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should hold such very inadequate opinions as to vital Church doctrine and practice. But we are told in the preface that "generous Church readers will not suspect the author of a desire to minify the faith because he seeks to retain within the Church those whose dogmatic creed at present is short. Nor will they think that his own faith is limited to those elementary truths which, he thinks, are sufficient to justify a layman in remaining within the Church." But, honestly, is this the best way to attract laymen of this kind to the Church, by telling them that everything in it which seems to be of importance is really nothing? *e.g.*, "The Established Church of Scotland has prime importance in Scotland, so in England the Anglican Church is first to demand allegiance." "Nonconformists are as really part of Christ's Holy Orthodox Church, as the Greek, the Roman, and the Anglican Communion." "Incessant services carried on from morning to night in some of our churches have no profit commensurate with the labour expended." "There is something unmanly in this Romish discipline (confession), it enervates weak women, and turns the head of juvenile ecclesiastics." "Every man (has power to declare absolution) to whom the great truth has been revealed; every man, woman, and child who has grasped the saving law." "Many will agree with Mr. Maurice that it is impossible much longer to retain the Athanasian Canticle as part of our services." There is a "distracting effect produced in prayer by introduction of theological definitions and distinctions." The Prayer Book, moreover, which is here elaborately discussed and "minified," seems to consist entirely of "Matins and Litany." It is true that Holy Communion and Baptism are discussed incidentally and briefly, and great stress is laid upon the pre-eminent character assigned by our Blessed Lord to the Eucharist, but it seems to us a little out of proportion to have two separate sermons on the Litany, and leave to this great ordinance only a subordinate treatment under a general head. We are bound to say, with all respect to the writer, that we thoroughly disbelieve in this minifying process; it seems to us that the stewards of God's mysteries have in the first place no right to minify; and in the second place that a minified creed offers no real attraction to an outsider. Why should a loose believer trammel his freedom by forms and ceremonies and creeds, which are sufficiently exacting to cramp his freedom, and offer no compensating results? Why should he come to

Co.). No doubt many who heard them wil be glad to have this memento of the earnes words which were addressed to them in S Margaret's, Lothbury; and evidently a grea deal of care and reading have been expende on their preparation. There are expressio and methods of style to which we take exce tion here and there; and we fancy that th real trials of the average City man are muc simpler than those here depicted; but sti anything which will lift a man into a full sense of his responsibilities is to be welcome But to state the difficulties of City life is on thing, to point out the true remedies another. As regards one point, we do n think that either Mr. Ottley or Mr. Lecky from whom he quotes, have grasped in th least degree the principle, however mistake which underlay the strange actions of S Simon Stylites and the Pillar Saints. A wan of simplicity is the chief fault which we hav to find with these lectures.

The inventor of the collapsible boat is we known at least by name to those who a familiar with nautical matters. But it not equally well known that Berthon, wh has given his name to this useful inve tion, is the same man as the Rev. E. L Berthon, who did so much for the restoratio and improvement of the beautiful Abbe Church of Romsey. *A Retrospect of Eig Decades*, from the pen of this man of man inventions, is an autobiographical sketch fu of interest, written in a lively and amusin strain, dealing with events as they came in his personal experience from 1813 to t present day. Mr. Berthon, in addition to h many accomplishments, has certainly th art of writing in an attractive style, and equally amusing in his personal, mechanica and professional experiences. There is on one statement which we regret — viz that on page 184, as to the effect of Chris ianity on the Kaffirs, and we notice tha Mr. Berthon only gives a half-adhesion this very common and utterly superfici view of missionary work. We have litt doubt that a closer personal acquaintan with mission work among the Kaffirs wou induce Mr. Berthon to suppress or alter th statement. The book is illustrated fro sketches by the author, and photograph The publishers are George Bell and Sons.

We have received from Messrs. Longma a condensed version arranged in Engli of Bossuet's sermons for Mary's Feas throughout the year, from the pen of Rev. M. Capes, entitled *Bossuet on Devotion to t Blessed Virgin*. We are not favourably d posed to translations as a rule, and li arrangements still less, in the case of a gre classical preacher such as Bossuet. It difficult to avoid a sense of special pleadi in reading the arguments here put forwa

SOUTH LONDON: ITS SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

A Terrible Picture and a Great Need.

A STATEMENT, signed by fifteen incumbents of parishes of more than 10,000 people in South London, has been sent to us for publication. No one should fail to read it, and no one who reads it should fail to ask himself, What can I do? The statement is as follows:—

We, the undersigned incumbents of churches in South London, having in our daily view the sore needs of the Christian cause among the ever-increasing masses of humanity in our parishes, are moved by the compulsion of an alarmed anxiety for that cause to call the earnest attention of Churchmen and Churchwomen to the following urgent facts:—

(1) South London is the Swiftest Growing Portion of the Metropolis.

The last quinquennial census for London reveals some startling figures. It shows that, while London north of the Thames increases at the rate of 14,000 souls every year, London south of the Thames is leaping forward in population at the stupendous rate of 26,000 souls every year.

It has also been pointed out that during the last 100 years North London has multiplied itself five times, while South London in the same period has multiplied itself ten times.

(2) South London has in it an Inadequate Equipment of Church Forces.

Its clergy number about one to every 4,000 of the population. Its parishes (of which 61 have over 10,000 souls in them, and six of these have a population of more than 20,000 souls) are, by the suburban exodus of the prosperous classes, bereft of the manifold forms of personal help which better-class residents usually give to the churches in their neighbourhood. Its schools, institutes, and general agencies are painfully understaffed. Its finances are meagre and dependent upon laborious begging. Its grants-in-aid for additional parochial workers, as represented by the expenditure of the Rochester Diocesan Society, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the Additional Curates Society in South London, amount to the low sum of £12,000 a year. *Its Church extension as regards the formation of new parishes will be gathered from the fact that, though the increase of humanity in the district goes on at the rate of 26,000 souls a year—a number which exceeds the population of Winchester with its splendidly-manned cathedral and its eleven parish churches—yet it cannot be said that two new parish churches are formed each year to meet the spiritual wants of the huge annual increase of the population of South London.

(3) South London is Conspicuous for its Social Evils.

The poverty of the people who live in its area is unparalleled for the extent of its range.

Overcrowding in the single rooms or two rooms which constitute the so-called homes of the masses is monstrous in its proportions and incalculably cruel in its issues—as witness the tragic story of preventible disease and deaths told by the yearly statistics of the Officer of Health for London. The part played by the drink passion in the daily life of the South London poor is inexpressibly terrible, and stands out with mournful prominence as a reproach to both Church and State for the scanty provision which each has made to meet the social wants of South London people—for as long as the duty of making social brightness and social fellowship possible to the masses is left to be performed by publicans, so long will the public house, with all its attendant evils, be the power in possession of the thought and life of Southern London.

(4) South London is Unique in the Constitution of its Population.

This will appear from the remarkable words of Sir Walter Besant—London's latest historian. He says:—"South London now contains a population of nearly two millions. It is, therefore, one of the great cities of the world. It stands upon an area twelve miles long and five or six broad. It is a city without a municipality, without a centre, without a civic history. It has no University. It has no colleges apart from medicine. Its residents have no local patriotism or enthusiasm. It has no clubs. Its has no public buildings. It has no West-end."

Two millions of people—most of whom belong to the working-class. The brain reels at thinking of this teeming multitudinous life—armies of men, women, and children living in the slums and in the huge, unlovely barracks. The very number makes it impossible to grasp the enormity of the mass, the vastness of the population makes one feel as if individual effort would be absolutely useless. In discussing the value of the philanthropic work done in the district Sir Walter Besant puts the Church of England first, not only because her clergy began the work of rescue, but also because hers is still the larger part. He then ranks as next in importance the work of the medical students of Guy's and of St. Thomas's, then come institutes and polytechnics, and, lastly, colleges, settlements, and others.

(5) South London presents a problem to the Church which is rare in the Foreign Mission Field.

It is the problem of dealing with vast masses of people in whom the religious sense, once more or less active, is now seldom exercised, and from whom it seems to be in real danger of dying out.

Clergy who have laboured in the foreign mission field have borne witness that the so-called "heathen" of India have more religious feeling in them, and perform the religious duties of prayer and worship more generally, than the masses of South London. And, therefore, we are forced to the humiliating suggestion that there is less habitual turning of manhood and womanhood towards religious subjects and religious duties among the two millions of souls in South London than exists among similar masses of struggling poor in non-Christian lands. Religion is a matter which affects all the details of the daily life of the "heathen" abroad. It touches their drinking habits, and is often a gigantic force for temperance, as witness both Hinduism and Mohammedanism. It touches also the important question of personal cleanliness, and is often as a self-working sanitary law, as witness the ceremonial ablutions of the Orientals. It further touches their duty towards the poor, and is sometimes a more effective administration of charitable relief to the needy than our Boards of Guardians seem able to be, as witness the caste obligations of Hindus to support their own poor members as a matter of caste honour—a custom which makes public poor-rates unnecessary in India.

Such is religion in some of the larger areas of the foreign mission field. Can we say it is so powerful a factor in the daily life of the multitudes who swarm on the southern borders of the metropolis of English Christianity? Alas! we cannot. And why? For what reason is religion a feeble power among our countrymen and countrywomen in South London? What is the explanation of the estrangement of the masses around us from public worship and from private acts of devotion and faith? The causes are many—the feebleness of the parochial forces employed in South London by the Christian Church itself is one, the grinding pressure of the inequalities between class and class as presented by our modern civilization is another, the wretched character of the home surroundings of the majority of our people is a third, the easy but fatal facilities offered by the liquor habit as a "short cut" out of the misery of those surroundings into the short-lived relief of temporary forgetfulness of such misery is a fourth.

(6) South London offers Unlimited Scope for Self-Sacrificing Devotion.

We gladly acknowledge the splendid work done for Southern London by our hospitals, settlements, institutes, schools, and polytechnics, and we should welcome a large increase of all such powerful agencies for meeting the social, mental, and physical needs of the South London people. We recognise the earnest efforts made for South London by other Christian bodies outside the sphere of the Church of England. But our expectations are towards our fellow Churchmen in the more leisured and prosperous parts of the land. The Church began the work of rescue in South London. And it is the administrations of the Church which are still foremost in reaching and influencing for good the actual home life of the masses here. Therefore it is to Churchmen that we now appeal for reinforcements of workers, of funds, and of intercessory prayer, to the end that Christianity, which is "not yet in possession," may increase its endeavours to make South London more and more a city of God and less and less a city in which the Divine Being is an unreality.

