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Character of population.

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Interview with Rev. F. H. Dennis, St Peter's Cephas St., Mile End.

Mr Dennis is a man of about 60: plain, but pleasant expression: bald and gray-haired. Very courteous and friendly, but garrulous and discursive. He has been here for 21 years.

The district is dominated by Charrington's Brewery, the Phoenix Distillery and Judaism. A very large proportion of the population are connected in some way with the drink interest: those who are not, are largely Jews living in St Peter's Road and the better streets off it. For the most part the people are fairly well-to-do, but their life seems to be more squalid than it was, as wages do not go so far as they used to owing to the increasingly high standard of living.

The prevalence of the drink interest leads to an enormous consumption of drink: there is not much drunkenness, but a sodden state produced by the actual quantity of liquid consumed, which leads

Persons employed.

Buildings.

Services.

to a "fatty degeneration of the soul": even if the people drank as much water they would be fit for little. The result is a "dead" parish which it seems impossible to unify: the people cannot be got to take any interest in anything.

Mr D. thinks the most striking development of recent years is the decline of parental responsibility, owing to the fact that parents are beginning to expect the State to do everything for them.

One Curate. Deaconess. Mission Woman.
Four or five voluntary workers.

Church. Parish Room. Schools. Mission Room.

Usual Sunday and one week day service.
The Church holds 1200: neither at morning nor evening service are there 100 adults. The church is only full for a Harvest Festival. It is known as a great church for baptism, marriage and churching.

The Mission Room is in Eagle Place - coloured black on our map, but now Mr D. thinks rather better - the room holds about 50 and is full on Sunday nights. Mr D. thinks a larger room would fill equally well. The Deaconess conducts the service and it is her exertions in looking up and after the people which brings them in: the church is too large, cold and gloomy for them. The ordinary liturgy is used at the Mission Room: the nature of the service is quite unimportant: what the people like is "the warmth: the fellowship: the shaking of hands; given these things they are utterly indifferent as to theological dogmas".

Mr D. thinks people are no more irreligious than they were but that there is a greater neglect of church-going.

The prevailing attitude is indifference: but this district ~~is~~ has been and is rather a centre of actual hostility to religion: Broadlaugh used to live here and some of Foote's lieutenants are now active. They have a weekly meeting at "Shaty's" a Coffee Shop in Mile End Road, with an open bottom

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which Mr D. usually attends and speaks: he is always received in the most polite and friendly way.

Mothers Meeting with about 150 in attendance run by Mrs Charrington. Mr D. has a low opinion of Mothers Meetings: most of his mothers go to from 3 to 5: there is a regular Mothers' Meeting class, neither the most respectable or the most disreputable, both of whom avoid them: "they foster a spirit of dependence and cant: if I was a working man I would not let my wife go.... If you hold up your hand and call out "Tea" they all cluster round." Still they are useful as keeping one in touch with the parish: one hears all the news and gossip, who is ill, who is dead, who needs relief and so on.

Club for rough boys, mostly newspaper boys, meeting once a week.

Class for factory girls: "in most agencies of this sort you want to raise them, and they lower you: you must adopt to some extent their

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manners and customs or they wont come: e.g. "you have to let these girls dance in their own wild way, and this leads to excess."

The social work in which Mr D. seemed to take most interest was a Parish Lending Library of good literature which is largely used, chiefly by the better class of artisans and their children.

Once a week Mr D. has the 6th and 7th standard boys from his Day School in to the Vicarage, talks to them on things in general, and teaches them chess.

Day School with 400 in attendance.
Sunday School with 220 in attendance.
Mr D. spoke of the loose system in vogue among Sunday Schools: very often the parents dont know when their children go, and even if they do it is very rarely that they have or care to have any say in the matter: the children unless their parents happen to be churchgoers go when they like; they shiffle from school to school on the least provocation, and about that time most of them attend at least two

Visiting.

Nursing.

the qualification for going to the treat being often only one or two attendances. Mr D. has found the children of nominally Protestant parishioners attending the R.C. schools, and the parents neither knowing & nor caring. The fact is that the poor generally "make no invidious distinctions between the sects".

There is no house to house visiting. "My object is to get them to visit me rather than that I should visit them". But through his deaconess and mission woman, and through the mothers who attend his meeting Mr D. is kept in touch with the parish and hears of those who are sick or in trouble.

Mr D. thinks that the slums are very much over visited and demoralized thereby: he instanced Whitehead St which was visited by about ten different agencies, and is a sort of "show slum" where the people simply live on charity. He himself had a lady visiting there for some years, but came to the conclusion that she did more harm than good.

The Mission Woman is a trained nurse and

Charitable Relief.

Other religious influences

does what is required.

Mr D. gives about £50 a year almost entirely in pensions. He works ~~very~~ very closely with the C.O.S.

Mrs Cherrington gives away a good deal in food, blankets etc at Christmas.

Mr D. is a good deal embarrassed by a large yearly gift of desiccated soup from Lord Rothschild. It is very good but his people are nearly all above it and very few of them will take it.

The Salvation Army shall swallow up everything else. Mr D. thinks they do not get non-churchgoers but simply "the floating religious population." Their is mainly a preaching work. "I never see any trace of them in the parish": by this Mr D. meant that he never met any visitors for he admitted that many of his parishioners went to the Sal Services. The nature of the work he thinks is changing: they have given up converted ~~pris~~ prize fighters etc, and are becoming more respectable like

Poor Law

Marriage.

Thrift.

the result that they are losing ground. Mr Chamington is a weak man and little more than a figure-head: the real motive force is Mr Curzon.

Rather lax, but better than it used to be.

This is a great marrying church. Mr D. has married more than 5000 couples. They are not ~~marrying~~ marrying so young as they were: "there is more hesitation and thought". It is the young women who are chiefly responsible for youthful marriage: even if there are no pressing reasons it is they who egg the young man on. It is nearly always the woman who puts up the banns, and very frequently they do not know the man's surname but simply his Christian or pick-name.

Mr D. spoke of incest as a common occurrence in the parish, but looks upon ~~it~~ it as inevitable when people are packed as they are.

Mr D. spoke of his people as having "a rage for thrift". It does not really amount to

Personal.

much. There are about 350 depositors banking about £300 a year: but they are given no interest, ~~nor~~ nor is any pressure put on them to save.

This is a parish where evidently but the smallest impression is made on the lives of the people. Mr Dennis is neither able nor energetic, and is perhaps a bit of an old woman, with a strong tendency to gossip; but in spite of this he is genial and not wanting in common sense, and I came away with a friendly feeling for him. He is at least a man who will do little harm

Character of population.

Fri. 17th.

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Interview with Rev. A. E. Dalton, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

Mr Dalton is a man of about 40: tall, clean shaven: strong, pleasant face: courteous and business-like in manner.

He has been here for a little over a year, succeeding Hookyaas, who was a famous organizer. Mr D. had previously been for 12 or 13 years at All Hallows, Poplar, where he preceded Mr Bedford.

The population of 22000 is fairly representative of all grades of the working and lower middle class. Practically no squalid streets but much more sporadic poverty than in All Hallows, Poplar. The Jewish element is increasing at a great pace, and on the whole the parish is getting poorer: the middle class all tending to move further East: while all the respectable young people when they marry go off to less crowded neighbourhoods.

Persons employed.

Buildings.

Services

Five Curates. Two Scripture Readers. Seven paid lady workers.
Six unpaid lady workers.
Sixty monthly visitors.
Fifty-six Sunday School teachers.
Fifteen temperance workers.
About ten others connected with Clubs, Mothers' Meetings, &c.

Two Churches.
Two Schools.
Three Mission Rooms.
St Faith's Hall.
Grosvenor Hall.
Red Coat Hall.
Parish Room.
Dongola Hall.

See our page.
The parish church holds 1200: in the morning there are about 500 almost all seat holders, tradesmen and middle class. Mr Dalton "abhors pew rents" but the effect of dropping them suddenly would be to drive

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1897.

CHURCH FESTIVALS, SERVICES, &c.

"If the LORD will we shall do this."

Day of Month	Day of Week		PARISH CHURCH.	S. FAITH.
1	W		Mattins, 10. Childrens' Guild, 6. E. and Sermon, 8.	H.C. 7.30 a.m.
2	TH		H.C. 7.30	Temperance Army 8.30.
3	F	F.	Mattins, 10.	H.C. 7.30
4	S		H.C. 7.30. E. 7.30. Guild 8	
5	✠	2nd Sunday in Advent	H.C. 7, 8, and 12.	H.C. 7.30 and 9.30.
6	M	S. Nicolas Bp.	H.C. 7.30.	
7	TU		H.C. 7.30 and 11.	
8	W	Conception of B.V.M.	Mattins, 10. E. & Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.30.
9	TH		H.C. 7.30.	Temperance Army 8.30
10	F	F.	Mattins, 10.	H.C. 7.30.
11	S		H.C. 7.30. E., Address & Intercession, 8.	
12	✠	3rd Sunday in Advent	H.C. 7 & 8.	H.C. 7.30 & 9.30.
13	M	S. Lucy V. & M.	H.C. 7.30	
14	TU		H.C. 7.30. Evensong, 5.	
15	W	Ember Day F.	H.C. 7.30. Mattins, 10. E. and Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.30.
16	TH	O. Sapientia	H.C. 7.30.	Temperance Army, 8.30
17	F.	Ember Day F.	H.C. 7.30. Mattins, 10.	H.C. 7.30.
18	S.	Ember Day F.	H.C. 7.30. E. Address and Intercession, 8.	H.C. 7.30.
19	✠	4th Sunday in Advent	H.C. 7 & 8. Matins, 11.	H.C. 7.30 and 9.30.
20	M	F.	H.C. 7.30	
21	TU	S. Thomas Apostle	H.C. 7.30. E. & Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.
22	W		Mattins. 10. E. & Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.30.
23	TH		H.C. 7.30.	Temperance Army 8.30
24	F	F.	Mattins, 10. Choral E., 8.	H.C. 7.30.
25	S	Christmas Day	H.C. 7, 8 & 12 Mattins 11. E. 6.	H.C. 7.30, 9.30 and 11.30
26	✠	S after Christmas, S. Stephen	H.C. 7, 8 & 11. Mattins, 10.15.	H.C. 7.30 & 9.30.
27	M	S. John Evangelist	H.C. 7.30. E. & Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.
28	TU	Innocents' Day	H.C. 7.30. E. & Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.
29	W		Mattins. 10. E. & Sermon, 8	H.C. 7.30.
30	TH		H.C. 7.30.	Temperance Army, 8.30.
31	F	S. Silvester Bp. F.	Mattins, 10. Special Service, 11.15 p.m.	H.C. 7.30. Special Service, 11.15. p.m:

NOTE.—H.C., Holy Communion. E., Evensong. F., Fast.

S. Dunstan & All Saints.

THE CHURCH IS OPENED DAILY FROM 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M. FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

7. 0 a.m. Holy Communion, except 3rd Sunday.
8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion every Sunday.
11. 0 a.m. Mattins, except 3rd Sunday, when at 10.15.
11. 0 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral), 3rd Sunday.
12. 0 noon Holy Communion, 1st Sunday.
3.15 p.m. Childrens' Service.
4. 0 p.m. Baptisms.
7. 0 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

OLD CHURCH ROAD MISSION.
The Mission Services will be discontinued during August.

WEEK DAY SERVICES.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
7.15 a.m. Mattins.
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday and Friday.
10. 0 a.m. Mattins and Litany.

Every Day.
8. 0 p.m. Evensong, with Address on Wednesday, Saturday and Saints' Days.

Intercessions after Evensong on Saturday
Also on 1st **Tuesday** in the month
11. 0 a.m. Holy Communion for sick and aged.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Sunday at 4 p.m. Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

CHURCHINGS.

Wednesday and Friday at 10.30.
Any evening at a quarter before 8.

MARRIAGES.

Banns of Marriage must be left with the Parish Clerk, at 113, Stepney Green, not later than the Friday evening before they are to be published.

The fee for Banns is 2s., and for Marriage after Banns 11s. 6d. At 2 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 to 10 on other week days, but not on Sunday or Christmas Day, marriages will be solemnised for 7s. 6d.

In all cases one of the parties to be married must live in the district attached to the Parish Church, including the S. Faith's district.

S. FAITH'S.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.

SERVICES.

ALL SEATS FREE.

Sundays.
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Litany, except 3rd Sunday in Month.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon.
11.30 a.m. Mattins and Catechising.
3.15 p.m. Children's Service, 2nd and 3rd Sundays.
4.0 p.m. Baptisms.
7.0 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Week-days.
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Wednesday and Friday.
8.0 p.m. Evensong daily.
8.30 p.m. Wednesday, Mission Service

Intercessions after Evensong on Saturday.
Service of Preparation for H.C., 8.30 on Saturday, before 3rd Sunday.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Sunday, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHURCHINGS.

Before any Week-day Service.

MARRIAGES.

Banns of Marriage must be left at 107, Shandy Street, or the Vestry after any Service.

One of the parties to be married must live in the S. Faith's district. The fees are:—For Banns, 2/- Marriage after Banns, 7/6.

all the old people away, but as the holders die or have their seats are thrown open, and not more than half the church is now pew rented.
The evening congregation is about 900.
St Faith's church holds 300 and has congregations of 100 and 230 of a rather lower social rank than those at ~~the~~ St Dunstan's.
At both churches women preponderate largely over men.
The evening services are held at the mission halls and are attended ~~at~~ by about 60 in all. The mission work is a complete failure: "the church is and must be the centre of work and if they will go anywhere they will go to church". Mission work is only successful in districts where there is no church and where a vigorous man is in fact "forming the nucleus of a new congregation".
Both at Poplar and here Mr D's great aim has been "to make the service intelligible, to insure that every word shall be heard, and that every one shall be able to find their place in the church service books". Next to this the most important point is plain

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intelligible preaching. The people are very fond of sermons, and this is the strength of the Dissenters, who devote endless care and time to the preparation of their sermons: "So we ought to, but we have so many things to do."

TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

S. Dunstan's Branch—
Every Tuesday, 8.30 p.m.

Old Church Road Mission Room, but last Tuesday in the month at Red Coat Hall.

S. Faith's Branch—
"Temperance Army," head-quarters, St. Faith's Hall; meetings held every Thursday evening, 8.30 p.m.

Dec. 2—Concert.
,, 9—Concert. Lady Speaker, Mrs. Paynter.
,, 16—Special "Mission" Meeting, Mr. Johnson. Concert by "Onward" Band.
,, 23—Concert by "General" Fernley and friends. Speaker, General Woollcombe.

CLUBS, &c.

FOR MEN—
S. Faith's Hall, Shandy Street, open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 7 to 10 p.m., for Members of S. Dunstan's or S. Faith's Church or Bible Class.

YOUNG MEN & LADS (Old Boys' Association)
Dongola Hall, Dongola Street, open every night except Thursday to those who attend the Sunday Bible Classes

S. DUNSTON'S WORK SOCIETY.
Every Thursday at Red Coat Hall, 5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Football Club—Captain, Mr. W. Stokes, 16, Cologne Street. Subscription, 2d. a week and 1s. entrance fee. All communications as to membership and matches to be addressed to Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Stokes, 16, Cologne Street. Second team: Assist. Sec., Mr. D. Brown.

Gymnasium—Open Tuesday and Friday, 8—10 p.m., throughout the winter. Subscription 1/6 a quarter, or 6d. a month Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Cordell, Harford St. Instructor, Mr. R. Howard, Forest Gate.

Drum & Fife Band.—Every Thursday, 8—10 p.m. Subscription 2d. per week. Boys taught to play either drum or fife (vacancies for flutes) by Mr. G. Merriman, 116, Shandy Street.

YOUNG WOMEN & GIRLS—

Grosvenor Hall—Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, to Girls' Friendly Members or intending Members 8.30—10. Any others wishing to join can apply to Miss E. Dalton, the Rectory.

Shandy Street Mission Room—Open Friday Evenings to Girls' Friendly Members and others. 8.30 to 10.

Clive Street Mission Room—Sewing Class for Working Girls on Wednesday Evenings, 8—10.

Parish Room (upstairs) at Rectory, Sewing Class for Working Girls on Thursday evenings, 8—10.

Guild of the Holy Child—The Meetings are as follows:—Stepney Green Branch (Red Coat Hall), Boys, Monday, 6 p.m.; Girls, Wednesday, 6 p.m.

S. Faith's Branch—Boys, Monday, at 6 p.m.; Girls, Wednesday, at 6 p.m.

Grosvenor Hall—Boys and Girls, Friday, at 6 p.m.

Old Church Road—Girls, Monday, at 6.30; Boys, Wednesday, at 6.30.

Clive Street—Boys, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Girls, Thu[illegible] p.m.

[illegible]—Every Mo[illegible] and Thursday. 8 p.m., at People's Palace Baths. Monthly Handicaps for Members only.

Cricket Club—Practice Night, Thursdays; a match each Saturday. Hon. Sec [illegible] 15, Cologne St.

BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The S. Dunstan's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Benefit Society meets in Dongola Hall on the 4th Thursday in the Month, at 8.30 p.m. All information from the Secretary, Mr. J. Brown, 108, Shandy Street.

SAVINGS BANK.

A Penny Bank, in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank is opened at—
Dongola Hall, Monday 6 to 7.30.
Clive Street Mission, Tuesday and Thursday 2.30 to 3.15.
S. Faith's Hall, Thursdays 9.30 to 10 p.m

Parish Library.

The Temperance work is of a very vigorous character and is run on Army lines, the General Woollcombe refused to bring one of the curates, a bright-young fellow of about 25 who came in while I was there.

C.E.T.S.

S. Faith's Branch.

This last month has been an important month in the history of the "Army," as we held our first "Street" Mission on Nov. 4, having attempted to storm Duckett-street and capture some, at any rate, for the good cause of Temperance.

