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Revd. Wm. Williams
'Upton' Chapel.

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The Changes in
Lambeth +
Southwark

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Yours very Faithfully
W. Williams

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Revd. Wm. Williams. Pastor of Upton Baptist Chapel,
Lambeth Road. Seen at his residence:
108 Lansdowne Road, S. Lambeth
S.W.

Mr Williams is a vigorous man of about 50. A bright winning personality ~~and~~ and exceptional gifts as a preacher have given him considerable weight in his denomination & in Lambeth. He has spent 22 of the 25 years of his ministry at Upton chapel.

During Mr. Wms. time the district has changed materially. The good middle class people, who lived in the neighbourhood have gone further afield and even the better class working people are following them so that today "our success contributes to our failure" e.g as people are brought in & become thrifty they move away toward Clapham & Clapham Junction. The district is now poor. Theatrical people and foreigners are coming into the district, also a number of R.C's attracted by the proximity of the Cathedral. Some of the old inhabitants remain,

bound

The District influenced

bound to the district by business or other ties and in all the streets some respectable people are found. The poorest parts & the worst class of people are found between the Westminster & Waterloo Bridge Roads; also in the patch behind the Canterbury Music Hall but this area has been greatly reduced by railway demolitions

The people attending the Chapel are drawn from around the chapel but more from the S.W. e.g. Stockwell & Kennington direction, tho' some old supporters come from much greater distances. [The Church is just at the edge of District 31. & practically it draws its workers & supporters from District 34 ~~&~~] & carried on its mission work in District 31. GIS]

Buildings used

(1) The Chapel seats 800 people. Large schoolroom below, lecture hall & about 12 other rooms.
(2) Mission Hall in Oakley Street (Shop converted into a hall, with rooms over.
(3) Schools in Gloucester Street., whilst quite recently a Mission in York Street (All Saints Parish) has been taken over.

Persons Employed

. Mrs Williams is the only paid worker. They had a deaconess until last year (Sister Annie) but she has married & a successor has not been appointed. A large staff of voluntary workers including 12 lady visitors and over 60 S.S. teachers at Chapel & missions.

× Report gives Teachers as follows:
Upton Chapel 51
Oakley Street 8
Gloucester " 12
71. York Street has been opened taken over since.

Services Held

Sunday services 11 & 6.30. 500 to 600 in morning and about 600 at night.
Sunday School. 500 on books. Attendance 105 M + 295 E.
Monday. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, Service.
Thursday. Christian Endeavour about 50 but not so strong as it was.

Social Agencies

Social Agencies include Mothers meetings (80), cricket & cycling clubs, Band of Hope, Literary Society during winter.

At the Missions there are Sunday schools with 250, 100 & 100 scholars respectively. Mothers meeting, Bands of Hope and other agencies. Several open air meetings are held by the Tract & Evangelistic Society. Boys club at Oakley Street.

Church Membership

The membership of the church is 600 (Yearbook 632)

They

Removals & their effect on the Church

UPTON CHAPEL, LAMBETH.

With the Pastor and Officers' kindest regards.

New Year, 1899.

Yours very faithfully,

W. Williams.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

They lose 'a good sized church' every year & have to make it up. The outward movement was not so great a short time ago but the exodus has begun again. Mr Williams showed me his list of members. The majority, indeed great majority live within walking distance, Kennington, Stockwell but here & there especially amongst the earlier names on the list were remote addresses. It showed clearly that the new recruits were gained from the district, the outer move being subsequent.

Visit the poor members of the Church. The Tract society also has visitors for the sick. Elders also visit the absentees and sick connected with the church. Their Free Church Council district is regularly visited by the Tract society. They visit the neighbourhood constantly as the people change so frequently and they are never sure of finding the same people. Attached is one of the leaflets used in this house to house visitation.

The Charitable relief is mostly in connection with the Mission work on which the Church spends

Do You Know,

Dear Friend, where

Upton Chapel is?

It is in LAMBETH ROAD, right opposite Bethlem Hospital.

Lambeth Road crosses Kennington Road and St. George's Road, and the Chapel is only a few moment's walk from Kennington Road or the Obelisk.

The Portrait on front is of our esteemed Pastor, Mr. Williams, who will have a good and helpful word for you, if you will come and hear him. Many hearts and homes have been brightened and blest by messages from his lips.

Our Pastor preaches Sunday Morning at 11, and Evening 6.30; and also Wednesday Evening at 7.30. A Prayer Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30.

A Warm Welcome to any of the Meetings awaits you.

To all YOUNG PEOPLE:—

Our Sunday School Services are:

Morning School	10.0 a.m.
Afternoon School	2.45 p.m.

Special Services for Young Children.

Sunday Mornings 11.0.	Sunday Evenings 6.30.
Band of Hope	Tuesdays, 7.0 p.m.
Choir	Thursdays 7.15 ,,
Christian Endeavour Society (for Young People)	,, 8.15 ,,

Bible Classes for Young Men and Women are held on Sunday Afternoons, at 3 o'clock.

A very hearty invitation is given to all Children and Young People who do not regularly attend any similar Meetings.

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TO ALL WHO LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and desire to work in His cause—we have Mission Halls in Districts much needing help—Mission Sunday Schools—Tract Distribution Society—Open Air Mission. Our Band of Workers will welcome you. Make a New Year's resolve to take up some definite work for the Master.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERARY SOCIETY meets weekly—usually on Monday Evenings, at 8.30. Particulars, with Syllabus and Card of Membership, can be had on application to the Secretary, Mr. Thomas Willis.

ARE YOU FOND OF SINGING? The Meetings at Upton are peculiarly Bright and Happy in this respect. Come yourself, and make them brighter still.

spends about £450 a year. Mr Williams collects or has sent to him about £100 for this work but he does not seek to increase the amount. He feels that every "additional half-crown is an additional responsibility. They have twelve people receiving "almshouse money" 1/- a month. Total relief would not be above £100. The following report gives some details:

Remembering the Poor.

THE

ELEVENTH BRIEF RECORD

OF

A Year's Work among the Needy,

By W. WILLIAMS,

Upton Chapel, Lambeth Road, S.E.

FEBRUARY, 1898

"We should remember the Poor."—GAL. ii. 10.

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TO the friends who for eleven years have entrusted me with the means for carrying on some extra work among the poor, I again tender my sincere gratitude. The service rendered by the help I personally receive, is but a small part of a much larger work done on behalf of the needy by many friends at Upton, and for which the members of our Church, for the most part, find the means. The Tract Society carry on their Weekly Visitation, Open-air Preaching, Mission Hall Services in

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Oakley Street, with Sunday Schools, Women's Meetings, Band of Hope, &c. independently of this noticed in our little record. Then other successful efforts are in constant operation through Mothers' Meetings, Benevolent Societies, Christian Endeavour, and Help-one-another Societies, and personal visitation. Reports of these various efforts are presented at the Annual Meeting of the Church. This, for which I am more directly responsible, consists principally in carrying on a second Mission School, and in relieving cases of need and distress which are constantly forcing themselves upon our attention.

Our devoted Sister, who for several years gave her life up to work among the poor, left us early in the year to be married. The work since has been

continued as far as possible by voluntary workers, Sister Annie herself coming occasionally to render aid, especially in conducting Women's Meetings.

As in past years I have received many valuable gifts of garments from friends whom I have in every case I hope personally thanked. These have been wisely and carefully distributed among the poorest children and most needy families. I gave over 150 lbs. of beef away at Christmas to families, which in many instances would otherwise have had but the most meagre fare. In one instance the husband had been out of employment for fourteen weeks and there were six young children; yet there had been no begging and no murmuring, and it was only by an

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apparent accident that this distressed household was discovered.

I have however so often gone into details of our work in other years that there is little necessity for me to say more now, for year by year "Tis the repeated tale" of sickness, misfortune, deaths. That I am able by the help of friends to bring anything of relief and joy to weary hearts and sorrow stricken homes I am increasingly grateful, and especially that I am able with the co-operation of devoted fellow-workers to tell the story of redeeming love to so many children and to not a few of their parents.

D. Williams.

"Fernleigh,"
LANSDOWNE ROAD, S.W.
February, 1898.

Received for Mission Work, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Miss L. S.	1	0	0
Miss N. S.	0	5	0
B.	0	2	6
Mrs. H. (Senior)	10	0	0
U. P. F.	1	0	0
Mrs. W. (Senior)	1	0	0
Mr. A. W.	2	2	0
Mr. W. F. (Clay Cross) ...	0	7	6
Mrs. M.	1	0	0
Mr. T. W.	20	0	0
Mr. G. L.	0	10	6
Miss S's. Class	0	10	0
Mr. A. C. P. (for Prizes) ...	0	5	0
Mr. C. (for Prizes)	0	5	0
Mr. E.	0	1	0
Miss R.	0	5	0
Mr. J. C.	2	0	0
Mr. W. S.	2	0	0
Mr. G. L.	2	2	0
Carried forward	£44	15	6

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	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	44	15	6
Mr. J. C. (for rent)	6	10	0
Miss S's. Class	0	10	0
Mr. S. (part collection for Gloucester Street School) ...	3	0	0
Miss F.	0	10	0
Miss S's. Class	0	10	0
Mrs. J. S.	1	1	0
Mrs. F.	0	10	0
Mr. J. C.	10	0	0
Miss S's. Class	0	10	0
Mr. W. H.	10	0	0
	£77	16	6

Received per Mr. Atkins *for Mission School Expenses:—*

	£	s.	d.
Collecting Cards	7	14	2
Sunday Collections	6	6	6
Mr. F.	2	0	0
Profits from Teachers' teas ...	1	9	0
Mr. A. C. P....	1	0	0
Carried forward	£18	9	8

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	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	18	9	8
A Friend	1	0	0
Miss G.'s collecting book ...	0	4	0
A Friend	0	1	0
Sale of Excursion Tickets ...	0	5	6
Total £97 16 8	£20	0	2

Expenditure during 1897.

	£	s.	d.	
For Food	18	4	0½	£61.5.5½
For Clothing	6	10	11	
For Rents and Lodgings ...	34	13	0	
Medical and Convalescent ...	1	17	6	
Reports	2	4	0	
Towards Sister Annie's Support	6	0	0	
Literature, Postage, &c. ...	2	10	3	
Balance due to Treasurer from 1896	3	5	8¼	
Expended per Mr. Atkins for School Expenses ...	20	14	10¼	
	£96	0	3	

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BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Received as per list	97	16	8	Expended as per list	96	0	3
				Balance in hand ...	1	16	5
	£97	16	8		£97	16	8
Balance bt. down	£1	16	5	Owing to Mr. Atkins	0	14	8¼

Examined and found correct.

J. C. UNDERWOOD,
Auditor.

January, 1898.

Christchurch, the largest in district.

Co-operation of Churches

Lambeth Charities

Police

Prostitution From a moral point of view the district has improved. St Georges Road & the streets off it were the most filthy spot in South London. Not so bad now.

Of the Churches in the neighbourhood, Mr Williams mentioned Mr Meyers as the largest, the P.S.A. being its great feature. That however is composed of people from other churches as well as men who worked with Murphy ~~whom~~ It has drawn these together as well as drawn in men who attended no place of worship. Some of the men are members of Upton. The Free Churches are very united and doing good work thro' the Free Church Council.

There is also a Ministers' Fraternal which includes the Rector of Lambeth & the Vicars of St Philips, St Andrew & St Paul.

Lambeth Charities are numerous but have been mainly in the hands of the Church of England. Free Church Council is now taking steps to assert their claims.

Mr Williams has taken an interest in the Police for years. Used to get hold of the recruits as they came to London. Had a large number in the Church membership. There are some fine men in the force but he does not think the christian influence is so strong in the force now as formerly.

Drink

Thrift v. Rents

Marriage

Drink the same as everywhere else. Talking of this he gave a working man's explanation of how they got drunk. "We have a pint of beer and then "two of rum; then another fellow asks you to have a whiskey". Thus the mixing of drinks does it.

The great obstacle to thrift is the rents, which form a high percentage of earnings. With some the more they have the more they spend in drink and it is argued that the only way to keep them sober is to keep them poor.

Marriages are mostly those of their own young people.

Mr Williams spoke very highly of his church: the relations have always been so cordial and loving; not a jar' and he has resisted all offers to remove altho' he realized & has done for years, that the Church's work must become more & more of a Mission character. He has a fine lot of young men & thinks the church was never stronger than today. He fears however that when he goes there will be a break up. His power

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he believes to be in the preaching & he has always made the preaching of the great principles of belief his aim.

Mr Williams methods have proved successful. His church is the only one in the district that has an unbroken record of success. He does not get the carriage folk that formerly attended Upton but still has some wealthy supporters (Jas Stuff, the potter is one of the deacons) and the congregations & membership have been maintained for the past 20 years. The congregations are not so good now as years ago when the chapel was crowded the reduction being partly due to the change of the district and also to the growth of other evangelical churches in the neighbourhood, especially F. B. Meyer.

Revd E. Poole Connor
Baptist Minister

GHA June 23/99

THE PASTOR.

The Poverty of the Neighbourhood

A local congregation

Building used

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Revd E. Poole Connor. Minister of Borough Road Baptist Church, Borough Road.
Seen at his residence: 35 Trinity Street, Borough S.E.

Mr Poole Connor is slightly built and looks even more ~~than~~ youthful than his portrait. He has been nearly 6 years a Baptist minister and has spent ~~some~~ exactly one year at Borough Road coming there in June 1898.

Coming to Borough Road from Hackney, he was ~~astonished~~ astounded by the poverty - the appalling poverty of the district, as shown by the condition of the homes. Does not think it is through want of work. In the Buildings (Peabody's) you get men whose earnings are decent, whilst the wretchedness of their homes is appalling.

Whilst a few of their people - workers - come from a distance, the general congregation is drawn from the neighbourhood, say half a mile from the building. People are almost entirely labouring class.

Chapel seats 700; school room below & vestries.

Persons employed

Services held

Family well off for workers. Pastor + deaconess paid. About 50 voluntary workers including 12 deacons + elders, 26 S.S teachers + visitors.

Sunday services at 11. + 6.30. Rather thin in the morning 200 to 300 in the evening. At 8 pm in winter have a service in the Hall + in summer an open air service near the railway arch. At these meetings they get hold of fresh people. S. School. 325 scholars on book

Meetings nearly every evening in the week including Band of Hope, Christian Endeavour Society, Week evening service (about 40), only touch those interested at this meeting.

Social Agencies

Social agencies include Mothers' Meeting, 100 on books, attendance 60 to 70, Gymnasium for young men and young women. Clothing club, library &c. The women attending the mothers' meeting are of a very low class - it is the one point of contact with this class + the motive he fears is "loaves + fishes" although they try to discourage those who come for what they can get.

Visitation

Have honorary visitors (12) + the deaconess always visiting their district. e.g. the streets + Bldg north of the Borough Road.

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Co-operation — General amongst Free Churches
Limited with Established Church

Charitable Relief, about £25 a year, varies with the need. Mostly cases of sickness. They "never pretend to take the place of the parish."

Membership is now 180 & growing; indeed they must grow as the church had got very low.

Good feeling amongst the free churches. Constantly in & out of one another's places. The Free Church Council is doing considerable work against drink & prostitution. Good feeling between them & some of the clergy but the relation with Rev. Somerville (in whose parish they are) is not very cordial. The old story of trying to get the children away from their schools.

Having been such a short time in the district Mr Connor did not care to speak on the general questions. He is a young man with some grit and will made some impression. He realizes, like most of the ministers in this district, that the Church must be worked on mission lines. They are getting hold of some

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of the poor people gradually but the church has the reputation of being well to do & this they are trying to live down.

Mr Connor gave me a short history of the church, published to commemorate the completion of the purchase of the freehold. It is placed with the papers. The place is now best known as the scene of Mr George W. McCree's work. Beside being an energetic preacher he was a strong apostle of total abstinence and his meetings at the Lambeth Baths used to be crowded by the Lambeth working men. Whilst however he was very successful in his temperance work. I do not think that Borough Road derived much permanent benefit from that side of his work.

Form **B.**—Non-conformist Churches. Borough Road Bap

Life and Labour of the People in London:

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry).

QUESTIONS to be asked in each District as to the work of th

(a) What is the general character of the population? (α) Socially - lower - mid large percen (β) morally.

b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch? In general, the

c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not) (α) Pastor (pd.) usu (β) Deaconess (pd.) nursing etc. (γ) Honorary visi

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs) Borough Rd: Chape also Lecture Hall

(e What Services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended? Sunday - Preachy, Meetings - Various week a attendance 2 to 300 n

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

(g) What Educational work is done? None of purely secul

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

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

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church? Difficult to estima Average perhaps

Form B.—Non-conformist Churches. Borough Road Baptist Church

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry).

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

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

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(g) What Educational work is done?

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

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

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

(a) Socially - lower-middle class, with large percentage of destitute

(β) morally -

In general, the lower middle class

(α) Pastor (pd.) usual duties
(β) Deaconess (pd.) Visitation, Sick-nursing etc
(γ) Honorary visitors from Home & Hope.

Borough Rd. Chapel, wh: includes also Lecture Hall, Class Rooms &c

Sunday - Preaching, Sunday School, Open air
Meetings - Various meeting each night in week as a rule.
Attendance 2 to 300 on Sunday - {average of 40 during week.

Temperance Society, "Mothers meeting"
Gymnasium, Children's Clothing club, Library &c
None of purely secular character

See above (c)

Deaconess & Honorary workers

Difficult to estimate. Varies according to need
Average perhaps £20 to £25 per ann.

Revd D.J. Rounsefell

Waterloo Road Bible Christian Church

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June 26/99

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Revd D.J. Rounsefell. 9 Kempsford Road.
Lower Kennington Lane. S.E. Minister
of Waterloo Road Bible ~~Church~~ Christian Church.

Mr Rounsefell is a stout, fresh coloured, energetic young man. He has been 5 years at Waterloo Road ~~work~~. The church is worked in conjunction with another at Clapham of which his colleague Mr Christmas has pastoral charge.

At the commencement of our interview, Mr R. said that their work was of two kinds, local (by which he meant the mission agencies) and church work. The Chapel being one of only eleven of the denomination in London, draws some of its people from long distances – people who were Bible Christians before coming to London. From the immediate neighbourhood it has drawn people as the results of its mission work and these two elements form about equal portions of the church & congregation.

The people come from the ~~the~~ district between Southwark and Westminster Bridge Roads

and

Buildings used

Persons Employed

The Services at Victoria Hall

and some come across Waterloo Bridge. Get respectable tradesmen and young fellows from houses of business. From the immediate district porters and carmen come. The people are quite mixed and they are "managing better than Mr R. thought they would".

Chapel seats 450; schoolroom below; some classrooms. A mission room in Quinn Square. The Victoria Hall is also hired from October to May for special services.

Mr Rounsefell & the Sister are the only paid workers on the ground. Has about 50 voluntary helpers including 32 S.S teachers.

The Services held at the 'Vic' where a P.S.A. and an evening service. They commenced the evening service with about 600 and closed with nearly 2400. Mostly lantern services. Excepting about 300 of his own people, the audiences were non church goers. Mr R. noticed that the people knew and sang the popular hymns from

Sacred

Christian World
January 4/1900

WATCH-NIGHT AT THE 'VIC.'

IT is a custom with many inhabitants of Lambeth slums to spend the closing moments of the year in a religious service. They seem to have a vague idea that this ensures 'luck' for the New Year, and in many cases they rush out of the public-houses and get into the watch-night service just before the stroke of midnight. This custom was taken advantage of by Rev. D. J. Rounsefell and his helpers at the old 'Vic.,' and they secured a unique attendance at their watch-night service on Sunday evening. For an hour before the meeting bands of young men, some of whom were themselves drunkards a year ago, scoured the public-houses of the neighbourhood and beat up recruits. In two places they found gambling as well as drinking in progress, and at one or two they had adventures. For instance, one worker was effusively kissed and embraced by a tipsy man. But in most cases they were good-naturedly received, offered any number of 'drinks,' and told that those whom they invited would rather go to the 'Vic' than to any church or chapel. So by eleven o'clock there was a congregation of some 1,200 of the poor and non-churchgoing class; beshawled women, young costers with countless buttons, and inebriates who had just got to the shouting stage and caused serious disturbance in the earlier part of the meeting. But it was wonderful to see how they sobered down, as workers, drawn from their own ranks and speaking their own dialect, moved amongst them, and after a good deal of singing, Mr. Hallett obtained a hearing for a short temperance talk, and Mr. Rounsefell was listened to in almost perfect stillness as he pleaded for immediate surrender to Christ. At the close a number of the audience rose to their feet to express their determination to lead a new life in the New Year, and 79 total abstinence pledges were taken, the names and addresses of those signing being taken by the workers, that they may be followed up and helped. The service could not fail to do good, and the visitor could not but regard it as a curiously interesting phase of the good work which is being carried on at this once notorious theatre by Rev. D. J. Rounsefell and his helpers. It costs about £12 weekly, and, judging by results, it is cheap at the price.

Rounsefell Bible Christian

Sacred Songs Solos (Sankey's collection). He also noticed that a number of people did not come in until the Hall was darkened for the lantern. The singing was also more hearty when the gas was down. People (some) did not like to be seen singing but joined heartily in the obscurity of the darkened room. The following cuttings give some idea of the meetings.

A SERVICE IN A MUSIC-HALL.

A GOOD deal is being done by Revs. D. J. ROUNSEFELL (pastor of the Waterloo-road Bible Christian Church) and H. W. HORWILL, M.A., to reach the non-church-going section of the population in the neighbourhood of the New Cut. At an expense of over £10 a-week they are using the Royal Victoria Hall in the Waterloo-road every Sunday, in the afternoon for a P.S.A., and for a popular limelight service in the evening. For this latter service some 1,500 people gather every week, the great majority of them being the poor people from neighbouring tenements and lodging-houses. The pit and balcony of this teetotal music-hall (popularly known as the 'Vic.') are filled with women wearing dusty black bonnets and dirty aprons, youths with close-cropped hair and neck-cloths of startling hues, maidens with much-befeathered hats, and men who, having long passed the age for 'Sunday things,' come in their working clothes, all having been lured from the street and the public-house and the home fireside by the limelight talk. This interesting meeting consists of prayer, a passage of Scripture, bright singing, and a straight, simple Gospel 'talk' illustrated with limelight pictures. On Sunday last this 'talk' was the story and exposition of Bunyan's 'Holy War.' The service begins at eight o'clock, after most of the church services in the neighbourhood are over. A band of earnest young men undertake the work of showing people into the seats, and it is interesting to note that among these stewards the 'C. E.' badge seems very popular, Mr. Rounsefell himself being a prominent figure in the Christian Endeavour world.

AN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN AT THE ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE.

Methodist Times Nov 17. 1899

The Royal Victoria Theatre, Lambeth, has been for many years one of the most popular places of amusement in South London. During the present winter the Bible Christian Methodists are turning it to another use by holding in it a series of "Sundays for the People." In the afternoon there is a P.S.A., and in the evening an evangelistic address is given, often illustrated by lantern slides. The mission is superintended by Rev. D. J. Rounsefell, the pastor of Waterloo-road Church, who is assisted by Rev. H. W. Horwill, M.A. The success of this effort to reach the inhabitants of a region which has recently become notorious for "Hooliganism" has been very remarkable. Since October 2—the first Sunday the theatre was occupied—there have been large and increasing congregations. Many persons have signed the pledge and professed faith in Christ. The expense of hiring the hall is so great that the Waterloo-road Church needs generous support from outside in order to carry on this extension. Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., whose own church is in the neighbourhood, has sent a letter warmly commending the movement and expressing the belief that Christian people who can spare the money could hardly do better than help to relieve the Superintendent of financial responsibility. It is therefore hoped that many friends from other Churches will come to the assistance of a mission which is actually carrying the Gospel to hundreds who would not be induced to enter an ordinary place of worship.

Contributions will be thankfully received by Rev. D. J. Rounsefell, 9, Kempsford-road, Kennington, S.E., or by Rev. H. W. Horwill, M.A., 11, Woolstone-road, Catford, S.E.

At the afternoon meeting the average attendance was 400, mostly men, of whom they had a good proportion at night. As to the results, he said that 200 pledges (temperance) were taken and 116 'enquirers cards' filled up. Some of these people were still with them.

The Chapel Services

S.S.U. Statistics. Dec 97.
Teachers 35. Scholars on Books. 241
Attendance M. 68; A 167; E. 108.

Social Agencies

Visitation

Sunday services at the Chapel at 11. & 6.30. Quite 300 to 350 in the evening but varies a good deal. Small in the morning. Mainly their own people.

Sunday School. About 250 on books. & attendance 200 Not the poorest. The children won't mix tho' the parents do.

Prayer meeting (Monday) & Preaching (Thursday). Commence at 8 - People come in until 8.30 pm.

Social agencies include a Saturday night concert - it is really a temperance meeting and it well attended. Children's Play time (Thursday) for boys and girls in alternate weeks. About 200 each week. Have games of all kinds, reading etc. Tell them stories & occasionally give some refreshments. Slate Club with 250 members. Savings Banks, Mothers' Meeting.

Mrs R. spends a lot of time visiting and the Sister gives 7 hours a day for 5 days a week to this work. She paid 1600 visits in 10 months. Gives two days a week to visiting the Mothers & the remainder to house to house work. Dwnns Bldgs are thoroughly visited.

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Central South London
Free Ch. Council

"Do a lot of that kind of thing" said Mr R. The Benevolent Fund is about £50 a year. Used to give free meals during winter but no need for that during the past two winters. Give 6d tickets. Also lend 'bags' for maternity cases. Some of the cases were legitimate cases of sickness but more often the need was caused thro' drink. Sends some cases to the C.O.S. and has been pleased with the way they have dealt with them.

Works with the Southwark Relief Fund (Miss Lubbock, Southwark C.O.S. Offices, Borough Rd) can give particulars) There is some talk of starting a similar society for Lambeth.

Church membership is now 210. Was 139 when Mr R. came & has grown gradually in spite of constant removals. Has just made up returns for Conference & finds that during past year (ending June 1899) 27 members had removed. Received 15 by transfer.

Co-operation of Free Churches is very cordial. Mr Rounsefell is the clerical secretary of the Central South London Free Church Council. It comprises 17 churches. and employs a paid agent. Mr Bairstow 15 Surrey Square, Old Kent Road —. He has been at work for

for 5 years, chiefly in connection with the crusade against immorality and can give information respecting that if desired.

The Council is divided into three sub-committees - Purity, temperance and evangelistic. The first section has closed many bad houses, held midnight meetings, & sends rescued women to the Haven, Trinity Sq. and to a Home recently opened by the B.W.T.A. in Old Kent Road. The Temperance committee opposes the issue of licences. Just now it has an interesting cases of the Hayles Estates, which is the property of the Charity Commissioners. Powers sought to enlarge it & the Charity Commissioners favor the project as it will make the house a more valuable property.

Relations with the Established Church

With the clergy in his Ward there is no Co-operation. Rev Bambridge Bell is so scarcely the man to Co-operate with Non-cons. Rev Barraclough (St Thomas) & Carter (St Paul) ~~do join~~ are friendly. Both have spoken at the Victoria Hall & the St Pauls people join them in holding open air meetings in Queen Square.

Poor Law Policy

Police

Drink

Prostitution

Marriage

Thrift
Health

The Attitude of the
People to Religion

Thinks Guardians make a mistake in restricting out relief. ~~As~~ Instanced cases of two women living together in one room, Lambeth Guardians refuse to help because woman has not her own room.

Some of the police are godly men, on the other hand he sees some drinking at the pubs. at closing time.

Drink is bad. ~~As~~ They opposed the licence of a house next door to Morley College. It was then proved that there were 47 licenced houses within 400 yards. This made the 48th in the area.

Prostitution is very bad. All over the place: Gray Street, Baron's Place, Webber Row

Marry young. Also many living together unmarried Now one of the first things he asks when dealing with cases is whether the parties are married.

Thrift at a low ebb.

Constantly meeting cases of consumption. A scourge in this locality. Young men & young women die of it.

The attitude of the people to religion has not been that of opposition but downright indifference.

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They did not care anything about it. The people had been alienated by those who represented religion. Believes Jesus Christ is popular but he has not been represented in the right way: it has been a caricature. Condition has improved because christian workers are willing to go and live with the people and show practical sympathy with them. The Victoria Hall services have given them an influence with the people and they have understood that the object was not selfish.

The church got into low water some seven or eight years ago. It was then determined to work it on Mission lines and it now receives a subsidy (£50 a year, I believe) from the Conference. It has made decided headway under Mr Rounsefell, ~~John~~ and is now stronger than for many years past. GA.

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W. WILLIAMS. S. T. NICHOLSON. P. A. MILNE. F. B. MEYER, B.A. A. REDSHAW. H. HEWETT. J. FLANAGAN.

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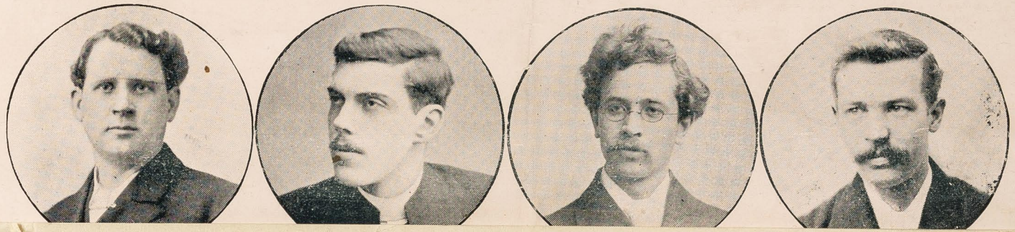

A New Year's Greeting,

To the Working Men and Women of South London.

1898.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

We, who are ministers of the Free Churches in Central South London, send you our hearty greeting for the New Year, and desire to assure you of our sincere good wishes.

God, in His good Providence, has cast our lot together in this vast, teeming, busy district, where the stream of life runs so swiftly and there are so many eddies in the current; and we would not have it otherwise. We believe that our

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Master, Christ, would have chosen to live in just such a district as this, because of the opportunities it affords of helping the weak, defending the oppressed, sympathising with heart-breaking sorrow, sheltering little children, and lifting the whole community to healthier, truer, nobler thoughts of God, and home; of life, and duty. You are doubtless aware that lately an important deputation, representing South London, interviewed the Under-Secretary at the Home Office, and complained of the nightly lawlessness, wantonness, violence, and robbery rife in this district. From that complaint it has become evident that burglaries are frequent, watches are stolen in broad daylight, thieves will lay their hands on anything from a knife to a calf or sheep. Drunkenness and unclean talk are past description; and some of the public-houses are the resort of desperate characters. We, ourselves, have had to urge the public authorities to take proceedings against scores of bad houses, and, to crown all, the coroner's jury have called the attention of the Lambeth Vestry to the shocking state of immorality prevailing in our midst.

All this is a sincere grief to us, as we know it must be to all self-respecting persons among us. Where such things are tolerated, innocent lives get blighted like flowers in gaslight; children become familiarised with sights and sounds

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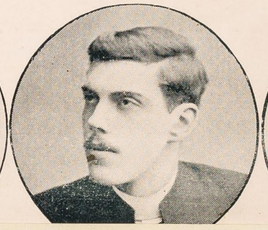

that they ought to know nothing about; whilst all who can afford it, and might act as salt and light, make haste to move off into some more wholesome neighbourhood. We feel sure that you, our neighbours and friends, would rejoice if our nights were not made hideous by drunken fights and orgies, or our streets disgraced by incidents which are only too common.

We feel sure that a great deal may be done to remedy this state of things by our own action as a great community of people, and in the following directions:—

Let us see to it that men of character represent us on our public bodies. Too often men of questionable character are put up as the nominees of a certain party. They make great promises of what they will do if they are put in office; but their real object is to help themselves, and make money for themselves or their supporters, out of the vices or injustice to which they pander. Let us see to it that men of strong, sterling character are put in office. The claims of character are more important even than party politics.

Let us see to it that we form a strong body of public opinion. Even bad people do not like to offend against the strongly expressed disapprobation

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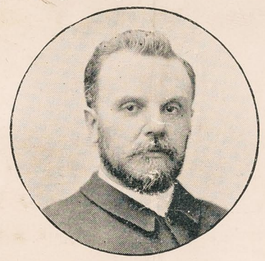

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of their neighbours. Nothing so deters criminals as light. And if all sober, right-minded people would but speak out and speak up, whenever they have the chance, a great deal might be done in abashing and shaming vice.

Let us rebuke bad language when we hear it.

Let us tell the newspaper shops that we will not deal with them if they display indecent prints or sell our boys penny dreadfuls.

Let us remonstrate with publicans when we see them selling liquor to those who are already drunk.

Let us make it hot for houses of ill-fame, watching them and informing the police.

In such ways we may form a strong public opinion, which will be like the strong search-light which a man-o'-war cast on a village of the Dacoits on the coast of Southern India, the streets of which were filled with violence and murder. The effect was instantaneous, and beneficial.

Let us be more careful of our own example. A traveller climbing among the mountains, stood where two ways met, the one steeper than the other. He

hesitated which to take; but his little son was behind him and cried out, "Take the safe path, father, I'm coming."

Why not start the new year with the resolution not to enter a public-house or send for the drink? To give up the drink would have a grand influence on others, and mean a year of comfort, health, and peace!

Why not determine that no bad language shall pass your lips, or anything that would defile or blacken the ears of those who listen to your talk?

Why not make up your minds that the betting-tout shall get none of your good money? Betting is almost a greater curse than drinking. Women, and even children, are getting bitten by it; and the bulk of it goes to support "the gentlemen" with the heavy watch-chains and flashy clothes, who live on the earnings of the poor.

Let us take care of the children. No child should go out into life without having as much knowledge as can be got from the Board School. And parents may do a good deal to help children by taking an interest in their lessons. All of our churches have Sunday-schools, to which we would be glad

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to welcome them. Then there are clubs, and evening continuation-classes at the Board Schools, and Bands of Hope, and entertainments. Many a child might be saved from the bad influences of the streets if the mother or father would put him into the way of spending time at any of these, and take a living interest in his going on.

Let us take care of our Sundays. What can better fit us for life's duties than a well-spent Sunday? The old rhyme has it—

"A Sunday well spent,
Makes a week of content."

But a Sunday without God in it seems like a face without an eye, or a day without the sun.

We heartily invite you to our places of worship. The list of our services is given at the end. Come in and see us. There is not one among us who will not give you a hearty welcome; and if there is anything that we can do to make it easier for you to attend, let us know, as we would like to meet the

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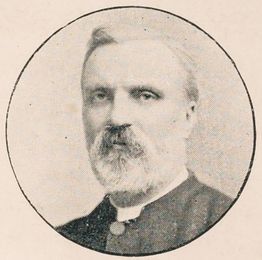

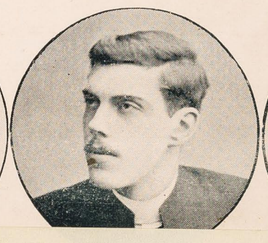

case, if possible. We want not yours, but you. We have no end to serve except to help you to live sweeter, purer, happier lives, according to the will of our Saviour Christ.

In conclusion, permit us to press on you the question of your own salvation. Have you sought and obtained forgiveness of your sins? It is offered freely to you through Him who died on the Cross, and now lives to help and save. One look to Him will save; one cry for forgiveness will secure it; one sincere prayer for mercy will bring you what you seek. The doors of God's Palace stand open night and day. All comers are welcome there; and it is because we have entered and know something of the Peace and Blessedness which God can give that we invite you to do as we have done. This will make 1898 a Happy New Year indeed.

Yours sincerely,

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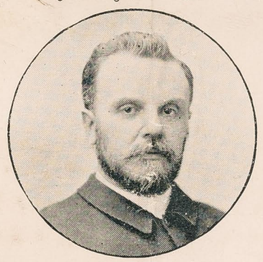

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PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Borough Road Baptist Chapel		
Borough Road Presbyterian Church		
Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road	Rev.	F. B. Meyer, B.A.
Clayland's Road Congregational Church	„	H. Hewett
Esher St. Congregational Church	„	F. H. Hobbs
Great Dover Street Brunswick Chapel	„	S. T. Nicholson
Kennington Road Presbyterian Church	„	P. A. Milne
Lambeth Rd. Wesleyan Chapel	„	J. Surman Cooke
New Kent Rd. Murphy Memorial Hall	„	Geo. Fuller
Regent Chapel, Ethelred Street	Rev.	D. Henderson
Stamford St. Wesleyan Chapel	„	W. H. Spencer
Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road	„	J. Tolefree Parr
Trinity Street Primitive Methodist	„	J. Flanagan
Upton Chapel, Lambeth Road	„	W. Williams
Vauxhall Baptist Chapel, Upper Kennington Lane		
Waterloo Road Bible Christian Chapel	„	D. J. Rounsefell and H. J. Christmas
York Road Congregational Chapel	„	Allen Redshaw

SERVICES.

Sunday Morning at 11 *o'clock.* | *Sunday Evening at* 6

HEARTY INVITATION.—Hymn Books provided.

Mr J. Coles. L.C.M.
Shaftesbury Mission Hall

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June 24/89

The 'Union Street' District

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Mr John Coles. L.C.M. Shaftesbury Memorial Hall, Union Street, Borough. S.E.

Mr Coles is a dark sturdy man of 45-50. An impetuous active spirit, speaks rapidly. Somewhat abrupt in manner but an earnest and hard working man. Has been 16 years in the L.C.M. and about 4 years in Union Street.

The district is an irregular block south of Southwark Street between Grand Lane & Southwark Bridge Road, extending south to the Parish boundary. The portion north of Union St is almost entirely business premises; some of the houses that existed in this part when in 1889 having been replaced by warehouses as in the streets (America) off Southwark Bridge Road. The population is now found in Union Street & the turnings off it, where it is as thick as ever. Risboro', Pepper & Loman Streets are the poorest. In Orange Street, new cottages have been erected by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. They have a better class of people & are very strict about the rents. All are labouring people

A Rowdy neighbourhood

people. Union Street has two classes of people. In the old houses the people are very poor. May find 6 families in the 6 rooms of a house. Some new tenement houses at the corner of Ewer Street have a better lot. They are built with 3 rooms on a floor & letting at 9/- a week. Are the property of the Eccles' Coin. Most of the people come from outside the district but they do not stop long. While in the old houses the people hang on, those in the new houses move frequently - they cannot stand the neighbourhood. Three or four weeks is the usual period of the tenency. His testimony is corroborated to an extent by the fact that the only empty rooms I saw were in these tenement houses.

Certainly if Mr Coles' account be correct, it is small wonder that the respectable people clear out. Drunken brawls and night rows are common. Amongst other stories he said that a man was killed in a fight opposite the Red Lion, 160 Union Street between midnight & one a.m. & the body taken away by the other men before the police arrived. This he had on the authority of a bootmaker in Pepper Street, (nearly opposite) who came out & saw the occurence. Asked

Visitation

Building used

Notes ~~on~~ on Services

Workers

why no outcry was made or inquest held. he said that the men would get rid of the body without a formal burial.

Although the population has decreased. there are 620 visitable families on the district. & these are visited about 4 times a year. Also visits the workmen in the factories, Cox's iron foundry &c. Always well received. Thinks the missionary is always popular with the people: he has to be relieving officer, lawyer, missionary and everything to the people.

The Mission Hall is a small red brick building. Holds about 150. Class room upstairs.

The list of Services as given in the Report attached with some notes as to numbers. The number of children attending the services has increased very much during the past year. Nearly doubled. No special reason to account for it.

Has 25 & 30 workers including 15 S. S. Teachers. All voluntary.

List of Services written

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MR. W. H. HUNT, 1, Allen Terrace, Kensington Road, W.
MR. GEORGE J. NEWTON, 93, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.
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MR. NORMAN STODDEN, Shaftesbury Hall.
MR. THOMAS TUNNARD, 12, Warwick Square, E.C.

Missionary.

MR. JOHN COLES.

Barclay & Fry, Ltd., The Grove, Southwark Street, London, S.E.

LIST OF MEETINGS.

Sunday	7.30 a.m.	- -	Prayer Meeting.
"	11.0 a.m.	- -	Children's Service. Average 100
"	3.0 p.m.	- -	Sunday School. About 400 on Roll
"	6.0 p.m.	- -	Ragged School. Average 150
"	7.15 p.m.	- -	Gospel Service. " 100
Monday	8.0 p.m.	- -	Gospel Temperance Winter only
Tuesday	6.45 p.m.	- -	Band of Hope.
Wednesday	2.45 p.m.	- -	Mothers' Meeting. 300 on Roll Hall full.
"	8.0 p.m.	- -	Gospel Service. — 40
"	9.0 p.m.	- -	Open Air Service.*
Thursday	12.0 noon	- -	Children's Dinner.†
"	6.0 p.m.	- -	Girls' Sewing Class.
Friday	8.0 p.m.	- -	Youths' Class — 'Ragamuffins' Aged 12 to 16
Saturday	8.0 p.m.	- -	Prayer Meeting.