It is for additional personal service that we plead most; let our metropolitan suburbs send us armies of district visitors, Sunday-school teachers, helpers in mothers' meetings, nurses, outdoor preachers, etc. Let those who can do so come and live among us as honorary parish workers. Let more of our younger clergy offer for the arduous, ill-paid, but truly noble spheres of labour in our crowded and terribly poor parishes. Let the richer suburban parishes of South London show more ready sympathy for the poverty-stricken parishes at their doors—which parishes, be it remembered, are the direct source of the wealth of suburban neighbourhoods—and thus the "missing link" along which increased parochial power and efficiency can run will have been found, and so the cause of Him whose servants we are may hope to gain that saving hold upon the multitude of struggling humanity in Southern London which it has not at present, and for the lack of which it is grievously reproached. The societies which act as channels of outside Church aid to South London parishes are the Rochester Diocesan Society, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the Additional Curates Society. The three societies bring into South London an aggregate sum of about £12,000 a year.

Is this all the English Church can send to us to help us to solve the most difficult problem which the Christian religion in England has ever had to deal with? Is the sum of £12,000 a year the utmost which the wealthiest Christian body in the world can afford to its representatives in South London for the purpose of putting "Christianity into possession" of nearly two millions of souls, who swarm under the most unnatural conditions there? We know it is not, since there are individual Churchmen who could supply that amount out of their considerably larger annual income, if there were present in them the will to do this thing. Our prayer is that God the Holy Ghost will work in the hearts of Churchmen and Churchwomen, to enlighten them as to the real significance of the facts we hereby lay before them, and to prompt them to speedy and generous action in this matter of reinforcing the Church in South London and thus making it more able to perform its great task.

We do not forget that there are hopeful features in South London life which deserve acknowledgment. The spiritual beauty of the lives of some of our parishioners, who in the face of powerful discouragements identify themselves with us as our fellow-worshippers, the welcome help given to us by our lay-workers, who, though comparatively few in number, are hearty and self-sacrificing in their service, the friendliness of South London people in general to Church workers and their work, the remarkable kindness shown by the poor to each other, the popular idea of the church being the right place for the due solemnizing of marriage—all these we thank God for.

But when we see that the trend of human life in Southern London is becoming more and more pronouncedly non-religious, and when we think of the yearly increase of 26,000 additional souls into our already overcrowded parishes with no corresponding increase of Church workers and Church administrations, we feel bound, as those who have the charge of souls here, to report these things to our outside fellow Churchmen and Churchwomen, and to thus roll upon them the responsibility of sending to South London some immediate relief in whatever way may appear best to them.

	Present Population of Incumbent's Parish.
J. Erskine Clarke, Vicar of Battersea	31,000
E. Cartwright, Vicar of Christ Church, Battersea	15,000
J. Andrewes Reeve, Rector of Lambeth	10,965
A. H. De Fontaine, Rector of Southwark	14,035
W. J. Sommerville, Rector of St. George's, Southwark	13,000
Henry Pitt, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Southwark	17,246
Henry Lewis, Rector of Bermondsey	24,000
E. N. Coulthard, Vicar of St. James's, Bermondsey	17,000
F. F. Kelly, Vicar of Camberwell	20,697
T. H. Leary, Vicar of St. Philip's, Camberwell	12,000
Morgan Gilbert, Vicar of Christ Church, Old Kent-road, Camberwell	13,000
J. W. Horsley, Rector of St. Peter's, Walworth	14,035
R. B. Harrison, Vicar of All Saints, Newington	13,902
C. E. Escreet, Rector of Woolwich	14,303
G. S. Reaney, Vicar of Christ Church, Greenwich	25,000

P.S.—The present Bishop of Rochester, his Suffragan, the Bishop of Southwark, and his predecessor, the Bishop of Winchester, have on several occasions brought the needs which we represent before the attention of the public at large prominently and with good effect; but we have thought that, on the present occasion, words coming from those who are in direct and actual contact with the appalling facts above mentioned would have a force peculiarly their own, and in taking this course we are allowed to quote "the full sanction and approval of the Bishop."

*Contrast this with the £20,000 a year raised by the East London Fund, in addition to which East London is helped by grants from the Church Pastoral Aid Society and the Additional Curates Society. This fact becomes more significant when it is remembered that in South London there are three-quarters of a million more souls in its population.

THE FREE CHURCHES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—Canon Tristram would not be so astonished at the startling but accurate figures showing the relative numerical strength of the State and the Free Churches if he were more familiar with the year-books of the Anglican Church and Nonconformity. The obvious reason why millions of Englishmen object to a religious census is not that we fear any comparison of numbers or progress but because we believe it to be no part of the duty of the State to send inspectors into people's houses to inquire into the religious opinions of the inmates, more especially when the information has been ascertained with substantial correctness in other ways.

Yours truly,

R. W. PERKS.

Wykham-park, Banbury, May 27.

THE APPEAL FROM SOUTH LONDON INCUMBENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—In your issue of May 22 you print a statement and appeal from South London incumbents to the English Church. Some of these are personal friends of mine, and with all the ministers of the Free Churches desire to live on terms of respect and Christian fraternity. Whatever I say, then, is not to be interpreted as inspired by an antagonistic spirit ; but I feel that the slight reference made to the Christian bodies outside the sphere of the Church of England does not convey an adequate conception of the vast machinery which the Free Churches are employing to meet the very urgent religious needs of South London. I imagine that if the sitting accommodation of the churches and of the chapels was compared it would be found that the Free Churches provide a larger number of seats and gather larger numbers of people under their instruction than the churches of the Establishment. In saying this, I, of course, include the Metropolitan Tabernacle, when reconstructed, with its 4,000 sittings ; this church with its 2,200 ; and the great provision made by the Rev. J. Flanagan for the large crowds which gather to his ministry.

It is doubtless quite true that the clergy number one to every 4,000 of the population ; but there are quite an equal number of Free Church ministers and missionaries.

The mischief is in the overlapping of our work. If only the clergy would come to some arrangement for dividing the cure of the non-church-going population, the disparity between the workers and the masses would not be so apparent, though of course sad enough.

Should any considerable response be made to the appeal inserted in your columns, I venture to hope that the work of the Free Churches may not be overlooked, but that reinforcements of workers, funds, and of intercessory prayer may be forthcoming to those of us, who, belonging to the Free Churches, are working in no hostile spirit to the clergy, and with a single purpose for the uplifting of our fellows.

Yours truly, F. B. MEYER.

Christ Church, Westminster-road, S.E., May 27.

THE CHURCH IN SOUTH LONDON.

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Sir,—I understand that in response to the powerful appeal of the South London clergy which appeared in your issue of 22nd ult., inquiries have been made through the Press and elsewhere as to whom and where contributions of money or offers of personal help may be addressed.

May I, as secretary of the Rochester Diocesan Society for Church work in London south of the Thames, be allowed to say that any such communication will be thankfully received by myself on the society's behalf ?

Perhaps it may not be inopportune to mention that the claims and needs of South London are to be urged by one of the most eloquent speakers in the English Church —the Bishop of Ripon—on Thursday, the 15th inst., at St. Martin's Town-hall, Charing-cross, the occasion being the annual meeting of the society. The Bishop of Rochester will preside, and the other speakers are the Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, M.P., the rector of Bermondsey, &c.

Tickets of admission may be obtained free on early application to myself.

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If the Church everywhere would unite to insist on better housing for the working classes, we should win their undying gratitude and should strike a blow at one of the greatest evils of the time.

How is this to be done? First by all local authorities strictly enforcing the existing law. The local authorities must themselves be purged from complicity with the evil. If officers of health are in the pay of persons owning slum property, it is not to be expected that much will be done by them. A central authority should enforce the carrying out of the existing law.

But is it certain that the existing law is satisfactory? Much of the evil is due not to the landlords but to the tenants. Their filthy habits render the tenement in which they live insanitary, and a landlord under the existing law has the greatest difficulty in getting rid of the undesirable tenant. If the rent is unpaid, or if the tenant is objectionable, he cannot for a very long time eject him. There is a class of persons who go from room to room with no intention of regularly paying their rent. They pay for the first week, and then put the landlord off as long as they can, until at last they go, and they try the same game on another victim. Some sort of discipline should be possible over the dirty, illconditioned tenement holder.

It must be borne in mind that children are being reared and educated (save the mark) in these conditions.

They grow up amidst these surroundings worse than their parents.

"Ætas parentum pejor avis tulit
Nos nequiores, mox daturos
Progeniem vitiosiorem."

It must be so. The statesman, the philanthropist, and the Christian are all interested in this problem. It must be solved at any cost.

J. J. COXHEAD.

St. John's Vicarage, Fitzroy-square.

THE REMOVAL OF REMAINS FROM ST. THOMAS'S, SOUTHWARK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—It seems desirable that I should explain the matter referred to in the "Ecclesiastical Intelligence" in your issue of to-day with regard to the removal of bodies from the disused church of St. Thomas, Southwark.

The Act of Parliament directs that the removal should be carried out in such manner as "the Bishop shall direct and sanction under the superintendence and to the satisfaction of the medical officer of health." I asked the Bishop of Southwark to act as my plenipotentiary in all matters connected with the transformation of the church, this one included. I did not myself understand and, therefore, did not convey to him that the words which I have quoted would be legally interpreted to mean that the Bishop must act by faculty.

But on learning from my Chancellor that this is his interpretation I at once arranged that action should be suspended, as was intimated in the paragraph to which I refer.

I feel it necessary to make this explanation, as it might otherwise appear that what has been done had been carried out by the Bishop of Southwark without any sanction from me, which would be quite misleading.

With regard to the arrangements themselves, a complete answer is forthcoming to the statements which have been somewhat actively circulated. No removal of any remains which could be identified has yet taken place, except one conducted by the relatives themselves. The removals which have been described were removals of bodies which were disinterred and reinterred some 40 or 50 years ago in such a way that they were no longer to be identified and were in very bad order and confusion.

I am, Sir, &c.,

EDW. ROFFEN.

Bishop's-house, Kennington-park, S.E., June 3.

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Sir,—It seems desirable that I should explain the matter referred to in the "Ecclesiastical Intelligence" in your issue of to-day with regard to the removal of bodies from the disused church of St. Thomas, Southwark.

The Act of Parliament directs that the removal should be carried out in such manner as "the Bishop shall direct and sanction under the superintendence and to the satisfaction of the medical officer of health." I asked the Bishop of Southwark to act as my plenipotentiary in all matters connected with the transformation of the church, this one included. I did not myself understand and, therefore, did not convey to him that the words which I have quoted would be legally interpreted to mean that the Bishop must act by faculty.

But on learning from my Chancellor that this is his interpretation I at once arranged that action should be suspended, as was intimated in the paragraph to which I refer.

I feel it necessary to make this explanation, as it might otherwise appear that what has been done had been carried out by the Bishop of Southwark without any sanction from me, which would be quite misleading.

With regard to the arrangements themselves, a complete answer is forthcoming to the statements which have been somewhat actively circulated. No removal of any remains which could be identified has yet taken place, except one conducted by the relatives themselves. The removals which have been described were removals of bodies which were disinterred and reinterred some 40 or 50 years ago in such a way that they were no longer to be identified and were in very bad order and confusion.