The result was most encouraging, not only in the number of pledges (a total of 16) and the large attendance on that night, but, above all, in the proof that it gave us—and particularly our generals—that we have in the Army a real keen body of officers and others, who are not content to enjoy the benefits of teetotalism themselves, but are ready and anxious to carry the good news to others. We thank God for such as these and take courage; we are bound to win victories for Christ, if only we trust in our Great Captain, and show Him that we are indeed in earnest, and in earnest we are, and steadily growing in numbers, having taken 29 pledges since last month, and knowing of many more who are making up their minds to join our ranks. We have had an invitation from the S. Pancras Deanery to send a deputation to speak about our Army. May God bless us all in our fight for Him against this deadly foe! Please remember: Annual Tem-

Dalton struck me as a man not at all likely to approve of sensational methods, but his policy is "to let a man do his work in his own way as long as he is true and loyal". Woollcombe claims that a large number of confirmed drunkards are

brought into the fold: many lapse again and again but a fair proportion are reclaimed.

As to clubs etc there is a standing rule that all members must be church people i.e. must attend some service or class in connection with the church. Mr. D. was very strong on this point: his view was exactly that of Mr Shelford "we are powerful as a church or fetter altogether": the great object of clubs is that the members should act as "a leavening influence." "I should value open clubs as bringing one in touch with people but they are not a Christian influence and we clergy have enough to do without them."

There is a Branch of the Mothers' Union and some Mothers' Meetings to which little importance is attached, the place of the old-fashioned Mothers' Meeting having been taken by Bible classes for married women of which 12 are held weekly in different parts of the parish.

The chief work among lads is the O.B.A. or Old Boys' Association which in spite of the rule as to Bible class is not at present in a very flourishing

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condition: "It is not quite the place where I should like to send a young man up from the country". Mr Woollcombe told me that the more good young men tended to avoid clubs and form little sets of their own for fear their Christening may be contaminated.

Stepney Parish Church.

DAY & SUNDAY SCHOOLS

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

It is important that the parents of children who have been baptised, and so made members of the Church, should know where they can have their children taught the truths of their Bible and Prayer-Book. At the Baptism of their children the parents promised that they would see that their children were taught the Creed, the Lord's

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DAY SCHOOLS.

Red Coat - - Stepney Green.
Green Coat, White Horse Street.

There is also an Infant School in Redmans Rd., Christ Church Parish, and a large School, wholly free, at S. Thomas', Arbour Square.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, 3 p.m.

Red Coat - - Stepney Green.
Green Coat, White Horse Street.
Mission Hall, Old Church Road.
S. Faith's
Mission Hall - Shandy Street.
~~Ben Jonson Board School~~—
~~Emmott Street~~.
Trafalgar Sq. Board Sch.

One gallery is reserved for Children every Sunday Morning at the Parish Church. There is also a Children's Service every Sunday Afternoon in the Parish Church at 3.15; every Sunday Morning at S. Faith's Church at 11.30; and also at the Mission Hall, Grosvenor Street, at 11.

E. HOSKYNS, *Rector*.

GEORGE REYNOLDS, Printer, 23, Stepney Green, London, E,

The Green Coat is a Middle Class School with about 300.

At the various Sunday Schools there are 1033 children and 532 adults.

In addition there are the following Bible classes:-

BIBLE CLASSES.

Sunday.

Men, over 18, at the Parish Room	3.30
Young Men and Lads, Church House, Dongola Street... ...	3.0
Boys, over 14, Shandy St. Mission	6.0
Women, Grovenor Hall ...	3.30
Young Women and Girls, over 14, Green Coat School ... ... / Red Coat School ... ... / S. Faith's Hall	3.15

Week-days.

For Married Women.
Enquire of your District Visitor.
For Men and Women.
Thursday, 8 p.m. 31, Clive Street.
For Young Women.
Monday, 8.30. Parish Room.
Baptism Class for Children from 6 to 13.
Parish Room, Mondays, 5.30.

Owing to the increasing difficulty in getting teachers they are being driven to the Dispensary System which is now in practice at St Faith's.

The place of a Band of Hope is taken in this parish by a Guild of the Holy Child of which I append the rules.

I also give the paper which is given to the parents of baptised children, as showing the methods of the parish.

STEPNEY CHURCH.

Guild of the Holy Child.

President: THE RECTOR.
Chaplain: The Rev. H. WYNNE, 43, Stepney Green.

Objects of the Guild.

1.—To unite the Children of the Parish, and to help and encourage them to lead the life of Christian children.

2.—To encourage Members to become Total Abstainers.

3.—To help the elder children to look forward to Confirmation and First Communion as a great step in their life.

Rules.

1.—The Guild shall consist of boys and girls, over the age of eight years, who are still at school.

2.—The various Branches of the Guild shall meet once a week.

3.—There shall be a Special Service in Church every month for the children and their parents.

All Members shall be admitted at this Service, and be given the Badge of the Guild, and a Card of the Rules.

Rules of Life.

1.—To say their prayers to God every morning and evening.

2.—To go to a Church Sunday School (every Sunday, if possible).

3.—To obey their parents and teachers, and to be cheerful and kind to all at home.

4.—Not to use any bad words, and to behave quietly and modestly in the streets.

5.—To be good to animals, and to try to stop all cruel conduct.

The Branch Meetings

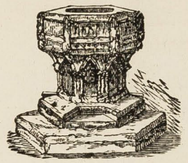
Will be held once a week for Instruction and Recreation, as follows:—

On Mondays,	at the Church House, Dongola Street,	at	5.45	p.m.
,, Tuesdays,	at the Shandy Street Mission Hall	,,	6.30	,,
,, Wednesdays,	at the Shandy Street Mission Hall	,,	6.0	,,
,, Wednesdays,	at the Red Coat School	,,	5.45	,,
,, Wednesdays,	at the Old Church Road Mission Hall	,,	6.30	,,
,, Fridays,	at the Grosvenor Hall	,,	6.0	,,

The Guild Services.

These are held on the 1st Friday in every month, at the Parish Church, and on the 3rd Thursday in every month, at S. Faith's.

" Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,



he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

" I am the Door."

Name .....

Baptized .....

(Signed) ..... **Rector.**

" Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
" Men and brethren, what shall we do ? " S. Peter replied, " Repent and be baptized."
" For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.
" Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

To Parents and God-parents.

You have brought this child to be baptized, and you have promised to train him (or her) up as a Christian, and to bring the child to the Bishop to be confirmed.

It is your duty therefore :

1.—To pray for the child.
2.—To teach the child to pray.
3.—To guard the child from bad companions.
4.—To procure for the child instruction in Church doctrine.
5.—To guide the child to the choice of an honest profession.
6.—To take, not send, the child to Church.
7.—To see that the child is confirmed.
8.—To bring the child to the Holy Communion.

Confirmed at .....

Date .....

First Communion .....

(Signed) ..... **Rector.**

NOTE.—It would be well at once to frame this Card, and at the Confirmation of the Child take it to the Rector of the Parish in which you are then living, and have it filled up and signed,

Visiting.

Nursing.

Charitable Relief.

The parish is thoroughly visited from house to house: this Mr D. claims to be the secret of doing good: he quoted the saying "a house going parson makes a church going people" & I imagine he strongly resembles in character Mr Isaacs who also quoted this. The visiting is done by the clergy, the scripture reader, and the 13 lady workers, who are all thoroughly trained and efficient. The sixty monthly visitors only leave the parish paper

Have a nurse from the E. & N. H.

Have a Relief Committee and spend about £200 a year: work on C.O.S. lines and are closely in touch with committee. A enormous amount of relief is given in the district which with Guild Assembly Hall Atkinson of Latimer Chapel Barnardo and Lycett Hall. There is no attempt at cooperation. Incidentally on this point Mr D. mentioned the large deficit which the church has already to make up by begging, and I give the figures on following page.

tion of over 22,000—a sum of about £2,400 is required annually, as follows :—

Church Expenses	£450
Mission Rooms and Halls	370
Stipends of Clergy (five)	725
,, of Mission Workers ...	275
Relief of Poor	200
Day Schools (in addition to Government Grants)	200
Sunday Schools (1,550 children) ...	80
Treats and Excursions	50
Sundries, Clubs, &c.	50
	£2,400

This is what I have to face. What is there to meet it in the way of assured income?

From Offertories	£470
,, Pew Rents (exclusive of Rector's £50)	89
,, Mission Boxes	91
,, Grants from Societies	390
	£1,040

Leaving £1,360 to be raised year by year. Of this, speaking roughly, £360 is secured by subscriptions promised by friends who will, I feel sure, not fail me, but still there is left £1,000 a year to raise. Each year sees the parish becoming poorer, and able to do less to support itself, while the net value of the living (after deducting Rates and Repairs to Rectory) is now reduced to £333, so that the Rector can do little to help financially. I have always found in the past that

Influence of church.

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Mr D. thinks the influence of the church in the district is strong: for many years the parish has been energetically worked. Kitto of St Martin's was succeeded by Hodgson, whose organisation was so thorough that Mr D. is only just getting a complete grasp: but the church is not so ~~strong~~ strong as at the Hallows, Poplar: then the working man while sticking to his opinion that the clergy men generally knaves or fools makes an exception in favour of the clergy of the Hallows. Here the influence of the ~~ch~~ church among working men is confined almost entirely to communicants: further east they get hold of radicals and socialists.

The great Brandy Hall is the chief. Mr. D. has the poorest opinion of its influence. He thinks that it and P. S. H's etc. are "the devices of the Devil" they lead to a form of religion "which makes no demand on life"

As I had been a long time with Mr D. and the luncheon bell had rang I practically cut the

Personal.

General questions.

This is a tremendously active parish mainly of course as the result of Hodgson's work, but Dalton I think is more than capable of taking Hodgson's place. He is a man of greater intellectual ability and I should say an equally good man of business. He is calm, strong, full of common sense, but like Hodgson a very determined churchman, who puts "The Church" for all it is worth.

P.S. Mr Dalton has sent me a calendar of the week's work.

Dec. 17th.

10/11

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Interview with Rev. W. Wallace D.D., St. Luke's Burdett Road.

Dr Wallace is an Irishman between 60 and 70.

He is quite mad, and though I spent 2½ hours with him I came away without the faintest impression of what is being done in his parish. Though he talked without intermission for the whole time he never got within miles of the subject. I think I should have been there now but for the fact that lunch came in, and though he begged me to stop I took the opportunity to fly: if he had given me the smallest chance I should have been off long before for I soon saw that he was almost incapable of putting together a coherent sentence and even if one sentence was in itself coherent it never seemed to have the smallest connection with what followed before or after and the total effect of listening to him was like being in a horrid nightmare. I think the poor old fellow was trying to give me an account of the building

of his church and schools, but I can not even
now of this. I have ~~by~~ buzzing in my head the
names of Wilcox-Lea, Pilkington, Lagenor, Lord
Carnarvon, the Bishop of Wakefield, "my aunt" Tottie
(Mrs Wallace) etc. Sometimes he referred to "he"
sometimes "she" but who the particular he or she
was at the moment I never knew. ~~The only~~
Almost the only comprehensible words were the ~~ex~~
incessantly repeated "D'ye understand" or "I'm
telling ye" or "The influence of the church".
Almost the only facts I carried away were that
Dr W. doated so much on Bishop Walsham How
that he never went to see him and that he is
a great writer of Latin verse. He told me to
read his copy in the last's Guardian. [I did so
and the man is evidently an excellent Latin scholar]
Frequently during his talk he would cross himself
but always except once (at the name of Christ)
when talking of quite mundane things.

I think he had a sort of shimmering idea that he
was not quite lucid: first about 12 o'clock he
said to me in quite a pathetic voice "Oh dear, ye

<u>will</u> let me talk to you this morning won't you".

Mrs Wallace, who was in the room when I arrived, and with whom I had 5 minutes talk while Dr W. was putting on his boots, seemed to be a quiet sensible woman.

On my arrival Dr W. made a pret- guess about finding our form: having found it he put it in his pocket. On my departure he expressed a great wish to see me again, but expressed an opinion that I could fill in the form from what he had told me.

Dr W. has been ~~the~~ Vicar of the parish for 27 years. That it should be (apparently) impossible to get rid of him is a grave scandal.

Character of population.

Proportion touched.

Persons employed.

Tu. 20th.

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Interview with Rev. J. W. Sedge St. Anthony Stoke Road.

Mr Sedge is a man just on 60: tall, erect, handsome: gray hair and beard

Exclusively working class, the vast bulk labourers with a few artisans in and about Devonshire St. and Stoke Road. The men generally are railwaymen, farmers, costers, and dock labourers. There is a good deal of home work among women especially trousers and match-box making. There is very little squalid poverty in the parish, and except in Cornwall Place such as there is is sporadic and invariably due to drink.

Mr S. had made an estimate that through clubs etc about 1/3rd of the families in the parish are touched by the Church.

Two curates. Parish Lady. Mission Woman. "A West-end lady and gentleman and two local ladies unpaid."

Buildings.

Services

Sixteen Sunday School teachers.

Church. Two large and two small Parish Rooms.
A small Mission House in Lowbalk Place.

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4.15 Baptisms and Churchings.
6.45 Children's Service in Parish Room.
7.0 Evensong and Sermon.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

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Wednesday Evening—

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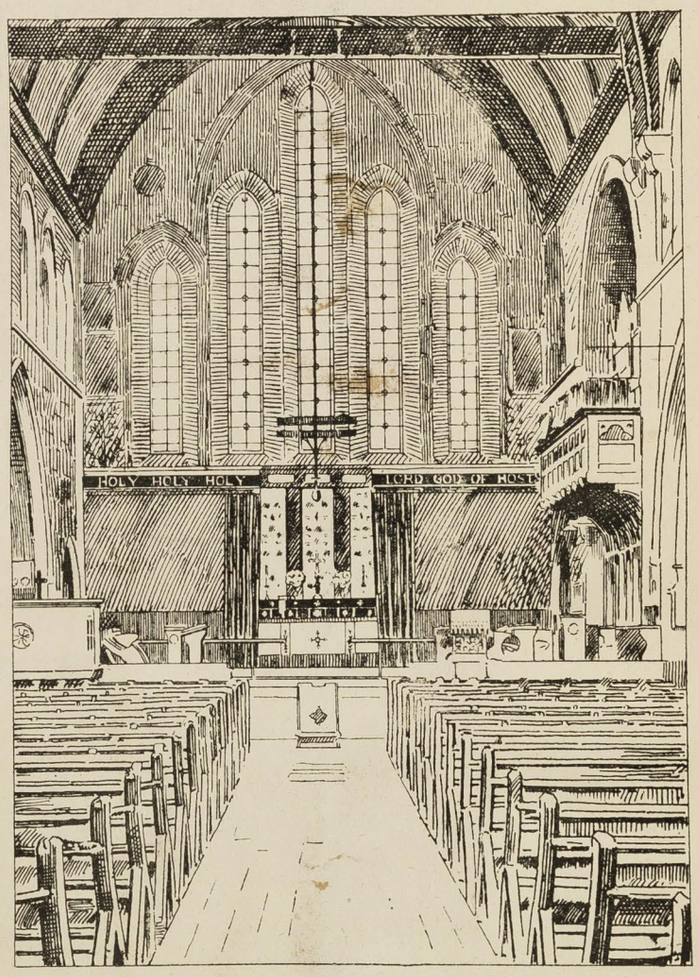


Rector: Rev. J. W. GEDGE, M.A.
Sehior Curate: Rev. A. NEWNS.
Junior Curate: Rev.

THE CATECHISM.

Sunday at 3.0 punctually.

Seniors (over 10) in the Church.
Juniors (over 7) do. and Parish Room.
Infants (over 5) in Gymnasium.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES.

3.0 Youths, Reading Room.
3.0 Senior Girls, St. Margaret's House.
6.0 Junior Girls, Lower Vestry.
5.30 Church Lads' Brigade, Gymnasium.
6.15 Ditto do.

COMMUNICANTS GUILD.

St. Elizabeth's Ward (Women), Second Thursday after Evensong, in Parish Room.

St Mary's Ward (Girls), First Wednesday at 9.0, in Girls' Club Room, Devotional. Other Wednesdays, Church Working Party.

Probationers Ward (Girls), Saturdays, at 6.0.

St. Anthony's Ward (Youths), First Tuesday, at 8.0 in Lower Vestry.

General Meeting, Thursday before last Sunday in the month, after Evensong, at 8.30.

GENERAL NOTICES.

1.—All the Seats in the Church are Free and Open.

2.—The Church is open for Private Prayer on all Week-days from 9.0—1.0. Entrance from James Street.

3.—Marriages are solemnized on Week-days from 9.0—2 30; on Sundays from 9.0—10.0. Fee 5/. Banns 1/6.

4.—Churchings can be taken at any Week-day Service.

5.—The Clergy can be seen at the Church after any Service; at other times by appointment.

6.—Persons asking for Hospital Letters, &c., should come on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 10.20, to the Lower Vestry.

Address of Rector—29, Victoria Park Square.
,, Senior Curate, 113, Devonshire Stteet.