* During Summer.

† " Winter.

Splendid Sermon

Open air Service on Sunday at Southwark Bridge Road

REPORT.

The Committee of the Shaftesbury Mission being at present without a regular Secretary, have asked those who are responsible for the conduct of the different branches of the work, to write a short review of the same for 1898, and their reports are subjoined.

The Missionary, Mr. John Coles, and his wife, have been much tried during the latter part of the year, by serious illness in their family, resulting in the sad death of three of their children; they seek an interest in the prayers of their friends.

As in previous years, the ordinary Sunday and week night Services have been regularly held, and although the district surrounding the Hall is greatly altered lately, yet, the number of attendants have been well maintained, and several have openly confessed true conversion to God. These are from the immediate district, and so our Missionary is often cheered to know that his labours has not been in vain.

In the early part of the year we had a spring clean, which cost about £18, this was met by a sale of work, opened by Mrs. Samuel Gurney Sheppard, of Potters Bar. The Committee are most thankful to all the friends who took part in making it such a success.

The work at the Lodging House at Southwark Bridge Road, shows signs of much spiritual good. Every Sunday through the year Meetings have been conducted by the Missionary and his workers.

Open-air Meetings during the Summer months were held in different parts of the district, and not a few heard the Gospel sung and spoken in their own homes.

Through the kindness of our friends our children had a very enjoyable day in the country: going to Riddlesdown in breaks.

The Destitute Children's Dinner Society have again shown their kindness to us in providing a splendid dinner for between 300 and 400 of our poor children week by week.

MORNING SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Report of the Superintendent for 1898, Mr. O. Curtis.

The year just closed has witnessed a more complete organization of all our Children's Services than has hitherto existed. At the commencement of the year the teachers decided to consider the morning and afternoon Services as one school for all practical purposes, while the evening Service was to be left in the hands of Mr. Stodden and his fellow workers,

who agree to conduct it in such a way as might be best fitted to the needs of those who attend. But it is my duty to deal more particularly with the work of the Morning School, and looking back over 1898 I cannot but be thankful for the hearty co-operation I have had from a large number of workers. From the first it was found to be necessary to get a variety of speakers, and we are, therefore, greatly indebted to a considerable number of friends (mainly from Christ Church) who have so willingly denied themselves the privilege of attending morning service at the Church, and have come up to our Hall to address the young people.

As to the attendances, mere figures are apt to be misleading, as we vary considerably during the year. In the summer months it is sometimes down to thirty-five, while in the winter, we occasionally rise to sixty-five or seventy.

We are thankful to be able to record that the attention is now admirable, and we hope that the Lads' Institute, which has recently been started, will enable us to know our senior lads much better than we can do through the Sunday Services. The prizes too, that we give for regular attendance, should we think, stimulate many to continue with us, and be punctual at the meetings. We praise God for what He has done, and we look to Him for an abundant blessing during 1899.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SCHOOL.

It is with gratitude that we are enabled to give such an encouraging report in regard to the work of our Sunday Afternoon School. Owing to the increase of scholars we have found it neccessary during the year to start three new classes, one for senior girls and two for juniors. Considering the locality and the constant removal of families from the district we feel indeed grateful that our numbers have been thus increased. The great majority of our scholars are most regular in their attendance, and as a mark of our appreciation for their punctuality and perseverance we award them a suitable prize. The Sunday School International lessons have been studied with great interest, proving we trust beneficial both to scholar and teacher. Although several changes have taken place among the teachers, yet we are thankful we have always had willing hands to assist in giving the usual lesson, and at the end of the year we have a staff of twelve teachers who are deeply interested in their labour of love and the well-being of the children in their charge. For the coming year we intend starting a Boys' Institute, which will enable us to keep in touch with our senior scholars, and we trust will keep up their interest in the Sunday School.

T. A. Tunnard,
Superintendent.

RAGGED SCHOOL.

The past twelve months have been very helpful to us all in our Sunday School work. We are glad to be able to say that in the Evening School there has been a marked improvement in the behaviour of the children, and all through the year a very fair number have attended.

We started this year by telling them Bible stories, commencing with the story of the Creation, and have endeavoured to apply these stories practically, so that the children might be both interested and helped by them. We have found the little ones most attentive, and feel sure that the principles from the earlier books of the Bible, which we have talked over during the year, will with God's grace prove bulwarks to the lives and characters of the many dear children who attend this school. Our average attendance has been over eighty throughout the year.

Personally the work has been very helpful, and I am greatly indebted to the teachers of the afternoon school for the very generous way they have assisted me.

Through the kindness of Miss Gover and other good friends of the Tudor Guild, we have been enabled to give our children a most enjoyable treat during the Christmas season. We cordially invite any of our patrons to give us a

call at any of our services, which we endeavour to make as bright and cheerful as possible.

W. N. Stodden,
Superintendent Evening School.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

The Mothers' Meeting, held every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 by the Misses Worters and Miss Hummel, continues to be well attended. There are Clothing and Coal Clubs in connection with it, and also a Lending Library; the latter being much appreciated.

An outing took place in the summer to Shortlands, when over fifty of the members spent a most enjoyable day through the kindness of Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Drysdale and Mrs. Worters. Another party was kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Myers in their grounds at Wimbledon Park. Thanks are due to the "Thoresby" Working Party for over fifty garments. These were sold to the mothers at Christmas for a nominal sum, the proceeds, together with a substantial help from Miss Atkinson (Beckenham), providing a tea.

Miss Worters will be very glad to hear of any ladies willing occasionally to address the meeting. Gifts of clothing and books will be gratefully received.

BAND OF HOPE.

The Band of Hope has added another year to its number, and we feel very proud of its steady improvement; the children help by their singing and recitations to make the meetings bright and cheerful. The Lecturers from the Band of Hope Union have thanked and commended the members for their good behaviour. The attendance has been small the latter part of the year, but we hope that they will soon pick up again; every inducement being made in the way of prizes and entertainments for the members welfare. Trusting that God will bless this and every branch of work carried on here.

A. Corby.

SEWING CLASS FOR GIRLS.

A Sewing Class for Girls is held on Thursday evenings from 6.30 till 8 o'clock.

It was started by Miss Purvis last year to make up garments for the sale of work, and having been much appreciated by the children, it has been carried on for the winter months with a very fair attendance.

The object of the class is to bring the children under christian influence by the books read, by individual teaching, and by interesting them with the work they are given. Hoping before long to make the class useful in holding the elder girls, and keeping them interested in the Sunday School.

M. J. Haslett.

Subscriptions and Donations.

GENERAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Ablitt, Mr. Henry	2	2	0
Barclay & Fry, Messrs.	1	18	9
Barrett, Mr. E. J.	2	2	0
Barrett, Mr. A. G.	0	10	6
Bell, Miss	2	0	0
Bevan, Mr. F. A.	5	0	0
Cartwright, Mr. H.	1	1	0
Czarnikow, Mr. C.	1	1	0
Herron, Mr. G. O. M.	0	10	0
Hunt, Mr. W. H.	1	1	0
Lazenby & Sons, Messrs. E.	1	0	0
Millner, Mr. H. J.	8	0	0
Mogg, Mr.	1	0	0
Morgan & Scott, Messrs. (Readers of "Christian")	1	0	0
Moser & Sons, Messrs.	1	1	0
Nottidge, Miss	0	10	0
Pedley, Mr. George	1	0	0
Ragged School Union	5	0	0
Smith, Mr. G. Mence	0	10	0
Udall, Rev.	0	10	0
Western, Mr. G. A.	2	0	0
Worters, Mrs.	0	10	6
Worters, Mr. C. Fred.	1	1	0
	£40	8	9

EXCURSION FUND.

	£	s	d.
Ablitt, Mr. Henry	0	10	6
Bayley, Mr. Edric, L.C.C.	0	5	0
Bevan, Mr. F. A.	2	0	0
Cartwright, Mr. H.	0	5	0
Causton, Mr. R. K., M.P.	1	0	0
Emmanuel, Mr. H.	0	10	0
Hart, Mr.	0	5	0
Herron, Mr. G. O. M.	0	10	0
Hunt, Mr W. H.	1	1	0
Kennell, Mr.	0	5	0
Kidd, Dr. J.	1	0	0
King, The Misses	0	5	0
Maple, Lady	0	5	0
Middleton, Mr.	0	5	0
Morgan & Scott, Messrs. (Readers of "Christian")	0	17	6
Moser & Sons, Messrs.	1	0	0
Nottidge, Miss	0	5	0
Pink, Mr.	0	10	0
Wood, Mr. H.	0	10	0
Worters, Mr. C. Fred.	0	10	0
	£11	19	0

GENERAL FUND.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	1	1	10	By Hallkeeper	15	12	0
,, Subscriptions and Donations as per list	40	8	9	,, Gas, Water, &c.	9	5	4
,, London City Mission Allowance for gas	2	12	0	,, Coal, Wood and Cleaning Materials	3	18	6
,, Sale of Work	15	10	0	,, Repairs	1	13	3
,, Collections	1	15	7	,, Portable Harmonium	2	0	0
,, Offerings in Hall Box	3	7	6	,, Teas, &c.	4	11	1
,, Balance	1	10	7	,, Hymn Books, &c.	0	12	4
				,, Printing, Postage and Stationery	8	1	3
				,, Deficit Childrens' Dinners	1	5	5
				,, ,, Excursion Fund	0	2	3
				,, Cleaning and Renovating Hall	15	10	0
				,, Sundries	3	14	10
	£66	6	3		£66	6	3

Examined and found correct, C. FRED WORTERS.

EXCURSION FUND.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Donations as per list	11	19	0	By Hire of Brakes	9	6	0
,, Collecting Cards	3	10	4	,, Teas	6	11	6
,, Collected by School Children	0	14	9	,, Prizes and other Expenses	1	6	0
,, Tickets Sold	2	0	2	,, Excursion, 18 children to High Beech	0	18	0
,, Balance carried to General Fund	0	2	3	,, Printing, Stationery, &c.	0	11	0
	£18	12	6		£18	12	6

Examined and found correct, C. FRED WORTERS.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Donations :—			
,, Ablitt, Mr. H.	1	1	0
,, Barrett, Mr. E. J.	1	1	0
,, Emmanuel, Mr. H.	1	1	0
,, G. P.	0	5	0
,, Worters, Mr. C. Fred	0	10	0
,, Balance carried forward	0	15	0
	£4	13	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Subscription to Surrey Dispensary ..	1	1	0
,, Grocery, &c., for Sick and Poor	1	15	0
,, Gratuities and Gifts to ditto	1	17	0
	£4	13	0

Examined and found correct, C. FRED WORTERS.

BAND OF HOPE.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	0	13	7
,, Weekly Contributions	2	13	4½
,, Proceeds of Entertainment	2	14	2
,, Collecting Cards	1	6	5
,, Donation, Mr. H. J. Millner	1	0	0
	£8	7	6½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Subscription to Southwark Band of Hope Union	0	5	0
,, Excursion	5	4	6
,, Entertainment Expenses	0	17	0
,, Teas, &c. ..	0	14	4½
,, Printing, &c.	0	5	9½
,, Balance in hand	1	0	10½
	£8	7	6½

Examined and found correct, C. FRED WORTERS.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1808.

SALE OF WORK ON BEHALF OF SPRING CLEAN.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Receipts at Stalls	7	8	10
,, Jumble and Additional Sale	3	17	8
,, Sale of Tickets	0	19	7
,, Donations :—			
Ashby, Mr. S.	0	7	0
Barrett, Mr. E. J.	0	10	0
Brown, Mr. E.	1	0	0
Graham, Mrs.	0	10	0
Kidd, Dr. J.	1	0	0
Sheppard, Mrs.	2	0	0
Thomas, Mr. J.	1	1	0
Wells, Mr. L.	0	5	0
Other Amounts under 5/-	0	10	8
	£19	9	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Materials for Work	1	11	9
,, Teas, &c.	0	9	0
,, Hire of Piano	0	7	6
,, Carriage, Printing and Sundries	1	11	6
,, Balance carried to General Fund	15	10	0
	£19	9	9

Examined and found correct, C. FRED WORTERS.

Other Religious Agencies

Invitation sent to one of Mr C's workers & then passed to Mrs Coles.

All Hallows, Southwark.

Monthly Dance and Concert.

The Vicar

requests the pleasure of

Mr & Mrs Hogg & family's Company

on Monday Dec: 6th

At Victoria Place Schools.

8 to 10 p.m.

Drink

Of other religious agencies, Mr C. mentioned:
(1) The Farm House Mission, Red cross St (Mr Parker L.C.M)
(2) All Hallows. "Fearfully dead against me". Have 7 or 8 sisters. He is friendly toward the Vicar & curate, altho' the latter told him that he was a ~~bitch~~ heretic & said that he would do all he could to keep Mr Coles out of the peoples' houses.
(3) The Home Mission (Mr Fegan) barely touches him but is doing good work.
(4). The Grove Mission (Mr Weston) gets a fair number of people but Mr C. does not know where they ~~are~~ come from. Not 10 off his district.

Drink is the great evil and the women are worse than the men. "The women live on fourn ale & fried fish" The children are neglected homes dirty & they "don't seem to care a rap".

Mr Coles sees little change in the people. The only improvement has been the replacement of the old inhabitants by country people. The influx of country people to the works in this neighbourhood is constant. As an instance he mentioned that

one foreman is a Somersetshire man. When he needs men he advertises in a Somersetshire paper. Lots are coming up now. Start at 22/- a week but the important point is that they are steady.

Rev.d Allen Redshaw

Congregational Minister.

G.A.
June 29/99

Foreigners & Labouring People

Buildings used

31/8-26

Rev.d Allen Redshaw. 20 Tasman Rd, Stockwell S.W.
Minister of York Road Congregational Church. Lambeth.

Mr Redshaw is an elderly man with whitening hair and beard. Quiet, musical voice and pleasant manner. Has been here 3 years, succeeding a fiery Welshman, who was as unlike him in appearance and manner as it is possible for two men to be. (His photo is given on page 43)

Has a great many foreigners in the district, German Jews, Swiss &c. mostly in the theatrical profession or waiters. Beyond these, the bulk of the population is working people - not skilled but labouring class. Some are employed at the shot tower.

Draws his people from the streets off the York Road. Some from across the Bridges (Westminster & Charing Cross), Vauxhall & Kennington, whilst a few come from remoter parts.

Church a fine building, seats 1000; school room below, also lecture hall, vestries and chapelkeeper's house.
(500)

Persons Employed

Services Held

S.S.U Statistics. { Teachers 30.
Scholars on books. 335.
Average Attendance. M. 75; A. 218.

Social Agencies

Dinner Hour Meetings

Rather short of workers. 25 all told. Only minister is paid.

Sunday Services - 11. & 6.30. Respectable working people and a few tradesmen. Evening congregation would be 190 to 200.

Sunday School. About 300 on books. Could have more but have not sufficient teachers.

Two men's Bible class with about 70 members

Women's Bible class - rather smaller.

Christian Endeavour Society. Junior 40; senior 30.

Social agencies include Mental Recreation class. (papers &c), Mothers' Meeting, attendance 30 & 35, Band of Hope 70 members. Gymnastic classes, two for girls & young women on Fridays (attendance about 80) & two for young men on Saturdays (100). The chief feature is the Dinner hour concerts. During the winter months the schoolroom is thrown open from 1 to 2 pm and workmen bring their meals there. They are quite free & after finishing their dinners can sit & smoke. Every day some speaker comes to give an address on social subjects

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Hidden Poverty

subjects, well known people coming & giving short addresses on their special subject and some singers come & give short concerts. Fifteen minutes is the time allowed. Get about 300 men a day. They come from Maudsley's, Brotherhood's, Atkinsons and other large works on the river bank. All are men living at considerable distances, so this is the only way in which the church influences them.

Mr Redshaw does a lot of visiting. Reckons to make 1000 visits a year. The district assigned to the Church by the Free Church Council, he visits systematically e.g. the streets off York Road & those south of Westminster Bridge Road. Very well received but finds it difficult to reach more than one family in a house.

Charitable relief is very small. Communion collection for members of church & congregation. Also has a few tickets for coals from the Lambeth charities.

Not much acute poverty. Thinks highly of the people. The bulk of them would suffer and hide their poverty. They helps each other to a great extent.

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Church Membership

The Relation of the Churches

Lambeth. a Mission district

If there is sickness in one family, the other families in the house will help - send little puddings for the invalid &c.

Church membership is 120. Just revised the roll. Make additions but only keep their own number. People move so much. Last year they lost 3 deacons and Sunday School supt. In all lost 15 by removal last year. One to Ilford others to the country and all parts near.

Free Church Council is a binding force. There was never more willingness to ~~cop~~ co-operate. Friendly with the Evangelical clergy - Mr Barraclough came to Mr Redshaws recognition service.

Dr Lee is very high. Church is practically empty. Christ church (Rev F. B. Meyer) is the largest church in this part.

Church work in this district, Mr R. thinks must be on mission lines and receive outside support. This support will only be given to Missions. People will not give to a church but they will support a mission. In his case they have a ground rent of £50 to pay. His neighbour,

Police

Drunk

Prostitution

Crime

Mr Tribe has an allowance from the Presbytery. The difficulty of raising funds is evidently a constant ~~diff~~ trouble at Fork Road.

Police do the best they can under difficult conditions & altho' Mr R. evidently knew they were not immaculate, "taking them on the whole they are praiseworthy".

"Drink" is alarming; the vice and crime in the district is largely attributable to it. Much drinking amongst women. Thinks one cause is the increased facilities, the ~~so~~ bar parlours & additional bar room.

Prostitution is just as bad in Fork Road as in Stamford Street. They have just closed a house in Belvedere Road. Closing the houses here has driven some of the people to Brixton. At all events, the Brixton people are crying out & they have had a communication from the Free Church Council there to that effect.

Lambeth notorious for crime.

The prospects of the Church. Mr Redshaw does not

not think are bright so far as itself is concerned. They are doing work to strengthen the suburban churches. The young people as they grow up are sure to go away and if they reclaim a few drunken people, these also will sooner or later move away.

The people have little interest in church or in local matter. Mr Redshaw is a pronounced liberal and takes a great interest in L. C. C work. Has to arouse interest in these things. He tries to do this by educational addresses, thus at the Dinner Hour Meetings he has men of all shades of opinion; Macnamara, ~~Hic~~ Keir Hardie, Col Ford. H M Stanley. Frank Smith &c. ~~Thanks~~ H Is afraid that self interest is the motive that guides the people in voting rather than a judgment as to the right or wrong.

Mr W. Hitchcock. L.C.M.
Borough Market

GBA
30/6/99

The Man

His district

Some poor streets &c

31/1 & 2

Mr W. Hitchcock. L. C. M.
9. Park Street, Borough. S.E.

Mr H. is a magnificent specimen of an old man. Big, broad shouldered, with a massive head crowned with a quantity of snow white curly hair. A beaming face and bright twinkling eyes that belied the evidence of the white mutton chops, whiskers, mustache & hair. He has been 16 years in the L.C.M. working the whole time in the immediate neighbourhood: for 10 years in St Peter's Parish & then moving a little eastward to the Borough Market. He has a minute knowledge of the district & people.

His district is bounded by Borough High Street on the east, St Margarets Court on the south, Emerson Street on west & the Thames.

His district is not extremely poor. The poorest bit is Winchester House, a tenement bldg at the corner of Stoney Street. This house harbours a lot of bad folk - come & go in the night - do not pay rent

St Saviours Charities

Barclay's Pensions

The Brewery & the Market

rent & are continually changing. St Margarets Court is poor: of 107 families 31 are those of widows. Some of these are here owing to the charities of St Saviours. Within the last three years the Charity Commissioners have taken these in hand. A number now get 3/6 a week for provisionally for 3 years but it will be permanent if they are well behaved. There are also a number of widows receiving pensions from Barclay Perkins & Co. These live near as they have to draw their pensions (6/- a week) at the Brewery on Fridays.

For the rest, the people are not poor, except some in Park Street dwellings. Many men employed in the Brewery & there is a tendency for these men to monopolised the dwellings the brewery buying up the houses. In this way Bridge Place, Southwark Bridge Road has improved. Park Place & Castle Street are coming down for extensions.

The district is dominated by the brewery and the Borough Market. 670 men are employed at the Brewery and a large number of porters in the market. The Brewery people are very strict on the drunk question. Wages were 34/- and a gallon

Visitation of district

The Market Porters

of beer; now they have the option of 30/- & no beer. Dismissal is the penalty for taking beer when not entitled to it. A carman was discharged quite recently for this. Says nearly all the Barclay's are total abstainers. They have a Mission Hall on the premises & a paid missionary (Mr Hanson, Park St) adjoining Southwark Br Rd.

~~Mr~~ On the district 237 visitable families live and about 3000 men are employed in the market. Three days Mr H. devotes to house to house visitation & 3 to market work - Is in the market at all sorts of times; 4 a.m. etc. The men are of two classes. The regular men employed by the salemen, of whom each would have at least 2, and the casuals. These are a very indifferent set - the refuse of other callings. The poorest live off the Old Kent Road and Long Lane. Many also live in the Lodging house & S.A. shelter. A class of men that "if you lift them up to-day they would be down again tomorrow".

Gets on well with these men. Knows them nearly all & can stop a row by standing at

his

N Building used

Meetings held

this door. A great change has taken place in the market. At one time the language was very bad: swearing is stopped now.

Mrs H. occupies a shop close to the market, living in the upper floors and using the shop as a mission room. Can seat 99 "tried hard but could get the hundredth in". Took piano out & had small harmonium to make more room.

Gospel service Sunday evening - generally crowded.

Sunday afternoon 2.45. Open air meeting in the courts. Bible class for adults in winter average 27.

Mothers meeting 110 on books.

Wednesday. 8. Gospel service. Goes thro' book of the Bible. A kind of bible reading. 23 men beside women last week. Counts the men: it is them he wants to get.

Band of Hope 193 children. Temperance Lodge 47 men.

The attendants "are chiefly people I have been the means of raising from the gutter. Sometimes I ask them to join a church and so get them out to as I want to get others."

Persons employed

Has plenty of workers, including 8 of his own family grown up.

No relief is given except thro' the soup kitchen in winter. Childrens dinners (for which they pay ½d) are provided by the Childrens Dinner Society.

St Saviours Church is the only other religious agency on the district. Not doing much local work now. Never finds a visitor about, nor do they care much for the poor. Get a good congregation of people, coming from a distance to the cathedral. St Peters Church is not doing much.

Drink is not so prevalent amongst men but has increased amongst women. You might be here (e.g. the Market) a week & not see a drunken man.

The district has considerably improved since Mr H. has been here. A sergeant of police asked him:- "When are you going to put a missionary on further down" (e.g. South of St Margarets Court). "We have no trouble in your district now".

A great improvement has also taken place in the district north of Sumner St (Moss Alley &c.). Police only went there in ~~two~~ couples. The first missionary appointed ran away after three weeks; sent his journals to the office & was not heard of again. Mr H. went there in 1864 & remained to 1894, meeting with terrible opposition at first: dog tore his trousers off on one occasion, whilst his life was threatened several times. Place was changed before he ~~left~~ left it & it has changed more since by the removal of some of the cottages. Now anybody can go down with safety.

Mr Hitchcock appears to have been very successful ~~a~~amongst the market porters. A winning disposition, and great tact have given him a power with these men. He tries to gain the friendship of the men, visiting them when sick. His attitude is shown in a remark somewhat similar to that made by Mr Coles. "The missionary is bound to get on: he is everybody's friend".

Borough Market Mission,

9, *PARK STREET, SOUTHWARK.*

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE LONDON CITY MISSION.

CASH STATEMENT
AND LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1898.

With a short Account of some of the work done.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:

MR. A. PARKER

Committee:

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„ FRY
„ NICHOLLS
„ A. W. WELLS
MR. ROBSON
„ ROBINSON
„ SIGGS
„ JOSEPH WELLS.
„ HIAM

Missionary:

MR. HITCHCOCK.

ASH & Co., Ltd., Printers, 42, Southwark Street, S.E.

The Committee gratefully report that the work of the Mission is prosecuted with unabated energy, and that the good (both spiritual and temporal) received by those who are the objects of its solicitude is in a large measure due to the many friends who have helped in the work, by financial assistance or personal service.

Some of the work done during the past year is as follows:

House to house visitation on the district; reading the Scriptures in the homes 2,075 times; 27,600 books and tracts distributed; 21,050 visits to men in and around the Market and in their homes.

10 death beds have been visited by the Missionary.

204 Indoor Services has been held and well attended.

7 persons have been induced to attend a place of Worship.

104 Open Air Services in the courts and alleys have been well attended.

The hungry and poor were relieved during the Winter, their extreme need being ascertained by the personal visitation of the Missionary.

During the Winter months 4,569 dinners were distributed in the Mission Hall, consisting of bread, soup and pudding; 4,069 of these were to children, 197 were to the aged and sick, and 303 were to men out of work. 10 sacks of coal were distributed, and 10 poor families were provided with Christmas dinners in their homes.

70 loaves of bread were also distributed to the poor, and nourishment sent to the sick.

The Mothers' Sewing Class, Band of Hope, and other meetings are well sustained.

The Annual Summer Excursions ("Mothers' Meeting" and "Band of Hope") were successfully carried out—a most enjoyable day being spent on each occasion; 21 poor adult invalids were provided with 21 days' holiday at the seaside during convalescence; 47 poor children were sent to the country for two weeks.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Borough Market Trust for their liberal support, also to a number of the Salesmen for gifts of vegetables, &c.; to Mrs. Peach for defraying the expense of sending 32 poor children to the country for 14 days; to friends for surgical aid and hospital letters; and to the subscribers generally.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Ablitt, Hy.	1	1	0
A Friend, per W. H. ...	2	2	0
Ash & Co.	0	10	0
Bailey, Pegg & Co	1	0	6
Bakers, White & Co. ...	0	5	0
Barber & Co.	0	10	0
Bath, Stratton & Kelsey ...	1	1	0
Borough Market Trust ...	10	10	0
Cadbury, G.	1	1	0
Cartwright, H.	0	5	0
Causton, R. K.	5	5	0
Dalton & Morgan	0	10	0
Denny & Co....	2	0	0
Dodds, M. E.	0	5	6
Evans & Co.	0	5	0
Fennings Wharf, Proprietors of	1	0	0
Field & Sons...	1	0	6
Frank, F.	5	5	0
Fry, H. J.	1	1	0
Gaskain, D. H.	0	5	0
Hayward, Bros. & Eckstein, Ltd.	1	0	6
Harris, Mr.	0	10	0
Hearon, Squire & Co. ...	0	10	6
Hedgman, W. S.	1	1	0
Johnson & Lovett	1	1	0
Keiller & Sons	2	2	0
Lockharts	1	0	0
Carried forward ...	42	7	6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	42	7	6
Livett Frank & Son ...	1	0	0
London Joint Stock Bank (Southwark Branch) ..	0	10	6
Matthews & Sons	0	15	0
Morris & Co.	2	12	0
Nicholls, J. S.	0	10	0
Noakes, J. T. & Co. ...	1	6	0
Parkes, Son & Ayling ...	0	15	6
Pattenden & Smith	0	10	0
Petty, Wood & Co.... ...	1	11	0
Reynolds, F. W. & Co. ...	1	0	0
Rhodes & Sons	0	10	6
Riddle & Couchman ...	0	10	0
Rider & Son	1	0	0
Robson, Thos.	0	10	6
Robson, W. & T.	0	10	6
Sadler, Firth & Ross ...	0	10	0
Siggs & Co.	0	10	0
Smith, John	0	5	0
South Metropolitan Gas Co.	1	11	0
Wigans & Cosier	2	2	0
Willcox, W. H. & Co., Ltd.	1	11	0
Woolloton & Son	1	0	0
Wright, Layman & Co. ...	1	0	0
Youlden, J.	0	10	0
	£64	18	0

CASH STATEMENT for Year ending April, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	17	14	4½
Subscriptions and Donations	64	18	0
L. C. M., for Gas	2	12	0
I. O. G. T.	2	0	0
Children's Dinner Pence	5	3	0
Destitute Children's Dinner Society ...	15	0	0
Proceeds of Concert	4	0	0
£111	7	4½	

	£	s.	d.
Rent and Insurance of Hall, less Tax ...	43	18	3
Rates and Taxes	6	0	9
Water	0	8	0
Gas	13	10	6
Deficits on Excursions	4	14	2
Soup Dinners to Poor Children and Adults	29	5	4
Coals	1	4	0
Printing Reports	0	17	6
Surrey Dispensary Subscription	2	2	0
Balance forward	9	6	10½
£111	7	4½	

Audited and found correct, THOS. ROBSON, A. W. WELLS, } *Auditors.*

At the time of printing this Report, the above balance in hand has been entirely exhausted, and money is owing to the Treasurer, besides another quarter's rent being over due. Funds are required to continue the work. Kind Friends please help!

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Christian —— April 7. 1898

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Earnest and sympathetic words followed by Rev. G. Kerry, Rev. A. W. Evans, Messrs. Hughes, Benson, Joseph Merry, Pewtress, and Dannell.

Mr. Denny's offer of £10 if nine others would give a like amount was responded to by several, and nearly £70 were raised. Mr. Meyer urged that a united sale of work by ladies from Regent's Park Chapel and Christ Church should be held in the autumn to clear off the debt.

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Building used

Workers Employed

Meetings Held

Gun Street Bldgs, she did not go into, considering them unsafe for a woman.

The Mission is a light airy building erected about 2 years ago. It contain a hall seating 200 on the first floor & two large rooms below, while apartments for the caretaker are built at the back.

They are short of workers, having only some 6 teachers; some young men come from Regents Park Chapel to conduct the services. They hope that some of the young people growing up in the Christian Band will soon be available.

Sunday School. About 80 children - poor but not shoeless.
" Service 7pm. About 50 now but 80 to 100 in winter.
Mothers' Meetings About 20 on Monday afternoon and 70 on Wednesday evening.
Tuesday. Girls Sewing class (about 60) followed by Christian Band (20 members) Meeting & later in evening Working Girls Sewing class (About 20). These are taken by Miss M. who had the same story to tell as others about the girls lack of knowledge of needlework and distaste for it. Buy their things ready made. Here they buy material & make their own things.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

St Alphege

Thursday 8.15. Gospel Service.
" Band of Hope. Also hold open air meetings outside the Hall

Visitation is entirely by the two ladies & is almost entirely to the sick.
Some Charitable help is given, but they have no fund & all practically comes from Miss Martin's pocket. They also send a few women & children to Holiday Homes.

I mentioned St Alphege's Church, which has a mission room facing the Hope Mission. They are extremely high & try get their children away by the gift of a suit of clothes &c. Have a good congregation on Sunday but not from the parish. The late vicar (Calcutt) used to drink and had to be sent away, suffering from D.T.'s; at least the servants say so. Miss Martin also referred to the church as Jesuitical. She attended a week night service during a mission. About 50 people there. The sermon was evangelical. might have been preached in a chapel but the

Miss Martin

The Good Influence Club

cloven hoof appeared in the after meeting when the Missioner explained the meaning of salvation as confession, penance and absolution by a priest. She also said that the people came from outside the district.

At the end of half an hours talk Miss W. had to go to take the Band of Hope, and left me to await Miss Martin's arrival. She came shortly after: a tall old lady with a pallid worn face; dressed in black. One to whom you naturally apply the adjective "good".

She told me briefly of the early days of the Mission in Nelson Square, the facts of which are given in the cutting from the Christian but did not add much as to the working of the place.

She wore a small silver monogram badge with the letters G. I. C. This means the Good Influence Club. It is a society originated by Mrs Palmer of Reading and is intended primarily for elder girls. Each is supplied with a small pledge book & obtains as many signatures as she can. A quarterly meeting is held: the number enrolled by

by each member during the quarter is compared & the one obtaining the most signatures has a prize. Started a branch here in January. The new members also meet & are supplied with books & then the 'snowball' principle is introduced.

The change from Nelson Square to Friar Street led to an increase in the Sunday services but a decrease in the Mothers' meeting. The mission is growing slowly. They see some results of their work - Family opposite keeping a shop nearly opposite the Hall have come, as a results of the man's conversion.

The work of the Mission is almost entirely amongst the women & children and depends almost entirely on Miss Martin and her secretary. The future is thus very uncertain & I think it probable that it will fall into the hands of Mr Meyer.

Dr R. Foster Owen

Lambeth Medical Mission

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The Mission Premises

Persons Employed

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London Medical Mission, Lambeth Branch
Dispensary: 78 Oakley Street, Lambeth. S.E.
Interview with Dr R. Foster Owen, the Medical Supt.

An interview ~~with~~ arranged with Dr Soltau, the General Supt of the Mission. On going to the Mission I found that he had unexpectedly been called away. Dr Owen offered to give me some time then but as some 80 patients were waiting to see him I arranged to come later.

This branch was only started about 2 years ago but in that short space, it has out-grown the parent as will be seen by the statistics of attendances on the next page.

The premises consist of a shop, used as a dispensary; a long hall at back used as waiting room; on the first floor is a dressing room & the consulting room. The second floor is occupied by the caretaker.

Beside the Medical directors (who take alternate days at St Giles & Lambeth), a dispenser is engaged as well as a lady supt (honorary) & 8 nurses, some of whom

Statistics

Dr Ewen - Lambeth Med. Mission

whom are training for medical mission work.

DISPENSARY,

33 & 34, Short's Gardens, Endell Street, St. Giles.

Cases admitted during the year 1898 ..	2,425
Attendances at Dispensary	7,514
Visits of Physicians to Sick at Home ..	2,694
Visits of Nurses to Sick at Home	4,841

LAMBETH DISPENSARY,

78, Oakley Street, Lambeth.

Cases admitted during the Year 1898 ..	4,456
Attendance at Dispensary	15,532
Visits of Physicians to Sick at Home ..	3,169
Visits of Nurses to Sick at Home	2,695

Total cases since commencement of Mission, May 22nd, 1871	129,823
Total Attendances at Dispensaries	461,214
„ Visits of Medical Missionaries to Sick at Home.	110,103

CONVALESCENT HOME,

Netley Cottage, Claremont Road, Folkestone.

Number of Admissions during the year 1898	230
Total „ since the opening, in May, 1876	3,162

HOLIDAY HOUSE,

Brasted Chart, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Number of Admissions during the year 1898	236
Total „ since the opening, in May, 1878	6,141

Dr. Owen and Nurses, Lambeth.

The area served

Calling back at 1·30, I found the doctor still busy with the patients, so after waiting a short time I left & returning on Saturday morning caught him in the midst of dressing cases. He is emphatically a busy man, talks rapidly and gets through his cases quickly. A sympathetic ~~and~~ man, who evidently does not spare himself.

The Mission is open daily as under:

78, Oakley Street, Lambeth.

MONDAY.—Penny Bank	7.30 p.m.	
MONDAY.—Medical Mission, for Men Only	8.0 ,,	30 to 40 men
TUESDAY.—Patients' Meetings	10.0 a.m.	
WEDNESDAY.—Medical Mission to Factory Girls	8.0 p.m.	About 100 in the winter.
FRIDAY.—Patients' Meeting	10.0 a.m.	
DAILY.—Surgical Dressings and Emergencies	10.0 ,,	

The patients come from a radius of half a mile of the Mission, a few from greater distances, even as far as Peckham. The great bulk however are close at hand. Glancing through the book, the adjoining streets constantly recur - Johanna St, Webber St, Jubilee Bldgs, Gloucester St, Dennis Bldgs &c.

All are poor

All are poor, judging by their dress. Women dressed in rusty black (dresses) and other dowdy garments; children rather better clad than their parents but unmistakeably poor. Of those I saw on Friday only two young women could be said to be tidily dressed. They wore short cloth jackets & straw hats (white). On Saturday morning the sight was even more distasteful as not only was the clothing poor but most had some part of the body, head or hands ~~bandaged~~ bandaged. Children with heads & hands tied up; a few men and a large number of women. about 40 in all.

On the "Mission mornings" each patient receives a disc numbered consecutively on entering & the doctor is seen in order of the numbers. The door is closed at 10 am & a short service is held - about ~~½~~ an hour, after which the patients are seen. The doctor gives each a card as on the next page, the prescription being marked on the back. This is handed to the dispenser with a penny to obtain the medicines. Whilst watching the people, I remarked to the caretaker about the long ~~watch~~ wait which those holding the higher

higher numbers had. "Oh" said he "I after the meeting I let those with the high numbers go home so that they can get their husbands' dinners &c". They prefer the Mission to the Hospitals as they have to wait longe there & are not allowed to leave the waiting rooms" A dentist attends one day a week.

PRESCRIPTION CARD.

LONDON MEDICAL MISSION,

Dispensary: 78, Oakley Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

Name..... *Age*.....

Address.....

Date.....

NOTES:

This Dispensary is open to the *Sick Poor* on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 30 a.m., closing at 10 a.m., and Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m for those able to attend. Those unable to do so, may be seen at their homes in this district by leaving a message before 10 a.m.

Patients will bring One Penny each time they come for Medicine. Medicine Bottles, One Penny Each.

Keep this Card clean, and *always bring it*. New Card, One Penny if lost.

R. FOSTER OWEN, M.R.C.P., *Branch Superintendent.*

"LOOK UNTO ME AND BE YE SAVED."

"The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all Sin."

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE HELD AT

The Medical Mission,

78, OAKLEY STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

MONDAY ... ... FOR MEN, *punctually*, 8 P.M.
TUESDAY ... ... ALL WELCOME, 10 A.M.
WEDNESDAY ... ... FOR FACTORY GIRLS, *punctually*, 8 P.M.
FRIDAY ... ... ALL WELCOME, 10 A.M.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

"They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

Back of this card is used for prescriptions.

Ailments due to Bad Feeding,
Dirt & Drink.

Visitation of Homes

Charitable Relief

Relation with Churches cordial

The men and girls seen at the night meetings are those at work; others being obliged to come during the day.

The diseases are largely those due to mal nutrition & the condition of the homes. Children are fed on potatoes. Homes are dirty; bulk of those visited are one room tenements. Some cases due to drink. The people will leave here and go and sit in the public house. Amongst the men and girls seen at night, cases are most due to conditions of work. Lung trouble owing to inhalation of dust.

The nurses visit cases at the homes and do what they can for the people; will tidy their rooms; make them clean, light fire &c.

Relief is given in the form of nourishments. In 1898 this cost £24.14 of which £19 was for milk. In deciding on these cases he consults Mrs Shenard (?) a local lady guardian. She lives in the district & knows the people.

The relations with the neighbouring churches are very friendly. Workers come from

Mr Meyer

St Mary's church, St Pauls & St Thomas to assist in the work on different days and the Missions endeavours to attach the people to some place of worship when they have influenced them for good.

The work of the Mission is still growing rapidly. While the attendances at the Mission averaged 300 a week for the year 1898; they have averaged quite 500 a week for the past 4 months. An effort is being made to obtain more commodious premises and negociations are nearly completed for the acquisition of three houses in Astley Street. The intention is to build new premises on the site specially fitted for the medical work.

The Report for 1898 and one of the Occasional Papers are placed with the material.

The Mission and its workers are imbued with the evangelical spirit. One of their principles is never to incur debt & this has been strictly adhered to. Dr Owen says that in several cases attendance at the Mission has led to a changed life - one case at Lambeth is given in the Occasional Paper. Whatever its influence as a religious agency, it is most certainly the means of alleviating much sickness & suffering in the district

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Interview with the Rev. Frederick Allen, Blackfriars Mission and Stamford Street Chapel, (Unitarian) – June 30 – J.A.

Mr Allen is a dark, short, elderly man, quite bald on top, but with full black beard and a plentiful growth of hair at the sides and back of the head, both hair and beard turning grey. He is slow of speech & manner and is not an attractive or energetic personality. He has only been here a year & a half.

Stamford Street chapel is one of the cradles of Unitarianism and Nonconformity, and some of the most prominent men in the movement are included in its rather small, select congregation. Of late years it has run a Mission in the New but, but the chapel and mission are now carried on in the one building, and the New but premises have passed to the Wesleyans, who run there a branch of their South Central Mission.

Mr A. was at a loss how to answer our first question. "Very mixed, but generally poor" I suggested.