I am, Sir, &c.,

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It is pretty certain that the vaults must in time be emptied, as many already have been, for they become unwholesome to the living. The usual plan is to reinter the remains in a cemetery—overburdened though these cemeteries are—and it can be done decently and reverently without any secrecy or mystery. People may be described as unduly "sentimental over a few dry bones," but the sentiment is a good one, and to permit any irreverence towards the dead, or the places where the dead rest, shows a weak spot in the national character.

Those who are interested in the working of the Burial Acts cannot fail to feel the necessity that exists for an official return of all places in the kingdom which are being, or have been, used for interments. When such a return is suggested in high quarters it is always said to be an impossibility. Yet I fail to see why it should be so. It is wanted for many purposes. Then it should be arranged that one public authority was responsible for the condition of all these places, not supplanting, but supplementing, the local custodians; and when it is necessary to empty vaults or portions of graveyards, as, for instance, for the enlargement of churches, the work should be systematically carried out by trained hands, whether the human remains are to be interred close by, or removed to a distance, or cremated, and should not be left to the management or mismanagement of the sanitary authority for the district or parish in which the burial place is situated. The vaults themselves can be put to many useful and suitable purposes, from the most beautiful crypt to the humblest excavation. This has been satisfactorily worked out in many places; but it is a separate question from that of the proper treatment of the dead bodies themselves. The tendency of the age is to treat serious matters too lightly, and without in any way sacrificing the good of the living, a due regard and reverence should always be shown towards the remains of the dead.

I am, Sir, yours obediently

Ealing, May 31. ISABELLA M. HOLMES.

June 19th. 1895

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Interview with Rev. F. E. Randidge-Beck,
St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road.

Mr Beck is a man of about 35: burly, athletic, vigorous: he received me in cycling costume, smoking his after luncheon pipe.

Mr B. has been here for four years, and was formerly a curate in St. Giles, when he helped in the earlier volumes of "Life and Labour".

I remember him

Mr B. describes his parish as being "as poor as poor than St. Giles' and much harder" indeed the Bishop has described it as the "hardest parish in the diocese". The population is said under good conditions of (1) a few shopkeepers in Waterloo Road and York Road, otherwise (2) people who live away as the small people "who are no good to the church" (2) lodging house keepers letting lodgings to the poorest and shadiest members of "the Profession" and (3). A few hotel keepers with genuine hotels (4) a number of hotel keepers of the lowest character (5) a

number of undersized brothels (6). a very few artizans foreign waiters etc (7). a number of labourers costers, Hooligans roughs and criminals mostly in the streets off Bond St.

The tendency of the parish is to get poorer, rougher, more crowded, and more disreputable. Demolitions for ~~Victoria~~ Waterloo Station increase the crowding, and the evil reputation of the neighbourhood drives the few respectable people away: parents say "How can we bring up our children with Alsatian girls at our door."

A full account of the church activities is given in the two Reports which Mr. D. gave me. Mr D. succeeded Mr Stephen a Broad churchman, who did not much care whether the people came to church or not. He found the church almost empty, ~~and~~ secured any workers paid or voluntary, and the parish almost unvisited.: he appears to be a man of means with a number of aristocratic and wealthy

acquaintances and has secured the help financial and personal of a considerable number of workers. Various clubs have been started, and there has been systematic visitation of almost every house. The result has been a greatly increased friendliness for the church and a distinct increase in numbers and church attendance. Still the progress is "fearfully slow".

The church holds more than 1800; in the morning there are "perhaps 80"; in the evening 300. The total number of ~~the~~ communicants is about 150. Those who have been brought in are not the most keen ones, who are stubborn and almost hostile but the families in one and two rooms and Mrs D. mentioned Dorset and Cornwall Road as being the homes of some of the most promising members of the church.

Mrs D. described herself as "a definite churchman" and in common with some other thoughtful people if she were more extreme, the

would be more successful in stemming the
success of Father Goulden among the costers
of Southwark. He complained that he
was hampered to some extent by the traditions
of an old parish church: this is a parish
in which work should really be carried on
purely on mission lines.

Of the Social Agencies the most important
is the Rochampton Club for girls: for this
Mrs D. has secured an American heiress to build
new premises. The girls who belong to the
club are of quite a rough class: but work both
among boys and girls is rendered terribly
difficult by the powerful attractions of the streets
and the proximity of the Strand.

The church has day schools with about
600 children. The school is full to overflowing
while none of the Board schools in the neighbourhood
are full. This preference for the church school
Mrs D. believes to be in the main to a desire

for religious instruction

The Sunday School has about 320. Jephson rather encouraged children to go to other schools.

The visitation as I have said, is thorough, only the brothels being left unvisited. "I believe" said Mr B. "that if you wanted information as to almost any parishioner I could supply it". I gather however that in the lodging houses the lodgers are not visited unless a visit is requested, so that the members of the Profession are practically untouched by the church.

The Relief Committee has been started by Mr B.: he describes it as "working very much on C.O.S. lines but better than the C.O.S. as there are no hard and fast rules each case being decided on its ~~xx~~ merits". Mr B. is a sensible man and his visitors are much more cultured and educated than most, so that I imagine discretion is used.

One of Mr B.'s rich supporters pays a nurse for the parish.

Mr D. mentioned to Mr Rogers that his congregation was drawn from all over South London. He believes that the Dissenters do nothing in his parish.

Of other religious agencies than is in the parish a L.C.M. described as usual as "a nuisance". When Mr D. came he went to the central office and asked that the L.C.M. might be allowed to work with them but was told that the work was undenominational and that though the missionaries were expected to send their people on to church or chapel their instructions were to send them "only when the Gospel is preached" = Mr Jepson was organizing of the L.C.M. =

Of the Vestry Mr D. has a poor opinion: the members are of inferior class and there is a great deal of jobbery.

The police are fairly efficient but they avoid the worst streets.

The streets of the parish swarm with drunken people, especially at closing times. Mr D. lives in York Road and on Christmas Day he and his wife began to count the drunken people in the street about 2 p.m: after a

time they gave it up as hopeless and counted the rooms instead.

The most striking feature of the parish however is the prostitution: "Stamford St. is the greatest centre of organised prostitution in London" and York Road is not much better: in that part of Stamford St. which is in the parish only five houses are not brothels, while of the hotels and coffee shops which swarm in the neighbourhood only three are not used as brothels. (The York, the Waterloo and Savages are respectable) The most general feature of the traffic seem to be prevalent here: the women are of an abnormally debased type, Volley and Lisbon is a constant accompaniment: bullies are husbands are living in the prostitution of their wives, fathers and mothers on the earnings of their children: child prostitution is ~~Common~~ common, and so recently as two years ago one hotel had only girls under 12, numbers of young girls are brought over from Hamburg for the

trade and respectable persons are incl. at
the docks and stepped into the hotels. Two
years ago the Bishop of Rochester formed an
Undenominational committee to stir up the Vestry
to action: but it has been dissolved and nothing
accomplished: the Vestry will do nothing and
the police appear to act under the Vestry take
the initiative. Mr D. is convinced that the
hotel keepers pay heavy bribes to persons in
authority. "Then" said Mr D. "that
prostitution will always go on, but am sure
that the vile accompaniments which surround
it here might be suppressed". I suggested that
it was difficult to do much until some
sort of regulation: Mr D. admitted that
in practice regulation would lead to a great
decrease of prostitution but "it is wrong in
theory", and on the Committee no one can
think of regulation.

There are no streets in the parish which
could be called criminal but there is much
sporadic crime, and Mr D. enumerated five

Notorious criminals of the past year who were parishioners. Of a Police class which the V. visited for men two members were doing time within a month of the starting. The parish too is infested with gangs of "hooligans" while stabbing cases are frequent. It should be remembered however that a great deal of the crime and viciousness which goes on in this parish is not due to parishioners.

Health is fairly good. Much of the housing in the Dock area is insanitary.

The Rector is an excellent ~~specimen of~~ specimen of the rich University man who by ~~his~~ influence drifted into the church because his parents wished it but who now the love does this work excellently though without any large amount of intellectual or spiritual power. He is likely to exercise much more influence than most of the clergy with men and boys.

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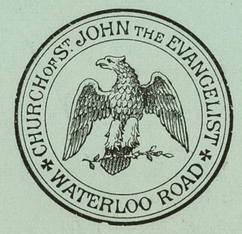
Parish of

S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

Waterloo Road, S.E.



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Boundaries of the Parish.

The Parish of S. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, is bounded on the North by the River Thames; on the South by the New Cut and Lower Marsh; on the East by Cornwall Road; on the West by Vine Street and College Street.

Population, 7,674. Number of Free Sittings in Church, 1,800.

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S. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, S.E

Patron.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Clergy.

VICAR.

The Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell, M.A., S. John's House, York Road, S.E.

ASSISTANT PRIESTS.

The Rev. F. H. Roberts, 9 Tenison Street.

The Rev. J. S. Müller, B.A., 178 Stamford Street, S.E.

CHURCHWARDENS.

Vicar's Warden—Mr. N. Dolling, 101 Waterloo Road.

People's Warden—Mr. T. Conisbee, 151 Kennington Park Road.

SIDESMEN.

Mr. Ridge	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Lumley
,, Poad	,, Robottom	M. Vieweg
,, Dowers	,, Pinnegar	

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.

Mr. F. C. Boyes, A.R.C.O., Wimborne, Combe Road, New Malden.

VERGER.

Mr. Burgiss, The Institute, Exton Street.

BELFRY KEEPER AND SCHOOL CARETAKER.

Mr. Church, The Schools.

Persons wishing to give notice of Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Weddings, &c., should apply to the Verger.

Visitors.

GREY LADIES—Miss Utterton and Miss Buxton.

Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell	Special Cases.
Mrs. Brand	Special Cases.
Lady Moira Cavendish	Alaska Street and Sandell Street.
Lady Beatrice Capell	Agnes Street, Anne Street, and Frances Street.
Lady Eustace Cecil ...	Doon Street.
Miss Clive	Doon Street.
Mrs. Deverill	Exton Street and Secker Street.
Miss Fothergill ...	Bond Court and Doon Street.
Mrs. Gent	Holmes Terrace, Launcelot Street.
Miss Harding	Peartree Street.
Miss Hodson	Cage Place and Cornwall Place.
Mrs. Pywell	Howley Street and Manners Street.
Miss Sheehi	Tenison Street.
Lady Sibyl Smith ...	Sutton Street.
Miss Talbot	Doon Street.

SCRIPTURE READERS—Mr. Maton and Mr. Gibson.

MISSION WOMAN—Miss Rose.

Services.

SUNDAYS.

