are glad to give a brief account of fifteen months' struggle and success in the work at Lambeth. The problem to be faced in the rescue of this historic Chapel from failure and its organization as a **Mission Centre** was difficult indeed. The Report in the Conference Blue Book gave the average congregation as, dwindled to 150. The City Road of South London Methodism—the Mother of Circuits on this side of the Thames—had, in spite of faithful ministries and faithful service, become the despair of the Second London Synod; yet it stands **central for a vast population** and ought to be one of the great soul-saving sanctuaries of South London.

We began by shutting it up, and rallied all our forces for a campaign in the Canterbury Theatre. From a thousand to seventeen hundred people gathered to hear the Gospel, and the first-fruits of Lambeth Mission were found **seeking the Lord** in the ante-room of this popular Music Hall.

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The Altered Chapel.

WITH many prayers and some heart tremblings, we returned to commence the year 1898 in the renovated Chapel, with its new Rostrum and re-seated gallery. We knew from past experience of London work that crowds that will fill a popular hall are shy of Chapels and Churches, and specially of those which have become discredited and forsaken, but to our great joy, **a good congregation** followed us from the "Canterbury." A brightened service, with all seats in the gallery and all unoccupied seats in the body free at the hour of service, has, with a clear message of present salvation, proved successful.

Our Sunday night congregation is a **resurrection from the dead,** and the problem, how to fill our old chapels, is being steadily solved in "Old Lambeth," while in our after meetings and monthly "Social Hours" we have been cheered by results which will, as the work grows, not only give us a full Chapel but also a full Church.

A Trial of Faith.

NO small difficulty in facing the work at Lambeth was in the utterly forsaken condition of the two other chapels assigned by the Conference as Mission Branches, and **only one Minister** for three Chapels and two Halls. The President's list happily supplied the valued help of Rev. W. H. Spencer during the early part of the year, and since Conference, the earnest services of Rev. W. Rowley have been greatly blessed, and his diligent care of the work during the Superintendent's illness is beyond praise. This serious illness, as is known to most who read this report, occurred just at the most critical time in the development of the work. But the many prayers which ascended for the Minister and the Mission were wonderfully answered. The success, in so short a time, we now thankfully report, in spite of three months' break, stamps the work as **of God,** while the sympathy and zeal awakened and the faithful service rendered in so difficult a time was "the bright light that is in the cloud."

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"I will build the old waste places."

THE Local Preachers and the faithful remnant at each place willingly responded to proposals for work on new lines. Renovation schemes for each place was boldly faced, and a financial effort of nearly two thousand pounds inaugurated by the Committee. New heart was put into the work which had appeared hopeless.

Stamford Street Chapel, in an area between the Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges (noted for immorality and ungodliness) has been renovated and made a Mission Centre, and **Vauxhall**—verily the **dead sea** of an ancient Methodism—but in the midst of a dense population of working men, has been turned into a Mission Hall, and is rejoicing in new life and possibilities. The Treasurer of the Mission has generously borne the expense of a Sister of the People for this area, and SISTER EMMA HARRISON, who both sings and tells the message of salvation, is successfully at work.

"Let down your Nets."

A WOMEN'S **"At Home"** and a Saturday night Gospel Temperance Concert, ably conducted by Mr. Sam. Brown, have been successfully organized. A Men's Club is in formation. The workman's blocks of buildings are visited. These blocks often contain more people than are found in our country villages: some of them as many as in a small country town.

Topaz Street Hall, already the scene of earnest mission work, is now supplied on Sunday nights by our Lay Agent, **Mr. J. S. Smith. Lantern Services** have attracted the people and a new class is being formed. **Sister Donaldson,** from the Domestic Mission Committee, is visiting the poor and sick, and getting the Scriptures into prayerless homes in the purlieus of Lambeth Walk. Sunday morning Open-air Services during hours of worship have been held in the midst of the Sunday market, and again in the afternoon by Mr. J. S. Smith and willing helpers. We hope to add to these agencies a **Market Mission Stand** for the sale of the Scriptures and pure literature.

New Cut.

now 'to let'
work concentrated
in Stamford's

The New Cut.

In this well-known thoroughfare with its Sunday market and crowded surroundings, we have planted a **new Mission** which promises to be a great blessing. Through the liberality of two ladies in the north of England, who are "God's remembrances" in prayer for us, a Hall, with rooms for social work, and beds for rescue cases has been secured. Mr. Thos. Wild, for many years in the police force is our Lay Agent, and has gathered a band of workers round him.

Strange characters are found in the Sunday evening services. Souls are being saved. Once a month a **mid-night meeting** is held, and fallen ones have been sent to their friends or to Homes. The Hall is used for **Cripple Classes,** conducted by ladies of a neighbouring Settlement. Temperance meetings are held weekly. Free Breakfasts for starving children are being organized, and when increased funds are forthcoming, a Sunday meal for "Out-of-Work" cases will be arranged.

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Compel them to Come In!

THE most important work of this early stage has been to organize the discouraged remnant left at Lambeth, and these other forsaken centres, and to inspire new workers for a determined effort to fill the Chapels.

Forty District Visitors with Miss Wright as their earnest Secretary, and fifty wayside workers, have taken Friendly Greetings and cards of invitation to a **thousand families** in their rooms and houses every week, and to thousands of men and women in the streets and courts, so many of whom never enter God's house.

Waysiders.

By the liberal use of **printer's ink** we have made it known that Lambeth Chapel is a Centre of life and salvation. The Sisters and the Lay Agents of the Mission meet the Ministers for prayer at 10 o'clock at the Chapel before going to their daily work in carefully selected districts for visitation. These Seasons of intercession have been greatly blessed to us in the midst of difficult work.

Socialism and Sunday Concerts.

DURING a course of Socialistic Lectures, by Mr. Tom Mann, in the neighbouring Lambeth Baths, scores were, by earnest invitation, brought to Chapel and heard of the true **Christian Socialism** which alone can reconstruct human society. One of the grave difficulties of our Evangelism is the **dream of Socialism** and the bitterness between Capital and Labour. Sunday Concerts have now taken the place of these Lectures, and our workers take care that the throng who crowd to these shall be earnestly invited by cards and personal word to our services.

The Potteries and Gas Works on the banks of the Thames, and the builders' yards and engineering shops have been visited at the dinner hour by Mr. Smith and the Sisters. Twenty thousand tracts have been given away. Our Sunday evening services are never without some strangers "within our gates," won by personal touch. With a larger staff much more of this work could be done. "The harvest truly is great."

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Two Millions who never Worship.

AN earnest Mission Band, under the leadership of Mr. Walker and Mr. Deeley, with banners and Brass Band have held regular services in the open-air, and the gospel has been preached in triangles and court-yards of Industrial Buildings, hundreds listening on the terraces and at the windows of these blocks of buildings with marked attention.

Under the Sky.

Results of this work in highways and bye-ways have constantly encouraged us. From **Rowton House,** in three instances, men have been won by the invitation, and have found Christ in the Chapel. Two of these had not entered a place of worship for years. One of the first converts was a young man who **followed the band** to the evening service and found Christ. From the Embankment, young women, whose Sunday evenings were spent in aimless walks, have been won to the Sanctuary.

Streets and Lanes of the City.

Temperance Crusade.

NEXT to preaching the gospel, the most important efforts of our Mission have been to win young and old to Total Abstinence. Three of our centres have **Saturday Nights for the People** successfully started. Music, songs, coffee, and straight talk are the *rôle*. Pledges are taken at each meeting, a willing band of young men help **Mr. Sinnock,** our enthusiastic Secretary.

The Bands of Hope now number over 400 members. We have enrolled 300 adults who have signed the pledge. Following Temperance Sunday, a week's Crusade, with Open-Air Demonstration greatly helped the work. The Dervishes of the accursed drink traffic are more cruel, and slay more bodies and souls in this neighbourhood than the Dervishes of the Soudan desert. No pen can write the horrors of drink that we meet constantly on our work.

Drink Dervishes.

We shall not rest until the whole membership of the Lambeth Mission are abstainers, and are united in a holy crusade against this most deadly foe.

Abstaining Membership.

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Social Work.

WE have an encouraging record of Social Work, only limited for want of funds. Three new Mothers' Meetings have been organised in addition to one already successfully conducted by Mrs. Warth, and we hope to have hundreds of women in these meetings helped and taught the love of Christ every week. Our three Slate Clubs, one conducted by Mr. Hinds at Lambeth, and another by Mr. Riseborough at Vauxhall, and at Stamford Street by Mr. J. Saunders, number over 580.

Mothers' Rest.

Two companies of the **Boy's Brigade** have been formed. The boys in the street are being reached, and saved from becoming the "Hooligans" and criminals of our crowded population.

The Boy and the Street.

On New Year's Eve a Meat Tea was provided for 100 men and women out of work, and on Boxing-day an "Old People's Party" was given to the aged poor. On our Saturday nights at the Pleasant Evenings for the People, Coffee is served at a charge of half-penny a cup.

Out of Work.

The Dorcas Society has been re-organized by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Hosking.

Our Young People.

MONTHLY Sunday Night **Social Hours** are held for young people. A very successful Young Men's Class is conducted by Miss Challanger. Our **Wesley Guild** on Friday nights is growing in numbers and interest. A Girl's Club and Young Women's **"At Home"** are being organized, and have been generously provided for by the kindness of Mrs. Robert Perks. The factories and business houses are being visited. SISTER HILDA, a volunteer Sister of the People is in charge of this work, which will have branches at Lambeth and New Cut. We have two Cricket Clubs and a Football Club at the Mission, and a Swimming Club.

Girls' Club.

Largely to this social spirit and these methods, is due the fact that the young people are the very **life of our work.** This result has also been greatly helped by the sympathetic toil of our Circuit Steward and Sunday School Superintendent, **Mr. Robert Spencer.** Our Choir also, under the genial leadership of **Mr. Cullingford,** have rendered willing service.

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Spiritual Results.

OUR greatest encouragement is in the evident seal of God's blessing. We have not as yet realised the great awakening of the unconverted for which we pray and live—though we see constantly conversions,—but **quickened spiritual life** and hope have steadily grown and we are realising the promise, "My people shall be willing in the day of my power."

Our weekly prayer meeting, which was found in a Vestry, soon needed the school-room, and still grows. In our Monthly Bible Reading and Thursday services we have lifted the **white banner of Holiness.** A **watch-night of prayer** at the inaugural of the mission was a wonderful season of power from on high. The Easter Monday Convention was crowned with conversions of men from the streets, and a reconsecration and cleansing of many believers. Children's Sunday brought a goodly number of scholars to Christ. Our Sunday nights are seldom without instances of anxious souls.

"Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead."

Testimonies.

ONE young man, a student at the Kennington College, writes: "I was drifting as young men do in thousands, after coming to London, but the services at **Lambeth saved me.**" A nurse from the Infirmary found Christ the first service she attended, and in the ward next week a patient said: "Why, nurse, what has come to you? you are **so different and look so happy.**" A few months after, in nursing a fever case, she caught the infection and died—one of the first fruits of Lambeth Mission in heaven.

"Thank God for the New Cut. It saved me from the deeps," was the testimony of an ex-Gordon Highlander, converted after a Lantern Service. He was without a shirt, and had 4 special service medals in pawn through drink.

The difficult and absorbing processes of re-organisation and financial strain have not been the most favourable for results in membership, but **three new classes have been formed and two Junior Classes,** while **numbers of strangers**—such as are always coming and going in London life—have received good, of which we hear indirectly.

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Outlook and Finance.

WITH these sure tokens of Divine blessing, only **adequate financial help** is needed to make Lambeth Central Mission in its area as successful as the other great Missions whose splendid work is an inspiration. But they have large grants from Central funds—we have but £100 from the Home Mission Fund, and £20 from London Mission. To face the appalling needs of this vast area of South London without larger financial resources is a cruel task. Who will help us?

All our people have done their best: young and old have united in a marvellous effort during the year. They will not fail us in our present effort, but outside help is sorely needed

We must raise now £250 at this our first Anniversary. We need an equal sum to clear our renovation accounts and to start the year. Surely, for a Mission that has **provision for 2,000** people in Chapels and Halls, and is organizing ministries of mercy and salvation among a **quarter of a million of "darkest London,"** this sum will be sent us.

Wanted!

WE earnestly ask every friend who receives this report to send on enclosed form **a promise.** Help us for the sake of perishing souls.

We greatly need a **larger staff.** For **Lambeth Chapel** we have but one Sister of the People—SISTER HILDA COOKE. We could find work for six There is pressing immediate need for at least one volunteer. Is any consecrated Sister, who reads this report, prepared to **give her life** to this work?

For New Cut and Lambeth Walk we want a **Bible Stand** on wheels for a **Market Mission** in the streets among the crowd. It will cost about £10, and £5 to stock.

For the Poor, we want parcels of clothing of any sort, and for the destitute and sick visited by our Sisters we need money. Address, Mr. Geo. Brittain, Lambeth Chapel, Lambeth Road, S.E.

For our approaching **Sale of Work** our Ladies' Sewing Meeting asks for contributions of saleable articles of any kind. Address, Mrs. Surman Cooke or Mrs. Poulton, Lambeth Chapel, S.E.

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Lambeth Chapel Renovation and Central South Mission Account.

	£	s.	d
Lambeth Trustees towards £100 promised :—			
Mr. R. J. Spencer	20		
Mr. Lovell ...	5		
,, Warth ...	5		
Mr. Maxwell ...	5		
Mr. T. B. Hosking	5		
Mr. Chamberlain	5	5s.	
Mr. Janeway	1	15s.	
	47	0	0
Mr. T. J. Riseborough 1st instalment of £60 promised ...	35	0	0
Mrs. Perrin ...	5	0	0
,, Bacon ...	5	5	0
,, J. Williams ...	5	5	0
,, ,, Platform &c., New Cut	2	10	0
,, Cheshire ...	1	1	0
,, Griffin ...	2	12	6
,, & Mrs. Chegwidden	2	0	0
,, Wm. Whitby ...	0	10	0
,, Leonard Johnson	0	5	0
,, Wm. Butcher ...	0	5	0
Miss Newman ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. W. & Mrs. Roberts	5	0	0
Miss A. Roberts ...	0	17	6
Ernest Roberts ...	0	10	0
Mrs. French ...	0	10	0
Miss Edith Blake ...	0	12	0
,, Lucy Stewart ...	0	5	0
,, Daisy Everitt ...	0	5	0
,, Minnie Bishop ...	0	3	5
Mr. Percy Leadbetter	0	6	2
Miss Parker ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Edwards ...	0	2	6
Mr. Burbridge ...	7	0	0
Mrs. Wheeler ...	5	0	0
Mr. Denby ...	3	8	6
Walter Denby ...	0	10	0
Mr. Wright ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Wright ...	2	2	0
Miss Wright ...	1	1	0
,, C. Wright ...	1	1	0
Lambeth Tract Society per Mr. Deeley, for "Canterbury" printing	5	0	0
Collected by Miss Wright for "Canterbury" ...	1	19	0
A Friend ...	1	5	0
Miss Page ...	0	10	0
,, Kirk ...	0	5	0
,, Campbell ...	0	10	0
Friends at Topaz Street, per Mr. Hawes ...	5	17	0
Topaz Trustees ...	5	5	0
Miss N. Roberts ...	0	5	0
Mr. Cullingford ...	3	4	0
,, Lewer ...	0	10	0
,, J. W. Bowdon ...	1	0	0
,, Hart, Sen. ...	1	0	0
,, W. Hart ...	3	13	0
,, G. Morgan ...	0	12	0
,, F. Morgan ...	0	5	0
Miss Dunstan ...	4	4	0
,, L. Dunstan ...	3	3	0
,, E. Dunstan ...	1	10	0
Mr. Head, from Collectors in Junior School ...	2	0	0
,, Lambert ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Cheshire ...	1	0	0
Dr. Hill ...	5	5	0
Miss Wallis ...	2	2	0
Dr. & Mrs. Atkinson ...	5	5	0
Mrs. Poulter ...	1	0	6
Mr. Brown ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Hosking, W J. ...	2	2	0
Mr. A. Porter ...	0	5	0
Miss Challenger ...	2	2	0
,, L. Walker ...	5	5	0
Miss G. Hardy ...	0	5	0
Mr. Seymour ...	0	10	0
Miss Forrest ...	0	5	0
Mr. Cole ...	1	1	0
Mr. G. Brittain ...	12	12	0
Alex Brittian ...	1	1	0
Nellie Brittian ...	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Shortell ...	1	15	0
Wesley Guild ...	5	0	0
Do. Lecture per Mr. T. A. Johnson ...	5	0	0
Mr. Deeley ...	10	10	0
,, & Mrs. Everitt ...	1	5	0
Miss Annie Everitt ...	0	6	0
Miss Daisy Everitt ...	0	10	0
Mr. D. T. French ...	0	3	6
Mr. J. A. Johnson ...	5	5	0
Miss Short ...	0	10	0
,, M. Foster ...	1	4	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS—*Continued.*

	£	s.	d
Mr. W. R. Poulton ...	5	5	0
Miss H. Tyler ...	1	5	0
A Friend. per Mr. Sharpley ...	1	0	0
Miss Bristow ...	0	10	10
Mr. Head, Collectors in Junior School (additional) ...	0	7	6
,, Butcher ...	0	5	0
Miss Humphries ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Edwards ...	0	2	6
Mr. Hawes ...	1	0	0
,, Rolfe ...	0	10	0
,, G. E. Sims ...	1	0	0
Miss Laccohee ...	0	7	0
,, Scarborough ...	0	10	0
,, Sudds ...	0	3	6
,, Gossop ...	0	5	0
,, G. W. Munt ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Nash ...	20	0	0
Miss Stormer ...	5	0	0
,, G. Shephard ...	1	0	0
,, L. Shephard ...	1	0	0
Mr. G. W. Shephard ...	0	5	0
,, Alf. Shephard ...	0	5	0
Teachers' Prayer Union per Miss Wright ...	6	1	3
Mr. J. H. Lile ...	10	0	0
,, Gosling ...	1	1	0
Memory of Miss Silson	1	0	0
Mr. S. Kowski ...	5	0	0
Mr. J. E. Simester ...	0	5	0
,, C. W. Ware ...	5	0	0
,, Rowling ...	1	1	0
,, S. Smith, M.P. ...	1	0	0
,, H. J. Panther ...	1	0	0
Mr. H. Gotts ...	0	10	0
Member of Mrs. Brinelow's class ...	0	3	6
Rev. J. S. Cooke's family	5	0	0
Mr. Rogers	1	1	0
,, Gibbs	1	0	0
,, Ohlson	1	0	0
Messrs. Bennett and Lyne	1	0	0
Mr. Daugherty... ...	2	2	0
,, Holder	0	15	0
A Friend...	0	5	0
Mr. H. Ashford ...	1	6	0
Miss B. Ashford ...	1	0	0
Mr. W. F. Freeman ...	5	0	0
Young Men's Bible Class	1	5	0
Mr. Percy Newton ...	0	9	6
,, F. E. Newton ...	0	11	6
,, W. Parker	0	15	0
,, W. Smee	1	0	0
,, May Cox	0	2	6
,, J. Nelson Hardy ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Hardy ...	1	1	0
Miss K. Hardy	1	0	0
Miss Grace Hardy ...	0	10	0
Z. Z.	0	10	0
Mr. F. Rugg	0	5	0
Mrs. Ewin	0	10	0
Mr. Thomas	0	10	6
,, Mead per MissPage...	1	0	0
,, Plumstead	1	0	0
Mr. Hinds	2	2	0
Mrs. Lane	1	1	0
Mrs. Griffiths ...	4	4	0
Per Rev. J. Surman Cooke—			
Rev. J. S. C. ...	10	0	0
Mrs. Perks ...	50	0	0
Horace B. Marshall ...	25	0	0
Rev. W. Green ...	5	0	0
Holloway Bros. ...	5	0	0
Vanner Bros. ...	25	0	0
Mrs. Jas. Holloway ...	5	0	0
Miss Wood	50	0	0
,, F. Wood ...	50	0	0
A Friend in the North ...	10	0	0
Mr. Cuthbert Hall ...	5	0	0
Mr. Thos. Ferens ...	10	0	0
Mr. Firth (Bradford) ...	10	0	0
,, Wm. Walker ...	20	0	0
Miss Wyburn	10	0	0
The Misses Lamplough ...	10	0	0
Mrs. Brown	10	0	0
Mr. F. Wood	10	0	0
,, Siggs	10	10	0
,, Tucker	15	0	0
,, Young	5	0	0
Messrs. Percy & Lowe ...	5	0	0
Mr. Herbert Jones ...	3	3	0
Miss Pethick	2	2	0
Mr. Marston	2	2	0
,, Gane	1	1	0
,, C. Gardner ...	1	1	0
Services at Re-opening of Chapel ...	39	12	7
Service at Inauguration of Mission ...	42	16	0
Lambeth Trust Funds (Legacy of late Miss Gabriel ...	200	0	

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LAMBETH CENTRAL

Dr. ***Renovation and General Mission Account*** **Cr.**

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Renovations Account :—						
Proportion of General Subscriptions allocated to Lambeth Renovation Account	341	4	3			
Loan negotiated by Lambeth Trustees	250	0	0			
Miss Gabriel's Legacy—per Lambeth Trustees	200	0	0			
Lambeth Young People's Subscriptions for New Rostrum and Choir Gallery	100	0	0			
Ladies of Lambeth Congregation for Church Parlour, advance on account of Sale of Work	100	0	0			
				991	4	3
To General Mission Account :—						
Proportion of General Subscriptions for Mission Work ...	198	10	10			
Moiety of Home Mission Grant, five quarters	97	16	0			
Special Donations for work in the New Cut, per the Misses Wood	100	0	0			
Special Donations for Deaconesses	60	0	0			
				456	6	10
				1447	11	1
To Balance due to Treasurers				65	1	3
				£1512	12	4

Examined and found correct, Feb. 14th, 1899.

WM. R. POULTON.

ROBT. I. SPENCER,
THOS. J. RISEBOROUGH, } *Treasurers.*

SOUTH MISSION.

from September 1st, 1897, to December 31st, 1898.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Lambeth Chapel Renovation :—						
Mr. Brittain's Account	837	10	6			
Architect's Fees	52	10	0			
Part cost of hire of "The Canterbury"	13	7	2			
Printing—Posting and Advertising, including series of "Canterbury" services	26	10	3			
Fittings, Lamps, &c.	12	18	6			
Furnishing Church Parlour	25	0	0			
Expenses in connection with Re-opening	5	18	1			
Miscellaneous expenses	17	9	9			
				991	4	3
By General Mission Account :—						
Payments to Deaconesses	94	1	8			
Supplies from the President's list	42	0	0			
Payments to Lay Agents	99	16	8			
Lithograph	4	11	3			
Hymn Sheets and Tracts (Lambeth)	24	11	2			
Advertisements in papers	4	5	3			
General Printing	46	12	0			
Social Work (Lambeth and New Cut)	8	10	0			
Fosting	3	8	0			
Postage and Telegrams	1	0	0			
New Cut, Rent	41	15	10			
,, Furnishing	49	6	3			
,, Rates, Taxes and Gas	6	18	7			
,, Hymn Books	1	1	0			
Vauxhall, first payment on account of Renovations ...	25	0	0			
,, Grant for Mission work	5	0	0			
Stamford Street, first payment on account of Renovation ...	20	0	0			
,, Printing account, Hymn Sheets	13	10	5			
Topaz Street, Grant for Renovations	25	0	0			
,, ,, Mission Work	5	0	0			
				521	8	1
				£1512	12	4

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" And when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion."

Lambeth Wesleyan Central South Mission,

LAMBETH CHAPEL, S.E.

To the Rev. J. SURMAN COOKE,

Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in sending you £ : :

as a (Subscription or Donation) ..... in aid of the funds of the above-named Mission.

Name .....

Address .....

LAMBETH WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

July 18th. 1895 34/412

Interview with Rev. H. Hewett, Clapham Congregational Church, Clapham Road, South London.

Mr Hewett is a man of not more than 35: a portrait of his, not visible, appears into other ministers of the district in Book 102. Mr H. has been here, I think, 11 years.

The district around the chapel is in the main a high class artisan district and is on the whole improving, the tendency being to build for a rather better class than has been here: this is mainly owing to the Electric Railway which has made the City so accessible: the demand for houses in the neighbourhood is enormous and no notice of

a house to let is even seen. The only streets where there is any poverty is Ashmole Place, behind the Chapel, - where the people are mostly drunken and quite beyond the church influence - and one or two of the courts off Dorset St, especially Bolney St. and Ely Place. The poorer streets on the west of South Lambeth Road are quite untouched by the chapel.

Mr H. spoke in the most optimistic way of the success of the church and of its complete hold on the streets in its immediate vicinity: ~~but~~ a success which he modestly attributed to the fact that no other Chapel was working the same ground. ~~but~~ however he spoke of the neighbourhood as an ideal one for non-con. church work,

of the people as most responsive, and "tremendously in earnest": no doubt this is true of those whom Mr H. is brought into contact with, but how very few are really touched is shown by the list of members, with addresses, given in the Year Book, the 240 members only representing 155 families, a number probably very slightly exceeding the total number of families in e.g. Meadow Road. In Claylands Road where the Chapel is situated only three families are represented: the fact is that Mr H. in common with so many of the non-cons. takes a quite unduly optimistic view of the situation. This is due I think to the fact that they see little or nothing of the great mass of the indifferent: such

time as they do not spend in study and the preparation of sermons is devoted to visiting their own good people, and they get an impression of religious fervour which does not exist.

As to the work of the church there is little to add to Mr H.'s return and the Year Book. The church is not large; the morning congregation is about 200, the evening 450, all of the lower middle and upper working class though "they are so dressed that you would think they were of higher class": nearly all the members are country born.

There are about 450 children in the Sunday School and by this and the Mother's Meeting Ashmole Place and Church St. are touched, as they get nearly all the children

Hewett - Congregational

from that quarter

The social ~~ag~~ agencies are of the usual character. The Temperance (Total Abstinence) Society is unusually vigorous and Mr H. said "aggressive" but I could not gather that the members did more than meet once a week. The State Club is large and vigorous and is used mainly by non chapel goers.

But for the visitation of members there is no visitation except in Ashmole Place which is systematically visited by four ladies: here too about 2/3rds of the relief is given.

The Church of England was said to be "fairly active" in the district.

The Chapel is just outside two Free Church Councils and has no district attached to it.

Hewett
Congl.

As to drink. Mr H. finds that it is at the root of all the poverty and distress with which they come into contact: he came here believing that the influence of drink was much exaggerated but has been convinced that it is the root of all evil: with every case of distress that is relieved "we always find afterwards that ~~drink~~ & drink has been the cause of the leakage."

As to thrift – the people in the better streets are wonderfully thrifty.

Health is exceedingly good.

Altogether this is a quiet, unassuming little church, successful in its way. Mr Hewett is of the essentially and innately religious type. Educated at Eton and Oxford he would be a ritualistic curate.

CLAYLANDS

Congregational Church.

YEAR BOOK

WITH ACCOUNTS,

1899.

CLAYLANDS ROAD,

CLAPHAM ROAD,

KENNINGTON.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

SUNDAY—Prayer Meeting at 10 a.m. Divine Worship at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. After Meetings, for Prayer and Testimony, at 7.45 p m.

THE LORD'S SUPPER—After the first Sunday Morning Service in each Month, and after the third Sunday Evening Service in each Month.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE—By arrangement with the Pastor.