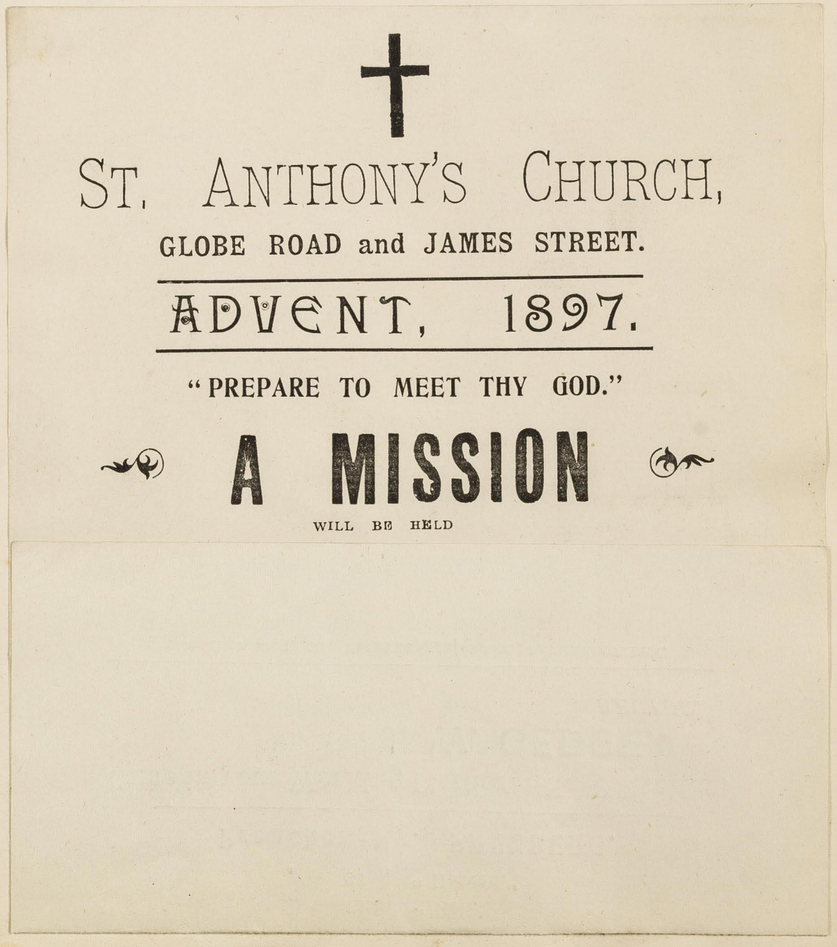
Mr S. is one of the few clergy who confess to having frequently counted his congregation. In the morning there are 40 adults, 20 choir and 60 children: in the evening 200 adults and 100 children. Not more than 10 working men in the parish ever come to the church. The service is High Anglican with good bright congregational singing and attracts a few from Mr Dimbis' parish, where things are terribly sleepy and evangelical.

Mr D. sketched the Sunday habits of his parishioners. "The church bell they say wakes them: they get up: have breakfast, adjourn to the public house from 1 to 3: dine soon after 3: sleep, and either go to public house again in evening or go to the park. The wife if she has a decent husband is usually free to come to church in the evening if she likes.

Mr D. told me of the exceeding touchiness of his church people. They are always taking offence at something and at the least thing threaten "to go to Charington's": some of them go but they usually come back. "I'm rather an old schoolmaster, and don't coddle them: I always tell them to go when

they please". The people don't care a bit about doctrine, but they hate ritual: Mr S. has lately tried to introduce a Processional Cross, but has withdrawn it in deference to opposition.

In addition to the ordinary services nearly mission services are held in Advent and Lent.



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On Thursday Evenings, at 8.30

December 2nd, Allas Road and North Street.
" 9th, Sceptre Street.
" 16th, Doveton Street.
" 23rd, Cornwell Square, West Street.

Followed by Addresses in the Parish Room, James Street,

DOORS OPEN AT 8.30, COMMENCE AT 9.

SUBJECTS;

December 2nd, "Death"
" 9th, "Judgement."
" 16th, "Hell."
" 23rd, "Heaven."

Preacher—Mr. FREZBERG.

Come in your Working Clothes. No Collection.

J. W. GEDGE,
RECTOR.

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Social Agencies

the Parish paper.

There is a rule that all who come to clubs etc must attend church or bible class. Mr S. has tried opening his clubs to all members of the parish but it has been a failure: it is only possible with a large staff of workers.

As to the Temperance work the adults branch is "very limp." Mr S. is not a teetotaller and is evidently not keen about the work.

There is no doubt elsewhere there are Christian teachers for such organisation.

The Christmas and New Year parties and treats have been arranged as follows, subject to possible alterations:—

Dec.	28.	Tuesday.	Rector's Party for Church Workers.
,,	29.	Wednesday.	Band of Hope.
,,	30.	Thursday.	Mothers' Union and Mothers Meeting. (Husbands and Wives).
Jan.	1.	Saturday.	Junior Club (Girls).
,,	3.	Monday.	Senior Clubs (Girls and Youths).
,,	4.	Tuesday.	Senior Catechism.
,,	5.	Wednesday.	Sewing Class.
,,	10.	Monday.	Infants and Junior Catechism.

A great Temperance Meeting with Music will be held on Thursday, January, 13th. Admission Free. Pledges may be taken after the Meeting.

The Senior Girls' Club hope to give a grand performance of "The Enchanted Ring," on Thursday, January 20th. Tickets, 3d. each, to be had from Members. Early application is advised for fear of disappointment.

Education.

Sunday School with 400 on the books and quite 90 p.c. in attendance

Mr. S. has had the Dupanloup system in operation for 18 months and is enthusiastic about it: not only do the children definitely learn the doctrines of the church, they much prefer the system and the numbers and attendance have risen largely since it was adopted. Mr S. says that if the system is worked as it ought to be there is no force in the objection that the personal touch between pupil and teacher is lost. The staff are divided into catechist, assistant-catechist, Intendants, and Monitors. Though the Intendants do not teach they take the place of the teachers under the old system: each has a certain number of children under his charge and it is their duty in the case of any child being absent to visit it during the week: this they do most scrupulously. At the same time they themselves are being taught: under the old system the teachers knew nothing and would not learn. Mr. S. gave me a good deal of information on the matter which I apprehend is throwing a good deal of light on the system.

Arthur Chew.

THE

CATECHISM.

ORDER.

Invocation.
Lord's Prayer.
Responses.
Gloria.
V *Praise ye The Lord.*
℟ *The Lord's Name be praised.*
Hymn.
Questioning.
Hymn. (Junior Catechism file out).
Instruction.
Hymn.
Creed.
The Holy Gospel.
Homily.
Hymn.
Collects.
Blessing.
Vesper Hymn. (Senior Catechism file out).

THE PRAYER FOR The Catechism.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, upon the children of Thy Holy Church throughout all the world, and especially upon the children of this Parish; that, being strengthened by Thy Grace, they may be loving and obedient in their homes and regular and reverent in Thy Holy Temple. May the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit rest upon the Bishop of this diocese, and upon all who teach and govern in the Catechism, that we may seek in all things to do Thy Holy Will. Pardon the weakness of our words, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

S Anthony, Stepney. Nov 4 1897.

The Catechism. The Church's Laws.

Introduction. The Church is the Kingdom of Heaven.

I. All Kingdoms must have Laws.

The Church has General Laws - 10 Commandments.

" Special Laws. Sacraments. Discipline

II Subjects must obey the Laws

In heaven. Angels always do God's will.

On earth. We must obey God.

III Special Laws. Holy Baptism. Confirmation Holy Communion all help us to Love God and our Neighbour.

Set portion of the Catechism.

In the Lord's Prayer

I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father to send His grace to me and to all people that we may worship Him, serve Him and obey Him as we ought to do.

Every child must learn this.

J W Gudge
Catechist

Percy Freyberg, Assistant Catechist

S Anthony's Church, James St Dec 19

The Church's Ministers III Deacons.

Introduction. Word deacon means Servant.

I His appointment. Chosen by the Priest, and Ordained by the Bishop.

II His office To help the Priest in the Church and Parish.

III His duties (1) To assist the Priest with the Sacraments

(2) To teach the young.

(3) To visit the sick and poor.

Example S Stephen. Acts VI

Resolution

Prayer

Special Notices for Children

1. A Choir practise for the Festival tomorrow (Monday) Evening at half-past six.

2. Sunday next is Catechism Festival. our new Bishop is coming.
It will begin at 2·45.
Bring your Parents with you.

J W Gedge, Rector

Catechism. Festival. Dec 26·97

Instructions for Intendants.

1. The children are to keep their usual Seats
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5. Order of Procession. Seniors & Juniors to go out - the whole Row - beginning with A a boy and a girl together - round the South Aisle, right round the Church & back

St Anthony. The Catechism.
Admission of Intendants.

1. Do you wish to be admitted as an Intendant of the Catechism.
   I do.
2. Will you try to be regular and punctual in your attendance;
   I will try by Gods help.
3. Will you strive in all things to be a longer and personal work to lead the Children to God;
   I will so strive with the help of God.
4. Take this book in token that you are admitted as an Intendant of the Catechism. In the Name of The Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

Admission of Monitors.

1. Do you wish to be admitted as a Monitor of the Catechism.
   Ans. I do.
2. Will you promise to be regular and punctual & keep the Rules.
   I will by Gods help.
3. Will you to get a good example to the other Children?
   Ans. I will try with Gods help.
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6. Intendants to lead their three seats.

Order of Service.

1. Prayers as usual - to first Hymn.
2. Admission of Intendants. All to come up. New ones to stand in front.
3. Admission of Monitors. ditto ditts.
4. Hymn. Gospel. Creed.
5. Address by Bishop.
6. Prize-giving. as above.
7. Procession & Hymn. See 5.
8. Blessing & Vesper Hymn.
9. Junior Boys go out first. Begin at bottom. Then Junior Girls. Senior Boys. Senior Girls.

Judge

Visiting.

Nursing.

Charitable Relief.

Other religious influences.

Poor Law.

Police.

Every house is visited about once in three months by clergy and staff.

"A Jubilee nurse visits all the sick".

About £60 a year is given to the sick only. Mr S. works very closely with C.O.S. and in other than sick cases if they are respectable sends them to the Society.

Mr. S. says he is not popular in the parish because he does not encourage begging: his predecessor used to give half-crowns freely.

London Hall (Wesleyan) ~~is~~ small.
Channington's final Dissenting Hall nominally undenominational but really strongly antagonistic to church: has emptied the churches in the neighbourhood.

The Guardians should give out relief more freely to aged decent widows.
"Always helpful when called upon." There was a very bad public house at the bottom of Essex St, which

Drink.

Marriage.

Drift.

Health.

Personal.

used during prohibited hours on Sunday: a daughter whom Mr S. attended when ill told him that her father gave the policeman on the beat 2/6 a week.

"Rampant": No increase or decrease in light years.

Marriages in church seldom going but few of the parishioners are married there because there are no steps up and the poor object to being married in a church without steps.

"About £300 yearly in Penny Bank"

"Good". Houses are very low: 600 out of 800 only four rooms. Very little one roomed life.

Mr Geddes is a good fellow. Until 8 years ago he was an Inspector of Schools and has as he says something of the appearance and manner of a schoolmaster. He is an earnest man and a hard worker with thoroughly businesslike habits

Character of population.

Dec. 22nd

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Interview with Rev. S. P. Green, St. Simon Zelotes, Morpeth St. Bethnal Green.

Mr Green is a man of about 70: getting very feeble, and owing evidently to a paralytic affection speaking slowly, indistinctly, and with some difficulty.

Owing I suppose to Christmas time Mr G. had not received our card fixing an interview and was only able to give me half an hour.

Mr. G. has been here for 20 years and during that time the parish has been getting steadily poorer. There used to be middle class people in Morpeth St.: now with the exception of a few shopkeepers in Green St. there are none in the parish, and the bulk of the more respectable artisans are moving further East - their place being taken by "the rooks who have been disturbed further west". Though many of the streets in the parish are very poor (dark blue on the map), Mr. G. says that there is little of the squalor which will be found in a West-end slum.

Portion touched.

Persons employed.

Buildings.

Services

"Only the poor or poorest." The artisans have come near the church

One Curate. One Deaconess paid one unpaid.
Parish nurse. One Lady from West-end.

Church.
Disused Church School
Two Mission Rooms.

Church Services and Work.

Church.

SUNDAYS	Morning Prayer and Sermon, with Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd	11	a.m.
,,	Other than the 1st and 3rd Sundays the Holy Communion is at 8 a.m.		
,,	Public Catechising, 1st in month	3	p.m.
,,	Evening Prayer and Sermon	7	,,
,,	Holy Baptism	3	,,
,,	,, ,, 1st Sunday in the month ..	7	,,
WEEK-DAYS	Matins and Holy Communion on Festivals	8	a.m.
,,	Daily Prayer other week-days	9	,,
,,	Wednesdays, Evening Prayer, Sermon, and Baptisms	8	

Churchings before any Service.

Mission House, Warley Street.

SUNDAYS Sunday School .. .. 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Evening Prayer

ELASTIC STOCKINGS, ENEMAS, CHEST PROTECTORS, TRUSSES.
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"Only the poor or poorest." The artisans have come near the church

One Curate. One Deaconess paid one unpaid.
Parish nurse. One Lady from West-end.

Church.
Disused Church School
Two Mission Rooms.

Church Services and Work.

Church.

SUNDAYS	.	Morning Prayer and Sermon, with Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd	11	a.m.
,,	.	Other than the 1st and 3rd Sundays the Holy Communion is at 8 a.m.		
,,	.	Public Catechising, 1st in month	3	p.m.
,,	.	Evening Prayer and Sermon	7	,,
,,	.	Holy Baptism	3	,,
,,	.	,, ,, 1st Sunday in the month ..	7	,,
WEEK-DAYS	.	Matins and Holy Communion on Festivals	8	a.m.
,,	.	Daily Prayer other week-days	9	,,
,,	.	Wednesdays, Evening Prayer, Sermon, and Baptisms	8	

Churchings before any Service.

Mission House, Warley Street.

SUNDAYS	.	Sunday School .. .. 10.15 a.m. and	3	p.m.
MONDAY	.	Mothers' Meeting, every Monday, and Women's Union, 1st in each month ..	2.30	,,
,,	.	Sister Edith's Sewing Class for Young Girls	6.30	,,
,,	.	Deaconess Reede's Bible Class for Young Women	8.30	,,
,,	.	Boys' Club	8	,,
TUESDAY	.	Deaconess Reede's Bible Class for Mothers	3	,,
,,	.	Miss Dora Green's Girls' Friendly Club ..	8.30	,,
THURSDAY	.	Band of Hope Meeting	8	,,
FRIDAY	.	Visitors' Meeting, 1st in month..	3	,,
,,	.	Choir Practice	8.15	,,

Collins Place Mission.

SUNDAY	.	Sunday School	3	p.m.
,,	.	Bible Class for Women	8	,,
TUESDAY	.	Mothers' Meeting..	6.30	,,
THURSDAY	.	Sewing Class for Girls..	6.30	,,
FRIDAY	.	Mission Service	8	,,

The PARISH NURSE may be seen at the Mission Room any Morning at 9.30.
Club payments must be made on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Social Agencies.

Including the choir the morning congregation is about 40, evening 80. Only the poor come: "they don't come for what they can get because they get nothing" Mr S. spoke of the anti-church going fashion, ~~and~~ the opposition and ridicule which has to be faced, and the moral courage required.

The weekly communicants average 10 and on Sacrament Sunday there are about 60.

The church is always crammed for Harvest Festival. Mr S. thinks this is a form of superstition.

Mr S. says there is no hostility to the church: simply utter indifference. "Personally" he said "I believe I am liked and popular"

See Parish Magazine.

Mr Green said "we have everything": everything however in this case means very little, but the clubs in this parish have apparently been depleted by the proximity of the University Club and Oxford House.

Mr S. has a rule that those who attend clubs etc "must not be infidels or scoffers".

Education.

Visiting.

Nursing.

Charitable Relief.

Other Religious Influences.

Sunday School with 100 children

There is no house to house visiting "but the Deaconesses know everybody". Mr. S. visits those who are sick or in trouble.

Parish Nurse.

I could not get a clear statement from Mr S. on this point: but he said that the Duchess of Grafton and Lady Elizabeth Biddulph helped her and that the whole expense of the Collier Place Mission was provided by the Deaconesses and their friends. No doubt the Deaconesses here as elsewhere do give a good deal of relief, but Mr. S. does not seem to know what is going on. He said that he worked with the C. O. S, and that in cases where he himself gave relief "I always find it very unsatisfactory if you once get them on they never leave you".

There is not a Chapel or Meeting House in the parish and very few go outside: those who do

Cooperation

Personal

mostly to the great Assembly Hall which "is scarcely if at all a religious influence: except perhaps in the hymns there is no worship about it".

"I said to the Bishop of Oxford the other day "as for Dissenters I ignore them. I've not left them, they've left me"

Even when he had health and vigour Mr Gr. I imagine was seen actors: now at all events the whole thing is asleep. Theologically Mr G. is an old-fashioned Anglican.

Form A.—The Church of England.

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? — Almost all dependent on weekly wages & casual wages. Only the poor are poorest.

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch? — Decency. Partly paid & partly [illegible] young men & women in Sunday schools &c.

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not) — Buildings in Worley St & Collins Place. Mothers' meetings, Bible reading, work. Work to be done by efforts.

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

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

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

(g) What Educational Work is done? — There is a paid trained nurse.

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy or District Visitors) — Very little

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

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church? — Under none whatever

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come? — None

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

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration) — I have little to complain of.

(II) Police — II. Boys, lads & girls are a nuisance. The Police say they can't help it.

(III) Drink — III. The chief cause of Poverty.

(IV) Prostitution — IV. None practically

(V) Crime — V. A great deal I know of it.

(VI) Marriage — VI. In many cases little regarded.

(VII) Thrift — VII. Not general.

(VIII) Health — VIII. Good except infants that unfortunate are not nursed

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally — IX. Is crowded but better than some places

Parish St Simon Zelotes, Bethnal Green. E. Ogden Vicar.

[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.

This Parish is decidedly better. & more crowded than it was when I came here 20 years ago. E. Ogden Sept 17/87

Character of population.

Persons employed.

Jan. 15th.

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Interview with Rev. E. R. Hollings, St. John Bethnal Green.

Mr Hollings is a man between 40 and 50: tall, thin: long upcurl beard: slightly hooked nose: looking almost more like a Jewish Rabbi than an English parson. He has been here 5 years. During the greater part of our interview Mrs H. was present: she is a stout, motherly, pleasant woman.