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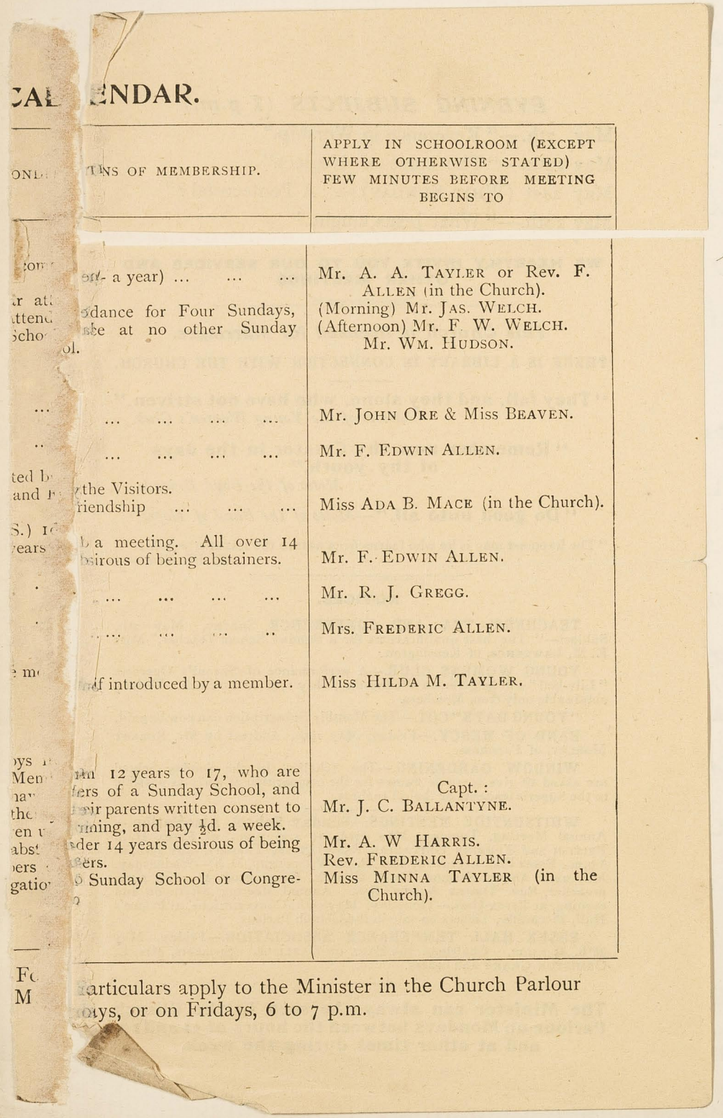

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..	... ...	Mr. F. EDWIN ALLEN.
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.	... ...	Mr. R. J. GREGG.
.	... ...	Mrs. FREDERIC ALLEN.
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Fo... M... ...articulars apply to the Minister in the Church Parlour ...ays, or on Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Persons employed

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Services and Meetings

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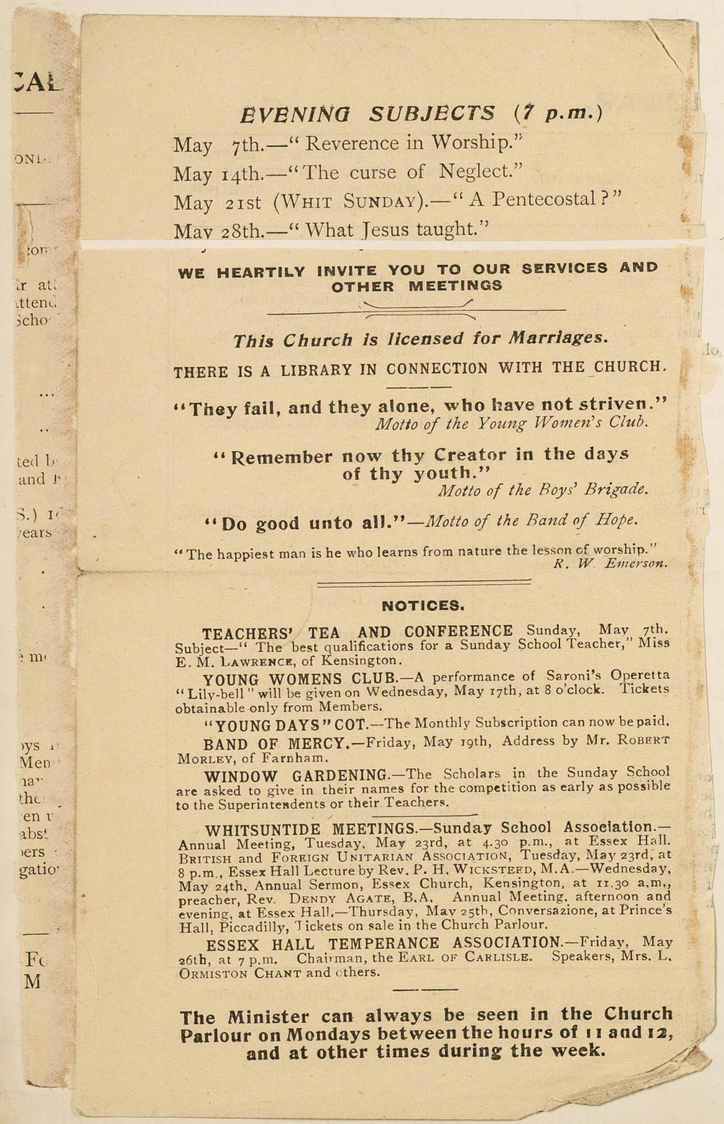

EVENING SUBJECTS (7 p.m.)

May 7th.—"Reverence in Worship."
May 14th.—"The curse of Neglect."
May 21st (WHIT SUNDAY).—"A Pentecostal?"
May 28th.—"What Jesus taught."

WE HEARTILY INVITE YOU TO OUR SERVICES AND OTHER MEETINGS

This Church is licensed for Marriages.

THERE IS A LIBRARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH.

"They fail, and they alone, who have not striven."
Motto of the Young Women's Club.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."
Motto of the Boys' Brigade.

"Do good unto all."—*Motto of the Band of Hope.*

"The happiest man is he who learns from nature the lesson of worship."
R. W. Emerson.

NOTICES.

TEACHERS' TEA AND CONFERENCE Sunday, May 7th. Subject—"The best qualifications for a Sunday School Teacher," Miss E. M. LAWRENCE, of Kensington.

YOUNG WOMENS CLUB.—A performance of Saroni's Operetta "Lily-bell" will be given on Wednesday, May 17th, at 8 o'clock. Tickets obtainable only from Members.

"YOUNG DAYS" COT.—The Monthly Subscription can now be paid.

BAND OF MERCY.—Friday, May 19th, Address by Mr. ROBERT MORLEY, of Farnham.

WINDOW GARDENING.—The Scholars in the Sunday School are asked to give in their names for the competition as early as possible to the Superintendents or their Teachers.

WHITSUNTIDE MEETINGS.—Sunday School Association.—Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 23rd, at 4.30 p.m., at Essex Hall. BRITISH and FOREIGN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION, Tuesday, May 23rd, at 8 p.m., Essex Hall Lecture by Rev. P. H. WICKSTEED, M.A.—Wednesday, May 24th, Annual Sermon, Essex Church, Kensington, at 11.30 a.m., preacher, Rev. DENDY AGATE, B.A. Annual Meeting, afternoon and evening, at Essex Hall,—Thursday, May 25th, Conversazione, at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, Tickets on sale in the Church Parlour.

ESSEX HALL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.—Friday, May 26th, at 7 p.m. Chairman, the EARL OF CARLISLE. Speakers, Mrs. L. ORMISTON CHANT and others.

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"We have a considerable number connected with us in other ways, but we can't get them on Sundays. It's a very singular thing, but they wont come on Sundays." There is the same complaint all round, he believes. They crowd the Saturday night concerts in winter: they use the clubs, the banks, &c, in large numbers, but on Sunday you see nothing of them.

It will be seen from the list that there are the usual agencies. Mothers meeting and Sunday Schools (200 children & 25 teachers) go pretty well, but both have suffered by removal from the 'but'. The children's happy evenings are made educational by the introduction of classes for drawing, shorthand sewing, calisthenics and elocution. The schoolroom is used on week days for a middle class school run privately, but is available for the general evening and Sunday work.

Provident Bank

The social work has 2 special features: a Provident Bank and a Summer Cottage. The Bank, altho' giving no interest, is a great success, the secret of which is that the money is collected at

"TAKE CARE OF THE PENCE

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Summer Cottage →

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Stamford Street Chapel, S.E., Summer Cottage.

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the homes of the depositors by lady volunteers. The Bank which started in 1886, collected in that year £8-12, from about 100 depositors. Last year it got in £674 from 1074 persons, the money being taken in 21,035 separate amounts. The money may be drawn out any Friday, notice being given to the collector on the previous Monday. There are usually heavy draws before the Bank holidays and at Christmas nearly all goes, but Mr A. believes it is mostly spent very usefully – in clothes & other necessaries.

The Summer bottage is a purely charitable affair, but those who can afford it are expected to pay their own fares. Mr A. found this was not being insisted on when he came and that people earning £3 a week had had all expenses paid for them. Last year 40 families, containing 200 individuals, were given a week or fortnights stay, the people being usually selected from the different meetings. Here is the admission card and rules. It is very difficult to enforce the rule as to cleanliness. Some leave the place in a most dirty state. The rent

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Summer Cottage →

— RULES —

FOR THE

SUMMER COTTAGE.

1. Inmates must keep their rooms **clean**, and also take their share in **cleaning the stairs and lavatory.**

2. They must be indoors at night not later than ten o'clock. This Rule must be observed by **all.**

3. They must be strictly sober. Any one infringing this rule will be sent home.

4. Friends of inmates, desiring to visit them, must intimate their wish to the Rev. Frederic Allen at the above address.

5. On the day of departure **they must vacate their rooms by mid-day** (12 o'clock), so that they can be made ready for the next arrivals.

FREDERIC ALLEN.

Visiting

of the house, which will accomodate 2 or 3 families, at a time, is paid by some ladies.

The minister goes when he knows he is wanted. Although the Bank forms a very good introduction to the people's homes, they do not proslytise or force themselves in any way. He knows that some of the depositors are Catholics and that some belong to other Churches, but no questions are ever asked. But if they know that a person goes nowhere they may give them an invitation. Such visiting as he does seems practically to be to those who have applied for help. Then he goes at unexpected times.

Charitable relief

A fairly large amount seems to be given in one way or another, but it is not given indiscriminately. They try all they can not to pauperize, and to avoid overlapping. Aged people are helped in the way thought best, and usually in kind, but to cadgers they will not give. Of all the cases they have assisted this year, only one has been reported as having been relieved anywhere else.

Estimate of work.

A register of cases relieved in West Southwark is kept at the Boro' Road Polytechnic and all churches or other relief agencies are asked, with a view to prevent overlapping, to report every case they relieve. He understands that some of the churches are not very willing to do this, having a system of giving doles in order to get hold of the people- not that they really do so. Miss Lubbock, the Sec.y of this registry, should be seen.

This chapel is doing, in a limited way, a useful social work, but its religious influence on the locality is of the smallest. Indeed (knowing some of the more prominent of its supporters well) I doubt if it really aspires to be a religious influence, and, even if it did, the intellectuality of Unitarianism can have no attraction for the illiterate masses.

The report of the Mission for 1898 will be found with the material for District 31

Mr Jas. Caine. L.C.M.
Friar Street District

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Mr James Caine. London City Missionary.
56 Friar Street, Borough. S.E.

Mr Caines is a stout, big built man of about 35.. Full face, small mustache, puffy features; and a generally unhealthy appearance. Somewhat reserved at first, he talked freely after the ice was broke. Has been here 4 years; succeeded an active earnest man, upon whom the horrors of the neighbourhood pressed so heavily that he broke down. Mr Caine will not fail in the same way, being of a very phlegmatic disposition.

The District is bounded by Friar Street, Southwark Bridge Road, Borough Road & Lancaster Street. It contains some of the poorest & worst streets of South London and a part of St Alphege's parish.

Like Miss Martin, Mr C reckons Minerva Street the worst 'for poverty & crime'. Costers, a number of prostitutes from the Strand, kept women &c. On one side the houses have 5 rooms & most of them contain 5 families; very few have but four. The L.C.C Dwellings "are fine". Have respectable people in. A good many postmen.

The District

Description of Streets.

The Characters of the People

Gambling propensities

Gun St Bldgs. About half the men go to the waterside for work; the other half live on the immoral gains of the women & thieving.

Francis Place - very respectable.

Bean Street. A floating lot of people: broker shifts them. Some come from the Drury Lane clearances. Two roomed houses with one family in each, but some are enormously large. e.g. one of 12 including two ~~Irish~~ elder sons aged 22 & 24; another consists of father, mother, 4 children, a donkey & a pony!

Upper Green Sheet. Most in regular employment, carmen but all drunkards. Worse now than ever. Fight & rows nearly every night.

Minor Place. Decent but poor. Widows doing box & tie making.

King James's Shed. Respectable on south side, near Minor Place. On North side some fishermen (3) live. Home from Saturday to Monday. Gilbert Bldgs (1-4). A bad lot & extremely poor.
Friar Shed.

~~The~~ Lancaster Sheet is the best sheet in the district.

He gave an appalling picture of the degraded moral tone of the people with the resulting ~~scenes~~ brutality, drunkenness, vice & crime. Gambling is prevalent. One Sunday last October, 30 police raided the district with indifferent success. The following Sunday, only two plain clothes men were about but

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with others in call. The men were gambling in the lobbies of Gun St Bldgs but were induced to go into the open by the deputy. Here the police pounced on them. A battle royal ensued. The inhabitants rained pots, pans & every conceivable missile on the police & their prisoner, from windows & roofs. who was eventually taken away streaming with blood, whilst the roadway was like a shambles - a mixture of mud & gore. The man got 6 months for gambling & 2 for assaulting the police - has just come out & vows he will kill the deputy.

The language used is fearful. Sometimes when he is speaking to a mixed audience in the Hall, he scarcely knows how to proceed owing to the filthy talk of some quarrelling people outside. A few Sundays ago, whilst the Sunday school was in session, a man and woman were quarrelling outside The man ~~knocked~~ punched the woman, knocking her against the window, & breaking the glass, altho' it was protected by iron bars.

As to morality. two or three examples will suffice altho' many could be given. In one tenement a brother

Filthy talk

Sexual Morality

Crowding

The Visitation

and sister are living as man+wife. They have three children + their mother lives with them.

Whilst visiting Sussex House, he found a man beating a girl of 18. He pinned the man to the ~~walls~~, telling him to hit a man. The girl explained that her father was beating her because she brought no money home on the previous night. It was a wet night + she had been on the streets but unsuccessfully. She was the ~~habitual~~ eldest of 6 children + this life was habitual the father beating her when she did not bring home money. In this same house two families occupy one room, with a chalk line across the floor to delimit each family's territory.

In the District, he reckons about 1000 visitable families + he takes about 3 months covering the ~~ground~~ ground. Gives religious literature to all but can seldom get religious conversation with the people. They will talk about other things but as soon as he commences religious talk they find they are busy.

Building used

Persons Employed

Services held

The Mission Hall is a transformed shop seating about 150. Mr Cairie living in the upper part of the house.

He has about 50 helpers, including a temperance committee of 20 men + 8 S.S. teachers. Has a brass band.

Sunday School. 3pm. About 150 on books. Attendance about 100. A poor lot: with old hats and trousers tied on with string. Children that won't be received anywhere else "Just the sort I want; churches and chapels are for the others".

Open Air meetings at 6 pm. + 8 pm on the district.

Gospel Service at 7 pm. Uncomfortably full in the winter, sitting on stairs etc. Last sunday. 75.

Monday 6. Penny Bank 86 depositors. Save for holidays + boots.

7.30 to 9 pm Mothers' Meeting. 50 on books.

Average attendance - 33.

Tuesday 8 to 9 Bible class 40 adults men + women. The best in the neighbourhood.

Wednesday 3 pm Another Mother's Meeting. Average about 40. Taken by a lady from Bromley.

Thursday 8 pm Gospel Temperance Society. About 100 at this time of the year.

Saturday 8 pm Prayer meeting.

Charitable Relief

Other Visitors in the district — St Alphege

St Georgé's Presbyterian

St Alphege & its Vicar

Including treats, they give away "at least £100" a year. Take 300 to Hampton Court; send about 30 to convalescent homes and pay for those who are too poor to pay for themselves. Also give about 200 hospital letters. Some of this relief ~~&~~ certainly does not appear in the Report, which only gives £36 under these heads. Gives to cases of accident, sickness & out of work.

The Kilburn Sisters from St Alphege are the only people he knows visiting on the district, except in one street, where some ladies from St George's Presbyterian Church leave tracts. Dr Raitt the minister has gone - had softening of the brain.

Of the Vicar of St Alphege (Rev Calcott) he gave the same reason for his resignation as Miss Martin. e.g. D.T's. He was always drunk. One of the women came to Mr Caine & told him she had been for a "proper sort of excursion". Then she told him how the vicar, when they had gone out had taken some 20 of them in, saying "Come on, I will pay for a pot for you".

Very few of the people attend the church and in those who do there is no more spiritual religion than

in the heel of my boot". Their influence is through the charity given; some £1000 a year being given for the poor in St Alphege. Costers who had got drunk & spent their stock money would go to Calcott & get help.

They are very high. Mr Caine is a churchman & when he came on the district he went to Calcott & said he should like to attend the communion there. Mr Calcott said that he would "rather ~~he~~ you do not unless you come to confession first" He would not do this & so has attended St Michael's Land Steet (Rev Longdon)

St Michaels is moderately high and but poorly attended. Sunday morning there will be about 30 children & 7 or 8 adults.

Mr Dodd (L.C.M) on the Land St district - does visitation & nothing else. Has no hall.

The Hope Mission does not visit. Miss Martin has influence and does good work; principally amongst the women. The women attending her mothers' meetings have rewards for regular attendance, these bounties being nicely graduated from a blanket for full attendance (for 6 months I think).

St Michaels Church

The Hope Mission

"Make them pay for the excursions & they drop off"

to an apron for a much more limited record.

Here, responding to the question "Do any of your mothers go?" Mr Caine said "Yes, that is the dance of it" and went off into a dissertation on mothers' meetings. Altho' the ladies have two at his mission, he does not believe in them a little bit. The women attend for what they can get and do not care about the service. Occasionally he has to speak to the mothers but he does not like to do it. He cannot preach to them: he knows they are thinking "I wish he would leave off & let us go home". They have got all they want. He knows one old women who by skilfully arranging her time attends 10 mothers meetings a week and gets 10 Christmas dinners and 10 excursions every year. She came to Mr Caine, a little while ago bemoaning her misfortune: two of her mothers meetings were going for their excursion on the same day & to the same place so the poor old soull is defrauded out of one excursion. The old lady gets the Cowper Charity of 10/- a quarter & some bread. & remainder of her living

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from the meetings.
is probably derived. "Do you ever help her" said I remorselessly. "Well yes, occasionally", he confessed" she is such a nice tidy old lady, about 70, and speaks so nicely that it is hard always to refuse her". So the old lady levies occasional tribute.

The system of bribery seems general; the difference is one of degree. A bible class at St Alphege is run on this line - rewards for attendance. The women had to drop a ticket in a box to register their attendance. Some got their friends to drop their tickets in & this grew to such an extent that the box was abolished & the tickets are now collected. Men get a suit, women a dress, whilst a family will get ~~a apron~~ so many pounds of meat.

The prospects on the district, Mr C. regards as bad. You can absolutely make no impression. The people come to you for hospital letters or when in trouble but that is all. The lads as they grow up join the army - thinks the district provides as many recruits to the Army as any in London. The girls become tie-makers, box-makers & office cleaners, whilst large numbers go on the street.

At the Mission they have conversion but the best cases come from outside the district. Many sign the temperance pledge but only a small proportion keep it.

Of Mr Caine's work is a curious study. On his own showing he is doing nothing on the district yet he has a remarkably minute knowledge of the people and has succeeded in nearly filling his hall and gathering a good band of these rough people together. I think his work is more effective than he thinks. He is a fearless man; able to hold his own with the rough people he meets and this fact no doubt gives him greater power with these people than he suspects.

Certainly he needs this courage. He showed me a piece of iron railing about 18 inches long. It was thrown at him from the opposite side of the street by a man to whom he had refused relief. He was talking to a policeman outside the hall as the missile came. Both stepped aside & the iron crashed through the glass window into the hall.

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Friar St. Mission Hall

(LONDON CITY MISSION),

56, Friar Street, Borough, S.E.

THE

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ending 1897-8.

Our Motto: "BE THOROUGH."

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(LONDON CITY MISSION),

56, FRIAR STREET, BOROUGH, S.E.

The Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1897—1898.

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W. H. Seagram, Esq., 86, Piccadilly, W.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. W. Dodge, B.A. | Fred Story, Esq.
Travers Buxton, Esq. | Thomas Dence, Esq.

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Mr. W. J. Bigwood. | Mr. A. H. Dence.
Mr. R. H. Tyrer. | Mr. M. E. Chisholm.
Mr. Thomas Vicary. | Mr. W. A. Carley.
Mr. James Caine.

Local Superintendent.—A. H. Dence, Esq., Kingsbury House, Shortlands.

Treasurer.—Mr. J. W. Chisholm, 8, Kennington Park Road, S.E.

Secretary.—Mr. C. L. Jones, 81, Elms Road, Clapham Common, S.W.

GENERAL SIR ROBERT PHAYRE, G.C.B.,

Our Late Lamented President.

REPORT.

The Mission is quite a bee-hive of spiritual industry, and is situate in one of the very worst parts of the great city, where on a small area live twelve hundred families or about six thousand souls, in a degree of abject degradation, moral and physical, unparalleled in any other part of London. The criminals, drunkards, men who live on the immoral gain of loose women, thieves and the men who are trying to escape justice, as well as the respectable but poor citizens, live here in a confused mass, and are fairly free from observation. It is an almost perfect example of pandemonium.

The Mission Hall in Friar Street is the centre of a most useful and necessary work. The agent of the London City Mission lives above the Mission Hall, and is consequently always within reach of those who need his help in any way. These people live without a practical thought of God, but very frequently when on their death-beds seek advice and help. He always gladly visits them, and is often to be found by the bed of the dying, consoling them with the story of God's love in giving to the world a Saviour whose blood cleanses from all sin.

Drink continues as one great obstacle to our work. Children are sent to the public-houses for drink for adults who are too lazy to go for it themselves, and the publicans have a practise of giving sweets to the little ones as an inducement for them to go there always. One Sunday during one hour

no less than 73 children passed the doors of a certain house in this district. Facilities for women drinkers have lately been added to many public-houses. What were once small beer-shops have been rebuilt, and have become fine hotels with "private" bars for the accommodation of female and sly drinkers. These "private" compartments tempt a better class of customers. A slightly higher charge is made for being served in them, and those who would not enter the common bar use these places, as well as those who do not care to be seen in a public-house. Drinking amongst women is alarmingly on the increase. The majority of our converts are total-abstainers, and teetotalism and religion go hand in hand. Conversion is the only effectual cure for drunkenness.

Many people attending the Mission are scarcely able to earn the bare necessities of life. Rest and change are absolutely needful, as very often loss of health also means loss of employment, and consequent destitution. We have been enabled to send several of the young people into the country for a short time. Those we send are always Christian people who could not otherwise have obtained it.

We regret to have to record the death of one who has always been most kind to this mission, Mr. S. G. Barclay, of Knott's Green, Leyton. He died at a good age, and with a good full record of kindly deeds done to present to the Master whose he was and whom he served. Our fullest, deepest sympathy is extended to her whom he has left behind for a little while, and to the bereaved family.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Mission Hall, 56, Friar Street, on Tuesday, May 3rd. Our President, W. H, Seagram, Esq., occupied the chair. The Rev. R. Dawson,

B.A., Rev. J. L. Green, delivered inspiring and helpful addresses. Madame Mary Knight sang two solos, which were much appreciated. Mr. C. L. Jones read the Secretary's report, and Mr. J. W. Chisholm presented the balance sheet, which unfortunately shows a deficit.

The Committee earnestly beg those into whose hands this report may fall to consider the claims of this important work. London has lately been startled by the doings of the "Hooligans." Our Missionary works amongst them on City Mission lines, and the work, though unsensational, is yet profoundly real. New subscribers are required, and surely, if our friends will only make known our needs, these will soon be forthcoming.

The Committee beg to present their best thanks to the following friends:—Thomas Dence, Esq., for linoleum to cover the Hall. W. J. Bigwood, Esq., for a gift of provisions for the children on our excursion day, also for a number of Hospital Letters. Travers Buxton, Esq., for Hospital Letters. Fred Story, Esq., Rev. J. L. Green, Mrs. James, Mrs. George Monckton, Mrs. Conyers Haycraft, Mrs. Cobb, Mr. Fuller, for gifts of wearing apparel. Messrs. Brand & Co. for gifts of their excellent beef-tea for the sick poor, which proved a great boon to many. We wish also to heartily thank every subscriber, and those who have in any way assisted the work during the year. It has been necessary to have the Hall renovated during this year. It had not been done for five years, and the Committee felt its delapidated condition justified the expenditure necessary to repair it. We earnestly hope that our friends will bear in mind our extra expenditure when filling their cheques for the current year, so that we may be spared

further embarrassment over financial matters. I append a portion of the Report of the agent of the London City Mission. A. H. Dence, Esq., has kindly consented to join the Committee, and now also superintends the Missionary in his work. We trust that his connection with Friar Street may be of long duration.

Very faithfully yours,
C. L. JONES,
Secretary.

Our Missionary's Report.

THE DISTRICT.

The people on my district are without a single exception extremely poor. They can barely live when they are in employment, so that when sickness or lack of work overtakes them their condition is deplorable indeed. What do they do for a living? A large number of them are waterside labourers who will do a day's work when they are fortunate enough to get it. Many of them go to the wharves early in the morning, and wait there for hours in the hope of "Standing a chance' of employment.

I know one young man, who has a wife and two children, and who has not had a week's work for ten months. He is out at five in the morning seeking work, and would do any kind of work he could get. His wife maintains the family by making cardboard boxes, for which the pay is very small indeed. They pretty nearly live on bread and water. Meat is a luxury, very seldom seen on their table, Yet they are both sober and industrious.

Another poor old man who attends my meetings is a watchman when he can get it. He is over sixty years of age. He lives in a little room alone, and is oftener fasting

than not. One Saturday evening, a short time ago on his way to my Prayer Meeting he fell in the street, and had to be carried into the Hall. I found that he had not tasted food for two days, and was completely exhausted.

Visiting one day I found two families occupying one room. One man's wife had been confined, and was lying on the hard floor with some filthy rags under her and a few others over her. They had no fire and were also without food. This was a very pitiful case. Yet they are both sober hardworking people.

The costers form a large proportion of my people. These are a hardworking lot of people. They are hard hearted and hard drinking as well, and a most difficult class to deal with. I have won the confidence of many of them, and they listen to what I have to say to them. One of these told me how he had bought some cabbage, hawked them for three days, and then lost a shilling on his transaction. He added "that won't buy the missus an' the little uns bread." That was pretty evident. How I wish that those who are comfortably circumstanced could hear the bitter appeals from women and children that I have to listen to for bread! Father's in the hospital and mother's sick, too; please come and see her, sir! Who could resist the appeal of these innocent sufferers?

METHOD OF VISITATION.

In this I stick to the rule laid down by my Society. In a street I go from door to door, and in a block of buildings from room to room. I get acquainted in this way with every family living in the district, and in course of time

by patience win their confidence. I leave some Christian literature with each family.

MEETINGS.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

This is held on a Monday evening, from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. It is very well attended, and there are over one hundred names on our book. This is the only religious service that many of these mothers, especially those with large families, attend during the week. It is greatly appreciated by them. There is a coal club, a pence bank, and a clothing club in connection with this meeting. In the summer they put in their pence towards the winter's coal. The Annual Tea and Meeting was held on January 10th. My Superintendent occupied the chair, and Mr. J. W. Chisholm, our Treasurer, and other friends delivered addresses.

PENNY BANK.

Mr. M. E. Chisholm is responsible for this branch of the work, and attends every Monday evening from 6 to 7 o'clock to receive the pence of the people.

BIBLE CLASS.

Last year the average attendance at this meeting was twenty-seven. This year it has been thirty-six. I hold this class on Tuesday evening from 8 to 9.30 o'clock. This class is a real means of grace to the people. Everyone brings, or is supplied with, a Bible, and each carefully follows the subject, asking questions afterwards.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Meetings in connection with this are held on Thursday evenings, from 8 to 9.30 o'clock. Twenty-two pledges taken

at our Meetings have been kept during the year. A large number of pledges were taken, but a large percentage of these are broken. Those referred to above have been watched for three months, and have given satisfactory proof of having kept from the drink for that time. This is a good result of our work in this direction. Reformed drunkards frequently speak at these meetings, and vividly contrast the happy present with the godless, drunken past of their lives. Their changed lives, changed for the better, is conclusive proof that the outside is the better side of a gin-shop. The earnestness of these chaps, as they urge their fellow-men to give up the drink, is wonderful.

PRAYER MEETING.

This is always held on Saturday evening, from 7 to 9.30. The usual number present is thirty, many of whom engage in earnest prayer to God. I attribute the success of the work of this Mission to our prayer meetings. One can feel that the Holy Spirit is present, going from heart to heart; sins are confessed and wants made known, while thanksgiving for God's continued blessing is not forgotten.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This important work is being undertaken by Mr. John Woodley, who is ably assisted by Messrs. Alex. Robertson, Chas. Lacey, Sam. Farrington, T. Hayes, and Misses Vollor, Love and Reed. The School is from 3 to 4 o'clock, and is well attended by children from the surrounding slums. They present themselves frequently in such a state of undress that a respectable school would be bound to turn them away. We gladly receive all comers, and arrange like with like. I conduct a class for the elder girls in the Library. There are over one hundred names on our register.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18th, the Sunday School Anniversary was held. Travers Buxton, Esq., presided. Mrs. Travers Buxton kindly distributed the prizes to the number of fifty, to those children who had been regular and of good conduct during the year.

SUNDAY EVENING.

I conduct a Gospel meeting at the Mission Hall at 7 o'clock. There is usually a fairly good attendance, and if a Special Service, we are uncomfortably crowded. We have a good organist in Mr. Doolan, and a good choir of female voices to lead the singing. The Service is a model of order and reverence.

OPEN-AIR WORK.

During the summer we carry on open-air work in different parts of the district. Mr. Woodley brings out his little folding harmonium, and plays the hymns as well as sings a solo. The people gather around in crowds to hear the singing and speaking. Several have been led into the Hall in this way.

SOME CASES—The Bible was no good to them.

In January I visited Mr. M———— in his illness. In the family there are father, mother, and three children. Not a single member of this family could read a word. They had no bible, and had not been in a place of worship for many years. The man was very ill in the last stage of consumption, which had been accelerated by hard drinking. I read and prayed with him and pointed him to the glorious Cross. He died rejoicing in Jesus. His wife neglected him, while she went about drinking with her friends. A christian woman in the same house attended to many of his wants.

Two days before his death, I visited him. I found, in

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BALANCE SHEET of the Friar Street Mission, for the Year ending March 31st, 1898.

May 3rd, 1897	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
To Collection at Annual Meeting ...				1	1	1½
,, Subscriptions and Donations—						
,, A. Jenner, Esq.	1	1	0			
,, Messrs. Doulton & Co.	1	1	0			
,, A Friend	1	1	0			
,, D. W. Allport, Esq.	1	1	0			
,, Miss Allport	1	1	0			
,, In Memoriam per C.L.Jones, Esq.		10	0			
,, Miss Moore		10	0			
,, W. J. Bigwood, Esq.	1	1	0			
,, J. W. Chisholm. Esq.	1	1	0			
,, A Friend, per C. L. Jones, Esq.	2	2	0			
,, A. H. Dence, Esq.	2	2	0			
,, Travers Buxton, Esq.	3	0	0			
,, Rev. R. Dawson	3	0	0			
,, Mr. Street		2	6			
,, C. L. Jones, Esq.	5	0	0			
,, F. A. Bevan, Esq.	5	0	0			
,, E. M. Denny, Esq.	20	0	0			
,, Letting out chairs on Jubilee ...	2	5	0			
,, Lon. City Mission for Gas ...	2	12	0			
				53	10	6
,, Treat Funds—						
Rev. J. L. Green	1	7	0			
J. G. Barclay, Esq. ...	3	0	0			
Lord Kinnard		10	0			
Geo. Siggs, Esq.		2	6			
R.	1	0	0			
W. H. Seagram, Esq. ...	1	0	0			
F. A. Bevan, Esq.... ...	3	0	0			
Messrs. Fogden		2	0			
H. Ablitt, Esq.		10	6			
H. J. Veitch, Esq. ...	1	0	0			
Robt. Barclay, Esq. ...		10	0			
E. Rawlings, Esq. ...		10	0			
G. W. Woolloton, Esq. ...		10	0			
F. Story, Esq	1	1	0			
D. W. Allport, Esq. ...		2	6			
J. G. Pelly, Esq.		10	0			
Miss Ethel Wells		8	0			
Travers Buxton, Esq. ...		5	0			
W. J. Bigwood, Esq. ...		10	0			
W. M. Cross, Esq. ...	1	0	0			
Miss Cooper, Collected ...	1	5	0			
Sunday School	3	18	0			
				22	1	6
,, Sick and Poor Fund—						
W. H. Seagram, Esq. ...	3	0	0			
G. Siggs, Esq.		5	0			
E. Rawlings, Esq. ...	1	0	0			
R.	1	0	0			
Baron F. Rothschild ...	1	0	0			
J. G. Barclay, Esq ...	5	0	0			
J. Howard, Esq.		7	6			
F. A. Bevan, Esq. ...	3	0	0			
M. H. Hodder, Esq. ...		2	6			
— Herron, Esq.	1	0	0			
Travers Buxton, Esq. ...	1	0	0			
P.G.	1	1	0			
H. Ablitt, Esq.	1	1	0			
J. Kitchen, Esq.		2	6			
H J. Veitch, Esq. ...		10	0			
Rev. J. L. Green	1	14	0			
C. M. Cross	1	0	0			
T. L. Wells, Esq.		5	0			
A Friend		2	6			
Thos. Hunter, Esq., L.C.C.		5	0			
R. K. Causton, Esq., M.P.	1	0	0			
D. W. Allport, Esq. ...		2	6			
G. W. Woolloton, Esq. ...		10	0			
Mrs. Algie		5	0			
Miss J. Gains		14	0			
F. Story, Esq.		10	6			
				25	18	0
				102	11	1½
,, Balance due to Treasurer ...				32	5	11
				£135	17	0½

April 1st, 1897.	£	s.	d	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer ...				22	16	11
,, Rent	35	16	8			
,, Taxes (Queen's)	3	6	3			
,, Gas	8	9	6			
,, Water	2	15	0			
,, Fire Insurances	1	3	6			
				51	10	11
,, Repairs	3	12	4½			
,, Printing & Stationery	5	7	3			
,, Postage Stamps	1	15	0			
,, Hymn Books	1	0	0			
,, Coal and Coke	2	10	3			
				14	4	10½
,, Tea Meeting	4	12	9			
,, Band Instruments	10	0	0			
				14	12	9
,, Excursions—						
Easter, to Mitcham ...	3	8	9			
August, to Warlingham, Rail, S.E.R	7	15	0			
Agnott, Caterer	5	13	3			
				16	17	0
,, Sick and Poor Fund—						
Relief, Coals, Groceries, Beds, Bread, Assistance and Xmas Dinners ...	15	1	7			
,, Carriage of Clothing and Travelling Expenses		13	0			
				15	14	7
				£135	17	0½

Audited and found correct,

B. SCOTT JONES.

the room where the dying man lay, his wife and six other friends with three quarts of beer, having, as she put it, "A last good jollification with poor Will."

No one was present when he died, but his drunken wife came in and found him half in bed and half out with his head on a chair—dead.

I know that he is in heaven, for his was true repentance.

A BRUSH BECOMES A SERPENT.

Perhaps you have never seen this happen. They can't do it at the Egyptian Hall. T. F. has seen the wonderful transformation take place. His wife came and said: "No one has such an influence over Tom as you; he is bad, will you come and see him?" I went, and a terrible sight it was. He had an axe by the bed as he said the police were on his tract, and the devils were helping them. Those who have seen men in the D. T's., know what the look of a man is. It baffles my powers of description. I told him plainly that instead of devils following him, he was following the devil. His wife and child were terrified as he walked the room, and stared through the window all night. One night his wife dropt off to sleep, and was awakened to find him standing over her with a razor. On her asking him what he meant, he said "If they take me they shan't take you old girl." If she had not awakened he would have cut her throat. I used to take him for a walk and talk to him. In a fortnight he came to the Mission, gave his heart to God and is now leading a happy contented Christian life. A friend of mine got him work in the City and his employer speaks very highly about him.

There are many cases of blessing which have been given that I could mention, but the two narrated above show the kind of work that is being done by the help of God.

Methodist Times March 23rd 1899

DR. STEPHENSON, the Children's Home, Bonner-road, N.E., acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of £2 in aid of the general fund, from "E. M. C."

GROVE WESLEYAN MISSION.—Mr. John Wm. Weston, 19, Anchor-terrace, Southwark, S.E., writes: For upwards of sixty years a great work has been carried on by the members of the above church in a district known as "the poorest parish in London." All the well-to-do people are removing to the suburbs, but the poor are left behind in very large numbers. Amongst these are some very aged ones who have seen better days, also a large number of cripples and delicate children. In the name of the aged ones, the cripples, and delicate children, we appeal for generous support from your numerous readers. We know there are many homes without a much-needed fire, and many a cupboard quite empty, and many a sick one who needs milk and a fire, and yet we have to keep away from such because our "Feeding the Hungry" and "Aged and Sick Folks Help" funds are closed for want of means. We want money, coals, boots, blankets, and clothing (old or new). Do pray send your contributions at an early date to the Superintendent, John Wm. Weston, 19, Anchor-terrace, Southwark Bridge-road, London, S.E.

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Interview with Mr J. W. Weston, Hon. Superintendent, Grove Mission, Great Guildford Street, Southwark – June 28. J.A.

My appointment was for 6 o'clock, at the Mission Hall, and as I went up the stairs of the hall, a gentleman with a round, glowing visage, wearing a beaming smile and a white spotted waistcoat, advanced to give me cordial greeting. This proved to be Mr Weston, a man in the prime of life, looking a picture of health, the prototype of "a jolly good fellow" and a smart successful businessman on the very best of terms with himself.

Mr W's thoughts were of the tea which was awaiting him at home, and in which he invited me to join him, but we first went over the mission building, and whilst doing so, or later, I gathered the following particulars concerning it:-

The mission was started over 60 years ago in a neighbouring street by a philanthropically-minded employer, as a meeting place for his workpeople, & a Sunday School for their children. A stable and loft were taken and adapted for the purpose, and

here the work went on with varying fortune till about 10 years ago. Some 25 years back, after being used as a Wesleyan chapel for a long period, the conduct of the place was offered to Mr Weston. It was then at its lowest ebb, and he was given a free hand to do whatever he could with it. He ran it for years as an independent mission, building up the various agencies now connected with it. When the Wesleyans launched out into mission work under Hugh Price Hughes, he got the mission attached to them, whilst skilfully preserving pretty fully his liberty of action, and then he floated the scheme for the present building. The premises are wedged in by great business places and cost £2400 to build. The story of how he raised the money has evidently been told by Mr Weston "many-a-time and oft." How he interested this and that big gun in it: how he worked the foundation stone laying and succeeded in raising £700 on that one day (he himself had named £600 as a certain result whilst his trustees had begged him to reduce his expectations to £250,

GROVE MISSION,

GREAT GUILDFORD STREET, SOUTHWARK.

LIST OF MEETINGS, &c.

SUNDAY	Sunday Schools at 9.45, 2.30 and 6.30. Services at 10.45 and 6.30. Prayer Meetings at 6 and 8. Casual Ward Mission at 3.15. Tract Societies distribution.
MONDAY	Mothers' Meeting at 2.30. Clothing, Boot, Coal and Christmas Clubs. Penny Bank at 7. Band of Hope at 7.15. Committee and Teachers' Meetings.
TUESDAY	Class for Mothers at 3. ,, Girls 7. ,, Young Women at 8. ,, Young Men 9. ,, Young Women 9. ,, Men and Women 9.
WEDNESDAY	Gospel Service (Lower Hall), 8.30.
THURSDAY	Class for Young Women at 8. ,, Men and Women at 8.30.
FRIDAY	Meetings as required.
SATURDAY	Slate Club at 8.30. Mutual Improvement Society at 8, during the winter months.