WEEK-NIGHT SERVICE—Every Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

CHURCH MEETING—The Wednesday before the first Sunday in each Month, at 9 p.m.

LIST OF SOCIETIES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Morning at 9.45; Afternoon at 2 45.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS (in Class-room) at 3 p.m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (in the Chapel) at 3 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.
Tuesday Evening at 8.

CHILDREN'S MISSION SERVICE.
Sunday Evening at 6 30.

MOTHERS' MEETING.
Monday Evening at 6.30.

DORCAS SOCIETY.
Working Meeting on Wednesday at 3.30 p.m.

OPEN-AIR MISSION.
Every Sunday during the Summer Months after the Evening Service.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.
Meeting every Friday Evening at 8.

BAND OF HOPE.
Every Thursday Evening at 7.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
In connection with the London Missionary Society.

THE CHOIR
Meets for Practice every Thursday Evening at 8.30.

SLATE CLUB.
Every Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m.

CRICKET CLUB.
Saturday Afternoons during the Season.

PENNY BANK.
Monday Evening from 8 to 9.

1899.

Claylands Congregational Church.

Minister—
Rev. HENRY HEWETT, 18, Lansdowne Gardens, S.W.

Deacons—

Mr. A. CONDER.	Mr. W. HEAD.
Mr. J. CRUMP (Secretary).	Mr. F. HEDGER.
Mr. W. HANN (Treasurer).	Mr. G. HUNTER.

Sittings and Support of Public Worship.

Sittings are appropriated by the Deacons or Stewards to any who require them, the amount contributed being left to the discretion of those who thus regularly occupy seats. At the beginning of each quarter envelopes are furnished to seat-holders for use during the quarter, for quarterly, monthly, or weekly subscriptions, as they may prefer. The quarterly subscriptions are due and received on the first or second Sunday in each quarter, the payment being in advance; monthly subscriptions in the same manner at the beginning of each month. Each subscriber is known to himself and to the Deacons only, by a certain number, against which number he will find his contribution acknowledged in the frame in the lobby on the Sunday after it is made. The quarters begin on the first Sunday in January, April, July, and October, and end on the last Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

COLLECTIONS FOR 1899.

Jan.	15	Pastor's Anniversary.
Feb.	12	South Lambeth Dispensary (over average).
Mar.	12	London Congregational Union.
Apl.	23	Sunday Schools.
June	11	Hospital Sunday Fund (over average).
Sept.	10	London Missionary Society.
Oct.	29	New College, London (over average).
Dec.	17	Christmas Goodwill Fund.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
ARE PAYABLE—

Benevolent Society ...	January and February.
Mothers' Meeting	May and June.
London Missionary Society	July to September.
New Schools Fund	October.
Sunday Schools	November.
Goodwill Fund	December.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

During the past year 33 names have been added to the Church Roll and 25 have been taken off (24 transfers and removals, and 1 abstension) leaving a total at the end of December, 1898, of 239.

No. of Seniority.	Name.	Address.
128	Miss M. J. Allen,	280, Kennington Park Road
2	Mrs. Axtens,	325, Brixton Road
5	Mrs. J. S. Axtens,	9, Albert Square
198	Miss E. Baines,	26, Macaulay Road, S.W.
57	Mr. Baker,	4, Oval Place
79	Mrs. Baker	ditto
212	Mr. W. H. Balchin,	15, Wandsworth Road
116	Mr. J. Ball,	73, Tradescant Road
117	Mrs. J. Ball	ditto
223	Mr. J. Barrett,	44, Meadow Road
224	Mrs. J. Barrett	ditto
208	Mr. F. Bartlett,	4, Finchley Road, S.E.
209	Mrs. F. Bartlett	ditto
161	Miss R. Batchelor,	47, Brixton Road
53	Miss F. Beaven,	Ribblesdale, Crystal Palace Road, S.E.
95	Mr. S. W. Belderson,	82, Stockwell Park Road
106	Mr. Beresford,	9, Trigon Road
94	Mrs. Birch,	27, Trigon Road
204	Mrs. Bist,	32, Meadow Road
22	Mr. John Bluck,	24, Methley Street
23	Mrs. John Bluck	ditto
149	Miss G. Boothby,	17, Parkhouse Street, S.E.
36	Mrs. J. Breaden,	19, Clayton Street
85	Miss E. Brewster,	10, Little Chester Street, Eaton Square
6	Miss Broad,	114, Dorset Road
38	Mr. F. J. Brown,	58, Thrush Street
37	Mrs. F. J. Brown	ditto
77	Mrs. S. Brown,	33, Elliott Road
11	Mrs. Bunn,	35, Meadow Road
39	Miss J. Bunn	ditto
137	Mr. H. Bunn	ditto
177	Mr. E. Burree,	46, Meadow Road
178	Mrs. E. Burree	ditto
203	Miss Cakebread,	25, Morval Road, Brixton
76	Mrs. Canning,	29, Thorne Road
64	Miss S. Chapman,	18, Lansdowne Gardens
30	Mrs. Churcher,	303, Walworth Road
87	Mrs. Clifford,	169, Lower Kennington Lane
213	Mr. E. A. Collett,	53, Broadlands Terrace, Broomwood Rd., S.W.
214	Mrs. E. A. Collett	ditto
237	Mrs. Colley,	58, Trigon Road
62	Mrs. Collins,	80, Dorset Road
63	Mr. A. Conder,	42, Richmond Terrace
132	Mrs. Cooper,	Stockwell Orphanage
138	Mr. H. Cork,	55, Aytoun Road, Stockwell
139	Mrs. H. Cork	ditto
31	Mr. Cox,	24, Lingham Street
44	Mrs. Cox	ditto
150	Mrs. M. Cox,	40, Clapham Road
154	Mr. S. J. Cox	ditto
88	Mr. C. J. Cray,	10, Trigon Road
89	Mrs. C. J. Cray	ditto
90	Miss Cray	ditto
134	Mr. S. J. Crosby,	6, Aldebert Terrace
135	Mrs. S. J. Crosby	ditto
136	Miss M. F. Crosby	ditto
159	Miss May Crosby	ditto
7	Mr. James Crump,	104, Stockwell Park Road
8	Mrs. James Crump	ditto
222	Mr. F. A. Davis,	84, Abbeville Road
47	Mrs. H. Davis,	9, Oswin Street, S.E.
20	Mr. John Davis,	73, Dalyell Road
21	Mrs. John Davis	ditto

LIST OF MEMBERS (Continued).

No. of Seniority.	Name.	Address.
28	Mrs. W. Davis,	84, Abbeville Road, S.W.
146	Miss M. Davis	ditto
153	Mrs. Donnithorne,	36, Clifton Street
125	Miss E. Downing,	12, Catherine Terrace, Lansdowne Road
152	Miss M. Downing	ditto
3	Mr J. W. Drake,	123, Clapham Rd.
216	Miss Caroline Earle,	19, Claylands Road
234	Miss J. Evanweale,	59, Hackford Road
142	Mr. H. Eveleigh,	4, Claylands Road
143	Mrs. H. Eveleigh	ditto
109	Miss Fielder,	8, Tradescant Road
1	Miss Fox,	14, Durham Street
9	Mr. C. W. Fox,	18, Durham Street
10	Mrs. C. W. Fox	ditto
233	Mr. A. Gardiner,	55, Lothian Road
144	Mrs. Gatehouse,	32, Bolney Street
118	Mr. C. Geisow,	28, Handforth Road
119	Mrs. C. Geisow	ditto
192	Mr. J. W. Gibbs	
193	Mrs. J. W. Gibbs	
133	Mrs. Glaister,	6, Meadow Road
229	Mr. F. J. Goodman,	198, Clapham Road
230	Mrs. F. J. Goodman	ditto
205	Miss F. Green,	84, Stockwell Park Rd
25	Mr. H. A. Green	ditto
168	Mrs. Griffen,	71, Bedford Hill, Balham
169	Miss Griffen	ditto
186	Mr. W. A. Hague,	47, Heyford Avenue
172	Mr. T. D. Hallett,	19, Burnley Road
4	Mr. W. Hann,	24, Guildford Road
45	Miss Hann	ditto
167	Miss C. Hann	ditto
115	Miss Harding,	288, Kennington Park Road
72	Mrs. Hardy,	6, Elam Street
189	Miss Dora Hardy	ditto
73	Miss L. E. Hardy	ditto
112	Mrs. Harris,	61, Ferndale Road
110	Miss Harvey,	16, Ingelow Road
182	Mr. W. Head,	155, Fentiman Road
183	Mrs. W. Head	ditto
184	Miss M. E. Head	ditto
185	Miss E. A. Head	ditto
188	Mr. W. A. Head	ditto
29	Mr. F. Hedger,	9, Templar Street
32	Mrs. F. Hedger	ditto
98	Miss E. Hedger	ditto
164	Mr. T. D. Hemans,	37, Clapham Rd
210	Miss Ethel Hester,	59, Royal Road
40	Rev. H. Hewett,	18, Lansdowne Gardens
41	Mrs. H. Hewett	ditto
166	Miss F. Heyworth,	43, Holland St.
54	Mr. Hickman,	51, Richmond Terrace
55	Mrs. Hickman	ditto
93	Mrs. Holland,	32, Handforth Road
104	Miss Hook,	36, Thornbury Road
219	Mr. W. L. Howard,	17, Rita Road
220	Mrs. W. L. Howard	ditto
147	Miss C. Hubbard	
74	Mr. F. E. Hudson,	8, Helix Gardens
26	Mr. George Hunter,	76, Claylands Road
27	Mrs. George Hunter	ditto
65	Mr. A. J. Hursthouse,	38, Albert Embankment
66	Mrs. A. J. Hursthouse	ditto
70	Miss F. Jefferies,	5, Cranmer Road
217	Mr. T. R. Ingram,	30, Meadow Road
218	Mrs. T. R. Ingram	ditto
91	Mr. H. Job,	153, Villa Street, Camberwell, S.E.
92	Miss E. Job	ditto
157	Mr. Keeble,	84, Denmark Road
158	Mrs. Keeble	ditto
225	Mrs. Keen,	61, Dorset Road
50	Mrs. Kidman,	18, Meadow Road
56	Miss L. A. King,	12, Clapham Road
123	Mrs. Knapman,	43, Aldebert Terrace

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No. of Seniority.	Name.	Address.
124	Miss E. Knapman,	43, Aldebert Terrace
102	Mr. F. R. Knight,	54, Offley Road
103	Mrs. F. R. Knight	ditto
107	Miss A. Leaver,	156, Kennington Park Road
165	Miss Lee,	1, Ashmore Cottages
51	Mr. Lewis,	31, Claylands Road
52	Mrs. Lewis	ditto
82	Mrs. Lilley,	41, Lorrimore Square
83	Miss Lilley	ditto
48	Mr. J. H. Long,	32, Grove Road
121	Mr. J. Lovelock,	81, Heyford Avenue
122	Mrs. J. Lovelock	ditto
15	Mr. Lovett,	51, Meadow Road
96	Mr. L. Lovett,	14, Rozel Road
97	Mrs. L. Lovett	ditto
120	Miss J. McAuley,	52, Richmond Terrace
78	Miss M. McAuley	ditto
173	Mr. A. McAuley	ditto
111	Mrs. McKenzie,	18, Rita Road
215	Miss A. L. Major,	43, Osborne Terrace
179	Mrs. Marsh,	198, Clapham Road
180	Miss A. M. Marsh	ditto
181	Mr. H. L. Marsh	ditto
197	Mr. H. S. Marsh	ditto
231	Miss L. B. Marsh	ditto
201	Mr. H. Matthews,	1, County Grove, S.E.
202	Mrs. H. Matthews	ditto
33	Mrs. Maynard,	42, Richmond Terrace
34	Miss F. Maynard	ditto
35	Miss L. Maynard	ditto
67	Mr. M. Meech,	4, Wilkinson Street
69	Mrs. M. Meech	ditto
49	Miss E. Millard,	1, Olive Terrace, Crawford Street, S.E.
126	Miss E. Montgomery,	13, Aldebert Terrace
101	Miss H. Montgomery	ditto
199	Mr. A. C. Moody,	40, Mawbey Street
200	Mrs. A. C. Moody,	40, Mawbey St.
187	Mr. J. Moyle,	318a, Kennington Road
108	Miss A. Nash,	26, Methley Street
75	Mrs. Newman,	29, Thorne Road
56	Mr. A. G. Osborne,	56, Trigon Road
84	Mrs. Parker,	1, Crescent Villas, Clapham
176	Miss A. Partridge,	161, Wandsworth Road
131	Mr. G. Payne,	6, Wyvil Street
226	Mr. F. Pearce,	9, Guildford Road
227	Mrs. F. Pearce	ditto
42	Mr. T. Pearson,	8, Heyford Avenue
43	Mrs. T. Pearson	ditto
170	Mr. W. Perryman,	50, South Lambeth Road
171	Mrs. W. Perryman	ditto
59	Mr. H. Phippard,	11, Walberswick Street
145	Mrs. H. Phippard	ditto
196	Mrs. W. Potter,	45, Vassall Road
129	Mr. Poulton,	31, Meadow Place
130	Mrs. Poulton	ditto
151	Miss B. Prichard,	47, Handforth Rd
12	Miss Redington,	29, Cleaver Street
140	Miss E. Ricketts,	Stockwell Orphnge
24	Mr. A. Rimington,	52, Osborne Terrace
17	Mrs. A. Rimington	ditto
71	Mrs. Rose,	33, Cobbett Street
86	Miss G. Rowson,	Vicarage, Albert Square
206	Miss M. Saunders,	33, Morval Road
113	Mrs. Score,	6, Lansdowne Gardens
114	Miss Score	ditto
13	Mr. Sheriff,	8, Lansdowne Gardens
14	Mrs. Sheriff	ditto
60	Miss A. Sheriff	ditto
68	Mrs. G. H. Smith,	10, Morna Road
105	Miss Southey,	79, Fentiman Road
211	Miss F. Speller,	14, Camberwell New Road
81	Mrs. Stimson,	14, Thorne Road
19	Miss E. Stock,	13, Fentiman Road

LIST OF MEMBERS (Continued).

No. of Seniority.	Name.	Address.
238	Mr. R. E. Stockwell,	34, Church St.
239	Mrs. R. E. Stockwell	ditto
127	Mrs. Suttaby,	41, Clayton Street
162	Mr. Tarrant,	5, Ely Place
163	Mrs. Tarrant	ditto
175	Miss A. Thompson,	195, Camberwell New Road
160	Miss B. Tull,	Court House, Swan Street, S.E.
99	Mrs. Varrall,	75, Dorset Road
141	Miss L. Varrall	ditto
80	Mrs. Venn,	9, Hartington Road
207	Mr. J. W. Waight,	37, Ely Place
228	Mrs. J. W. Waight	ditto
221	Mr. J. Waight, Junr.	ditto
190	Mr. W. Walker,	44, Hanover Gardens
191	Mrs. W. Walker	ditto
148	Mr. E. Wallis,	10, Camden Avenue, S.E.
46	Miss Waters,	38, Osborne Terrace
100	Miss M. Waters	ditto
58	Mr. P. Webb,	24, Dorset Road
194	Mr. A. Wheeler,	13, Normandy Place
195	Mr. F. Wheeler	ditto
232	Mr. W. Wightman,	9, Camberwell New Road
174	Miss R. Wilmott,	24, Carlisle Mansions
235	Mr. C. Windsor,	8, Heyford Avenue
236	Mrs. C. Windsor	ditto
155	Mr. M. H. Wood,	56, Fentiman Road
156	Mrs. M. H. Wood	ditto
16	Mrs. Woods,	52, Osborne Terrace
18	Miss Woods	ditto

ADDED SINCE DECEMBER—

240	Miss Jessie Boreham,	150, Newington Butts, S.E.
241	Miss C. Brown,	104, Stockwell Park Road
242	Miss S. Musson,	430, Brixton Road

DELEGATES TO THE LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Mr. Crump. Mr. Head.
Mr. Geisow. Mr. Hedger.
Mr. Goodman (Executive). Mr. Hunter.

DELEGATES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Mr. John Davis, Mr. Head, Mr. Hedger, and Mr. Wallis.

DELEGATES TO THE SURREY CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Mr. W. Head, Mr. F. Hedger, and Mr. G. Hunter.

DELEGATES TO THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Hewett and Mr. Stanley J. Cox.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR, 1898.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Lambeth Guardians (Rent)	20	0	0
,, Surplus on Teas	0	8	2
,, Proceeds of Jumble Sale	11	5	0
,, Telephone Co. (Rent)	1	1	0
,, Contributions—			
Total Abstinence Soc. and Band of Hope	7	0	0
Cricket Club	0	10	6
Slate Club	2	0	0
Children's Mission	0	15	0
Mr. W. Wightman	0	5	0
,, Three-eights of £368 19s. 6d. (total amount of envelopes & offertories)	138	7	3
,, Balance due to Treas.	23	18	0
	£205	9	11

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer January 1st, 1898	13	19	8½
,, Magazine Deficie'y, 1897	3	12	1
,, Repairs, &c.	32	12	9
,, Fuel and Stoker	6	17	6
,, Rates, Insurance, &c.	10	9	5
,, Printing, &c.	20	14	4½
,, Gas	33	17	7
,, Organist	20	0	0
,, Organ Blower	6	0	0
,, Pulpit Supplies	12	12	0
,, Congregational Union of E. and W.	0	10	6
,, Free Church Union	1	1	0
,, Bill Posting	1	10	0
,, Chapel Keeper	41	13	0
	£205	9	11

Treasurer—Mr. W. HANN.

W. ALFRED HEAD,
JNO. WEAR. } Auditors.

COMMUNION FUND.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, Jan. 98	4	6	10
,, Communion Offertory	28	9	3
	£32	16	1

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Given to Poor	15	5	6
,, T. Wilkins, Porterage	1	10	0
,, Wine and Bread	2	17	0
,, Widows of Missionaries	1	1	0
,, Pastors' Retiring Fund	1	1	0
,, Blankets for Poor	6	0	0
,, Lining Plate Boxes	0	15	0
,, Printing Tickets, &c.	1	4	4
,, Communion Cloth	0	10	11
,, Balance in hand	2	11	4
	£32	16	1

Treasurer—Rev. H. HEWETT.

W. ALFRED HEAD,
JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897	7	7	6
,, Annual Subscriptions	7	10	6
,, Infants' Treat Subscriptions—	£	s.	d.
Miss Beaven,	0	2	6
Mr. Conder,	0	5	0
Mr. Hedger,	0	2	6
H'day Homes	0	2	6
	0	12	6
,, Excursion Subscriptions	5	18	5
,, Anniversary Collections	8	5	8½
,, Tickets sold for Anniversary Tea	2	0	9
,, Collected in Missionary Boxes	22	6	1¾
,, School C'tions—	£	s.	d.
Continental Missions	0	13	5
Children's Country Homes	2	7	6
Clacton-on-Sea New Home	0	11	10
Ragged School Union	0	17	6
	4	10	3
,, Librarian's Receipts	0	14	9
,, Collected at Teachers' Teas	2	9	11
,, Hymn Books, &c., Sold	0	14	1
,, Donation for Excursion Fund (from Claylands Mission)	1	0	0
,, Tickets Sold I. B. R. A. Tea	1	17	0
	£65	7	6¼

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Infants' Treat	2	4	8½
,, Cost of Teachers' Teas	2	8	3
,, Printing	1	14	0
,, Parents' Tea	0	12	8
,, Prizes for Sunday Scholars	2	18	2
,, Cost of Annual Excursion £28 4s. 4½d., *less* £10 0s. 10d. received from Scholars, and Tickets Sold	18	3	6½
,, Hymn Books	2	8	1
,, Cost of Anniversary Tea,	1	0	5½
,, Postage, &c.	0	1	2
,, I. B. R. A. Postage	0	2	1½
,, I. B. R. A. Tea	1	17	0
,, Subscription to Lambeth Auxiliary (S. School)	0	15	0
,, Continental Mission (see contra)	0	13	5
,, Country Homes (see contra)	2	7	6
,, Clacton New Home (see contra)	0	11	10
,, Ragged School Union (see contra)	0	17	6
,, London Missionary Soc.	22	6	1¾
,, Anniversary Expenses	1	19	6
,, Balance in hand	2	6	5½
	£65	7	6¼

Treasurer—Mr. F. J. BROWN.

W. ALFRED HEAD,
STANLEY WIBER, } Auditors.

BAND OF HOPE.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897 a/c, per Mr. F. Hedger	0	10	10¾
,, Members' Subscriptions and Non-Members' Admission Money	8	8	2½
,, Collected at 21st Anniversary Meeting	1	0	3
,, Collected at Half-yearly Meeting	0	3	10
,, Collected at Treasurer's Lecturette "A Trip to Killarney"	1	1	0
,, Donations & Annual Subscriptions, as per List	3	3	6
	£14	7	8

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Teas, Fruit Feast, Entertainments, &c.	3	18	1
,, Hymn Books, Motto and Pledge Cards, and New Members' Forms	0	11	5
,, T.A.S. for Rent, £2 0 0 Gratuity to Chapel Keeper	2	10	0
,, Subscription to S. W. Auxiliary Band of Hope Union	0	5	0
,, Prizes	3	3	11
,, Balance in hand	3	19	3
	£14	7	8

Treasurer—Mr. W. ALFRED HEAD.

GEO. PAYNE,
FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897	1	9	9	By Rent to Incidental Ex's	7	0	0
,, Subscriptions from 115 Members	15	8	2	,, Caretaker, 30s., Chapel Keeper, 10s.	2	0	0
,, Voluntary Contribution	0	0	1	,, Fire Insurance, 9s., and Envelopes 3s. 9d.	0	6	9
,, Profits on Sale of Temperance Records	0	7	7	,, Printing	3	3	0
,, Band of Hope, 1 Year's Rent of Rooms	2	0	0	,, Fees & Expenses, Preacher, Lecturer, Speakers, and Violinists	2	0	6
,, Discounts off £4 2s. Printing	0	2	2	,, Collected for Choir, 11s. 6d., Band of Hope, 3s. 10d. & 18s. 6d., & Benevolent Society, 16s. 10d.	2	10	8
,, Collections for Choir, Band of Hope, and Benevolent Society	2	10	8	,, Donation National Temperance League, 10s., and Congregation'l Total Abstin'ce Soc., 10s.,	1	0	0
,, Receipts—New Year's Party, 20th Anniversary, Fruit Feast, and Xmas Social Evening	8	6	0	,, Expenses, New Year and Xmas Parties, 20th Anniversary and Fruit Feast, Cost of Teas, Fruit, Fee to Speaker, and Printing	8	19	8
,, Annual Club Deposits by 49 Members £125 2 6				,, Annual Club, returned to Depositors with their respective Interests	126	8	9½
,, Interest 1 6 3½	126	8	9½	,, Cash in hand	3	3	10
	£156	13	2½		£156	13	2½

Treasurer—Mr. A. CONDER.

GEO. PAYNE, FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

CHILDREN'S MISSION.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	0	7	9½	By Dinner Expenses	2	18	11
,, Dinner Subscriptions	6	16	0	,, Printing	1	3	6
,, Annual Subsciptions	2	1	0	,, Arranging Forms	0	10	0
,, Fines received from Children	0	9	8	,, 150 Testaments	0	12	6
,, Found in Box	0	2	0	,, Donation to S. School	1	0	0
				,, Contribution to Chapel Incidentals	0	15	0
				,, Expenses of Parents' Tea	1	7	6
				,, New Hymn Sheets	0	4	0
				,, Balance in hand	1	5	0½
	£9	16	5½		£9	16	5½

Treasurer—Mr. H. EVELEIGH.

GEO. PAYNE, FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Donations as per List	3	4	6	By Fruit, Ferns, &c.	2	5	3
				,, Attendance	0	2	6
				,, Mrs. Hewett for Fruit	0	10	0
				,, Balance to Choir Fund	0	6	9
	£3	4	6		£3	4	6

Treasurer—Mr. HAFFENDEN.

GEO. PAYNE, FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897	10	6	6	By Poor Relief, per Visitors	8	5	9
,, Subscriptions and Donations	9	15	6	,, Magazines	4	8	11½
,, Collection C.T.A.S.	0	16	10	,, Blankets	4	0	0
				,, Chapel Keeper	2	0	6
				,, Balance in hand	2	4	4½
	£20	18	10		£20	18	10

Treasurer—Miss HANN.

W. ALFRED HEAD, JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897	0	1	6	By Carriage of Coals	0	5	10
,, Subscriptions	6	5	6	,, Grocery	2	2	1
,, Benevolent Society	2	0	0	,, Teas	0	17	5
,, Christmas Goodwill Balance	1	3	3	,, 17 Mothers to Sandgate	0	17	0
				,, Interest on Savings, £27 3s.	1	5	5
				,, Xmas Gifts—Shawls, &c.	3	4	3
				,, Roll Book	0	1	0
				,, Balance in hand	0	17	3
	£9	10	3		£9	10	3

Treasurer—Mrs. HEWETT.

W. ALFRED HEAD, JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

(The Mothers purchased Drapery, &c., during the year to the amount of £26 5s. 3d.)

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	3	19	2	By Expenses Annual Tea	0	6	10½
,, Subscriptions	1	3	0	,, Printing Programmes	1	4	0
,, Contents of Box	0	5	5½	,, Expenses of Soiree and Annual Meeting	2	6	7
,, Soiree Tickets sold	2	10	3	,, Half Profit of Soiree to Y.W.B.C.	0	1	10
				,, Balance	3	18	7
	£7	17	10½		£7	17	10½

Treasurer—Mr. L. A. LOVETT.

A. CONDER, Auditor.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions	8	19	6	By London Mis'nary Society	40	6	6
,, Chapel Collection	5	19	5	,, Printing	0	6	0
,, Sunday School do	22	5	9				
,, Sale of Magazines	1	12	0				
,, Y.P.S.C.E. Box	0	15	10				
,, 24 L.M.S. Stories	1	0	0				
	£40	12	6		£40	12	6

Treasurer—Mrs. HEWETT.

W. ALFRED HEAD, JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

LADIES' WORKING MEETING.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, January 1st, 1898	2 16 0	By Materials purchased and made up (a large proportion of which were disposed of at the Sale of Work on behalf of the New Schools Fund)...	11 11 7
„ Donat'n, Mrs. Hursthouse	0 2 6	„ Balance in hand	0 9 3
„ Goods made and sold	6 10 3		
„ Collections at Tea Table	2 12 1		
	£12 0 10		£12 0 10

Treasurer—Mrs. HEDGER.

W. ALFRED HEAD, JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance, January 1st, 1898	1 17 5	By Printing	2 8 6
„ Donations— s. d.		„ Cost of 2 Teas	2 10 2
Mr. Ashby ... 10 0		„ Subscription to Central S.L.C.E. Union	0 5 0
Mrs. Boom ... 2 6		„ Balance Collection do.	0 3 6
	0 12 6	„ Topic Cards	0 4 6
„ Collection, Public Meetg.	1 10 0	„ Mission Children's Outing to Brockwell Park	0 10 0
„ Do. Annual Meetg.	1 9 11	„ London Mis'nary Society	0 15 10
„ Collecting Box	1 16 7	„ Balance in hand	1 4 9
„ Collection for London Missionary Society	0 15 10		
	£8 2 3		£8 2 3

Treasurer—Mr. S. WIBER.