Poor but mainly respectable working class, especially boot and cabinet makers. No middle class. Jews coming in, but so far more for business purposes than as residents.

Two Curates. Two Deaconesses. Nurse.
12 District Visitors from St Margaret's House in connection with Oxford House, and 2 or 3 ladies from the West End. All these visitors are rather uncertain and irregular: those from St Margaret's are constantly changing, and those from the West End only come when they are in town: they are a funnel of some

Buildings.

Houses etc.

12 who came to the parish about 12 years ago when slumming became fashionable: they are not much good as visitors, but they give much needed money for parochial organisations. Speaking of the ~~lad~~ St. Margaret's ladies Mrs H. mentioned how they are hard to be taught from the beginning: all which all they hear, & want to pay up back rent etc.

A London City Missionary works in the parish: an excellent man.

Church and Schools. Club House.

See ow.

The church holds 1300. In the morning there are about 150, mostly middle class from outside the parish: in the evening 400 mostly parishioners.

Mr H's explanation is that though few go to church they are not irreligious: among women especially there is a very general habit of prayer in the evening if not in the morning.

The communicants are about 200

Clergy: The Rev. E. RAVEN HOLLINGS, B.A., A.K.C., Vicar, The Vicarage.
The Rev. A. R. GRAHAM, B.A., 33, Approach Road.
The Rev. EDWARD BELL, 4, The Terrace.

Deaconesses—Sister LUCY and Miss FILLITER.
District Nurse—Nurse LILIAN, 9, Green Street.
Churchwardens—Mr. T. KEYMER and Mr. W. SCOONES.

Organist—Mr. SYDNEY BOUSTEAD, M.C.C.G.
Choirmaster—Mr. F. SNELL.
Sexton—Mr. WITTERICK, 266, Globe Road.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion, 7-15 a.m. 8 a.m. (Choral on first Sunday in the Month).

Mattins, 11, followed by Holy Communion, Choral (except on first Sunday in the month).

Catechizing, 3. Holy Baptism and Churchings, 4 p.m.

Evensong, 6-45 p.m.

MISSION SERVICE, Sunday, at 8-30 p.m.

WEEK-DAYS.

Holy Communion, 8. Mattins, 8-30. Evensong, 6-30 p.m., except Thursday. Wednesday and Friday, Litany 11. Thursday, Evensong and Address, 8-30 p.m. Holy Baptism and Churching, Sunday, 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday after Litany, at 11, or at any other times by special appointment.

Marriages, Sundays, 10 a.m. Week-days, any time between 9 and 2-30, by appointment.

ORGANIZATIONS.

DAY SCHOOLS.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS, PEEL GROVE. Free accommodation for 457 Children. Secretary, Mr. T. Keymer. Head Master, Mr. Dixon. Head Mistress, Mrs. Kerr.

GUILDS.

GUILD OF S. JOHN. Tuesdays, 8-30 p.m., at the Schools: Monthly Preparation for Holy Communion. Wednesday before 2nd Sunday in month, at Vicarage, 9 p.m

GUILD OF S. MARY. Preparation Service for Communion, Friday before first Sunday in the month, 8-45 p.m., in Vicarage.

GUILD OF THE HOLY CHILD. Every Wednesday (Boys) and Thursday (Girls), 5 p.m., in S. John's Schools.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Mrs. HOLLINGS. Mondays, 2-30 p.m., The Vicarage.

The SISTERS. Mondays, 2-30 p.m., Oxford Hall.

Miss AMY BONSOR. For Quinn's Buildings. Mondays, 2-15 p.m., S. Margaret's House.

Miss NOAR. Tuesdays, 2-30 p.m., S. Margaret's House

The Hon. Mrs. BATESON. Mondays, 2-30 p.m., S. Margaret's House.

VARIOUS.

DISTRICT VISITORS' SOCIETY. Second Monday in month, 4-45 p.m., the Vicarage.

PENNY BANK. Miss Noar, The Schools, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

LIBRARY. Saturdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Vicarage Parish Room, Miss Noar.

GIRLS' SEWING CLASS. The Sisters, Wednesdays, 6-15; Fridays, 6-15, Oxford Hall.

LOAN SOCIETY. The Schools, Saturdays, 8 to 9.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, PEEL GROVE. Hours, 10-15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Superintendent, Mr. T. Keymer.

CLASSES.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASSES. Miss Noar, Wednesdays, 8-30, The Schools. The Sisters, Tuesdays, 2-30 p.m., Oxford Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. The Vicarage, Sundays, 4-30 p.m., Miss Noar; Social Evening, Tuesdays, 8-30.

CHOIR BOYS' CLASS. Sundays, 4 p.m., The Vicarage.

GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS. Sisters, Sundays, 4 p.m., Oxford Hall.

CLUBS.

BOYS' CLUB. S. John's Schools, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, 8 till 10 p.m.

CRICKET CLUB. Sec., Mr. Fosh.

GIRLS' CLUB. Mrs. Ricardo and Miss Amy Bonsor, every night, at 1, The Terrace. Wednesdays, Bible Classes, Senior, Junior, 9 p.m. Fridays, Recreation, the Schools.

MEN'S CLUB. 175, Quinn's Building, every night, 8-30 to 10-30; Saturdays, 6-30 to 10-30.

LODGE MEETINGS—Phœnix.

BROTHERS. Bishop of Bedford, Wednesdays, 8-30 p.m., the Schools.

" Juveniles (Boys), Thursdays, 8-30 p.m., the Schools.

THE COMRADES' LODGE, Fridays, 8-30 p.m., University Club.

" " Juveniles), Mondays, 8-30 p.m., University Club.

ROBERT EMMET LODGE, Monday, 8-30, the School.

CHOIR PRACTICE.

BOYS'. Wednesdays, 7-30

FULL CHOIR. Fridays, 8 p.m.

Copies of the Magazine can be obtained from the Magazine Distributors; the District Visitors; J. Williams-Cook, 326, Bethnal Green Road; H. Platt, 21, Green Street.

Social Agencies

Visiting.

Nursing.

Relief.

be kept.

The need for agencies for men and boys is not great owing to Oxford House. University Club is in the parish.

The girls' Club is the most vigorous of the agencies.

"No house is unvisited," but there does not seem to be much system.

Parish nurse.

POOR ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions (including £28 12s. 6d. for Mothers' and Guild Children's Treats)	180	15	3
Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Society	25	0	0
Mothers' Contributions to Summer Excursion	3	1	6
Guild Children's Pence	1	13	0
Goods sold	0	4	0
	210	13	9
Advanced by the Vicar	70	14	10
	281	8	7

Nursing Fund.

East London Nursing Society	57	6	0			
Subscriptions	15	0	0			
Maternity Societies, per Nurse Lilian	15	0	0	87	6	0

"Edna Lyall" Fund.

Balance, 1895	0	13	0			
"Edna Lyall"	10	0	0	10	13	0
				£379	7	7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Tradesmen's Bills for Meat, Milk, Groceries, Bread, Provisions, and Coals	109	18	9
Requisites in Sickness, Cabs to Hospitals, &c.	5	3	1
Convalescents and Children to Homes and Country Cottages, including Clothing, Railway Fares, &c.	17	16	8
Help given in Cash	12	2	3
Mothers' Meetings Expenses	1	4	1
Do. Christmas Tea and Summer Excursion	22	9	0
Children's Guild Christmas Treat and Summer Excursion	6	5	2
Rent—St. Margaret's £5, Schools £2 2s.	7	2	0
Wages, Pyne and Robson	7	2	0
Printing Relief Books	0	10	6
East London Deaconess's Institute	10	0	0
Christian Blind Society	1	1	0
Philanthropic Pension Society	1	1	0
Per Charity Organisation Society	5	5	0
Bedding, &c.	0	13	11
	207	14	5
Deficit, 1895	73	14	2
	281	8	7

Nursing Fund.

Nurse Lilian	84	6	0			
Substitute during Illness	3	0	0	87	6	0

"Edna Lyall" Fund.

Fares to Eastbourne	7	7	0			
Balance in hand	3	6	0	10	13	0
				£379	7	7

Other religious influences.

Poor Law.

Police.

Prostitution.

Crime.

~~Loan Soc.~~ Thrift.

Health.

Mr H. proposed to work with the C.O.S. but not I think very cordially.

The two most important are Charrington and Dr Stephenson the Wesleyan neither of them in the parish. Mr H. thinks that on the whole the Salvationists Hall is a good influence but reports that they should have taken to giving Communion there.
Dr Stephenson is "a strong and healthy influence".

"Behind the times, but kindly".

"Nice men but never catch any criminals".

None. No brothels.

Only sporadic.

Loan Society very successful.

Young people very anaemic through bad food and insufficient nourishment.

Housing.

Personal.

Quein; Buildings bad and overcrowded.

Rev Hollings very cordial and friendly. Hard conscientious worker, but nothing remarkable.

See also Book —— —— for visit to this church.

The Parish.

Clergy & workers.

Interview with the Rev. Jas. Greaves
Vicar of Holy Trinity, Trelegar Square, E.
at the Vicarage, Crown Row. Jan 18.98.

Mr Greaves has been at Holy Trinity for 17 years. It is an area in which migratoriness; the exodus of the better class; & the influx of the Jews into the better houses are the marked features. During the 17 years he considers that the congregation has changed four times. Jews monopolising houses in Row Row & Trelegar Square. They come from further East, something simply to live, but often also to open workshops. Brass-founders are being the latter on. They generally buy the houses. A Jew will buy the top end of a house that a Christian wants back at.

The exodus of the parish has increased now than formerly, partly explained by the disappearance of the Casual dockers after the strike. The level of well-being of poorer parts going up rather than down, but population becoming denser. Measuring from the bottom, however, the standard of life looks from a higher point.

Estimates that ⅓rd of parish are still lower middle-class, of whom probably ⅔ (or ⅓rd of the whole) are clerks.

Clergy: Vicar + 2 curates (paid) + 1 curate (unpaid) + 1 Welsh

Building.

Services.

Communicants.

Curate (who covers an area wider than the parish).
1 Lay helper (been there 30 years). paid
1 Lady visitor — " —
26 S. School-Teachers.
12 other helpers - giving on an average 4 hours per week each.

Church - holds 800
Schools - holds 152.
Mission Building in Bridge Street - holding 450.
— " — St Chad's (Rangefield Rd) " — 200.

Services: H. C. 8.30.
11 - 150 - 200: } mainly better class parishioners.
7 - 300 }
Mission (Bridge St). Evening: 200: Poor - mostly women.
— (St Chad's) — " — 100 — " —

Communicants Roll - 100
— " — Weekly - 25-30
— " — Easter - 120

Up to this point I thought that my figures was good for

S. Schools.

Social agencies.

nothing but a few facts, & a succession of questions made him interject the remark that they did not go in for showy work. He felt, I think, that his numbers were not impressive, & that, although he had them on paper, they wanted something behind them. Have drop not, however, seem to be much.

Here are 4 Sunday Schools:

At the Church:	Teachers 8	. Scholars 100		
Schools	— 10	— 100		Register 420 (about).
Sunday Sch.	— 4	— 90		
S. Clements	— 4	— 90		

Social agencies: Club (Men & Youths) 70
— Girls 200.
Church Lads Brigade 70
Anti-Temperance Soc. Weak.
Guild of the Holy Child (= Band of Hope) 500.
Church Savings Bank (started in 1879).

All S.S. Teachers from parish. No outside help. This proposed. Not an efficient but more reliable.

Day Board.

Visiting.

Charities.

Board Schools.

C.O.S.

Police

Day School – Boys 180 – Girls 140 – Infants 140.
Penny fee charged from 3rd standard, but not enforced if difficulty in paying. Class of children & not very different from those of Board Schools. Increased tendency for the better class children to be taken by Board Schools.

Visiting Society not very strongly.

Charities: £100 – £110. Mostly L. with Cos in kind (by tickets). Distribution is as far as possible by Lady agencies.

Nonconformity strong. Mainly E. London Tabernacle. Suffering losses from Brandon Morris departure. Congregation getting poorer.
Hundreds said to mean well, but are a good deal of harm.
Plymouth Brethren have a living opposition in the parish.
Roman Catholics – Church in Mile End Road. Lady Margaret Howard has a Settlement in connection, in Stepney Green. Active.

Drink allegation again with proceeds of C.O.S. Spoke very of Miss Lilley. Answer C.R.O. & Guardians. Often apply to her.

Prussian police.

Betting.

Drink.

The best public-houses by women.

Other sort was the most important influence. He feared social "horse-racing" (i.e. betting).

As regards drink drinking there is a decided improvement. Think that there is little less drinking & less drunkenness. The pubs are much better place than they used to be. Management is stricter. Tied house system is beneficial in its effect. Coming to be more to the interest of men concerned to manage well & keep order to be. Thinks children are sent less for liquor than formerly.

Agrees that women use the pubs more than they used, but cannot conclude now that a woman goes simply for alcoholic drink. They provide so many other things - bread, coffee, ginger-beer, &c.

A woman (wife working-class) was talking to him recently on the subject, saying that when she was young no one would have dreamed of going inside. But things have altered. Her son's engaged & the girl goes with him sometimes. In earlier years you would have put her down as not respectable, but not so now.

During the greater part of the interview one of the courts here been packed. & he didn't readily think he saw no harm in a woman going in with her husband or young man, that is, unless, for the class, no loss of self-respect. The public-house

Prostitution.

Cohabitation.

Thrift. The reserve power of the poor.

Housing.

is the poor man's chance". Why should we be at his friends to prepare free to put it to every reasonable use? [? To what extent would the force of this argument vary (a) in the country or character when people are out for the day; (b) in their own neighbourhood, i.e. within their own home close by; (c) in a respectable neighbourhood or (d) in such a street as the Rotherhithe Highway.]

Non-moral prostitution. Evil so much better than the world. Cuvette knew of one house of ill-fame (mixed) down to fifth-rate in Christian Ch.

Non-moral Cohabitation. Forced marriages are in London.

Habits of thrift improving. Thinks it must be. Otherwise how can we explain the wonderful reserve power of the poor? True that the poor help each other more than any other class, but thinks that the provident reserve is there to a much greater extent than is realized.

Housing. Mostly 2 room tenement. Single room 1 in 12, perhaps the worst part of the parish. So-called Model Dwellings in Little Grove.

Material condition generally improved.

A criticism of the Church.

Personal.

In Church.

Present weakness of the Church the lack of distinctness & the love of applause. Poor church was greatest offenders. Was a neighbour who "stirs his hot everywhere". If you like to run your church on commercial lines you can do so & get a kind of success. But it is possible to buy gold too dearly.

I mentioned Mr Brightfield's name, this friend said what he did was all right if he kept to his own parish. [Mr B., I have no doubt, was the neighbour referred to above].

Mr Grears is a moderate H. Churchman. In dot of years of age, little round face (grow profile) side whiskers. Smokes a good deal of the time we were talking. Of moderate intelligence, indeed. Not a teetotaller. I found my text on his opinions — his optimistic remarks on standard of life, improved material position, increased temperate habits, as well as his dislike of other people's activity are opposed though not altogether explained by his own indolence.

Among his Curates is two people have been talking, Dennis Jay, & W.E. Brown. He said a good deal about the latter, expressed the general opinion that Curates were always allowed to work to have things very much their own way.

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Interview with the Revd Thos Richardson. Vicar of St Benets. Mile End Road. at the Vicarage. 25 Jany 1898.

Mr Richardson is an eager excitable man whose words tumble out higgledy piggledy, beginning fresh sentences before the last is finished. & turned astray by some other point continually so that his conversation was all parenthesis. He is somewhat past middle life, but still dark of hair & beard though turning towards grey. He has been Vicar here since 1870 & before that was for 10 years in St Georges in the East. where he worked with Mr Albert Dell. one of three men with whom he always exchanges a Christmas letter. If he was a young man when first at St Georges. say 22. he would be 60 years old now. He is essentially a Bible Christian & his work is not confined to his parish. he is on many wide Church organizations & especially is the founder & manager of the Bible & Prayer Union which has associates all the world over. I saw the office from which it is worked & the orderliness of its management (by young women) was very noticeable

Character of Population

Portion touched

Persons Employed

2

Solid working class - immense variety of occup^n
over 1000 distinguishable trades for men & 300
for women could be enumerated - but of course
this allows every distinct operation to be a
trade - the "turning down of a collar" he gave
as an instance. At any rate the industrial
variety is great. He makes no complaint of
poverty - except as regards there being no one
who can afford to help in the Church expenses

By tract distribution. Every house & family. otherwise not much in numbers. A small but earnest Christian congregation - mostly communicants - and a chosen body of reliable workers who are all communicants - He would not trust a worker who did not accept the Christian fellowship - nor be satisfied with any one who took the sacrament who was not ready to work also. If he saw a new face he would meet the person outside on leaving & ask "What do you mean to do"

Vicar - Curate - Lay agent (Church Pastoral aid man)
Bible woman & Jewish Missionary - all paid.
Volunteers. Wife, daughter, B. S. Sch. Supt. 50 teachers. 40 district visitors
Wife & daughter do a great deal for him he says

Buildings

Services

Social Agencies

3

Fine large redbrick Church. Moved from the City having been St Benets (in Gracechurch St.). Built in 1872. A bare & chilly building of excellent architecture seating about 800 people. Connected is a mission Hall with several large rooms - used, as is the Church also, for the Sunday school.

On Sunday at 11 & 6.30 - Congns. for 200 - to 300 at most - about half will come twice. The Service is no doubt strictly evangelical.

There are two mothers meetings - Monday afternoon & Tuesday evening - both of which Mrs Richardson takes about 60 attend at each - more on Monday. No one received who is known to go elsewhere.