7 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in the month and Greater Festivals).
8 a.m.	Holy Communion.
9 a.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday in the month).
10.30 a.m.	Matins.
11 a.m.	Children's Service in the Schools.
11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon.
2.15 p.m.	Service at the Hospital, Waterloo Road.
3.15 p.m.	Children's Service.
4 p.m.	Baptisms and Churchings.

SERVICES—*continued.*

SUNDAYS.

6.30 p.m.	Evensong and Sermon.
8 p.m.	Mission Service at the Institute (in Summer in the Churchyard).

SAINTS' DAYS.

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion.
10 a.m.	Matins and Holy Communion.

WEEK DAYS.

10 a.m.	Matins.
8 p.m.	Evensong.

THURSDAYS.

7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion.
8 p.m.	Evensong and Address.

HOLY BAPTISM.

4 p.m.	Sunday.
10.15 a.m.	Wednesdays and Fridays.
7.30 p.m.	Thursdays, when due notice is given.

CHURCHINGS.

The same times as Baptisms.

The Clergy are to be seen every morning in the Vestry after Matins, for signing papers and giving hospital letters, certificates, &c.

S. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Institute Maintenance Fund			
Choir Fund			
Poor Fund			
Work Society			
General Fund			
S. John's Day Schools			
Church Expenses Fund			
Curates' Fund			
Church Lads' Brigade			
£			

Name _____

Address _____

Kindly detach this sheet, and forward it to the Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell, S. John's House, 68 York Road, S.E.

S. John's House,
68 York Road, S.E.,
Easter 1899.

My Dear Friends,

Please accept my heartiest gratitude for your support and sympathy during the past year. Without that sympathy and help it would have been difficult to have carried on the work of this poor parish. The following accounts will show how much we owe to the help of friends outside the parish, and the use to which that help has been put.

Lady Sybil Smith and Miss Rowe most kindly organised a Concert at Grosvenor House in January in aid of the Parochial Funds. The splendid total realised was £195 5s. 6d. This has been distributed amongst the various organisations, and has proved an immense help to us in carrying on the work.

The congregation of S. Nicholas, Brighton, has also helped us most generously. We received from them £56 2s. 9d. last year.

The parish of Roehampton, to which we are affiliated, also helped us by sending us £19 14s. 3d., the result of the collections made in Church on the 16th Sunday after Trinity; and in addition to this we have received much welcome aid from several of the residents in that parish.

We try to show our great sense of gratitude to God for sending us such kind and generous friends, by our care in the distribution of the money entrusted to us, and by endeavouring to carry on the various agencies which these gifts have made it possible to start, with zeal and earnestness.

Mr. Sheppard, who has worked as Senior Curate at S. John's for the past four years, was appointed to the living of Bettws Newydd, in Monmouthshire, last September. Whilst rejoicing that he had obtained a living, I at the same time was very sorry to lose him, for he has proved himself a loyal friend and an active helper. Mr. Roberts, formerly Assistant Curate at Christ Church, Greenwich, has taken Mr. Sheppard's place.

The work has been going on steadily during the past year, and although the results may not appear to be great, yet we are sure that our work is bound to tell in the end. To try too anxiously to gauge results is difficult and perhaps dangerous. No one but God can read the hearts of men, and therefore He alone is able to measure the good that has been done. To all those friends who have worked with me loyally and with much self-sacrifice, I tender my sincerest thanks. There has been no thought of self amongst them; all has been done for the glory of God.

The Parochial Mission conducted by the Rev. James Adderley and the Rev. J. W. Pinniger in January is still occupying our minds. We feel that a real impression was, by the grace of God, made upon the hearts of many of our parishioners. Our efforts must now be concentrated on keeping that impression alive.

The conditions of the neighbourhood render our work very difficult. The immorality and crime which exists with but little to check it, the fatal indifference to religion which is unfortunately so prevalent in South London, the terrible evils of overcrowding, the hard struggle with poverty, the long hours of work—all these are factors in our parochial life which militate sadly against our efforts to foster the spiritual life of our parishioners. But although we have to deplore the fact that the cause of Christ gains but slowly, and that in spite of all the work that has been done for God during the past year, so comparatively little impression has been made, yet we have

had some encouragement, for which God be thanked. We have been allowed to see definite signs of progress in many directions. The number of our Communicants has again increased considerably, although there has been a falling off in the number of our Confirmation candidates. The reasons for this latter are twofold. The Confirmation last year was not held in our Church, and several candidates wished to wait until this year that they might be confirmed in their own Church. There is also a widespread reluctance to be confirmed, chiefly I think because people do not in many cases wish to decide definitely for Christ.

We want more workers. Our present workers have more than they can do without great strain. Will not some of you, my readers, come and help us in visiting the poor? You will receive a hearty welcome, for your help is greatly needed. We also want your prayers, that we may be guided and strengthened and encouraged in our work. I think we all realise more vividly the need and comfort of prayer the longer we continue at work. For in the face of so much evil and godlessness, we should feel helpless and hopeless unless we realised the Power of God, the Presence of Jesus Christ, and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit. But with the strength which this realisation brings we have entered upon another year of work with hope, and with the determination to do what we can for the salvation of those souls which have been committed to our care.

Yours very sincerely,

FRANK C. BAINBRIDGE-BELL.

Some Statistics.

	Baptisms.	Holy Communion.	Marriages	Confirmation Candidates.
1896.	436 Infants	1,993	137	23
	3 Adults	—	—	—
	—— 439 (total)			
1897.	423 Infants	2,384	118	37
	4 Adults	—	—	—
	—— 427 (total)			
1898.	390 Infants	2,770	83	15
	1 Adult	—	—	—
	—— 391 (total)			

Mem. D. noted the reductions to be confirmed

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S. John's Choir.

Choirmaster and Organist—Mr. F. C. Boyes, A.R.C.O.

Senior Members of the Choir.

Mr. Tapley	Mr. Day	Mr. Chalwin
,, Livingstone	,, Darley	,, Bassett
,, Tomlinson	,, Ackroyd	,, Cheney
,, Everitt	,, Hallam	,, Holderness

The standard of our Church music has been well maintained during the year. The energy and care shown by Mr. Boyes and the regular attendance of the Members both at the services and practices have naturally resulted in a steady and continuous improvement in every department of the work of the Choir. In addition to the ordinary services, we have sung several oratorios and cantatas on Sunday afternoons at intervals throughout the year. Amongst others we may mention "The Messiah," "The Crucifixion," "The Last Judgment," and Weber's "Harvest Cantata."

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance Jan. 1, 1898 ..	1	4	6
Offertory	0	17	0
Subscriptions—			
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare ..	2	2	0
Mr. Tomlinson	0	10	0
Mr. Holderness	0	10	0
Mr. Boyes	0	10	0
Mr. Dolling	0	5	0
Mr. Darley	0	2	6
Rev. F. H. Roberts	0	10	0
The Vicar	0	5	0
H. L.	0	1	6
	£6	17	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Psalters	2	15	6
Hymn Books	0	10	0
Harvest Cantata	0	17	10
Music	2	11	6
Balance in hand	0	2	8
	£6	17	6

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Needlework Society.

Secretary & Treasurer—Miss Pedder, Cheyne Court, Chelsea.

This Society provides sewing, &c., for women during the winter months. The additional money which they thus earn enables these women to live independently in their own homes instead of having to apply to the Guardians.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand Jan. 10th	7	14	7
Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell ..	1	1	0
Per the Vicar	0	6	0
Miss Johnson	2	0	0
Mrs. Pedder	0	10	0
Mrs. Brand	5	0	0
Sale of Work	2	8	8
Donations	1	5	0
From Poor Fund	2	0	0
Work Sold	22	16	9½
	£45	2	0½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Payments to Women ..	11	5	5
Materials	28	18	9½
Balance in hand	4	17	10
	£45	2	0½

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
1898.				
Jan. 18.	In hand	7	14	7
Jan.-May	Work sold ..	21	4	7½
May 10.	Donations ..	1	5	0
June 10.	Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell	1	1	0
,,	Donation from Poor Fund ..	2	0	0
Dec. 6.	Mrs. Pedder ..	0	10	0
,,	Through Mrs. Bell	0	6	0
Dec. 10.	Sale of Work ..	2	8	8
Dec. 16.	Mrs. Brand ..	5	0	0
Dec. 23.	Work sold ..	1	12	2
		£43	2	0½

Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
1898.				
Jan.-June	Payments to Women	11	5	5
	Materials	26	1	7½
Dec. 23.	Wakeford's Bill for Material	2	17	2
	Balance	2	17	10
		£43	2	0½

Parochial Mission Women's Society.

VISITOR—Lady Elizabeth Cust.

SUPERINTENDENT ... ... Miss Buxton.

MISSION WOMAN—Miss Rose.

This most useful Society continues to do good work in teaching the value of thrift. Our kind Secretary still conducts its operations with great care and efficiency.

Lady Elizabeth Cust has lately taken the post of Visitor in place of Lady George Hamilton, who has resigned.

There are 197 depositors on the books.

BALANCE SHEET, 1898.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand Jan. 1, 1898	15	16	4½
Deposits	71	5	0¾
Interest	0	11	8
	£87	13	1¼

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Paid for goods	70	17	8¼
Balance in hand	16	15	
	£87	13	1¼

Mission House and Institute.

Our small work centre in Exton Street has been of immense service to us—in fact, we really could not carry on our work without it. The following list of Meetings, &c., will give an idea of its value. Subscriptions and donations should be sent to the lady who kindly acts as Treasurer, Lady Beatrice Capell, 26 Tedworth Square, Chelsea, S.W.

MEETINGS, CLASSES, &C., HELD IN THE INSTITUTE.

Monday	2.30 p.m. ...	Mothers' Meeting.
,,	6.30 p.m. ...	Girls' Friendly Society.
Tuesday	7 p.m. ...	Men's Club.
,,	8 p.m. ...	Slate Club.
Wednesday	7 p.m. ..	Girls' Friendly Society.
Thursday	7 p.m. ...	Lads' Club.
Friday	10 a.m. ...	Work Society.
Saturday	7 p.m. ...	Men's Club.
Sunday	3.15 p.m. ...	Lads' Bible Class,
,,	4.15 p.m. ...	Girls' Bible Class.
,,	8 p.m. ...	Mission Service.