W. ALFRED HEAD, F. J. BROWN, } Auditors.

CRICKET CLUB.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Profit on Concert, February 22nd	4 9 10	By Balance from last year	4 0 11
„ Profit on Tea, March 5th	0 1 6	„ Mr. Benham for Rent	15 0 0
„ Do. on Social Evening, November 3rd	3 5 0	„ Do. P'ctice Pitches	0 10 0
„ Donations— £ s. d.		„ Materials, A & B Teams	2 9 1
Mr. J. Crump ... 1 1 0		„ Subscription to Sunday School League	0 5 0
„ W. Davis ... 0 5 0		„ Postages, 4/- and 7/6	0 11 6
„ F. Hedger ... 1 1 0		„ Printing Club Cards	1 2 0
Mrs. Johnson ... 0 2 6		„ Chapel Incidentals	0 10 6
Mr. W. Perryman 1 1 0			
„ T. Walters ... 0 10 6			
	4 1 0		
„ 23 Senior Members' Subscriptions, 8 6	9 15 6		
„ 1 ditto (Half Season)	0 5 0		
„ 3 Junior Members' Subscriptions, 5/-	0 15 0		
„ Sale of Club Cards	0 3 0		
„ Robinson & Co., for Pitch	0 12 6		
„ Cash due to Treasurer	1 0 8		
	£24 9 0		£24 9 0

Treasurer—Mr. A. CONDER.

GEO. PAYNE, FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

NEW SCHOOLS FUND.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance, January, 1898	801 18 3	By Printing	1 6 10
„ Donations & Subscript'ns	144 19 10	„ Cash in hand	1050 16 0
„ 1d. Prick Cards	0 10 0		
„ Collecting Cards	1 13 0		
„ Collecting Boxes	6 6 9		
„ Profit on Tea	0 1 7		
„ Proceeds of 4 Lectures—			
Mr. J. W. Benn	8 11 7		
Rev. Thos. Hooper	5 4 4		
Rev. H. Hewett	11 0 1		
Professor Hudson	6 10 3		
„ Sale of Work and Xmas Tree	43 11 5		
„ Interest to Dec. 31st, 1898	21 15 9		
	£1,052 2 10		£1,052 2 10

Treasurer—Mr. JAMES CRUMP.

W. ALFRED HEAD, JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

SLATE CLUB.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Sale of 309 Books of Rules	3 17	By Sick Pay to 75 Members (88 times)	127 5 0
„ Entrances forfeited	0 4 0	„ Printing 325 Bks. of Rules	2 7 0
„ Subscriptions—		„ Do. Receipt Forms, Applications to join, and Balance Sheets	1 3 0
19 Members forfeited	10 0 6	„ Stamps, Stationery, Memo. Book and Pockets for Distribution	0 16 6
290 do. paid on 52 weeks	377 0 0	„ Gas and use of Room	2 0 0
„ Receipts for Letters sent	0 9 4	„ Two-thirds of Subs. refunded to Mrs. S. Smith	0 14 0
„ Fines	13 10 4	„ Levies on death of	
„ 1678 Contributions for Six Death Levies (9d.)	62 18 6	Mr. W. Lane	9 14 3
„ 115 Members' Contributions for Doctor	22 4 3	Mr. J. Chipp	10 19 0
„ Interest	2 15 1	Mr. W. D. Jones	10 18 3
		Mrs. L. Birch	10 9 3
		Mr. S. Smith (drowned)	10 9 3
		Mr. W. M. Salter	10 8 6
		„ Fees for Dr. Duke	22 4 3
		„ Payments to 290 Members at 18s. 10d.	273 1 8
		„ Undivisible amount to New Schools Fund	0 9 4
	£492 19 3		£492 19 3

Treasurer—Mr. A. CONDER.

Mr. F. A. DAVIS, Mr. P. RANDALL, } Auditors.

HYMN BOOKS, BIBLES, &c.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To 51 Books in hand, Jan. 1st, 1898	2 12 2	By 178 Books sold	16 1 1
„ 210 Books bought	19 10 10½	„ 83 do. in hand, Dec. 31st, 1898	6 1 11½
	£22 3 0½		£22 3 0½

Treasurer—Mr. A. CONDER.

GEO. PAYNE, FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

CLAYLANDS MAGAZINE.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Cash from Church Incidentals	3	12	1	Deficiency from 1897	3	12	1
,, 36 Advertisements	30	9	8	,, Printing 6,000 Copies	39	0	0
,, Sale of Magazines	19	13	6½	,, 6,000 Insides	13	10	0
,, Gift from a Lady	0	1	0	,, Stamped Wrappers	0	6	0½
,, Discounts off Printing	0	10	6				
,, Cash due to Treasurer	2	1	4				
	£56	8	1½		£56	8	1½

Treasurer—Mr. A. CONDER.

GEO. PAYNE,
FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

CHOIR FUND.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
C.T.A.S. Collection	0	11	6	Balance due to Treas., January 1st, 1898	0	1	7½
,, H'vest Festival, surplus	0	6	9	,, New Hymnals	1	2	6
,, Plants Sold	0	3	6	,, Cost of Social Gathering	1	0	7½
,, Tickets Sold, Social	1	0	0	,, New Music, 6s. 3d., and Postages, 6d.	0	6	9
,, Balance due to Treasurer	0	9	9				
	£2	11	6		£2	11	6

Treasurer—Mr. HAFFENDEN.

GEO. PAYNE,
FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

OPEN-AIR MISSION.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	0	2	9	American Organ	5	15	0
,, Subscriptions, 1898	5	18	0	,, Printing	0	2	6
,, Balance due to Treasurer	0	0	3	,, Open-Air Federation	0	2	6
				,, Oil for Lamp	0	1	0
	£6	1	0		£6	1	0

Treasurer—Mr. HUNTER.

GEO. PAYNE,
FREDK. J. GOODMAN, } Auditors.

GOOSE CLUB.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d
Subscriptions from 32 Members	20	2	9	Savage for Geese, &c., for 11 Members	5	6	3
,, Interest	0	0	3	,, Cash Paid to 21 Members	14	16	6
,, Cards for Membership	0	2	8	,, Balance to New Schools Fund	0	2	11
	£20	5	8		£20	5	8

Treasurer—Mr. G. PAYNE.

FREDK. J. GOODMAN—Auditor.

KENNINGTON PENNY BANK.

Established 1857.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Cash from 1897	37	17	1	Repayments to Dep'tors	261	8	4
,, Deposits	275	6	8	,, Advertisement	0	7	6
,, New Books	0	13	3	,, Chapel Keeper, 48 weeks	2	8	0
,, Interest	4	2	4	,, Cash in hand	53	15	6
	£317	19	4		£317	19	4

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Cash brought down	53	15	6	Principle & Interest due	158	1	10
,, Cost of £150 Stock	137	5	0	,, Suspense Accounts	30	9	7
				,, Balance	2	9	1
	£191	0	6		£191	0	6

Treasurer—Mr. A. CONDER.

W. ALFRED HEAD,
JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

SALE OF WORK AND CHRISTMAS TREE.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Sales at Stalls	33	10	11	Cost of Refreshments	0	7	8
,, Do. Christmas Tree	4	1	9	,, Attendance	0	12	6
,, Do. Ref'shment Stall	2	15	11	,, Printing	0	5	6
,, Tickets Sold	2	3	3	,, Profit to New Schools Fund	43	11	5
,, Private Sales of Work	0	16	0				
,, Concerts	0	16	6				
,, Electric Battery	0	7	0				
,, Profit on Photos	0	5	9				
	£44	17	1		£44	17	1

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JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

CHRISTMAS GOODWILL.

Dr. *Cr.*

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions as per List	4	0	0	52 Joints of Meat	5	5	0
,, Collections	7	18	2	,, 41 Parcels of Grocery	3	10	6
				,, 29½-cwts. of Coal	1	16	11
				,, Printing	0	2	6
				,, Mothers' Meeting	1	3	3
	£11	18	2		£11	18	2

Treasurer—Mr. W. HANN.

W. ALFRED HEAD,
JNO. WEAR, } Auditors.

SUNDRY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Hospital Sunday Fund	2	5	3
South Lambeth Dispensary	4	10	7
London Congregational Union	7	8	5
New College, London	2	10	0
Rev. John Foster—Memorial	3	11	6
Rev. Henry Hewett—Pastoral Fund	12	0	0
	£32	5	9

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

	£	s.	d.
Miss M. J. Allen	0	2	6
Mrs. Ashby	0	10	0
Mrs. Axtens	2	2	0
Mrs. J. S. Axtens	0	10	0
Mr. H. Bunn	0	2	0
Mrs. Clifford	0	2	6
Mr. Conder	0	10	0
Mrs. Cooper	0	2	6
Mrs. Crump	0	10	0
Mr. Dade	0	2	6
Mrs. John Davis	0	2	6
Miss Fox	0	5	0
Mrs. Fox	0	5	0
Mr. Geisow	0	1	0
Mr. Goode	0	2	6
Mr. Hann	0	10	0
Miss Hann	0	2	6
Miss Harding	0	2	0
Mrs. Hardy	0	1	0
Mrs. Hayman	0	2	0
Mr. Head	0	2	6
Mr. Hedger	0	5	0
Miss Hook	0	4	0
Mr. Hunter	0	5	0
Mr. Hursthouse	0	2	6
Mrs. Johnson	0	10	0
Mrs. Lilley	0	2	0
Mrs. Marsh	0	5	0
Mr. Moyle	0	2	6
Miss Nash	0	2	0
Mrs. Parker	0	2	6
Mr. Philp	0	10	6
Miss Redington	0	5	0
Mr. H. Taylor	0	2	6
Mrs. Varrall	0	2	6
Mr. P. Webb	0	2	0
Mrs. Woods	0	2	6
	£9	15	6

SUNDAY SCHOOL—GENERAL.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Allen	0	1	6
Mr. Ashby	0	10	0
Mrs. Axtens	1	1	0
Mr. Conder	1	0	0
Mr. Cox	0	1	0
Miss Crosby	0	4	0
Mr. Crump	1	1	0
Mr. Eveleigh	0	2	0
Mr. C. W. Fox	0	10	0
Miss K. Geis	0	2	6
Mr. Hann	0	2	6
Mr. Head	0	4	0
Mr. Hedger	0	10	0
Mrs. Hewett	0	7	6
Mr. Hunter	0	5	0
Mr. Job	0	1	0
Mrs. Johnson	0	5	0
Mr. A. McAuley	0	5	0
Mr. Rimington	0	3	0
Mrs. Sheriff	0	2	6
Sunday School Worker	0	1	0
Teacher	0	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. Varrall	0	4	0
Mr. Webb	0	2	0
	£7	10	6

SUNDAY SCHOOL—EXCURSION.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Ashby	0	5	0
Mr. Conder	0	10	0
Mrs. Crosby	0	2	0
Miss Crosby	0	2	6
Mr. Crump	0	10	6
Mrs. Fox	0	5	0
A Friend	0	0	5
Mrs. Glaister	0	5	0
Mr. Hann	0	5	0
Mr. W. A. Head	0	2	6
Mr. Hedger	0	10	0
Homestead	0	10	0
Mr. Hunter	0	2	6
Mrs. Johnson	0	5	0
Mr. Keeble	0	2	6
Mr. Knight	0	2	0
Mr. Leaver	0	2	6
Mr. A. McAuley	0	5	0
Mr. Major	0	2	0
Mrs. Marsh	0	2	6
Mr. Osborne	0	5	0
Mrs. Parker	0	2	6
Mr. Philp	0	2	0
Mrs. Philp	0	2	6
Mr. Rimington	0	2	6
Mrs. Score	0	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. Varrall	0	4	0
Mr. Webb	0	1	0
Mr. Wightman	0	5	0
	£5	18	5

CHRISTMAS GOODWILL.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. A. Conder	0	5	0
Mr. J. Crump	1	0	0
Miss Fox	0	5	0
Mrs. Glaister	0	2	0
Mr. W. Hann	1	0	0
Mr. Head	0	2	6
Mr. Hedger	0	2	6
Mr. Hunter	0	5	0
Mr. Hursthouse	0	5	0
Mr. H. Taylor	0	4	0
Mr. & Mrs. Varrall	0	5	0
Mr. Webb	0	2	0
Mrs. Woods	0	2	0
	£4	0	0

MOTHERS' MEETING.

	£	s.	d.
A Friend	0	2	6
A Friend	0	2	6
Miss Allen	0	5	0
Mrs. Ashby	0	5	0
Mrs. Axtens	0	10	0
Mrs. J. S. Axtens	0	2	6
Miss Beaven	0	3	0
Miss Broad	0	1	6
Mr. A. Conder	0	5	0
Miss M. Crosby	0	1	0
Mrs. Crump	1	10	0
Mrs. Fox	0	2	6
Mrs. Glaister	0	2	0
Mr. W. Hann	0	5	0
Mr. W. Head	0	2	6
Mr. F. Hedger	0	2	6
Mrs. Hewett	0	5	0
Mr. Hudson	0	2	6
Mrs. Johnson	0	5	0
Mrs. Marsh	0	2	6
Mrs. Parker, 5/- & 2/6	0	7	6
Mrs. Perryman	0	2	6
Mrs. Philp	0	4	6
Miss Ricketts	0	2	6
Mr. Rimington	0	2	0
Three Friends	0	3	0
Mr. Wear	0	5	0
Miss Woods	0	1	0
	£6	5	6

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

	£	s.	d.
Anon	0	2	6
Anon	0	2	0
Anon, per Mr. Conder	0	2	0
Mrs. John S. Axtens	0	5	0
Mr. H. Bunn	0	1	0
Mr. Couder	0	5	0
Mrs. Cooper	0	2	0
Miss Crosby	0	2	0
Mr. J. Crump	0	5	0
Mr. Eveleigh	0	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. C. Geisow	0	1	6
Mrs. Glaister	0	2	6
Mr. Hann	0	3	0
Mr. & Mrs. Head	0	5	0
Rev. H. Hewett	0	2	6
Mr. Hudson	0	1	0
Mr. Lovett, Senr.	0	2	6
Mrs. Manwaring	0	1	0
Mrs. Parker	0	2	6
Mrs. Perryman	0	5	0
Mr. Rimington	0	2	0
Miss Score	0	2	0
Mrs. Tarrant	0	1	0
Mrs. Varrall	0	2	0
Mr. Wightman	0	2	6
Miss Woods	0	1	0
	£3	4	6

CHILDREN'S MISSION—GENERAL.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Conder	0	5	0
Mr. Crump	0	5	0
Mrs. J. Davis	0	2	6
Miss Downing	0	2	0
H. E.	0	2	6
Miss Geis	0	2	6
Mr. Hedger	0	2	6
Mrs. Hickman	0	2	0
Kennington	0	10	0
Mr. Rimington	0	2	6
Miss Stone	0	1	0
Miss Sheriff	0	1	0
Mr. Wiber	0	2	6
	£2	1	0

CHILDREN'S MISSION—DINNERS.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Allen	0	1	0
Mr. Ashby	0	5	0
Mrs. Austin	0	1	0
Mr. Belderson	0	10	0
Mrs. Boom	0	2	6
Mr. H. Bunn	0	1	0
Mr. T. Cash	1	0	0
Mr. Conder	0	5	0
Miss Crabb	0	2	6
Mr. Edwards	0	1	0
Mrs. Fox	0	2	0
Friend	0	2	0
Miss Hann	0	1	6
Mr. Head	0	2	0
Mr. Hedger	0	2	6
Mrs. Hewett	0	3	0
Mr. H. Holloway	0	10	0
Mr. Hursthouse	0	2	0
Kennington	0	10	0
Miss King	0	1	0
Miss Knapman	0	2	6
Miss A. Leaver	0	1	0
Mr. G. Leaver	0	1	0
D. M.	0	2	0
Mr. Lionel Munday	1	1	0
Miss Partridge	0	1	0
Mr. Perryman	0	5	0
Mr. Rimington	0	4	0
Mr. Sheard	0	2	6
Mr. Wheeler	0	1	0
Mr. Douglas Young	0	10	0
	£6	16	0

NEW SCHOOLS FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Miss M. J. Allen	0	15	0
Mrs. Axtens	5	0	0
A Friend	5	5	0
A Friend, per Miss Rowson	0	2	6
A Friend	0	5	0
A. F.	0	10	0
A Friend	0	2	0
A Friend	0	5	0
A Friend	1	0	0
A Friend	2	0	0
A Friend	0	2	0
An Old Teacher	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. Ball	1	0	0
Mr. J. E. Barnett	1	0	0
Miss F. E. Beaven	0	5	0
Mrs. Birch	1	0	0
Mrs. Bist (part collect'd)	1	0	0
Rev. A. Bourne	2	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Bridgman	0	7	0
Miss Broad	0	5	0
Miss Cissie Brown	0	10	6
Mr. & Mrs. F. J. Brown	0	10	0
Mr. A. H. Brownlow	1	1	0
Mr. H. Bunn	0	10	0
Miss S. Chapman	0	5	0
Mrs. Churcher	1	0	0
Mr. S. Collins, per Mr. Wightman	2	2	0
Mr. A. Conder	5	0	0
Mrs. Cooper	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. Crosby	0	10	0
Miss M. F. Crosby	1	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Crump	25	0	0
Miss A. Crump	0	5	0
Mr. H. Crump	1	1	0
Mr. Dade	1	1	0
Mrs. W. Davis	0	10	0
Mr. W. E. Davis	4	4	0
E. R.	0	10	0
Mr. Fensome	0	6	0
Mr. Fitzgerald	0	10	0
Miss E. K. Geis	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. C. Geisow	1	11	6
Goose Club—Tickets	0	3	0
Mrs. & Miss Griffen	1	5	0
Mr. F. Grubb	0	10	0
Mr. W. Hann	10	0	0
Miss Harding	0	10	0
Mrs. Hardy	0	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. Head	3	3	0
Miss M. E. Head	0	5	0
Mr. W. A. Head	2	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. Hedger	5	0	0
Rev. H. & Mrs. Hewett	2	2	0
Mr. J. Horsley	0	10	0
Mr. G. Hunter	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Hursthouse	1	0	0
Mrs. Johnson	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. Keeble	0	10	0
Miss C. King	0	5	0
Mrs. Knapman	0	10	0
Miss Knapman	0	10	0
Mr. F. R. Knight	2	0	0
Mrs. F. R. Knight	1	0	0
Mr. Leaver	1	0	0
Mrs. Lilley	0	5	0
Miss Lilley	0	5	0
Mrs. Lodge, per Rev. H. Hewett	0	10	0
Mrs. Marsh	2	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Matthews	0	10	0
Mr. Duncan S. Miller	1	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Moody	0	10	0
Mr. Osborne	0	5	0
Mrs. Parker	1	0	0
Mr. G. Payne	0	10	0
Mr. Pearson	0	10	0
Mr. H. Pearson	0	5	0
Mr. W. Perryman	5	0	0
Mr. J. M. Philp	5	0	0
Mrs. J. M. Philp	5	0	0
Mr. A. Rimington	1	1	0
Mr. W. N. Rook	1	1	0
Mr. Tom Rowe	1	1	0
Miss G. Rowson	1	0	0
"S."	1	0	0
S. E.	2	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. Shipman	0	5	0
Slate Club—Balance	0	9	4
Do. Collection	1	17	0
Mrs. Stimson	0	10	0
Miss Jennie Street	0	5	0
Mrs. Tarrant	0	3	0
Mr. Taylor, per Rev. H. Hewett	0	5	0
Miss A. Thompson	1	1	0
Mr. J. W. Waight	0	5	0
Miss Waters	0	5	0

NEW SCHOOLS FUND (Continued).

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Percy Webb	0	15	0
Mr. Windsor	0	10	0
Mrs. Woods	0	10	0
Mr. Douglas Young	3	3	0
	£144	19	10

NEW SCHOOLS FUND.

PENNY-A-PRICK CARDS.

Miss M. L. Crosby, 2s. 6d.; Miss Elsie Hursthouse, 7s. 6d. Total 10s.

COLLECTING CARDS.

Mrs. Ellis, 10s.; Mr. Tom Rowe, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Windsor, 12s. 6d. Total £1 13s.

COLLECTING BOXES.

Mrs. H. Bryon, 5s. 7d.; Mrs. Bunn, 14s. 5d.; Mrs. Dunn, 6s. 6d.; Farthing Boxes, 13s. 1d.; Mrs. Glaister, 10s. 5d.; Mrs. Hursthouse, 6s. 9d.; Miss Leaver, 10s. 2d.; Mr. Major, 10s.; Mrs. Perryman, 8s. 11d.; Mr. A. Rimington, 4s. 3d.; Mrs. Walker, £1 16 8d. Total £6 6s. 9d.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Alder	0	1	0
Mrs. J. S. Axtens	0	2	6
Mr. & Mrs. Ball	0	5	0
Mr. Beresford	0	1	0
Mrs. Bist	0	2	0
Mr. Brown	0	0	6
Mr. Conder	0	5	0
Mrs. Cooper	0	2	0
Mr. J. Cox	0	5	0
Mr. S. J. Cox	0	5	0
Miss Crosby	0	2	6
Mr. & Mrs. Crosby	0	2	0
Mr. Crump	0	10	0
Mr. Eveleigh	0	1	0
Mrs. Fox	0	5	0
Mr. Geisow	0	1	0
Mr. Goode	0	2	6
Mr. Hann	0	5	0
Miss Hann	0	2	0
Mr. Head	0	2	6
Mr. W. A. Head	0	2	0
Mr. Hedger	0	5	0
Miss Hedger	0	1	0
Mrs. Hewett	0	5	0
Miss Hook	0	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. Hunter	0	5	0
Mrs. Hursthouse	0	2	0
Mrs. Johnson	0	5	0
Mrs. Knight	0	1	0
Mr. Lovett	0	1	0
Mrs. Marsh	0	2	6
Miss A. M. Marsh	0	2	0
Mr. H. L. Marsh	0	2	0
Matthew xxviii	2	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Matthews ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Meech	0	1	0
Mr. H. Montgomery ...	0	5	0
Miss Montgomery	0	2	0
Mr. Moyle	0	2	0
Mrs. Parker	0	2	6
Mr. Payne	0	1	0
Mrs. Ferryman	0	2	0
Mr. Philp	0	2	0
Mrs. Potter	0	2	6
Mrs. Poulton	0	0	6
Mr. Rimington	0	2	0
Miss Snowdon	0	2	6
Mrs. Varrall	0	1	0
Mrs. Walker	0	2	6
Miss Waters	0	1	0
Mr. Wear	0	5	0
Miss Wear	0	2	6
Mr. & Mrs. Wood	0	2	6
	£8	19	6

NEW SCHOOLS FUND.

Donations and Subscriptions Promised.

	1899. £	s.	d.	1900. £	s.	d.	Total. £	s.	d.
Mr. & Mrs. Baker	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	15	0
Mr. J. E. Barnett	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Miss F. E. Beaven	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Mrs. Bist (will collect)	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mrs. J. Breaden		—			—		2	0	0
Miss C. Brown	0	10	6	0	10	6	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs F. J. Brown	0	10	0	0	10	0	1	0	0
Mrs. S. Brown		—			—		0	2	6
Mr. Bryon		—			—		5	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Bryon		—			—		5	0	0
Mr. A. E. Bryen		—			—		1	0	0
Mrs. A. E. Bryon		—			—		0	10	0
Mr. H. Bunn	0	10	0	0	10	0	1	0	0
Mrs. Collins	2	10	0	1	5	0	3	15	0
Mr. A. Conder	2	10	0	2	10	0	5	0	0
Mrs. Cooper	0	10	0	0	10	0	1	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Cox		—			—		1	0	0
Miss M. F. Crosby	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Crump	10	0	0	10	0	0	20	0	0
Mr. H. Crump	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Miss A. Crump	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Mr. J. Dade	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Mr. W. E. Davis	2	2	0	2	2	0	4	4	0
Mrs. Donnithorne		—			—		0	5	0
Mr. F. G. Doo		—			—		0	6	0
Misses Earle		—			—		1	0	0
Mr. T. Ellen, Senr.		—			—		0	5	0
Mr. C. W. Fox		—			—		5	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. C. Geisow	1	11	6	1	1	0	2	12	6
Mr. F. J. Goodman		—			—		2	2	0
Mr. W. Hann		—		5	0	0	5	0	0
Mrs. Hardy	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Miss Harvey		—			—		0	14	0
Mr. & Mrs. Head	3	3	0	3	3	0	6	6	0
Mr. W. A. Head	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. F. Hedger	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0	0
Rev. H. & Mrs. Hewett	2	2	0	2	2	0	4	4	0
Mr. G. Hunter	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Mr. Hursthouse	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
J. E.		—			—		2	2	0
Mrs. K.	1	0	0	0	10	0	1	10	0
Miss K	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	15	0
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Keeble	0	10	0	0	10	0	1	0	0
Mr. Knight	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mrs. Knight	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mr. M.	5	0	0		—		5	0	0

NEW SCHOOLS FUND (Continued).

Donations and Subscriptions Promised.

	1899. £ s. d.	1900. £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.
Mrs. Marsh	2 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Mr. Meech	——	——	0 10 0
Mrs. Meech (will collect)	——	——	2 0 0
Mrs. & Miss Meyerotte	——	——	1 0 0
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Moody	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Mrs. Munnings	——	——	0 5 0
Mr. Walter Palmer	——	——	10 0 0
Mrs. Parker	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Mr. G. Payne	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 0 0
Mr. Pearson	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 0 0
Mr. H. Pearson	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 10 0
Mr. W. Perryman	2 10 0	2 10 0	5 0 0
Mr. A. Rimington	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0
Mr. W. N. Rook	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0
Mr. Tom Rowe	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0
E. R.	——	0 5 0	0 5 0
Mrs. Sheriff	——	——	0 10 0
Mr. & Mrs. Shipman	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 10 0
Miss A. Thompson	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0
Mr. & Mrs. Varrall	——	——	1 0 0
Mrs. Venn	——	——	0 5 0
Mr. J. W. Waight	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 10 0
Mr. P. Webb	1 1 0	0 18 0	1 19 0
Mr. W. Wightman (will collect £50, *less* £7 7s. paid)			42 13 0
Mr. Windsor	0 10 0	——	0 10 0
Miss Woods	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 0 0
			£209 0 0

BAND OF HOPE—SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mrs. Boom	0 2 6	Mrs. G. Hunter	0 2 6
Mr. A. Conder	0 5 0	Miss Montgomery	0 3 0
Mrs. Crosby	0 2 0	Mr. Montgomery	0 4 0
Mr. Crosby	0 1 0	Miss A. Partridge	0 2 0
Mr. J. Crump	0 5 0	Mr. Rimington	0 2 0
Mr. W. Hann	0 2 6	Mrs. Varrall	0 3 0
Miss A. Head	0 1 0	Mr. Varrall	0 1 0
Mr. & Mrs. Head	0 2 6	Miss V. Varrall	0 2 0
Mr. W. A. Head	0 5 0	X Y Z	0 10 0
Mr. F. Hedger	0 2 6		£3 3 6
Mrs. Hedger	0 2 6		
Mrs. Hewett	0 2 6		

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR, 1898.