Once a month Mr Richardson gives them a reason service. He sympathises with the claims of Sunday dinner to those who only sit down together to a proper dinner once a week - & is not hard on the sleep taken in the morning. Altogether he was never hard on the people - but has no sympathy with their amusements - does nothing for them in that line & despises the action of the People's Palace dropping to Smoking concerts. A harmful influence he thought but at any rate "good". (The Educational work "for the middle classes" he spoke well of)

Educational

Visitation

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Besides mothers meeting & Sunday Schools there are Bible Classes - Other Educational work is better done by the Peoples Palace but I don't think Mr Rennea care about it. Except directed to the training of missionaries of whom 16 have been sent out & are established in Uganda - China & I know not where - Mrs Richardson has a "fathers meeting" & teaches Darkest work. & Miss. Richardson a factory girls class held weekly.

There is nothing like ordinary Parochial visiting He himself rather avows it - but the tract distribution is organized to the last point of perfection. A large ledger gives the name of every family - & a broad-sheet schedule mounted on card shows 58 districts - Each district a street or part of a street with 10 to 30 families - & for each district a smaller book in which Mrs records whether the occupants wish or decline to have the tracts. These are not given but lent & exchanged weekly - about 30 is a full set. & the visitors pass them on (having a set of one more than the number of families to be served). New sets are continually being made up as they run out for about a quarter of a year - no one gets the same tract twice.

Nursing the Sick

Charitable Relief

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Each tract is sewn into a brown paper cover by an old lady who receives 1d a set for the work & makes her living. Charitable funds are used in this way. Supporting the deserving poor & helping the work of the church at the same time. The neatness & perfection of all this work – as with the Bible & Prayer Union was quite remarkable. Mr Richardson was plainly proud of it & showed me all about it when our interview was over.

A District nurse is called in when required but the sick, Mr R says, are very few. Or rather it is usually by hospital letters that they are treated & of these an immense distribution is organized through the Lay Agent. 400 are given in the year – 401 last year 413 the year before. I gather that any parishioner wanting be assisted in this way no doles & no tickets are given. Not much of any kind. Food may be paid for, or a substantial sum in cases may be given. 20/. rather than 1/. Mr R approves C.O.S principles but says their practices are too slow. all inquiry. Besides the Hospitals they make great use of the Tower Hamlets dispensary.

Other Religious Influences.

Mr Richardson had a good deal to say about Mr Atkinson's methods of wholesale relief. He has no doubt but must be pernicious with his talk of starving people. Mr Atkinson covers this parish & so Mr Richardson asked him where they were as he said he did not know of any cases himself – Mr Atkinson could only say that his district was much larger. For Mr Charington & the Assembly Hall he had not a word of good. They drew people away & did them no good "landed them no where". Mr Charington was a mischievous violent man & had put back the cause of temperance 100 years. Mr Richardson is strong Ch. of E. Temperance & is prepared to compromise with the drink interest on compensation

Edinburgh Castle Cameron for a similar judgment – or rather was passed as similar when I asked the question. I have suppose however that Dr Nazzardo would be sympathetic to Mr Richardson. The assembly Hall he said was socialistic in tendency.

Co-operation.

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"There is & can be no cooperation between Religious bodies who disagree so much in belief" - Differences inside the Church were in Mr Richardson's mind - rather than with dissenters

On General subjects Mr Richardson had a good word for all. Local Govt active & useful - but extravagant. If men of substance & position did not join in the work there would be difficulty on that account. Mr Richardson is strongly anti socialistic - denounced Tom Mann & all his works. Poor Law administration he said was good - Police excellent - Many Christian men amongst them - Drink bad - but pleasure seeking the more noticeable thing. Any amount of money spent. For Thrift he spoke of their Bank into which £510 was paid - paid in on the rainy day & drawn out in the sunshine - Saving for holidays.

Character of population.

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Interview with Rev. J. S. Watts. Ditchfield, St James the Less, Bethnal Green.

Mr Ditchfield has already been interviewed by Mrs (see Book XXXVI Page 223) and I saw him to-day with special reference to the work in his own parish. At the end of this Report I have inserted in extenso the extracts from the Parish Magazine started by Mr D. in January: these give on the whole a very complete picture of the work, and I shall only report so much of our conversation as is not therein.

With the exception of the streets immediately surrounding the church the population is almost exclusively of the poorest working class: it has obviously become much poorer in the last ten years as Mr D. does not doubt that all the purple streets between the dark blue patch and Bonner St. are now also dark blue: indeed Ames St is now the poorest and roughest street in the parish (see also Police Evidence) Mr D. thinks this decay to be due to three causes

Persons employed.

Buildings.

(1). Clearances elsewhere: the building of model dwellings by the L.C.C. simply means a sort of general sort: the artisans from districts like this go to them, their places being taken ~~of~~ by the dwellers in the demolished slums. (2). The utter inactivity of the Church: the Church of course cannot prevent the advent of people from other slums, but if active it can raise them when they come. (3). The almost complete disappearance of the old workers.

Mr D. thinks that the parish is still getting poorer: even in times it when a family moves they are replaced by ~~some~~ someone at ~~at~~ a lower level, while the first streets near the parish are fast losing their middle class character

In addition to those enumerated in the Report Mr D. has 33 men in his men's Service Committee, about 30 visitors, and 30 Sunday School teachers.

Church. Schools. Mission House in Cranbrook St. Mr D's next task is to build Mission

Services.

Buildings in the poor district.

When Mr D. came the Evening congregation including all workers was about 30: he now has in morning about 200, in Evening about 900, while the famous Men's Service draws from 4 to 5-00. At his Women's Service on Tuesday there are about 250. Mr. D. admits that he may draw to some extent from the surrounding parishes which are all sleepy, but he is convinced that the bulk of the people who are coming to him ~~have~~ & are parishioners who have not been in the habit of going anywhere: Especially is this so with the Mens Service where he has satisfied himself by enquiry that 65 p.c. have going nowhere.

The ~~effect~~ effects of Men's Service etc on Wives' religion, but in addition Mr D. said that it resulted in a much larger attendance of men at the ordinary services, he thought about 50 p.c. of the men came to the Evening Service: it led also to the capture of the women and children: if you got the man you were sure to get the family

Social Agencies

Those whom Mr D. finds it most easy to get hold of are the comfortable working class with regular wages as long as they are not too large: the classes above and below this, the aristocrats of labour and the casuals, are about equally difficult to attract.

At his women's service Mr D. has partly got over the difficulty about leaving young children by taking charge of babies during the service, though with the really poor this difficulty is really less than they make out as a fellow tenant is usually prepared to look after the children while the mother is out.

In addition to the various agencies mentioned in the Report Mr D. has already started a Boys' Brigade. He is going to start clubs but not yet: most people who start clubs begin at the wrong end: they start them with the idea of bringing the people to church (S.S. Oxford House) but find that they do not have this effect: they are simply a social and often an anti-church influence: the

Education.

Visiting.

proper way is to work from the Church outward: to have a Boy's or Men's Service and found your Club from that. The Club is then from the first permeated with the Church influence, and the newcomers are naturally drawn to the Church."

The Sunday School has about 420 children and is rapidly growing. Mr D. at present has the greatest difficulty in getting efficient teachers.

Mr D. found that out of the 500 children whom he had to his Robin Dinner only 80 went to any Sunday School. These children men of course drawn from the poorest streets, but even among the more respectable parishioners the number in the habit of attending Sunday School has been small.

The parish has been visited from house to house and room to room. Mr D. showed me a book referring to Times &c, when out of 70 families only two made any profession of going to any place of worship.

The visitors have on the whole been well

Relief.

Other Religious influences

received, though as the parish has not been visited for years they have had to put up with a good many rebuffs: but opposition is rapidly breaking down. The vast majority of the parishioners did not know which was their parish church.

Mr D. has not yet begun his Public House visiting, but has already made friends with the publicans.

Mr D. was eloquent on the fearful injury the Church had suffered through mal-administration of charity. His own relief he confines almost entirely to sick cases. No relief of any sort is given without consultation among the Staff.

Mr D. mentioned the Wesleyans and the Congregationalists, but said that their influence had not really extended beyond the poor streets near the Park. The Congregationalists however since Mr D's advent have been giving a great deal of indiscriminate relief in the poor streets. (This

Baptisms

no doubt is Mr George and his Society).

Speaking of the Great Assembly tent Mr D. said "It gets most of its people from other churches no doubt, but if you ask me whether Mile End would be better without it I must say no; on the whole it is a force for good".

Mr D. admitted that most missions and missioners (e.g. John McNeil) were preaching almost entirely to the converted "but" he said "they do get hold of a few outsiders, and their chief use is in bringing back those who have backslid".

Mr D. called my attention to the long list of Baptisms in his Report: so dead had the parish become that parents did not even bring their children to be baptised, and this in spite of the fact that baptism is considered lucky (it appears also to be ~~looked~~ looked upon as having a healing charm. Mr D. told me of a woman whose child he had baptised while sick recommending her fellow tenant to have her child baptised on a like occasion;

Police.

Drink.

Personal

this child too recovered and both mothers are convinced that baptism effected the cure).

The police are neither efficient nor sufficient. Collusion with publicans etc. It is no good reporting them: you will do no good and will make enemies of them for ever and the church like the publican must have the police on its side. The only way out of the difficulty is to have a special body of well paid men for public house supervision: these should wear plain clothes pay surprise visits and be constantly shifted from district to district.

Much worse among the women than the men.

I quite endorse Mrs's opinion on Mr Ditchfield. The secret of his power of attracting men is rather a mystery to me: though he is not one of the parsons to whom one feels the least dislike he seems to me singularly unattractive

both in manner and appearance. His success is due partly no doubt to his earnestness and partly I suppose to the power which he claims for himself of "seeing the parson in the man".

Mr D. showed me his church which he has restored with a good deal of taste: it is now exceedingly bright and cheerful

See also visit to this Church
Book.

St. James-the-Less

(OPPOSITE CITY OF LONDON CHEST HOSPITAL).

BETHNAL GREEN.

LENT - 1898.

My dear friends,

May I ask you to kindly retain this paper during Lent, placing it where it can be seen by the household. I trust that the subjects selected and the counsel and advice founded upon them may be greatly blessed and owned of God.

At this season I would earnestly ask all into whose hands this invitation may fall, to endeavour to attend as many of the services as possible, bringing their friends with them.

Praying that God may abundantly bless you and all work done in His name,

I am your sincere friend,

J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.

Special Collect for Lent.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Holy Communion.

Every Sunday at 8 a.m.; 1st and 3rd Sundays at noon; 4th Sunday after Evening Service; on Saint Days at 11 a.m.

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Subjects for the Sunday Services.

Morning at 11 a.m.

REV. C. E. DIXON

Feb. 27. We would see Jesus.
March 6. Alone in the Wilderness.
„ 13. Tempted of the Devil.
„ 20. Victor over Sin.
„ 27. Victor over Self.
April 3. { Behold the Man. / Behold your King.

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Evening at 7.

REV. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD

The Shepherd and the Flock.

March 6. The Flock Astray.
„ 13 The Shepherd seeking the Sheep.
„ 20. The great token of the Shepherd's Love.
„ 27. The Lost Sheep Found.
April 3. The Joy of the Flock.

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Afternoon at 3.30, for Men only.

Rev. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.

Feb. 27.
March 6. Trampling on Man.
„ 13. Pompeii the Buried City.
„ 20. Monuments.
„ 27. Long Odds or Four Hundred to One.
April 3. The God—Man.

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Children's Service (Boys' School) 6.30 p.m.

A. HINDLE, Esq.

The Road to Success.
A Railway Journey.
Wise Little Animals.
A Looking Glass.
Dog Bites.
Hidden Voices.

Short after Services will be held each Sunday in Church, immediately at the close of the Evening Service.

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Boxes will be found at the Church doors during Lent for Special Self Denial Offerings on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund.

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Tuesday at 3, for Women only.

Rev. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.

The Saviour and the Woman:

March 1. At the Well.
„ 8. Who was Sick.
„ 15. Who had Sinned.
„ 22. Who had great Faith.
„ 29. Who Ministered to Him.
April 5. Who Touched His Feet.

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Wednesday at 8.

Rev. F. W. BALDWIN.

Ash Wednesday. ("Fasting" by the Vicar). Shadows of the Cross.
March 2. The Substitute.
„ 9. The Brazen Serpent
„ 16. The Scape Goat.
„ 23. The Smitten Rock.
„ 30. The Passover.

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Thursday at 5.

Rev. F. W. BALDWIN.

The Children of the Bible:

Feb. 24. Isaac.
March 3. Joseph.
„ 10. Moses.
„ 17. Samuel.
„ 24. Joash.
April 1. Jesus.

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Friday at 11 a.m.

Litany and Special Address to Workers.

Rev. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.

March 4. The Worker's Responsibility.
„ 11. „ Self Examination.
„ 18. „ Work.
„ 25. „ Bible.
April 2. „ Master.

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Friday at 8.

Girls School for Prayer and Praise.

A. HINDLE, ESQ.

Feb. 25. The Waiting Room.
March 4. Clothing of Humility.
„ 11. The Soul's Sickness.
„ 18. The Soul's Remedy.
„ 25. Perfect through Suffering.
April 2. The Pleading Saviour.

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Ash-Wednesday.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer, 11. The Day Scholars to be present.
Evening Prayer at 8.

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Holy-Week,

Daily Service, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The subjects will be announced later.

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Good-Friday,

Services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
At 3 p.m., address by the Vicar,
ON
"THE SEVEN LAST WORDS."

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Easter-Day,

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Mid-day, and Evening.

N.B.—The Rubric directs that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one.

St. James-the-Less Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1898.

Clergy, Helpers & Church Officials

"Let all things be done with love." 1 Cor. xvi. 14.

Clergy.

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Rev. C. E. DIXON, M.A., 125, Bishop's Road.
Rev. F. W. BALDWIN, 69, Approach Road.

Lay Curate.

ALFRED HINDLE, Esq., B.A., 306 Hackney Road, E.

Lady Hon. Workers.

Miss REED, Deaconess, All Saints House, South Hackney.
Miss WILLAN, Nurse, 1, The Terrace, Victoria Park Square.

Scripture Reader—Mr. SMYTH, 78, Old Ford Road.
City Missionary—Mr. KIRKHAM, 21, Mabley St.

Churchwardens.

WM. HARVEY, Esq., 85, Approach Road.
H. C. WHEATLEY, Esq., 57 Old Ford Road.

Sidesmen.

Messrs. BERRY, ELLERTON, HERMANN, LONGCROFT, LITTLE, MALKIN, PINCHIN, ROWAN, REED, TOYE, WHISKER.

Organist—Mr. T. H. BULL, 29, Victoria Park Road, South Hackney.

Choirmaster—
Mr. WM. CROWTHER, The School-House.

Secretary of Men's Service—Mr. T. REED, 316, Old Ford Road.

Verger—Mr. J. TYLER, 47, Sewardstone Road.

Superintendent of Boys and Girls School, and Treasurer—Mr. TOYE.

Superintendent of Infants School—Miss ROBINSON.

Secretary of Schools—Mr. ELLERTON.

Times of Divine Service.

"Forsake not the assembling yourselves together." Hebrews x-25.

Holy Communion

8 a.m. Every Sunday.
Mid-day, first and third Sundays in the month.
Evening, fourth Sunday in the month. (Unfermentented wine at this Communion only.)
Saints' Days, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Holy Baptisms and Churchings

Sunday, 4-30 p.m. Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, 7-20 p.m. Friday 11-15 a.m.
(or at other times by special arrangement)

Services

SUNDAY, 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Men's Service at 3-30.
TUESDAY, 3 p.m Service for Women.
WEDNESDAY, 8 p.m, Evening Prayer and Sermon
FRIDAY, 11 a.m. Litany. 8 p.m for Prayer and Praise (in Schoolroom).

Children's Services

In Church. Last Sunday in the month 2-30 and every Thursday at 4-45.
In Girls School. Sundays at 10-30 and 6-30

Sunday Schools

Boys, Girls and Infants, Sunday at 3 p.m.

Teachers Preparation Class

Wednesday 9 p.m (Church Vestry).

Teachers Prayer Meeting

First Sunday in the month at 4 p.m.

Mothers Meeting Monday 6-30 (Infants S.)

Band of Hope Tuesday 6-30 (Girls S.)

Orchestral Classes Tuesday 8-30 (Boys S.)

Men's Sick, Burial, and Annual Division Society Saturday at 8 p.m, (Infant S.)

Men's Thrift Society

(open to Men, Women and Children) at 8 p.m.

Children's Savings Bank

Church Schools, Monday 12 o'clock.
Cranbrook Street Board School, Tuesday 12 o'clock

Choir Practices

Tuesday and Friday Nights in Church.

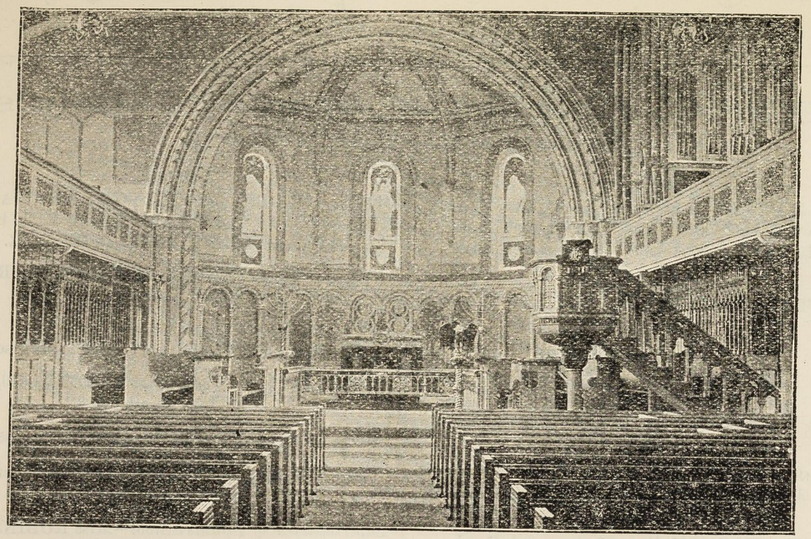
Day Schools

Boy's Master, Mr. Crowther.
Girl's Mistress, Miss Morgan,
Infant's Mistress, Miss Clarkson.
Assisted by a highly qualified staff.