Cricket, Football, Lawn Tennis and Swimming Clubs.

Two Sea-side Homes at Hove.

"Feeding the Hungry" and "Aged & Sick Folks Help" Funds.

JOHN WM. WESTON, *Hon. Supt.*
THOS. BROTHERWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

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for fear of grievous disappointment) and how since that time his trustees had let him do what he liked in money matters - all this he told with a good deal of egotism and evident satisfaction, but none the less it revealed a very shrewd and tactful man.

The mission buildings consist of 2 stories and basement. On each floor there is a fair sized hall (holding 250 or 300 people, I should suppose, the larger of the 2 being upstairs:) the basement contains 3 or 4 small rooms, and there are rooms off each of the halls. Though rather pokey, and put into odd corners, the rooms are clean and comfortable, all is fresh as paint, and there is a general appearance of prosperity about the place. As will be seen by the printed list herewith, there are various social agencies going on - football, cricket, tennis and other clubs for the young folk, as well as all that can be done for the elders. "We get everything we can for them" said Mr W" let them do what they like, so long as it is proper and they behave themselves"

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In the Sunday Schools there are nearly 400 children. Morning and afternoon they fill the place, (i.e the schools or classes) whilst in the evening the lower hall is given up to them, ~~whilst~~ an adult congregation occupies the upper hall. This congregation consists of the better working class, coming largely from the Waterlow and other of the best models. They are the class from whom the workers are obtained, and are not those who benefit from the philanthropic work. "The religious, and the philanthropic work are quite distinct", said Mr W. Those who receive the gifts, treats &c., do not come on Sunday, but, to some extent, they attend the Wednesday night service.

For financial support to the social side of the work, such as Days in the Country for Aged Folk, children and cripples; teas, sick relief, "feeding the hungry", &c., Mr W. has successfully roped in most of the big firms in Southwark Bridge Road, Southwark Street &c., and gets from them about £120 a year. He has 3 of the largest firms, Messrs Willcocks and 2 others, always

ready to give the highest references as to his work.

The reason of this influence is that Mr Weston's position is unique. He has been for 37 years in the employ of Messrs. Barclay & Perkins, and has risen from office boy to manager of his department, living in Southwark the whole of that time. His promotion to the managership is of recent date, and carries with it one of the imposing row of houses in Anchor Terrace, Southwark Bridge Road, which are owned by the firm. To this house (No. 19) he took me to tea, and I there met his wife & 2 grown-up daughters and son, as well as a young fellow with pale face and diffident manner, who had come to take the evening service, and whom he quite genially but unmistakeably patronised, giving him indirectly to understand that, though much obliged to him for coming, he was really having a sort of distinction conferred upon him. "You know I've 83 preachers on my list, some of them offer me three dates, but I invariably only accept one." They would all come, but some are very busy men, and can't

accept the dates I offer."

It is a comfortable, substantial and well furnished house, and Mr W. showed me over it with much pride. We all sat down to a plentiful tea, which Mr W. prefaced and terminated with a long grace said in a loud and rather unctuous voice. One seat was singled out as the "preacher's chair" and that Mr W. insisted my fellow guest should occupy. "That chair" said he "has been occupied by 3 presidents of the Wesleyan Conference." The women I thought nice and pleasant, the son rather a soft sort. All were but faint shadows compared with Mr W. whose flow of talk was incessant, and all about himself, his situation, his mission, the offices he holds on Vestry, Board of Works, and this or that Committee.

After tea Mr W. pilotted me, with something of an air of proprietorship, thro' the streets, courts and alleys which surround the mission, taking about a 5 minutes radius of the mission building, and visiting some of the worst slums and so called models which, I should say, can anywhere be found.

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Attempts at sanitary improvements were, however, evident, and my guide said he had never seen the places look so clean before, owing to the efforts of the sanitary officials. It was evident everywhere, that Mr W. was thoroughly well known: the children followed him and for each he had a friendly recognition "How do, my dears" "How do, Lizzie, how's your mother now" &c., &c. For the women there was a word or two of blarney generally. One Irishwoman excused herself from shaking hands, being dirty, but Mr W. insisted "What does it matter about dirt as long as its honest dirt? I've had to do dirty work sometimes."

We passed thro' the narrow alleys & winding ways of Bankside, and my guide explained how the great fire originated here and its effects. To this mission it proved a Godsend, giving them an introduction to these people, over 230 of whom were temporarily housed and fed at the mission buildings. How shrewdly this opening has been followed up was quite evident.

On the excuse of making a call on 2 or 3 sick

persons we passed into some of the worst of the buildings, up wretchedly dark narrow stairways, almost tumbling over groups of children in our way (it was "between the lights") At each place, Mr W. was known and there was always a hurried exchange of greeting with the women, and a persuasive reminder of the service at the mission that evening, generally received with a doubtful or negative shake of the head. Only in the case of the sick was the man to be seen or spoken to.

Passing thro' Orange Street (I think it was) Mr W. pointed to a public house, the dirty looking urinal of which, with a sort of half door, was built into the adjoining dwelling, the front window being immediately above it - a disgraceful state of things. The Board of Works, he said, had no power to deal with it. I suggested a simple way. Let the Board appeal to the Magistrates next Licensing day not to renew this publican's license unless he made some better provision. "Oh" said Mr W" I couldn't in my position suggest

such a thing as that, you know."

Another incident was instructive. Mr W. took me to see "the prettiest window in Southwark", expected to take first prize at the Red Cross flower show, on the following Saturday. The house is up a courtway which is part of Mr Ws own tract district, visited by him every Sunday. It is one of several which have an effective window show, of geraniums, fuchsias, creepers and other plants - bearing evidence of some taste and much care. He talked with the man (evidently a coster) and his wife, a fair stoutish, respectable looking woman, of 40 odd, who was introduced as one of the regular attendants at the mothers meeting &c., at the mission. A sharp shower coming on, we took shelter in the small front room, which was very clean and crowded with furniture, whilst prints & portraits - some in quite gorgeous frames - covered the walls. (Mr W. spoke of this as a bright instance of the influence of the mission) Gas was supplied to the house by the penny-in-the slot system, and as she went to light it, Mr W. asked the wife how

she got on with the gas. "Oh" said she" weve had a fine gime with the company" "Yes," chimed in the man, referring to a tiny gas stove " I told the old lady she could have plenty of cups of tea, for gas was cheap." It seemed that the meter had gone wrong and for several weeks they had free gas. When the company discovered it, they wanted them to pay 6/- for gas consumed, and asked the wife if she would pay 6d or 1/- a week, off. "Not ~~me~~" said she" If I'd paid anything they might a' let me in for the lot. I wasnt going to pay nothin' - it was their own fault. They ought to have come and looked after their meter." And she hadnt paid anything. This standard of morality, coming from one of his 'show' people, did not seem to disconcert Mr W. in the least. He took it, I thought, quite as a matter of course.

This woman complained a good deal of the language and insults she had to put up with from her opposite neighbour, because she went to the mission, - jealousy of her very comfortable home being, no doubt, the real cause. "Its cups of

gin and cups of whisky we ~~have~~ there!" This was referring to the cup of tea given at the mother's meeting. I had asked Mr W. previously if they gave anything at the mothers meeting. "Only tea & biscuits" he said, and excused it on the grounds that the mothers came earlier as a con~~venience~~ sequence, and that the tea and biscuits were very cheap. "We buy a large quantity at a time, you know." Materials also are supplied to the women at, or below, cost price.

We returned from our round in time for service, and when I left at 8.40 - 10 minutes after time for commencing) only a dozen women and 2 men were present, but it was a showery evening.

Reading over this interview I fear I have depicted Mr Weston as an insufferable egotist, but he is so cheery, so full of energy, so good natured and resourceful, that ones personal impression of him is really favourable. Such a man in such a neighbourhood is undoubtedly a bright & ~~inspiring~~ inspiriting influence, putting colour into dull lives and giving

heart of grace to those who sorely need it. His ways are probably not those of the C.O.S. but they are full of a human sympathy which appeals to the people. As a religious influence - well, this account should speak for itself!

Mr W. was rather chary of showing me the annual report ('We only show it to subscribers' he said' If others get hold of it, they make use of it to beg of our people.') But when I did see it, I found it was only a statement of the social side of the work. There is a separate report of the religious work, apparently issued by an octogenarian super~~ordinary~~ numerary minister (Rev. J. Fletcher) who nominally represents Wesleyanism and doctrine at the mission, coming down once a month, as Mr W. says laughingly, to keep him in order. A feeble, good, kindly old man, he is said to be, much liked by the people.

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GROVE MISSION,
GREAT GUILDFORD STREET, SOUTHWARK.

FOUNDED 1838. REBUILT 1888.

TWO GOOD HALLS AND SEVERAL CLASS ROOMS.

Mr. JOHN Wm. WESTON, *Hon. Superintendent,*
19 Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.

Mr. THOS. BROTHERWOOD, *Hon. Secretary,*
34 Park Street, Southwark, S.E.

Extract from "South London Chronicle." December 24th, 1898:—

"DIAMOND JUBILEE" MEETINGS.

The friends of this most useful Southwark Mission have been busy this week with their "Diamond Jubilee" thanksgiving services and meetings, held in connection with the completion of sixty years work in the district. The Rev. D. Merrick Walker, the Rev. W. D. Walters, and Mr. H. A. Hartley preached at the Mission premises at Great Guilford Street on Sunday, and on Monday afternoon the Rev. J. Fletcher, pastor, presided at a well-attended tea-meeting in the lower hall. Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P., for the Division (who was accompanied by Mrs. Causton and her sister, Lady Roxborough), occupied the chair at a large and enthusiastic public meeting held in the upper hall on Monday evening, when there were also present on the platform, the Rev. J. Fletcher, Mr. John William Weston (the indefatigable hon. superintendent of the Mission), Mr. Thomas Brotherwood (the equally hard-working hon. sec.), the Rev. Mr. Harvey, the Rev. J. Tregear Chenhalls, Mr. Slatter, and others.

The pastor having accorded the chairman a very warm welcome, which Mr. Causton acknowledged in equally cordial terms, Mr. Weston rose and gave a brief outline of the splendid work carried on by, and in connection with, the Mission. In the course of his opening remarks the superintendent referred with sincere pleasure to the presence of Mr. Causton in the chair, a position which that gentleman had occupied to the delight of all on previous occasions. Mr. Weston afterwards briefly touched upon some twenty or more connections of the Mission, observing that there were never less than twenty-three gatherings of one sort or another held there every week, and sometimes there were as many as thirty meetings in one week. The Band of Hope membership now stood at 150; 600 tracts were circulated in the district weekly; the Mission Slate Club numbered 164 members, and the Penny Bank connected with the institution was likewise very successful. The cricket and football clubs were, said the speaker, also greatly appreciated, two seaside homes at Hove had proved a welcome and beneficial addition to the agencies of the Mission, and another great work was the Christmas Club, owing to which the lower hall had been transformed into a kind of wholesale grocery store during the past week. Clothing, coal, and boot clubs, childrens' sick fund, Mutual Improvement Society, causal ward visiting society, aged and sick folks' help fund, and a fund for feeding the hungry were amongst the agencies enumerated by the superintendent, who said that these were but few of the branches conducted under the auspices of the institution. Mr. Weston further remarked that though all might be safely said to be going strong and very successfully, a little aid would be welcome in connection with the last-named fund, upon which there was a great strain at all times. He could not, however, find it in his heart to say "No" to any deserving case which came forward; so long as his inquiries showed the applicant to be of honest principles and a resident of the district help might be relied upon from the means at the disposal of the fund. In closing the speaker pointed out that the philanthropic work of the Mission was essentially for the poor of the district.

The Rev. J. Fletcher next spoke upon the spiritual work carried on by and through the Grove Mission. The Rev. gentleman dwelt upon the close alliance existing between the social efforts of the institution and true Christianity. The spiritual work of the Mission had, he observed, been particularly successful, and he had been greatly impressed by the excellent teaching imparted to the members of the Sunday school, whose general conduct received from him much praise. Altogether the pastor's address was a very soul-inspiring one, and it was clearly evident that the Rev. gentleman is greatly beloved of his people.

Mr. Causton, who met with a cordial reception, said that when he came to gatherings of that kind, he came, not as a preacher, but rather to learn, and he was, indeed, most highly gratified with the manner in which the friends of the Grove Mission carried on their exceedingly useful efforts in this district. He was particularly pleased with the very happy combination of social and religious work in connection with the institution, and rejoiced to see mission halls put to such good use in furtherance of the happiness of the people. In conclusion, the Hon. Member referred to the occasion as a specially joyous one, and remarked upon the excellence of the various works of the Mission as outlined by Mr. Weston.

The Rev. Mr. Harvey (of Walworth) spoke at some length, dwelling upon the blending of social and spiritual work, and advocating a continuance of the good efforts put forth in this connection. The Rev. J. Tregear Chenhalls and Mr. Slatter also spoke most highly of the conduct of the Mission in all it branches.

Mr. and Mrs. Causton and Lady Roxborough, and the speakers, together with many helpers at the tea-meeting (including Mr. W. D. Blaxter, who furnished pleasing gramaphone selections), were afterwards cordially thanked on the motion of Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Brotherwood. Mr. Causton responded, speaking in congratulatory terms of the success attendant upon the occasion, and wishing continued prosperity to the Mission.

During the evening Mrs. Causton contributed an excellent rendering of the "Holy City" (accompanied by Lady Roxborough at the organ), and another very pleasing incident was the presentation of tokens of regard to Misses Williams, Carr, and Cartwright, for their services as organists at the Mission services and other gatherings Mrs. Causton made the presentations, speaking a few kindly words to each of the recipients.

Ere the close of the proceedings a collection was made on behalf of the debt fund, to which Mr. R. K. Causton contributed £5.

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Interview with Father Newton, Vicar of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Worcester St. at the Presbytery, Red Cross St. (E.A.) June 24.99. 31/1-3

Father Newton is a man of perhaps 35; not distinguished in appearance or manner, but of good common-sense and apparently quite free from bigotry. He had been working in the present district for three years from the Pro-Cathedral before the Church was built, and for seven years since, so he has a fairly long experience of the parish.

Their people are mainly Irish and Irish cockneys, and, roughly, 90 % are unskilled labourers, large numbers being riverside workers, porters etc. The total on the R.C. census is diminishing, so many of the residential courts etc. giving way to business premises. The movement of their people is "Bermondsey way, towards Long Lane etc" and he thinks that they have already lost 1000. Apart from the Models he looks forward to a time, not very distant, when the Church will be left high and dry. The impending improvement, that will clear most of the Courts away on the S. side of the Borough High St. will make a great difference. In spite of the pressure on existing accommodation houses beeng very quickly snapped up, he did not think that rents had gone up to any appreciable extent.

Many of their women work at the fur-pulling, and most of this is, he thinks, carried on as a home industry. He

deplores this, but if he had full powers to-morrow to forbid it, would have doubts as to the right thing to do, since the Work-house would be the alternative for so many if this occupation were taken from them."As a matter of policy one would not hesitate a moment, but when one remembers the individuals who would be affected, it becomes more difficult to see what ought to be done".

But unhealthy employments are not the great difficulties they have to contend with; the drink is the thing that blocks them at every turn. There is too a "tremendous" amount of betting, and the habit increases rapidly. He is also greatly impressed by the evil of money-lending, and went so far as to say that most of the decent homes in his parish would be found to belong to those in this line of business. The customary rate of interest is a penny a week, in the shilling. He knows of one woman who borrowed 4/- and went on for three or four years, paying her four pence a week, till she had paid in interest some £3, and she still owed the 4/-. It is not the pawnbrokers who lend in this way, but any number of small people who do it in a quiet way, getting no security, but lending only to those whom they know. He thought that there was probably a lender in every court, and knows of one man w who started with £2 or £3, and died in 4 or 5 years worth £100. The difficulty of repayment is increased by the re-

fusal of many of the lenders to take back the loan by instalments; they know how difficult a task the accumulation of say ten ot twanty shillings will preve, and hence their rule. This evil, of getting into the hands of the money lenders, does not affect so many as the drink, but when found it leads in a special degree to a state of hopelessness. Neither borrowing nor betting block the way to the practice of religion as drinking does: boozing on a Saturday night is the most fatal thing.

The foll wing are some particulars of the parish work:
Buildings: Church (800); and Schools (600).
Staff: Vicar and one assistant priest. Very sh rt-handed.
Services etc.: Three masses on Sunday morning (8 or 900, including 250 children). About 150 to Vespers. Practically all Cthelics. Those making their Easter duty, also 8 or 900. Boys' Club (60); League of the Cross (temperance). Not many agencies. Relief, about £60 a year. Their aim is to give well to good caes, but and just to patch up the bad ones. Admitted that they had to give sometimes to those who were not as good as they mi ht be in order to keep up the connexion. Competition among the ch urches round keen, and the people apt to yield to the attractions of those who give most. He had not All Hallows especially in mind, and admitted that the district

It was mentioned by Father Higley in Poplar -

might not be any worse than many others in this respect, but "I am often struck by it". He thought, however, that his own people were much more likely to pick up what might be going elsewhere than to desert the Church. For the sick they get help from their Nurses' Institute.

The great financial drag in their work is the School. They are free, but the people of the parish help a good deal. It is divided into six districts, and a body of working men collect weekly "For the support of the Schools", going to Catholic homes, and not simply to parents who h have children in attendance. Last year £110 was collected in this way. The practice of systematic collection is common in South London, Father Newton said, but I do not remember anyone mentioning it in the North.

Father Newton knew vaguely of Miss Hill, but appeared to have but the slightest knowledge of her work. He has a great dislike to the block system of ~~xxxxxx~~ dwellings, and has a theory that they have no public opinion, no conscience. People can come in or leave, and the rest of the occupants are none the wiser, neither glad nor sorry, for the most part ignorant of the change. But with a court it is different; everybody knows. Public opinion may not be of a high order, but it is there, and is something to work upon. He thinks that S. George's Buildings are

perhaps the worst block in his district; then Mowbray; Stanhope is better, and there are of course others. But Red Cross Court ~~is~~ is by far the worst spot, is perhaps the worst spot in the whole of the Borough. But his parish stops at Long Lane, and he only knew of the Tabard St area as bad, by repute. It is the prostitution that is concentrated in Red Cross Court. For the rest of his parish, he thinks there is very little of it.

Pre-marital connexion is common, although forced marriages are rare. He has noticed no difference in the ages of contracting parties, nor in the average size of families. The use of preventive checks by his people is denied; they would regard it as a sin.

He agrees with others that Hooliganism has been exaggerated in the press, and denies the presence of any terrorism. But there is a vast amount of loafing, and for the young loafer, he thinks there is nothing for it but discipline and the Army.

Father Newton is a Guardian, but I did not discuss Poor Law with him.

In this parish Roman Catholicism is probably gaining, both among its own people. Its work is distinguished by no special features, and is in no sense aggressive.

Mr Charles Wheeler. L.C.M
Cage Place Schools

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July 7/99

The District

Wharf Visitation

The Dustmen

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Mr Chas. Wheeler. L. C. M. Cage Place Mission Hall.
Commercial Road. S.E.

Mr Wheeler is a tall thoughtful looking man of 50-55. Has been here considerably over 10 years as we saw him respecting the district when revising the poverty map. He was formerly under Rev A.W. Jephson but change was made when the new vicar came.
The district consists of the block of buildings between Waterloo Road, The Thames, Cornwall Road and Stamford Street.

Beside the district, Mr W. has within the past two years undertaken the visitation of the wharves along the Commercial Road to Blackfriars Bridge & he also visits the police at Kennington Road Station.

Living on the district are a large number of dust people. The Strand Vestry & the city Corporation have their wharves in Commercial Road as well as some large contractors (Murrell). These employ a large number of people, most of whom lives in the locality. The Strand Vestry send their dust away as collected & their

premises

Covent Garden workers

Description of Sheets

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premises are clean. The City sifts the dust, employing women (12/- a week) for the purpose. They are not allowed to have the cinders as perquisites. ~~It~~ This change has stopped a local trade in fuel, the people formerly buying these cinders &c off the sifters at 4d a bushel.

~~It~~ A great many market porters employed at Covent Garden also live here; & the number has increased since the clearances were made in Drury Lane. These brought a number of the porters, flower sellers and other undesirable characters, causing a distinct worsement of the district from a moral point of view.

The sheets however are no poorer, if as poor as formerly. In Cage Place at least 4 men have regular incomes and a family keeps the house - 2 & 3 rooms. Doon Street is about the same as before. Several people living in one room. _____ Court is still the worst & poorest part. Cornwall Road is rough & has deteriorated. A social ~~club~~ club there nearly opposite Doon Street Mrs W. thinks has had rather a bad effect altho' started with the hope of helping the people. Members are mostly dustmen, pay 2d a week. Stamford Street is notorious but

The Mission Buildings

Persons employed

Meetings held

several of the houses are respectable, even between Cornwall Road + Waterloo Road. Mentioned Woollacotts' and another hotel near Cornwall Road as respectable. Mr Pennegar, a churchwarden, also lives next door the publichouse.

The Mission premises consist of a hall seating about 130 and a small cottage adjoining, which has been converted into 3 class rooms.

The Mission work is carried on by a Committee and Mr W. has no direct control, except over his service. They have a fair number of voluntary workers, including 16. S.S. Teachers. A Mr Baxter is supt.

Sunday School at 9.30 + 2.30 pm. 200 on the books. Sunday Evening Service at 7pm Attendance 50 in winter; smaller now. All from the neighbourhood or from the wharves; principally adults. Meeting is preceded and followed by open air ~~speaking~~ meetings. Take one or two counts each Sunday. Believe in going to the counts: there you find the people who never go to a place of worship. At the street corners you catch the church goers.

Week-evening

Visitation

Charitable Relief

St John's Church

Week-evening meetings include Band of Hope (Tuesday), Christian Endeavour Society (mostly young women), Service (Wed), Sewing class, Girls club during the winter, a Boys Institute and a large penny bank.

During the past two years, Mr W. has not visited his district so assiduously as formerly, the visitation of the men at the wharves being deemed the more important, especially as the church ladies visit a good deal, consequently he thinks his visitation of these people less important. The men he visits frequently, following them to their homes when sick, wherever they live.

Give very little charitable relief. Send the people to Christchurch (7 13 Moyan).

The Church (St John) is very high since the advent of Mr Bambridge Bell. Have two sisters dressed in grey visiting – they are known as the 'grey ladies'. Also 6 or 7 other people visiting. Had a procession round the district, headed ~~by~~ with a big brass cross. Very few go to the church: a few to the mothers meeting but these are actuated by a desire & for temporal advantages. "They" go to the

Church

Other Religious Agencies

Church for hospital letters but nothing else."

Sees little of any other religious agencies on the district. The Bible Christian Chapel, altho' so close does not come here.

Of Mr Asker (St Andrew's) he spoke very highly. Knows his workers and meets them but they do not come west of Cornwall Road, altho' some of the people on his district go to the church.

The Police

The Christian element in the Police. Mr W. thinks is declining, partly as a result of the temptations to which they are exposed. The police get free passes to the Music Halls. Young fellows & come to London to join the force. They are taken to these places by their comrades: the first step in a life of pleasure. Says also that the Bible classes connected with the Christian Police Association are falling off. At Cage Place, they had a class of 20 to 30 men. This has gone & the tendency is the same elsewhere.

Drink

Drink is bad. As bad with women as men.

Prostitution

Prostitution is rife owing to the nearness of the Strand.

Several bad houses in Commercial Road. A coffee house at the corner of Bond Shed was notorious. It has just been closed. Rev. Jephson tried to purify the parish but he was not successful.

As a whole, Mrs Wheeler takes a gloomy view of the district & the people. "It is an age of utter indifference and carelessness" as regards religion. "The people respect me, but they don't accept my message". Indeed the only time when the missionary is welcome is in times of sickness.

Mr J. Conners. L.C.M.
Library Street.

GEA July 12/99

The District

Notes on the District

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Mr J. Conners. L. C. M. Library St Mission.
Library Street, Borough Road. S.E.

Mr Conners is a spare, sharp featured elderly man. Heavy mustache & hair turning grey. Somewhat shabbily dressed, he has not a prepossessing appearance but he is ready of speech and has some originality of manner and thought. Improves on acquaintance. Has only been here a little over 6 months, coming from the poor district of Dartmouth Park.

The district is irregular in shape, bounded by Blackfriars Road, Pocock Street, Hill Street, Friar Street, Lancaster St & Borough Road.

Regards the district as poor as the poor streets at Dartmouth ~~Hill~~ Park, tho' all are poor here. So far as vice is concerned Warwick Street is the worst. Two of the houses (Nos 6 & 12) are bad houses ~~and [illegible] is not much better~~. Little Surrey Street - small houses with two families in each - costers, porters & carmen. Kings Bench Walk is not quite so poor.

The L. C. C. Buildings are better than the rest of the neighbourhood.

Drunken and rough is the general descriptn. of the people. Great many are living together unmarried and this leads to many quarrels. Fights on the streets between women + others are not uncommon. Much noise in the streets and a good deal of drink. On Sunday afternoon, there is a rush from almost every house for cans of beer.

Visitation

Takes about two months to cover the district. Also visits the Iron works where 50 or 60 men are employed. The people receive him very well + he has very few rebuffs. Occasionally "Don't want to see you today, Governor."

The Mission Hall

The hall holds about 80. It is part of one of the few old houses remaining and the neighbourhood will be improved when it disappears. Mr C. says it is not fit for a meeting place.

Meetings held

He holds gospel meetings on Sunday and Wed.y evenings

evening. Attendance about 25 in the summer, 40-50 in winter. Also holds open air meetings in the Borough Road also in Warwick Street & Surrey Street. Has very few helpers.

The district is mainly St Alphege's parish & the Kilburn Sisters visit the homes. "I dont know what they go round for. They don't speak about God but 'This is your church. It is church first and church last"

The usual story of non-church going. A good many of the children go to Mansford Street Schools & he sends some there as he has no children's meetings. A few of the people in Lancaster Street go to St. Alphege. but they have little influence altho' they do good work in relieving the poor.

Mr Conners is hopeful in his work and seeks specially to get the men. He visits the publichouses on Sundays to talk to them Also meets them in the streets & gets into conversation with them. The gospel is a great power with the people at the time. They will thank you for speaking to them & mean well but soon forget. "If the Lord will' said he "we shall do good work ~~here~~" but at present it seems a "back and belly' district" intimating that the chief concern of the people was their food & clothing.

Interview with the Rev. J.Telefree Parr, of the Surrey Chapel Central Mission, Blackfriars Road, at the Institute adjoining. (E.A.) June 20,99. 31/276

Mr. Parr has given full answers to many of the questions on our form; his report gives full particulars of the work; and its cover gives a very fair portrait of its head. The Mission is connected with the Primitive Methodists, and corresponds very closely both in its inception and in its working with the Missions that we have come across in the Wesleyan body. As with them in East and North London, so here a Mission has been established where in years gone by a flourishing and well-to-do congregation had worshipped. The people have gone, but in this case, instead of selling the Chapel and building elsewhere a vigorous attempt is being made to make it the centre of an elaborate scheme of Mission enterprise*. And Mr. Parr appears to be the right man for the task -- active, pushing, enthusiastic, wide-awake, and withal xxxxxxxx level-headed and sincere.

As becomes a Mission, he is making it his first object to get into close contact with the family life of those around who have associated themselves in any way with the work -- "contact" is his watchword, and, while the religious service is made the centre of everything that is done, his hope is to be able to run the work on "Settlement" lines. He hopes for a much wider range of institutions than they have at present, and looks forward even to an educational

*P.f. The Old Surrey Chapel was built something over 100 years ago for Rowland Hill, & for nearly 50 years he was the minister. Among his successors the best known is Newman Hall, & it was during the ministry of the latter that the old building was left for the new one in Westminster Bridge Road where Mr Negus is now. Up to this time I believe that the Surrey Chapel could be claimed by no denomination, but it now passed into the hands of the Primitive Methodists, with Mr Scott as minister. At the expiration of the lease it had to be given up the rent asked for by the owner (£1000) being too high. For a time the congregation that Mr Scott had gathered were homeless, but a site being available & friends coming forward, the present new Surrey Chapel was built about 18 years ago. It has been during Mr Parr's time that the new development on Mission lines has been effected.

side.

He claims that as far as things have gone, they have "bridged the gulf", and is inclined to congratulate himself, for instance, on the fact that not ten per cent of those attending thei P.S.A. meetings are of a class even as high as the artisan.

He disclaimed all friction with the Clergy of the district implying that they had but little time to visit and work among complete outsiders, these whom they already know "giving us plenty of work to do, without engaging in more promiscuous work". And he illustrated the point by mentioning the 700 on the lists of their Children's Mission, and the 120 on that of their Mothers' Meeting.

Their Sunday morning service is mainly a teaching and expository meeting, attended by Christian workers and Christians. Average about 200. In the evening they have a Gospel meeting, and while many of the morning congregation come, they have also some 400 others of the "unsaved". For that is what we Methodists consider them until we have touched their hearts; before we have done with them we look for their regeneration -- conversion," and while Mr. Parr was speaking on this topic he made one feel that he was a very simple and genuine Christian man.

The following are some additional figures:

Sunday School: Register 300 or more; average 240

Children's Mission: Register, 700 or more; average, 475. These children are not quite so well off as are those of the School.

P.S.A. about 100 men, average.

At the Sunday morning and evening services there are often more men than women; "it is known that we go for the men".

"The great and over-shadowing difficulty, with women as with the men, is the drink". They try to combat this in every possible way, and, corporately, their United Temperance (Free Church) Council is on the point of billing the district with the "nine points" of legal obligation upon the publican -- such as not serving drunken people, etc.

Although feeling very strongly about the drink question, Mr. Parr has his eyes upon many other matters, and gave the impression of being more alive to social abuses of various kinds than the majority of men, this wide-awake state of mind being doubtlessly stimulated by the active co-operation that there is between many of the Free Church ministers of the district, and by the friendly relation and occasional meeting with them and a few of the local clergy. For some 18 months there was a joint Purity Committee of Clergy and Ministers, but some time ago it was left to the

Noncon wing, the difficulty turning to some extent I gathered upon the agent, and upon the steps that it was wise to take, the Noncons wishing to "go further" than the others. However, they broke off the best of friends, and a monthly breakfast between some of the clergy and ministers marks the good feeling that prevails.

Mr. Parr said that the Purity Committee had been instrumental in getting some 160 houses closed in two years, and of these 18 had been in Grey St. alone. In this work he appeared to think that they got much readier co-operation from the Newington police authorities than from those on the Lambeth side. (The agent of their Committee is Mr. Bairstow. 15 Surrey Square.)

Other points that he mentioned were the evil of the Mutoscope places that were springing up everywhere, and the corrupting pictures that were exhibited in them; and the lewd and profane speech of the streets. He appeared to think that something could be done by authority to check the latter evil, and their committee is in communication with the Home Secretary on the subject.

They discover many cases of cohabitation, and he was emphatic on the prevailing evil of overcrowding. As the consequence of the latter cases of incest, of fathers and

children and of brothers and sisters, are common. For the children there are th s always fears, but the children are still our hope. "The child-life of the district is to me the most pathetic thing". In this connection he spoke in warm praise of the Home for Young Girls in Nelson Square, in the hands of the Clewer Sisters, but which he thought was an All Hallows institution.

Their own work is carefully organized with a view to making provision for ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ all at successive ages, and in this the club rooms adjoining the Chapel help them a good deal, although the accommodation there is limited.

Their charitable relief appears to be managed with some care, and Mr. Parr is one of the believers in the local registration Committee. He said that he had not infrequently given a person sixpence, in order to send up the name to the Committe, and to discover in this way if any doubling was going on!

the local drink sellers have ignored the request of the Kensington Bench of Magistrates not to supply drink to children

There is a general complaint that the publicans do not obey the law & the temperance organizations are now federating in a few days to effect the opposition to new licenses & prosecution upon the better observance of the law by licensed holders

IV Great improvement has taken place in relation to the evil of prostitution through the action of the Social Church Council & the Public Morals association over 160 disorderly houses have been ~~closed~~ closed

V The district is the notorious crime centre of South London

VI There is also a good deal of immorality. Men & women are found living together unmarried & the cases are constantly coming under our notice of the desertion of wives by husbands & vice versa & the consequent desertion of children.

VII By our various clubs we are constantly detecting theft. But the amount that people is so small & so uncertain that beyond the "slate" "reduced" & "loose" club

Surrey Chapel
Southwark

Questions & Answers

(a) Costers · hawkers · riverside-workers casual labourers

(B) all these classes & a few tradespeople

(C) For ministers & assistants of the people
These are paid. The ministers preach. conduct
Bible classes & give general oversight to the
organisations. They visit sick cases & others
reported to them by the visitors
We have a number of very devoted voluntary
workers engaged in visiting. & working the
various organisations

(a) The Chapel. the lecture hall or Schoolroom
& 6 class Rooms & the Institute (a house
adjoining the chapel) as club.

Services
Sunday Service for Worship
at 11 200 adults present
" 7 600 to 700 adults present
10 to 3 Sunday School 300 children attend
6.15 Poor Childrens Mission Service 475 attend
3.30 Womens Sunday afternoon Brotherhood
100 attend
3.30 Womens Pleasant Sunday afternoon.
~~&~~ 60 attend
Week days Monday 7.30 Brothers Meeting
100 attend

Sunday & Weekevenings: Bible classes 100
Young People attend: Fellowship classes
130 adults attend

(f) Social Agencies ~

Mens Institute average of 50 paying men members
+ many free tickets given in all
530 Monthly tickets sold ~~given~~ last year
Institute opens 7 & 11 every week night

Mens Slate Club 120 men members
Boys Brigade 50. — Girls Institute 70
Xmas Rose Club 90. — Womens Medical Club
40.
Saturday night Pleasant Temperance Evenings
400 attend. (9 months of the year)
Gymnasium for Boys 40. attend!
Young men 20 attend
Monthly Social Evenings in the Institute
Frequent Concerts & Entertainments during the winter. Band of Hope Meetings ~
Cricket Clubs. Foot & Second Elevens. Cycle Club ~.
British Womens Temperance Association Branch
40 ~ payed members Fortnightly Meetings

South London School for the Indigent Blind
meets at Surrey. 400 in all. on the roll
over 200 attend

(g) Educational work. Very little attempted yet
There are occasional lectures by the Minister & Sheets. &
Monthly addresses & discussions in the
Institute on The Poor Laws — Trade Unionism —
Co-operation — The Eight Hours Question

(h) Ministers visit special cases
The Sisters of the people visit sick & destitute
cases 1300 separate cases last year.
The District Visitors call monthly on 1000
families with printed invitations to the
Services — The visitors of the Children's
Mission & Sunday School visit the parents
& children on their roll

(i) A Sister of the People devotes her whole
time to the care of the sick & destitute
In Confinement & other cases the Jubilee
Nurses are sent for from the Deaconess
Home

(j) We give no relief without enquiry.
Relief is merely an incident of our work
The relief is chiefly confined to the families
under the special & constant care
The relief takes the form of groceries, meat, coal
& meat tickets. The sending of sick & ailing
children to the Sea Side or Country (over 100
sent last Summer). Men & women recovering
from illness also sent to Convalescent
Homes

occasionally rent is paid for deserving families.
& many Hospital Letters are given.
Clothing is supplied to the poor but ~~only~~ only
in the cases of aged destitute one shall
a few coppers for the garments which are
usually disposed of at our Jumble Sales
Rummage Sales

General Questions

(K) The influence of other churches & Missions more or less. is felt in the neighbourhood.

(L) We take an active part in securing the proper administrations of the local charities
Have planned admittance for 7 aged inmates
to the almshouses & 3 others to pensions
We also endeavour to secure help from
the Poor Law Guardians for the deserving
poor — Have planned outdoor relief for a number
The ministers is on the committee of the Sanitary
Children's Aid Society
We send a list of relief cases to the Relief
Registration Secretary for Southwark &
thus avoid overlapping.

IX. Large numbers of [illegible]

Remarks.

(I) The Vestry & Board of Works administration is good. I believe the members of these public bodies are doing their best. On the whole I believe also the Poor Law Guardians are doing their utmost to cope with the poverty of the district

(II) Within the last few years there have been frequent complaints of the inadequacy of the police protection & there are loud complaints of rowdyism & Sabbath breaking. Personally I think there is real ground for complaint.

III. Every days experience compels me to say that drink is the overshadowing curse of the district. I fully realize the pressure of the temptations of the poor. Through the hardness of their lot. The absence of counter attractions &c &c. & I have ceased to blame them for drunk & filthy habits. The hereditary craving for drink is very very common The women frequent the public houses with their babies. The licensing laws should be better enforced. 3 complaints have been raised against 3 public houses which were notorious centres of crime & immorality was backed up by the police & the local magistrates. But Quarter Sessions gave the licenses back This is simply intolerable.

IX. Poor removal [illegible]

they cannot make much provision for a "rainy day"

VIII The Sanitary condition of the district is improving. Many of the unhealthy areas of old slums have been cleared at the same time the prevalence of diphtheria, Scarlet fever, "blight" (in the schools) & other features are frequently very depressing to those of us who think that poorest London ought not to have a ~~higher~~ death-rate double that of suburban London

IX Large numbers of families living immediately around our Chapel occupy single rooms our district visitors report many cases of ten families in a ten roomed house. The areas cleared by the vestry & have been covered in many instances with warehouses &c. It seems almost impossible to build houses the rent of which is within reach of the very poor of the district. Overcrowding with all its horrors is one of the ~~most~~ greatest ~~heartrending~~ stumbling blocks in the way of moral & social progress.

J Tolefree Parks

District. The parishes of Christ Church — All Hallows & St Alphege Southwark —

& a small section of St Pauls & St Andrews

SURREY CHAPEL CENTRAL MISSION,

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INSTITUTIONS.

Sunday Services, 11 and 7.

Week Evening Service and Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, at 8.

Fellowship Meetings for Adults: Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 10 a.m.

Ditto for Young People: Monday and Wednesday, at 8.

Sunday School, at 10 & 2.45.

Children's Mission, Sunday, at 6.

Lodging House Service, Sunday, at 6.

P.S.A. Brotherhood, Men only, Sunday, 3.30 to 4.30.

P.S.A., Women only (Institute), Sunday, 3.30.

Men's Slate Club, Saturday, 6 to 8. (Institute).

Mothers' Meeting, Monday, 2.30.

Mothers' Slate Club and Coal Club, Monday, 2.30.

British Women's Temperance Association, Thursday, Fortnightly, at 3.

Men's Bible Class, Thursday, at 8.

Boys' Brigade, Friday, at 7.

Girls' Institute, Tuesday, at 7.

Gymnasium: Boys, Thursday, at 8. Young Men, Thursday, at 9.

Band of Hope, Wednesday, at 6.30.

Pleasant Saturday Evenings, at 8.15.

P.S.A. Men's Institute, every Week Night, 6.30 to 10.30.

Children's Summer Holiday Fund, Tuesday, at 7.

Children's Mission Choir, Thursday, at 7.

Christian Endeavour Society, Thursday, at 8.

Junior Endeavour, Monday, 7.

Samaritan Society. Office: 193 Blackfriars Road.

Dorcas Society.

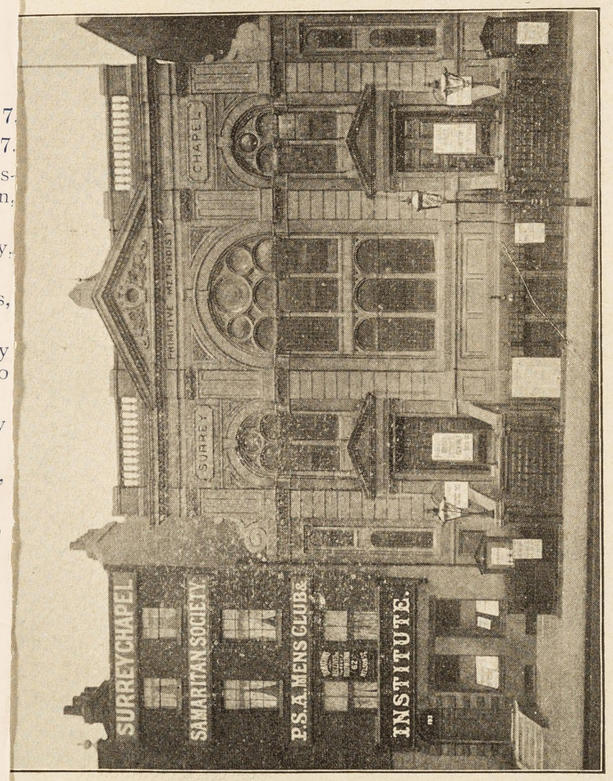
Maternity Society.