	£ s. d.
Band of Hope	11 16 10
Benevolent Society	8 12 4
Children's Mission	7 13 8
Christmas Goodwill	10 14 11
Choir	2 1 9
Communion	28 9 3
Cricket Club	22 17 10
Dorcas Society	9 4 10
Harvest Festival	2 17 9
Hospital Sunday Fund	2 5 3
Hymn Books, &c.	16 1 1
Incidental Expenses	181 11 11
London Congregational Union	7 8 5
Magazine	50 14 8
Memorial Fund (The Late Rev. John Foster)	3 11 6
Missionary Auxiliary	40 6 6
Mothers' Meeting	9 8 9
New College	2 10 0
Open-Air Mission	5 18 0
Pastoral Fund (Special)	12 0 0
Pastor's Income	230 12 3
Penny Bank	4 15 7
South Lambeth Dispensary	4 10 7
Sunday Schools	35 13 11
Total Abstinence Society	20 10 3
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour	5 9 0
Young Men's Bible Class	3 18 0
	£741 14 10
Slate Club	216 14 3
New Schools Fund	248 17 9
	£1,207 6 10

Form B.—Non-conformist Churches.

Life and Labour of the People in London

(II)	Police	— the great cause of all the trouble
(III)	Drink	
(IV)	Prostitution	
(V)	Crime	
(VI)	Marriage	
(VII)	Thrift	
(VIII)	Health	
(IX)	Housing and Social Condition generally.	

*District*_____

[NOTE.—Where possible, a comparison should be made between Past and Present.]

Form **B.**—Non-conformist Churches.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry).

QUESTIONS to be asked as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the population?

Lower Middle and a few very Poor.

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

Lower middle and poor.

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not)

minister paid and about 60 voluntary workers

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs)

Church and School Premises-

(e) What Services or other religious meetings are held and by whom and by how many attended?

Sunday 11. 3. 6.30 Total — 750
Monday. Mothers —— 60
Tuesday - Young People —— 40
Wednesday - 8 - Prayer Service —— 50
also open air Meetings Sunday & Tuesday

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.

See Year Book

(g) What Educational work is done?

None Save Sunday Schl & Band of Hope

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Ministers or District Visitors)

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?

none

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

about £60 per ann

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious influences do the people come?

Church of England:-

(l) What other charitable or philanthropic work is done. What co-operation is there between (*a*) The Free Churches (*b*) The Free Churches and the Established Church?

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on –

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally.

—the Great Cause of all the trouble

*District*_____

[NOTE.—Where possible, a comparison should be made between Past and Present.]

Mursell- Baptist

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5.20

July 17th. 1855

I had a short talk on this date with the Rev. Arthur Mursell, who was by no means anxious to see us and had sent a letter which I had not seen asking me not to call. He proved however to be a pleasant, courteous, highly cultured man, and his desire not to see us was due to the fact that his is a decaying, almost a dead church. He devotes nearly all his time to literary work and lecturing, and is at the church only on Sundays. "I give them my Sundays" he said "otherwise they would see nothing of me"

He spoke of the change in the neighbourhood since he first went there: and found that on his return after an absence the newcomers were of a character who could only be attracted by methods which he could not adopt: "you must preach down to them" he said.

He thought that the religious spirit was waning, and indifference growing.

Such detail as Rev M. would give is in his post card and the form.

Monday
about 11
A.L.B.

19 The Chase - Clapham Common
London - S.W. - July 12 - 1899.
(PC. 14.VII.99)

Dear Sir

I am usually at home till about 10 o'clock at my work before going out. Should you deem it worth while I should be available on Monday - between 10 - 12.

My church is called Stockwell Baptist Church. It is in South Lambeth Road at the Clapham End. It was opened by Mr Spurgeon in 1866 - when I entered on the pastorate which I maintained till 1878 - and resumed in 1887 - and have thus been Minister nearly 25 years. The Minister in the interim was the late Rev R. Maclean - The place holds a thousand - is variously attended - chiefly by a middle class people.

The doctrine preached is Evangelical Trinitarian. Though a Baptist Church - the communion - though a Baptist Church - the membership is open and free. Sixty flourishing Sunday School work - and the customary Literary - Christian Endeavour - Mothers' Meeting - Visitation and other Societies are successfully maintained.

Perhaps these particulars may save you trouble. Yours very truly

Arthur Mursell

Formerly of Manchester and ~~Birmingham~~

Form **B.**—Non-conformist Churches.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry).

QUESTIONS to be asked as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the population?

Chiefly lower middle - and working class. Vauxhall railway works employing thousands of men. Large laundries - bottling works - They touch a few of these.

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

Only a minister - Organist - and Chapel keeper are paid. All other work is voluntary

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not)

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs)

Chapel - holding 1000 - School - 2 class rooms

(e) What Services or other religious meetings are held and by whom and by how many attended?

Sunday Services 11. and 7. - Sunday School (400 children) 9.30 - and 3. Week evening services - Temperance etc - 4 nights a week.

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.

Working meetings. Dorcas Meetings. Mothers meetings. Winter lectures and entertainments.

(g) What Educational work is done?

Bible classes.

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Ministers or District Visitors)

By both Minister - and a few District Visitors.

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?

None - beyond voluntary visitation

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

Church relieves its necessitous members as far as its means allow.

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious influences do the people come?

None - unless they seek it voluntarily.

(l) What other charitable or philanthropic work is done. What co-operation is there between (*a*) The Free Churches (*b*) The Free Churches and the Established Church?

Help is given by Maternity Societies. There is little or no co-operation with other Free Churches in immediate parochial work - and practically none at all with the Estab'd Church.

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(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally.

I am not an expert on these matters.

A. M.

Residential character of neighbourhood deteriorating Well-to-do people removing further W.

District South Lambeth Road - Vauxhall - Kennington S.W. - S.E.

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Interview with the Rev. David McEwan, ~~Senior~~ D.D., Senior Minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clapham Road, at his residence Alderbrooks Road, Clapham Common West Side. (E.A.) July 21.99.

Until last year Dr. McEwan was the sole pastor at Trinity Church, but he is getting an old man, and a Junior was then appointed to relieve him of part of the burden. He has been here for 24 years, and in the ministry for 48 years, and is a good and staunch specimen of the ~~meeniste~~ of the Free Church, despising the fripperies of the Ritualist, though fearing the symbolism of their teaching; admiring and on terms of intimacy with the Low Churchmen, though lamenting their Erastian weaknesses, and seeing in this the obstacle that prevented them from taking a bold ~~x~~ stand some years ago -- a stand that would have rallied to their side the bulk of the church laity of the country. But it is too late now, and the end is difficult to see. Dr. M. had a daughter who has died and whose ~~xxxxxxx~~ husband is now married to one of Dean Farrar's daughters. Dr. McE. knows the Dean well, and admires his great gifts. But, said he, if he had convictions as strong as his eloquence is splendid, he could sweep the tide of ritualism back. But he has not, and, albeit no Ritualist, delights in the great ceremonial services himself. Altogether Dr. McEwan felt that the outlook was gloomy in the Church of England.

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Trinity Church is the most important centre of Presbyterianism in S. London, and ranks among the first three or so for the whole of the Metropolis. But there have been many changes in his time, and the social trend of the district has been decidedly down. The carriage folk have gone for the most part, and the church is being surrounded by more congested and a poorer class: as he is sometimes inclined to say "Thou hast multiplied the nation, but not increased the joy thereof". Many of the class around are these whom pride and short purses hinder from attaching themselves to any one church. If they did this they would feel obliged to pay something towards its maintenance, and this they are either unwilling or unable to do, and so they wander about if they worship at all. The congregation is however drawn from a distance, and is chiefly middle-class. The people living round the church, the Dr. describe as trade and middle class, with some working class.

The buildings are the church (large) and lecture hall, besides a Mission Hall at which the aggressive work of the church is carried on, started by Dr. M. 22 years ago.

In addition to the two ministers there is a large staff of voluntary workers, and a paid missionary who devotes his time to the Mission centre. The Sunday School teachers at Trinity Chapel number 29, and it is noticeable that 15 of these are gentlemen. Full particulars of all

helpers are given in the Report.

The congregations are large, the chapel, holding some 1200, being well filled both morning and evening. Drr McEwan put the numbers at 1000 each time. There are 621 members at Trinity, and 162 more at the Mission centre. At the Mission the Sunday morning numbers are about 100, and i the evening perhaps 300. The hall holds 400.

Sunday Schols: Trinity, Register, 219; average, 155.

Trinity Hall (the Mission) register, 458; average, 345. There are 34 teachers at the Mission.

At the Chapel the poor are not numerous, and even at the Mission Dr. M. said that he considered that in an ordinary season there need be none in want. During the 22 years that the Mission has been at work, he has only had two years of distress. When cases require help, there is never difficulty in raising funds.

Trinity Hall is in Battersea, and things have improved in its n'hood since it was started. People behave better, and the standard of comfort and of decency has gone up. This the Dr. attributes partly to the Mission, partly to the London School Board, and partly to the new and better dwellings that have been erected.

Apart from the Mission, which is active but hardly calls for special remark, the work of Trinity Chapel is

McEwan - Presbyterian (4) congregational in the best sense, a large body of Christian people having been brought together, not by the titillation of some popular preacher, but by their adherence to a special form of church government, and by their affection for a good man. Dr. McEwan [redacted] combined [redacted] the culture of [redacted] with some of the narrowness of the hills, but the sympathetic nature, the ferveur, and the simplicity, were also unmistakeable, and one knew that in this Clapham home one had a man, who, of his type, was very genuine.

He had filled up the form, and this gives a few other particulars, but most have been embodied above. The Report is a very full one.

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Trade & Middle class population with working classes -

Not local - Congregations drawn from distances chiefly Middle class.

Senior & Junior Ministers - { Ordinary officials / One Minister paid

Church & Lecture Hall - Mission Hall & Class rooms - Verger's house - &c -

Sunday morning & evening Church well filled 600 Seated for about 1200 | Wednesday Evening Service - in Lecture Hall from 50 to 100 / Sunday morning fellowship meeting

Sunday School - Young men's Society - Church Endeavour Society - occasional Sacred Concerts - Social Meetings & Mission - Hall - £17 - 100? £? 300

Sunday Schools.

By Ministers - Elders & Monthly Visitors -

More special - aid found when necessary -

Through the Elders' Court - to occasional distress

Cannot say, beyond the general & varied influences around -

Dorcas Society, Coal & Blanket fund, Mothers' Meetings, Temperance work - &c &c - A good deal overlapping -

Senior Minister is President of the Metropolitan Federation of Free Evangelical Churches & Vice President of the Local Council & on friendly terms with Evangelical Est: Church clergy - but no co-operation -

Not calling for special remark -

Favourable opinion. Helped to start their Christian Association

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Public Houses unnecessarily numerous.

Not calling for special remark - beyond what is known in similar districts - Actions v. little

- Good generally

Good "

District_____

Interview with Mr. Deeley, at 50 Reedworth Road, Kennington. (E.A.) July 31.99. 34/26

Mr. D. has worked for many years with the Topaz St. Mission. He is an old gentleman of about 70, and carries his years well. Is bald, wears spectacles, close cropped gray beard; is getting rather stout; kindly, uneducated, a good specimen of the Philistine. He lives in a small way, rooms full of garish colour, is a hard worker at whatever is his calling, and is notwell off. He gave the following particulars of his Mission, which is connected with the Lambeth Wesleyan Circuit, and, in that, especially with the Lambeth Chapel. But it is on the point of being taken over, in common with the rest of the Circuit, by the London Wesleyan Mission. This is what the local workers have been hoping for, as it will ease them considerably in matters of finance. The work will very likely go on very much as now at Topaz St. which has for long been very largely managed by the local workers, although under the superintending minister of the Circuit.

They have the following organizations:

Sunday School: register, 140; average, 120. Teachers, 25, mostly people connected with Lambeth Chapel.
Young Men's Bible Class (12); Young Women's Biboe Class (14). An evening service, which 30 or 40 attend. This is the Sunday programme.

Deeley - Topaz St Mission (2)

Monday: Bands of Hope: Juniors (55); Seniors (35).

Tuesday: Mothers' Meeting (30).

~~Wednesday~~: Girls' Sewing Class (12); Society Class (9).
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~~Thurs~~day: Society Class (6).

Thursday: Prayer Meeting, and Band Practice.

Friday: Social Meetings etc.

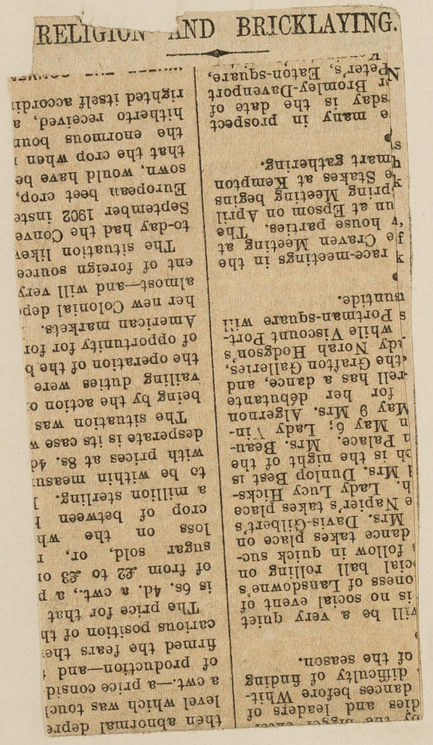
Saturday: Musical Drill (girls; 20); and Penny Bank (50).

There is a Bible Woman and 8 District Visitors, who visit the sick and distribute tracts, and a Football Club with 27 members.

The membership of the Mission is counted in with that of Lambeth Chapel.

Relief to the poor, "food, clothes etc." is about £25.

The trend of the district round the Mission is upwards, people being, he thinks, more decent and thrifty than formerly. But the housing conditions still leave much to be desired, there being many single room tenements, and a good deal of overcrowding. Topaz St. is just to the South of Lambeth Walk.



RELIGION AND BRICKLAYING.

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Interview with the Rev. R. Noble, at his residence 19, S.Stephen's Terrace, S. Lambeth. (E.A.) July, 26.99.

Mr. Noble is a minister of the United Methodist Free Churches (Herne Hill Circuit) see plan. He is a young man, perhaps 32 or so; a quiet decent fellow; rather pasty-faced, and looked very tired. This is not to be wondered at, since he had only had one Sunday off since Xmas. He was starting almost at once for his holidays, but the regulation allowance only gives him two Sundays off, and he said that this was not enough really to freshen a man up. His own task is a heavy one, and he is always hard at it. The visiting etc. within their own membership leaves him no time for anything else, and he is thus absorbed in the ordinary ministerial work of his Connexion. He is, I believe, unmarried.

Of the six chapels on the Plan, two are outside of London, Herne Hill and Streatham. Clapham Park Road Chapel has just been taken over from the Congregationalists. Miles St. Chapel, with some adjacent property, has just been sold by auction, for £8000. It was this that Mr. Levy bought selling part again to "Brother Morris". In future, therefore, part of the property will be a Common Lodging house, and the rest in the hands of the Church. With the proceeds the Methodists are going to build a new Chapel in Fentiman Road, at the corner of Meadow St. They have sold

RELIGION AND BRICKLAYING.

SOUTH LONDON CONGREGATION BUILD THEIR OWN HOME.

Daily Mail – April 8, 02.

A South London Methodist church has made a record. It has built its own church house, the members doing all the work themselves, from drainage to chimney-pots.

The church is in Paradise-road, Clapham, not far from Stockwell. The treasurer of the congregation told how and why the work was done.

"We have been weighed down by debt in the past," he said, "and by great efforts have reduced this debt from £1,000 to £250. We are greatly hampered for want of room, but would not run further into debt to increase our premises.

"The idea came to some of us that we might build a little kitchen on some land by our church, and so enable a room now used as kitchen to be made a class-room. To save money we thought we would give all the labour ourselves.

"A retired bricklayer's foreman drew the plans, an engineer laid the drains, a shoemaker helped to mix the mortar—as hard a task as any man could want—and I took my turn at bricklaying.

"The boys and men of our congregation threw themselves into the work. We came of nights after our work was done and on Saturday afternoons. A carver prepared our mantelpieces. Our minister went round to timber merchants and begged wood for our work.

"We got on so well that the idea grew. From a kitchen we decided to make the room fairly big Then we went further and put on a second story. We paid nothing for labour. In one case a friend helped us by sending a plasterer, whom he paid, as his substitute.

SELF-SACRIFICING TOIL.

"Those of us who knew no useful trade learned as best we could. Sometimes in the cold winter nights the work was hard. A man who tried bricklaying had soon to give up, for his finger got scratched and some lime worked in it and made it bad. Men sacrificed their sleep, and after being at their ordinary work from early morning till evening would come and toil on here till after midnight

"By this means the cost of the building, for material we had to purchase, has been £115. We have only had one disappointment about it. We hoped to open it free of debt. We all did our best, but £17 yet remains to be raised.

But the work has benefited us much more than by giving us a good home. It has brought us all together in a wonderful way, and we all feel that we know one another better for our winter's work together. In fact, now that it is over, we will scarcely know what to do, so accustomed are we to putting in every hour here."

The church officers showed their new place with justifiable pride. It is a spacious, solid, and really nice-looking building, bearing no sign of amateur work about it. "You can jump on the floor without fear of shaking it," said the treasurer.

The rooms with their warm colouring and nice ornamentation, have quite a home-like air. The beautiful mantelpieces, carved by one of the workers, are specially noticeable.

Oct. 1900. It was of the Stockwell church that Mr Pannett told me something in an interview in Aug. last.
A. L. D.

and are building because of the trend of their own people.

Southville Chapel was taken over on lease from the Methodist New Connexion about two years ago. The following particualrs relate to Miles St., Stockwell, and Southville. The last is comparatively unimportant.

			Attendances	S. School.
Miles St.	Members:	136	S.M.80;S.E.165.	Register:340 Average;260
Stockwell.	— —	225	S.M.130; S.E.260.	Register:260 Average: 220.
Southville.	— —	40	S.M.20;S.E.65.	Register: 70 Average:60.

At Stockwell and Southville, congregations are going up; Miles St. is, of course, in a transition state. Connected with the Stockwell St. S.S. there are, in addition, 40 scholars at the Gaskell Road Board School.

The class of people are the same at the three chapels — lower middle class; artisans and mechanics; and some unskilled men, with their belongings.

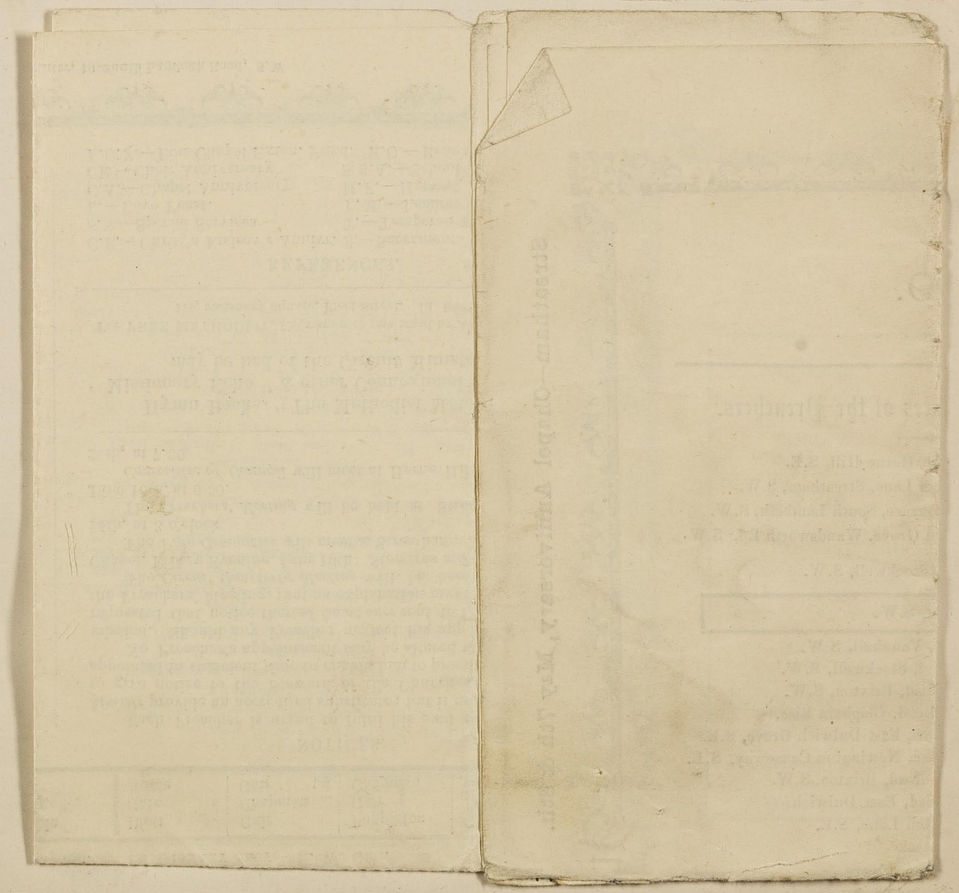
All their S.S. teachers are from their own church and Session Classes. There are from 50 to 60 in all, and the schools are ~~very~~ fairly well off.

In addition to the various agencies mentioned on the Plan, there are the following: Band of Hope; Christian Endeavour; Gymnasiums (two); Cricket Club; and at all three chapels there are Saturday evening entertainments.

Relief is mainly derived from the Sacramental Fund, and amounts to about £10 at Miles St. and to from £15 to

£20 at the other two places. In addition, at Mides St. they have the Rossvalley Society, named after a converted Jew, which visits etc. in the neighbourhood, and distributes from £20 to £30 in the receipt of relief.

On the geheral questions Mr. Noble had little to say. On the question of marriage he ~~xxxx~~ remarked that the worst he had had was "a hastened marriage or two."



Missionary Sermons, Sunday, April 23rd. Exeter Hall Demonstration, April 24th.
Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, M.A., of Brighton, will preach the Annual Sermon at Railton Rd., Thursday, April 27th.

Herne Hill—Chapel Anniversary, April 9th. Miles Street—School Anniversary, June 18th & 19th.

Streatham—Chapel Anniversary, May 7th & 8th. Paradise Road—Chapel Anniversary, May 14th & 15th.

PREACHERS' PLAN

Of the United Methodist Free Churches, 8th London or Herne Hill Circuit, 1899.

"So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."

Places.	Hours.	APRIL. 9	APRIL. 16	APRIL. 23	APRIL. 30	MAY. 7	MAY. 14	MAY. 21	MAY. 28	JUNE. 4	JUNE. 11	JUNE. 18	JUNE. 25	JULY. 2
HERNE HILL:	11	Poppleton CA	Baxter	Hart MS	Baxter	Cameron	Baxter S	Chapman	Baxter	Gair	Noble S	Baxter	Baxter	Gair
Railton Road.	6½	Baxter CA	Kennedy	Marrs MS	Baxter	Cameron S	Noble	Baxter	Baxter	Poppleton S	Baxter	Chapman	Blott	Baxter S
Wednesday	7¾	Baxter	Gittens	Baxter	Noble	Baxter	Chapman	Baxter	Baxter	Gair	Baxter	Baxter	Poppleton	Baxter
VAUXHALL:	11	Baxter	Chapman	Livesey MS	Noble	Poppleton	Kennard	Noble S	Chapman	Passmore	Poppleton	Noble SSA	Wall	Noble
Miles Street.	6½	Francis	Noble	Mann MS	Chapman	Noble S	Baxter	Blott	Poppleton	Noble S	Gair	Gittens SSA	Noble	Chapman S
Tuesday	7½	Poppleton	Noble	Baxter	Noble LM	Gair	Baxter	Poppleton	Chapman	C.E. LM	Noble LM	Baxter SSA	Chapman	Noble
STOCKWELL:	11	Dobson	Noble	Marrs MS	Poppleton	Blott	Noble CA	Poppleton	T. J. Cope	Noble	Chapman	Snell	Noble	Baxter
Paradise Road.	6½	Chapman	Baxter LF	Livesey MS	Noble S	Gittens	Duckworth CA	C.A.Johnson	Noble S	Gregory	Blott	Noble	Gair S	Poppleton
Tuesday: Christian Endeavour	8	Noble		Noble		Noble		Noble	Noble			Noble		
STREATHAM:	11	Evans	Poppleton	Mann MS	Gittens	Baxter CA	Poppleton	Crombie	Poppleton	Poppleton S	Baxter	Gair	Poppleton	Poppleton
Mitcham Lane.	6½	Poppleton	Poppleton	Hart MS	Poppleton	Poppleton CA	Chapman	Poppleton	Blott	Passmore	Poppleton	Poppleton	Poppleton	Noble S
Wednesday	8	Poppleton LM	Byford	Poppleton	Baxter	Poppleton LM	Gair	Poppleton	Poppleton	Noble	Poppleton LM	Poppleton	Chapman	Poppleton
SOUTHVILLE:	11	Ryder	Jones	Codling MS	Hipkins	Gair	Wall	Morrow	Ayles	C.A. Johnson	Wall	J. Johnson	Hipkins	Ryder
Southville.	6½	T. J. Cope S	Dobson	Vause MS	Mission	Baxter S	C.A.Johnson	Noble	Gregory	T. J. Cope S	Mission	J. Johnson	T.J.Cope	Williams S
Tuesday	7½	Chapman	Poppleton	Sisters	Chapman	Poppleton	Noble	Chapman	Poppleton	Sisters	Chapman	Poppleton	Baxter	Gair
CLAPHAM PARK ROAD:	11	Chapman	C.A.Johnson	Vause MS	Chapman	Noble	Chapman	Baxter	Gair	Chapman	Law	Chapman	Chapman	Chapman
Park Crescent. ..	6½	Gair S	Chapman	Gibbs MS	Dobson	Chapman S	Poppleton	Chapman	Chapman	Chapman S	Noble	Snell	Chapman	Blott S
Wednesday	7¾	Noble	Blott	Chapman	Poppleton	Chapman	Baxter	Chapman	Noble	Chapman	Chapman	Chapman	Gair	Chapman

CROYDON, Affiliated with 8th London Circuit.

STEWARDS— W. Gunner, Elmbank Kemble Road, Croydon. R. W. Cleaver, 33, St. John's Grove, Croydon. MISSIONARY SECY.—R. W. Gair.

CROYDON:	11	Gair	Gair	Gibbs MS	Gair	Chapman	Gair	Gair	Noble	Blott	Gair	Poppleton	Gair	Evans
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Tuesday	7½	Gair	Gair	Poppleton	Gair - LM	Baxter	Gair	Gair	Gair	Noble	Gair LM	Chapman	Gair	Poppleton

ANNIVERSARIES.

Feby	1st Sunday,	Christian Endeavour	Paradise Road.
Feby	4th ,,	Choir Anniversary	Paradise Road.
April	2nd ,,	Chapel ,,	Railton Road.
,,	4th ,,	Home & Foreign Missionary Services at all Chapels	
May	1st ,,	Chapel ,,	Streatham.
,,	2nd ,,	Chapel ,,	Paradise Road.
June	2nd ,,	Chapel ,,	Clapham Park.
,,	3rd ,,	School ,,	Miles Street.
Sept.	3rd ,,	Harvest Festival	Streatham
,,	4th ,,	School Anniversary	Railton Road.
Oct.	1st ,,	,, ,,	Streatham.
,,	2nd ,,	Harvest Festival	Paradise Road.
,,	3rd ,,	Chapel Anniversary	Miles Street.
,,	3rd ,,	Harvest Festival	
,,	4th ,,	,, ,,	Railton Road.
,,	5th ,,	Lon. Chapel Extension Fund at each Chapel.	
Nov.	1st ,,	School Anniversary	Paradise Road.
,,	1st ,,	Choir ,,	Streatham.
,,	2nd ,,	School ,,	Clapham Park.
,,	4th ,,	Temperance Sermons at each Chapel.	