78, CRANBROOK STREET

Sunday School at 3 o'clock.

Notices of Sickness or Deaths should be sent to the Clergy. Burial Service in Church by arrangement with the Vicar. Notices of Marriages and Banns, and application for Hymn Books to the Verger. Marriages any day between 8 a.m and 3 p.m. Application for Sittings in Church to the Churchwardens



A Letter from the Vicar.

THE VICARAGE, ST.-JAMES-THE-LESS,
December 23rd, 1897.

My Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I am thankful that we have now a Parish Magazine, in the pages of which our Parish doings can be recorded.

May I most heartily wish you all "A Happy New Year." We cannot tell what it will be to us temporally, but it will be what we make it spiritually, and I pray that the "Holy Spirit may so direct and rule our hearts" that this year we may show forth in our lives the beautiful fruits of His dwelling within us. Who does not want "love, joy, peace." For, possessing these three, our year will be happy. This is the secret, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and the promise is, "He will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask." Therefore if the year is not happy, if it is not a year of love and joy and peace, it will be our own fault because we have not asked for the Holy Spirit. Let that be our first quest, the object of our search, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and then all else will right itself.

Prayer, faith, work, these there must be on our part, and then God will do His, and the year will be crowned with blessing. Pray for yourself, for your clergy, and those working amongst you, for your fellow members of the Church, for the careless and indifferent—always have some one on your prayer list—Pray.

Have faith. "With God all things are possible." Then it is possible for our whole parish to be turned to God, for our Church to be crowded at every service, "according to your faith be it done unto you." Let our prayer be "Lord increase our faith."

Work. Yes, you who are a disciple of God. I will not say to you, "what are you doing, but what are you *not* doing which you might do. Why not teaching in Sunday School? Why not visiting a few houses weekly? Why not helping in the Men's Service or Women's or Children? Do not wait for your clergy to come and ask you to work but come and *offer*. The joy of working for Christ and of giving for Christ! Let us try and have more of that joy next year.

As far as I am concerned, all I want is to be of service as far as possible to all in the parish. The Master "came not to be ministered unto but to minister," and if I can in His name be of service to any it will be a joyful privilege. Pray for me daily that I may discharge the duties of the position to which He has called me for His glory and the good of all in the parish.

With earnest prayers for God's rich blessing to rest upon all our efforts in the New Year.

I am, your sincere friend and Minister,

J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.

Parish Intelligence.

The Rev. C. E. DIXON, M.A.

will commence his ministry on the 23rd of January and will preach in the evening of the 30th. Mr. Dixon is leaving St. George's, Sheffield, after three years of excellent work. Let our prayers ascend that the blessing of God may rest upon him and Mrs. Dixon in their coming among us. We must give them a hearty welcome.

The Rev. F. W. BALDWIN

needs no introduction He is known to you all, and has already won a place in all our hearts, by the genial side of Christianity which he always presents.

A. HINDLE, Esq., B.A.

Mr. Hindle, of Corpus and Ridley Hall, Cambridge, has joined us for the interval between his college course and ordination. He will be of great use in many ways, and we are thankful for his coming to our aid.

SPECIAL PREACHERS.

January 9th, in the evening, the Rev. J. F. Osborne, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Highgate Hill, and on January 23rd, in the evening, the Rev. J. Barton, M.A., General Secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, which is making a very substantial grant to this parish. We hope the offertory, which will be on behalf of that Society, may be very good.

LAY HELPERS.

We are glad to have the services of Miss Reed as Deaconess and Miss Willan, nurse. Mr. Smythe who has so long worked here and Mr. Kirkham, City Missionary, will all help to render our parish work effective. But all workers, clerical and lay, must be sustained by your prayers.

CHURCHWARDENS AND SIDESMEN.

The Vicar would take this opportunity of expresssng his gratitude to the wardens and sidesmen for the great help they have rendered to him and for the warm manner in which they have co-operated in every way to make the services what they ought to be. When all have done so well, it is difficult to single out individuals, but special mention must be made of the sympathy, help and counsel of Mr. Churchwarden Harvey, which the Vicar can never forget, and which have been of the greatest possible service. We are glad that he and Mr. Wheatly have consented to serve until Easter.

MUSIC.

Te Deum for January. *Gadsby* in E. flat.

Anthems—

January 9th, "Behold how good and joyful." *Attwood.*

January 23rd, "Come and let us return." *Jackson.*

HYMNS, (Hymnal Companion).

Jan. 2	M	279	97	295	451
	E	279	302	95	519
9	M	2	103	560	431
	E	123	532	359	
16	M	218	126	254	285
	E	397	355	280	585
23	M	222	130	249 (part iii)	562
	E	574	595	393	
30	M	14	149	354	567
	E	167	576	361	357

CHURCH CHOIR.

We are all greatly obliged to Mr. Crowther for the time and great care which he has taken in making such a successful effort to render our Church music both good and congregational. The hearty and reverent way in which our beautiful Church of England service is taken is a great aid to true worship and our thanks are due not only to Mr. Crowther, but also to Mr. P. H. Bull, (who in addition to the good service rendered at our ordinary services has voluntarily taken the organ at the Men's Service), and to the men and boys who have so cheerfully given up their time to this important part of Church work.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

Over Three Thousand Pounds has been expended on the repairs and alterations which were so greatly needed both inside and out of the Church. This is a very large sum to raise, aud our thanks are due to those kind friends who have so liberally responded to the Vicar's appeal. But a sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds has still to be raised to clear off the remaining debt and to put the Sunday Schools in a proper state of repair. We earnestly appeal to all who can to help to free the Vicar from this financial burden and so enable him to carry on the real work of the ministry to which he is called. The architect, E. Hoole,

Esq. F.R.I.B.A., (16, Finsbury Circus), deserves our warm thanks for the thorough and skilful manner in which he has designed and carried through the alterations. He has not spared either time or pains, and the result is that he has made the Church as beautiful and comfortable as we could wish. To the builder, Mr. T. D. Steed, the decorators, Messrs. Campbell, Smith and Co., the Gas and Brass Worker, Mr. Harris, &c., we convey our thanks, as well as to the men who have carried out their instructions so well.

HELP

is needed for the Curate and Lay Helpers Fund The Church Pastoral Aid Society, the East London Church Fund, are aiding, but with a parish of 12,000 people there must be a sufficient staff if the parish is to be worked in an efficient manner. We are indebted to two ladies for help which has enabled us to engage a second Curate until the E.L.C.F. are enabled to make us a further grant, but even the sum to be raised for the staff locally will be a large one. The retiring Incumbent receives a pension for life from the benefice, which after his long service to the parish is the least acknowledgement that could be rendered to him, but this limits the aid which the Vicar can render to the fund. He has therefore to ask as many as can both inside and outside the parish to kindly promise for one, three or five years some amount to this fund, no matter how small. The Vicar would gladly acknowledge any sums sent to him. Please think the matter over, and decide what you can do to support those working in your midst.

WANTED.

Subscriptions for Curate and Lay Helpers Fund, for work amongst men, amongst women, amongst children, for the Day Schools, for Sunday Schools, for the sick.

OLD CLOTHES

and new will be thankfully received at the Vicarage by Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield. They will be most useful as every day there is need for them.

THANKS ARE DUE

For Xmas Cheer to the Poor—Anon, (found in Church Box) £1, Mr. Gough 10/-, Mr. Toye 10/-, Mr. Hermann 5/-, Mr. Reed 5/-, Mr. Ellerton 10/-, Friend per Mr. Harvey 10/-, Mr. William Thomas 5/-, a Friend per Rev. Geo. Moon 10/-, Anon 1/-; For East London Church Fund, Mr. Churchwarden Harvey 10/6; To Miss Dorothy, Maggie and Rosamond Buxton, to the C.P.A. Recruits Emmanuel Branch, West Hampstead, per Miss C. Laidlaw; and to Miss M. Brayshaw, to C.P.A. Recruits, Walthamstow, per Miss Longmore, Miss Adams, for toys and clothing for poor children which were greatly appreciated by the little ones whose Christmas without this kindness would have been so very cheerless and dull To the East London Church Fund Twenty Minutes Society, to Miss Hayward, Mrs. Curtis for parcels of useful clothing; to Miss Christiana Reynolds and the staff and scholars of All Saints School, Roffey, Horsham, 10/4 for the Children's Fund.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
For Church Expenses...	9	5	3½
For the Sick	1	13	7½
Churching Alms	0	2	6
Curate and Lay Helpers Fund ...	3	14	8½
Christmas Coal Club	1	17	3
C.P.A. (Children)	0	4	8½
Men's Service	3	10	1
Women's Service...	1	3	0
	£21	11	2

Communicants for month 145
Churchings for month 12

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Owing to the recent beautifying of the Church our Christmas decorations were limited but choice in character. We would specially thank Miss Robinson, the Misses Mann, Mrs. Little, Miss McConoclue, and Miss Pegler, who together with Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield were successful in giving our Church a Christmas aspect.

COLLECTING BOXES

for the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the East London Church Fund, the Church Missionary Society can be obtained from the clergy. Surely in every home there is room for a box on behalf of one or other of these societies. Those who already have boxes, are requested to let the clergy know in order that a correct list of them may be made.

APPLICATION FOR SITTINGS

can be made to the Churchwardens after the services on the week-day.

THE SICK

and those desiring a visit from the clergy are desired to let the clergy have their names and addresses.

[*For continuation of Local Intelligence see last four pages, after "Home Words."*]

MEN'S SERVICES

We are glad to record that although so recently commenced, this service gives every promise of being not only very large but very useful. The attendance has been excellent, increasing Sunday by Sunday, and we have every hope that by God's blessing the some three hundred men already gathered together will soon be six hundred. Let each try to bring his man, and the thing will be done. The same methods which were so successful at St. Peter's, Holloway, are being adopted. The Orchestra play from 3 15 to 3.30 at which time the service commences. The Vicar himself has hitherto given all the addresses, but he hopes to get once in two months or so, some distinguished stranger to deliver a special address. Two Social Evenings have been held which were greatly enjoyed by the large number of men present. Tea and Coffee, Music and Recitation and Chat helped to make the evenings pleasant and it is intended to continue them at intervals. We may add that Mr. T. J. Reed, of 316, Old Ford Road, has kindly consented to act as Secretary of the Committee.

A MEN'S SICK CLUB

will commence on Saturday, January 8th, in the Infant's School from 8 to 9 p.m.
Payments—Sick Money 6d., Burial, 1d. weekly.
Benefits (*a*) Five Pounds on death of Member.
,, ,, ,, Member's wife.
(*b*) Ten Shillings for ten weeks in case of Sickness.
(*c*) Share in Annual Division at the end of the year.

A Club on these lines was most successful in Holloway. This year no less than £1 3s. 4d. has been returned (to be a nice little help for Christmas) notwithstanding the large amounts returned in Sick and Burial money. We hope that all our men will join and form a strong and active Club. The Secretary is Mr. Goodwin, 128, Sewardstone Road, and the Treasurer, the Vicar.

A THRIFT CLUB

will commence on Saturday, January 8th, in the Infants' School from eight to nine o'clock. This will be open to Men, Women and Children, and will really be a Savings Bank. Any sum from 1d. upwards will be received and interest will be given. Branches of this Club will be formed in connection with the Mothers' Meeting, the Day Schools and Cranbrook Road Board School. We trust many will avail themselves of this Club to prepare for a rainy day. Join at once. Treasurer, the Vicar; Secretary, Mr. Hindle.

PRAYER MEETING.

This is held weekly on Friday night in the Girl's School at 8 o'clock. An hour is surely not too long a time to ask many more to join with us for Prayer and Praise. A strong prayer meeting means a strong Church. Will you try and come? The Friday before the first Sunday in the month the meeting is turned into a Communicants meeting, when all our Communicants are earnestly invited to attend. As a rule a stranger will give the address to the Communicants.

WOMEN'S SERVICE.

This has now been held for some weeks on Tuesday in Church from 3 to 4 p.m. The attendance has been very satisfactory, but we are sure many more could attend for this hour of worship. Make the effort.

A CHILDREN'S SERVICE

in addition to those on Sunday will be held every Thursday at a quarter to five. As this will be immediately after School hours we hope it may be convenient for a large number of children to attend. It will be short and every effort will be made to render it both useful and interesting.

DAY SCHOOLS.

We would call *special* attention to these old and excellent Schools. It is with no disrespect to other schools that we venture to say that there are few with a better record than those of St. James-the-Less. They have a splendid staff of teachers, excellent reports from the Government and Diocesan Inspectors, and every effort will be made to bring the appliances and furniture up to date. So we trust that parents will send their children on the re-opening day, Monday, January 10th. You are sure here of a good education both secular and scriptural.

THE MATERNITY SOCIETY

is in course of formation. Persons desiring its aid should apply to Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield, at the Vicarage.

MOTHER'S MEETING.

Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield will be glad to welcome any mothers who may wish to join the Mother's Meeting on Monday night, at 6.30 in the Infants schoolroom.

A BATH CHAIR

has been kindly given by an old friend W. G. Rushbrooke, Esq, and is available for the use of the sick, infirm and aged of the parish. Application should be made to the Vicar.

TEAS OF THE MONTH.

Jan. 3 Sunday School Treat, Boys and Girls at 5-30 p.m.
4 Infants at 4-30 p.m.
6 Robin Dinner for poor children.
10 Mothers Annual Tea.
20 For the elder Scholars, Teachers and Friends, 8 to 10-30 p.m.

THE BAND OF HOPE

which is held every Tuesday at 6-30 ought to be attended by many more children, although we are glad to see the great increase during recent months. The meetings are bright and hearty and are thoroughly enjoyable. We trust that parents will send their children to be trained in the principles of Temperance.

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MAGAZINE AND ALMANACK.

The Parish Magazine will be issned monthly and the Parish Almanack is now on Sale. We trust that every one will try to make their isssue a success by giving their order to any of the workers or to the verger. The Magazines will be delivered at any house if it is desired.

KNEELING IN CHURCH.

Our Saviour knelt in prayer; Daniel knelt three times a day upon his knees; Stephen knelt and cried with a loud voice at the moment of martyrdom; Peter knelt and prayed; and Paul knelt and prayed. In the morning service we hear the words "Let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker." Our Church's exhortation to communicants is "Make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees."

It is true kneeling is only an outward act, and as such, of secondary importance to the inward worship, but may not the outward act be the outward and visible sign of the consciousness of the presence of the Holy Ghost, and that it is by His blessed influence we are drawn to offer up prayer to our Father in Heaven.

No one would think of sitting when offering private prayer. Why should there ever be any other position in the House of Prayer? Our grand old poet Herbert says:—

"When once thy foot enters into the church, be bare,
God is more there than thou; for thou art there
Only by His permission. Then beware
And make thyself all reverence and fear.
In time of service seal up both thine eyes,
And send them to thine heart."

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Nov. 7 William John, Dorothy May, Annie Gertrude, children of John Henry and Sarah Fletcher.
Fred James, Albert Henry, Bertie William Charles Edward, sons of James and Alice Corby.
William Edward, Albert James, Florence, children of Frederick John Forest and Sarah Emma Walsby.
Sidney Arthur, Lilly Maud, Ethel Clara, Grace Caroline, children of Henry and Rose Wood.
John, Frederick George, Elizabeth Alice, children of James and Annie Wastell.
Martin Thomas, son of John and Sarah Titchen.
Frederick Balley, George James, sons of Josiah and Mary Ann Adams.
Horace, Mildred, children of William James and Emilyn Hinton.
Albert, Beatrice, Mary Ann, children of John and Elizabeth Allen.
William George, Margaret Elizabeth Kate, children of Ruhard and Margaret Prince.
Joseph, Harriet, Rose, children of Joseph and Amelia Davis.
John Stanley, son of Charles Henry and Clarissa Porter.
James, son of James and Eliza Dearing.
Grace Rita, daughter of John and Jane Herbert.
George Thomas, son of William and Emma Wakling.
Ethel, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Brewster.
Emma Caroline, daughter of Willie Alfred and Emma Pond.
Adelaide Elizabeth, daughter of John and Hannah Good.
Alfred James, son of Alfred George and Alice Sands.
Hester Violet, daughter of Charles and Eliza Jane Gooding.
Penelda Martha, Florence Beatrice, daughters of William George and Mary Ann Porter.
Ada Harriett, daughter of James Thomas and Julia Gray.