Besides these regular meetings, we find the rooms most useful for extra classes, &c.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	5	6	6
Annual Subscriptions ..	15	8	0
Donations	12	11	0
Caretaker's Rent	7	13	0
G.F.S. Rent	2	15	6
Boys' and Men's Clubs ..	1	13	6
Concert at Grosvenor House	50	0	0
	£95	7	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Rent of Institute to Christmas, 1898	32	0	0
Rates and Taxes to Lady Day, 1899	8	14	0
Gas	1	17	0
Water Rate to Christmas, 1898	0	14	0
Coal	0	6	3
Driver's Stores	0	11	3
Expenses of Men's & Boys' Clubs	1	11	6
Balance in hand Lady Day, 1899	49	13	6
	£95	7	6

BEATRICE CAPELL, Hon. Treasurer.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Sir Juland Danvers, K.C.S.I.	2	0	0
Lady Beatrice Capell ..	2	2	0
Mrs. Rohde	1	1	0
Miss Utterton	1	1	0
Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell	1	1	0
Mr. E. Chandler	1	1	0
Mr. Seth Taylor	1	1	0
Mr. Dolling	1	1	0
Dr. and Mrs. Champneys	1	0	0
Mrs. Buxton	1	0	0
Miss E. Buxton	1	0	0
Miss Miskin	1	0	0
Miss Coker	0	10	0
Miss Cockerton	0	10	0
	£15	8	0

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Johnson	5	0	0
Mr. J. Barclay Cockerton	2	0	0
Mr L. Iveson	1	0	0
Louisa, Countess of Essex	1	0	0
Hon. Arthur Capell	1	0	0
Mr. Marshall	1	1	0
Miss Stahlschmidt	0	18	6
Mrs. Williams (Collecting Box)	0	6	10
Mrs. Phipps (Collecting Box)	0	4	8
	£12	11	0

Girls' Friendly Society.

BRANCH SECRETARY—Miss Foster, 42 Lexham Gardens.

The Girls' Friendly Society still continues to do a most useful work amongst the girls of the parish. Owing to the well-known and, unfortunately, well deserved reputation of our parish, the duty of caring for our girls is a most important and anxious one. The Members of our Branch have learnt to look upon Miss Foster, Miss Utterton, and Miss Buxton, who are in charge, as real friends whom they may consult with confidence. All possible methods are used to exert an influence over the girls, with evident success, for there has been a marked improvement in the whole tone of the members.

Meetings are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Institute and on Fridays at the Schools. Classes and lectures are arranged from time to time, and there is a lending library for the use of Members. Miss Utterton holds a Bible Class on Friday evening at 8.30, and on Sunday afternoon at

4 p.m. It is hoped that all Members will attend one or other of these.

There are about 70 Members upon the books. Miss Seth Taylor has lately taken charge of the probationers, of whom there are between 20 and 30.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Associates and Friends ..	2	15	0
Members' Subscriptions ..	2	9	9
	£5	4	9

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Rent, Fire, &c.	2	15	6
Central	1	10	7
Lodge Fund, &c. ..	0	10	0
Working Expenses	0	3	1
Marriage Cards	0	1	3
In hand	0	4	4
	£5	4	9

SICK FUND BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	1	10	0
Donations	3	3	1
East Reading G.F.S. ..	1	1	0
Diocesan Head	1	0	0
Members' Subscriptions ..	0	2	6
Collected by H.M.F.	4	1	4
	£10	17	11

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Country Holidays	10	1	6
Working Expenses	0	16	5
	£10	17	11

Work amongst the Men.

We at first found it very difficult to get into touch with the majority of our men. As they are always out in the day time it was of course impossible, except during illness, to get to know them in the course of our ordinary visitation. Our lay readers then started evening visitation, but even then it was not always possible for them to find the men at home. To remedy this we started a Monthly Social Evening for men in

the Schools. The first Monday in every month has been set apart for this, and printed cards of invitation are sent to every man whom we think will accept. The proceedings begin with an informal tea. We then have an entertainment kindly provided by friends; and at half time the Vicar gives a short address. The result of these gatherings has been most satisfactory. We have gained the confidence and friendship of many men of whom we knew but little before, and the whole of our work has benefited in consequence. In many houses which we at one time found it difficult to enter we are now warmly welcomed, and we have been able to show our real interest in many of our parishioners in a practical manner, for our men friends frequently apply to us for help and advice when in difficulties. It is needless to say that such applications receive due attention.

Vicar's Bible Class for Men.

This is held in the Schools every Tuesday at 8.30. We have now 25 names on the books, and an average attendance of about 16.

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S. John's Penny Bank.

Much useful work has been done by means of our Penny Bank, thrift being encouraged and money saved for various useful purposes. Our Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Hodson, has been successful in infusing new life into the society, and several new collectors have been added to the list.

£99 os. 8d. was deposited last year. The greater part was, as usual, drawn out at Christmas, but the depositors have in most cases opened a new account with the New Year.

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Poor Fund.

Our Parochial Relief Committee has met regularly during the year every Monday morning. We have the satisfaction of

knowing that many cases of genuine distress have been satisfactorily relieved. The help given has kept homes together during times of sickness, the members of which would, without our aid, have been forced to go into the workhouse. We have again been able to find permanent work for a good number of men, women, boys and girls. This is naturally the most satisfactory form of relief that can be given.

Our work of relieving the needs and helping on the convalescence of the sick poor has been greatly helped by the weekly hamper from Roehampton sent through Mrs. Chandler. We tender our thanks for the tickets for bread and coal, and convalescent and hospital letters which kind friends have sent to us.

As the following balance sheet is made up to Christmas, there is shown a far larger balance than we have in hand at present, for since December we have had many heavy calls upon our funds.

Miss Withall and other friends have sent us several welcome parcels of clothing for the poor, which have come in most usefully in supplying their needs.

We have given 816 relief tickets during the year; these are for milk, bread, coal, grocery and meat. The milk tickets are for one pint of milk daily for a week. We have given 29 surgical aid letters, and 146 letters for various hospitals. We have also sent 29 people recovering from illness to convalescent homes. Onr parish nurse has paid 2,750 visits to 130 sick people. Her visits have been much appreciated by those whose illness she has done much to relieve by her care and skill. We owe the nurse's presence in the parish to the generosity of Lady Lawrence. We are always grateful for convalescent letters, and also for letters for the Brompton Hospital for Consumption.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1898	65	17	11
Donations	98	8	3
Muggeridge Pension	13	5	8
Hayle's Pension	31	4	0
Jumble Sale	4	1	7
Poor Box	2	11	11
Country Holiday Fund	2	13	2
	£218	2	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Relief	35	7	1
Pensions	19	8	3
Muggeridge Pension	13	5	8
Hayle's Pension	31	4	0
Scripture Reader's Society	37	10	0
Doctor	0	12	6
Cheque Book	0	2	1
Work Society	2	0	0
Sending People into Country	8	15	6
Balance	69	17	5
	£218	2	6

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Miskin	0	10	0
Mr. J. A. Jackson	0	10	0
Mr. Charrington	5	0	0
Lady Farmer	1	0	0
Mrs. Dingwall	2	0	0
Miss Letchworth	1	0	0
Sir J. Danvers, K.C.S.I.	1	0	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare	10	10	0
Lady Eustace Cecil	2	4	0
Mrs. Wooley	0	9	0
Mr. J. W. Simmons	3	3	0
Mr. Davis	0	10	0
Mrs. Deverill	6	0	0
Miss Parker	0	2	6
Lion Brewery Company	10	10	0
Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association	15	0	0
Roehampton (Offertory)	4	14	3
Miss Baring	5	14	0
Hayle's Trust	5	0	0
Mrs. Crawley-Boevey	0	10	0
Lady Beatrice Capell	1	10	0
Lady Sibyl Smith	1	4	0
Miss Johnson	5	0	0
Mr. Cleaver	0	2	6
Per Mrs. Wagner	1	18	0
Mr. Seth Taylor	1	1	0
Mr. Driver	2	2	0
Mr. W. Tyler	1	1	0
Mrs. Brand	1	0	0
Mrs. Mayhew	3	3	0
The Vicar	5	0	0

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Mothers' Meetings.

We regard these meetings as most useful opportunities of getting into touch with the women of our parish. It is gratifying to be able to state that the members have attended well during the year. We have now 70 names on the books. The average attendance is large, and the room is generally inconveniently crowded. Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell and

Miss Utterton, who are in charge, have left no stone unturned in their efforts to obtain a real influence over the women.

Miss Fothergill and Miss Hodson have recently started a second meeting on Wednesday afternoon, which has been fairly well attended.

Since the Mission a Bible Class for Women has been held at the Institute of Miss Utterton on Wednesdays, at 3.30 p.m. About 20 women have joined.

In connection with these Meetings, Mrs. Bainbridge Bell conducts a branch of the Mothers' Union, which has a good number of members.

We remember with gratitude the very happy day spent in July at Mrs. Charrington's house at Roehampton. The real hospitality and kindly sympathy shown to us by our kind hostess will ever remain as a happy memory with all who had the good fortune to be present.

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Boys' Club.

The Boys' Club, which Miss Hodson has lately opened to boys over 13 and under 16 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, is now comfortably established in the crypt. The space is small, but it is a very quiet place, and makes a good workshop.

There are 26 members.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Grant from Concert Fund	25	0	0
Donations	31	13	4
Boys' payments	1	3	9
	£57	17	1

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Fixtures	28	6	7½
Wages	1	10	0
Eatables	1	7	8
Benches and Tools	25	3	7
Games	1	9	2½
	£57	17	1

Church Expenses Account.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward Jan. 1st, 1898 ..	32	19	5
Muggeridge Charity.. ..	13	5	8
Rent of 7 Exton Street ..	23	12	10
Offertories	159	0	9
S. Nicholas, Brighton ..	8	15	7
Roehampton	15	0	0
Lent Savings	4	10	2½
Per Vicar and Churchwardens	120	0	0
Donations—			
Mr. Charrington	5	0	0
Mr. Theo. Lloyd	5	5	0
Mrs. Brand	10	0	0
Miss Ridding.. ..	5	0	0
Miss Towers	0	10	0
Mr. Redman	5	0	0
Mr. Barclay Cockerton	2	0	0
Miss Barry	3	16	0
Mrs. Deverill..	0	7	6
Advanced by Vicar to pay Mr. Porter	15	0	0
£429	2	11½	

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Organist and Choir	72	8	9
Gas	26	0	0
Coal	6	1	0
Scripture Readers	21	5	0
Grey Ladies	1	0	0
Messrs. Driver & Co. ..	2	14	9½
Messrs, Parker & Co. ..	1	2	0
Insurance	9	13	6
Vicar's Easter Offering ..	7	7	6½
Hospital Sunday	2	5	0
Printing	23	0	7
Cheques	0	6	4
Visitation Fee	0	18	0
Muggeridge Pension ..	13	5	8
Wages and Washing ..	95	10	6½
Water Rate	3	0	0
Organ and Piano Tuning	14	0	0
Repairs	47	15	11
,, Clock	7	10	0
Mr. Porter for alterations to Church	15	0	0
Church Army	1	13	7
Communion Wine	3	0	0
Wood	5	1	0
Rochester Diocesan Society	1	12	0
Universities Mission ..	3	0	0
Church Improvement Fund	8	11	0
Metropolitan Visiting Relief Association	1	13	0
Repaid Vicar's Loan (part)	5	0	0
Sundries	0	10	5
Balance	28	17	4
£429	2	11½	

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Roehampton Club for Working Girls.