If there are any changes in the above dates will the Stewards kindly intimate the same to the Plan Secretary, Rev. C. H. Poppleton.

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NOTICES.

Each Preacher is urged to fulfil his own appointment or *himself* provide an accredited substitute; but if unable to do this, to give notice to the Steward of the Church at which he is appointed in sufficient time to enable him to procure a supply.

No Preacher's appointment may be altered without his permission. Should any Preacher neglect his appointment, it is requested that notice thereof be *at once* sent to the Secretary of the Preachers' Meeting, that an explanation may be requested.

The *Circuit Quarterly Meeting* will be held at Streatham Chapel, Friday Evening, June 16th. Stewards at 7. Meeting 7.30.

The *Plan Committee* will meet at Streatham, Thursday, May 25th, at 3 o'clock.

The *Preachers' Meeting* will be held at Streatham, Friday, June 16th, at 6.30.

Committee of Council will meet at Herne Hill, Friday, May 26th, at 7.30.

Hymn Books, "The Methodist Monthly," "Missionary Echo" & other Connexional Publications may be had of the Circuit Ministers.

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REFERENCES.

C.E.—Christ'n Endeav'r Annivr. S.—Sacrament.
S.S.—Special Services T.—Temperance Sermon
L.—Love Feast. L.M.—Leaders' Meeting.
C.A.—Chapel Anniversary H.F.—Harvest Festival.
CR.—Choir Anniversary S.S.A.—School Anniversary.
L.C.F.—Lon. Chapel Exten. Fund. R.C.—Renewal of Covenant

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H. Wall, 124, Lower Kennington Lane, S.E.

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R. W. GAIR, 33, St. John's Grove, Croyd.
E. Evans, 64, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

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J. Williams, 93, Bridge Road, Battersea.
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J. Kennedy, 61, Marney Road, Clapham Common, S.W.
H. K. Atkinson, F.G.S., 58, Bonham Road, Brixton Hill.
E. S. Snell, Treverbyn, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, Essex, E.
J. Akers, Letcombe, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E.
R. A. Law, 45, Saltoun Road, Brixton, S.W.
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H. A. Smith, M.A., 55, Bromfelde Road, Clapham Road.
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James White, 29, Park Road, Forest Hill, S.E.
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W. HAYWARD, Steam Printer, 10, South Lambeth Road, S.W

Dec. 6th. 1899.

Interview with Rev. Father Brown, St Anne, Harleyford Road.

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Father Brown is the well known R.C. member of the L.S.B.

He is a man of rather uncertain age: might be anything from 25 to 45, but is probably nearer the latter than the former.

On finding the rather formidable amount of information we required Father B. said he would greatly prefer to have time to coordinate his ideas before speaking. I therefore arranged to see him again a week hence. However in ten minutes or so of subsequent conversation he dwelt on the great changes which are taking place in the whole of South London for a radius of some miles from Westminster

Father Brown
(Catholic)

Bridge. "The central fact of the situation" he said "and one which I hope you will bring out, - for it is at the root of the whole of this terrible housing problem - is that South London is becoming commercialised. The Borough is already gutted with factories and now they are springing up on all sides as far afield as Brixton and Clapham. Look at Camberwell with their huge blocks in the bad part of Clapham Road. Now these factories are driving out the very people who will have to work in them, people who for the most part must live near their work. And then reformers come and give us schemes for housing the people at Croydon. Oh! the madness of it. So many well meaning people

Brown
(Catholic)

dont seem to understand that owing to its size the problems of London cannot be solved as they have been elsewhere. Why! only the other day I listened to a lecture in which all the arguments were based upon what they are doing in Richmond! Even the Glasgow analogies are for the most part false owing to the difference in size of the two cities."

Touching on the School Board Father B. noticed the almost hopeless task of enforcing attendance owing to the fact that public opinion was not educated up to the point of sanctioning the infliction of the extreme penalty of imprisonment on parents. "Without this ultimately in the background" he said "fining is a mere brutum fulmen."

Jan. 22nd. 1900.

On calling on Father Brown on Dec. 13th I found that he was ill in bed: and I was unable to see him again until to-day.

Father B. gave me, as the boundary of his district Broad St. Prince's Road Kennington Road, Kennington Park Road Camberwell New Road Foxley Rd Vassall Rd Holland St. down Clapham Rd to The Swan Binfield Rd Priory Rd, Wandsworth Rd Heman St. ~~and~~ L.S.W. Ry, and River from Nine Elms Pier.

The district contains about 3000 R.C's, and the number is always increasing, partly from the fact that the district is growing ~~more~~ more crowded and industrial, partly that the Mission being new (about 8 years) it is still on growing lines quite apart from conversions.

Of the R.C.'s nearly all are Irish Cockney and Irish with a sprinkling of English in the better class, ~~who are mainly converts~~ mainly converts. Of the whole number about 16 p.c. are of middle and lower middle class: the

Remainder are mostly poor but not generally very poor: Certainly not so poor as in Rotherhithe or the Borough and I think not so poor as Father Doubleday's at Walworth said Father D. The children who are the greatest sufferers often come to school with bad boots but seem with bare feet and not 20 out of 500 have to be helped by the gift of boots.

There are two patches where the Irish R.C.'s congregate (1) Hemans and Percival St. patch (2) The streets and courts on either side of Vauxhall Walk. Most of them are riverside labourers, builders' labourers and gas workers. In Percival St. they are mainly coopers who though not generally themselves R.C.'s, have often married R.C.'s

to the whole of his district Father D. thought it was getting steadily poorer, especially the part north of Kennington Lane: but the streets round Dorset Road and off Wandsworth Road had also gone down

Brown - Catholic

much in 8 years. Of such building as is going on for better class people in the district Father B. gave a bad account: it mostly takes the shape of Flats as in South Lambeth Road and they are always "shady" in character: the rents are too high for the working class and the position and accomodation is not suited to a much better class though extraordinary accessible to the West End: the result is that these Flats are almost given over to kept women: they seldom harbour professional prostitutes: "Pimlico guards us against them".

Father Brown has one fellow Priest but no other help. At present there is no church but one is to be begun in May in Upper Kennington Lane.

The number at Mass on Sundays is from 500 to 550: ~~the number keeping~~ these alone could be called "practising Catholics": the number keeping their Easter duties unless

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given for the whole diocese Father Brown believes to be ~~fallacious~~ falacious as the period during which they can be kept covers about eight weeks and many get counted twice or oftener at different churches. Father B. is convinced that among R.C's at all events the "real difficulty with regard to church going is one of dress": and the chief reason why the priests in the north (e.g. at Liverpool and Glasgow) get better ~~results~~ results than in the south is that the women wear shawls: wherever the people can afford to dress well, or when they ~~&~~ wear any simple peasant dress there is no difficulty in getting them to mass, but when as in London ~~the~~ the jacket and hat are essential to respectability the women, girls and children are constantly kept away: this is constantly ~~a~~ cropping up in the schools: when Father B. says to a child "I hav'nt ~~seen~~ seen you at Mass for some time" the frequent reply is "No, Father, I'm coming next Sunday:

Brown - Catholic

mother's got me a new dress."

The fear of ridicule scarcely operates as a motive with R.C.'s: the charge of going for what they can get is so palpably untrue that "it does'nt touch our people: everybody knows that so far from giving we go round and collect money even from the poorest."

The number of children in the Schools is about 550: with the exception of a few children who live on the outskirts of the parish nearly all the R.C.'s come, and there is a fair sprinkling of Protestant children ~~but~~ who ~~can~~ come either because the school is convenient or because the children like the school: it is through such children that converts of the poorer class are usually obtained.

There is a Boys' Club: small but essential ~~as~~ for as with other sects there is great difficulty in retaining the lads as they leave school and "become self-conscious."

I had been told by the C.O.S. that

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Father B. was great on temperance work, but found that it was not so. When the Mission was first started it was affiliated to the League of the Cross at St. George's, but is so no longer: Father B. thinks that the League of the Cross has been largely a failure, not having been run sufficiently on religious grounds: the heads of branches have often not been 'practising Catholics' and the speakers sent round to meetings have been utterly intemperate in their language, and often under grave suspicion of being themselves "drunkards on the sly". But Father B. thinks that there is now a great opening for a temperance society run on strictly religious lines: but it must be to some extent sensational: "the Irish like display: they like flags flying and drums beating."

As to relief there is "nothing systematic": the priests give here and there to the sick, but it amounts to little and no accounts are kept. In bad winters

meals are given to the children. The R.C's are helped very little from other sources, but "avail themselves occasionally of the system of maternity bags."

As to the Vestry: it "does not secure a fine type of men" mainly small tradesmen, builders etc, and though there may not be much actual corruption "it is safe to say that they none of them lose by the time and money which the work may cost them".

The medical officer is excellent and most of the sanity officials good. But dust collection especially in the back streets is greatly neglected.

Lambeth is very 'badly policed' but the men in themselves are efficient and 'obliging'. They are certainly "not hostile to the publican: they dont harry him".

Drink is rampant but some outward improvement of late years: "not so blatant": the war especially has had a sobering effect:

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"the quietest Christmas I remember".
As to Housing, a good deal of the property in Hemans St and Pascal St and about Vauxhall Walk is insanitary

Mr. T. J. Briant CV. 47

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Report of interview with Mr. W.B.Briant, at 200 Kennington Park Road. (E.A.) Jan.1.1900.

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Mr. Briant is a builder and it was at his offices that I saw him. He is a man of about 45; somewhat thin in appearance and in voice, and rather jumpy in manner. With his own brothers and a family of cousins, there are ten of these Briants, most of them living more or less in the district and working in connexion with social or philanthropic agencies. We have already seen one of them about the Lambeth R. School. Another runs the Beaufoy Institute. An appear to be good Nonconformists, literally-minded, & good citizens.

Mr. Briant is a member of the executive of the Moffat Institute, and is one of the oldest workers at it. But he does not now fill any of the chief offices, and the present Hon. Sec. has only recently taken the post.

The Institute is connected with the Brixton Independent Church, and was started under Baldwin Brown's auspices when he was the minister there, "as a centre of unsectarian Christian work among the poor of Lambeth". It has had many vicissitudes, (See the pamphlet "A Story of the Moffat Institute") but changes of habitation have always found it renewing a fairly vigorous life. In the Report for 1895, as given in the Chapel Year Book, the Institute is described as being in Vauxhall St., but since that date it has moved into Esher St. and thus into a slightly more well-to-do spot, the Vauxhall St. premises having been taken over by Mr. Caine. The move has brought

a somewhat better class into the Institute, but, although they are not the "squalid poor" who come, they are by no means a well-to-do class, and are quiet the sort for whom the place is intended. The ~~Ix~~ connexion with the Brixton Chapel has beenn always maintained, and at this moment practically all the helpers are drawn from there, and a very fair amount of financial support can be relied upon.

"The thing has grown" and, in growing, has "drifted" rather, but it has always gone more or less on the same lines, and is, and has been a centre at which a good deal is done for the young people. They have a Missioner, a Mission woman, and a City Missinary is more or less attached, but the primary work of the Institute is to provide healthy recreation for those who come, and to keep the Sunday Sch. strong. "Not much preaching is done". "At Moffat things have always yielded to the young people and to the School". They have few men who come," as they have for instance at Browning Hall, where Stead ~~to~~dies to them both by the people that he gets down to speak, and by the views that he expresses. But, as a matter of fact, it is difficult to cater at one and the same time and in the same place, both for working men, and for children and young people." At the Institute most is perhaps done for the material, as distinguished from the religious welfare of those who come. Not much is attempted on educational lines, partly

The Moffat Institute,

92 AND 94, VAUXHALL STREET, KENNINGTON.

President—Mr. SNELL.

Treasurer—Mr. T. BUXTON MORRISH, J.P., Leonard House, Upper Tulse Hill.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. R. BROOKE, 7, New Square, Lincoln's Inn.

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THE Institute, founded by the late Rev. J. BALDWIN BROWN as a centre for unsectarian Christian work among the poor of Lambeth, is situated in Vauxhall Street, Upper Kennington Lane. Its rooms are used by various societies and organisations, many of which are connected with Brixton Independent Church. The Institute is managed by a mixed Committee, on which the workers are represented.

The subjoined time table shows how fully the rooms are used. The average attendance is stated as giving the best measure of the work, but it does not in every case show all that is done; for example, in addition to the thirty-five dinners for the sick provided twice a week, the District Nurse has the means of making and supplying beef-tea, etc., when required. The Sunday School has a Lending Library, Boot Club, and other helpful clubs attached to it.

The sums entered as rent paid by the Benevolent and other societies represent the contributions of these societies towards the general expenses. That of the Benevolent Society was originally fixed to include the contribution for the Penny Dinners, but the great increase in the number of children entailed such heavy expenses for fuel and caretaker's work that Mrs. BROOKE has for many years collected an additional sum. Attention is drawn to the fact that the expenditure for the last three years has exceeded the income. The deficit to the end of 1893 was met out of a balance in the Treasurer's hands, but this balance is now entirely exhausted, and in addition to this some old subscribers have left the neighbourhood; a larger income is imperatively necessary if the work is to be carried on.

The General Committee does not attempt to control the operations of the different societies in detail, but its unsectarian character has always attracted many able and earnest helpers who could not otherwise have taken part in the work.

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because the Board and other classes provide a good deal ~~a~~ outside, and partly because Mr. B. does not think that as a class their young people would go to more strictly educational things than the Institute does provide --mandoline class etc. etc. The amusement side is strong, and they go in for music a good deal, and, altogether Mr. B. gave the impression while talking on ~~xxxxxx~~ these matters that while the influences of the Institute would be healthy, the management would not be particularly cultivated.

Although it has changed in detail, the programme of fixtures given in the accompanying Report conveys a sufficiently correct idea of the activities of the Institute. A branch of the National Deposit has been recently started the strong point of which is that charges for relief are made in the first place on the subscriptions paid by the benefitting member, and that thus the danger of malingering is greatly lessened.

They have Sunday services, with an Evening attendance of from 90 to 100; in the morning very few come, perhaps 20. Any church members there are, are merged with the Church at Brixton. The Sunday School is large -- 700 on the books, and an average attendance of about 500. There are 36 Sunday School teachers. Last summer 161 were sent away to the country for a holiday.

Weekly Summary of Meetings, Classes, etc.

Day.		*Av. Att.*	*Evening.*	*Av. Att.*
Sunday ...	Sunday School for Boys, Girls, and Infants... ...	451	Service conducted by Mr. Walmsley	72
Monday ...	Mothers' Meeting	142	Reserved for Tea and Social Meetings... ...	
Tuesday ...	Dinners for Sick, cooked and distributed	35	Bible Class for Men and Women	60
	Flower Mission (in the Summer)	50		
Wednesday	Penny Dinners for Poor Children (in Winter) ...	358	Band of Hope	161
			Boys' Brigade...	32
Thursday	Dinners for Sick, cooked and distributed	35	Night School for Elder Girls	57
			Ditto for Men & Women	20
Friday ...	Penny Dinners for Poor Children (in Winter) ...	358	Working Women's Club Girls' Guild	20
			Boys' Brigade...	32
Saturday...			Penny Bank	80

Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1894	7	7	5
" Subscriptions as per list	95	14	6
" Donations	3	3	0
" Rents—			
Benev. Soc. 24 0 0			
Home and City Miss. 12 0 0			
Lady Jersey's Club 0 5 0			
	36	5	0
" Collection, Brixton Independent Church ...	20	3	5
" Jumble Sale	14	9	4
Deficiency for the Year ...	10	0	5
	£187	3	1

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Caretaker and Weekly Expenses	70	11	3
" Rent of 92 and 94, Vauxhall Street ...	52	8	6
" Rates and Taxes ...	14	14	3
" Gas and Firing ...	15	18	8
" Water	3	10	0
" Insurance	1	2	0
" Piano Repairs and Tuning	1	11	6
" Mr. Briant, Alterations and Repairs ...	24	4	11
" Miscellaneous and Sundry Expenses ...	3	2	0
	£187	3	1

Examined and found correct,

BUXTON MORRISH, *Treasurer.*

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The Wandering Polyzoon

A Story of the Moffat Institute

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Mr. Briant has known the district in which the Missn. has worked for many years, and in his opinion the better streets have tended to get poorer, and the worse streets to imprpove in his time.

He mentioned the following local missions: Kennington Hall, in Kennington Lane; (connected with the Tabernacle); The Kings Own Mission, doing mainly evangelistic work; The Beaufoy Institute; Caine Hall, their old premises in Vaux-hall St. run by Mr. Caine, with Wheatsheaf Hall, his other Mission centre; and S. Anselm's, a Church Mission.

He referred to Mr. Darlington, the Vicar of S Mark Kennington, and said that when appointed, it was felt that he wasx too young for the position, and not qualified by sufficient experience. Many resented the appointment, thinking that it was rather a job. the living being in the gift of S. Margaret's, Westminster, and the new Vicar being Farrar's son-in-law. Mr. B. thought, however, that this feeling was being perhaps lived down, and that Mr. D. was [redacted] improving his position. He was working hard, and spending a good deal of his own money on the church and the parish. But he clearly felt that Mr. Darlington was hardly the man for the position, even though he may grow into it. He spkke of course as an outsider and as a Nonconformist, but he is a parishioner, and probably knows the pulse of the district.

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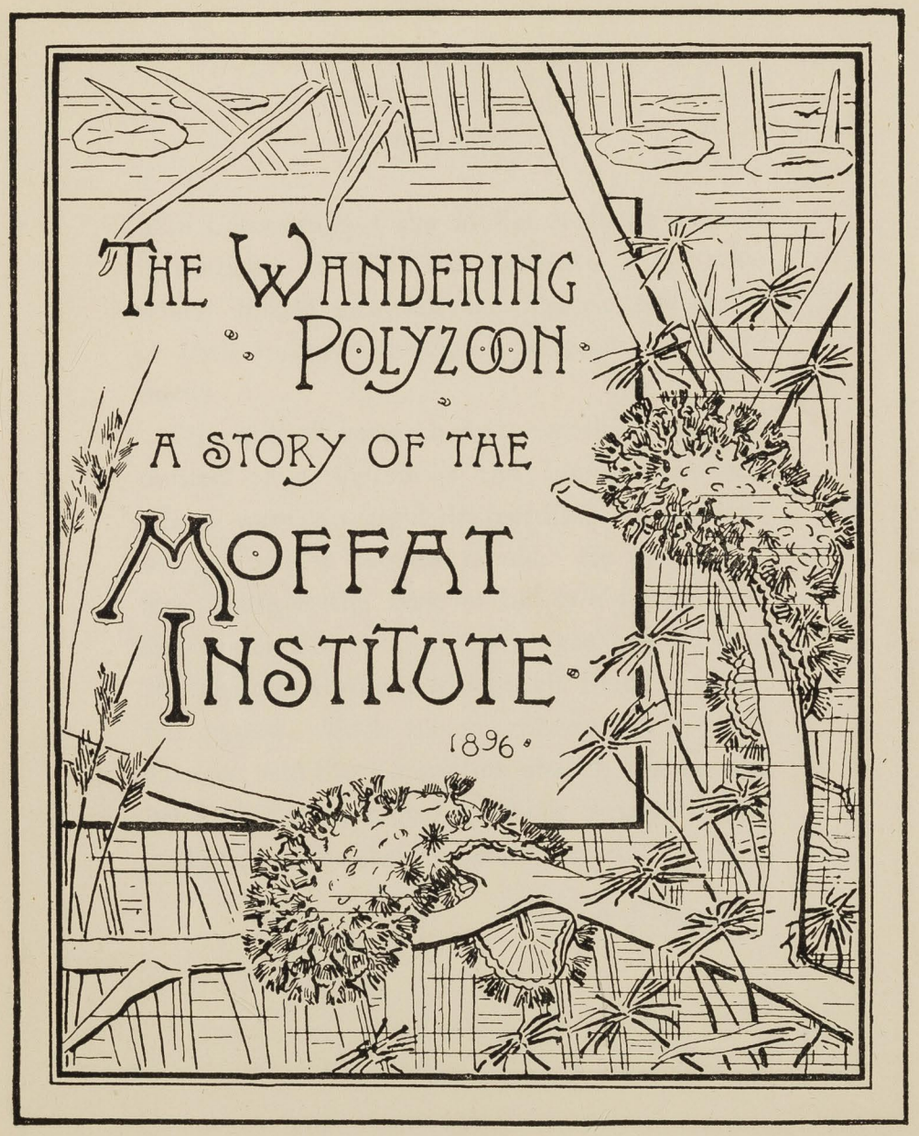
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NOTE

The Committee of the Moffat Institute deemed it desirable to call into existence a narrative which should establish the historic continuity of their Institute through its successive developments.

The task of research and exposition was entrusted to a Fellow of the Linnæan Society. There were no rigid instructions to cast the history into a definite mould. He has, therefore, followed the bent of his own inclinations, and under this delightful analogue has depicted the changes through which this living creature has passed. Each metamorphosis has been an advance, and the Committee cherish the hopeful belief that the removal to Esher Street will still further continue the progressive series.

Bernard J. Snell.

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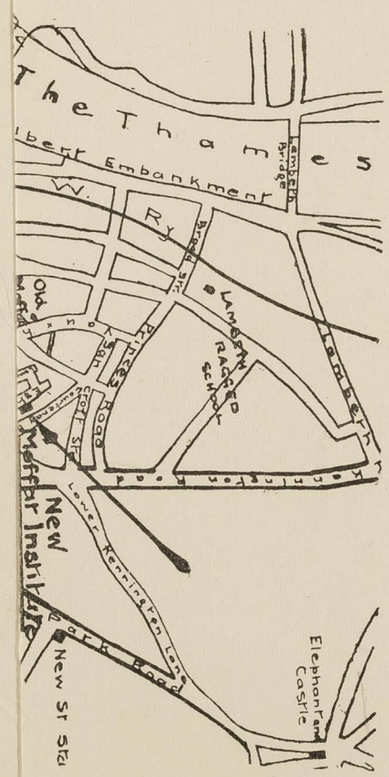
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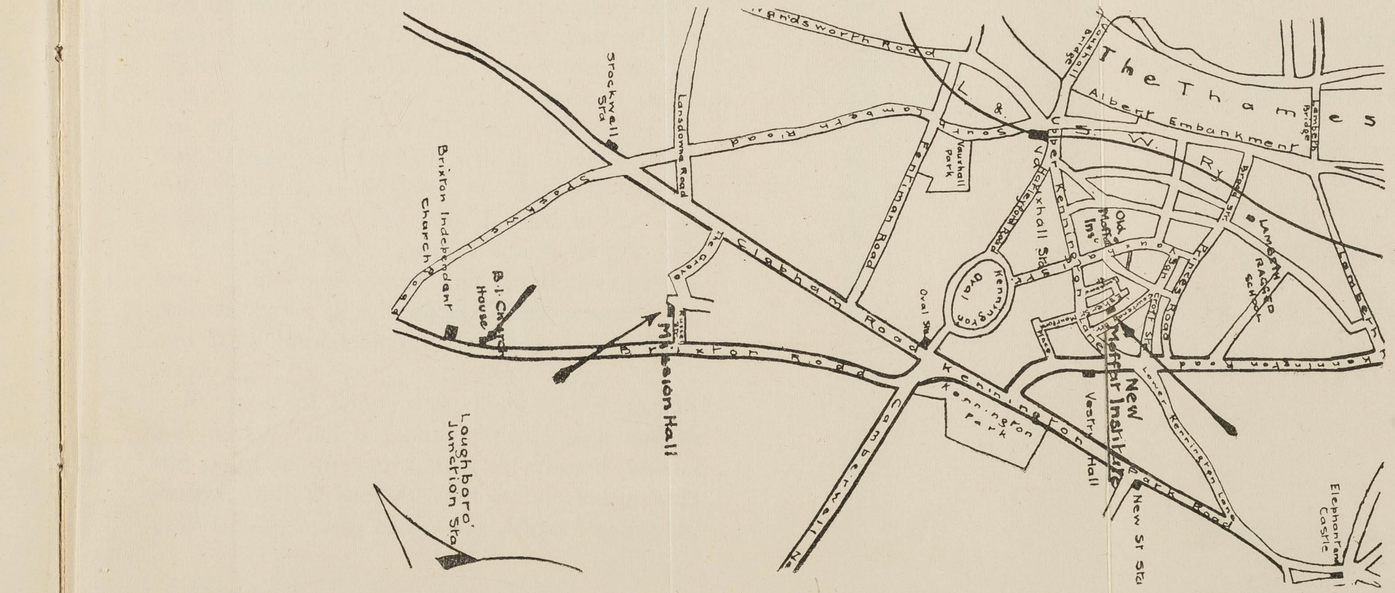

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PREFACE.

While it is impossible to mention all the persons who by their thought and energy have carried on and extended the work done at the Moffat Institute, it is also impossible not to mention some of them. The names of those not mentioned here will surely be found in that 'other book' which will be opened when the 'glory and honour of the nations' is brought into the Heavenly Jerusalem.

The time allowed within which to get this book ready was short, but contemporaneous records have in all cases been referred to, and it is hoped that no serious errors have crept in.

By way of general apology the compiler would say, 'and if I have written well and to the point in my story, this is what I myself desired, but if meanly and indifferently, this is all I could attain unto.'—II *Maccabees* xv, 38.

T. J. B.

May 1896

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MRS MALLETT

CHAPTER I.

THOSE naturalists, students of the minute, who

'Pore for an hour, o'er a weed or a flower,
Or the slug that comes crawling out after a shower,'

and delight themselves in ponds and puddles, are sometimes fortunate enough to come across a very interesting organism known as the Wandering Polyzoon. This little creature, or rather colony, is made up of quite a number of separate and distinct individuals all embedded or massed into a colony, and while each acts independently of the others, and by the operation of its tentacle draws within its influence what it wants, yet all move together as one mass, and mutually support each other. There

is much that the Society or Institution which is our theme, has in common with this little creature.

Before the renascence of active church work; when the poor were not 'considered,' but regarded as a nuisance, and spoken of as the dangerous class; in the twilight time of modern civilization (civilization that is of the upper classes); before 'slumming' had become a fashion, still less a passion; when the Mission of the Churches of Christianity was done generally in a second-hand kind of way by means of Scripture Reader or Bible woman; here and there a church or a chapel might be found doing its best to cut through the jungle of poverty and sin that surrounded it, and let God's sunlight and love into the darkness and despair of the poor of this great city. One of such congregations was that worshipping and working under the ministration of Mr Baldwin Brown at Claylands Chapel,

Clapham Road. Here and at this time was the Polyzoon born.

Stirred to active Christian life by the teaching of that far-sighted and energetic man, the congregation was among the most active in South London. To say that anything ever done by them was done systematically, would lead many of those whose memories are fairly active to smile a little; but whether done systematically or not it was *done*, and done thoroughly.