BAPTISMS—*continued.*

Nov. 14 Grace, Ralph Deards, children of Charles Trinder and Mary Ann Deards King.
Alfred George Henry, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Rumble.
17 Elizabeth Ada, daughter of Arthur and Emma Fosh.
George, Martha Lilian, children of James and Deborah Cushway.
Albert, son of William and Jennie Alderton
Ethel Ada, Florence Annie, daughters of James and Ada Croker.
Alice Maud, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Dunnell.
Alice Mary, daughter of William Joseph and Eliza Priestly.
Mary, daughter of Phillip John and Elizabeth Robinson.
Frederick, Horace George, Olive Beatrice Maud, Violet Evelyn, Sidney Henry, children of Frederick and Caroline Hart.
Mary, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hurst.
Julia, daughter of John and Emily Milhurdu.
Thomas George, Ethel, Louisa Nellie, children of Thomas George and Ellen Pells.
Horace Victor, Stanley Henry, sons of Henry and Rosina Wood.
Clarissa, daughter of Charles Henry and Clarissa Porter.
Helen Rosetta, daughter of Henry and Clara Ireland.
John, son of James and Martha Goullee.
Louisa Lilian, daughter of James and Elizabeth Brind.
Maud, daughter of Edward and Jane Warner.
Charlotte, Matilda, Esther, daughters of Charles and Eliza Godfrey.
Elizabeth, Thomas, Susannah, children of Joseph James and Emma Agonibar.
21 Alice Maud, daughter of Edward William and Mary Ann Lough.
Selina Emily, daughter of Joseph and Selina Ann Lesurf.
Frederick William, son of Frederick William Norman and Rose Rolin,
25 Alice, daughter of Charles and Jessie Wilkinson.
28 Frererick John, son of Albert James and Clara May Schadbolt.
Elizabeth Charlotte, daughter of John James and Elizabeth Schadbolt.
James Albert, son of James Albert and Emily Jane Cook.
30 Amelia, Clara Louisa, daughters of James and Agnes Elizabeth Prince.
Ruth, daughter of John Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth Dawkins.
Dec. 5 Annie Nellie, daughter of Samuel James and Eliza Hester Taylor.
Alice Lilian, daughter of John and Caroline Rogers.
7 Walter Allen, Alice Elizabeth, children of William George and Mary Ann Ellen Porter.
Mabel Maud Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Susan Howard.
Margaret Ann Beamish, Emily Jane Beam-Beamish, daughters of John Beamish and Mary Ann Jennings.
8 Jane Ann, daughter of Robert William and Susan Lodge.
Dec. 12 Henry, son of Henry and Eliza Harriett Stevens.
15 Ada, daughter of George and Mary Ann Rich.
Mary Ann, daughter of Frederick Henry and Ann Matilda Barefield.
19 Frederick Harold, Edith May, Elsie Florence, children of Frederick and Edith Hurry.
Ernest William, son of Thomas and Clara Stringer.
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26 Henry Charles, son of Thomas and Matilda Darlinson.
Henry Arthur, son of Henry George and Emma Caroline Ann Jones.
28 Viola Kathleen, daughter of Frederick and Edith Julia Toyé.

Marriages.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church."
"Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Nov. 6 Thomas Solomon Twigg and Emily Ann Adams.
10 Henry George Rayner and Mary Ann Cole.
14 Arthur Joseph Cobourn and Jane Anna Plummer.
21 Nathaniel Fern and Emma Stapleton.
Charles Edwin Wingrove and Emma Mary Blayney.
22 Frederick James Lesadd and Louisa Caroline Pope.
Dec. 12 George Howarth and Rose Blanche Elizabeth Potter.
25 William Alexander Geddes and Agnes Matilda Sharman.
Thomas William Craske and Annie Bennett
George Frederick Day and Jane Holder.
Edward Pearce and Ellen Johnson.
Edward Rhodes and Maud Jane Bennett.
Herbert William Jolly and Harriett Louisa Adams.
James Alfred Singleton and Alice Elizabeth Turner.
George Davis and Elizabeth Sampson.
Alfred Crawley and Emma Susannah Connew.
Alfred William Tisshaw and Gertrude Annie Benson.
Charles Thomas Leagoe and Caroline Coombs.
Alfred Alexander Cleave and Edith Grace Grove.
Frederick Stephen Huggett and Elizabeth Sophia Miles.
Arthur Henry Bays and Phœbe Sarah Long
Arthur Dunks and Mary Jane Gray.
Alfred Samuel Robinson and Sarah Ann Sparks.
26 James Thomas McKenzie and Matilda Gray,
28 Thomas John Wood and Frances Anna Williams.

Deaths.

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

Henry Riches, aged 34 years, of 9, Sewardstone Rd

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MORE MEN

On a Sunday Afternoon at the

MEN'S SERVICE at 3-30.

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MORE WOMEN

On a Tuesday Afternoon at the

WOMEN'S SERVICE at 3.

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at 4·45

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"Let all that ye do, be done in love." 1 Cor. xvi. 14.

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Choirmaster—
Mr. WM. CROWTHER, The School-House.

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Verger—Mr. J. TYLER, 47, Sewardstone Road.

Superintendent of Boys School, and Treasurer—Mr. TOYE.

Superintendent of Girls School—Miss REED.

Superintendent of Infants School—Miss ROBINSON

Secretary of Schools—Mr. ELLERTON.

Times of Divine Service.

"Forsake not the assembling yourselves together." Hebrews x-25.

Holy Communion

8 a.m. Every Sunday.
Mid-day, first and third Sundays in the month.
Evening, fourth Sunday in the month. (Unfermentented wine at this Communion only.)
Saints' Days, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Holy Baptisms and Churchings

Sunday, 4-30 p.m. Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, 7-20 p.m. Friday 11-15 a.m.
(or at other times by special arrangement)

Services

SUNDAY, 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Men's Service at 3-30.
TUESDAY, 3 p.m Service for Women.
WEDNESDAY, 8 p.m, Evening Prayer and Sermon
FRIDAY, 11 a.m. Litany. 8 p.m for Prayer and Praise (in Schoolroom).

Children's Services

In Church. Last Sunday in the month 2-30 and every Thursday at 4-45.
In Girls School. Sundays at 10-30. Boy's School 6-30

Sunday Schools

Boys, Girls and Infants, Sunday at 3 p.m.

Teachers Preparation Class

Wednesday 9 p.m (Church Vestry).

Teachers Prayer Meeting

First Sunday in the month at 4 p.m.

Mothers Meeting Monday 6-30 (Infants S.)

Band of Hope Tuesday 6-30 (Girls S.)

Orchestral Classes Tuesday 8-30 (Boys S.)

Men's Sick, Burial, and Annual Division Society Saturday at 8 p.m, (Infant S.)

Men's Thrift Society

(open to Men, Women and Children) at 8 p.m.

Children's Savings Bank

Church Schools, Monday 12 o'clock.
Cranbrook Street Board School, Tuesday 12 o'clock

Choir Practices

Tuesday and Friday Nights in Church.

Day Schools

Boy's Master, Mr. Crowther.
Girl's Mistress, Miss Morgan,
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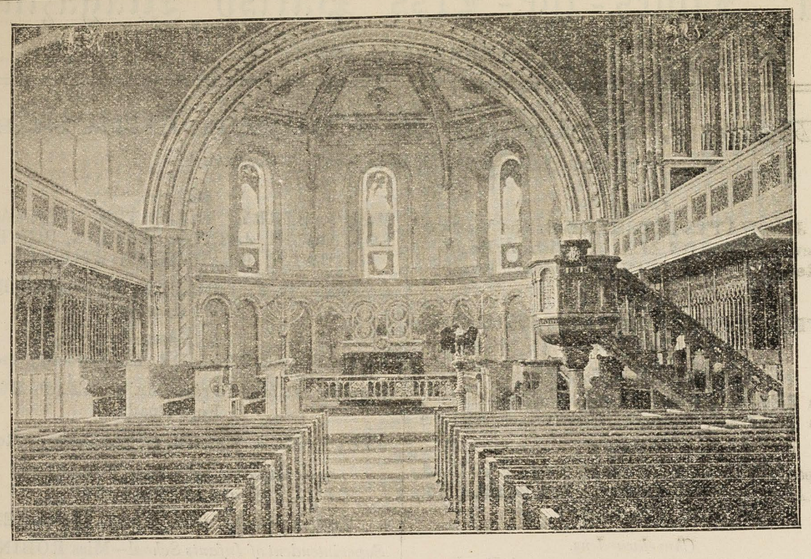
Sunday School at 3 o'clock.

Notices of Sickness or Deaths should be sent to the Clergy. Burial Service in Church by arrangement with the Vicar. Notices of Marriages and Banns, and application for Hymn Books to the Verger Marriages any day between 8 a.m and 3 p.m. Application for Sittings in Church to the Churchwardens



A Letter from the Vicar.

THE VICARAGE, ST.-JAMES-THE-LESS,

My Dear Friends and Parishioners,

The circulation of the first number of our Parish Magazine exceeded my expectations and conclusively proved that it supplies a felt want. I trust that the members of the congregation and others who find it useful will bring it under the notice of parishioners who do not as yet subscribe to it.

I am thankful that, by the blessing of God such signs of a genuine revival are to be seen on all hands. The large gatherings of Men on Sunday afternoons, of Women on Tuesday, of children on Sunday night and Thursday, in addition to the good congregations at our ordinary services all testify to an aroused interest and to the necessity for our constant waiting upon God, that He in His mercy may vouchsafe to give us a mighty blessing. It is for this that we seek. Our restored church, our organization, methods and work will avail nothing without the presence of the life giving Spirit permeating and controlling everything. The Holy Spirit is the Lord, the Giver of life and it is to Him that we look. Oh, that on Clergy, Choir, Church Officials and Workers the Holy Ghost might fall, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Power what to do? nay, rather what can not be done? Then our Services would be seasons of blessing indeed; the children of the King would rejoice and be glad; and sinners would be converted and turn unto the Lord; doors which are closed would be opened to us; homes in which He is not found would receive Him as an honoured Guest; a parish in which the Church is alive, made and kept alive by the Holy Ghost. Is that our aim? Is it what we desire? or do we simply look to our Church as to a humanly carried on business. I ask you as colleagues in the Master's service to think upon this. Ask yourself over and over again "Is my share of work in connection with St.-James-the-Less being carried out under the distinct guidance of the Holy Spirit? If it is not, then what? can it be used of God? Can it be blessed of God. Do I teach in His Spirit? Do I sing in His Spirit? Do I preach in His Spirit? For whom do I work? to please myself, someone else or God? What is the foundation of our work? Says one

"I would not work my soul to save
For Christ *that* work hath done
But I would work like any slave
For the love of His Son."

Is it because "the love of Christ constraineth us?" Because the love of God fills our heart so full that we cannot help but work. May we each examine our hearts and find out the motive for our work, find out whether it is done in His Name and find out whether we are doing *all* we can. How few do too much and alas how many do far too little.

Love so amazing, so divine.
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

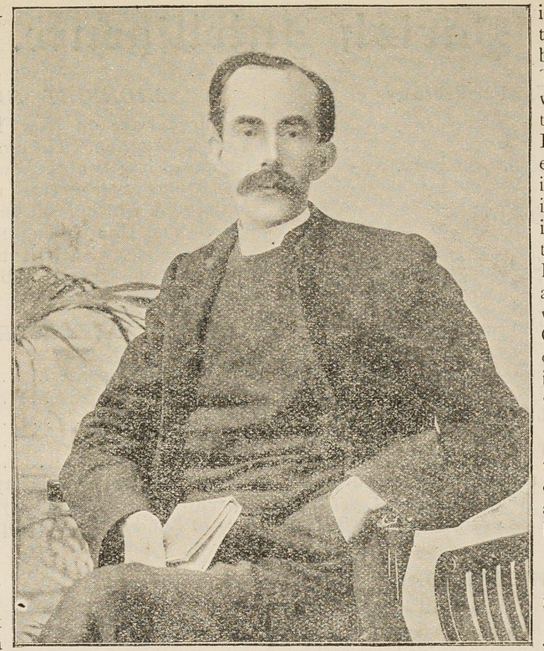
May it all be given.

I again would especially ask your attention to our weekly prayer meeting on Friday evening. The average attendance is about thirty, and although I greatly rejoice at this, I feel that a much larger gathering might and ought to be found. If we believe in the New Testament at all we must recognize the power of prayer. It is by united prayer that the Church is blessed and the individual Christian is strengthened and the lost are found. Let me earnestly ask all who in any way work for our Church to endeavour to join with us in prayer week by week.

Praying that our Parish may be visited during the coming month by a great and rich blessing I am

Your sincere friend and Minister,

J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.



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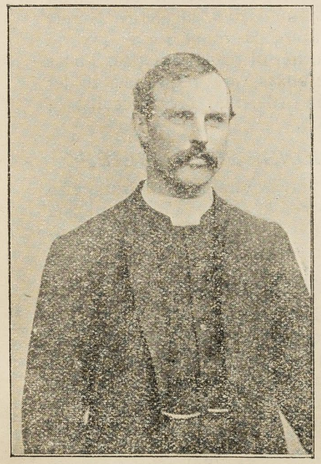

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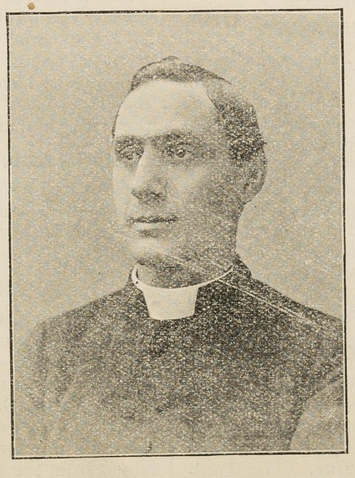

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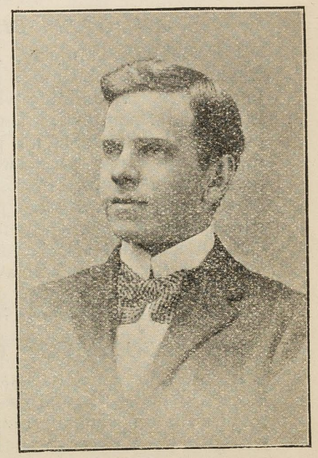

A. Hindle, Esq.

"Brethren Pray for us." 1 Thes. v-xxv.

Parish Intelligence.

MUSIC. For February.

Anthems—
If ye love me. *Heap.*
O Love the Lord. *Sullivan.*

Te Deum—
Gadsby and Hopkins.

HYMNS.

Feb. 6	M	218	322	135	567
	E	574	285	239	395
13	M	568	136	137	138
	E	560	582	357	
20	M	566	140	139	
	E	565	366	289	429
27	M	147	149	167	186
	E	559	171	172	159

OLD CLOTHES

and new will be thankfully received at the Vicarage by Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield. They will be most useful as every day there is need for them.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

On February 23rd, there will be services at 11 o'clock and at 8 o'clock. The full list of special sermons and preachers for Lent will be issued later. We trust that all our congregation may avail themselves of the seasons for quiet which will be thus provided.

AN OPEN CHURCH.

On and after Monday, February 7th, we intend to have the Church open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. A building which has cost some thousands of pounds and is the Parish Church ought to be available for private prayer and meditation. In a parish where thousands of persons would find it impossible, even if they so desired, to have that privacy and quiet which is desirable, it is only right that the Church should be open during the daytime. We trust that many will avail themselves of the open Church, and may enter, if only for a few minutes for prayer to God.

THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON.

Archdeacon Sinclair has shown a warm interest in our work, and has kindly consented to visit us on Sunday, February 13th. He will give the address to the Men in the afternoon and preach in the evening. The Archdeacon is so well known that he needs no introduction, but we must all do our best to secure a good congregation at both services. Make this visit known to all your friends.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE.

Our Service on New Year's Eve will not soon be forgotten. The crowded congregation, composed largely of those who, alas! are never seen at our other services, revealed something of the work which lies before us in the coming year. The Church ought to be so filled at every service. Shall it be our prayer and effort that this may be so before the year ends. It can be done.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
For Church Expenses...	8	16	4¾
For the Sick	0	15	1½
Churching Alms	0	3	10
Men's Service	3	5	4
Women's Service...	0	19	6
Church Pastoral Aid Society ...	6	9	5
Queen Adelaide Dispensary ...	2	2	0
City of London Chest Hospital...	2	2	0
	£24	13	7¼

Communicants for month 181
Churchings for month 14

COLLECTING BOXES

for the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the East London Church Fund, the Church Missionary Society can be obtained from the clergy. Surely in every home there is room for a box on behalf of one or other of these societies. Those who already have boxes, are requested to let the clergy know in order that a correct list of them may be made.

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[*For continuation of Local Intelligence see last four pages, after "Home Words."*]

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The boxes in connection with the Sunday Schools have been opened with the following result—

GIRL'S SCHOOL.

Teacher.	Amount. £	s.	d.
Miss Goby	0	0	8¼
„ F. Worcester	0	3	6
„ Coffin	0	4	10½
„ Worcester	0	3	11¼
„ Hauser	0	3	6¼
„ Ewing	0	2	9¼
„ Hatfield	0	1	6½
„ Flawn	0	1	2½
„ Tayler...	0	1	7¾
„ I. Ewing	0	1	5¼
„ Howell	0	3	0
„ Chitson	0	0	3½
„ Ellerton	0	1	5½

CRANBROOKE ST. MISSION SCHOOL.

Mr. and Miss Webbe	0	9	3½

C.M.S. BOY'S SCHOOL.

	£	s.	d.
Bible Class Mr. E. J. Ellerton ...	2	5	3½
1st Class, Mr. J. W. Rowan	0	5	10
2nd Class, Mr. T. Malkin	0	8	1½
3rd Class, Mr. D. Berry	0	6	11¾
4th Class, Mr. D. Berry	0	5	0¼
	£3	11	3

We trust that this year may reveal a very great increase and that our children's interest may be greatly deepened in Missionary work. If any friends in the Parish have boxes, will they kindly send them to the Vicarage to be opened. The Vicar will gladly supply a box to any person applying. Every family ought to take an interest in this important work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATS.

These were divided into three sections and held on different days. The Infants after a good Tea were thoroughly interested in the old story of Punch and Judy, and on leaving, each child was presented with an orange and a little book, while the elder girls and boys in addition to songs and recitations passed a very enjoyable hour, in witnessing some excellent conjuring tricks. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield, to the following:

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Bible Class:—Miss E. Worster.
Ellen Hendebourck, Mary Hatfield.
1st Class:—Miss F. Worster.
Amy Fitch, Emma Ireland.
2nd Class:—Miss H. Lear.
Maud Hauser, Lizzie Upson.
3rd Class:—Miss Hauser.
Ethel Slaughter, Maud Shadbolt.
4th Class:—Miss Taylor.
Rebecca Moss, Emily Meacham.
5th Class:—Miss Hatfield.
Mary Bishop, Clara Harper.
6th Class:—Miss Coffin.
Beatrice Shadbolt, Maud Hill.