This Club was founded towards the end of the year 1896 by the kindness and energy of Miss Hugh Smith and her friends. We have already had ample proof of its great value. We give a short report of its work, and we earnestly hope that it may be well supported.

Council.

Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell
Lady Ottoline Bentinck
Mrs. Sydney Buxton
Lady Beatrice Capell
Mrs. Arthur Guest
Hon. Mrs. Mallet
Miss Morrison
G. J. Talbot, Esq.
Miss Utterton

Hon. Treasurer.

Miss Maud Grenfell, Bacres, Henley-on-Thames.

Hon. Secretary.

Miss Olive Hugh Smith, Mount Clare, Roehampton, S.W.

The Club is open every evening except Sunday, and Classes are held every evening except on Saturday, which evening is devoted to recreation. The Club hours are from 7 till 10, except on Tuesday, when they are from 8 till 9.30. Refreshments can be obtained at the Club. The Lady Superintendent is present every evening, and one or more ladies go every evening to help her. Each member pays ½d. a week. A Penny Bank has been started for the Members; also a Boot Club and a Country Holiday Fund.

Thirty girls availed themselves of the help given by this latter Fund, and enjoyed a fortnight's holiday in the country last August.

The physical exercises and drill are an important element in the recreation of the members. Last year the team sent up from the Club to compete against the other girls' clubs in London obtained the fifth place in order of merit—a very good performance when it is remembered that this was the first competition for which the girls had entered.

The Club is open to all Workiug Girls over 16 on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 7 to 10 p.m., when Classes are held for—

Dressmaking, Singing, Musical Drill, Basket Making and Writing.

The Club is open to Working Girls under 16 and over 13 on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., when Classes are held for—

DRESSMAKING, SINGING, DRILL, WRITING AND DRAWING.

A Bible Class is held on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m., and on Mondays for younger girls.

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Summer Treats.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Brand	2	0	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare	2	2	0
For Choir Outing—			
Dr. Pywell	1	6	0
Miss Miskin	0	2	6
Mr. Lumley	0	2	0
	£5	12	6

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Band of Hope	1	10	0
Infants' School Treat	1	15	0
Six Mothers taken to Greenwich	0	6	0
Choir Outing	2	1	6
	£5	12	6

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Concert at Grosvenor House.

We are very grateful indeed to Lady Sibyl Smith and Miss Rowe for so kindly organising the splendid concert at Grosvenor House for the funds of our parish. The concert was held on January 26th, 1899, and the Duke of Westminster was good enongh to lend his house for the occasion. Amongst the patronesses were H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Eulalie of Spain. Miss Clara Butt, Mrs. Duncombe, Miss T. Lowther, Mr. Kennerley Rumford and Signor Arbos kindly gave their services. The proceeds realised £195 6s. 6d. The following is the account of the money distributed at present. The balance is being kept in reserve.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
From Concert	195	6	6
	£195	6	6

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Poor Fund	30	0	0
Institute	50	0	0
Work Society	10	0	0
General Fund	20	0	0
Lads' Club, for Carpenters' Benches and Tools	25	0	0
Balance	60	6	6
	£195	6	6

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Diamond Jubilee Church Improvement Fund.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Donations	313	5	4
Collecting Cards	52	6	0
Sale of Work, Jumble Sales, &c.	101	14	1
Offertories, Collecting Box, &c.	38	18	2
Concert (per Mr. Boyes)	2	1	3
	£508	4	10

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Paid Messrs. Lonnie & Co.	288	17	4
Messrs. Porter & Co.	94	15	0
Artist	80	0	0
Architect	42	0	0
Gilder	2	12	6
	£508	4	10

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Band of Hope.

PRESIDENT—The Vicar. SECRETARY—The Rev. J. S. Müller.

COMMITTEE.

Miss Pinnegar. Mrs. J. S. Müller. Mr. Gibson.

The Junior Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society now numbers 90 members. Meetings are held every Friday evening at the Schools, when songs, recitations, &c., are provided by the children. The weekly subscriptions go towards a treat in the summer and at Christmas.

Our thanks are due to those who have contributed towards the funds, and also to those ladies and gentlemen who have kindly given their personal help.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	0	2	7
Children's Subscriptions—			
January to March	1	10	2
April to June	0	18	5
September to December	1	2	8
Sale of Entertainment Tickets	1	7	10
Donations —			
The Vicar	0	10	0
Miss Sheppard	0	5	0
Mrs. Wagner	0	2	6
Mrs. Parker	0	1	0
	£6	0	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Teas	1	14	4
Music	0	3	0
Caretaker	0	7	0
Printing	0	8	6
Gasfitting	0	2	0
Excursion	2	19	9
Oranges	0	2	0
Balance in hand	0	3	7
	£6	0	2

J. S. MULLER, Hon. Treas.

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S. John's Industrial Slate Club.

This Club has been held every Tuesday evening in the Institute, from 8.30 to 10.

Officers.

PRESIDENT—The Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell, M.A.

CO-TRUSTEES.

The Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell, M.A.
The Rev. F. H. Roberts.

CHAIRMAN—T. F. Smith. TREASURER—W. Hunt.

SECRETARY—G. Ellis.

Entrance Fee, with Copy of Rules and Card, 1s.

Sick Benefit, with Doctor and Medicine—12s. per week for six weeks; 6s. per week for second six weeks; £6 at death of Member; £4 at death of Member's Wife.

This Club has had a most successful year. There has been a large accession of new members. Mr. Ellis, the Secretary, has retained the respect and confidence of the men. We can thoroughly recommend the Slate Club to those who wish to save against a rainy day. All information may be obtained from the Secretary. We give the balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1898.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
In hand December 31st ..	20	0	0
Bank Interest	0	15	7
Payments	103	12	8
Hon. Members:—			
Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell	1	0	0
Rev. H. Sheppard ..	0	10	0
Rev. J. S. Müller	0	10	0
Arrears	0	15	9
	£127	4	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Doctor	12	10	0
Secretary	3	3	0
Auditors	0	12	0
Stamps, Stationery, &c. ..	0	4	6
Steward's Book	0	0	6
Cheque Book	0	0	6
Magazine Advertisement ..	1	5	0
Contribution Cards	0	8	0
Death Claims	12	0	0
Sick Pay	18	3	6
Balance	78	17	6
	£127	4	0

59 Full Share Members (*a*) (19s. 5½d. each) .. ..
2 Three-quarter Members (*a*) (14s. 7½d. each)
} £58 17 2½

Emergency Fund £20 0 0
General Fund £58 17 6

A. T. SMITH
C. BUCKNELL
} Auditors.

G. ELLIS, Secretary.

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S. John's Day Schools.

Patron.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Committee of Managers.

CHAIRMAN & CORRESPONDENT—The Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell.

TREASURER—Mr. Ellis Cunliffe.

HON. SECRETARY—Mr. T. Conisbee.

Sir Juland Danvers, K.C.S.I.
Rev. F. H. Roberts
Rev. J. S. Müller
Mr. W. Richmond
Mr. Dolling
,, Poad
,, Lumley

HEAD MASTER—Mr. Davey.
HEAD MISTRESS OF GIRLS' SCHOOL—Miss Troughton.
HEAD MISTRESS OF INFANTS' SCHOOL—Miss Towers.

The Schools continue to be in a very satisfactory condition. The head teachers and their assistants have done their work well, and the Inspectors, both Diocesan and Government, have given us excellent reports. The Clergy have as usual taken a personal share in the religious instruction. We appeal to our friends for financial help to enable us to continue our work efficiently, as the managers find it very difficult to obtain enough money for the purpose. The following extracts from H.M. Inspectors will serve to show that the Schools have maintained their high standard:—

BOYS' SCHOOL.—"Satisfactory progress has been made during the year in every respect, and the various classes are now well and carefully taught."

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—"An excellent tone is noticeable, and the teaching in this School is given on sound and careful lines."

INFANT SCHOOL.—"This School continues to be admirably conducted. The children are very orderly, and the teaching is careful and intelligent."

BALANCE SHEET TO NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Grant	426	5	0
Fee Grant	213	2	6
Aid Grant	168	0	0
Endowment	125	0	8
Voluntary Subscriptions	58	12	6
From Science and Art Department	11	14	0
Hire of Rooms, &c.	15	0	0
Balance overdrawn	657	12	2
	£1,675	6	10

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance overdrawn Nov. 30, 1897	637	9	10
Salaries—			
Teachers	403	5	0
Assistants	321	11	3
Monitors	14	3	0
Books and Stationery, Furniture, &c.	51	13	11
Fuel, Light, Cleaning	94	8	3
Repairs to Buildings	67	18	2
Rent	43	7	6
Rates	16	1	4
Needlework	1	18	2
Bank Charges	20	19	0
Carriage, Postage, Advertising, &c.	2	11	5
	£1,675	6	10

LIST OF VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Charrington	5	0	0
Messrs. Sandell & Co.	2	2	0
Sir Juland Danvers, K.C.S.I.	2	0	0
Mr. Thurnall	1	1	0
Rev. F. C Bainbridge-Bell	5	0	0
Mr. Marshall	1	1	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare	10	10	0
Sir H. Elphinstone	3	3	0
Messrs. Clowes & Son	1	1	0
Messrs Aird & Son	1	1	0
Messrs. Younger & Co.	1	1	0
Messrs. Hall, Beddall & Co.	1	1	0
Messrs. Eastwood & Co.	4	4	0
Messrs. Hampton & Co.	0	10	6
Lion Brewery Co.	1	1	0
Mr. Seth Taylor	3	3	0
Mr. N. Dolling	1	1	0
Miss Wagstaff	0	10	0
Mr. Stirling	0	5	0
Mr. Booty	0	5	0
Parents	3	12	0
Ecclesiastical Commissioners	10	0	0
	£58	12	6

Vicar's General and Discretionary Fund.

This Fund enables the Vicar to defray certain expenses connected with the parish which do not come within the scope of other parochial funds, and which cannot therefore be paid out of them. The Vicar finds this Fund most useful, and is grateful to those who kindly sent him subscriptions.

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	2	6	5
Donations—			
Miss Barry	17	4	0
Mrs. Brand	5	0	0
Mr. Marshall	3	3	0
Mrs. Mayhew	20	0	0
Mr. Theo Lloyd	5	5	0
Mr. Charrington (Curate Fund)	5	0	0
Sale	0	6	0
	£58	4	5

	£	s.	d.
Matting for Church	9	14	7
Teas	4	16	0
Sunday School	1	12	10
Lady Worker	15	0	0
Almanacks	0	14	6
Printing, &c.	6	14	0
Paid Curate	5	0	0
Magazine Fund	4	8	6
Balance in hand	10	4	0
	£58	4	5

Parochial Magazine.