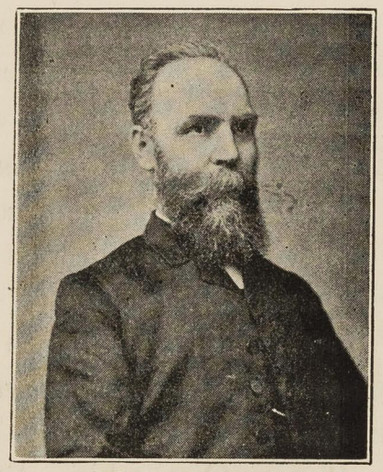
The inveterate habit of wandering soon showed itself; for among the members of the congregation (it is no use saying the *active* members—for who among them were otherwise?) was a Mrs Mallett, and to her was entrusted a branch of the benevolent work of the Church as a district visitor. We cannot find what district was originally assigned to her, but before very long she had established a district for herself some distance from the

Chapel, and at no point contiguous with any of the other districts. This was no doubt very irregular and would have shaken the C. O. S. to its foundation—so would St Paul's visit to Macedonia. There is no record that Mrs Mallett ever saw a vision, but the result shows that she was divinely led, and the district in which she worked is substantially the same as that of which the Moffat Institute is now the headquarters.

After all, the C. O. S. would not have had any cause of complaint on the score of overlapping: there was nothing to overlap.

CHAPTER II.

Mrs Mallett being at quite a distance from Claylands Chapel found herself considerably hampered in her work, for it was too far for the people she worked among to get to the meetings. Therefore, in the month of January or February 1864, she made arrangements for the use of a room in a little house, No. 9 Smith's Place, Devonshire Street (now Courtney Street) for her meetings. This room was inhabited by a Mrs Reddington, and it went a step farther than Wordsworth's 'half kitchen, half parlour' for it was 'half bedroom' as well, and the bed had to be folded up and tucked away in order that twelve



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mothers might find sitting accommodation, yet twenty came week by week.

In the following May, Mr Walmsley, the city missionary for the district, started in the same room, in co-operation with Mrs Mallett, a Sunday afternoon meeting for adults, and this was equally well attended.

Matters went on in this way until March 1867, when an illness occurred in the cottage —do you wonder? And the Polyzoon had to move.

It moved in two directions. Mrs Mallett transferred her meeting to the kitchen of her own house, No. 160 Kennington Park Road and commenced a Sunday school for children, and Mr Walmsley secured the use of a small room in Park Street (now Sancroft Street) where he continued his Sunday afternoon meetings and started a Bible class on Tuesday evenings, which continues to this day.

Mrs Mallett was assisted by two ladies from

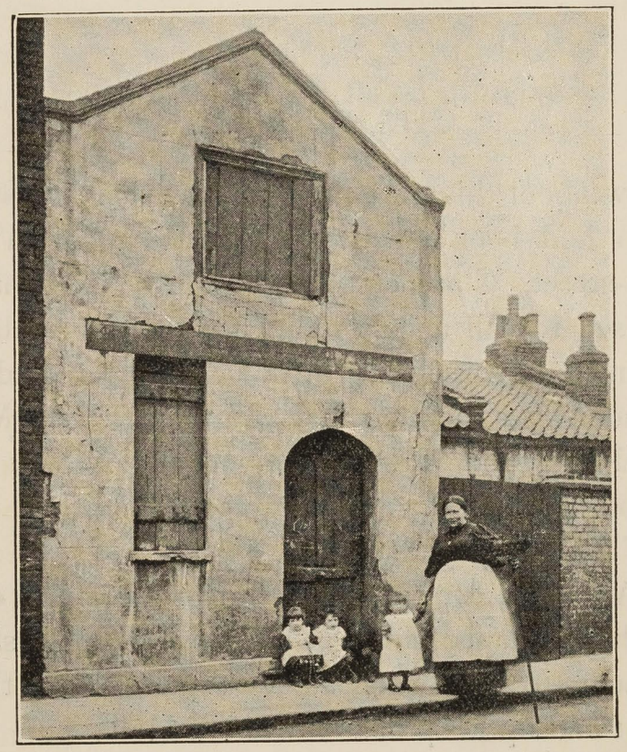
Claylands Chapel, and Mr Walmsley by another lady from Claylands Chapel and a retired army sergeant; and with their help started a boys' evening school. Boys' evening schools in those days were a lively business; they have never been found very monotonous. But the landlord interfered and the school had to be discontinued.

CHAPTER III.

Now about this time the Primitive Methodists, who had been meeting in a little room in a bye-street, Clarence Place* which they had chosen to call a hall, found themselves unable to meet expenses, and in debt, and they gladly handed over their tenancy and their debt to Mr Walmsley and Mrs Mallett, and in this way in September 1869, the Polyzoon established itself in Malmsey Place.

Although Mrs Mallett's work was carried on with assistance from Claylands Chapel, she appears to have been alone responsible for the rent and up keep of the Mission Hall.

*It may here be convenient to mention that the name was afterwards changed; and for the second time, in this our nation's story, Clarence was turned into Malmsey.



Mission Hall, Clarence Place.

The Sunday school was opened with two teachers (Mr Walmsley and Mrs Mallett) and twenty children. In the evening the service for adults began with an attendance of thirty. So isolated was this work that Mr Walmsley was compelled to appeal to the adults who met in the evening for help in the Sunday school, the result of his appeal was the offer of help from persons in very poor circumstances, whose names should be recorded, they were Mr and Mrs Fox, Mr and Mrs Price, Mrs Kay, and Mrs Reddington. Shortly afterwards, first Mr Ball and then Mr Packer came to their help. As most of the children did not know their alphabet, in those days considered the foundation of all knowledge, the patient teachers began their work by teaching them how to read, in order that they might read the Bible.

The mothers' meeting and the sewing class for girls were continued, and the number at-

tending was about fifty or sixty. On Tuesday Mr Walmsley conducted his adults' Bible class with an attendance of eleven persons. He also founded a library.

Under the superintendence first of Mr Walmsley, afterwards of Mr Ball, and finally of Mr Packer, the Sunday school rapidly increased in numbers and soon filled the building to its utmost extent.

The report for the first year is short, but, as the first printed record of this work it is very interesting. It begins with a list of forty-two subscribers, then comes the following—

'A Sabbath school has been established numbering 115 scholars. There are services for Prayer and Exposition of the Scriptures, on Sunday evening and on Tuesday evening.

'On Monday afternoon there is a mothers' meeting numbering 100; there is also a sewing class for girls on Wednesday afternoon, when about fifty girls are present.

'The above are the results of the united efforts of Mrs Mallett, the lady who superintends the mothers' meeting and the sewing class, assisted by Miss Ellen Briant and Mr Walmsley, the missionary of the district, who conducts the services on the evenings above mentioned, and who feels convinced that the temporal and spiritual condition of those who attend are much improved thereby.'

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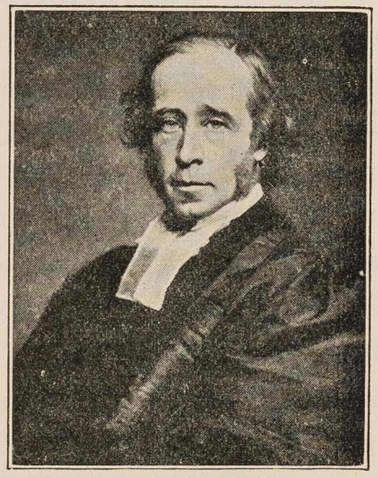

REV. J. BALDWIN BROWN, B.A.

CHAPTER IV.

In the year 1870 a great change occurred. The congregation which had assembled at Claylands Chapel had built for themselves the church which forms such a prominent feature in the landscape of Brixton Road, and which certainly is one of the landmarks of Congregationalism: this is not an attempt at rhetoric—rhetoric only flourishes the other side the Atlantic, it is played out here: but is a mere statement of fact, and those who mourn over a clockless tower may comfort themselves by the reflection that the church was the meridian from which many theological clocks took their time, often somewhat in advance of the time they had hitherto gone by.

But to return. The congregation which re-

mained behind at Claylands Chapel was very small and naturally the work carried on suffered. It would have suffered more had not the new church contributed for some years to the support of a local missionary and also assisted Mrs Mallet in carrying on her work in the outlying district.

> 'When he [Mr Baldwin Brown] moved with the greater part of his congregation to the new church at Brixton, he continued in that neighbourhood the work which he had carried on at Claylands; but as the members left behind were unable to visit the whole of the large district which had been under the care of the old congregation, the pastor and people at Brixton arranged to retain under the care of their old visitors those portions which were farthest from Claylands, and work them from the new centre.' Now mark how he put the position before his congregation, 'For he told his people that as they had come out to a healthier, richer, and more favoured locality, they must remember that they had left behind them the poor—more desolate and more in need than ever and *they were bound to take their wealth and their culture back to those slums and use them where they were so much wanted.**

Nothing can better show the spirit of the teaching of Mr Baldwin Brown or explain more precisely the commencement of the connection of that congregation with the Institution, than the following extracts from his address to his congregation printed in the first year-book—

> 'Each year that I live but deepens the conviction which guided and sustained all my work and all my endeavour as

* 'In Memoriam, James Baldwin Brown.' p. 43.

the minister of Claylands Chapel, that Christian congregations are called together, are called into the fellowship of each other and of Christ, for the sake of the service which by their united energies and resources they can render to the neighbourhood around them, and in a measure to mankind. We are not simply a voluntary association for the 'enjoyment of the divine word and ordinances,' for the maintenance of public worship and the preaching of the gospel, whereby we may be helped under the burdens and trials of our pilgrimage, and strengthened to bear ourselves bravely in the battle against the evil that is within us and the evil that is around. Christian communities are formed and sustained that they may be the living organs of the Saviour in His ministry to the world. "As the Father hath sent me unto the

world, even so send I you" is the word of the Master to every disciple. "Freely ye have received freely give" is His commandment to us all.' Then after referring to the building of the church he proceeds: 'Thankful as I felt for this measure of success, I regarded the mere gathering of the congregation as but the first step towards the object which I have ever striven to keep steadily before my mind—work for Christ and for mankind. . . . I regarded it from the first as essential that we should find some mission station among the poor in the most densely populated district at Lambeth, and there try what we could do to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sorrowful, heal the sick, teach the ignorant and save the lost. We have such a station in Clarence Place, Lambeth.'

Another part of the year-book explains that the congregation had undertaken to relieve Mrs Mallett of the responsibility of obtaining funds and had extended the work done and had taken over the district formerly sustained by the congregation at Claylands.

Thus did the Polyzoon develop.

CHAPTER V.

In all histories there are to be found records of certain erratic movements which even philosophers cannot explain. The history of this institute is no exception, although the Brixton congregation, as appears by their year books, paid the rent and upkeep of this Mission Hall, the work done was supervised by a committee, consisting of both churchmen and dissenters, only three being connected directly with the congregation,* they were not appointed by the church,

* Rev. Baldwin Brown (President), and Messrs G. Baldwin Brown, J. R. Brooke, Henry Doulton, John Dawson, T. Buxton Morrish, F. Scott Tanner, and Stanley Kemp Welch.

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perhaps they co-opted each other; however it be the arrangement certainly merited the description given to it by the committee themselves, 'unsectarian in its character, and free and unconventional in its mode of working,' and it did not make any difference. The congregation was greedy for work, and very soon the poor little room in Clarence Place was groaning under its burdens. Our Polyzoon developed fresh polyps with amazing rapidity.

In the year 1872, there were in full working order—

1. Sunday School, morning and afternoon.
2. Sunday evening service.
3. Mothers' meeting.
4. Sewing-class.
5. Work-room opened several times a week.
6. Penny dinners for children.
7. Social tea-meeting for the poor.

And the district around was scoured by seven lady visitors.

In the year 1873, all this work was carried on, and to it was added a Penny Bank, which was started on the 29th March, a day school for girls and a night school for men.

In the year 1874, the library was started, a sick nurse appointed, and lantern lectures were given.

All this was done in the miserable little room in Malmsey Place.

A mere list of these operations is not very enlightening and we therefore refer to some of them in detail.

The school for girls was an attempt to reach those who were beyond the age of the then newly opened Board Schools. It has been carried on uninterruptedly ever since, but has developed with the times, and the girls are now taught dressmaking, domestic economy, cookery, etc., and prepared and influenced as far as possible to become domestic servants instead of joining the ever increasing band

of factory hands. In connection with this class must be mentioned the Streatham garden parties which Mrs Brooke* (who takes a very special interest in the school) has been able year by year to arrange among her own friends at Streatham. It is safe to say that, of the many garden parties these good friends give, none are more fully appreciated, more fondly remembered, or more often talked about, literally for years afterwards, than those given to the Lambeth girls.

The library became quite famous under Mr Brooke's guidance. It was rich on the one hand in History, Travel Biography, Technics and Elementary Science: and on the other (to prevent the mind being unduly saddened), it had a proper proportion of Fiction,

* It has been suggested that as so many changes have taken place, there may be some who would like to be reminded that Mrs Brooke is the daughter of the late Mr Baldwin Brown.

Poetry and Adventure. It was very much appreciated; and by the end of the second year the little collection of 350 books had been out 2020 times, or an average of between 5 and 6 times for every book. The borrowings were 120 biography, 87 travel, 72 religious, 59 history, 63 poetry, 198 unclassified and the remainder fiction. One penny a month was charged, the books were generally well kept, and not one was lost.

The social meetings were inaugurated at Claylands Chapel in 1859, and were continued on the same line. In case this little book should fall into the hands of those who have never been present, or taken part in them, it should be mentioned that the special feature of these social meetings is their sociability; for after tea, when the cheerfulness of the cup and the comfort thereof is making itself felt, the entertainers and entertained, instead of proceeding forthwith to the musical en-

tertainment, examine microscopes, graphoscopes, and other such conversation-suggesting objects. This interval is most interesting to all concerned and has always made the meetings popular; without it those who cannot play or sing are limited to serving tables, but the opportunity for conversation gives everyone a chance.

The Penny Dinners speak for themselves There is here little chance of the gifts of the rich going astray. They have been given uninterruptedly during the winter months, the total number of dinners since they started is 182,707.

The Work-Room followed the lead set by Miss Octavia Hill in the North-West of London, and was for poor widows. It started with 12, on the plan of allowing the women to come to the Mission Hall and work for a couple of hours, and paying then and there for the work they did. This admirable idea

was carried out for some ten years when, in consequence of the infirmity and age of some of those attending, they were allowed to take the work home and bring it done the following week.

The Penny Bank was carried on on the system worked out at Claylands, and is now self-supporting. The deposits for the first year amounted to £38, the amount deposited last year was £318, with a balance of £150 in hand.

CHAPTER VI.

THE pressure upon the little room in Clarence Place was fast becoming intolerable, when Mr Stanley Kemp-Welch offered, if space could be found, to build more suitable premises. After much inquiry the only means available was to take one of the small houses in Vauxhall Street on lease and build upon the garden. This was done and on the 21st December 1875, **the Moffat Institute for Christian Work in Lambeth** was opened by the Venerable Dr Moffat, on his 80th birthday. And then our Polyzoon again shifted the scene of its activities.

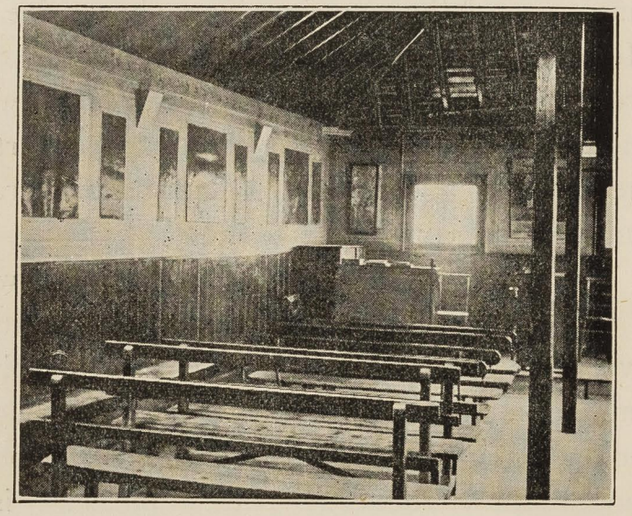
In the year 1876 Mrs Mallett died.

Now another erratic movement is notice-

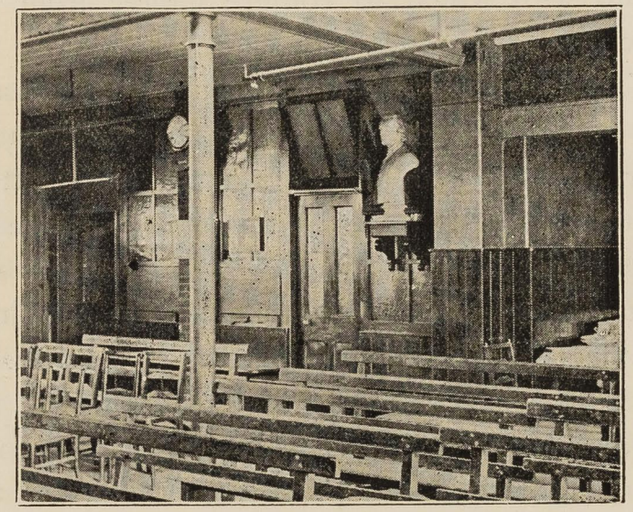
Old Moffat Institute.

able: although up to the removal to the Institute in Vauxhall Street the expenses had been borne by the Brixton congregation, from that time onward the expenses were borne by the Moffat Institute Committee, the Brixton congregation doing the greater part of the work and consequently finding the greater part of the money; but this left a very considerable sum for the committee to find.

The spiritual view of undenominational work is beautiful, but the financial one is not attractive. In the first place there are only a limited number of persons who ever give money to anything. Why those who do not should deny themselves this pleasure is a problem as yet unsolved. Those who give will generously support the societies connected with their own particular church, but there is frequently not a little difficulty in getting them to appreciate the importance of giving to a society which has no direct connection with



Old Moffat Institute—Upper Room.



Old Moffat Institute—Lower Room.

it. Undenominationalism perhaps is its own reward, certainly at the present epoch of the history of the Christian Church it is not a word with which to conjure money from the pockets of the rich.

The task of raising the balance necessary to make both ends meet was undertaken by Mrs Brooke who gave her unremitting attention to this arduous work for twenty years. Her interest, however, in the Institute did not cease there. She formed the Streatham Kyrle Society which painted a series of decorative panels for the beautifying of the upper room, under the direction of John Sparks, Esq., and presented them to the committee on the 13th November, 1880.

In the Year 1879, the Committee was permanently enlarged and the Societies working at the Institute were directly represented upon it.

In the year 1883, the lease of the premises was handed over to Trustees.

CHAPTER VII.

We have already mentioned the appointment of the sick nurse, 1874. But to appreciate the benefit of a nurse to the poor it requires some knowledge of their real condition. It is not so much that they are without food, as the kind of food they get, and the way it is presented to them. A woman in the last stage of consumption had brought to her by a kind-hearted neighbour some cheese and pickles; a girl whose diet had been carefully regulated while in the Hospital was taken away because she was being starved (!) and her fond mother provided a pork chop for her dinner; these are not specimens—they are only average samples.

To this branch of the work had been grad-

ually added the sick dinner—this is a distribution made twice a week of hot meat, carved at the institute, and immediately delivered at the houses of the sick. The nurse is supplied with various appliances and special clothing for the sick; but more than this, a Convalescent Home has been established.

There were some of those who knew and loved Mr Baldwin Brown, who felt that the window in the church, while quite a fitting memorial, did not go far enough. They were impressed with the urgent need of completing the work of the sick nurse, a mission which lay very near to his heart. They therefore determined to open a seaside home for the sick, and dedicate it to his memory. Money was quickly found and in 1888 **the Baldwin Brown Cottage Home for Convalescent Poor, Herne Bay,** was opened.

'Mothers,' writes the secretary, 'who came broken alike in health and spirit, having never known a respite from struggle and hardship, picked up heart and health after a few days' holiday, and were scarcely to be recognised as the same women. Children, many of them cripples, whose pale grave faces it was painful to see when they first came, were very soon to be found playing on the sands, looking bright and happy and evidently in fairyland.'

Wasn't Goldsmith right in speaking of the *luxury* of doing good? Think of the 2200 persons who have thus been made happy and well.

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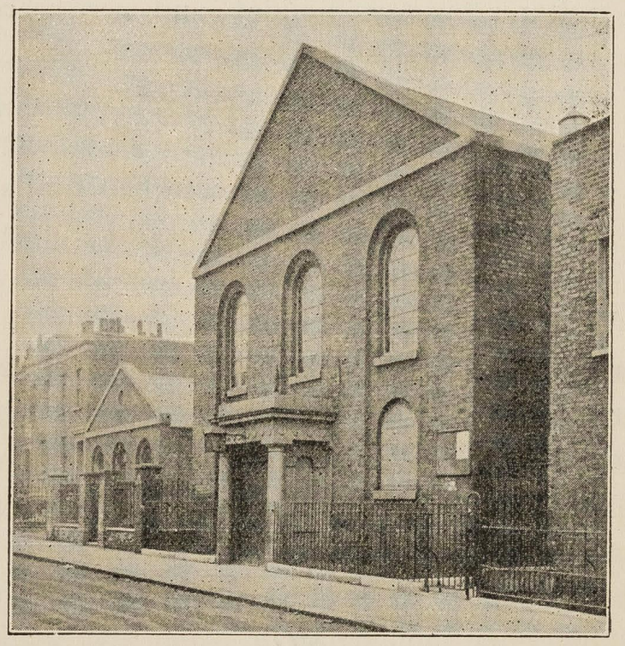

New Moffat Institute, Esher Street.

CHAPTER VIII.

In May 1889, the place being all too strait, especially for the Sunday school which was dangerously over-crowded, the Committee decided upon enlarging the premises. They accordingly acquired the adjoining house and extended the lower room, and made other alterations at an expenditure of £247. And again Mrs Brooke's energy not only provided a large part of this amount, but also secured another series of decorations.

This enlargement gave greater scope for work, but the work still pressed on. And now a strange fate awaited our Polyzoon. The London County Council in the year 1895, gave an intimation to the Committee that

structural alterations of an extensive character were necessary or the building would have to be closed.

While this Institute was stage by stage progressing and multiplying its operations, the Chapel in the neighbourhood (Esher Street) was gradually losing ground. The character of the district had so considerably changed since the time it was founded, that the congregation was unable to support it. The Sunday School and Temperance Society of both Esher Street Chapel and the Moffat Institute were already known to each other, and had co-operated on several occasions, and it soon became clear that it was incumbent upon either the Committee of the Moffat Institute or the Brixton Independent Church to secure this building.

An arrangement has been made by which the work of the Moffat Institute Committee (which it is agreed shall as far as possible

be carried on upon its original unsectarian lines), and the responsibilities attaching to it shall be taken over by the Brixton Independent Church. They have also arranged to acquire the freehold of the Esher Street premises which has yet to be paid for, and the Wandering Polyzoon is about to make another shift. As our little prototype in its maturity restrains its roving propensities, so it may be with those whose work we have tried to describe.

CHAPTER IX

Let us look again at our Polyzoon and see what it has grown to.

Mr Walmesley's Sunday Evening Meeting has an average attendance of 72; the Sunday School an attendance of 451. The Mothers' Meeting is held on Monday with an attendance of 142—all too many for the ill-ventilated room they now meet in. On Tuesdays there is the distribution of dinners for the sick to some 35 persons. The Flower Mission. A Bible Class for adults for 60 (mere curiosity or selfish motives would not keep together, week by week, from 50 to 70 working people.) Then on Wednesdays are the Penny Dinners for children with an average of 358; the Band

of Hope, 161; and the 4th London Company of the Boys' Brigade with the Ambulance Class and Drilling Class. On Thursdays there are the distribution of dinners for the sick again; the Night School for girls with 57 in attendance, and another School for men and women, with 20. Fridays the Penny Dinners again; a Working Women's Club and Girls' Guild, and the Boys' Brigade; and on Saturday the self-supporting Penny Bank.

This is the record of work done in the Building, but in addition to this 1257 children (not convalescents) have through the Sunday School had a fortnight's holiday in the country. The Boot Club has supplied over 500 pairs of boots to the subscribers. The Girls' Guild has had excursions to picture galleries, the Tower of London, etc. The Boys' Brigade has its swimming class and cricket club. The Blanket Society distributes blankets, and the Benevolent Society (working at the invitation

of the Rector of Lambeth in conjunction with the ladies in his congregation) distributes annually through its visitors over £100 to relieve urgent need.

All this is stated not in a spirit of boastfulness, but to show what would have to be abandoned if the new premises had not been secured. This would have meant to the poor many a sigh, and to their helpers many a broken heart.

Our task is over. It only remains to repeat to our readers a warning long ago given to them by Mr Baldwin Brown.

> 'Unless those who live in healthy and pleasant suburbs are prepared to make some sacrifice to care for those who are compelled to live in crowded, and to say the least, unlovely neighbourhoods, the condition of the poor will grow sadder year by year, and a great sin and shame will lie at our door.'

Notes of interview with the Rev. J.Bowles, 38 Finchley Road, Kennington Park. (E.A.) Jan.3.1900.

Mr. Bowles is in charge of the Walworth and Kennington Stations of the Primitive Methodist Connexion. He is the only minister, all the other preachers being lay helpers. For a list of these see the Plan, as also for sundry other particulars, including the number of members at the three chapels. Everything is on a small scale, and the Walworth Chapel is in a parlous state, as a congregational centre. If it is to be saved, it will have to be turned into a Mission, and some are planning to this end, with the work of Mr. Flannagan in view as a model. Mr. Bowles' chief aim so far as this particular chapel is concerned, appears to be to get rid of it. Personally he is "not drawn" to mission work, and he would gladly shift the responsibility for making the fresh start on to some one else's shoulders.

He has only been at Kennington for six months, and appears to be one of the spiritual "poor things" of the ministry. He is young, and, although I saw him when he was being kept to the house by a touch of influenza, there is little doubt but that he is a weakling. He came to London from the Forest of Dean, having left there at the end of a year. His chapels were some miles apart, and he found the work very trying: "I did not like the hills!" as he

Bowles- Prim. Methodist (2)

weakly and pathetically said. He is married, and, albeit a little untidy, his wife appeared to be a bright and good-natured young person. The position of this young couple seemed to be a little xxxxx forlorn, as they have been ~~xx~~ pitchforked into xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Kennington, and appear to know none of the ministers of the district. In a small place, as Mr. Bowles said, it is different, and a newcomer is called on, but in London he is apt to be lost in the great crowd, Whatever the facts may be as a rule, there is no doubt that xx this young fellow feels isolated. The close proximity of his chapel to the English Church of S. Agnes tends to deepen this feeling, as the breach h here with dissent is "both wide and deep". It appears to be accompanied by an active propaganda, and Mr. Bowles co plained of the visiting of the Sisters of S. Agnes, and of their attempts to wean away his own people, one of the threats being that since he, Mr Bowles, is not ordained, "How can you expect to go to heaven". The children are the first to be drawn away, and the Church can never remain quiet while the children of their day school go to the chapel Sunday School. Their intolerance is being met by some of the dissenting parents, who have taken their children away altogether, and put them at the Board School. Altogether, rel tions a pear to be strained and pitiable,

Bowles- Prim. Methodist (3)

and Mr. Bowles doubtless feels himself overshadowed, not only personally, but structurally by his strong Anglican rival, for the chapel is literally ~~overshadowed by the~~ under the ~~ex~~ church. Partly on this account, they are hoping to move — "to get out into the open", and, should funds allow, this step will be taken.

The following are some par iculars of the various chapels of the Station.