Women's Medical Institute, Monday, 2.30.

Open-air Mission, Sunday, at 2.30.

Goose Club (Christmas).

Sister of the People, "Sister Annie."



SURREY CHAPEL.

Charles Green Gift House.

Surrey Chapel Central Mission

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A YEAR OF STEADY PROGRESS.

LAST year we were able to state, humbly but confidently, that we had bridged the gulf between the Poor and the Church, and that the people were "pouring in upon us." This year we can say the same with a little deeper emphasis. There has been no falling off in any direction, but steady advance.

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THE **Congregations** are large. The Chapel is generally well-filled, including the spacious gallery, on Sunday evenings, and occasionally we have to put forms in the aisles. The service is always inspiring, the people join heartily in the singing, and the presence of God is consciously realized.

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THE **Church Members** at Surrey now number 300; an increase of 10 for the year notwithstanding the removal of 75 names from the roll through removal and other causes. Year after year our membership has steadily advanced, and although the numbers may not seem large to those who are accustomed to the more favourable conditions of provincial or surburban Church life, for such a district as ours, with 68 per cent. of the population living below the poverty line, and

considering the grave difficulties arising from the sordid and depressing conditions of life, the constant migration to the surburbs of those who are uplifted by our ministries, the paucity of workers, the serious diversion of the Minister's time and energy from his true work to that of raising funds, the figures are most encouraging.

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Two features are noteworthy. First: the **large number of people definitely converted** under the ordinary ministry of the Word, and their subsequent confession of Christ by joining the church. Second: the operation of the law of spiritual gravitation. Christian people who are compelled for various reasons to come to live in the immediate neighbourhood, seem naturally to gravitate to Surrey, and find with us the Christian fellowship and spheres of Christian service which they desire. Hence during the year, we have received into church membership some who have been Baptists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians. Our church is thus a true Evangelical Alliance.

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SOME SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

NUMBERS are not everything. No figures can possibly give an adequate idea of the work of the Mission. But the following at least prove that we are reaching the people:—

600 to 700 Congregation.
300 Church Members.
1100 Children on our Roll.
100 Young People in Bible and Endeavour Classes.
120 Mothers in the Mothers' Meeting.
120 Men in the Men's Brotherhood.
50 Boys in the Brigade.
70 Girls in the Institute.
100 Men in the Slate Club.
550 Monthly Membership Tickets sold last year for the Men's Institute, besides many tickets given away to needy men.

300 to 400 in attendance at Saturday Night Temperance Meeting.

1100 Children and 100 Poor Mothers sent for a day in the Country.

102 Sick and Ailing Children sent for a fortnight in the Country.

1100 Children and 100 Poor Mothers present at Christmas Meals and Happy Evening.

150 Orphan and Fatherless Children on our Roll given a Christmas Dinner of Roast Beef and Plum Pudding.

1100 Separate cases of sickness and destitution treated by the Sister of the People.

1200 Garments distributed to the needy Poor.

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MORE LABOURERS WANTED.

THE only reason the spiritual results are not much larger is the lack of agents. Let any reader glance through the list of Institutions, and then remember that the only paid helper the Minister has is the Sister of the People. Necessarily, as the Minister of Surrey Chapel, he has to undertake many onerous duties in connection with the religious and philanthropic life of the district and the larger life of London. Our band of voluntary workers labour with a devotion and self-sacrifice which is beyond all praise. But they are few; are constantly changing, and have each to work hard for a livelihood. To do the least justice to the work we ought to have at once another Sister and a Lay Agent, and (in view of the urgent needs of St. James' Road Mission), a second Minister

AND MONEY.

It may be a bold thing to say, but we hold it to be true that the evangelization of the masses is a question of pounds, shillings, and pence.

We have the Holy Spirit and an unfailing Gospel; we have godly men and women who are fitted by divine call and practical experience for the work, and we have found out the effective methods of reaching them. All that we need is money to employ additional agents and extend our redemptive agencies, and we are sure the harvest of souls can be gathered in. Oh! that the Lord's stewards might realize their great opportunity, and come to our help.

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ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

Last year we were rejoicing over the marvellous deliverance God had wrought out for us. In answer to prayer £3,200 had been swept off our huge debt. This year the answer has come to the prayers for an additional helper, which for several years past we have been offering to our Covenant-Keeping God. A friend of Mr. Parr's, who desires to be anonymous, has promised the salary of a young Minister for three years. After Conference, we hope to secure the best young man for our work the college can produce, and our Mission will we trust enter upon a new era of prosperity, Still more striking is the divine answer to the prayers of the **St. James Road** Mission Workers in the erection of a School Chapel (an illustration and description of which are given on another page), and the raising of nearly £500 towards its cost. "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

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RECOGNITION.

Our Mission has now become such a powerful factor in the life of the district that almost every week some notice of its work appears in the daily press or weekly religious organs. On another page we re-print a description of our work by the editor of *The Christian*, who investigated the work on the spot, and afterwards described it in the columns of his influential and widely-circulated paper. *The Christian Herald* and *Christian Pictorial* have also published lengthy and commendatory articles, fully illustrated; while the *Methodist Times*, *Christian World* and *Christian Commonwealth* have been most cordial and generous in their advocacy of our work. At the time when public attention was being called by the London and provincial press to the notorious Hooligans of South-East London, the *Christian Commonwealth* and *Christian Budget* made honourable mention of the Minister of Surrey Chapel Mission as one of "the men who convert Hooligans." We greatly value this recognition of the Press, because we believe it draws public attention to our work, and helps to evoke that sympathy and support we so much need.

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Minister and People.

The relations between the Minister and people are of the most cordial character. Last September, Mr. Parr received a pressing call to another and wider sphere of usefulness. But after the unanimous and earnest invitation of the Quarterly Meeting of the officials of the two Churches, and much prayer and deliberation he finally decided to remain a seventh year, commencing July 1899. In October, he was presented with the 25 guineas edition of the Encyclopœdia Brittanica in revolving case, as a tribute of the people's affection and esteem. On July 16th, Mr. Parr will have completed 25 years ministry, and it is intended to celebrate the event with thanksgiving and joy, and to take up a special thank-offering toward the much-needed renovation and refurnishing of the parsonage.

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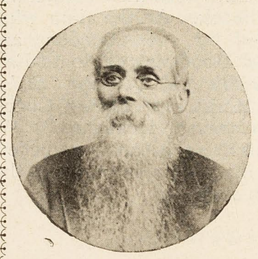
The Sister Appreciated.

We have more reason every day to thank God that we were led to invite Sister Annie to become our Sister of the People. After five years devoted labour she continues to enjoy the confidence and affection of all the members of our two churches and countless others of the poor to whom she has proved herself to be a Sister indeed. On two occasions during the year have presentations been made to her.



The late Mr. W. G. MASON.

Our . . . Losses. .

DURING the year the patriarch of our church, Mr. W. G. Mason, Society Steward and Class Leader (whose portrait we give) has been called to his eternal reward. He was a man of sterling piety, beautiful fidelity and devotion and mighty faith. It was an unspeakable privilege to visit him as his end drew near. His chamber was as the gate of Heaven. His death was triumphant. The memory of the just is blessed.

Mr. E. Howard, who had for four years conducted the Lodging-house services has removed from the neighbourhood. A more diligent, faithful and intelligent worker we have never known. His record is on high, and his labours among the lost and homeless men will have their reward.

Mr. G. Lane, the able Secretary of the Men's Institute, has also removed, to the deep regret of the brotherhood and the whole church.

A Timely Gift.

DURING the year we have received a most welcome addition to our means of brightening the lot of the suffering Poor, in the shape of a beautifully fitted **Invalid's Bath Chair** from Mr. G. Gwyer of East Ham. It is impossible to express our gratitude for this most useful and timely gift. But in days to come many a poor invalid, who would not otherwise be able to enjoy a breath of fresh air will bless the name of the donor and give thanks to God.

The Gymnasium.

A pleasing development of our social work during the year has been the commencement of a Gymnasium by the Children's Mission for the boys and youths. No one who is familiar with the district will question the imperative necessity of such an Institution in connection with any effort to uplift and redeem the boys and youths. There is a close relation between a healthy body and a healthy soul, and the boys of the district are of such a poor physical type, that anything in the way of gymnastics is a benediction to them, besides serving the important purpose of keeping them off the streets and out of the company of the "Hooligans" who abound in the neighbourhood.

The Men's Institute

has continued its excellent work. Nearly 600 monthly membership tickets have been sold, and many a homeless man has found shelter and cheer. The gift of a Bagatelle table by Mr. J. Y. Henderson, has added an attraction, and the purchase of a new piano has greatly contributed to the social enjoyment of the men.

We are allowed 12 months in which to defray the balance of the cost of the instrument £21. Donations towards this object will be greatfully received by the Secretary, Mr. Coysh, or the Minister.

We greatly need a Youth's Parlour for the ever growing number of youths who frequent the Institute. But while the room could soon be easily obtained we need money to furnish it and to pay the first years rent.

The Men's Slate Club

meets a real need. There are few skilled artizans in our neighbourhood, and the unskilled labourers, for the most part, are not members of Orders or Sick Benefit Clubs. By the payment of 7d. a week, the members of our Slate Club are entitled to Medical attendance and 10s. a week for the first 8 weeks; and 5s. a week for the second 8 weeks. Needless to say such provision for a "rainy day" has proved a God-send to many. Last December after all sick payments had been made, the Men shared out £1 5s. each. There are over 100 men now in the club.

The Mothers' Meetings.

No better plan has yet been devised to reach and redeem the family life of the poor, than the Mothers Meeting. We have 150 Mothers at the Surrey and St. James Road Meetings.

The attendance at Surrey often reaches 100, although we always refuse to enrol any who attend other Mothers' Meetings. When our Meeting was commenced 6 years ago, the atmosphere of the Lecture Hall reeked with the fumes of intoxicating drink, and many of the women presented a deplorable appearance. In a few weeks the odour of drink disappeared and the appearance of the Mothers steadily improved. Cleanliness, tidiness, and strict sobriety are the rule now, and many have become teetotalers and earnest Christians. Sister Annie has a class meeting of 50 Members largely composed of mothers converted through the Mothers' Meeting.

The Women's Medical Club

has rendered great service to the poor women of our Mothers' Meeting, and their children. For one penny per week, they are entitled to the services of a highly skilled lady doctor, from the Blackfriars Women's and Children's Dispensary, and are thereby saved from the demoralizing practice which is so common of applying to the parish in every illness.

The Women's P.S.A.

under the leadership of Mrs. Goddard Russell has had a prosperous year. It is quite impossible for the vast majority of the women of our district to attend public worship on the Sabbath mornings. The bright and cheerful Women's P.S.A. Service is therefore well attended and greatly appreciated by weary mothers.

The B.W.T.A.

Temperance work among women of the poorer class is extremely difficult work. Drink is their one solace. Their neighbours drink. They themselves were trained from childhood to drink, and, alas, in many of them there is the hereditary craving for it. Yet quietly and steadily the work of conviction has proceeded among the women of our Mothers' Meeting. Since the Branch of the B.W.T.A. was commenced, a goodly number have signed the pledge, and no less than 36 have become subscribing members. At a recent testimony meeting, one woman said the B.W.T.A. had led her and her husband, and children to give up the drink. Another said it had been the means of leading her to Christ, and her husband to become a teetotaler. Another whose *home had been wrecked through drink*, said the temperance pledge had brought *waggon loads of goodness to her home*. Another had induced five lodgers to sign the pledge, and so the whole household were now abstainers. Thus does the Branch make headway among the women of the district.

The Sunday School.

is flourishing. Notwithstanding a slight apparent decrease of scholars, the school is in a much more efficient state than formerly. Disorder has been conquered; vacancies caused by the removal of teachers filled up, and the Sunday morning School attendance greatly improved. The condition and outlook are most hopeful and encouraging, a number of the Senior Scholars have given themselves to Christ, and two new membership classes have been formed for their special instruction and guidance in Christian life.

Redeemed Lives.

TWO TYPICAL CASES.

"I lived with the wife and child in one room without any carpet," said a bright well-dressed man to Mr. Parr, one evening at the Lecture Hall. "and a sorry time we had, I can tell you, Sir; but since I signed teetotal I have taken three rooms, and the best one has a Brussels carpet and first-class furniture. As my girl is growing up I thought she should learn music, so I went to a piano shop and I asked the price of a piano I liked the looks of. 'Cash down,' says I. The dealer stared at me. But I pulled out my purse and shewed him the sovereigns. 'Seventeen pounds ten,' said he. 'Alright; here you are' said I, and I gave him the cash. I tell you what it is Mr. Parr, my home's a different place altogether since I came to Surrey." This man was first induced to attend the Pleasant Saturday Evenings, he signed the pledge and then began to come with his wife and child to the Sunday Services. He has come blessedly into the light and is now a most constant interested and enthusiastic worshipper and worker with us.

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C. D. was the daughter of a woman of lowest character: in fact the "kept woman" of a wealthy tradesman in Lambeth. In her childhood she declared that her mother was generally drunk, and that she with her brother and sisters, all illegitimate children, lived in a dirty cellar without flooring except the bare earth.

They lived more like brute beasts than human beings. Incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless true, that until she was married she **had never used a knife and fork.**

She was once absolutely heathen, as far as knowledge of religion was concerned. Left a widow with one boy, she struggled on as well as she could; earning a livelihood by office cleaning and charing. She was one of the first to join the Mothers' Meeting and came most regularly. Little by

little the light of the Gospel reached her dark heart, and the Minister will not soon forget her grasping his hand after a Sunday Night's service in the chapel, and with beaming countenance saying. "I see it all Mr. Parr, I see it. Yes Jesus **is** my Saviour."

She joined Sister Annie's class and testified most joyously of her salvation. Amid poverty and trial and many hardships she witnessed a bold and beautiful confession. Last Autumn she was taken suddenly ill and had to be taken to the hospital where she died, but to Sister Annie she spoke with the utmost assurance of her hope of Eternal Life, and her end was perfect peace.

"I was a Father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not I searched out." . . .

These words of the patriarch Job fitly describe the thousand and one ministries of help it has been our privilege to render to the poor. Almost every day we are applying to some charity on behalf of a deserving applicant; standing up to some oppressor of the poor, and saying, "hands off"; advocating the cause of some deserving widow at the Board of Guardians; sending an ailing or convalescent man, or woman, or child to the sea-side or country; pleading with employers of labour to take on some half-starved man or struggling widow, or poor youth or girl. On some days it is simply one long procession, to and from our door, of needy ones of our different institutions seeking help, counsel, or consolation.

A Tale of Child Life.

HOW difficult is the task to give an adequate description of the work carried on amongst the poor children of the neighbourhood by our **Children's Mission.**

This Mission to the Children of Blackfriars is one of the most noteworthy features of the many agencies at Surrey Chapel. Originally started in "Old Surrey" Schoolroom, its career was cut short by numerous difficulties. With the opening of "New Surrey" it was "born again," and its subsequent history no pen can truly write.

In the Lecture Hall the first **Poor Children's Service** was held in **1888** with an attendance of **70.** Now the Hall is literally crowded with eager children, mostly drawn from the poorest families of the immediate district. On no Sunday during the present year have less than 500 children been present, whilst the registers contain 700 names. Even with such crowds, it is no uncommon thing to have to refuse admission to many because of lack of room. Clinging to the closed gate one Sunday was a poorly clad boy crying, **"Do let me come in, I'm so cold."** Under conditions far from genial and in an atmosphere not very healthy, the Mission Workers have laboured week in and week out with the consciousness that God smiled on their labours.

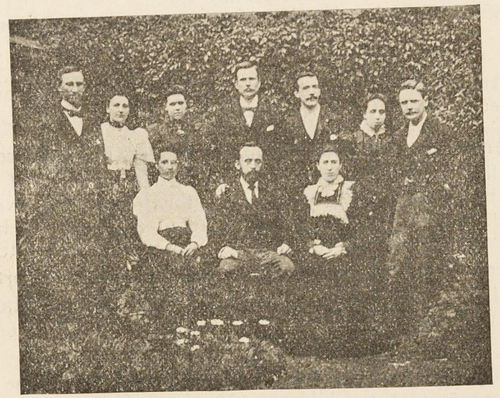
Here, at the Sunday Evening Service, are children from homes that, in some cases, are beyond description in their utter unfitness as places where child life can be fostered and blessed. Here are some sisters sitting together, forming part of a family of seven, all supported by the unaided work of a mother widowed three years ago, who after battling nobly during the long illness of a consumptive husband, is now heroically doing her very utmost to keep a home for fatherless children. Bright example of motherly love, which, surrounded by difficulties, and under conditions that are destitute of any beauty and health, is stedfastly doing its duty.

Here also are boys deserted by their mother, girls left with an utterly depraved father, and children from homes where both parents are faithfully endeavouring to do their best for their off-spring.

Yes, here is light and shade, beauty and ugliness, truth and falsehood, joy and sorrow.

Here at the close of a recent Sunday Evening Service might have been seen a Worker, enquiring why a rather noisy boy has no boots or stockings on his feet, and is without a shirt to his back. "Ain't got any boots or stockings, and my shirt ain't washed yet," is the response. Quickly the articles of clothing are placed on him, and every Sunday since the waif has been present. No father or mother own him, but he lives with a woman who does not attend "our" chapel, but always goes to "Mass."

Mr. Bennetton. Mrs. Croxford. Miss Bowers. Mr. Joyce (*Sec.*)
Miss Henderson. Mr. Hancox. Mr. Millard.



Mrs. Mason. Mr. Mason. Mrs. Joyce.
(*Supt.*)

CHILDREN'S MISSION COMMITTEE, 1898.

Amongst the girls is one who had heard that Jesus loves little children, and that we love them too. "Please teacher, do you love *me*," is the appealing question. "Of course we do," comes the reply. "Will you kiss me?" The dirt-begrimed face is kissed into smiles, and the way to another heart is won.

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Poor bairns!!! They are God's jewels—"for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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Reference has been made to the large attendances, but we would not have our readers imagine that the services are carried on amid continuous disorder. This is far from the case; the orderliness and evident attention of the crowd of children has again and again drawn expressions of surprise from visitors from all parts of the kingdom and occasionally from friends with homes in distant countries of the world.

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Perhaps the most interesting fact in this corner of the vineyard is the great number of **Social and Religious Agencies.**

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An attempt is made to cater for child life in all its aspects. We recognise that poor children need

Fresh Air, Food and Clothing, Recreation, and Exercise,

as well as definite, clear, simple, consistent teaching of Jesu's love and Biblical history. Being affiliated to that excellent institution, the Ragged School Union, and assisted by the Southwark Children's Aid Society, we were enabled to send **last year 98 Children to the Country and Seaside for a fortnight,** and also to cover many a poor shivering little mortal with warm clothing.

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Want of space prevents us detailing the work of the many departments of the Children's Mission. Every week night with the exception of Saturday, something is afoot for the well-being of the children. Suffice it to say that the list of institutions comprise the following:—

Junior Christian Endeavour, Senior Boys' Bible Class,
Junior and Senior Girls' Musical Drill, Mission Choir,
Cymnasium for Boys, under a Trained and Certified Instructor,
Senior Girls' Bible Class, Country Holiday Fund,
Junior and Senior Boys' Brigade, Christmas Goose Club.

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The Girls' Drill and Boys' Brigade fulfil all the objects of a Band of Hope, as membership is conditional on signing the following pledge:—"I promise with the help of God, to abstain from all Intoxicating Liquors as beverages, also that I will read the Bible and pray to God every day."

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The Children of the Poor!! Let us not forget that, although the instances of brutality, destitution, and burden, driving men and women into falsehood and drink, are numerous, yet the gloom of the slum is relieved by the presence of homes, poor and destitute truly, where the light of love and care and complete self-sacrifice shines brightly. Let us honour the brave but poverty-stricken ones, who yet have not let go their faith in God.

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Here in this Mission are hundreds of the Children of the Slum. Who is sufficient to bless them? What organisation shall truly reach them? Nay, none shall succeed without the very blessing of God. And we believe that through this work God is healing, blessing, cheering, saving many.

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Join with us in this great undertaking. We require

£200 a year

to successfully carry on the Children's Mission.

WILL YOU HELP?

SISTER ANNIE.

Our Sister's Story.

Told by Herself.

DEAR FRIENDS,—

Gratitude to the Author of every good and perfect gift fills my heart for His wondrous love in preserving and using me through my fifth year of service as a Sister of the People.

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It is somewhat difficult to describe a work like mine in fresh and interesting style. One day very much resembles another. There are sick, relief, and bereaved cases every day, varied in some respects, differing in intensity and duration, but there is in all the call for hearty sympathy and love, and the practical exhibition of it in a very material form. There is always a great joy in relieving suffering, and it has been a special joy to me to minister to the needs of hungry children, to relieve the anguish of mothers' hearts, to cheer the despairing, and to create a faith in God in hearts crushed by cruelty, hunger, drink, and poverty. It is useless to go to a starving case where there is no appetite for spiritual things, and simply give a tract or read a chapter, and not attend to the needs of the body.

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It is as much our duty to feed the hungry as to preach the Gospel, and the latter is much more effective after we have proved our interest in the welfare of the distressed.

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There are times when, tired and completely sick of the sights of misery and woe, disappointed by ingratitude, the relapse into sin of those whom I had rescued, with whom the powers of evil have been too strong, and all efforts and prayers have seemed fruitless, when my motives have been misjudged, and those from whom sympathy was expected were too preoccupied to give it, at such times my heart has ached beyond expression, and I have been tempted to think I had missed my vocation in life. At these times how much your prayers were needed, and doubtless I have been greatly strengthened by them and enabled to pursue the path of duty.

If those kind friends who have made it possible to relieve distress could see the happiness their gifts create they would feel amply repaid. Amongst these are Mr. Pascall, who has been exceedingly generous to our people, and proved himself a friend indeed. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock deserve our thanks also, and many others for kind assistance.

All ages and sects

have claimed help, and Christianity has used me to answer that demand, whenever it became known to any of us at Surrey Chapel.

1,100 cases have been personally visited

who did not require any special assistance.

500 deserving cases have been relieved.

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In addition to these there are **unnumbered daily calls on me,** by those seeking advice, Hospital Letters, Recommendations, applications for work from boys, girls, and adults. Many of these require clothes or boots to start out to work with, and out of the "Rummage Cupboard" their needs are generally met. We are always glad to receive parcels of clothing, and have distributed this year over **1,200 garments** to deserving people. As we wish to avoid robbing them of their independence a very small charge is generally made, but this is refunded them in the Christmas Treat and the Summer Excursion.

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But visiting and relieving distress, &c., as already described only forms part of my duties. Two afternoons and two evenings each week are given up to the Class and Mothers' Meetings at Surrey and Bermondsey. These Class Meetings are seasons of great blessing to those whose surroundings are not at all favourable to Christian growth. Their sympathies are expanded by hearing the testimony of others labouring under similar difficulties to their own. Their faith in God is built up and they go home refreshed and encouraged to face the trials of another week. **Some have been convinced of sin** in these gatherings and brought to see their need of Christ.

The **Tallerman Treatment for Rheumatism** claims two afternoons each week. By the kind permission of Mr. Tallerman of Welbeck Street, the necessitous poor have been enabled to receive immense benefit without any charge, and we are constantly receiving thanks from those who have obtained relief from their sufferings by undergoing a course of treatment at Webber Street Mission Hall, from Mr. License or myself.

The **Maternity bags** have been made use of and much appreciated.

During the year we have had some terrible illustrations of what a destructive foe to our Social and Spiritual work we have in Strong Drink. I can fearlessly say, there is no evil that can compare with it in destroying health, ruining the homes and defeating the aims and hopes of all lovers of mankind. Our branch of the B.W.T.A., in which work I engage, continues its educating and inspiring work and sends forth a mighty influence to oppose England's greatest curse. Daily I see children, wives and sometimes husbands, whose lives are made wretched through it. When a person becomes addicted to drink it is a terrible struggle to overcome the habit, and there is no greater help to the cause of Christ than that done by the Temperance workers.

In my visits to the homes of the people I always advocate Total Abstinence and have had the pleasure of taking several pledges. This frequently leads to the people becoming attendants at the Sanctuary and to a brighter and happier condition of life. It is encouraging to hear from the members how glad they are to see me, and to have a Sister of their own Church and Faith to visit them.

A few of my cases may be interesting.

Mrs. A——, a highly respected young woman, mother of two children. The husband was out of employment for several months, with an aged parent to keep. Hearing of her case I went to see her. Found the place neat and tidy but they were wanting food and firing. I relieved them at once, experience showing it was deserving. Reported the case to Mr. Parr, who helped them with their rent. It was a very long case and a great strain on our resources. The husband

used to walk miles each day in search of employment. At last he was successful and now is doing well and very grateful for past help.

Mrs. B—— was for **many years bedridden.** Unable to help herself and constantly required attention and nourishment. Have spent a great deal of time with her, looking after her, washing and making her as comfortable as possible, reading and praying and all the various duties of a sick room. It was a very trying case and required someone to sit up with her all night. I took my turn with the rest of the family. Was sent for early one morning as she was taken worse. On arriving found her nearing her end. Did all I could to soothe her last hours. She seemed to know she was going home, and I repeated some precious promises to her and also some hymns. In her early life she was a Sunday School Teacher and came from a godly family. I sat with her all day until she peacefully passed away, when I prepared her for burial.

Mrs. C—— was one of our members, and belonging to the Mothers' Meeting, **an aged Widow and blind.** This was a splendid instance of what the grace of God can do. Although blind she delighted to attend the House of Prayer and in the Class meetings would testify to the goodness of God, never murmuring, but always cheerful. A cheerfulness she maintained although she was called upon to suffer terribly with cancer, but her simple faith carried her through. It was a most unpleasant task to wash and wait on her, daily for a month, but she was grateful to have someone from her own Chapel to wait upon her. She died rejoicing in Jesus whom she had loved so long.

These are only three of my cases. They represent more time than you might think. Some visits are necessarily only short, but others represent hours of watching and attention, sometimes all day or night, but I am very glad that although the work is frequently hard and not of a very cheerful nature in itself, it is the Master's work, and He has graciously sustained me in it thus far and has been with me and blessed my poor efforts to carry on His business.

Will you **who can,** help me by your prayers; your sympathy, and your gifts, to satisfy the needs of those who cannot help themselves.

Surrey Chapel Lodging House Mission.

Described by a Worker.

EVERY Sunday Evening a little band of our Members hold a Service in one of the numerous Lodging Houses of the district, in which 4,000 men nightly find shelter.

In an underground kitchen, with its bare white-washed walls and stone flooring, low ceiling, rows of wooden forms and deal tables, the Workers open out a little portable harmonium (kindly lent by Mrs. Bentham), distribute Sankey's Hymn Books to the men, and get ready for a start. The atmosphere is terribly hot owing to the great fire, and is beclouded with the steam of the cooking that is going on, mingled with the fumes of tobacco and the aroma of Yarmouth herrings and other dainties. The lodgers are composed of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects. There are newsvendors, cab attendants, costers, mechanics, broken-down tradesmen, doctors, and clerks. It is difficult to ascertain what brought them there, but it is safe to assume that it is not a matter of choice with the majority. A great many will confess that it is entirely through the drink, but whatever the reason, we have to face the fact, and our hearts go out in pity to them in their misery and distress.

It is wonderful how a short time in one of these places deprives them of all hope. They seem to regard their position as inevitable and beyond help. When the service commences they will listen attentively to the singing and to the address if it is not too dry.

A favourite subject is the Prodigal's Son,

and many of them are deeply moved by this picture so faithfully describing their own experience.

The reading of God's word, when carefully selected is a means of great blessing. The singing of the hymns is taken up by the men very heartily, one especially often chosen by them is, "Where is my wandering boy to-night," but perhaps the solos by our lady friends are most in request, and the effect produced amply repays the singers. These solos live with the men and must produce lasting impressions for good. Many who would never dream of entering a Church or Chapel in this way hear the story of the Cross, and catching up the tune are forced to think of eternal things.

Mr. Tonkin. Mrs. Field. Miss Edwards. Mr. Blake.

Sister Annie. Mr. Howard. Mrs. Howard.

A GROUP OF LODGING-HOUSE WORKERS.

Our workers count it an honor and a great joy to think that in this they are but following "In His steps," and when they ask themselves "What would Jesus do" think of His own words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Lodging house work may not seem to be the most inviting, but it is the Master's work and brings the sure reward. Perhaps the greatest discouragement is

the constant migration of the lodgers,

to other parts, and yet this very fact gives the opportunity of reaching a greater number. Many testimonies have been given to the good received at these meetings.

One rough fellow, who was, when he first came there, inclined to be quarrelsome and to scoff at religion, a well-informed man upon general topics, was completely silenced by the sound reasoning, the courteous treatment, and the Christian

forbearance of the speakers, and never afterwards attempted to interfere, but gave a respectful attention.

Another man whom we never saw in the meetings, declared that he was occupying a room above, and that he could hear the whole of the service, personally thanked one of the helpers for

the great blessing he had received,

and requested him to go on and not be discouraged.

Occasionally the men have followed us to the House of God, and on Watch Night especially, a number came and signed the pledge, several also bowed in penitence and sought for pardoning mercy from God.

Surrey Chapel always advocates a practical Christianity, but in none of its many Institutions is it more clearly demonstrated than in the little Lodging House Mission, to a class of the community despised and neglected by so many, but who are capable of appreciating kindness and who are compelled to believe that some Christians at least desire their welfare.

Gifts of Clothing, Hospital and Convalescent Letters or Coal Tickets, have been received from the following:— . . . . . .

Surgical Aid Society, Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, W. C. Collins, J. Pascall, J. S. Bramwell, H. Ablitt, G. S. White, E. J. E., Dr. Dwyer, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Mills, Miss Street, A Friend, Miss Sinclare, Miss Riley, Miss Anguin, Miss Meager, Mrs. T. P. Parr, Mrs. Cramp, B. Vickers, C. Woollard, E. Harmer, Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Cray, Mrs. Stuffin, Mrs. Keighley, Mrs. Feaster, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Trippet, Mrs. Westoby; Messrs. Eden and C. Stray, M. Roe, T. Hadfield; Dover C. E. Society, Ragged School Union, and Mr. Moulton.

The Review of our Work.

By the Editor of "The Christian."

SITUATED in the heart of a vast population of work-a-day people, amid dingy streets and squalid alleys, Surrey Chapel commands, by its present aggressive work as well as its hallowed associations, the keen sympathy of all who have at heart the spiritual and moral welfare of the people.

The present Surrey is, of course, the outcome of Dr. Newman Hall's kindly action on leaving Old Surrey for Christ Church, when he offered the use of the vacated building to the Primitive Methodist body for the term of five years which the lease had still to run.

It was accepted, and at the expiration of the period the services were continued in the Raglan Music Hall, but ultimately, and largely by the aid of influential trustees—now, alas! no more—the present capacious and comfortable building was erected, at a total cost of £14,000, and opened (during the ministry of Rev. B. Senior) by Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

At the request of Conference, Rev. J. Tolefree Parr undertook the charge six years since. His persistent effort has been, while maintaining the best traditions of Surrey, to build up a new congregation and form from the masses in the immediate neighbourhood an organised

Body of Mission Workers.

"The old order changeth and giveth place to the new"; the movement of business people from the city to the residential suburbs, and the decease of older members might render the work difficult, but after all was there not a flowing tide of misery and vice lapping up to the very chapel doors; and was not the roar of the godless crowd, the shout of the reeling drunkard, the oath that babbled from the lips of childhood, a sufficient call to Surrey people to gird up their loins and make their fine building the fountain-head of a great home missionary effort?

Mr. Parr was, at any rate, prepared to make any personal sacrifice in order to bridge the gulf between religion and the masses; and a glance at the many useful agencies now in

operation which render the Mission such a profound blessing, demonstrates with an eloquence greater than that of words how well the faith and works of phalanx of toilers at Blackfriars has transformed or enlightened much of the prevailing

Sorrow, and suffering, and irreligion.

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Every effort leads up to the Evangelistic Service of Sunday night. That is to say, none of the undertakings exist save to point the way to Christ. That the people throng to Surrey is surely a tribute to the vital force of evangelical religion. Every Sunday evening, for example, besides the congregation of adults filling the chapel, five hundred of the little children one-roomed London are to be found thoroughly at home in the large hall below the chapel, their polished faces and well tidied clothes speaking even less specifically of their enjoyment than the *verve* and volume of their singing. Poor little tots! with toes oozing muddily 'tween soles and uppers—pert boys with bristly hair and a grin, bigger girls carrying babies or cripples, join in with a rousing force that threatens to split the roof.

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From this Special Mission to Children—quite distinct from the regular Sunday School—have developed a Girls' Institute and a Boys' Brigade, the value of which in the midst of the haunt of the hooligans is all the greater since one condition of membership is attendance at the Bible Class; the young fellows and lassies become thereby knit into the Church. As for the working man, the humble dosser, and other friends, the P.S.A., conducted on evangelistic lines, constitutes an unfailing attraction for them.

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Turning to the social work, we find the premises next the chapel, the quarrying ground; there the poor man is at home, and the doubtful joys of the public-house bar left far behind. The doors are "thrown wide open to one and all," the roughest are not only welcomed but made to feel thoroughly at home. Attractive rooms, books, magazines, and simple games, warmth, light, and interest are helpful to cordiality; but best of all is the touch of godly feeling which elevates social intercourse into

Heart to heart talk.

Other times, other meetings. The Women's Medical Club is as great a bulwark against pauperism as is the men's against alcoholism, for its financial arrangements are admirably arranged to sustain independence at times when resort to the Guardians seems inevitable. The women have rallied nobly to help themselves, under the special guidance of a Sister of the People. Her name is Sister Annie, and her labours amongst the poor are "familiar in their mouths as household words."

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During the past year she has attended upwards of 1,000 cases of illness and distress. Attired in a neat and simple uniform, she alternately nurses, prays, and pleads in her noble mission of mercy; in and out of the slums, in August heat or December snows, goes the good, unassuming sister, so well acquainted with the daily sorrows of those who live in chronic uncertainty as to whence their next meal shall come.

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Follow her into a block of buildings, where in one of the garrets exists a distressed couple whom we will call the Jarvises.

The husband is blind, and the wife, in consequence, has been the bread winner. But Mrs. Jarvis is dying of consumption, and is, moreover, anxious about her soul. Sister Annie comforts the poor creature by tidying up the room, preparing some warm food, and then reading from the Bible and praying by the bedside.

The poor old woman gets converted, and her husband, for twenty years a backslider, returns to the Lord.

But the scene must be painted in deeper tints when in the midnight watches by the bedside the woman's ashen grey face tells of imminent death. The Sister wipes away the death sweat, and whispers words that kindle the eye.

"When I am gone—gone home, that is—you'll do what's wanted to me; don't let a crowd come in. I say, Sister,

Pray with me."

And when the Sister has finished the simple petition she draws the sheet over the still waxen features. Mrs. Jarvis is dead. Such is an instance from the daily round of the social work at Surrey.

Surrey combines, too, in federation work with the Free Churches of the district. The greatest heartiness prevails, and an amount of good has been accomplished

In combating impurity

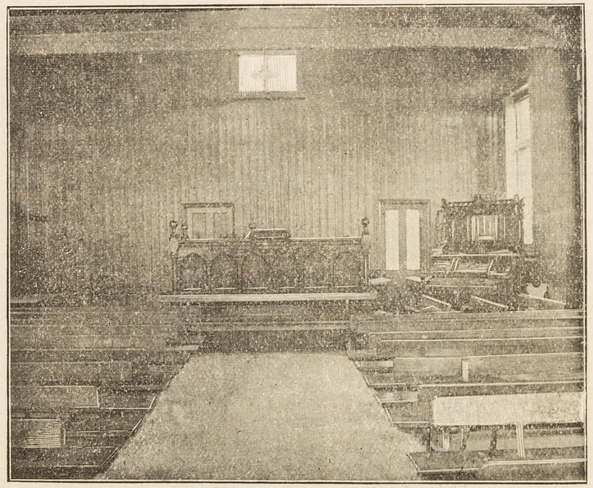
which amounts practically to a revolution. Hooliganism is but an expression of hatred to the powers that have dealt with abominations that had sapped the morality of this part of the metropolis.

One of the most satisfactory facts in connection with Mr. Parr's labours has been the success of the long and bitter struggle with the crushing debt of £6,200. Such difficulties as the removal of converts to "fresh woods and pastures new," the "floating" character of the population, and the largely impecunious position of the district, have been overcome by incessant and trying exertion to the extent of paying off £3,200; but even this cheering result has necessarily crippled many of the ordinary funds so that £300 is still needed to balance the current account. Surrey's financial resources are small, but the conspicuous success of the Mission in all and each of its undertakings surely constitutes an admirable reason why the Minister should be liberally supported, so as to free him to carry forward at greater speed his good work of evangelising the masses and building up still more the new, vigorous cause which is proving so great a blessing to the community.

From "The Christian," Nov. 3rd, 1898.

St. James' Road.

The cause was opened here in 1881 in a small hall. As there was no prospect of enlargement and our tenure was uncertain, Rev. B. Senior, with characteristic enterprise, looked out for and finally purchased the present eligible site six years ago. There were two large houses upon the land. One of these was let and the other transformed into a Mission Room. Here for five years we have worshipped and conducted Sunday School and other meetings under most trying conditions. After the debt on Surrey Chapel was dealt with, we turned our attention to St. James' Road. As there was still £1,150 unpaid on the site and property, we felt we ought not to increase the debt. We accordingly resolved to pull one of the houses down, and thus make a wide entrance to the garden in



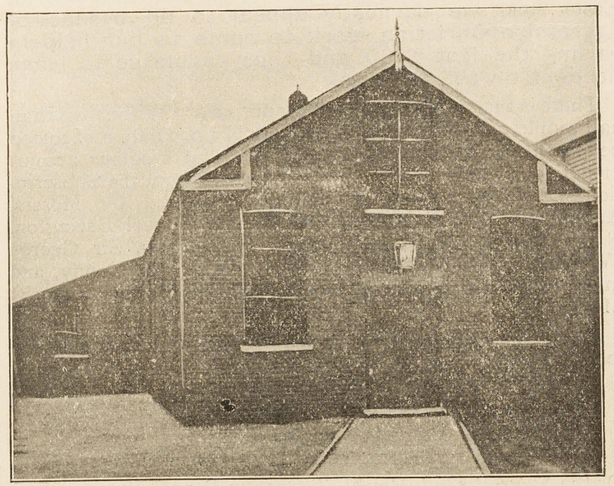
INTERIOR OF SCHOOL-CHAPEL.

the rear in which we erected a neat and commodious School-room. This will serve for worship and school work for a few years, until we have freed the land from encumbrance, and can see our way to clear away the remaining house and erect a large Chapel or Mission Hall on the front, the present building then continuing to be used as the school-room.

The new School-Chapel was opened on Good Friday last year, when

A Remarkable Coincidence

occurred. When Rev. Rowland Hill opened Old Surrey Chapel his text was "We preach Christ crucified." When Rev. C. H. Spurgeon opened the New Surrey Chapel eleven years ago, without knowing this fact, he selected as his text the words "We preach Christ crucified." When Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, M.A., opened St. James' Road School-Chapel, in entire ignorance of these two facts he announced as



EXTERIOR OF SCHOOL-CHAPEL.

his text, "We preach Christ crucified." No wonder our officials and minister exchanged eager glances, and many of the people thrilled with interest and joy, said "Praise the Lord." But the coincidence is profoundly suggestive. Christ crucified is our great theme; the Cross is the centre of all our work. We are evangelical and evangelistic. Since the new building has been opened we have greatly increased our congregations. The Sunday School has added over 50 new scholars to its roll; about 15 new members have been added to the Church, making 60 in all.

The Mothers' Meeting Temperance Society, Christian Endeavour, Band of Hope, Choir, Open Air Mission, and all the Institutions are flourishing The outlook is most hopeful. We are absolutely assured that, by God's help, a large and powerful Mission will be built up at St. James' Road.

Up to the time of writing this Report nearly £500 has been raised towards the £650 required to defray the cost of the new building. We are keeping the Building Account open till Easter, and **we earnestly appeal to all friends of aggressive Christian work to come to our help in raising the last £150, and thus enable us to leave no debt on the premises.**

There is the most urgent need for our work. Within less than half a mile radius of our Mission there is a population of 20,000 people of the Working Class, and the total religious accommodation is under 3,000. As will be seen from the Subscription List, the project is cordially approved by Messrs. A. Lafone, M.P., Colonel Dalbiac, M.P., Colonel Bevington, R. V. Barrow, G. Livesey, C. J. W. Rabbits, Sir George Williams, Lord Kinnaird, W. M. Cross, E. M. Denny, and many other well-known public men in the vicinity and the Metropolis.