We press all those interested in our work to become subscribers to our Magazine; and this not only because the more subscribers that we have the easier it is to make it pay its own

way, but more especially because we regard it as a most valuable means of communicating to our parishioners and friends the various events of our parochial life.

Subscriptions (1s. per annum, or 1s. 6d. post free) should be sent to the Rev. F. H. Roberts, 9 Tenison Street, York Road, S.E.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Advertisements	20	3	6
Subscriptions	3	0	6
Cash	17	15	4
Box in Vestry	3	18	2½
Donation from General Fund	4	8	6
	£49	6	0¼

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Deficit 1897	3	5	7
Printing	42	9	9
Postages	2	12	8½
Baptismal Cards	0	18	0
	£49	6	0½

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Sunday Schools.

The Schools have shown great improvement during the past year; but unless we can find more helpers we cannot hope to make the Schools thoroughly efficient. The teachers who have helped us during the year have earned our gratitude by the steady and unselfish way in which they have fulfilled their duties. We have again to thank Mrs. Guest and other kind friends at Roehampton for the splendid Christmas Tree and Treat at Christmas. The summer treat consisted of a day at Roehampton, most kindly provided by our friends in that parish.

Teachers.

Boys' School.

Superintendent—Mr. Maton.

Mr. Williams
,, Gibson
Miss Buxton
Miss Hodson
,, Fothergill

Girls' School.

Superintendent—Miss Utterton.

Miss Brightmore
,, Dolling
,, Dawbney
Miss Welham
,, M. Selfe
,, B. Hadley

Infants' School.

Superintendent—Miss Rose.

Miss Hain
Mrs. Morris
Mrs. Robinson

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Church Lads' Brigade.

Company No. 1412.

Chaplain ... ... The Vicar.

Assistant Chaplain—The Rev. F. H. Roberts.

Lieutenant—Mr. Poad.

Staff-Sergeant ... ... Mr. Hadley.

Our parochial company of the C.L.B. (Rochester Regiment) was formed in October of last year. Owing to the energy of the officers it is already in a very efficient condition, and we have attracted no less than 54 rank and file. Our Company could not have been formed had it not been for the generosity of the congregation of S. Nicholas, Brighton, who subscribed the necessary funds. The object of the Brigade is to enable the Clergy to keep in touch with the lads after they have left school, and to inculcate habits of discipline and orderly conduct. We ask for subscriptions to enable us to carry on the work during this year.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
From S. Nicholas, Brighton	13	4	0
	£13	4	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Equipment	8	0	0
Enrolment	1	5	0
Bugle	0	15	0
Balance in hand	3	4	0
	£13	4	0

S. John's Communicants' Guild.

The Guild, with its Senior and Junior branches, has done good work during the past year in banding together those who communicate regularly at S. John's. There has been a decided increase in the number of the Communions made, which is a testimony to the greater regularity on the part of members of the Guild—a result attained in some measure by our endeavour to emphasise, by our teaching and arrangement of the services, the importance of this the greatest of the Sacraments. The Quarterly Social Gatherings have given opportunities of friendly intercourse, and have tended to encourage that feeling of unity and kindliness which is of such value to the work of the Church.

Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Pywell, our Treasurer, for the interest and time that she has given to the working of the Guild.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	1	14	2½	Printing	0	18	6
By Subscriptions from Jan. to Dec. 1898	2	6	3	Stationery and Postages ..	0	5	2½
				Teas	2	0	9½
				Balance in hand	0	15	11½
	£4	0	5½		£4	0	5½

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Parochial Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

This Society has had another year of successful work. The necessity of the work is unfortunately only too apparent to those who know the parish. The meetings have all been well

attended, and it is a most encouraging fact that working men form a large proportion of the audiences. Thirty pledges have been taken during the year, and the work of the Society has been rewarded by unmistakeable results.

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Officers and Committee.

President—Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell, Vicar.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. F .H. Roberts and Rev. J. S. Müller.

Hon. Secretary—G. Maton.

Committee.

Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell

Miss Utterton	Miss Rose
,, Brightmore	Mrs. Morris
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Poad
,, Lumley	,, Holborn

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand March 14, 1898	0	3	1½	Affiliation Fee	0	10	0
Subscriptions & Donations—				Temperance Monthly ..	0	11	5½
Rev. F. C. Bainbridge-Bell	0	10	0	Posters and Window Bills	0	7	10
Rev. J. S. Müller	0	2	6	Tickets for Meetings ..	0	7	0
Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell ..	0	5	0	Speakers' Expenses ..	0	5	5
Lady Beatrice Capell ..	0	5	0	School Porter	0	9	0
Miss Hodson	0	5	0	Schools and Gas, &c. ..	0	10	0
Miss Utterton	0	5	0	Stationery, Postage, &c.	0	3	6½
Per Mrs. Bainbridge-Bell	0	4	6	50 Illuminated Cards ..	0	3	0
Miss Fothergill	0	1	0	Moving Gas Bracket ..	0	2	0
Members' Subscriptions ..	1	2	5	Printing	0	5	0
Collections	1	7	4	Sundries	0	3	7½
Sale of Temperance Monthly	0	9	4	Balance in hand March 7, 1899	1	2	4
	£5	0	2½		£5	0	2½

G. MATON, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Forty-four children were sent away for a fortnight's holiday in the country during the months of July and August last. The total cost of each child is 10s. 7d. Towards this the parents pay an average of about 5s. 6d., leaving 5s. to met by the kindness of those who have subscribed to the Fund. Miss Hodson and Miss Fothergill have been very active and helpful in the organisation of the work. The balance has been used in sending delicate children to convalescent homes at the seaside.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	15	0	0
Children's Payments	11	0	6
Cash (Miss Rose)	0	3	0
	£26	3	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Board and Lodging of 44 Children for a fortnight	22	0	0
Travelling Expenses	1	8	10
Extra Expenses	0	1	6
Balance in hand	2	13	2
	£26	3	6

J. S. Müller,
Treasurer.

SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Andrews	1	1	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Mr. Brown	0	5	0
Miss Buxton	3	0	0
Mrs. Crawley Boevey	0	10	0
Miss Hodson	1	0	0
The Lion Brewery Company	1	1	0
Lady Sophia Melville	3	0	0
Mr. Seth Taylor	2	2	0
Miss Sheppard	0	10	0
Miss Utterton	1	0	0
The Vicar	0	11	0

June 26th. 1895

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Interview with Rev. W. J. Somerville,
St George the Martyr, Southwark.

Rev Somerville is a man not much over
30. He has been Rector of this parish only for
20 months.

Rev S. brought with him to the Church
when the interview took place, Miss Buck whom
he described as knowing more about Southwark than
any one else. She is a lady of means who has
lived in the parish for 6½ years, and is for
the most important of the workers connected with
the church.

Rev S.'s Report gives an unusually full
account of the parish and its work and there
is not much to add to it. It should be
noted however that Miss Buck during an
interval while Rev S. was out of the vestry
warned me that the Report so far as it
describes the parish is mainly based on Dr
Waldo's Report which Miss B. considers exaggerated
and unduly sensational. Miss B. added ~~reported~~

regretted altogether the publication of a Report and though the ministry worked cordially with the S. Chapl. ~~that~~ looked back with regret to the days of the Sage Gardiner.

The full description of the parish is given in the Report. It was agreed that so far as there was any change since the map it was in the direction of greater poverty. The old courts and alleys are as poor and degraded as ever the buildings are generally poorer. Miss Rhoda Hunt knows that the two neighbouring parishes of S. Stephens and S. Stephen are both poorer than S. George's.

For details as to workers services etc. see Report.

Num. S. prior the morning congregation is about 200, the evening 600 and desires to be "the largest unlimited congregation in the neighbourhood". Very few known of those who come are parishioners, the church is "rather a refuge for the destitute

in a district which is rapidly being Romanised". The church which Mr S. had mainly in his mind in his references to bribery and Romanism was St Alphege, where relief is given lavishly, and practically only to those who will attend church or meetings. As I was going Mr S. warned me not to believe all we heard from St Alphege's. "You will be told" he said "of the wonders that have been effected by 'the Catholic Faith' of the numbers confirmed, the number of communicants and so on; it is all the result of bribery".

The poor do not attend the church at all. But there are Sunday evening services at the two Mission Rooms, where congregations of 30 and 60 "would be good".

Among the Social Agencies there is nothing out of the common.

There was some talk as to Temperance work which it was agreed was a failure largely owing to the incompetence of those responsible for the Societies. Bands of Hope it was said were usually utterly

lacking in discipline.

The Parish schools are almost full. There is a fee of 3d and they get the pick of the children of the parish generally.

The Sunday School with its 600 children suffers greatly from the usual difficulty of getting teachers. Yet it is an enormous number of children to escape Sunday School altogether.

The visitation so far as it goes is very thorough and through visiting the church ought to have an intimate knowledge of a large number of parishioners, particulars are to which are entered up in large folios of which I was shown three. Miss Burke calculated in 1859 that the church had their intimate knowledge of about 1100 families representing about 5000 people. I have no doubt we could have access to these books of visiting at any time. They contain particulars as to Baptism, confirmation, Communion etc.

The list of District Visitors in the Report

is rather deceptive: the ladies for the most part are mere magazine distributors, and the really effective visitation is the work of the clergy, Miss Buck, and the paid staff. They are not sufficient to cover the whole parish.

In the opinion of Miss Buck known for the most useful and most influential of the church agencies are the bands of whom there are two both thoroughly trained and devoting their whole time to the work.

The Relief is entirely in the hands of Miss Buck who is a member of the C.O.S. and works the parish relief on C.O.S. lines but "has strictly no figures or Reports. ~~No old~~ A scheme has recently been made for the old endowed charities of the parish which are now to be used for pensions.

Other religious agencies are numerous and some of them active especially the Iron Mission and the Bryce's Gospelmen and Women who said Miss Buck "are always tramping around". Both the end men S. thought that the work of the

Non-conf was "quite ineffective", & so is that of the Salvation Army which has no following, though the officers are excellent people.

There is a large R.C. population many of whom however never go to Mass: those who do are well looked after by the Priests, who are "first rate men".

The Borough Polytechnic was mentioned as a great local influence, though not among the really poor.

The Vestry, of which Miss Rhodes is a member, is the "most efficient and [illegible] body". She was evidently a little sore at Dr Waldo's action, and pleaded that many of the abuses which he points out [illegible] & L.C.C. have any legal power to deal with.

The Guardians give a good deal of out-relief, but less than they did: and a member of the C.O.S. has lately been elected.

The police are insufficient in number,

and never go into any of the worst courts if they can avoid it. It was agreed too that they are in the pay of the publican.

Drink "could not possibly be worse": it is "the main factor in all cases of distress which come under the notice of the Church". It is said to be increasing among lads and girls, as well as among women.