WALWORTH: The people who go are working class; middle class, and ane or two well-to-do. But there are very few of them altogether, and the neighbourhood is quite unconnected with the Chapel. "We do not tough Walworth". The building holds 400, and 20 years ago was crowded out. Now, about 30 come, both morning and evening. For the Sunday School, with an average of 70, they have 10 or 12 teachers. The children are mostly drawn from the district, and, with reference to the School, he let fall the naive statement ~~that~~ "the more you give them, the more they will come". This appeared probable, but I asked for an explanation, and he said with a greater frankness than we ordinarily meet with: "Through teas and treats etc. if you understand me; they are practically bought. The poorer the district the more money you need to spend. It is sad but true".

KENNINGTON: This is by far their most flourishing

centre, and was desribed as a growing cause. The people are lower middle and working class, mainly the latter. Congregations, on Sunday morning: 60; in the evening, 200. Sunday School: Register, 190; Average, 160. Teachers, 26. The Poor Fund from the Communion collections only comes to about £3, and in all about £5 is given away. He manages it. At the other chapels there is no poor fund at all. From Kennington a certain amount of tract distribution is carried on, and there are various small social agencies, their object always being, both here and at the other chapels, in so far as anything is attempted, to keep the members of the congregation and the young people together.

PECKHAM: Sunday morning, 12; evening, 20. Sunday School: Register, 85; Average, 60. Teachers, 11. Things are on a small scale here, but there is more to be hoped for than at Walworth, and he hopes to "work things up". But Walworth is clearly regarded as a forlorn hope, and Mr. Bowles is not the man to lead it.

At all the centres their buildings include both chapel and schools. In the course of our conversation, Mr. B. mentioned that Mr. Mogg, the missioner at the Moffat Institute, was his brother-in-law, and that he could rely on him for help in case of illness etc. It was the only outside relationship that I had a glimpse of.

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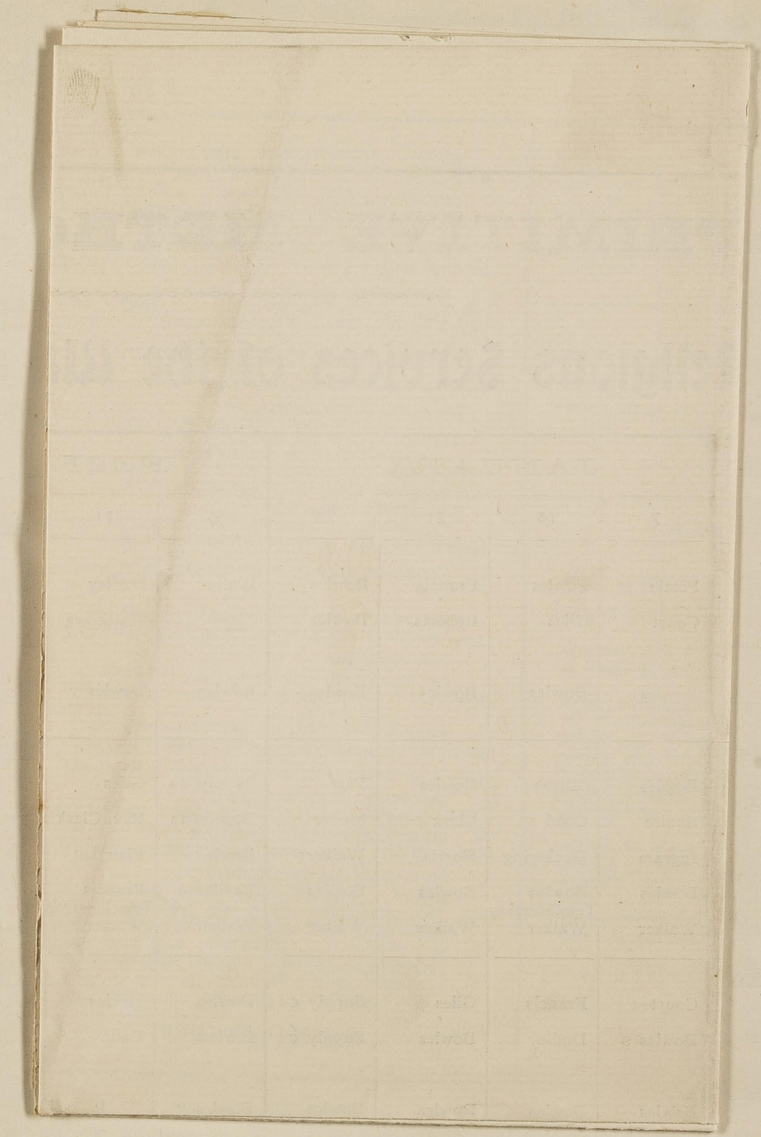

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION.

Plan of Public Religious Services of the Walworth and Kennington Station, 1899-1900.

Names of Places.	Time	DEC.	JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH			
		31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25
WALWORTH, East Street ..	11.0	Bowles	Postle	Bowles	Francis	Bowles	Walker	Dudley	Davies	Court	Supply	Bowles	Barlow	Giles
	6.30	Barlow	Court	Giles	Roberts	Bowles s	Clare	Matthews	Bowles MS	Bowles s	Squire	Francis	Postle	Rev. Clark
Open Air	8.15													
Thursday, Society Class.. ..	8.15	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles T	Bowles MM	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles
KENNINGTON, Warham Street	11.0	Francis	Bowles	Mason	Bowles	Parr	Supply TS	Giles	Bowles MS	Bowles	Court	Goodrich	Bowles	Davies
	6.30	Bowles	Squire	Coad s	Clark	Moore	Bowles TS	Rev. Clark	Francis	Barlow	Bowles s	Goodrich	Walker	Bowles s
Monday, United Class	8.0	Postle	Ingram	Duckering	Harris	Walker	Bowles	Flaxman	Postle	Ingram		Giles	Harris	Flaxman
Wednesday, Preaching	7.45	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles Tem.Meeting	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles T	Francis Tem.Meeting	Bowles MM	Bowles	Giles	Bowles Tem.Meeting	Ingram, jun.	Bowles
Thursday, Christian Endeavour	7.45	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker
PECKHAM, Sumner Road ..	11.0	Giles	Court	Francis	Giles	Supply CE	Bowles	Davies	Barlow	Postle	Bowles	Matthews	Dudley	Bowles
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Open Air	6.0													
Tuesday, Preaching	8.0	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles Mon. Lecture	Bowles T	P	Bowles MM	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles	Bowles

Preachers' Names and Residences.

1 J. BOWLES, 38, Finchley Road, Kennington Park, S.E.
2 J. Barlow, 149, Lorrimore Road, Walworth, S.E.
3 H. Postle, 45, Finchley Road, Walworth, S.E.
4 H. Francis, 50, Stockwell Green, S.W.
5 H. Giles, 45, Station Road, Camberwell New Road, S.E.
6 P. Dudley, 20, South Grove, Rye Lane, S.E.
7 J. Walker, 149, Leander Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.
8 J. R. Snead, 101, Villa Street, Walworth, S.E.
9 A. Court, 13, Wells Street, Albany Road, Camberwell, S.E.
10 B. Craven, 56, Lorrimore Street, Walworth, S.E.
11 R. Squire, 142, Clapham Road, S.E.
12 C. Grigg (Sup.) 18, Regency Square, White Hart Street, Kennington, S.E.
13 Mrs. Middleton, 54, Penrose Street, Walworth, S.E.

ON TRIAL:
14 E. Davies,

HELPERS:
15 W. J. Clark, 22, Wellington Road, Peckham, S.E.
16 J. Mills, 84, New Kent Road, S.E.
17 G. Collins, Blackheath, S.E.
18 Rev. E. Clarke, 59, Plough Road, Rotherhithe, S.E.
19 R. Jackson, 100, Essex Road, Islington.
20 J. Matthews, 39, Bournemouth Road, Peckham, S.E.
21 J. M. Goodrich, Bletchley.

Notices.

a.—The Circuit Quarterly Meeting will be held at Peckham, March 5th. Preachers' Meeting, 6.15 p.m. Full Board 7.0 p.m.

b.—The Circuit Committe is composed of *all* members of the Full Board, and shall meet when and where summoned.

c.—Walworth Chapel, East Street, and Kennington Chapel, Warham Street, are licensed for the solemnization of Marriages. For particulars apply to the Minister.

d.—The ordinance of Baptism will be administered at any Sunday Morning or week-night Service. Due notice must be given to the Society Steward, and both Parents be present if possible. A charge of Sevenpence will be made for Registration and Certificate.

e.—When the services of a preacher are not required, owing to any unforeseen circumstance, such as C.A. or special efforts, he shall be consulted as to whether he will give up his claims to the pulpit on that date, before any other arrangements are made. In all such cases, the correspondence shall be between the Superentendent Minister and the brother concerned. And in case a preacher cannot take his appointment, he must send word to the Society Steward not later than seven days before the time of the Services (if possible).

f.—The Preachers appointed at Special Services, must be there at the commencement, and continue to the close. The first number planned is to conduct the meeting.

g.—Each Leaders' Meeting must form a *Visiting* Committee, to look after the negligent, the sick, and the bereft of our flock.

h.—Any of our members leaving the Circuit, are requestod to apply to the Minister for a Credential.

DUTIES OF A SOCIETY STEWARD.

1.—To furnish the pulpit with a written Notice of everything to be published the Sabbath before it should take place.
2.—To make all needful arrangements for public meetings.
3.—Make preparations for sacraments and lovefeasts.
4.—See that all collections are made according to plan.
5.—Cause all moneys collected for Circuit purposes to be forthcoming at the commencement of the Preachers' Meeting.
6.—Fill up the Society's Report.
7.—See that the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings are held, and Missionary Record read at such Meetings.

AS, Anniver. of Stone Laying
BH, Band of Hope Sermons
C, Circuit Fund
CA, Chapel Anniversary
CC, Lighting and Cleaning
CE, Chapel Effort
CM, Camp Meeting
FS, Flower Service
HF, Hospital Fund
HT, Harvest Thanksgiving
L, Lovefeast
LM, Leaders' Meeting
MC, Metro' Chapel Fund
MM, Missionary Meeting
MS, Missionary Sermon
MB, Mission Band
P, Prayer Meeting or Provide
R, Reception
SA, School Anniversary
SR, School Reception
S, Sacrament
T, Ticket Renewal
TS, Temperance Sermon
V, Visit of School
X, Ann. Teachers' Meeting
Y, Ann. Trustees' Meeting
* Aged L Preachers Fund

Circuit Calendar.

Jan. 13th, 1900. — A Circuit Convention for the deepening of the spiritual life will be held at Peckham on the above date. Speakers: Revs. E. Clark, T. H. Champion, and J. Matthews. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. by the Rev. J. Bowles. The Kennington Choir will sing old Methodist hymns. Will the members and friends at each place endeavour to be present?

Jan. 29th and 30th.—Special Sermons at Peckham on the Sunday (supply). Tea and Lecture on Monday. Lecture by Rev. J. Bowles, subject: "Henry Ward Beecher, Preacher and Patriot."

Feb. 5th.—Temperance Sermons at Kennington (supply).

Feb. 18th.—Missionary Sermons (supply). Missionary Meeting at each place during following week (See Bills).

Feb 26th.—Public Meeting at Walworth on behalf of Circuit Fund, Chairman and speakers to be announced later.

The Trustees' and Teachers' Yearly Meetings will be held at each place. Due notice will be given.

Proposed Union with Bible Christians.

Notice was given to discuss the above subject at the next Quarterly Meeting. The following are the questions for discussion:—

1. Are you in favour of union with Bible Christians?
2. If in favour of union, do you approve of the proposed terms and conditions of union now submitted to you?
3. If in favour of union, but not in favour of the proposod terms and conditions, what amendments modifications, or additions do you suggest?

SOCIETY MISSION BANDS.

Walworth — Messrs. Craven, Court, J. Gledhill, Wills, Snead. Leader: Harmoniumist: Miss Caughin.

Kennington — Messrs. Flaxman, Harris, Ingram, Andrews, W. Flaxman, Williams, A. Edwards, H. Francis Postle, Wilson, J. A. Flaxman, Duckering, Giles, and Ladies to assist. Leaders: Andrews, Walker, and Postle.

Peckham — Messrs. Seabrook, Willie, Blelock, P. Dudley. Harmoniumist: Miss Francis.

Station Officials.

Station Book Steward—Rev. J. Bowles, of whom Hymnals, Magazines, and all other works published by the Book Room may be ordered.

Sub-Missionary Treasurer—Rev. J. Bowles.

Circuit Steward—Mr. J. Walker.

Circuit Secretary—Mr. C. G. Harris, 99, Sandmere Road, Brixton, S.W.

Society Stewards—WALWORTH—W. Twort, 111, East Street, S.E.; B. Craven, Assistant. KENNINGTON—J. Flaxman, 228, Ferndale Road, Stockwell. W. G. Flaxman, Assistant. PECKHAM—J. A. Flaxman, 1, Earlstoke Villas, Landsdown Road, Clapham.

FINANCES.

	Mems.	Class Monies.	Offerings.	Specials.	Totals.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
WALWORTH	31	2 18 3	3 14 6	1 6 8	7 19 5
KENNINGTON	86	7 18 6	8 0 0	10 1 6	26 0 0
PECKHAM	16	1 4 1	3 4 5½	0 10 0	4 18 6½
Totals	133	12 0 10	14 18 11½	11 18 2	38 17 11½

QUARTERLY VISITATION OF CLASSES.

Places.	Classes.	Mems.	Time.	Vistor	Monies.
					£ s. d.
WALWORTH	Mr. Gledhill	23	Feb. 15	1	2 4 9
	Mr. Twort	8	,, 15	1	0 13 6
KENNINGTON	Mr. Flaxman	32	Feb. 14	1	4 0 5
	Mr. Walker	31	,, 14	1	2 5 0
	Mr. Postle	11	,, 14	1	0 14 1
	Mr. Harris	12	,, 14	1	0 18 3
	Catecumen	14	,, 14	1	0 0 9
PECKHAM	Mr. Bowles	16	Nov. 13	1	1 3 4
	Catecumen	6	,, 13	1	0 0 9

A Memorial Service for the late Mr. and Mrs. LIDDSTONE will be conducted by the Rev. J. W. Coad, on January 14th.

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Mr J. Hawkins
Railway Mission

GLA
27/1/1900

In All Saints GLA
~~S. Anne~~
~~& S. Stephen~~

put with S. Stephen

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Mr J. Hawkins. Missionary, Railway Mission Hall, Wandsworth Road. SW. Seen at his Residence: 274 Clapham Road. SW.

Mr Hawkins not replying to our letters, I called & found him at Clapham Road; where he occupies rooms over a shop. The sitting room was comfortably furnished, though in an old fashioned manner. Large horse hair covered couch &c; and many scripture texts on the walls. Mr Hawkins is a short, slightly built man: looks about 26-28 but is probably older. He apologised for not writing, as he was away so much from home, and he would be glad to do anything to aid in the enquiry of which he evidently knew something.

In the neighbourhood of the Hall, they have quite 5000 railway men working - these being employed at the Goods Depôt, Nine Elms, the Railway shops & sheds (L. C & D Rly & SW. Rly) and at the Electric Railway works (Stockwell). This number is well within the marks - 7000 would be nearer the number.

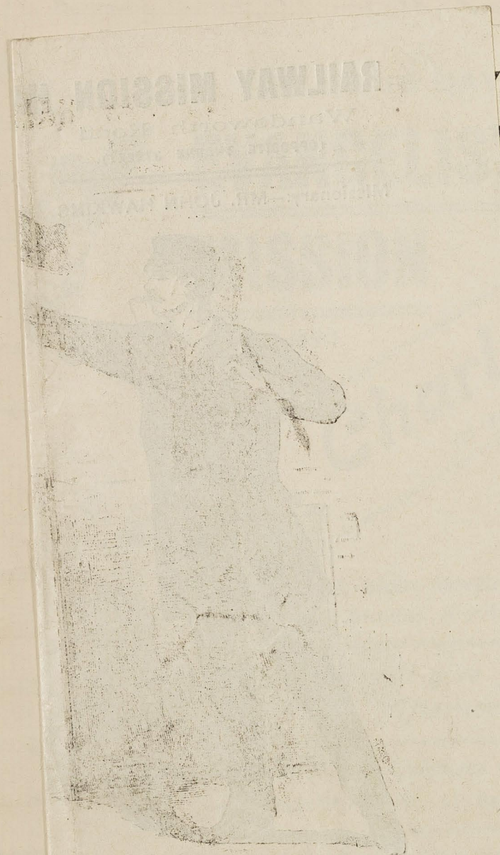
The men live all around the works but the greatest concentration is in the district between Wandsworth Road & South Lambeth Road from Wyvil Road to Southville & Paradise Road. Near Thorne Street & Mawbey Street the population is chiefly railway men as it is on the Springfield Estate (Goldsboro' & Cremsworth Road &c)

The majority come to London as married men. A constant stream of men are coming & going; the men on country sections of the line coming to Nine Elms before they get a step. Thus a stoker from Guildford would come to Nine Elms before he could become a driver. and if he went back it would be with an increased wage.

Mr Hawkins visits all the works except the Electric Rly works & a few of the fitting shops. They also have a committee of ladies who systematically visit the homes ~~about~~ once a month.

The Mission is an iron building seating 400. It is built on the garden of one of the houses in Wandsworth Road & reached by a narrow entry.

Very



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will commence at 8 o'clock,
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at 3 o'clock.

be given by the Choir each evening.

Free. All are Heartily Welcome.

to join with us in believing prayer on behalf
e Railway Men.

Very out of the way as the Mission recognises they are wanting to build ~~to~~ front the main road.

Has quite 40 helpers. They have 180 members of the Railway Mission & the major part of these would be workers.

Hold 12 services a week. Of which the Gospel Service (Sunday 7 pm) is the chief. Get the place full - would be about 150 men (out of 1200 to 1400 employed) but of these he has never found 12 who were not connected with the railway. Sunday School with 160 on books (all railway men's children) with average attendance of 110 morning & 120 in evening. Maintain the good mond attendance by system of prizes (for attendance & learning texts). Children have to make 80 out of possible 104 to get a prize - 75 took prizes last year. Also Open Air 11 - ; Gospel service at 3.30 Women's Bible Class (Monday 3), Choir & Orchestral Band practices. To advertise their meetings they appear to depend on personal invitations and handbills; constantly getting out something fresh.

Have no charitable fund but collect for

RAILWAY MISSION HALL,

Wandsworth Road

(OPPOSITE THORNE STREET).

Missionary:—MR. JOHN HAWKINS

A 15 DAYS' SPECIAL

EVANGELISTIC MISSION

WILL BE HELD (D.V.)

Conducted by the well-known Evangelist

Mr. Charles Lazenby

(of the Evangelization Society),

FROM

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Week-night Meetings will commence at 8 o'clock,
Sunday Services at 3.30 and 7 o'clock.

Mr. Lazenby will give Bible Readings on Wednesday Afternoons at 3 o'clock.

Special Gospel Solos & Choruses will be given by the Choir each evening.

Hymn Books Provided. All Seats Free. All are Heartily Welcome.

We earnestly invite Christians of all denominations to join with us in believing prayer on behalf of this Mission to the Railway Men.

for special cases, widows of men killed &c. Don't go outside the railway men. The needs arise irregularly and the amount collected vary. Last year got £16 for a widow & 8 children. The mans antecedents & character have a great effect on these whips round. Also has surgical aid letters for which a steady demand is made - Men are constantly being injured - cork legs &c are needed. The line betw Clapham Junction & Nine Elms is very dangerous - average an accident daily here - also a large number amongst the shunters at Nine Elms.

Drink is a tremendous curse. The Railway Companies put men off duty for being drunk. "Do all they can (against it) so long as it does not touch their pockets".

Thrift flourishes amongst a section of the men. As an example of the thrifty habits of the men, he said that they had contributed £120 to the new building fund. At a sale one man gave him £3. Shortly after Mr H. showed this man some books (cost 1/6) which he was trying to

to sell. The man replied "Mr Hawkins; you can't skin a rabbit twice."!

Save the Children.

RAILWAY MISSION HALL,

Opposite Thorne Street,

WANDSWORTH ROAD.

THE FOURTH

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Band of Hope

WILL (D.V.) BE HELD AT THE ABOVE ON

THURSDAY, JAN. 5. 1899.

Children's Tea at 6. Public Meeting at 7.

Chairman - E. W. HARVEY PIPER, Esq.,

Speakers—*Mr. O. L. HEATLEY* (*Of the King's Own Mission*), *Mr. J. G. BRUNNING* (*Guardian & Vestryman*), *Mr. W. T. MAIN* (*Evangelist*).

The Prizes for the Year will be distributed by Mrs. JAMES. Choruses Solos, Recitations, etc , will be given by the Children.

A HEARTY INVITATION TO ALL.

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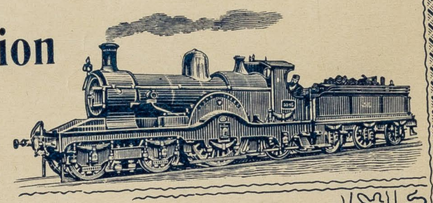
SWORTH ROAD,

Opposite Thorne Street).



nday, January 14th, 1900.

School Anniversary

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WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th.

TEA AT 6 O'CLOCK.

TICKETS 6d. PUBLIC MEETING AT 7.30.

Chairman - FRANK THOMPSON, Esq.

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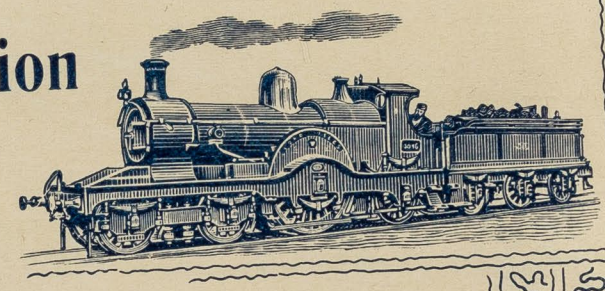

WANDSWORTH ROAD,

(Opposite Thorne Street).

In the
AFTERNOON AT 3,
the Service will be conducted
BY

MR. J. WHITING.

Sunday, January 14th, 1900.

The 3rd Sunday School Anniversary

And in the
EVENING at 7, by

Dr. E. CRONIN,
AND
Mr. R. KENT.

WILL BE HELD ON

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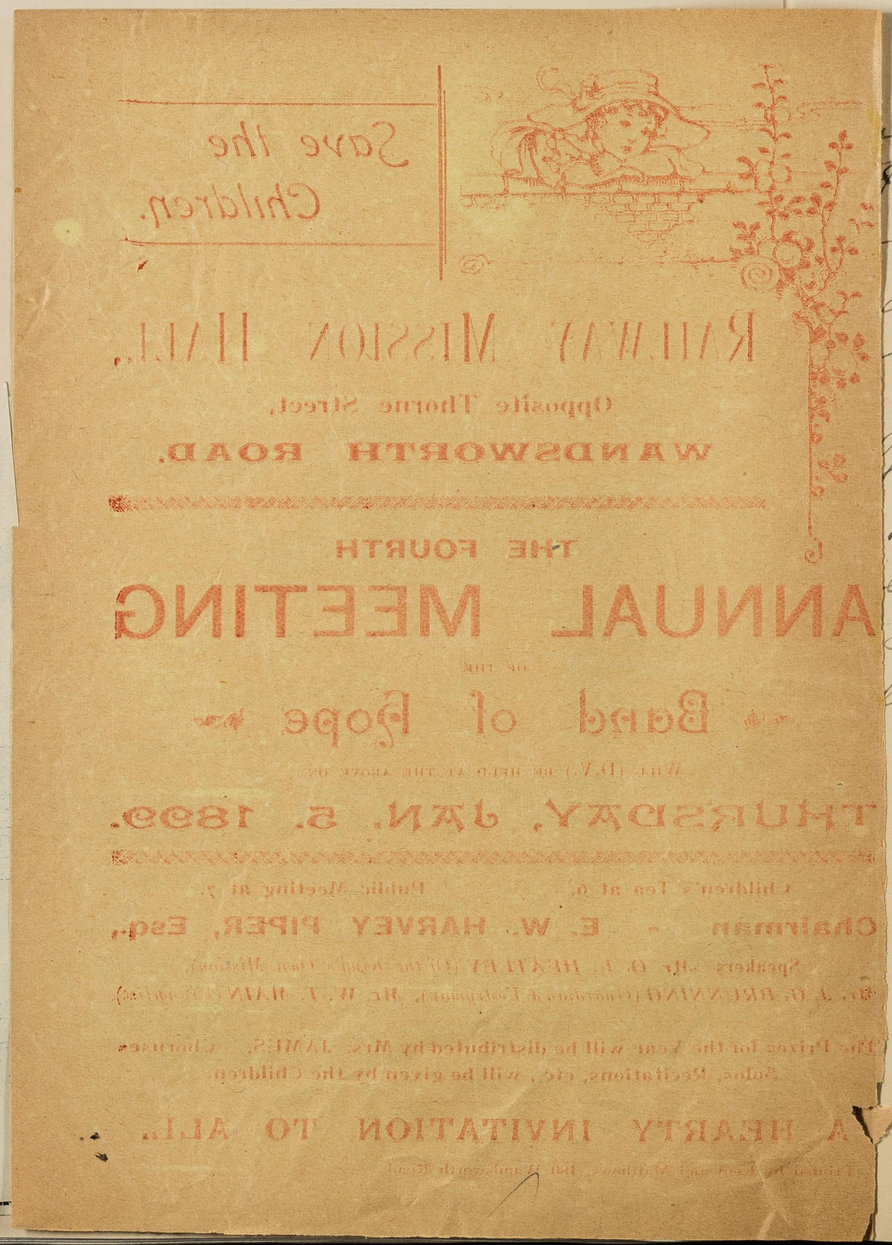

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Mr Hawkins is away a good deal and the work devolves largely upon the railway men. This is really a mission run by railway men for themselves & their mates, Mr H. being a connecting link, keeping the threads together. While it is insignificant compared with the great mass of men around, its work is thoroughly genuine and the outcome of the piety of the men themselves. The exterior of the building is not attractive & any attractive power of the Mission must be in spite of its surrounding

Rev T. J. Thorpe
Studley Road Wesleyan

GEA
Feb 9. 1900

A. Young People's Church.

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5.20

Rev T. J. Thorpe. 47 Studley Road, Clapham Road S.W.
Minister of Studley Road Wesleyan Church.

Wm Thorpe is a middle aged man with short pointed beard & whiskers; a few grey hairs ~~showing~~ among the black show that he has ~~past~~ passed the meridean. Wm T. has only been here a few months & came from Aldershot.

The Studley Road Church was until a ~~short~~ time a few months ago the head of a circuit, which included smaller causes at Bolney Place and Clifton Street. These have been added to the South Western Mission (Lambeth) & Studley Road tacked on to the Clapham Circuit.

For some years the Church has been declining mainly through the social deterioration of the neighbourhood & this attachment to the flourishing & well to do churches at Clapham is intended to help Studley Road financially & ministerially.

The Church consists mainly of young people the proportion of families being small. Board school teachers, civil servants, apprentices,

Buildings used

Workers employed.

Services Held

clerks & shopmen engaged in the City; & are noticeable. Also have a number of medical students &c. A great number of these young people live in lodgings; most of the householders in the neighbourhood taking boarders. The families are chiefly shopkeepers and men in fairly good positions.

Their people are drawn mainly from the streets between Binfield Road, Stockwell Rd. and the Railway, most coming across the Clapham Road. South of Larkhall Lane the tendency would be to Clifton Street.