Donations will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by—

Mr. C. A. Sainsbury, *Treasurer*,
109 Asylum Road, S.E.

Mr. G. S. Portch, *Secretary*,
33 Ilderton Road, South Bermondsey, S.E.

Or the *Superintendent*, Rev. J. Tolefree Parr,
Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

At this Anniversary we must raise **£250** *at least!*

Owing to the special appeals to Subscribers last year to assist with the Great Debt Reduction Scheme, we have suffered seriously this year in our ordinary income. We could not appeal again so soon to many of them. Consequently, all the year we have been in the backwater of financial difficulty with our current accounts. By this effort we are struggling to free our work of this burden. Will all our old subscribers send us something, and all who have never hitherto helped us, come to our rescue in our critical and urgent need.

Cheques and Postal Orders, crossed "Union Bank of London, Southwark Branch," will be gratefully received and acknowledged by—

Rev. J. Tolefree Parr, *Superintendent*,
Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Mr. J. Mills, *Treasurer*,
84 New Kent Road, S.E.

Mr. J. Skinner, *Secretary*,
32 Ampton Street, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

CASH SUMMARY.

Surrey Chapel Mission.

Dr. INCOME.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
The Ministry, Church & Connexional Funds	294	0	1	Expenditure	318	18	4
The Chapel Trust	365	19	11	Expenditure	630	14	3
The Sunday School	69	8	9	Expenditure	61	8	5
The Poor Children's Mission	174	19	2	Expenditure	163	18	1
The Samaritan Fund	101	19	8	Expenditure	113	1	6
The Charles Green Trust	115	17	2	Expenditure	105	16	11
The Men's Institute	78	5	11	Expenditure	76	11	5
The Men's Slate Club	100	8	2	Expenditure	100	8	2
The Men's P.S.A.	38	0	0	Expenditure	34	4	6
Deficit	266	2	9				
	£1,605	1	7		£1,605	1	7

St. James's Road Mission.

The Ministry, Church & Connexional Funds	19	7	10	Expenditure	19	7	10
The Chapel Fund (ordinary)	95	3	2	Expenditure	118	7	11
The New Building Fund	459	18	7	Paid on account	450	0	0
The Sunday School	37	0	1	Expenditure	36	13	9
Deficit	12	19	10				
	£624	9	6		£624	9	6

The above is a correct summary of the accounts of the various Institutions which have been duly audited by their respective auditors.

E. TIPLADY.

Donations to St. James' Road Building Fund since last Report.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous ...	2	0	0
Mr. H. Ablitt ...	10	0	0
Col. Bevington ...	10	0	0
Bevingtons & Sons ...	5	0	0
Mr. R. V. Barrow... ...	5	0	0
Band of Hope ...	0	5	0
Mr. Blake ...	1	0	0
H. B. ...	5	0	0
Ber. Aux. S.S. Union ...	0	5	0
Mr. Barker ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Baines ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Cox ...	0	10	0
Mr. Croxford ...	2	0	0
C. A. ...	5	0	0
Mr. W. C. Collins ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. Carr ...	0	10	6
Mr. E. O. Clarke ...	20	0	0
Mr. W. M. Cross ...	5	0	0
Mr. J. H. Daintree...	1	0	0
Mr. J. H. Daintree ...	0	10	0
Mr. Davis ...	10	0	0
Mr. E. M. Denny ...	0	10	0
Mr. Elliott ...	10	0	0
E. J. E. ...	5	0	0
Mr. B. Fountain ...	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. B. Fountain ...	5	0	0
A Friend ...	1	0	0
Mr. Gotobed ...	0	10	0
Mr. Garlick ...	0	5	0
Mr. Garlick ...	0	10	0
Mr. Goddard Clarke ...	1	1	0
Mr. Harding ...	0	5	0
Mr. Hodgson ...	0	10	0
Mr. G. M. Hammer ...	3	3	0
Mr. J. J. Johnson ...	0	5	0
Mr. Keeble ...	2	0	0
Ditto Collecting Book ...	2	15	0
Mr. King ...	1	1	0
Miss King ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Keeble ...	1	0	0
Lord Kinnaird ...	5	0	0
Mr. Geo. Livesey ...	10	0	0
Mr. H. Lafone, M.P. ...	5	0	0
Mrs. J. Mills ...	5	0	0
Mothers' Meeting ...	10	10	0
Mr. J. Mills ...	5	0	0
Mr. S. Miller ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Muxlowe ...	0	10	0
Mr. Morgan ...	0	5	0
Mr. G. E. Morgan... ...	4	4	0
Mr. G. Newton ...	5	0	0
Mr. W. Olney ...	2	2	0
Rev. J. Tolefree and Mrs. Parr ...	5	0	0
Mr. S. Plummer ...	1	0	0
Mr. J. Peters ...	10	0	0
Mr. J. Pascall ...	5	0	0
Mr. E. Pomeroy ...	2	2	0
Mr. Quarmby ...	1	0	0
Mr. F. Rowland ...	0	2	0
Mr. Reed ...	1	1	0
Mr. C. J. W. Rabbitts ...	5	0	0
Mr. A. Salter ...	5	0	0
Sunday School ...	11	5	3
Mr. and Mrs. Seager ...	5	5	0
Mr. Snow ...	1	1	0
Mr. Sharrod ...	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Skinner ...	5	0	0
Mr. Seager ...	5	0	0
Mr. Sainsbury ...	2	0	0
Mr. W. Sainsbury, Jun. ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. Seager ...	0	10	0
Miss E. Sainsbury...	0	2	6
Mr. Walter Seager...	2	2	0
Small sums ...	1	10	2
Mr. Skinner ...	2	2	0
Mr. Siggs ...	2	2	0
Mr. Tiplady ...	1	1	0
Mr. E. Tildesley ...	10	0	0
Mr. J. Turnbull ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Utting, collected ...	2	14	0
Mrs. Utting & Family ...	0	13	6
Mrs. Webber ...	5	0	0
Mr. Willett ...	1	0	0
Mr. G. D. Woodcock ...	2	2	0
Mr. W. Webber ...	5	0	0
Sir Geo. Williams ..	2	2	0

Donations to the various Institutions of the Mission.

NOTE.—In a number of cases, especially of Donations from Members of our own Mission, we have included in one sum several small Donations. No acknowledgments made of Donations below 2s., though in each case a receipt was given at the time.

	£	s.	d.
Sister Annie ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Algate ...	0	5	0
Mr. Alston ...	0	5	0
Sister Annie's Box...	0	9	0
Mr. E. Abbott ...	2	2	0
Mr. A. Armson ...	0	2	0
Ashby-de-la-Zouch...	0	2	6
Mr. J. W. Allcock ...	1	1	0
Mr. E. Bannister ...	0	10	0
Mr. E. Beacham ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. Bailey ...	0	2	6
Mr. J. R. Bennett ...	0	2	6
Mrs. C. Baldwin ...	1	0	0
Bridlington Collection and Donations	10	5	4
Mrs. Brewster ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Bentham ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Bridgman ...	0	2	6
Mr. W. Bennetton...	1	8	0
Miss Bowers ...	0	9	6
Mr. C. Bennetton ...	0	2	6
Mr. Blake ...	0	5	0
Mr. Bentham ...	0	2	0
Mr. Edric Bailey ...	1	5	0
Mr. J. Bailey. M.P.	0	5	0
Mrs. Bannister ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Baker ...	0	2	6
Mr. W. A. Bowie ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. R. Bootland	1	1	0
Mr. R. W. Bowers...	2	2	0
Mrs. L. Bannister ...	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Bayne ...	0	2	6
Miss Barrett ...	0	3	0
Mr. C. Barker ...	0	2	0
Mr. Brake ...	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Barker	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Blake	0	5	0
Miss Bicheno ...	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Beddows	2	2	0
Mr. J. Bee ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Bell ...	0	3	0
Mrs. Baxter ...	0	5	0
Mr. E. Barnett ...	0	2	0
Mr. Beesley ...	0	7	6
Mrs. Cramp ...	4	0	0
Mrs. Chance ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Cowell ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Chapman ...	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Clements ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Croxford ...	0	7	6
Mrs. Colman ...	0	2	6
Mr. R. Carr ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Child ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Cuthbert ...	0	2	6
Miss Clarke ...	0	5	6
Miss Carter ...	0	2	6
Mr. T. Cunnington	1	0	0
Mr. A. Chippendale	2	0	0
Mr. Cook ...	1	10	0
Mr. J. Cory ...	5	0	0
Mr. Crowe ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. Calow ...	0	10	0
J. C. ...	0	4	0
Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P. ...	15	0	0
C. E. (Battersea) ...	0	2	6
Mr. W. C. Collins ...	5	0	0
Mr. Capewell ...	1	1	0
Miss Carmichael ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Childs ...	0	2	6
Mr. E. M. Denny ...	10	0	0
Mrs. Dangerfield ...	0	2	6
Mr. S. B. Dennison	0	5	6

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Mr. and Mrs. Davies	0	5	0
Diss Collection ...	1	9	0
Delmar Charitable Trust ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Dennison ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Duckett ...	1	0	0
Mr. W. Dixon ...	2	2	0
Dr. Dwyer ...	1	1	0
Miss Elliston ...	0	5	0
Ebenezer ...	0	10	0
Mr. Ellis ...	0	2	6
Mr. G. Elkins ...	0	2	6
C. E. ...	0	2	0
Mr. J. Everitt ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. R. Everitt...	0	10	0
Mr. Ford ...	0	10	6
Mrs. Frost ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Field ...	0	2	6
Mr. Foster ...	0	4	0
Mr. J. S. Fry ...	5	0	0
Mr. E. Fothergill ...	0	2	6
Two Friends ...	5	0	0
J. Fowles & Son ...	0	5	0
Mr. C. Ford ...	0	10	6
A Friend ...	10	0	0
A Friend ...	0	2	6
A Friend ...	1	0	0
Mr. P. Frodsham ...	1	0	0
A Friend ...	0	10	0
A Friend ...	0	2	6
Mr. A. Flather ...	0	3	0
A Friend ...	5	0	0
A Friend (per Mr. Willcox) ...	0	5	0
Messrs. W. & F. Faulkner ...	0	10	6
A Friend (per Mr. Woodcock) ...	0	10	0
Mr. C. Greenwood...	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. Giles...	0	5	0
Mrs. Gotobed ...	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Gotobed	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Gilliard...	0	8	0
Miss Gardener ...	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Gray...	0	5	0
Miss Goodman ...	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Green	1	0	0
Mr. P. Gibson ...	0	2	6
Messrs. Grantham & Co. ...	0	10	6
Mr. Gotobed ...	0	2	6
The "Charles Green" Trust ...	70	0	0
Dr. Newman Hall...	1	0	0
Mr. T. Harris, J.P.	3	0	0
Mr. Haresign ...	0	3	0
Mr. Hodgson ...	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Howard	0	4	0
Miss Henderson ...	1	8	6
Miss Hope ...	0	12	6
Mrs. Holmes ...	0	2	6
Mr. A. Hawkins ...	5	5	0
Misses C. and M. Harrison ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. P. Hartley...	10	0	0
Mr. J. G. Hewett ...	0	5	0
Mr. F. J. Harrison...	0	7	6
Miss Greenhalgh ...	1	1	0
Mrs. H. Harrison ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Hodgson ...	0	2	6
Miss Haines ...	0	2	6
Mr. J. Hall ...	0	3	0
Mr. and Mrs. Jolliffe	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Joyce	0	15	0
Mr. J. J. Johnson ...	0	5	0
Mr. T. Johnson ...	0	10	0
Mr. Enoch James ...	1	0	0
Mr. G. Kessell ...	0	7	6
Mrs. King ...	0	2	0
Mr. J. Kingdon ...	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Keeble	0	4	0
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Mrs. Knight ...	0	2	0
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Mr. and M. Lane ...	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Lee ...	0	3	0
Mr. Lake ...	2	0	0
Mr. G. Livesey ...	10	0	0
Mr. R. Lishman ...	0	6	0
Mrs. Lord ...	1	5	0
Mrs. Laws ...	0	2	6
Mr. J. C. Lovell ...	2	2	0
Mr. H. B. Marshall	10	0	0

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Mr. and Mrs. Miller	0	10	0
Mrs. McBain ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Mills ...	0	2	6
Mr. T. Marrin ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. G. Mason ...	0	5	0
Miss Mason ...	0	13	0
Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Mason ...	0	10	0
Mr. McConnochie ...	0	10	0
Mr. J. Mills ...	5	15	0
Mr. C. R. Maynard	1	0	0
Mr. J. J. Mitchell ...	1	1	0
M. T. M. ...	0	5	0
Mr. Mark Moore ...	1	0	0
Mr. A. B. Morrish ...	2	2	0
Mr. Martindale ...	1	1	0
Mr. Jas. Mills ...	1	0	0
Mr. H. H. Mansfield	5	0	0
Mrs. McConnochie ...	0	2	6
Mr. A. A. Miller ...	1	0	0
Miss Foster Newton	0	2	0
Mrs. Niblitt ...	0	2	0
Mr. Nye ...	0	2	6
Mr. Newton ...	0	7	6
Mrs. Newton ...	0	2	6
Mr. G. Newton ...	2	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. Obee	1	0	0
Oakworth Collection	1	0	0
Mr. S. Plummer ...	2	2	0
Miss Parr ...	0	4	6
Mr. and Mrs. Pratt	0	4	6
Mr. and Mrs Perkins	0	10	0
Mrs. Perrett ...	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Payne	0	3	0
Mrs. M. Parr ...	0	7	0
Mr. Patterson ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. Peters ...	10	0	0
Mr. R. Phillips ...	2	2	0
Messrs. G. & A. Pugh	0	5	0
A "P. M." ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Pilgrim ...	0	5	6
Mr. J. Pascall ...	11	0	0
J. Compton Rickett, M.P. ...	3	3	0
Miss Redford ...	0	2	0
Mr. Raines ...	0	2	0
Mr. E. C. Rawlings	2	2	0
Mr. J. Russel ...	1	0	0
Readers of "The Christian" (per Morgan & Scott) ...	4	15	0
Mr. A. Robertson ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Goddard Russell	0	2	6
Mr. Ross Robinson	2	10	0
Mr. C. J. W. Rabbits	1	1	0
Mr. E. Reason ...	0	4	6
Mr. Reason ...	0	2	6
Ragged School Union	5	0	0
Mr. T. W. Swindell	0	10	0
Mr. F. Salmon ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. E. Sears ...	10	0	0
Mr. G. Shrubsall ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Stewart ...	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. Suggett	0	4	0
Mr. Shepherd ...	0	5	0
Mr. Scott ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Sanders ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Shepherd ...	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Skinner	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. H. Skinner	0	4	0
Mr. Sanders ...	0	5	0
Mr. Smith ...	0	2	6
Mr. Swetman ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Smith ...	0	3	0
Miss Street ...	0	10	0
Mr. Stewart ...	1	0	0
Surrey Gardens Band of Hope ...	0	10	0
Mr. A. D. Snow ...	0	10	6
Mr. S. Smith, M.P.	10	10	0
Mr. E. M. Sammon	0	10	0
Mr. J. Sweeper ...	0	5	0
Miss G. L. Stabb ...	0	10	0
Rev. F. J. Sainty ...	0	5	0
Rev. J. Shergold ...	0	5	0
Miss Searl ...	0	10	0
Mrs S. M. Sears ...	1	0	0
Mr. W. L. Smith ...	0	2	6
Mr. Stamworth ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. Sainsbury ...	0	10	6
Mr. A. Scott ...	0	2	6
Mr. D. Smith ...	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Southwark Children's Aid Society (per Rev. J. Tolefree Parr) ...	30	0	0
Mr. A. Thompson ...	1	1	0
Mr. Tonkin ...	0	2	6
Mr. Tiplady ...	0	15	0
Mr. O. Thorpe ...	0	3	0
Mr. R. Thackrah ...	0	5	0
Collection (per Rev. J. Tongue) ...	0	18	6
Mr. Taggart ...	0	10	0
A. A. T. ...	0	10	6
Mr. G. Tuck ...	0	12	6
Messrs. Tarn & Co.	0	10	0
Mrs. P. Vickers ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Watson ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Williamson ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Webb ...	0	2	6
Mr. Whybrow ...	0	2	6
Mr. G. Watts ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Webber's Box	0	6	2½
Mrs. Woodcock's Box	0	10	6
Miss Windsor ...	0	10	0
S. W. ...	0	2	6
Mr. W. R. Wright ...	1	1	0
Westgate Congregational Church, Burnley, Collection	3	18	0
Witton Collection (per Rev. J. Tongue) ...	0	16	8
Mr J. Williamson ..	0	10	0
Miss A. Woodcock	0	2	6
Mr. W. Webber ...	2	3	6
Mr. C. Wagstaff ...	0	5	0
Mr. G. D. Woodcock	1	11	0
Mr. J. Williamson ...	0	10	0
Mr. G. Wesche ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Webber ...	1	3	0
Mr. W. H. Willcox	5	10	6
Miss Wise ...	0	7	6

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I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of Surrey Chapel (Primitive Methodist) Central Mission, of which the Rev. James Tolefree Parr is the Superintendent for the time being, the Legacy, or sum of £——, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of Surrey Chapel (Primitive Methodist) Central Mission shall be a sufficient discharge for the said Legacy, and that the said Legacy shall be paid free from Legacy Duty, and that the same, and the Legacy Duty thereon, shall be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal Estate as may be legally bequeathed for charitable purposes, and in priority to all other payments thereout, except any other Legacies which I have left, or may leave, for charitable purposes.

Note.—This must must be incorporated in the Testator's will, or must be signed by the Testator in the presence of two witnesses, both together with him at the same time, and who being so together, must attest his execution of the will in his presence.

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Interview with Mr. T. Arnold, Hon. Sec. of the South London Mission. At the Mission Rooms in Scovell Road. 31 / 379 (E.A.) July 27.99.

Mr. Arnold is a grill cook in the City by presnt occupation,(he began as a barman and has fought his way throu a good many personal and industrial difficulties) and the chief worker at this Mission by affection. He finishes his daily work at about 5, and al his evenings, except Thurs-day, and most of Sundays are spent at Scovell Road. He was converted by the Mission 23 years ago, and has worked with it ever since. He found his wife in it, and is, so his wife tells him, ~~not~~ not only married out of it, but married to it, he is, however his best colleague, and is not jealous of its absorption of her husband's time. A son is also now one of the workers, and when I asked Mr. A. what would happen to the Mission if he had to give it up, he frankly said that it would stop. Their great difficulty is the week-day work, all the helpers being busy people, and unable to do anything except on the Sunday. Most of them are, like himself, members of the Tabernacle, but the Mission is not under ~~xxx~~ it in any way.

The Report is short, and gives an account of what is being done. It is from Mr. Arnold's hand "every word of it" I could not for some time make up my mind whether to put Mr. A. down as a fraud or not, but his keenness, his touche of disappointment, and his frankness about himself made me

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decide very much in his favour. This opinion has since been corroborated by Gardiner. When G. was at S. George's Arnold got on very well withxx the Church, but now thinks that they are not friendly and even want to turn him out. His definite cause of complaint is that they bid over his head for the rooms he is occupying in Scovell Road. However he still holds the rooms, and, unless money fails, the Mission will go on. He even spoke of their hope of building new premises. All the work is voluntary. He tries especially to get at the children and young people, and most of the agencies enumerated in the Report have one or the other of these in view. They have a membership of 40 at the Mission. For other figures see the Report.

Mr. A. shewed me over the rooms the Mission uses -- rather gloomy little places, and we afterwards walked throu the court of the block of buildings in which the mission is located. They were terrible -- the buildings themselves gloomy and forbidding, huge; the courts bare and littered. In one an organ was playing, and crowds of children were playing and dancing round -- hardly a clean or tidy one among them. Their merriment and the jig of the organ were an ironical commentary on the horrible buildings on this hot July afternoon. They were built by Hobbs for a Company, and seemd the most monstrous modern substitute for homes that I had come across.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

AND BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

SOUTH LONDON MISSION.

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1898. Dear Friends,

The Committee of this Mission have again to render to their supporters and the public generally an account of their stewardship for the past year, together with the Balance Sheet. Our Mission is situate in the very heart of a dense and poor district and in the midst of a vast block of workmen's dwellings which have immensely swelled the population, nearly a thousand families occupying these lofty structures.

The various branches of work conducted consist of Gospel Services, Sunday Schools, Mothers' Meetings, Christian Endeavour Bands of Hope, Temperance Meetings, Singing and Recreation Class, Girls' Sewing Class, Prayer Meetings, Sick Visiting, Children's Half-penny Dinners, Free Teas, Visitation of Cripple Children, Tract Distribution, Cricket Club, etc. We refer in this report briefly to them with gratitude to God for sustaining us through another year.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Great attention has been paid to the exposition of God's Word. The times we live in call for the utmost vigilance and care on the part of all who wish to hold the truth in simplicity and sincerity, and we have been careful to select speakers to conduct these Meetings who we believe first receive their message from God and then tell it out with no uncertain sound. Many we are convinced that have heard the Word have gone away rejoicing in a crucified and risen Saviour.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bearing in mind the primary object of the Mission, the spiritual welfare of those around us. We have pleasure in stating that the Sunday Schools have been well attended. An earnest band of Teachers have been sowing the seed of the Kingdom of God, and we have in many instances seen it spring up to his honour and glory. The average attendance is Morning, 30; Afternoon, 145; Evening, 150. During the year additional premises have been added, so that we are enabled to gather many more children together, still we have to turn many away for want of room to accommodate them. From time to time Prayer Meetings have been held with the children and we have evidence of many that are leading consistent Christian lives. Prizes for regular attendance during the year have been given, and 4 elder scholars received Faithful Service prizes from the Ragged School Union.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

The Report of the Superintendent of this Meeting has cheered our hearts. During the year the attendance has nearly doubled. A Coal Club, and Meat Club, besides the ordinary payments for clothing has been organized, and habits of thrift by these means have been encouraged with much success. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has been proclaimed at these gatherings, and the Mothers have found amid the unceasing round of domestic duties, this to be an Elim in the Desert strengthening them amid their constant toils, for in this day of bustle and excitement, many are unable to attend the House of God on Sundays and are thus debarred from hearing the glad tidings of peace and goodwill to all.

SINGING AND RECREATION CLASS.

It has often been said that singing makes the heart glad, and we know no better way to help our children to be bright and happy and to lead useful lives, than to instruct them in singing. With much patience has this class been continued. During the year Entertainments and Services of Song have been rendered not only at our own Meetings but at other Mission Halls around us, our Sunday Night Service has been often helped by this choir. After singing, dumb bell exercise has been indulged in, and toys and games of various kinds have enabled the children to spend many happy evenings.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MEETING.

We cannot say so much of these Meeting as we should like to do. However, some good work has been done, the object of the Society being to reach the young people and to help them lead useful Christian lives and be of great service to our mission and to all around them. The Meetings have been regularly attended, and we believe the young people's hearts are in their work. The Temperance Society has been given into their hands, meetings being held on alternate weeks, Social Meetings have been arranged and the temperance cause and God's Word has been proclaimed. Many have signed the pledge and backsliders have been restored. Tract distribution has also been conducted by some of its members, one sister reported visiting 20 families regularly and another 34, making 54 families regularly visited with the Word of God. By means of these tracts the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Social Meetings with Lantern Lectures have also been conducted, whilst help has been given at our Open Air Sunday Services.

BANDS OF HOPE.

Have ever been a very great factor in the Temperance Cause, and we are of opinion that it is a step in the right direction to try and teach the children the evil of strong drink and we believe the drink, although raging so terribly around us, will be greatly lessened. The attendance at our Band of Hope is very good, sometimes as many as 120 being present, our average attendance is about 90. We are confident that it will be to the advantage of our Nation if more instruction is given to the children in habits of sobriety. We have, at the latter part of the year, opened a Senior Band of Hope, the object being to reach those between the ages of 14 and upward, as many at this age go to work and so leave their ordinary meetings, and many of the lads and girls would lapse into habits of indifference to all good if it were not for some hands held out to assist them, and we are praying that instead of them growing up as young Hooligans, they will become respectable members of society.

GIRL'S SEWING CLASS.

Our Biblewoman who has been connected with the Mission for 37 years, still conducts the class. The average attendance is 80. Instruction is given in the use of the needle, whilst at all the meetings the story of Jesus and his love is made known. Prayer Meetings from time to time have been held with the girls, and many of them have become decided Christians. We are convinced that eternity will only reveal the amount of good done in this class.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Our Prayer Meetings have been to us seasons of great blessing. We are indeed glad when the time for the prayer meeting comes round. Our Master desired his Disciples to come apart and rest awhile, and here we find rest unto our souls. Here we obtain strength and wisdom and guidance to continue the work given us by God, and we believe that our Mission is greatly blessed by the power of prayer. For to ask is to receive.

SICK VISITING.

From visits among the sick and afflicted we often come away with a very heavy heart, we have felt ourselves utterly unable to relieve the sufferers from pain, and we can only console them with the Word of God. Our visits amongst the crippled children has, however, been greatly appreciated, and we have always been welcomed very heartily. We have some 25 crippled children visited as regularly as time will permit, books, dolls and various articles being supplied them, so helping them to while away the weary hours of pain and suffering. For those who can get from their homes we propose holding a cripples' parlour once a month. Our first gathering held this month was much appreciated by the crippled children. We are confident that if some of our friends could visit these little sufferers, there would be no lack of funds to help them to have many happy meetings. A visit during the Summer to Brockwell Park was much enjoyed. We have also purchased a Bath Chair so that many Invalids may enjoy the fresh air during the summer months.

FREE MEALS, CLOTHING, &c.

Much has been done for the spiritual welfare of those around us. We have tried to do something for the body as well.

Many cases of distress were relieved during the Winter. Food and Coal Tickets being supplied. Our visitor reports one child's life being saved by a little timely help. From November to the end of March, we provided through the aid of the Destitute Children's Dinner Society, 1,125 Half-penny Dinners. These Dinners consisted of roast meat, vegetables, pudding and bread. This we are convinced was a very great help to those around us. A Christmas Dinner to 30 poor families was given consisting of beef, flour, tea, and sugar, also 60 loaves of bread given by the Treasurer, was distributed.

Free Teas to 300 children with lantern entertainments to follow Many smaller meetings with refreshments have been provided Several pairs of strong boots and many useful garments have been supplied by the Ragged School Union. Whilst in some cases we have found it better to charge a small sum for the garments, thus helping the people and our own funds at the same time.

EXCURSION AND HOLIDAY HOME.

During the Summer we have been enabled to send some 60 children and young people for one or two weeks' into the country or seaside. The holidays where greatly enjoyed by the young people. Many we are sure, would not have had a holiday at all, where it not for the help given them to do so. Most of the elder scholars shut up in factories or workshops all the year round were, we are convinced, greatly benefited by the the change. 6 crippled children also enjoyed a two weeks' holiday at the sea-side through the kindness of the Ragged School Union. An Excursion was arranged for 150 scholars and 30 mothers to Kenley, also through the kindness of "Pearson's Weekly," 200 children spent a day at Epping Forest, this Excursion, needless to say, was very much enjoyed. During the year we have been enabled to arrange a Cricket Club among the young men connected with us, and many pleasant Saturday afternoons have been spent, whilst a ramble through Epping Forest was also conducted.

FINANCE AND CONCLUSION.

Our expenses throughout the year have been very heavy. We have been compelled to draw over £40 from the fund which we had hoped to set apart for larger premises. Our Mission has had to be renovated. New forms and platform supplied, also outside lamp, and new window boards for advertising the meetings. Many extra expenses in connection with the Mission has had to be undertaken and with an increased rental we have been quite unable to meet the demands made upon us without drawing from the reserve fund.

We are thankful to God and all the kind friends who have enabled us to do so much for the souls and bodies of those around us, and we trust we shall have the continued support of God's Stewards, so that in the coming year we may be able to report that our funds have been in advance of our expenses. The survey of the year's work has been rapid, yet we are confident that it reveals abundant reasons for thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

We remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. A. BOWIE, Esq, *President.*
F. SEXTON, Esq, *Treasurer.*
Mr. W. PLUCK, *Superintendent.*
Mr. W. JONES, *Hon. Assistant Secretary.*
Mr. THOS. ARNOLD, *Hon. Secretary.*

SOUTH LONDON MISSION.—List of Monies Received

From December 1st, 1897 to November 30th, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
W. A. Bowie, Esq. ...	2	8	0
F. Sexton, Esq. ...	3	0	0
J. C. Ashton, Esq. ...	5	5	0
R. K. Causton, Esq., M P.	5	0	0
E. Tildesley, Esq. ...	2	0	0
R. Cory, Esq.	1	10	0
J. Pascall, Esq. ...	1	0	0
Thos. Allen, Esq. ...	0	10	0
W. Higgs, Esq ...	0	7	6
W. Alderton, Esq. ...	0	2	6
W. Olney Esq. ...	0	5	0
Lieut. Col. A. H. Lefroy, Esq.	3	0	0
A. Hawkins, Esq. ...	0	2	6
G. Siggs, Esq. ...	0	5	0
A. O. Freeman, Esq.	0	6	6
G. P. Johnson, Esq....	1	0	0
Davis, Esq.	1	0	0
Mr. W. Pluck ...	0	17	6
Mr. T. Arnold... ..	1	0	0
Mr. W. Jones	0	10	0
Mr. A. Jones	0	2	6
Mr. J. Riches... ...	0	2	6
Mr. A. Mercer ...	3	3	0
Mr. R. Branscombe ...	0	3	0
Mr. J. Bruton ...	0	3	0
Mr. W. Cooke ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Hicks	0	10	0
Mrs. Emerson ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Silbey	1	0	0
Mrs. Cole	0	8	4
Collected—A Friend...	0	9	0
Mrs. Arnold	0	2	0
Mrs. Foreland... ...	0	3	0
Miss de Zouti	0	12	6
Miss Macata	0	2	6
Miss Collett	0	2	6
Miss Warren	0	15	9
Miss L. Davis... ...	0	3	6
Miss Bartons	0	1	8
Miss Saunderson ...	0	2	0
Small sums under 1/6	0	6	6
Metropolitan Tabernacle, per Thos. Olney, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Ragged School Union, per John Kirk, Esq.	11	0	0
Destitute Dinner Society, per H. Morton Can, Esq.	12	0	0
Ragged School Union Goose Club ...	11	2	0
National Model Dwellings Company ...	2	0	0
Messrs. Pocock Bros.	1	0	0
Messrs. Tarn & Co. ...	0	2	6
Editor of Christian for Day in Country Fund	0	15	0
Do. for Aged Christian	1	0	0
Collections in Mission	2	3	10
Half-pence for Children's Dinner ...	1	10	9
Children—For Day in Country	2	15	5
Mothers' ditto ...	0	18	2
Parents and Scholars for Two Weeks' Holiday	16	12	0
Mothers—For Rent of Gas Stove ...	0	7	6
Sale of Excursion Tickets	0	9	3
Collected for Crippled Children's Tea ...	0	4	6
Collected in Sunday School Box ...	2	3	3½
In hand for Children's Tea	0	8	6
From Legacy, per Trustees re Rhoda Deverell, Dec ...	16	14	0
From Court for Expenses re Maiden	11	4	4
From Jumble Sale ...	1	9	0
From part Street Collection	0	9	1
In hand for Building Nov. 30th, 1897...	124	12	2
Total Cash received	£261	16	0

SOUTH LONDON MISSION.

BALANCE SHEET.

Showing RECEIPTS

For the year December 1st, 1897, to November 30th, 1898.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d
In Bank, December 1st, 1897	124	12	2
By Legacy re Rhoda Deverall, Dec.	16	14	0
From Court per Expenses re Maiden	11	4	4
Half-pence—Children's Dinners	1	10	9
Sunday School Collection	2	3	5½
Collected in Mission	2	3	7
Jumble Sale	1	0	0
In Hand for Children's Tea	0	8	6
Part Street Collection per W. A. Bowie	0	9	1
Collected for Cripple's Tea	0	4	6
By Subscriptions and Donations	63	10	10
Total General Fund	£224	1	2

Audited and found correct.

W. PLUCK,

117, Olinda Road, N.

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SOUTH LONDON MISSION.

BALANCE SHEET.

Showing Expenditure

For the year December 1st, 1897, to November 30th, 1898.

GENERAL FUND.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Repairs of Mission Premises	27	7	0
Meat for Xmas and Children's Dinners	13	19	2
Vegetables for Children's Dinners, &c	2	5	8
Flour, Rice, &c., for ditto	1	8	0
Provisions for Teas, and Social Meeting	6	4	7½
Kitchen Utensils	1	3	6
200 Oranges for Christmas Treat	0	4	0
Dumb Bells for Recreation Class...	0	6	0
Ragged School Union Goose Club	11	2	0
Bible women	10	0	0
For Aged Christian	1	0	0
Rent of Mission	20	14	0
Cleaning same	4	6	0
Coals and Gas	7	10	0
Printing	4	16	4
Solicitor's Charges—Re Legacies...	25	0	0
Stamps 18s. 8d. Sundries 17s. 8d.	1	16	4
Bath Chair for Invalids	2	5	0
Hymn Books, Sunday School Prizes, Books, &c.	2	9	2½
Collected for Lower Tottenham Baptist Chapel...	0	8	0
For Excursion Fund	2	1	10
Holiday Home Fund	0	0	6
Organette for Cripples' Parlour	1	6	0
Four New Tunes	0	4	0
Crippled Children's Tea	0	8	6
Total	£148	5	8
In Hand for Children's Tea	0	8	6
In Hand Nov. 30th, 1898	75	7	0
Total ...	£224	1	2

RECEIPTS (*Continued*)

EXCURSION FUND.

	£	s.	d
From Children's One Day Excursion	2	15	5
Ditto Mother's ditto	0	18	2
By Sale of Excursion Tickets	0	9	3
Subscriptions and Donations	13	11	0
Total received	17	13	10
Deficit...	2	1	10
	£19	15	8

HOLIDAY HOME FUND.

	£	s.	d.
By Parents and Scholars	16	12	0
Subscriptions and Donations	3	9	0
Total received... ...	20	1	0
Deficit	0	0	6
	£20	1	6

BAND OF HOPE.

	£	s.	d.
In Hand, November 30th, 1897	0	4	0
Collection, etc.	0	15	7½
Total	£0	19	7½

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR AND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, November 30th, 1897	1	5	0
Total	£1	5	0

CRICKET CLUB.

	£	s.	d.
Contributions	2	7	7
Donations	0	4	8
Entertainment	0	16	7
	£3	8	10

EXPENDITURE (*Continued*).

EXCURSION FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Excursion to Kenley	7	7	1
Teas and Luncheon	7	18	0
Stamps, Stationery and Sundries	0	18	1
Collected for Lower Tottenham Baptist Chapel	0	10	0
Vans to Liverpool Street for Loughton	2	8	6
Help for same and Sundries	0	13	8
Total	£19	15	4

HOLIDAY HOME FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Ragged School Union	19	18	0
Cash Returned and Sundries	0	3	6
Total	£20	1	6

BAND OF HOPE.

	£	s.	d
For Teas, Pledge Cards, etc.	0	18	7
In Hand	0	1	0
Total	£0	19	7

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR AND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

	£	s.	d
Refreshment for Social Gathering	0	11	4
In Hand	0	13	8
Total	£1	5	0

CRICKET CLUB.

	£	s.	d
Expenditure	3	5	5
In Hand	0	3	5
	£3	8	10

RECEIPTS (*Continued*).

MOTHERS' MEETING.

	£	s.	d.
For goods, etc	12	7	4
Total ...	£12	7	4

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d
Subscriptions, Collections, &c., General Fund	99	9	0
In hand Nov. 30th, 1897	124	12	2
Subscriptions, Collections, etc., Excursion Fund	17	13	10
„ „ Holiday Home Fund	20	1	0
Band of Hope	0	19	7
C.E. and Temperance Society	1	5	0
Cricket Club...	3	8	10
Mother's Meeting	12	7	4
In hand Nov. 30th, 1897, and total cash received ...	£279	16	9

Audited and found correct,
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EXPENDITURE (*Continued*).

MOTHERS' MEETING.

	£	s	d.
For Goods, etc.	7	8	3
In hand	4	19	1
Total ...	£12	7	4

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d
From Dec. 1st, 1897 to Nov. 30th, 1898, General Fund ...	146	3	8
In Treasurer's hands	75	7	0
Ditto for Children's Teas	0	8	6
Expenses for Excursion	19	15	4
Two week's Country Holiday Fund	20	1	6
Teas, Band of Hope, 18/7, in hand, 1/-	0	19	7
Social Meeting Temperance Society, 11/4, in hand, 13/8 ...	1	5	0
Expenses Cricket Club, £3 5s. 5d., in hand, 3/5	3	8	10
Mothers for goods supplied, £7 8s. 3d., in hand, £4 19s. 1d	12	7	4
Balance in hand and total expenditure ...	£279	16	9

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Interview with Miss Rose Postill, of the Camden and Chislehurst Mission, Earl St. (E.A. 31 Aug. 1.99.

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I saw Miss Postill at the Chapel of the Mission, one of the kind of which there are several in the Borough. This one is in a very parlous state, as their building has been condemned, and they will have to move before long -- perhaps will have to give up. I do not know why Miss Rose Postill (aged about 38) answered our letter as she has only been at the Mission for four months, and has a sister there who has been in the work for some years. Their area lies in the triangle formed by main roads N.E. of the xxx London Road, and Miss Postill, who has been a Rescue worker for some years in Southwark, gave it the worst of characters. Their mission itself has been affected lately, not only by the condemnation of their building, but also by the hostility, in Miss Rose's opinion, of the new Rector of S. George's who is credited with too great a desire to have everything that goes on in his parish [redacted] under his own thumb. This, however, may be her prejudice, but there certainly appears to be some feeling in the matter, and it will be remmbered that Mr. Arnold of Scovell Road, made an analogous complaint. The most important thing, however, that has happened to the Mission has been the death of the late Missioner, Mr. Hill, who, with his wife, died quite suddenly a few months ago. Numbers of the Sunday School etc. have

been adversely affected by his demise. His successor, reported by the C.O.S. to be a more careful dispenser of charity, is, Miss Postill thinks, unlikely to stay on. The chief work emanating from the Mission is probably that of visistation, but Miss P. mentioned the following organizations: Services, on Sunday and Thursday evenings, at the former some 60 coming, on an average. Mothers' Meeting, with 150 or 160 members. Happy Evenings (for adults), said to be an important part of the work -- concerts etc. Soup Kitchen. A Good Templars' Lodge. Sunday School, meeting on Sunday morning only; about 60 now. Coal club etc. Blanket lending (about 150 out last winter, and when I came I found Miss Postill putting the supplies away for the summer, afetr cleaning; very difficult it was, she siad, very often to get them in; "You almost have to take them off the beds".)

Relief comes to about £60 a year. She and her Sister go to the S. George's Meeting, and are supposed to report, as Mr. Sommerville likes to have everybody there who is doing anything. "But we are neither of us ever going to be dictated to" said Miss Rose, and she had the sort of face (not unpleasant, but showing a latent angularity) that indicated the power to say sharp things and to hold her own. I did not like her, but she was rather ~~interesting~~ interesting. Her n -

ture is not an unsympathetic one, but her tone was a little professional. Her duties, however, are such, and have been such, as to ~~xxxx~~ try the virtuous reserve of any human soul.

While I was with her a Mr. Wilson, a Missionary working somewhere in the parish of S.George's, but not one of the regular S. George's staff, came in, and stayed to gossip. He had knocked about the world a good deal, and appeared a very genuine and withal a very amusing old fellow. They discussed their work, and some of the local workers, and it was clear that ~~xxx~~ the latter are not a perfectly united body. The matron of a local Rescue Home,(going to be closed) apparently displeased both, ~~xxx~~ Mr. W. because of her high-handed ways, and Miss Postill because ~~xx~~ of her unsuitability for the position she held.

Miss Postill said a little about the Rescue work, the chief point being that its conditions had changed very much in recent years owing to the great rarity with which it was possible to effect a rescue by ordinary night work. A few years ago, she said, it was not unusual to get two or three girls to go home with you and begin a changed life, but now such a thing hardly ever happened. Why this was, she did not explain, but I gathered that street-walking had become more professional, and that it was more diffi-

cult now than formerly to get hold of young girls detached from the ol er women with whom, or for whom they are working. The extreme difficulty of the rescue work is largely connected with the care that is taken to protect the young girls, whom the worker is naturally most anxious to get at, from all approach. In a woman's lodging house, for instance, it is easy enough to get at the older women and the wrecks of the streets, but the young girl is jealously watched, the chief reason for this being that it is she who is the most important earner, and thus the most valuable.