BOY'S SCHOOL.

1st Class:—Mr. J. Rowan.
Albert J. Boynett, William E. Hurry.
2nd Class:—Mr. Malkin.
Fred. J. W. Toye, Arthur Ware, John Lack.
3rd Class:—Mr. D. Berry.
Albert Webb, Harry Stiff, Harry Chitson.

The Teachers and Elder Scholars' Tea was not held until January 20th. The room was beautifully decorated, and everything possible was done to render the evening bright and happy. The first part consisted of an excellent programme viz: Pianoforte Selection, "William Tell" and "Cavatina," Miss F. Chitson; "In old Madrid," Miss M. Potter; "The Outpost's Vigil," Mr. S. Walker; Recitation: "Old Scissors," Miss E. Upson; Trio: "Oh! stay, soft breezes," Misses B. Drew, B. Cook and A. Nott; Song: "She stoops to conquer," Miss Nellie Taylor; "Flight of Ages," Miss C. Hall; Recitation: "Peter the Piper," Rev. F. W. Baldwin; Songs: "Rory Darlin'," "The Gift of Rest," Madame Page-Davis; Recitation: "Yawcob Strauss," Mr. A. Hildyard.

The second part was occupied by the Vicar giving a short account of some of his experiences in Egypt and the Holy Land, and exhibiting curiosities illustrating the manners and customs of the people. As this was the first gathering attended by the Rev. C. E. Dixon and his wife, a very hearty welcome was accorded to them by the Vicar, and Mr. Dixon who was warmly received gave a short address.

The Committee of Miss Robinson, Miss Reed, Mr. Toye, Mr. and Mrs. Ellerton, Misses Worter and Hauser, are to be congratulated on the successful gatherings which they so well arranged and carried out.

MOTHERS' MEETING TEA

was held on January 14th. After an excellent tea, short addresses were given by the Vicar, Rev. F. W. Baldwin, Mr. Hindle, and Mr. Kirkham Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield will be glad for many more women to join any Monday evening at 6-30.

CHOIR BOYS' TEA.

Our Senior Warden, Mr. Harvey, most kindly entertained the Choir Boys to tea on January 14th. After an excellent tea prepared by Miss Robinson and others, the boys enjoyed a number of games and wound up the evening by three hearty cheers for their kind host and the Vicar.

A SPECIAL SUPPER.

was given on January 24th, to forty married couples chiefly through the kindness of Miss

Willan. After the Tea which was substantial in character, songs and recitations were given by the Rev. C. E. Dixon, Miss Pack, Mr. Crowther, and Mr. Harvey. The Vicar gave a short address at the close.

THE SICK

and those desiring a visit from the clergy are desired to let the clergy have their names and addresses.

A MEN'S SICK CLUB

was commenced on Saturday, January 8th, in the Infant's School.

Payments – Sick Money 6d., Burial 1d. weekly.

Benefits (*a*) Five Pounds on Death of Member.
,, ,, ,, Member's wife.
(*b*) Ten Shillings for ten weeks in case of Sickness.
(*c*) Share in Annual Division at the end of the year.

A Club on these lines was most successful in Holloway. Last year no less than £1 3s. 4d. was returned (to be a nice little help for Christmas) notwithstanding the large amounts returned in Sick and Burial money. A fair number of men have already joined but we hope many more men will join and form a strong and active Club. The Secretary is Mr. Goodwin, 128, Sewardstone Road, and the Treasurer, the Vicar. Join on Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m.

A THRIFT CLUB

was commenced on Saturday, January 8th in the Infants' School, This Club is open to Men Women, and Children, and will really be a Savings Bank. Any sum from 1d. upwards will be received and interest will be given. Branches of this Club have been formed in connection with the Mothers' Meeting, the Day Schools and Cranbrook Road Board School. We trust many will avail themselves of this Club to prepare for a rainy day. Already nearly **Five Hundred** have joined this Club. Join at once. Treasurer, the Vicar, Secretary, Mr. Hindle.

WOMEN'S SERVICE.

This has now been held for some weeks on Tuesday in Church from 3 to 4 p.m The attendance has been very satisfactory, but we are sure many more could attend for this hour of worship. Make the effort.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

on Sunday in addition to the Sunday Schools, two Children's Services are now held, the one in the evening being very largely attended, and in addition to those on Sunday, another is held every Thursday at a quarter to five. As this will be immediately after School hours we hope it may be convenient for a large number of children to attend. It will be short and every effort will be made to render it both useful and interesting.

DAY SCHOOLS.

We would call *special* attention to these old and excellent Schools. It is with no disrespect to other schools that we venture to say that there are few with a better record than those of St. James-the-Less. They have a splendid staff of teachers, excellent reports from the Government of Diocesan Inspectors, and every effort will be made to bring the appliances and furniture up to date. So we trust that parents will send their children where they may sure of a good education both secular and scriptural.

THE MATERNITY SOCIETY.

is in course of formation. Persons desiring its aid should apply to Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield, at the Vicarage.

MOTHER'S MEETING.

Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield will be glad to welcome any mothers who may wish to join the Mother's Meeting on Monday night, at 6.30 in the Infants schoolroom.

A BATH CHAIR

has been kindly given by an old friend W. G. Rushbrooke, Esq, and is available for the use of the sick, infirm and aged of the parish. Application should be made to the Vicar.

THE BAND OF HOPE

which is held every Tuesday at 6.30 ought to be attended by many more children, although we are glad to see the great increase during recent months. The meetings are bright and hearty and are thoroughly enjoyable. We trust that parents will send their children to be trained in the principles of Temperance.

MAGAZINE AND ALMANACK.

Over One Thousand Copies of our Parish Magazine were sold for January. This, for our first month was very good indeed, but we ought to get up to a larger number. We hope to make it very interesting, and trust all the members of our Congregation will aid us by subscribing regularly for it.

APPLICATION FOR SITTINGS

can be made to the Churchwardens after the services on week-days.

ROBIN DINNERS AT BETHNAL GREEN.

Five hundred poor waifs and strays were made happy for at least one afternoon last week. As the schoolroom could only accommodate two hundred and fifty at once the dinner was divided in two sections—one dining at three and the other at six o'clock. The dinner (served by Messrs. Lockhart) was excellent, and consisted of hot beef steak pudding (one for each child), potatoes, plum pudding, and coffee. If the donors could only have walked round the room how thankful they would have been that they had contributed to the fund – mingled perhaps with sorrow that they had not given more. Here was a child whose father and mother are both blind, the mother being stone deaf in addition. Think of the home in such a case, dirty and untidy, and filled with a large family, with practically no one to look after them. There you see another child, whose mother died a short time ago through drink, the husband having deserted her. He has now come back to his children, but is hardly ever sober; and so we might go on round the tables from child to child, each *only* a child, but a child with an history. Surely one dinner like this is ample justification for a fund. After dinner a short service was held in the church, when the Vicar in a few words tried to let the children realise the love of Jesus to them and His care over them. The faces of the children, wan and pinched, yet for the moment lighted up with gladness, was an index showing how greatly the treat had been enjoyed. "Please, Sir, may we come again tomorrow?" said one poor child. Alas! the answer had to be "No" and till another year I fancy the children will not see the like again.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Jan. 9 Florence Eliza, daughter of Henry Joseph and Elizabeth Kilby.
Lillie Florence, daughter of Joseph Balaam and Louisa Davis.
Alfred David, son of David and Phœbe Mitchell.
Eugene, daughter of William and Alice Griffiths.
George and John William, sons of Thomas Henry and Florence Saunders.
Florence Hester, daughter of Joseph Thomas and Hester Mary Hill.
11 John and Rufus Henry, sons of Thomas and Marianne Bates.
16 Frederick Charles son of Albert Edward and Ellen Humphreys.
Maria Agnes Elizabeth daughter of Edward Lawrence and Maria Sarah Morris.
Thomas John, son of Thomas Edward and Alice Roff.
George Robert Herbert Stanley, son of James Henry and Sarah Ann Clarke.
19 May Beatrice and James William High, children of James William and Kate Adelaide Ferry.
23 Walter Frederick son of William Robert and Alice Ellen Mary Rowe.

Marriages.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church."

"Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Jan. 1 Wilfred Henry Gresham and Alice Louisa Bouchard.
8 Henry Willsmer Stone and Sarah Margaret Jones.
9 William Charles Day and Sarah Ruth Day.
23 George Charles Essemes and Agnes Elizabeth Seurr.

Deaths.

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

John Maize, aged 47, of 20a, Mace Street, died January 25th.
Mary Page, aged 78 years, of 6, St. James Road.
May Prior, aged 8 months, of 180, Old Ford Rd.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.

The collections made in London churches and chapels for the Hospital Sunday Fund in 1897 are less by £3,000 than those made in 1896 but the contributions of the Church of England are more than three-fourths of the whole amount collected :—

	£	s.	d.
Church of England	29,635	17	2
Congregationalists	1,622	1	6
Jews	1,606	8	0
Presbyterians	1,010	0	0
Wesleyans	909	19	6
Baptists	866	5	7
Roman Catholics	395	12	5
Unitarians	355	5	9
Foreign Protestants	107	1	1
German Lutherans	106	10	0
Church of Scotland	105	16	0
Society of Friends	102	2	1
Greek Church	93	9	6
Catholic Apostolic	61	5	1
Reformed Episcopal Church	39	2	1
Methodists (United Free Church) ...	27	5	10
Methodists (Welsh Calvinistic) ...	25	0	4
Swedenborgians	24	14	8
Methodists (Primitive)	14	10	11
Free Church of England	12	10	7
Moravians	2	17	0
Methodists (New Connexion)... ...	1	5	6
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Interview with the Rev. G. Barns, Vicar of St Barnabas, Jersey Road, on the Vicarage. (Feb. 7. 98).

Mr Barns is 68 years of age & has been 37 years in East-London, one year in Stepney, 3 in Hoxton & the rest of the time at St Barnabas. His knowledge of the parish therefore goes back to the time when there were within perhaps 200 houses, & seven market-gardens. The district is still to him a 'new' one with its present population of 14000. The people are poor, with a few 'labs people', & there is the customary movement out. But the district has never gone through the phase of being a residential part: it has never been like Bow. The people who have come have been pretty much like those who have gone, & the exodus has been, with of a different class, but of those who have prospered. As usual, however, those leaving are always apt to include the best people & the best church workers & helpers. Things have thus gone down with him steadily. His personal position in the parish was never better or perhaps more friendly than at the present time. But a kindly relationship & friendly feeling does not bring people to church. He thinks that this diminution of

churchmanship & active attendance has been going on over East-London. It has been partly explained by a period of unrest — that has been especially noticeable during the last decade. He has been conscious of a feeling of unsettlement, traceable to political & social movement mainly, & it has an antipathy against the attendance to religious ministrations. Matters in bits of new London like his parish there is nothing local to help. There is no cohesion. There is nothing to make people feel any local responsibility; nothing to help to the recognition that he is their pastor & that his church is theirs. He compared his parish, with a somewhat similar population, to Durham his native town, with Cathedral, Town Hall, Public Library, a Mayor & Council &c. &c. are going to make it a real community & to strengthen the communal feeling. In St Barnabas all these elements are absolutely wanting.

But although Mr Barnes emphasized such points he by no means wished to shift on to such circumstances the responsibility of the decline of his own work. He knows that there have been many other ~~[illegible]~~ causes: his age; his small means; his inability to raise money; his loss of his wife.

On money matters he said that the stipend was £200.

of this he had never been able to reserve more than £100 for himself, & really it would appear that this was an over-estimate. When he came he had £3000 of his own & this was gradually spent. By 1893 it was not gone, & he knew that when it was not all he spended he would have to go too. Without some reserve it would be hard for him to carry on the work as an "I have felt like a man on a rock, with the tide rising round me, the knowledge that sooner or later I should be swept off". However, in 1893, a relative left him a small legacy & by this means he has been able to stay on. Mr Barnes is a poor & good man unpitied, perhaps by temperament, certainly by his present physique, for his present post.

The following are the detailed particulars of this parish, showing apparently meagre results at every turn. But this Skyman, lonely, who has spent wearily on his own money & cannot pay, is, I doubt not, beloved by many of his parishioners. His personal influence must be all on the right side, & he probably has & makes no enemies. He is a denial failure to the Christian success.

Staff.

Bishop.

Services & attendance.

Sunday School.

Staff: Vicar & 1 Curate. The latter has been with him since 1889. No missionary workers; no district visitors. 7 Sunday School Teachers. A voluntary choir, not included in the congregations: 6 men & 12 boys.

Church holds 700. Schools (for Girls & Infants).

Sunday morning: Holy Communion at 8.
at 11. Very few come. Perhaps 20.
at 3. Meeting for the children.
at 7. Perhaps from 30 to 40.

Daily Evensong at 8. Very few come, but usually as people have visit anything can be made on any day.

No Communicants' Roll. Regular Communicants declining every year. Very few. Could not say how many. Perhaps 8 or 10 come weekly.

Sunday School: Register 150. Average about 130.

In the past, congregations, communions, everything have been much better, & there have been times when they have had almost a full church. But the decline for a long time has been steady. I gather that attendances have gone down since Mr. Barnes died in 1889. She did much in the parish. The Mothers' Meeting, for instance, has never been continued

No "social agencies".

Education.

Visiting.

Nursing.

Mr Hanson &c.

The need of removing the men –

since her day.

There are no social agencies. They never had a Band of Hope.

Mr Barnes is Chairman of the Children's Holiday Fund Committee & the activity & is clearly fond of this work.

For education there is the School, per Miss Bryant, with perhaps 150 children.

They visit as called upon – mainly the sick.

They have no nurse. They borrow Mr Hanson's nurse in case of need, type-hospital letters &c.

At this point we broke off in a conversation on Mr Hanson & Dr Wallace, led up to, partly by the chance introduction of the name of the former, & partly by Mr Barnes's opinion that they were an three men who ought to have lighter work than their respective parishes involve.

"I would gladly have my work lightened" by which I think Mr Barnes meant, not so much the duties that he is able to

Mr Adamson an invalid.

Dr Wallace.

unsuitable, but the burden of a great grief that he is obliged to neglect.

I often asked Mr Adamson's health, as a sore question, thereon that though he has recovered from the collision with a bicycle [he was knocked down] the accident has made an old complaint worse. For some years Mr A. has been troubled with fistula "or something terrible". Asked about his power of raising money, Mr Barns said that he had the reason "that I confess I am without money". Then Dr Wallace's name was mentioned. He too has created quite curious "He is an excellent beggar". Asked as to Dr Wallace's unsuitability, Mr Barns said that it had always been very marked, even more so in the past than now. He is "getting quieter", but to be eccentric is "the nature of the animal I suppose". Bishop Champneys used to accept him as he was, & let him be "his own diocesan". But Mr Dalton of Stepney seems to think Dr Wallace amusing rather than a scandal. His sermons are certainly "most extraordinary", but for an insane eccentricity Dr Wallace has been a hard worker; in the past even a successful pastor, his people owe him a great debt. He has been by his efforts that church, schools, & parsonage have been built. Mr Wallace after her marriage worked through the towns, gratified as a teacher, & inspiring, was on the

Charity.

Grove Road Chapel.

Early marriages.

~~Housing~~.

Thrift.

heard of one of the deaconesses in the district for some time. She has been a great helper to Mr Wallace. Altogether he has raised some £13000 to £14000. Churchfolks have helped him a good deal to stick to. He still has a congregation, but it is small as compared with the past.

Referring to the subject of his own parish, Mr Bowes said that he had no Poor Fund &, now, received no funds. The text was given came out of his own pockets. The church realises no amount. [It was in this connection that Mr Bowes had seen the redemption of the work at the rising tide].

The only other place of worship is the Grove Road Baptist Chapel. It has declined considerably.

On the General Questions little was said. Early marriages are a declining evil, & he spoke severely of the post-laxity as to the Peel Church.

The new houses of the artisans "their sanitation blinds" often conceded satisfactorily large, but structurally there was little to complain of. As he glanced down the list he came to Thrift, & soliloquized "I don't think there is any such thing known

Baptisms & Churching.

Remarks on the Clergy.

An opinion of his predecessors.

The working of parishes.

The need of new men & new work.

in this district".

Mr Ward is a moderate High Churchman. Sound fully Church. Evangelical position. Nothing extreme. Of the work he preaches he had said "there is one good thing": "There are about 150 Baptisms & 40 Churchings yearly. This is a sign, I think, that outright people do not attend, the hold of the Church is not quite lost".

Mr Ward spoke warmly of the general devotion of the Evangelical clergy, saying that he was often amazed at the way in which they stuck to their work, especially in keeping up the schools. He quoted & endorsed a recent saying of Mr Gladstone's to a friend of his, that he had watched the Church of England through a long life-time & thought that there was never a more widely-spread devotion than now. But many of the parishes are overworked. In some cases this is not merely, but very not, the fault in wanted. The old policy of the Church Substitution Fund of praying for new workers was utterly mistaken in many cases. The districts are often new; the work is new; & requires new efforts of an evangelistic kind.

Personal.

Rural Dean

God we cannot understand this. Their physical weakness alone would make it impossible." I hope Mr. Booth will tell the Bishop of London to pension off in some decent way the old incumbent".

It was rather startling to hear this just as I left. And this gentle & ~~[illegible]~~ retiring man, who is apparently meant to be ministering in some quiet country village & free from the pressure of all worrying cares & the strain of whom life has just been pressed by the Bishop of London to succeed Ingram as Rural Dean of Spitalfields. It is a new procedure, I believe initiated by Dr. Creighton, to appoint the Rural Deans & in here election into Deanery. I gathered that Mr. Bond had been previously pressed to ~~[illegible]~~ stand for election, but this he has resisted. Now the Bishop has written so kindly urgently that he has agreed, with great diffidence this some fear, to accept the post.