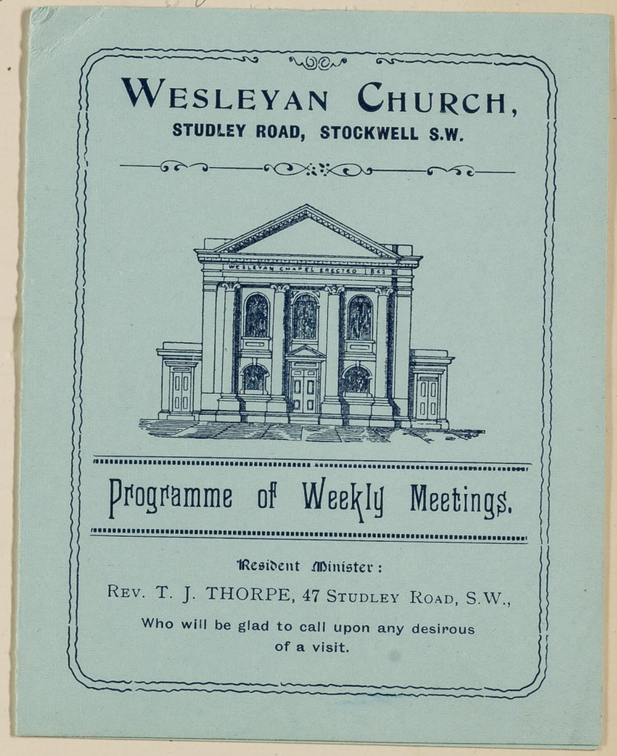
The Chapel – a Lycett – seats 1000. School & classrooms.

Fairly well off for workers – mainly young people. Have a Mission Band and go in for Evangelistic work. Quite 50.

List of Services including 18 class meetings is given on card attached to the next page.. As elsewhere a morning congregation on Sunday is difficult to get. Good if they get 250. Women

Thorpe- Westn Studley Road

at home cooking dinner. Evening 400 to 500. seldom under the former figure.



WESLEYAN CHURCH,

STUDLEY ROAD, STOCKWELL S.W.

Programme of Weekly Meetings.

Resident Minister:

REV. T. J. THORPE, 47 STUDLEY ROAD, S.W.,

Who will be glad to call upon any desirous of a visit.

Week night services are attended by their own people. Small. If 40 we do well. Here as in the mines during the week night meeting must be late. The people drop in during the meeting. Thinks many come direct from business - is certain of it in the case of the young women.

Thorpe- Westⁿ Studley Road

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At home cooking dinner. Evening 400 to 500. seldom under the former figure.

SEATS and Books are provided for Visitors, and Stewards are in attendance at each Service to give a hearty welcome.

We offer INVITATION TO ALL, and WORK FOR ALL.

ORDER OF SERVICES.

SUNDAY.—Divine Service - - 11 a.m.
" " - - 6.30 p.m.
Sunday School - - 9.45 a.m.
" " - - 2.30 p.m.
Young Men and Young Women's Bible Classes 2.30 p.m.
Young People's Prayer Meeting, 5.45 p.m.

MONDAY.—Mothers' Meeting - - 2.30 p.m.
Social Evening (October to April), 8 p.m.

TUESDAY.—Band of Hope - - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.—Divine Service - 7.30 p.m.
Choir Practice - - 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.—Prayer Meeting - 8 p.m.

Ladies' Sewing Meeting, Juvenile Missionary Sewing Bee, Young People's Evangelistic Society, Women's Christian Workers' Association and other agencies are in active operation.

Class meetings see back

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CLASSES FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Leader.	Day.	Hour.
Mr. Baker	*Sunday*	10.0 a.m.
Mrs. Thorpe	,,	10.0 a.m.
Miss Buckland	,,	3.0 p.m.
Mr. Selleck	,,	3.0 p.m.
Mrs. Wheeler	*Monday*	7.0 p.m.
Mr. Harrison	*Tuesday*	7.30 p.m.
Mr. Barrett	,,	8.30 p.m.
Miss A. Lewis	*Wednesday*	3.0 p.m.
Rev. T. J. Thorpe	*Thursday*	3.30 p.m.
Mr Seymour	,,	8.0 p.m.
Mr. Young	,,	8.0 p.m.
Rev. T. J. Thorpe	,,	8.0 p.m.
Mrs. Harrison	,,	8.30 p.m.
Mrs. Babister	*Friday*	7.0 p.m.
Mrs. Champness	,,	7.45 p.m.
Miss Hunt	,,	8 0 p.m.

JUNIOR SOCIETY CLASSES.

Miss Tomlinson (Boys)	*Wednesday*	6.0 p.m.
Miss E. Lewis (Girls)	*Friday*	6.30 p.m.

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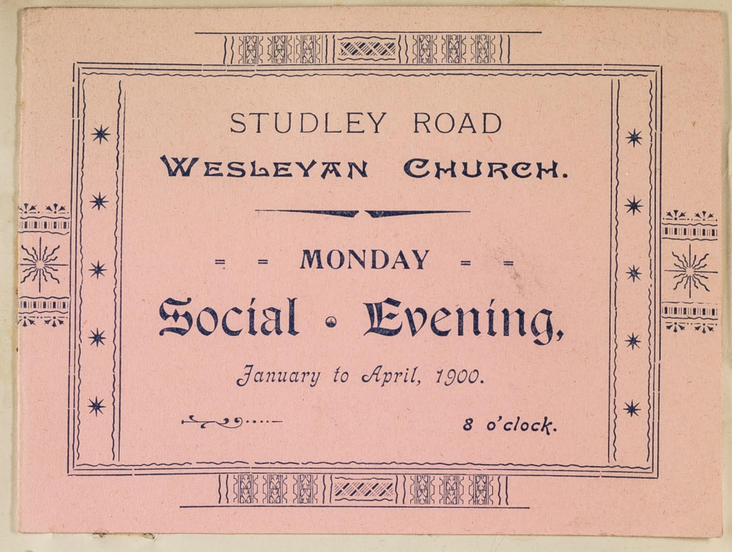

STUDLEY ROAD

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

= = MONDAY = =

Social • Evening,

January to April, 1900.

8 o'clock.

No. Co-operation

Thorpe- Wesl[n] Studley Road 221

Doing some social work. Monday evening Social meeting for young people. Never less than 50. Mothers Meeting. get the poorer women from Clarence St. Paradise Road & the streets off Wandsworth Rd. Worked on the usual lines - discount on clothing & occasional tea.

Their poor fund amounts to about £20 a year; mostly given to poor of congregation & church. Helps a few widows and give some coal in the cold weather. A branch of the Strangers' Friend Society meets at the chapel & is worked by their people.. Have maternity bags &c.

No co-operation - outside the district of the Lambeth & Ft Chapham Free Church Councils. The Clergy are friendly but there is no co-operation except in a childrens' society - the Band of Mercy.

For Visitation purposes they have divided the district into 6 parts. but I did not gather that the visitation was effective. Too much ground is attempted.

Mon. Jan. 1.	New Year's Soiree.	
,, ,, 8.	Entertainment, in connection with the Mothers' Meeting, by Mr. Parsons and Friends. Chair will be taken by Mrs. Thorpe.	
,, ,, 15.	A Concert Lecture on "Haydn," by Mr. T. Harbour. Conductor—Mr. P. R. Richards.	
,, ,, 22.	Lecture by Rev. Josiah Banham on "Billy Dawson, the Yorkshire Farmer." Chairman—Mr. J. Drew, of Aldershot.	
,, ,, 29.	Devotional Meeting. Addresses by Miss Gwinnell. & Mr. J. S. Helps. Chairman—Mr. J. Harrison.	
,, Feb. 5.	Lantern Lecture by Rev. Geo. W. Sawday, on "India: its People and Temples, Mission Work, Great Famine, &c." Lanternist—Mr. Sidney Ibbetson. Chairman—Mr. C. Fowle.	
,, ,, 12.	Entertainment by Mr. T. Shrosbree and Friends. Chairman—Rev. T. J. Thorpe.	
Mon., Feb. 19.	Lecture by Rev. F. H. Benson, B.A., on "Ruskin." Chairman—Mr. A. Wheeler.	
,, ,, 26.	Temperance Meeting. Address by Mr. Denchfield, City Missionary. Chairman—Mr. W. W. Clarke.	
,, Mar. 5.	Sunday School Prize Distribution. Chairman—Mr. A. J. Paul.	
,, ,, 12.	British Women's Temperance Meeting (Y Branch). Address by Miss Cameron. Music & Recitations. Chair will be taken by Mrs. Campbell.	
,, ,, 19.	Band of Hope Young People's Entertainment. Chairman—Mr. Preston.	
,, ,, 26.	Twentieth Century Meeting. Speakers, Messrs. Harrison, Barrett, & Parsons. Chairman—Rev. T. J. Thorpe.	
,, Apr. 2.	Closing Soiree. Entertainment by Miss Crombie's Mandoline and Guitar Band.	

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No. Co-operation

Since the incorporation in the Clapham Circuit the conditions have improved. The membership is 226 + they will have an increase of 20 this quarter. Weakness apparently is the few families connected with the place. The preponderance of young people leads to a great number of removals as they return home or settle down elsewhere.

Temperance felling is growing but is not what it should be. The drink question does not trouble them as in some places. Stockwell + to people are respectable and there is no open vice. The attitude to religion is indifferentism: in Studley Road he does not think that more than 6 families attend a place of worship regularly.

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Feb. 9th. 1900.

Interview with Mrs A. G. Jones and another, Kennington Hall, Upper Kennington Lane.

This is a small and, in its results on the neighbourhood, quite insignificant mission. Its interest lies in the proof it gives, if further proof were wanted, of the strength and vitality of the Spurgeon influence, and in the youth of those who are responsible for its working. There may be other Missions where the Executive is equally youthful, but we have not hitherto come across them.

I had appointed to be at Kennington Hall at 8. When I got there I found the way barred by an iron gate which appeared to be factured. Thinking that Mrs Jones had not yet arrived I walked down the lane and back again. Seeing a light in the Hall (which runs over two shops) I again approached the gate, which yielded to some force, and went upstairs. At the top of the stairs was a lad of 18 at the most:

"Is Mr Jones here?" I said. "I am Mr Jones" was the reply. He took me into the Hall where was another lad of about the same age. Mr Jones, who is employed in the Post Office, is a most pronounced "softy": ~~whose~~ and his natural environment is the Bible Class, the Sunday School and the Mission. His companion was of different stamp; a bright intelligent pleasant looking lad, ~~who, but for the~~ whom the efforts of some evangelist have probably kept away from the street and the Music Hall.

These two youths (both of quite ordinary working class) with some ten others of much the same age have been carrying on this small Mission work here for about a year, various other attempts at religious work in the Hall having failed. All or nearly all of them are members of The Tabernacle.

The Hall is ~~[illegible]~~ taken only for Sundays and three nights a week. On Sunday morning there is a Service for children; in the evening for adults: for this preachers are got in from outside as none of the young people are strong

enough to conduct such a service. How as the adults do not come: occasionally there may be about 12 strangers, but as a rule this service consists wholly of the workers, in spite of the fact that tracts and papers of invitation are largely distributed in the neighbouring streets each Sunday upon the service. In the afternoon one or two open air services are held

There is a Sunday School with about 160 children present all of whom come from the Cardigan St and Courtenay St. the two streets which adjoin the Hall.

~~There~~ There is a Band of Hope with about 60 children.

I was much struck by the cheerfulness of the Jones and his companion, and their evident delight in the work

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Report of interview with Mr. W. Benson, Evangelist of the Southwark and Lambeth Mission. (E.A.) Feb. 26.00. 34/3

I met Mr. Benson at Christ Church, and before talking he showed me round the buildings, and especially the Hall in which a large body of women were having tea, preparatory to going in to one of Mr. Cairns' Mission services (see leaflet). The Hall was filled with the tea drinkers, all divided up into small parties, and apparently being looked after by a very considerable body of helpers. It was, I understood, a weekly fixture, the ordinary programme being varied on this day by ~~xxxxxx~~ an adjournment to the Church to hear Mr. Cairns. I should thank that from 150 to 200 women were present, many of them comparatively young, but all, I think, married. It was a bustling and comfortable scene. In another room was a crêche, to which the babies were taken. There was a good deal of squalling just when I looked in, but there appeared to be plenty of helpers, and the room to be well arranged. Other rooms that I saw were the Young Men's Club Rooms, excellently arranged and attractive in appearance. These had been fitted up since Mr. Meyer's ~~xxxxx~~' arrival, and Mr. Benson evidently thought that the young people were being very well looked after. In one of the rooms was the Baptistery, covered by carpet at the moment. It was let in when Mr. ~~xxxxx~~ Hewitt, a Baptist, came,

he, as a mamber of that denomination, objecting to infant Baptism. But Christ Church remains undenominational, and infants are still baptized there if the parents wish it, this task now falling to Mr. Benson himself.

Many of the rooms we saw were, of course, empty, but the general impressi n given was that, for a week afternoon, the place was very busy. On our way, we came across a stream of the mothers on their way to the Chapel, and, at a turning that was also a possible exit, Mr. Meyer himself, shaking hands with them all as they passed. This seemed a very energetic and friendly thing to do, and I have no doubt that it was, although the effect was a little taken off when, after I had been introduced and also shaken hands, he explained that he was doing a double task, shaking hands and at the same time preventing any of them from slipping away. They had had their tea, he said, and some of them might think they could do without Mr. Cairns. If so, Mr. Meyer was too much for them, and my glimpse of him gave the impression of a spry and vigorous man, with gray hair and a keen face, rather slight in build, and not very clerical in appearance.

Mr. Benson told me a good deal about the Southwark and Lambeth Mission, but all essentials are given in the Christ Church Year Book, and in the Ms. Report that Mr.

Benson gave me (which see). Mr. Benson succeeded Mr. Geo. Murphy some 25 years ago, and the work appears to be something like that of a City Missionary, with greater freedom of action, and during the last few years Mr, Benson has probably been working somewhat more closely in touch with the regularly organized work of Christ Church, illustrated by the fact that he baptizes the children, and does a good deal of visiting among members of the congregation. He has less to do with men than beofre Mr. Meyer came, the P.S.A. having become such a big thing, and Mr. Meyer having taken this branch more under his own wing. There was no trace of resentment at this, but on the other hand the expression of a very genuine admiration and affection for Newman Hall's successor, who had, he said, dropped nothing but added much, and made Christ Church more than ever a big and successful centre of Christian and Social work.

One way in which Mr. Meyer had been of use among the Free Churches of the district was especially mentioned, namely through the Free Church Council. Personally, he was in touch with the Clergy, but the Council had helped many of the affiliated chapels and their ministers, and in this connexion Mr. Parr and Mr. Rounsfell were especially mentioned. But the general service that had been rendered by the Council that appeared to strike the imagination of Mr.

Benson more than any other, was its demonstration to all that the Free Churches were an united body, and not striving among themselves. He thought that many of the Clergy had the wildest notions on this point, and said that it had been illustrated in several of the discussions that had taken place at the Guardians (of which Mr. B. is a member). Mr. Horsley, "a Radical churchman, but very churchy, and a man who does not understand us at all" was mentioned as one of the worst offenders in misinterpreting the Free Churches, and in his ignorance of the relation in which they stood to each other.

While he has known Southwark, Mr. Benson did not appear to think that any great change had come over the district. The New Cut was quieter, but no marked improvement or even change was generally noticeable; "Individuals have changed, rather than conditions." As regards drinking habits, the increased consumption by women, sometimes to excess and sometimes not, but always to be regretted, was a marked feature, and recently the difficulties arising from lack of sufficient housing accommodation had been more noticeable, and he mentioned the sad cases that had come before the Newington Guardians of people who ought not to have been paupers, being driven to the House from the impossibility of finding house-room. This difficulty becomes an

extreme one when families are large.

He is a good deal exercised about the condition of th streets question, and what he called "boy and girl-dom". Between them, crowded homes and noisy streets are responsible for a good many of the early marriages, which, as Mr. Benson said, "are not all evil".

I ought to have said that when Mr. Meyer started the Men's P.S.A. Mr. Benson started one for the women. It is run mu h on the same plan as the Men's, and profits by the size of the latter in its purchases of books etc. the distributions of which, as with the men, are an important part of the proceedings. According to Mr. Benson, the books are all paid for, the only advantage that the mebers get being from special arrangements with publishers and dealers.

Mr. Benson t kes one of his Mission services at the Mission Room in Trinity St. Borough, but this is his only connexion with it. It is not in his special care.

Mr. B. gave me the following opinions on the chapels of the district:

York Road: (Congregational) Has been very low, but is up a bit now. Helped very much by the Mens' Dinner Hour opening, and the Concert that is given then.

Stamford St (Wesleyan): " Nothing very great".

S. George's, Borough Road (Presbyterian): "Very nearly shut

up.

Borough Road (Baptist) "Waking up as a Mission".

Upton (Lambeth Road) (Baptist) "In good condition".

Rodney Road (Wesleyan); "Active" he thought "in Mission work".

Pilgrim Fathers Memorial (Congregational): "Doing good and useful work."

Haddon Hall, Bermondsey New Road (Baptist) "Full"; belongs to the Tabernacle.

Trinity St. and S. George's Hall. Reference was to the man and not to the work, Mr. Flanagan being described as a self-made and capable man; an Irish lad, totally neglected when young. Fluent, but "not so refined as Mr. Tolefree Parr".

Brunswick, Great Dover St. (Methodist New Connexion):"Doing very well".

Mr. Benson is a little gray man, who celebrated his jubilee of evangelistic work a little time ago, and who has lately been in bad health. He is capable and keen; was very friendly, and, for his class, is liberal-minded.

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Visits to Homes, &c.	Visits to the Sick.	Deaths.	Visits by Volunteer Helpers.	Open-Air Meetings.	Estimated Numbers attending.	In-door Meetings.	Numbers attending.	Addressed other Meetings, &c.	Pledges taken.	Tracts and Books given away.	Bibles and portions given.
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GENERAL REPORT:—

For the sake of Strangers to the Mission — I've would very briefly refer to the origin of the Southwark Mission, as it was then called — founded by Rev N. Hall in 1856 — soon after he became Pastor of Old Surry — His idea was to supplement City Mission work — by an Evangelist — without any fixed boundary or routine. This then is the 40th anniversary — G. M. Murphy held the position for 10 Yrs then settling as Pastor at Bro Rd — holding the Bethel Meeting in his head — Wm Harrison David Martin & Geo Grove followed & on June 1 1876 I began the work — & am now in my 25th year of Office — The Mission could more fittingly be called Christ Church Mission & in some respects it is an adjunct to our numerous Organizations — possibly it would be more understood by our Church & Congregations — as New Comers when asked for help for the S. & L. Mission are apt to think it is quite an outside institution — Statistics are not generally very attractive — but yet very important — we would therefore give some idea of the work of the Year ending Dec 31st 1899 — by giving the figures as copied from a Journal kept daily — The returns of Nos at Meetings held indoors (~~83~~ 297 during the Year) are actually counted & entered after the Meeting is over — while at the Open Airs we take an estimate — See above

A large share of the visits paid in the year are to our Church Members & while rejoicing that I am well received not only among our poor Members - but others - I trust the visits are made a blessing - especially to the sick = I remember in the early days of my work - before I was so well known in poor neighbourhoods - some stud gossips seeing me look at a book - & trying to trace door numbers made 3 guesses who or what I was - School Board - Insurance - & Tally - man = At a Open Air meeting I showed I was a little of each - seeking men & women to be the Scholars = Having priceless wares to offer but with nothing to pay - & seeking to insure for Eternity = If any present need a special Visit or know any one - drop a line to 129 Royal Rd or the Church - & soon as possible I'll be there

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§ 3 Open Air Meetings seems many - but are not nearly as many as formerly as Tuesdays are now allotted to our Y. Men & Indigs to P.S.A. - We regret to have lost Belvedere Rd for Sunday Morning through the Police & a Neighbour = but reach a poorer class in the New Cut = The Trustees of the Ch. have placed New Gas lights on our Chief camping ground (front of the Ch.) for which we are very thankful & trust we add to the interest of the Meeting which we hope to begin in April = We hope not have New lights at to the Preaching = but will keep to the Old Old Story.

Our Indoor Meetings are small but useful gatherings in the Tower in City as you see 297 = giving City work rooms & at Trinity St = These Numbers giving a total of attendants 9640 The most interesting part of my work - I reckon to be the Women's P.S.A. of which I leave my esteemed helper Mrs Raison the Secy to tell you about = - Owing my late Illness & absence she has rendered most valuable service = for which we are all truly thankful - We especially leave her to tell you of the visits paid by the Council = We write this report while with feelings with feelings of Seateful praise = yet fully conscious of much weakness - Shortcomings & many signs of failure = Glad to know our Great High Priest is touched with a feeling of our infirmity

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January, 1900.

Friends and Neighbours,

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from FEB. 17th to MARCH 1st.

Will you help me by coming, by bringing others, by talking about the Mission, and doing anything that needs doing? Why should we not see 500 men and women brought to God, as was the case in a P.S.A. Mission conducted by Mr. Cairns in Manchester, two or three months ago. Below is some account of Mr. Cairns, as a Missioner. He comes from Chicago, and is one of the right sort.

Your sincere Friend,

F B Meyer

From "THE PIONEER."

The Mission recently conducted by Mr. G. R. CAIRNS has had results which may well be described as Pentecostal. The meetings for men held on Sunday afternoons were attended by congregations that filled the Church, and in the first gathering no fewer than seventy-five men professed conversion. The enthusiasm increased with each meeting until at the close of the Mission more than 500 souls decided for Christ, and it was found in several cases that entire families had been brought to the Saviour. The blessing was also very marked in the Sunday School, whole classes among the elder scholars being brought to decision.

The Mission has been a testing time for the Church. The work of years has been put to the proof, and, thanks be to God, it has lived and brought forth fruit an hundredfold.

Much is said, and sometimes all too truly, against Evangelistic Missions. But the greatest charm of Mr. CAIRNS's services lay in their absolute freedom from sensationalism. He spoke as a man to the hearts of men. He impressed upon professing Christians most earnestly that apart from Christ they have no life, and described, with a touch of infinite sadness, the terrible violence done to the work of Christ by quarrels amongst His followers. To the moral man he showed his mistake in thinking he was so good that he did not need saving, and taking Nicodemus as a type he proved the necessity of a second birth. The man who brought all things to the bar of his reason had the Gospel so laid before him that his reason condemned him as a sinner, and proved to him that Christ was indeed his Saviour. He swept the last and most cherished argument from under his hearers' feet, and left them all without excuse before God.

With the unsaved he pleaded as a dying man to dying men, as though each time might be the last. "What more," he said, "could God possibly have done than offer everlasting life? He cannot force men down on their knees and drag them into heaven. That would be to make heaven into a prison." He spoke again almost with scorn of the man who "burnt out the candle of his life in the service of the devil and then thought to snuff out the last flicker in the presence of God." "Not only your soul is to be saved, but your life as well, that you may *live* for Christ." Through each address Mr. CAIRNS had one thing in mind, that he had before him men and women for whom Christ died, and he was there to point them to Christ. "If you wait till you *feel* saved you will never be saved at all. You cannot feel cured until you are cured. The Bible never says one word about feeling in connection with salvation." "You are afraid you will fall away. You may not live long enough to do that. *To-day* is all that concerns you now." His illustrations would constantly illumine as with a flash of lightning the point he sought to prove. The authority for his statements he gave us from the Scriptures. He preached from the heart the truth he believed.

But it was in the after-meetings that the power of Christ was most manifest. After singing a short hymn he called on Christian friends for "promises," and taking the texts thus given him, he appealed again and again to his hearers to trust Christ, and then in the hush of the meeting he asked all those who had never before confessed Christ and who could trust Him to stand and say, "I do trust Jesus." In the silence that followed, men, women and children rose to confess their faith in Christ; and as we watched them and heard their voices, sometimes broken by sobs, we bowed our heads in awe at the nearness of God.

Night after night, calmly and quietly, without excitement, many repeated the simple, yet glorious words of confession in Christ, and the power of the Holy Ghost was felt throughout. We seemed to see the Saviour passing by bidding one and another rise up and follow Him; and as He passed from pew to pew we felt the "healing of His seamless dress" quickening us into newness of life. The prayers of parents for children, of teachers for scholars, of a Pastor for his people, were abundantly answered.

One amongst many remarkable incidents of the Mission may be mentioned here. A young man, crippled from infancy, had expressed a strong desire to attend the Mission, and two friends determined that his wish should be gratified. Each evening they took it in turn to carry him on their backs to the meeting. On the third night our lame friend found the Saviour, and prayer was then offered privately that his two friends might also be brought into the Light. On the last evening before the closing Thanksgiving meeting, after a touching address by Mr. CAIRNS on "Mephibosheth, the lame son of King Saul," the two young men gave their hearts to Christ, and now the three friends are seeking to serve their Lord together.

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Sat. Feb. 17, 6.30: Meeting of Workers & others for Prayer in Hawkstone Hall
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Sun. Feb. 18, 3.30: P.S.A.
6.30: Service.
Mon. Feb. 19, 2.30: Women only.
8.0: Mission Service.
Tues. Feb. 20, 3.0: Women only.
8.0: Mission Service.
Wed. Feb. 21, 3.0: General Bible Reading.
8.0: Mission Service.
Thur. Feb. 22, 3.0: General Bible Reading.
8.0: Mission Service.
Fri. Feb. 23, No Service.

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Evangelist: Mr. W. Benson, 129, Royal Road, Kennington Park, S.E.

It is now forty-two years since this Mission commenced its work among the poor of South London, and its agencies continue to be blessed, as they have been in the past.

Mr. Benson, who has been the Evangelist for twenty-three years, works with the one object of making Christ known, not only in the many Meetings which he has conducted, but when paying visits he has been used to show many the way of salvation.

Of the 2,044 visits paid by him and his workers during 1898, 594 have been to the sick and dying.

As usual, Open-air Meetings have occupied almost the first place in the work of this Mission, 99 having been held. At these many people have signed the pledge, and have afterwards attended the indoor Meetings, the result of which has been that many have decided for Christ.

Of the indoor Meetings the Women's P.S.A. forms, perhaps, the most important part. These Meetings are held in the Saloon of the old Victoria Theatre, and are largely attended, an ever-deepening interest being evinced by the Members. A great deal of valuable help has been rendered at these Meetings, and in this connection we would especially mention Mrs. RAISON, the Secretary of this branch of the work. Nearly all the women who attend this P.S.A. are members of the White Ribbon movement.

To our Pastor our thanks are due for securing us this place of meeting; we also have to thank him for his generous donations and general help to the Mission.

The other Meetings are held in the Lincoln Tower, at Trinity Street, Borough, besides two Services every week in City work-rooms.

The Annual Excursion to Southend was a real success. Over 500 people, the majority of them the very poor of Lambeth, spent a day that could not fail to live in their memories.

Our Evangelist has also been able to arrange for a good number of children to spend a fortnight in the country, several of them staying at a farmhouse near Wellingboro'.

We thank all those who in any way have helped our Evangelist; also the Tract Society, Open Air Mission, and others, for supplies of books and tracts.

We would remind our friends that we are exceedingly anxious to increase our number of annual subscribers, so that our Pastor and the Treasurer, upon whom a great deal of the financial burden now rests, should be relieved during the ensuing year.