The Treasuer of the Earl St, Mission is Mr. T.C.Macintyre, 16 S. Helen's Place, E.C., and if more information is wanted about the real relation of the Mission to Mr. Sommerville and as to its probable future, he would be the best man to see. Miss Postill said, that for all purposes, salaries, charity, maintenance, etc, etc. about £300 a year was spent on the Mission. This would probably be exclusive of that part of the salary of the L.C. Missioner that is paid, I believe, by this central body.

Interview with Mr. R. Parker, City Missionary. At the Farm House Mission, near Red Cross St. (E.A.) July7.

Mr. Parker has been working in this district for a couple of years or so, and has an intimate knowledge of a certain number of families living in it, but has difficulty in giving useful general information. His point of view is of the gloomiest, but his social philosophy very simple. He thinks that "something should be done". Here is an area with poverty and wretchedness that East London cannot rival. The majority of the people want work, but cannot get it. Work, adapted to their powers should be provided, and if necessary the cost of this should be met by taxation; meanwhile more charity is needed. It is true that in almost every part of London investigation can lead to either an optimistic or to a pessimistic conclusion, and even round here many families could be found who are not badly off. But they are in the minority, and local knowledge fx makes decidedly for the pessimistic state of mind. That is Mr. Parker's position in brief, and he had little more [redacted] to say, save many sad details referring to particular families. "They make my blood crawl" he said, and, like the Fat Boy in Pickwick, I think that he wanted to make my flesh creep.

He had been a seaman in earlier life; is now about

40 years of age; had a tired look and a pale, even pasty xxxxx face. Were a beard and looked rather untidy. He rambled inveterately in his talk, and a ppeared to be an honest and flabby man.

His district takes in the courts on the W. side of the Borough High St., and in them he considers that the S. side of Red Cross Court stands out as exceptionally bad. Wickedness is concentrated there as nowhere else. With regard to the various blocks of dwellings he thought that there was no great difference between any of them; in all, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx families in very different positions were to be found, and in all much poverty.

His services etc. are held in a room at the Farm House that holds about 150 people. Last Tuesday they had from 100 to 150 there, but on Sunday evenings many fewer, I gathered. He said, however, that the main work was open air, so far as preaching was concerned. Their Mothers' Meeting, Band of Hope, and Temperance Meetings are all fairly well attended. But the Visiting is the chief thing, and in this most of his time is occupied.

He mentioned the rule of the L.C.M. forbidding the advertisement for help, and, I believe, the formation of a poor fund. But, as he said, "individuals may help, and help through me". Except that they may not advertise, the rule inteded to check their charitable work is probably

inoperative, for, as he further said:" I can give sixpence if I like, and some one else may give me the sixpence back or give me sixpence to give to somebody else". But he does not believe in doles, and several other cases he spoke of had been very substantially helped through his agency.

He had heard of Miss Hill, and knew vaguely of rents being collected by ladies.

The Farm House Mission takes its name from a house in which Miss Fry collected children, I believe from the prisons, in any case from neglected homes, and it, with an adjacent building is now an ordinary Common Lodging H House, save perhaps that it is above the average for res spectability and that the room mentioned above is put at the disposal of the L.C.M. and other charitable work. For instance, in the winter children's dinners are given there by some dinner fund. The owner is Mr. T.Hunter, a member of the L.C.C., and, although he runs the House on commercial lines, and I think the deputy said lived on it, it is to him that its special characteristics are due. He used to live in the old Farm House himself (which stands back from the street), but has lately moved somewhat further out to the South. He is, I believe, a very good fellow, and would be very glad to give information if we wanted to see him. I saw some of the rooms of the lodging house, which appeared to be of the ordinary type, clean. The deputy was a good fellow, and, with his wife, now lives in the Farm House.

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Interview with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, at the Bishop's House, S. George's Road. (E.A.) Aug.3.99.

In one of our leters we had inadvertently addressed the Bishop by name, with an ordinary clerical title, and he had not failed to point out to us the mistake. So I went rather expecting him to be on his hind legs, an expectation confirmed by the stages through which the servant took me in bringing me into the episcopal presence. First, as usual, I was shown into the waiting room near the entrance door, and from it to another room of the same kind up-stairs, and to this, [redacted] excluding me from his sanctum, I thought the Bishop would probably come. A door opened, but again it proved to be the manservant, and he conducted me into a third room in which I quite expected to find the Bishop. It proved to be yet another ante-chamber, leading directly into a large apartment in which the Bishop greeted me. But he was not on his hind legs at all, and, save for his episcopal robe and ring, looked like a rather young priest, something under middle-age. No one could have been friendlier. It was a little difficult to know what to discuss with him to the best advantage, as, since we wrote to him, we had learnt that Canon Keatinge was the best man to see with reference to the Cathedral parish. We began on it, however, but the Bishop's lack of intimate local knowledge ~~in the way that it is possessed by the Canon~~ was clear, and we

soon came to points on whcih he advised me to see "The Administrator". The Bishop is technically the Vicar of the parish attached to the Cathedral, but never acts in that capacity, putting in a deputy, entitled as above, and this at present is the Canon, with whom there is a staff of five priests.

The Bishop gave me a few particulars of the parish, but I think that we should see Canon Keatinge, and they will find a more appropriate place in the report of the interview with him.

One local Diocesan Institution may be mentioned here-- The Sisters of Notre Dame, whose home and centre is situate here. There are 40 or 50 Sisters, and 70 or 80 pupil teachers, all living in the convent. Their work is educational, and the convent is the centre from which several schools are staffed, mainly primary, but they have also higher grade schools. The use of the Convent as a residential pupil-teacher centre, preliminary to the Training College, is interesting.

The Bishop was appointed about 2 years ago after having been Suffragan to Bishop Butt for about a year. For the first six months after being appointed, he continued to live at Womash, at the Training College for Priests of which he had been Principal before his preferment. But living in the country did not answer, and he has since made the Bishop's

House his head-quarters. But he is here for only about half the year, the rest of the time being spent in moving about the Diocese. In this way he not only performs various episcopal duties, but gets the general impressions by which he guided in matters of policy and initiative, He is largely rather contrasted his own method with that of Canon Keating, who is a great man for figures and statistics, keeping, it appears, very full records of all that is done in his parish. The Bishop's method xx is rather impressional; he gets to know the trend of things, where lacunae have to be filled up, where a fresh move has to be made, where a new impulse is called for. And he appears to find his plan answer well, for his impressions are accompanied by a very sound judgment, and he appears quite free from all emotionalism or xxsensationalism. His experience at the Training College gave him valuable experience in dealing with men, and some task of organization, and, as he agreed, the power to organize is perhaps the first requisite for the episcopal office. Preferment from the kind of post that he held is not uncommon, and he cited several cases. Perhaps we may find an analogy in the not infrequent preferment to the Anglican bench from the ranks of the Public School head-masters.

I asked if the social work emanating from the Church had increased to any extent and his reply was "Immensely"

The form has been largely through clubs, and the formation of Boys' Brigades, but the social bond has been much more used generally, especially during the last twelve years. This was attributed largely to the inspiration of Bishop Butt, a prelate who, his successor said, had impelled many laymen to take up social work for the Church. The influence of laymen, was, the Bishop said, very valuable, its non-professionalism sometimes making it even more effective than that of the priests. If the latter tell a man that he is doing wrong, the man thinks that the priest would be neglecting his duty if he did not say so. But it is otherwise if a layman intervenes, and his "Don't be such a fool" may do more good sometimes than a priestly admonition.

The class of lay helpers that they mostly get is, he said, that of clerks. South London is badly off for a leisured class, and the need of workers remains its great difficulty. It is very different in this respect from N. London which has such a vastly more varied and wealthier and more leisured class to draw upon. The claims of their private duties rather than apathy, therefore, is the chief explanation of the inadequate supply of workers in the South.

But, as stated, things are improving, and the normal leakage of the Church is being to some extent averted now,

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largely through the development of these various social agencies. In other ways things are improving, in education etc. since a larger proportion are being constantly brought into the Catholic Schools, and generally it may be said that the Church is catching up. This does not mean that things are in a satisfactory condition -- simply that they are improving. But there is always need of more workers, more churches, more funds, the latter point having special importance in xs S. London, where the vast majority of C Catholics are not only not wealthy but poor. Down to the Stockwell line the vastly greater number are wage-earners. Asked if the people were generous, the Bishop said that he detected a falling off in this respect. In the past the social level was somewhat xx lower; poverty was greater, but so also was their generosity.

Although the Church is improving its position in S. London, and its aggregate census is slowly increasing, improvement is, of course, not proportionate to the aggregate increase in population, but "it is the same with everybody else". The great obstacle with xhw which they have to contend is indifferentism. Leakage is generally, he thought, to be traced to this, an indifferentism that is increasing not only as regards the Catholic Religion, but as regards religion at large. In this connexion he mentioned re-

gretfully ~~yhi~~ the present crisis in the English Church, which will, he fears, tell against religion in the country at large. It tends to emphasise the element of uncertainty and uncertainty makes for indifferentism, for people "won't be bothered" to choose and make up their minds when competing alternatives are thus controversially thrust before them.

Speaking of conversion, he said that Cardinal Vaughan's estimate for the whole country was 600 a month, and that the number in his own diocese was proportionate to this aggregate. The diocesan total for last year was 800. Converts are mainly of the clerk class or the poor, but in proportion to their numbers the contingent of educated people is large. Of any single class the Church of England clergy furnishes the largest percentage.

As regards the maintenance of the Schools he was quite frank about the decline in the amount of voluntary support that had resulted from the increased Government grant in aid. He said that this was inevitable. The chief source of income of this kind in the past had been from bazaars and things of this kind that give an infinity of trouble to arrange, and he said that it was not ih human nature, no matter what the stipulations and expectations of the Govern-ment might have been, that busy priests should get these

things up now with as much energy as they had been compelled to show in the past.

The supply of priests in the Church was abundant, and his anxiety was rather to know how ~~to~~ they were to be placed and provided for than how they were to be got. The limited financial resourdes of the Church in S. London made care in admission to the priesthood especially necessary.

The Bishop thought that the number of mixed marriages in recent years had been fairly stationary, and that on the whole they turned out as well as other marriages. For his part he accepted them, and any attempt to veto them would he said be doomed to failure. His attitude was that of the reasonable man, and he pointed out that in some localities the refusal to sanction a mixed marriage would would really mean that no marriage at all was possible, owing to the small number of those who were eligible.

As I left the Bishop asked that if any definite statement were printed and attributed to him, that he might be given an opportunity of assuring himself of its accuracy.

Report of interview with Mr. T.G.Young, of the Working Men's Mission, Collingwood St, New Cut. At the Missio

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Mr. De Fontaine had been somewhat severe in speaking of this Mission, and I kept the appointment with his charge of "mercenary motives" still in mind, and the intention of finding out as much as I could about the finances of the place. Mr. Young received me at the Mission, and first impressions were far from prepossessing. He is a man of about 45, and in repose his face is almost repulsive. The lower half is the bigger, and a low brow and cropped hair surmounting fat cheeks and a large ~~xxugx~~ mouth and jaw, made it diffcult at first to understand how wealthy people could be found to give him money and poor people to attend his services. But he improved on acquaintance. He has a smile that does a good deal to redeem his face, and he appeared perfectly straightforward in what he said. As regards the finances of the Mission he concealed nothing, giving me any number of reports, telling me that he was himself salaried and how this arrangement came about, and showing me the account books and ledgers.There is doubtless room for pickings and it is impossible to say what the value of the annual audit is, but on the face of it, it would be very unjust to bring any charge of malversation against Mr. Young, and criticisms ought to be directed,

not against his integrity and his motives, but against the way in which the money is spent. Treats and teas etc. are hopelessly mixed up with evangelistic work, but this is all quite in accordance with the spirit of the place, and is more commendable here, perhaps, because the guidance is less enlightened, than, say, the similar mixture that is found at such a centre as Harry Wilson's, at S. Augustine's.

The Mission started some 24 years ago, and appears from the reports to owe its origin very largely to various members of the Young family, and to the impulse given to them by their own conversion at meetings held at the old Victoria Hall. A few of them made a start and at the outset incurred some financial burden. Their evangelistic efforts were successful, and after some vicissitudes, they secured the ear and assistance of more wealthy people. Mr. Hatton introduced them to Mr. F.A.Bevan, who became their treasurer, and today we find them with a large block of buildings at their disposal; with two smaller outposts; a subscription list of between £6 and £700 a year, and a total income of about £1000. Sitting face to face with such a very unspiritual and even grossly built man as Mr. Young, the development of the Mission is diffcult to understand. But it has developed. The tools have been blunt, but the metal has been true, and has forced its way where finer tem-

perhaps would perhaps have failed. For the neighbourhood, perhaps for themselves, it would have been better had they handled tens of pounds where they have secured hundreds, but there appears to be no ground for charging anyone with malversation of any kind.

Mr. Young gives the whole of his time to the Mission, but as he is now a Vestryman and a Guardian his public duties must take up a fair amount of his time.

They have a church membership of 235, but Mr. Y. appeared to think that the work ~~was~~ with the children was "as you may say, the most important". Their registers are certainly large, and Mr. Y. mentioned with pride the fact that some 1300 had gone to their treats this year. They have two big lots of children, one half who come to the Tuesday evening service, and another ~~ex~~ that attends the Sunday School. Their teachers and workers are found among their own converts, and they never have to ask for help from any other church. They are undenominational, but if they baptise they do so by immersion. Asked as to who performed the ceremony, Mr. Y. said "I do", and the spectacle must, I think, be a strange one. He emphaised the fact that they were not a sect, they were "on the open line". All the people who come are poor and working class, and he told me quite simply of much encouraging

testimony that had reached him of the value of the Mission to individual lives. Much outdoor preaching is and has been carried on.

I gathered that Mr. Young acted as chief almoner of the Mission, but it does not appear that large sums are spent in direct relief -- about £50 as shown in the last report. Their soup kitchen is well patronised, some ~~130,~~ 130,000 ½d. and penny dinners having been sold last winter, mild though it was. The small charge is made "to do away with the idea of charity".

He has never joined the local Registration Committee, largely, I gathered, from his distrust of the Sisters at work in Christchurch and elsewhere, but the Committee used at one time to send him lists, and "I used to do my best to avoid overlapping". But he is now on the Vestry Committee of the local Charities, and he remarked with a laugh that he noticed that the lists from the Registration Committee never came to him after the Vestry had put him on this Committee. "You see, I am more in the know now, as you may say", and he clearly thought that Mr. De Fontaine's list in any case would simply have been a repetition of the cases dealt with by the Committee. His relations with Mr. De Fontaine himself were, he professed, "All right; we don't interfere with each other".

The Report will give further particulars as to the

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COLLINGWOOD STREET, NEW CUT, S.E.

LIST OF MEETINGS.

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SUNDAY MORNING.

Fellowship Meeting	from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Open-Air Service at Marlborough Street ...	11.30 ,,
Tract Society—House-to-House Visitation ...	11.30 ,,

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Children's School	3.0 p.m.
Bible Class	3.15 ,,

SUNDAY EVENING.

Skirmishing Band (1st Sunday in each month)..	from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
Open-Air Service	from 6.30 to 7.30 ,,
Gospel Service in the Hall	7 30 ,,

MONDAY.

Mothers' Meeting	2.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	8.0 ,,

TUESDAY.

Children's Service	7.30 p.m.
Sewing Class	7.30 ,,

THURSDAY.

Open-Air Service	7.30 p.m.
Gospel Meeting in the Hall	8.30 ,,

FRIDAY.

Bible Class	8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Band of Hope	7.0 p.m.
Gospel Temperance Meeting (Open-Air)	7.30 ,,
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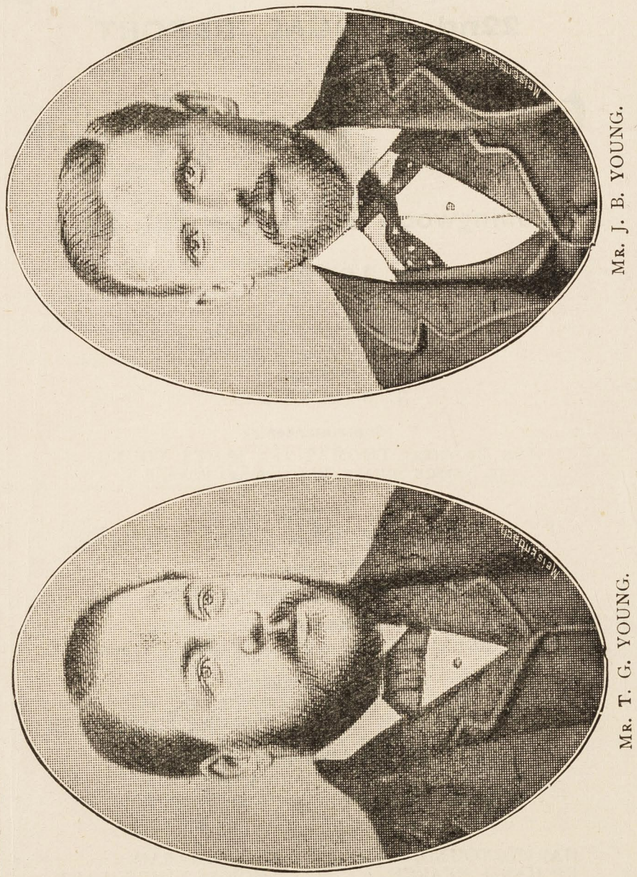

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God is love, His mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss He wakes, and woe He lightens,
God is wisdom, God is love.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

The swift-flowing tide of time has brought us to the close of another year, and we desire every member and subscriber upon reading this, our Twenty-second Annual Report, to turn their heart towards God in grateful thankfulness for the display of His matchless wisdom and boundless love amongst us during the past year.

"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endureth for ever," for in our midst we have those who have been testifying throughout the past year to the marvellous grace of God. They have been "redeemed from the hand of the enemy"; they were "hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of all their distresses."

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"Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron, because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High," have had the Gospel preached to them, and the way of deliverance pointed out; "then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder." Many there are amongst us also who acknowledge themselves to have been "fools because of their transgression," and great has been their afflictions as the result, but the good Lord "sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

With these people "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," and they are now "a royal priesthood," offering to God the well-pleasing "sacrifices of thanksgiving," spending their leisure time in declaring "His works with rejoicing."

How are Thy servants blest, O Lord!
How sure is their defence!
Eternal Wisdom is their guide,
Their help, Omnipotence.

In midst of dangers, fears, and deaths,
Thy goodness we adore;
We praise Thee for Thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

It is recorded of Jesus that "the common people heard Him gladly," which testimony speaks to us of our Saviour's humility, and of the receptive mind of the common people. A giant intellect is not essential for the acceptance of salvation through Christ, nor yet is it desirable that preaching consist of "enticing words of man's wisdom," for then the common people might not understand, and would not hear with gladness. Our workers themselves being of the "common people," present the Gospel in a very homely style, not seeking for vain words "lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

We like to think of these "common people" by their Psalm-name, "The Excellent," for such is the Lord's estimate of them, and since their conversion a truly excellent work has been accomplished by them through the Holy Spirit, to whom be the glory.

When Philip preached in Samaria "there was great joy in that city," and the people in the neighbourhood of our Mission have not been without the same spiritual ecstacy, and to this many of the excellent common people witnessed at our Twenty-first Anniversary celebration, which was held on Thursday, June 16th, 1898, a brief account of which may be interesting here.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1898.

We were expecting T. A. Denny, Esq., to preside, but sending a telegram to say he could not be present, J. B. Meredith, Esq., very kindly occupied the chair. After the opening exercises the secretary read extracts from the Annual Report. The chairman said this was an excellent Mission, for the great Master was at the head.

J. Pascall, Esq., was the first speaker to follow the chairman. He was pleased to be present. Said his absence from the usual meetings was no sign of disinterestedness, but having such a lot of calls was unable to come oftener. He sympathised with the poor in their troubles, being a man of trouble himself. He spoke of God's preservation of His ancient people, and compared it with the preservation of His chosen ones in this Mission. Seeing our lives were lives of influence, he exhorted everyone to take care and obey the words of the Master, "Follow thou Me."

Next followed Mr. W. J. Scudamore, one of the Deacons of the Mission, who said there would be many in heaven to bless the day that they entered the Working Men's Mission, and then proceeded to speak very encouragingly of the work at the Decima Street Branch. After a brief review of the whole Mission he said we want more helpers in the work;

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we want more young men to come forward and take up with service.

Fifteen minutes were then allowed for testimonies. The first man to take this opportunity said he was converted in the Mission 21 years ago; the second one was likewise brought to Christ 21 years ago, but had fallen back for several years, living a wretched life, and was restored to God a twelvemonth ago in the Mission; the third was converted 20 years ago; the fourth said the Mission folks used to come and sing outside his house 20 years ago, and he believed the seed of divine grace was then sown in his soul; the fifth had been a usual attendant at the services for over 20 years; the sixth, converted 19 years ago, only a girl at the time; the seventh, 14 years ago; the eighth, 15 years ago; the ninth, 19 years ago; the tenth, 18 years; the eleventh was brought to Christ some years ago through the instrumentality of his sister, one of the previous speakers; the twelfth, 18 years a christian; the thirteenth, a sister, both her and her husband converted in the Mission over 19 years ago; the fourteenth was an old Christian sister, who was brought to Christ elsewhere over 60 years ago, but had attended the Mission ever since it had been opened; the last, being the fifteenth to bear testimony, was the former secretary of the Mission, who was brought to a knowledge of the truth 20 years ago.

Following these we listened to a few words from Mr. T. G. Young, one of the Superintendents, who urged the subscribers to continue to do so, and those who were not subscribing to start at once. Then he referred to the commencement of the work 21 years ago, when the seven founders knelt round the packing cases and prayed for the work. One of the seven had now gone to glory, his own dear father, who, ere he departed this life, exhorted his sons as they were leaving him for the last time, to "Go and do your duty."

The chairman then referred to the consistent character of our departed brother, and the whole audience rose and sang, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Mr. T. G. Young's eldest son James then addressed the the meeting, saying that he was born on the night that the Mission Hall was opened, and had been brought to Christ through the preaching of his father.

Mr. G. London, evangelist, concluded the proceedings with prayer.

From the above testimonies given at our annual gathering it will be seen what kind of work was accomplished when the Mission started; men, women, and children saved by grace, and then "kept by the power of God." We praise our Heavenly Father for thus showing us "the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

There is a terrible need all about us for the earnest preaching of the Gospel of the grace of God. Materialism is being fostered among our neighbours to the sad exclusion of the true worship of God, and the people need to be taught the words of Jesus, who said, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." How plain is the sinner's path to God set forth in the scriptures, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me," yet the people are being taught that there is another way, a way which morally degrades all who step therein—a way which denies the scriptures and casts an insult in the face of Him who "hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." When the sinless Christ's perfect work of atonement for sin is tampered with by unholy hands, and the marred work is relied upon in preference to the finished work, then the heinousness of sin is lessened, and to "follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness," is considered a non-essential.

We appeal to our members and subscribers to pray much for our workers, that they might be preserved from seducing errors, and constrained by the love of Christ to maintain the conflict against sin.

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The wretchedness, crime, and squalor about us are evidences of the need of the Gospel of the grace of God.

How many sheep are straying,
Lost from the Saviour's fold;
Upon the lonely mountains,
They shiver with the cold;
Within the tangled thickets,
Where poison vines do creep,
And over rocky ledges
Wander the poor lost sheep.

Oh, come let us go and find them,
In the paths of death they roam;
At the close of the day 'twill be sweet to say,
"I have brought some lost one home."

Once more God has graciously moved the hearts of His stewards to send us the necessary funds to carry on the work, and we trust that in the spending of it we have been guided by the Holy Spirit, for we have to render an account to our God.

By the kindness of our subscribers we have again been enabled to help the poor out of their troubles, and fill the hearts of many children with gladness by excursions and other treats.

The subscriptions and donations of our friends scattered throughout the country have amounted to £720 4s. 1d. (a decrease of about £11 on last year), and a few additional pounds which have been paid direct to some of our auxilaries. Beyond this we have also received £50 5s. for our Building Fund.

Our members and workers have, by their weekly subscriptions, contributed during the year a total sum of £79 0s. 8d., being a decrease of £10 on the previous year. The collections for the general work taken up at the public meetings amount to £34 17s. 6¼d., a decrease of about £5 on last year.

For all this help given by those amongst us and by those who have not an opportunity of seeing the work, we express

here our hearty thanks to every giver, and praise the Lord who has blessed everyone with the means so to do.

It will be seen by our balance sheets that the rent of the Collingwood Street premises is a very heavy item for us to meet year by year, the actual amount being £150. £18 of this is paid by the Soup Kitchen, £127 by the General Fund, the remaining £5 being paid as the tax. The actual rent of York Street premises is £50 per annum, but the amount in the balance sheet is for three quarters only. Decima Street Hall is rented at £30, the balance sheet shows only £28 3s. 4d., the remainder being included with the taxes. Thus we have a total rent to pay of £230.

We have had to grant the York Street Branch only £16 8s. 9d., and they close with a balance in hand of £2 9s. 7d.; but this is accounted for by the fact of their not having paid the full year's rent. We have granted the Decima Street Branch the sum of £27 10s. out of the General Fund.

Although we close the Soup Kitchen with a balance in hand of £21 8s. 7d., yet it must be noticed that to close the previous season we had to grant £32 19s. 7½d.

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to our many friends for their continued support in this work for God.

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Increase our work amongst the young,

which, of course, means increased expense.

The ANNUAL EXCURSIONS

for the Collingwood Street children in 1898 cost £153 11s. 7d., and these

Little Ones

are now beginning to talk about their coming excursions this year.

There is a number of

Delicate Children

amongst us whom we desire to send away in the country for a

Fortnight's Stay.

To meet these and other immediate claims for general expenses we require over £300.

Our Building Fund.

It will no doubt be remembered that in our last report we called attention to the fact that we had started a Building Fund, as in a few years' time our present lease of the Collingwood Street premises would expire.

We commenced this fund with the proceeds of a service of song, entitled—"Christie's Old Organ," which brought in £6 3s. 4d., and an additional 2s. received since.

We are pleased to be able to record a good increase in this fund, friends having very generously come to our help.

Our treasurer, F. A. Bevan, Esq., was approached concerning the matter, with the result that he gave £25 towards it.

The action of the gentlemen of the Finance Committee must commend our undertaking to our subscribers, Leonard Noble, Esq., having given a cheque for £25, and James Clark, Esq., has promised another one for the same amount. We have a further promise of £200 as the following letter will show:—

TO THE TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE WORKING MEN'S MISSION, COLLINGWOOD STREET, S.E.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ult., respecting a Freehold site for the above Mission, I am very glad to hear that you have started a Freehold Building Fund, and hope that you will be successful in finding a good site where you can have a large School and Mission Hall built, as I think that the School is as important as the Hall, as many of the children who would attend the Sunday School might take home the glad tidings of the gospel, and some of the parents might be led to go to the Hall, and in that way many perishing souls might be led to Christ.

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I hope you will always continue the out-door services—as many thus hear the gospel preached who very seldom or never go to a place of worship.

I hope that many of your friends will be moved to help you in such a good cause among the working people—a work which is so much needed in such a poor neighbourhood.

I shall be very pleased to give you a donation of £200, and hope that you will soon find three or four benevolent friends who will do the same, so that you may get £1,000 before the end of this year, and I hope that you may be able to obtain a £1,000 every year for the next three or four years, so that you will have a substantial sum when you are able to select a site. The obtaining of £1,000 a year may seem a difficult undertaking, but, if all the workers plead *in faith* with the Giver of all good, no doubt you will succeed.

I remain, your ever well wisher,

C. G.

Among our members and workers we have instituted a small weekly subscription for this fund. This was commenced in the February of this year, and has yielded £1 19s.

With other smaller donations and various collections the Building Fund has now reached the sum of £66 os. 1d.

This fund is entirely distinct from the General, a separate account having been opened at the bank.

The treasurer to this fund is F. A. Bevan, Esq., who is also a trustee, together with Leonard Noble, Esq., John Pearce, Esq., and James Clark, Esq., gentlemen whose names are a guarantee to the public.

Subscriptions are acknowledged in the balance sheet at the end of this report.

What the Press says.

(*From the "Life of Faith," April* 5, 1899.)

A REAL WORKING MEN'S MISSION.

The difficult problem how to reach with the Gospel the *bona fide* working men has been solved by the splendid results that have been achieved by the brothers Thomas and James Young, in the notorious New Cut and adjacent neighbourhood, recently brought so prominently to notice as the headquarters of much of the rowdyism occasioned by the so-called Hooligan gangs of pickpockets, who have become a positive terror to respectable dwellers in South London. T. and J. Young are two hard-working sons of toil, who were soundly converted to God some thirty years ago in the times of Richard Weaver, William Carter, and Ned Wright. No sooner had these sturdy young fellows tasted the sweets of the good word of life than they became all on fire to spread the saving truths of God's wonderful love. So they began to testify of Christ in the open air in the New Cut, and much interest was created among the motley crowds that assembled by their plain, common-sense manner of talking to their old comrades of the power and willingness of Christ to save to the uttermost all who give up their evil ways and trust Him. The impressions deepened night by night, until it became a crying necessity that an in-door service should be started somewhere close by.

To consider this matter a conference was called of the Young family with one or two other friends, and resulted in the decision to rent a small room at £10 per year, which sum was to be paid out of their hard earnings week by week. Empty boxes at first constituted the sitting accommodation, until such times as they could manufacture for themselves

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some comfortable forms after the day's toil was completed. This room, comfortless and uninviting in itself, was to them a *Bethel*, and to those who came within its walls a place of spiritual power, and the birthplace of many souls. It soon became far too strait to accommodate the numbers who pressed in.

The next step was to secure a part of an old warehouse in Collingwood Street, Blackfriars; this was altered and fitted up, and soon in its turn became insufficient, as the tide of blessing rose higher and higher. Further extensive alterations and additions had to be made, and now our friends possess a structure capable of seating some 400 persons, with an upper floor with accommodation for 400 more, schoolrooms and other conveniences. In addition branches in York Street, Walworth, and in Decima Street, Bermondsey, have been opened.

So strikingly successful were the operations of this purely Working Men's Mission that some years before Mr. Spurgeon's death he became deeply interested in what was being done, and for some time was its honoured President. Now that he has been called home, it is not easy to fill his place. This is what he said about it:—

"The work done by our gracious God through the Brothers Young and their warmhearted friends is one that causes me great joy. Theirs has been a real Working Men's Mission, and it has actually reached the persons aimed at; indeed, it sprang up amongst working people. It is a movement that aims at no creation of division, or opposing existing churches; but we all welcome it, and wish it the richest prosperity. It is with particular pleasure that I commend the work in Collingwood Street, New Cut, to the generous help of all Christian people."

This valuable testimony from Mr. Spurgeon is just what the Mission deserves, and we greatly rejoice in its ever-growing usefulness among the working folk of South London. Several hundreds of the class to whom we have referred have been altogether rescued from the deepest depths of degradation, misery and crime, and are now

humble, consistent disciples of our Lord and Master, and in their turn, hand-in-hand with the Brothers Young, are doing a work in the South of London that must inevitably tell on the untouched masses. In a short while the present lease of the Collingwood Street premises will expire. To provide for this a Building Fund has been already started with the object of providing a suitable mission hall when the term is out. We confidently lay this scheme before the Lord's people, as also the present urgent needs for working expenses, assured that all who truly desire the gathering in of the lapsed masses of our overcrowded city will respond, that this tried and useful work may not in anywise be hindered. Mr. T. A. Denny is the kind president, and Mr. F. A. Bevan, of 54 Lombard Street, the treasurer, to whom any monies can be sent; as also to the Brothers Young, at 33 Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road. G. H.

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NEW CUT.

The first and largest of our Halls is situated in Collingwood Street, a turning off the famous New Cut, and we are surrounded by the working class.

Here we have a lot of Christian work being carried on under the superintendence of our Bros. T. and J. Young.

OPEN-AIR SERVICES

have been conducted throughout the year, summer and winter, wet and dry, on Sunday morning and evening, and Thursday night. These open-air meetings are conducted by our Bro. James Young, who has held this office ever since the Mission started. To carry on open-air work, summer and winter, is no easy task, but our brother has stuck to his post, often when suffering great weakness. On Sunday morning the people who are out marketing, and others who are strolling about listlessly, are attracted by the singing and speaking, and thus hear the good news of salvation. It is apparent to us that many who thus hear the Word of God would not enter a place of worship, for some attend our out-door services regularly, but never come inside, and we learn from them that they never go elsewhere. How great, then, is the need for open-air preaching! Christians, rally up.

IN-DOOR GOSPEL SERVICES

continue to be held on Sunday and Thursday evenings, conducted by our Bro. T. Young. We are bound to acknowledge, with regret, that for some reason or other these services are not so well attended as they used to be; at the same time we have to rejoice that we do get many of

the ungodly to enter the Hall, and the past year has not been without its tokens for good, many having professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is pitiful to see some of the persons who attend these preaching services—men and women in the most deplorable condition, sometimes friendless and homeless; but their hearts seem hardened against the love of Christ. Yet we dare not say their condition is hopeless, for the Scripture saith, "Is not My word like as a fire? saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" May the Lord help us to be even more true to the divine injunction, "He that hath My word, let him speak My word faithfully."

There is a variety at these services in the speaking, for our members are often called upon to take part. We have also been supplied with evangelists from the Evangelization Society, in the persons of Mr. G. London and Mr. Willings, the latter conducting a fortnight's mission towards the close of 1898, which was made a blessing to many.

The singing is led by a choir under the leadership of Bro. C. Scudamore, and Bro. J. Young, jun., plays the organ.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING

is held on Monday afternoons, and continues to flourish "like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

Mrs. Fish, the indefatigable secretary, reports that 120 names are on the book.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. M. Young, whose continuous labours make the work an ever-growing success.

These meetings are made bright and cheerful by solo singing, readings, and the presentation of the Gospel in simple words.

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In connection with this auxiliary there is a

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and Mrs. Pearce, who has charge of this department, reports that during the year £24 14s. 9½d. have been deposited.

In addition to the bank there is the

CLOTHING CLUB.

The accounts of this section, made up to the last annual meeting, showed that £22 6s. 1¾d. had been received, and £17 1s. 4¼d. had been drawn out for clothing, thus leaving a balance on the right side of £5 4s. 11½d.

The last Anniversary was celebrated by a tea and public meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. R. K. Causton, wife of the M.P. for West Southwark, assisted by Lady Roxburgh. A large number was present, and a very lively programme was rendered, including selections from Mr. Webber's string band, and recitations from Miss Neudegg.

The Annual Excursion took place on July 6th, to West Riddlesdown in brakes, the mothers seeming to enjoy this way of travelling as much as the children.

We had to praise the Lord for a splendidly fine day.

These parents being of the poorer class, go to this outing under cost price, the amount being made up by the General Fund of the Mission. Dinner and tea were provided, and walks in the country were delighted in, the number participating in this excursion being 58.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL,

which is held on Sunday afternoon, continues in a prosperous condition, Mr. Fish, the able secretary, reports that there is still an

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In our last report we had to record the resignation of our Bro. James Thompson from the superintendency of the school, and him being succeeded by our Bro. Parker, who took up office very heartily and laboured hard in the school. We now have to record the resignation of Bro. Parker, and the return of Bro. J. Thompson to the office of superintendent.

We have a good staff of teachers to instruct these little ones in the way of salvation. If done for the glory of God it is a big work to teach these small children, and if the teacher feels little and insufficient for the work, then the results will be large, although perhaps not manifest in the school.

We trust every teacher will put a large estimate upon the immortal souls of these dear little children, for according to the value they set upon them, so will their zeal be for their eternal salvation.

THE SENIOR CLASS

for lads and young men has had a very encouraging year. Bro. Arnett is the invaluable conductor, and he is ably assisted by Bro. J. Young, jun., as secretary. There is an average attendance of about 18, and these are very attentive to the instruction given them.

THE ELDER GIRLS' CLASS

promises to become exceedingly useful to our Mission. There are 42 names on the book, the average attendance being about 30. Miss Pettitt, the teacher, seems to have her whole heart in the work. Not content with teaching these young women (for such we must term them) as a class, our sister deals with them individually, and has written letters to some of them. We are glad to be able to state that several from this class have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and have joined the Mission as members. To God be all the glory.

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THE INFANTS' SCHOOL.

In addition to the 500 scholars previously mentioned we have a very large school in the lower small hall, consisting of over

200 Infants,

filling the room. Bro. Henstock superintends this section, assisted by Miss Wright, Mrs. Slow, and Miss Lundy. In this school a blackboard is used, so as to interest the little ones, and fix upon their minds the beautiful stories of the Bible.

We are glad to record that 14 scholars have gained

FAITHFUL SERVICE PRIZES

from the Ragged School Union, one of which was a prize for keeping a situation for five years.

About 40 have been sent to their

HOLIDAY HOMES.

This is a great blessing to the children who would not otherwise get such a holiday.

THE ANNUAL TREAT

took place on June 28th, by brakes to Hampton Court. It formed a splendid procession—

19 BRAKES LOADED WITH CHILDREN

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23 in all. This is a marked day in our neighbourhood, scores of people specially turning out to see the poor children off for their day in the country. In the midst of much wet weather the Lord was pleased to favour us with a splendid day. Visits were made to the Palace and the maze, while others of the scholars vigorously competed in running and jumping for a large number of prizes generously given by Mr. W. J. Scudamore. Tea at 3.30 received

justice from these expectant children, those being unable to obtain a seat in the tent formed a nice border round it on the grass. Number :—Children, 540 ; adults, 200. Altogether a very happy day was spent, and the children arrived home safely, shouting and singing, except a few sleepy ones.

Besides the large gathering of children on Sundays, there is a larger attendance at the

TUESDAY EVENING SCHOOL.

The place is packed with children, and some nights the number must have reached somewhere

ABOUT 700.

Here is a splendid field for the sowers of the Gospel seed.

The children begin to assemble some time before the doors are open, and it has now become necessary to arrange these little ones in line outside before the doors are open, so as to facilitate the getting in and avoiding a crush.

We have the same superintendent and secretary for this school as for the one held on Sunday, and they are assisted by a band of willing workers.

Each school has its day's outing, and the

ANNUAL TREAT

of the Tuesday Evening School was on July 19th.

Littlehampton

was the place selected. Although the day was rather dull in London, we had it fine and bright all day at the seaside.

The children, after leaving the train, soon reached the beach, and then commenced their paddling and searching for things of interest to bring home, amongst the list of curiosities being some bucketfuls of crabs. How these

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494 CHILDREN

and 213 adults (including the elder scholars.)

The majority of the children go to both this and the Sunday School Excursion entirely

FREE OF CHARGE,

while small sums ranging from a penny upwards are paid by those who have not recorded sufficient attendances or have misbehaved themselves.

THE SEWING CLASS,

a growing institution, is carried on by Mrs. Fish, Mrs. M. Young, and Mrs. Simmons. Mrs. Hillier, who has been a great help in this class, has been compelled to resign through ill-health and long distance to come, therefore we are greatly in need of additional help in this department. There is a decided increase in the attendance here, there being 112 names on the book, and the class is very full.

In connection with this class also we have a

PENNY BANK.

The deposits have been £3 8s. 0d., and the withdrawals £3 3s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of 4s. 2d.

We are glad to report that several of the young women of this class during the year have decided for Christ and joined the Mission.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND TEA.

This long-looked for entertainment was given last January to

OVER 1,000 CHILDREN.

This large party is provided with a good tea first, and then they adjourn to the large hall, with its Christmas tree and floral decorations. R. K. Causton, Esq., M.P., occupied the chair, accompanied by Lady Roxburgh. Mr. Causton's face is well known to our children, and they never fail to give him a very hearty reception. Very brief addresses are delivered, for the children are restless, being anxious to get their prizes and toys. Lady Roxburgh and Mr. Causton presented the first of the prizes, which was followed by the tree being stripped and the distribution of some hundreds of toys.

Two nights were occupied by this festival, the

CRIPPLED CHILDREN

being invited on the second evening.

A bun and an orange is given to every child as they leave the hall.

This entails hard, although pleasant, work for the helpers and teachers, to whom we tender our sincere thanks.

THE TRACT SOCIETY

has continued its good work for another year. By means of this institution we get the Word of God into the homes and hands of those whom we fail to reach by the preaching services. We offer no apology for thus pressing the Gospel, for it is good news, and if received into the heart will bring lasting joy and peace to every member of the household who embraces it. There are five distributors, and these circulate 300 tracts weekly.

The funds to carry on this work are raised among our own people. The receipts amount to £7 3s. 6d.; £4 7s. 2d. has been expended, thus leaving a balance in hand of £2 16s. 4d. Bro. W. Harrison is the secretary; he collects the subscriptions weekly, and will be pleased to receive any new subscriber.

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THE GOSPEL TEMPERANCE WORK.

This part of the work has been continued through the labours of our Bro. Pearce, greatly assisted by his wife and a few other friends, and towards the close of the year our Bro. Hume was appointed secretary The following is the report as presented by Bro. Pearce :—

WORKING MEN'S MISSION GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

President: MR. T. G. YOUNG. *Treasurer:* MR. R. A. PEARCE.
Secretary: MR. T. HUME.

THE 14TH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

We are very glad to take this opportunity of thanking our many friends who have so kindly assisted us through this another year, both by their presence and their financial support.

During the past year indoor meetings have been held every Saturday evening, being often preceded by open-air meetings, our brethren and sisters standing singing and testifying of their happy experience since they signed the pledge and gave themselves to God. During the summer months, however, many of our friends have availed themselves of their Saturday afternoons, and have not been present with us during the evenings. Under these circumstances we held prayer, praise, and testimony meetings, which were thorough spiritual times to those present.

We are very pleased to report

88 PLEDGES

taken, making a total of 2,511 since the meetings were instituted. The number of pledges is rather smaller than

the previous year, but does not in any way adequately represent the amount of good accomplished.

You will all, I am sure, be glad to know that we are about to start a new departure in connection with this branch. Many of our friends who labour with us know what it is from experience to have this terrible appetite for strong drink, and often when passing the public-house a prayer ascends to God for his keeping power in the hour of temptation. We want to prevent this appetite, and to enable us to do this we are starting a

BAND OF HOPE

for boys and girls. Many of our brethren and sisters have promised us help, but you, who perhaps will not be able to be with us, kindly remember us at the Throne of Grace. We need your prayers. Look at the neighbourhood we are in, see how the dear children are cradled in drink, notice the example that is set them, hark at the language they have to hear, watch them and see how they are taught to gamble by those who should know better, and I am convinced you wlll agree that this is a work that's needed, and, if possible, you will assist us.

In looking back we cannot but be thankful to God for what he has done. 2,511 pledges is a large number, and the majority of these have also professed conversion. What marvellous changes have been wrought by the power of God. Drunkards that were, are now Christian men, trying to win others into the kingdom ; others, who were just as low in sin, are now leaping and praising God that they are in their right mind and treading the path that leadeth unto Zion.

Trusting the blessings of the past may be as it were the droppings of the showers that are to come, and that we may all endeavour to do what we can for Him, who has done so much for us, is the wish of yours faithfully,

R. A. PEARCE.

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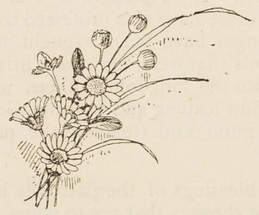
BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Donation by J. B. Meredith, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Proceeds of Annual Tea	0	10	8
Weekly Collections...	2	18	0½
	£4	9	8½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Deficit as per last year's Report ...	0	19	11
Postage and Stationery	0	4	7½
Anniversary Tea ...	0	19	0
Deputations	0	8	3
Bill posting	0	2	9
Printing	1	0	0
Balance in hand ...	0	15	2
	£4	9	8½

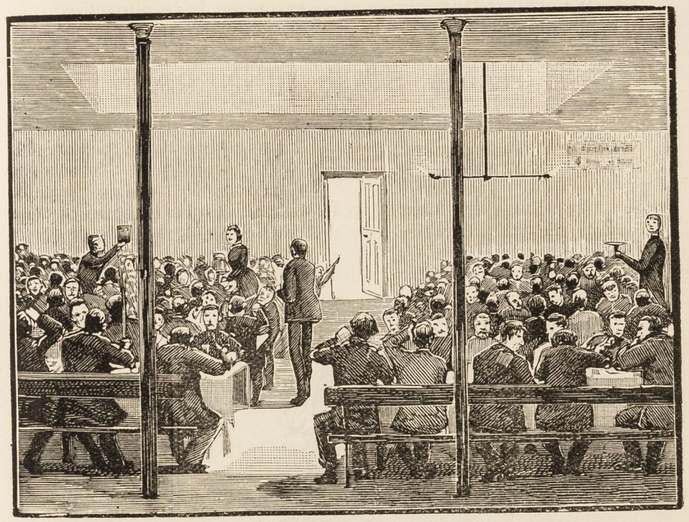
A BIBLE CLASS

for men and women has been held on Friday evenings during a portion of the year. Bro. Arnett ably fulfilled the position of chairman, manifesting a deep interest in the study of the various subjects, and he was assisted by Bro. W. Harrison, as secretary, who also sought to make the meetings interesting and instructive. Nevertheless, the class dissolved, but another is now starting with another chairman, Bro. Arnett taking up the secretariat.



The Soup Kitchen.

The Soup Kitchen was opened in grand style by the usual free meat tea, given by Mr. John Pearce, on Tuesday, November 15th, 1898. It happened during the time we were having a special mission, and Mr. H. C. Willings, the Evangelist, gave an excellent address on the "Bread of Life." The meeting was presided over by Bro. T. G. Young, and a very happy time was spent.



The Kitchen continued open during the winter months, and is still open as we close our year's report, and will remain so until about the middle of April.

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A good business has been done, and the poor have been greatly helped through this work. Hungry men, women, and children have obtained their dinners for a nominal sum.

The takings in the kitchen for the year have amounted to £224 6s 8½d., being a decrease on last year; but we have contracted for more Board School children.

1,128 FREE MEALS HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO CHILDREN

through the generous help of our kind donors.

We estimate that during the season we have altogether supplied about

112,000 SOUP DINNERS.

It will be seen by our balance sheet that we had to draw from our General Fund the sum of £32 19s. 7½d. to close up the 1897-8 season.

We close our financial year with a balance in hand of £21 8s. 7d., but we reckon this will be required to meet bills not yet sent in.

York Street,

WALWORTH.

This branch of our work is now in its twelfth year.

We are sorry to have to report that during the past year one of the leaders, Bro. Gamson, has had to resign through failure of health. Our dear brother continued his labours for several months under much suffering and weakness, hoping for recovery, but the work, in addition to his daily toil, proved too much for him, and he eventually had to give in. We are now praying that he may speedily be restored to his usual health. Our Bro. H. Young, his co-leader, continues to labour here with much earnest endeavour, having been here ever since the work started.

IN-DOOR SERVICES

are held on Sunday mornings for believers, and in the evening public Gospel Services are conducted. These services are not so well attended as they have been, perhaps owing to the loss of a leader. We usually have some strangers in, and the past year has not been without some tokens of blessing.

A Prayer Meeting is held on Monday evenings, and the mid-week Gospel Service on Wednesdays.

OUT-DOOR SERVICES

have been maintained throughout the year on Sunday mornings and evenings, and also on Wednesday evenings. The first Sunday in each month a skirmish round the streets in the neighbourhood usually takes place. Large gatherings of the working class are obtained in the summer; but it is hard work in the cold, damp weather, to get the people to

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stand round. However, our workers delight to preach the Gospel of the grace of God even if it be but to a few. Our sisters are a great help in the work, for by their singing the people are attracted.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

These are held on Saturday evenings, and there have been some large appreciative audiences.

The Gospel is pressed to the front at these meetings, for such is the tremendous power of strong drink over many who enter the Hall that nothing short of the power of God can deliver these from the strong chains that bind them. During the year we have had several services of song, with connective reading, and also lantern entertainments. Our labour has not been in vain, for

41 PLEDGES

have been taken during the year.

The balance sheet of this auxiliary show that the income has amounted to £7 8s. 9d., while the expenditure has been £6 3s. 11d., thus leaving £1 4s. 10d. in hands of Bro. H. Young, treasurer.

The secretary, Bro. J. Foster, is but a young convert, labouring earnestly in the cause.

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Decima Street,

BERMONDSEY.

We have now been labouring in this neighbourhood for six years, a good work having been done.

During the past year the work has been carried on vigorously in spite of many difficulties. About the middle of the year our Bro. D. Thomas, who has been greatly used by God in connection with this branch, had to resign the leadership on account of his health having failed. The whole of the work then fell upon his co-leader, Bro. J. Welch, who made a noble effort to carry on the mission, but after about three months of this heavy strain he also was compelled to resign through failing health. However, after several weeks without a leader, Bro. Ead was prevailed upon to take the responsibility of the work, being appointed to the leadership.

The work went down somewhat during these changes, but now we have a settled leader again we are hoping for a revival in the meetings.

IN-DOOR GOSPEL SERVICES

are held every Sunday and Wednesday evenings, the plain Gospel being presented to the people in a simple fashion by working men.

A prayer meeting is held on Monday evenings, when the previous day's work is commended to God.

OPEN-AIR SERVICES

have been held on Sunday mornings and evenings, also on Wednesday evenings. Being a very busy marketing place, many large crowds have gathered to listen to God's servants proclaiming His message of love and pardon of sin.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School has our Bro. D. Thomas for its superintendent, who manifests an unfailing interest in the welfare of the poor children, and he is ably assisted by Miss Stokes as the secretary, who presented the following report at their last anniversary celebration, held in the February of this year:—

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is with hearts full of gratitude to God that we here present to you the 15th Annual Report of our Sunday School work. Although we cannot boast of great things accomplished, we are glad to be able to say that we have taught none other than the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

We have in connection with our school work here a

BOOT FUND,

with the sum of 10s. 11d. in hand, supported by monthly collections, and through the kind assistance of the Ragged School Union we have been able to supply several pairs of boots. We also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of two parcels of clothing and one parcel of books from the Ragged School Union.

On the 13th of February last we held our 6th Anniversary. The address to the children in the afternoon was given by the mission superintendent, Mr. T. Young, and to the adults in the evening by Mr. Lilywhite. On Tuesday, the 15th, a tea was provided by the mission, the proceeds from which were given to the funds of the Sunday School. In the evening a public meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr. Thomas, superintendent of the school, supported by Mrs. Pomeroy. Other speakers disappointed us, but God did not disappoint, for we felt His presence with us.

On the 2nd of May last two of our old scholars were presented by the Ragged School Union with a silver watch

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each for keeping one situation with good character for five years.

On July 12th last we went for our

ANNUAL EXCURSION

to Ashstead Woods.

124 CHILDREN AND 36 ADULTS

started by train from London Bridge at 9.30 a.m., and after spending a most enjoyable day returned from Ashstead at 8.37 p.m.

On September 20th,

A SINGING CLASS

of elder scholars was started by Mr. Thomas.

On September 27th the infants who were too young to go into the country were provided with a tea, followed by a lantern entertainment.

On February 1st and 2nd of this year the children had their

WINTER TREAT,

which consisted of a good tea and lantern entertainment, after which every child received a present from the

CHRISTMAS TREE.

We have a total of

190 NAMES ON THE BOOKS,

with an average attendance of 126; 19 teachers, with a total attendance of 13.

In closing our report we desire to thank all friends who who have given us their kind support, and we are determined to go forward to work in the Master's vineyard as He shall give us grace and strength.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance, April 1st, 1898	1	16	3¾
Leopold de Rothschild, Esq.	1	1	0
Peek, Frean & Co. ...	0	10	0
A. Carr, Esq.	0	10	0
Readers of the *Christian*	1	0	0
W. J. Scudamore, Esq.	1	0	0
H. S. Fitter, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Mr. R. Young	0	10	0
Mr. A. Burton	0	5	0
J. P. Geary, Esq. ...	0	5	0
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Friendship	0	5	0
Jas. Pascall, Esq. ...	0	5	0
S. Taylor, Esq. ...	0	2	6
R. V. Barrow, Esq....	0	5	0
A. Lafone, Esq. ...	0	10	0
E. R. Goodrich, Esq.	0	2	6
Mr. W. Olney	0	2	6
Teachers' Donation ...	1	0	0
Collections...	2	14	9½
Collecting Cards ..	5	1	7
Sale of Excursion Tickets	2	10	7
Lantern Entertainment	0	3	6½
Sale of Tea Tickets ...	0	17	8
	£22	8	11¾

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Teachers' Teas	1	19	10
Hymn Books	0	13	6
Class Registers	0	2	6
Printing	0	7	0
Children's Excursion	12	2	6
Infants' Treat	0	14	7
Prizes	2	6	4
Sundries	0	8	0
Balance in hand... ...	3	14	8¾
	£22	8	11¾

BAND OF HOPE.

Here a good work is being done in warning the children against the evils of strong drink, and instructing them in temperance principles.

Our "good and true" Bro. Ash is the conductor of this work, and our sister, Miss May, is the "tried and proved" secretary. The following is their report:—

This work is progressing favourably; but there have been some changes during the past year owing to the retirement

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of Bro. Welch through ill-health. Praise God he has been restored.

We have now 28 members and about 40 children attending every Friday night.

We had our Annual Excursion to Ashstead Woods on 21st July, 1898, with 35 children and 13 workers.

Our members have quarterly teas and other entertainments.

We commenced the year with £1 13s. 9½d. in hand, and we close with £1 4s. 10d.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	1	13	9½
Members' Subscriptions	2	7	9½
Collecting Cards ...	0	19	8
H. B. Marshall... ...	1	1	0
Sale of Excursion Tickets	0	16	7
	£6	18	10

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Quarterly Teas	1	8	4
Grant to Organist ...	0	10	0
Child's Boots	0	2	11½
Register	0	1	6½
Excursion	3	11	2
Balance in hand ...	1	4	10
	£6	18	10

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETINGS

are held in the open-air during the summer Saturday evenings, and large numbers have been attracted by the singing and speaking. During the past year several pledges have been taken.

During the winter months the open-air temperance meetings are given up, and a

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is held in the Hall instead. We trust that these Bible studies will make the members increasingly useful to others.

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On Good Friday, 1898, Mr. G. Lord delivered his interesting and instructive lecture on the "Manners and Customs of the East," occupying the afternoon and evening. There was a good attendance.

The Sunday School Anniversary was celebrated on May 15th. An address was delivered in the afternoon to the children and teachers on "Noah as a Worker," and in the evening the address was founded upon the words of scripture, "Bless the Lads." A tea and public meeting was also held on the following Tuesday. The meeting was presided over by J. B. Meredith, Esq., supported by Messrs. G. London, J. Kirk, C. Bowie, B. Fendick, and T. G. Young. A choir of 50 children rendered hymns during the evening, and Mrs. Fish very appropriately sang "Hear the glad song of the children." An excellent report was read by the secretary, Mr. G. Fish. 160 prizes were distributed to the children.

A very successful Christian Endeavour Society was conducted at Decima Street for a long time, but on the 21st June, 1898, it was dissolved so as to give the members a better opportunity of getting to the other services.

On June 25th a very pleasant afternoon's outing was spent by the workers of York Street. They went to Purfleet, and permission was kindly granted them to visit the ship "Cornwall."

A Slate Club is held every Saturday evening. Healthy young men are invited to join. Application to be made to Mr. Waller, secretary. Subscription 6d. per week.

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Called Home.

"I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Rev. xiv., 13.

Why should we start, or fear to die?
What timorous worms we mortals are!
Death is the gate of endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter there.

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Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on His breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

ISAAC WATTS.

We have to record the departure to the better land of three of our Church members.

Mrs. Mickleburgh died on September 6th, 1898. This sister laboured hard for the Lord Jesus at our Decima Street branch; but now she has gone to her promised reward and rest from earthly trial and toil.

Mrs. Putt died March 16th, 1899. Our sister had been an invalid and cripple for many years, and for a long time had not been able to attend the house of God; yet she bore a good testimony ere she went to heaven, where there is no pain.

Mr. Cutler died March 7th, 1899. This dear brother, somewhat advanced in years, was but a young convert. He was trusting to the finished work of Christ.

We have also to record the death of one of our Finance Committee, Mr. J. B. Parker. Our brother always manifested a great interest in our Mission, and has served on the Finance Committee ever since that body was formed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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King, W. F., Esq. ...	0	10	0
King, John, Esq.	10	10	0
Keiller, Mr. William ...	1	0	0
Kirwan, Capt. G.	0	5	0
Knight, Mrs. J. M. ...	10	0	0
Lonsdale, Miss	0	5	0
Lloyd, Mrs.	0	10	0
Lloyd, Mrs.	0	2	6
Lawrence, Mr. Alfred ...	0	5	0
Lonsdale, Miss	0	10	0
Leech, Miss H.	1	0	0
Lefort, Miss	1	0	0
Leech, Mr.	0	5	0
Lewis, Miss	1	1	0
Llangattock, Lord ...	1	0	0
Lacey, Mrs. F. W. ...	0	2	6
Langcake, Miss M. ...	0	5	0
Lloyd, Mrs. L.	1	0	0
Lewis, Mrs. S. ...	2	2	0
Lack, Messrs. H. E. & W.	0	5	0
Letchworth, Thos., Esq.	1	0	0
Linnecar, Mr. G. W. ...	0	2	6
Langton, Miss	0	10	0
L. A.	0	2	6
Mills, Mr. R.	0	10	0
Maple, Lady Blundell ...	0	2	6
McKay, Mrs.	0	10	0
Meredith, J. B., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Matthews, Mrs. Wm. ...	0	5	0
Miller, Mrs. H. L. ...	1	0	0
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Morris, Mrs. S. A. ...	2	2	0
Morier, Miss	1	0	0
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Mills, J. T., Esq.	5	0	0
May, Raphael R., Esq.	0	10	0
Matthews, Mrs.	0	10	0
Martin-Atkins, Mrs. W. H.	0	2	6
McKay, Mrs.	0	10	0
Muston, Miss	0	2	6
Meggeson, Mrs.	0	10	0
Mann, A. J., Esq.	0	5	0
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Meyrick, Mr. John C. ...	0	5	6
Marks, Albert A. Esq. ...	1	0	0
Miller, Mrs. H. L. ...	1	0	0
Moss, Mrs. E. D.	1	0	0
Masters, W. F. Esq. ..	0	10	6
Meakin, F., Esq.	1	1	0
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Meredith, Mr. J. B. ...	1	1	0
McTaggart, Mrs. O. ...	0	10	6
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Morgan & Scott, Messrs.	1	0	0
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May & Hassell, Messrs.	1	1	0
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Newton, Miss E. A. ...	0	5	0
Noble, Leonard, Esq. ...	5	5	0
Noel, Rev. Horace ...	0	5	0
Newton, F. W., Esq., ...	1	1	0
Nicholson, Mrs. Fredk.	0	10	0
Newton, Miss E. A. ..	0	5	0
Nicholas, Mrs.	0	5	0
Norton, Miss	0	1	0
Nicholls, White & Co, Messrs. F.	0	10	0
Nicholson, Mrs. S. ...	0	5	0
Nobles & Hoare, Messrs.	1	0	0
Nelson, Albert O., Esq.	5	0	0
Noel, Miss	1	0	0
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Nelson-Lloyd, F.W. Esq.	1	0	0
Olney, Thos. H., Esq. ...	3	3	0
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Oliver, Mr. T.	0	10	0
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Olney, Thos. H., Esq. ...	2	2	0
Olney, Wm., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Olney, W., Esq.	1	0	0
Priestly, J. G., Esq. ...	2	0	0

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Parker, J. B., Esq. ...	1	1	0
Powell, The Misses ...	0	10	0
Palmer, Mrs.	0	5	0
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Perkins, Miss	0	10	0
Pullar, Sir Robert ...	1	1	0
Payne & Dale, Messrs.	0	5	0
Pearce, J., Esq.	5	0	0
Parker, J. B., Esq. ...	2	2	0
Penn, Mrs. W.	0	10	0
Palmer, Mrs. E. C. ...	0	2	6
Powell, The Misses ...	1	0	0
Parrott, Mrs.	0	5	0
Phillips, Mrs.	0	2	6
Petter, Miss C. E. ...	0	5	0
Prior, H. T. Esq.	0	10	0
Parker, J. B., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Pittman, Mrs.	0	1	0
Payne & Dale, Messrs.	0	5	0
Pullein, Mrs.	0	2	6
Peyton, Miss Hildyard W.	0	4	0
Phillips, Miss H.	0	5	0
Powle, Mrs.	0	2	6
Pedley, G., Esq.	0	10	0
Pascall, J., Esq., ...	1	0	0
Peirce, Mr. Ernest ...	1	0	0
Palmer, Genl. Sir Roger	5	0	0
Pearce, John, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Pinder, Mrs.	0	5	0
Pennington, Mrs.	0	10	0
Penny, T. S., Esq. ...	0	10	6
Prout, Miss J. A.	0	10	0
Quincey, Miss H.	2	0	0
Ridgway, Mr. C.	0	17	0
Reid, Henry, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Raven, Mr. A. J.	1	1	0
Roads, Miss	0	5	0
Ripley, Miss S.	0	2	6
Richards, Mrs.	0	2	6
Rickatson, Miss E. A. ...	0	3	0
Rabbeth, J. E., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Robertson, Mrs.	0	5	0
Ryley, Mr. William ...	0	10	0
Redman, T. E., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Richardson. Mr. Wm. ...	0	2	6
Rawlings, Mr. E.	1	0	0
Rhodes, Miss	0	5	0
Russell, Miss M.	1	0	0
Raphael, Mr. E.	0	5	0
Roberts, Miss E. F. ...	0	5	0
Ripley, Miss S.	0	2	6
Rhodes, Mr. T.	0	5	0
Rainbow, Mrs. S.	0	10	0
Riach, Mrs.	1	0	0
Roberts, Mr. C. W. ...	2	2	0
R. D. W.	5	0	0
Roads, Miss	0	10	0
Rickatson, Miss E. ...	0	2	6
Roxby, Mr. C. W. ...	0	1	0
Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. ...	1	1	0
Robertson, Mrs.	0	3	0
Richardson, Wm., Esq.	0	5	0
Russell, Mr. Edwin S. ...	0	5	0
Robson, Mrs.	0	5	0
Rogers, Mr. S.	0	10	6
Rolls, Hon. Gen. R. ...	5	0	0
Rivers, Mrs.	0	5	0
Rich, Miss	1	0	0
Ridley-Bax, Mr. A. ...	1	0	0
Ragged School Union ...	25	0	0
Referee Children's Dinner Fund	20	0	0
Simpson, Miss	0	2	6
Shuttleworth, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Stanley, H. M., Esq., M.P.	1	1	0
Sturdy, Mrs.	0	10	0
Smith, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Selman, Mr. A.	0	10	0
Style, C. C., Esq.	1	0	0
Sturton, Mrs. E.	0	2	0
"Sunbeam Fund," per Mr. W. R. Everett ...	0	10	0
Smith, Miss B. H.	0	2	6
Scudamore, Mr. W. J. ...	1	0	0
S. B. S.	0	10	0
Sleep, Mrs. M. A. ...	0	2	6
Sayers, Mr.	0	1	6
Sadler, Mr. John	1	0	0
Stuchbery, Miss	0	5	0
Smith, Mr. D.	1	0	0
Smith, Miss B. H. ...	0	5	0
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Smith, T. Mitchell, Esq.	0	4	0
Stevens, Miss	0	2	6
Smith, Mr. J.	0	10	0
Simmons, Mrs.	0	2	6
Style, C. C., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Smith, Miss L. C. ...	0	2	6
Stuart, J. W., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Stephens, Mr. Ernest B., and Friends	1	0	0
"Sunbeam Fund" ...	0	10	0
Selman, A., Esq.	1	0	0
Such, Mr. H. P.	0	5	0
Smith, W. S. & Co. ...	0	2	0
Seargeant, Miss E. A. ...	0	10	0
Sharp, Miss	0	2	6
Smith, Mr. D.	0	10	6
Simmons & Co., Messrs.	0	10	0
Savage & Sons, Messrs.	1	1	0
Salter, Miss C. E. ...	0	5	0
Stone, Huntington, Esq.	2	0	0
Scudamore, W. J., Esq.	1	1	0
Siddons, Mrs. A.	0	2	0
Sloman, Richd., Esq. ...	0	5	0
Saunders, Mr. J., and Miss Franklin	0	2	0
Shepherd, S. Gurney, Esq.	2	0	0
Scotto, Richard S., Esq.	0	10	0
Smith, Mrs. Barnard ...	1	0	0
Tottenham, Mrs.	0	10	0
Tardif, John R.	0	10	0
Tebbs, Mrs.	0	2	6
Taylor, Herbert W. Esq.	0	5	0
Tabb, Mr. R. P.	0	5	0
Thompson, Mrs. H. ...	0	10	0
Travers, Mrs.	0	2	6
Tardif, John R., Esq. ...	0	10	0
Tottenham, Mrs.	0	5	0
Thomas, Mrs.	1	0	0
Turnour, Miss	2	2	0
Tregelles, Miss	0	2	6
Tritton, Mrs.	0	3	0
Toplis, Mrs.	0	2	6
Taylor, John M., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Travers, Col. J.	0	2	6
Tryon, Fredk., Esq. ...	0	15	0
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Underhill, Mr. Thos. ...	1	1	0
Voelcker, Mrs. S.	2	2	0
Valiant, F. Esq.	0	5	0
Valiant, F., Esq.	1	0	0
Williams, Miss	0	1	6
Wilson, Mr. W.	0	10	0
White, Mrs. Thomas ...	0	5	0
Weall, Miss M.	0	5	0
West, Mrs. L.	0	5	0
Willson, Mr. S.	0	10	0
Wagstaff, Miss A. ...	0	3	0
Warren and Widden, the Misses	0	5	0
Warrington, Miss E. ...	0	10	0
Walsingham, Mr. H. ...	0	2	6
W. G. T., per Mrs. Todd	1	0	0
Webb, Mrs. J.	0	10	0
Wright, F., Esq.	0	10	0
Winzar, E., Esq.	0	5	0
Walters, Chas., Esq. ...	2	2	0
Waller, Mrs. B. J. ...	0	10	0
Walton, Hassell, & Port, Messrs.	0	10	0
Wolfe, James W., Esq.	0	10	6
Warren, Miss...	0	2	0
Whittard, Crisp & Co. ...	1	1	0
Walkinshaw, Miss ...	1	1	0
Woodyeare, Mrs.	1	0	0
Woodward, John, Esq.	3	0	0
West, Mrs. L.	0	5	0
Woollen, J. W. G., Esq.	0	5	0
White, Henry, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Welchman, Mr. T. G. ...	0	5	0
Welch, Miss	0	1	0
Weatherley, Mrs.	0	10	0
Washington, Mr. James	0	2	6
Wilson, Mrs.	0	2	0
Wright, Mrs.	0	2	6
Wood, Mr. T.	0	1	6
Ward, Lock, & Co., Messrs.	0	10	6
Wates, Joseph, Esq. ...	2	10	0

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Weymouth, Miss C. ...	0	2	0
Walthew, Mr. S.	1	10	0
Wild, Miss K.	0	5	0
Whittaker, The Misses	0	5	0
Whiffen, Thos., Esq. ...	10	10	0
Wagstaff, Miss	0	3	0
Willson, Mr. S.	0	10	0
Warren, Miss M. E. ...	0	3	0
Wheeler, W. J., Esq. ...	0	5	0
Ward, Mr. J.	1	0	0
Woodley, Mr. Thos. ...	1	0	0
Wilder, F. L., Esq. ...	1	10	0
X. P. Z.	0	1	0
Young, Mr. R.	1	10	0
Young, Mr. J.	0	3	0
	£720	4	1

The foregoing has been subscribed for—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	545	16	7
Holiday Homes	13	11	6
Children's Excursions ...	11	5	0
Mothers' Excursion ...	0	10	0
Poor	45	5	0
Christmas Tree, Cripples, etc.	22	9	6
Special Services	5	0	0
Broken Down Workers	10	1	0
Soup Kitchen...	48	17	6
York Street Branch ...	8	7	0
Decima Street Branch ...	9	1	0
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MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FROM the commencement of the Mission there has existed amongst our Members and workers a system of weekly subscriptions, and below we give the year's totals. Some of our members only commenced at the close of our financial year, but we hope they will continue, and show a good total in our next report. We specially appeal to our Members to become regular subscribers, as it is a duty and a privilege of the saints to support the work of God.

COLLINGWOOD STREET.

	£	s.	d.
Arnett, Mr. R.	0	16	0
Beadle, Mr.	1	2	0
Burton, Mr.	0	1	0
Burke, Mrs.	0	1	0
Bond, Mr.	0	5	0
Chamberlain, Mrs. ...	0	6	3
Cassell, Mrs.	0	3	3
Dale, Mr. J.	1	14	8
De Boos, Mrs.	0	10	0
Garratt, Mrs....	0	12	0
Harrison, Mr. W.... ...	2	9	0
Henstock, Mr. W. ...	1	6	0
Hughes, Mrs.	0	13	3
Humphreys, Mr. & Mrs.	2	12	0
Holt, Mrs.	0	0	6
Hume, Mr.	0	3	0
Jarnall, Mr.	0	6	6
Knight, Mr.	0	6	0
Lasseter, Mr...	0	4	6
Nixon, Mrs.	0	12	3
North, Mrs.	0	3	3
Onions, Mr. J.	0	6	0
Pearce, Mr. R.	1	15	9
Pavey, Mr. C.	0	0	6
Rowe, Mrs.	0	5	2
Simmons, Mr. & Mrs. ...	1	14	0
Slow, Mrs.	0	11	3
Scudamore, Mr. and Mrs. C.	2	2	0
Waller, Mr.	0	4	9
Wilder, Mr.	0	6	0
Young, Mr. T. G. ...	6	10	0
Young, Mrs. M.	1	6	0
Young, Mr. J. B.	3	18	0
Young, Mrs. P.	1	6	0
Young, Mr. J., Jun. ...	3	5	0
Young, Mr. T., Jun. ...	1	6	0
Young, Mr. R.	3	3	0
	£42	6	10

YORK STREET.

	£	s.	d.
Bridges, Mrs....	0	8	0
Duck, Mr. A.	0	1	6
Duck, Mrs.	0	1	6
Duck, Mr. A. J.	0	4	0
Foster, Mr. J.	1	0	0
Foster, Mrs.	1	0	0
Foster, Mrs. A.	0	11	9
Gamson, Mr. & Mrs. ...	4	11	0
Hyde, Miss	0	1	9
Jones, Mr. & Mrs. ...	2	12	0
Knight, Miss I.	0	13	0
Malpas, Mr. & Mrs. ...	1	6	0
Mann, Mr.	0	6	6
Nicholls, Mr....	0	0	11
Prichard, Mr.	2	12	0
Payne, Mr.	0	1	9
Raven, Miss	0	11	9
Stanley, Mr. J.	1	6	0
Stoll, Mr.	0	16	0
Spiller, Mrs.	0	3	6
Timberlake, Mr.	1	1	0
Wright, Mrs.	0	12	4
Wallbridge, Mrs.	1	8	6
Woolgar, Mr.	0	1	6
Young, Mr. H.	1	19	0
Young, Mrs. E.	1	6	0
Young, Miss E.	0	2	9
	£25	0	0

DECIMA STREET.

	£	s.	d.
Ash, Mr.	0	16	9
Ash, Mrs.	0	8	0
Carrow, Mr. J.	0	13	9
Chamberlain, Mrs. ...	0	4	0
Chamberlain, Miss ...	0	2	0
Charles, Mr.	0	0	1
Ead, Mr. W....	0	10	0
Ead, Mrs.	0	2	6
French, Mrs.	0	0	6
French, Mr.	0	2	9
Johnson, Mrs.	0	9	0
Lassetter, Mr. E. H. ...	0	14	0
Leader, Mrs.	1	3	0
Morgan, Mr.	0	0	9
Moyes, Mr.	0	2	6
Rouse, Mr. G.	2	11	0
Swash, Mr.	0	6	9
Stannard, Mrs.	0	17	9
Shepherd, Miss F. ...	0	10	6
Swash, Mrs.	0	0	3
Thomas, Mr. D.	0	13	6
Thomas, Mrs.	0	1	0
Uwins, Mr.	0	5	6
Welch, Mr. J.	0	11	6
Wise, Mr.	0	4	6
Wise, Mrs.	0	1	0
White, Miss	0	1	0
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BALANCE SHEETS.

YORK STREET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Donations	8	7	0
Members' Subscriptions (as per list)	25	0	0
Collections	11	12	4
Excursion to Ashstead	3	13	6
Excursion to Purfleet	3	10	5½
Proceeds of Teas	4	10	6
Collecting Cards for Poor	3	1	11
Grant from General Fund	16	8	9
	£76	4	5½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Rent	34	12	5
Rates and Taxes	8	16	9
Gas	5	11	1
Repairs	6	9	0
Insurance	0	3	0
Excursion to Ashstead	3	13	6
Excursion to Purfleet	3	14	5½
Platform Supply	0	5	0
Provisions for Teas	4	13	3
Printing	0	9	0
Help to the Needy	4	0	6
Sundries	1	6	11
Balance in hand	2	9	7
	76	4	5½

Examined and found correct, April 17th, 1899—

(Signed) JAS. CLARK,
T. TIMBERLAKE.

On behalf of the Finance Committee.

DECIMA STREET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Donations	9	1	0
Members' Subscriptions	11	13	10
Collections	6	7	6½
Sale of Tea Tickets	0	12	0
Grant from General Fund	27	10	0
	£55	4	4½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Rent	28	3	4
Rates and Taxes	2	0	8
Gas	4	2	2
Repairs to Building	1	0	0
Provisions for Teas	0	9	2½
Harmonium Repairs	0	4	0
Printing	0	8	9
Sunday School Anniversary Tea	0	16	7
Mission Anniversary Tea	0	18	0
Christmas Tree Entertainment	2	18	1
Help to the Needy	1	10	0
Grant to Organist	1	10	0
Hallkeeping	10	8	0
Sundries	0	14	8½
Balance in hand	0	0	10½
	£55	4	4½

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SOUP KITCHEN.

CLOSING-UP OF 1897-8 SEASON.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Board School Children, per Mr. J. Pascall ...	16	5	1
Free Meals Association, per Mr. J. Norris ...	0	2	10½
Mr. Licence for Children's Dinners ...	0	5	2
Returned Empties	0	11	0
Deficit Drawn from General Fund	32	19	7½
	£50	3	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Wages	0	10	0
Rates	0	10	0
Provisions	48	16	3
Utensils	0	7	6
	£50	3	9

1898-9 SEASON.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Donations				48	17	6
Takings in Kitchen				224	6	8½
Mr. J. Pearce, for Free Teas ...				11	0	0
Board School Children:						
per Mr. J. Pascall	28	18	3½			
per Mr. R. Scarr	27	0	10½			
				55	19	2
				£340	3	4½

	£	s.	d.
Wages	60	5	0
Whitewashing and Cleaning	2	8	0
Rent	18	0	0
Rates	1	12	4
Utensils	1	3	6
Sawdust	0	9	0
Printing	0	5	6
Repairs	7	7	9
Firing...	4	7	6
Provisions	220	19	2½
Sundries	1	17	0
Balance in hand	21	8	7
	£340	3	4½

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(Signed) JAS. CLARK,
T. TIMBERLAKE.
On behalf of the Finance Committee.

COLLINGWOOD STREET GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year				106	14	6½
Donations (as per list): General	545	16	7			
Children's Excursions ..	11	5	0			
Holiday Homes	13	11	6			
Mothers' Meeting Excursion	0	10	0			
Special Services	5	0	0			
Broken-down Workers ..	10	1	0			
Poor	45	5	0			
Xmas Tree, Cripples, &c.	22	9	6			
				653	18	7
Good Friday Tea				1	14	6
Easter Monday Excursion				8	8	6
Members' Subscriptions				42	6	10
Collections..				16	17	7½
Children's Excursions—						
Contributions per Mr. T. Young	39	10	2			
Collections, Collingwood Street	4	2	9½			
,, York Street	1	10	0			
York St. Gospel Temp. Donation	0	10	0			
Collecting Cards, Collingwood Street.. ..	15	14	10½			
,, York Street	1	14	2			
Sunday School Anniversary Tea	1	12	0			
Sale of Tickets and Part Payment of some Children	45	13	2			
Teachers' Pay for Dinner..	2	3	6			
				112	10	8
Mothers' Meeting Excursion—						
Sale of Clothing	1	10	0			
Part Payments for Excursion	6	2	6			
				7	12	6
Holiday Homes, children's part pay				8	5	8
Special Services. Donations from Workers ..				0	14	0
R.S.U. Goose Club Subscriptions				66	6	6
Slate Club Donation				1	0	0
Collecting Cards for Poor				0	10	7½
Christmas Tree Entertainment, part payments ..				0	10	3
Sundry Receipts				0	6	7
				£1,027	17	4¾

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rent				127	0	0
Rates and Taxes				7	6	0
Gas				17	5	2
Repairs and Furniture				3	3	0
Insurance				2	7	6
Printing				45	1	0
Advertising, Billposting, and Sign Plates				21	2	0
Thank Offering to Evangelization Society ..				2	2	0
Platform Supplies				0	12	0
Donation to Hope Mission				1	1	0
Expenses for Lecture				1	10	0
Hymn Books and Service of Song				1	6	6
Easter Monday Excursion				9	15	0
Mothers' Meeting Excursion				13	7	3
Children's Excursions:—Sunday School	68	0	10			
Tuesday Evening School	85	10	9			
				153	11	7
School Prizes				9	5	6
Holiday Homes				19	14	9
Grants to Broken-down Workers				12	2	0
Help to the Needy				40	7	11½
R.S.U. Goose Club				66	6	6
Stationery and Books				7	11	10½
Postage				53	5	5
Provisions for Teas, &c.				31	19	8½
Returned to Choir				0	8	0
Building Fund Grant				1	11	7½
Clerical Assistance				23	0	8
Travelling				4	10	0
Grant to Secretary				10	0	0
Odd Labour				7	15	8
Salaries:—Superintendent	156	0	0			
Hallkeeping	71	0	6			
				227	0	6
Sundries				7	0	8
Grant to York Street				16	8	9
Grant to Decima Street				27	10	0
Grant to Soup Kitchen				32	19	7½
Balance in hand				22	8	2¾
				£1,027	17	4¾

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LORD'S TABLE ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
COLLINGWOOD STREET:—		
Balance from last year ...	0 5 0	
Collections	8 5 10½	
		8 10 10½
YORK STREET:—		
Balance from last year ...	1 3 1	
Collections	3 18 2	
		5 1 3
DECIMA STREET:—		
Balance from last year ...	0 16 1½	
Collections	2 12 2½	
		3 8 4
		£17 0 5½

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
COLLINGWOOD STREET:—		
Help to Needy	7 2 0	
Incidentals	0 11 9½	
In hand	0 17 1	
		8 10 10½
YORK STREET:—		
Help to Needy	3 0 0	
Incidentals	0 17 2	
In hand	1 4 1	
		5 1 3
DECIMA STREET:—		
Help to Needy	2 9 4	
Incidentals	0 7 6	
In hand	0 11 6	
		3 8 4
		£17 0 5½

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTS.

From April, 1898, to March, 1899.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from last year		6 3 4
Donations: Mr. F. C. Peel	0 2 6	
Mr. G. W. Cowdell ..	0 2 6	
Leonard Noble, Esq. ...	25 0 0	
F. A. Bevan, Esq., D L., J.P.	25 0 0	
		50 5 0
Song Service: "Christie's Old Organ" (balance)		0 2 0
Collections:		
Collingwood St. 21st Anniversary	1 18 1½	
,, ...	0 15 8	
,, Good Friday ...	3 2 4	
Decima Street	0 3 0	
		5 19 1½
Members' Subscriptions:		
Collingwood Street	1 12 8	
York Street	0 6 4	
		1 19 0
From General Fund		1 11 7½
		£66 0 1

	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank	66 0 1
Total	£66 0 1

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St Georges Presbyterian Church, Boro' Road, nr Mansfield St

Particulars from Presbyterian Handbook

Sittings 800 : communicants 57 : sabbath scholars 78.
Services : Lord's day 11 a.m and 6.30 p.m
Thursday 8 p.m.
Mission & Social Agencies: District visiting
Tract Distribution
Young People's Socity of Christian
Endeavour.

Pastorate vacant
Session clerk &c. Mr Alexander Morrison
53 Brook Street
Kennington
S.E.

Congregational finance £88 — Stipend £53