Prostitution of the lowest kind is rife. Harrow St is inhabited mainly by women of the most degraded ~~ty~~ type, who use all the courts and alleys to ply their trade in: there are often four or five couples in the court just behind the church ~~and~~ Mr S. on returning from a bicycle ride some days since had occasion to go through the court and found them fornicating in broad daylight. The open stairs of the Dwellings are enormously used by the women. ~~and~~

Thrift there is none.

Early & marriages are much less ~~f~~ frequent than they were. (This on the authority

of the Church constitution. During the last three months of four girls "under age"; two of whom were in the family way!)

Mr Sommerville is a pleasant-genial man of views and common sense. In opinion he is a broad evangelical.

St. George the Martyr, Southwark.

Report

And Statement of Accounts

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1898.

St. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

REPORT

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Statement of Accounts

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1898.

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List of Clergy, Parish Officers, &c.

Rector—Rev. W. J. SOMMERVILLE, B.A., Collegiate House, Southwark, S.E.

Assistant Clergy—Rev. BINGLEY CASS, B.A., 98, Douglas Buildings, S.E.
Rev. H. H. BROWN, M.A., 15, The Paragon, New Kent Road.

Churchwardens—Mr. W. Neville, Rector's Warden.
Mr. T. Haynes, J.P., Renter Warden.
Mr. R. R. Fulton, Puisne Warden.

Sidesmen—Mr. Lamprell. Mr. Palmer. Mr. Everest.

Grey Ladies—Miss Manson and Miss Sellon, 169, Southwark Bridge Road.

Nurses—Miss Kenny, 24, Douglas Buildings, S.E.
Miss Gibbs, 12, Newington Causeway, S.E.

Clerk—Miss Cross, 1A, Trinity Street, S.E.

Missionaries—Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. H. Willson, Miss Postell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dadd, and Mr. Parker.

Church Services, &c.—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., 1st Sunday in the month at 11 a.m., 3rd Sunday in the month at 6.30 p.m.
Saints' Days, 8 a.m.
Sundays, Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m.; Children's Service, 2nd Sunday in the month at 3.15 p.m.
Daily, Morning Prayer, 9.30 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 5 p m.
Baptisms and Churchings every Sunday at 4 p.m., daily at 11 a.m. (Saturdays excepted).

Choir Practice—Wednesdays, 8.30 p.m., in the Parish Room.

Bible Classes—For Young Women, at 166, Southwark Bridge Road, 3 p.m. (Miss Collett); 5.30 p.m. (Miss Sellon).
For Young Men, 3 p.m., at Borough Road School (Rev. B. Cass).

Gymnastic Class for Boys—Mondays and Thursdays, 8 p.m., in the Borough Road Schools.

Sunday Schools, Borough Road—Boys (Superintendent, Mr. G. W. Cannon).
Girls (Superintendent, Miss Hodge).
Infants (Superintendent, Miss Sellon).
At 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Providence Sunday Night School (Superintendent, Mr. G. W. Cannon), in Chapel Court, Borough, Sundays at 6 p.m.

Choirmaster and Organist—Mr. J. P. Lawson, 243, Camberwell Road, S.E.

Band of Hope—Borough Road Schools, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (Superintendent Rev. Bingley Cass).

Guild for Young People—Thursdays, 8 p.m., Borough Road Schools (Chairman, Rev. Bingley Cass).

Ladies' Working Party—Fridays, at 3 p.m., in the Parish Room, 221B Borough High Street (Secretary, Miss Sellon).

Mothers' Meetings—Monday, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Fulton, at Farm House, at 2.30 p.m.; Miss Grimston, at 166, Southwark Bridge Road, at 2.30 p,m.
Tuesday, Mrs. Fulton and Miss Sellon, at Chapel Court, at 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Mrs. Batten and Miss Parker, at Earl Street Mission at 2 p.m.

Girls' Club—Tuesday and Thursday, Miss Sellon and Miss Miles, at 166, Southwark Bridge Road, 8 till 10 p.m.

Junior Girls' Club—Monday, Miss Sellon, 166, Southwark Bridge Road, 7 till 8.30 p.m.

G.F.S.—Wednesday, at 166, Southwark Bridge Road, 7 to 9 p.m. (Miss, Bedale).

G.F.S. Candidates' Class—Friday, Miss Sellon, 166, Southwark Bridge Road, 6 till 7.30 p.m.

Parish Magazine, 2d. per month, to be obtained from Miss Cross, in the Vestry, or from the District Visitors.

List of District Visitors.

Name.	*District.*
Miss F. Layman	Balin Place and part of Southwark Bridge Road.
Miss Wright ...	Montague Street, Queen's Buildings, and Scovell Road, 1 to 58.
Miss Sellon	Queen's Buildings, Scovell Road, 59-82.
Miss L. Neville ...	,, ,, ,, 83-94.
Mrs. Lamprell	,, ,, ,, 95-154 and blocks, D. E. and F.
Miss Burridge	,, ,, ,, 155-165 and block C
Miss Moore	,, ,, ,, 167-236.
Mrs. Fulton	,, ,, ,, 237-293.
Miss Enthoven ...	,, ,, ,, blocks A and B.
Miss Cobbett ...	,, ,, ,, block G.
Mrs. Aldridge ...	,, ,, ,, blocks F and H.
Miss Waters	,, ,, ,, blocks J and L.
Mrs. Jacquet....	... Borough High Street, Newington Causeway and Borough Road.
Miss Wallis ...	... Lancaster Street (odd numbers).
Miss Morgan .	... Lancaster Street (even numbers).
Mrs. Penman ...	... Collinson Street and New Winchester Buildings.
Miss Smith ...	... Collinson Street, (Queen's Buildings, 1 to 48).
Miss Hardcastle...	Collinson Street, (Queen's Buildings, 48 to the end.
Miss Alice Smith...	Goodwin Buildings.
Mrs. Phipps ...	... Trinity Buildings.
Miss Kenny ...	... Queen's Buildings (Southwark Bridge Road).
Miss Harry ...	... Mermaid Court, Tennis Court and Bowling Green Lane.
Mrs. Sedgwick	... Southwark Bridge Road (odd numbers).
Mrs. Wallis ...	... Southwark Bridge Road (even numbers).
Mrs. Hill ...	... Southwark Bridge Road, Bath, Street, Ontario Street, Earl Street, St. George's Market.
Miss Postill ...	... Skipton Street.

Annual Report.

Collegiate House,

Southwark,

January, 1899.

In issuing my first Annual Report, I must express my heartfelt thanks to those who, during the past year, have kindly helped either by personal service or by gifts, in carrying on the Work of the Church and Parish in this crowded and poor part of the Metropolis.

The Parish of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, is one of the poorest and most difficult in the whole of London.

It extends from Union Street, Borough (close to London Bridge), right down to the Elephant and Castle in one direction, and thence to the Obelisk in another. Roughly speaking, the Parish is shaped like a hatchet. The Parish Church instead of being in the centre, which is of course, the ideal position, is situated a considerable distance from the central and most populated part.

Needless to say, this awkward shape is not conducive to consolidating our Work within reasonable limits.

The population is about 13,000, and of these more than 50 per cent. are described by Mr. Charles Booth, the eminent statistician, in his "Life and Labour in London," as destitute.

Roughly speaking, it may be divided into three groups.

(1) The inhabitants of the courts and alleys off the Borough High Street. All of these are very poor, and many of them criminal. Drunkenness and immorality abound. This part of the Parish consists of a multitude of short streets of two-storey houses, running out of each other at all sorts of angles, and forming a veritable maze to all but constant frequenters. Even on a bright sunshiny day when there is a blue sky overhead, the very spirit of dullness pervades

these courts. Trees spring up from the middle of some of these, whilst before some of the tenements a little square of black trampled earth, marked off by wooden palings, indicates "where once a garden smiled." Formerly, not only were these little plots—which the fence now tries in vain to hold private—pretty gardens, but the houses which they front were homes occupied by one family. Only the rent-collector could tell how many families now mingle under one roof; and even he, unless he were the owner and rent-collector rolled into one, would hesitate to term these places really homes. They are mere shelters from the night and from the elements at their worst, and yet two rooms may cost ten shillings per week. It is to be feared, however, that two rooms are a luxury that few families can afford. One room is the more frequent lot for father, mother, and four or five children. One room also is the holding of multitudes of tenants whose modes of living may not be too closely scrutinized. Men and women of the worst character haunt these places. In the daytime, however, they are conspicuous by their absence. They are rarely to be seen until nightfall. Couples of women may be noted gossiping at the doors, and women are to be seen peering out of the windows when strange voices and strange footsteps break the silence of the courts.

(2) The inhabitants of the huge blocks of buildings of Queen's, St. George's, Trinity, and Goodwin. This portion is undoubtedly the crux of the Parish. Of these buildings, Queen's is probably the largest block in London. Peculiar interest attaches to it, owing to its association with Hobbs, of Liberator notoriety. Altogether the premises occupy three acres of land, about equally divided between courts and thoroughfares, and ground absolutely covered by the buildings themselves. There are, roughly speaking, about 700 tenements in all these blocks, a tenement being a "suite" of two, three, or four rooms, let at rents ranging from 5s. 6d. per week to 12s. per week, and upwards. The population of these places alone is estimated at about 6,000 people, possessed of the same nomadic propensity as the dwellers in the cottages. When I was first appointed to the charge of the Parish I visited every tenement herein. Seven months later half of my new acquaintances had gone. Every kind of social problem is to be met with in these buildings, one of the most pressing being, perhaps, the necessity of thoroughly inculcating the desirability of cleanliness. Most of the occupants make no attempt whatever to keep their places clean. They even ignore the facilities which the management has placed ready to hand The monotony of life in these buildings under the most pleasant circumstances must be intolerable. A good idea of it may be had by standing in one of the quadrangles and scanning the range of buildings, seven storeys high, that block out the sky on every side, and render the lower floors gloomy on bright days. At regular intervals in the masonry of each floor little platforms indicate the presence of the stairways. These are barred around; but, nevertheless, from time to time the children of the tenants, in seeking to enlarge their

lofty playgrounds, slip between the bars, and are maimed or killed when they strike the asphalte below.

Many of the occupants earn the most precarious livelihoods. When the breadwinner meets with an accident, it is no unusual thing for us to come in and save the home from dissolution by supporting the mother and children until the wage-earner is at work again. The labour of the father outside, and the work of the mother and children at home, at matchbox-making, &c., result in a total income of about 25s. per week, and this leaves nothing to give to the support of such up-to-date parochial institutions as nurses and other workers in the cause of charity. All these have to be supported from outside.

(3) The somewhat better-off artizans, in receipt of a weekly wage, live in the district known as the Triangle, *i.e.*, the space bounded by the three roads — Newington Causeway, Borough Road, and London Road; though even here there are many squalid dens and tenements, which can only be improved by being pulled down.

These make up one of the most crowded and the poorest aggregations of human beings to be found within the metropolitan area. The poverty of the neighbourhood is very great. The Parish has a workhouse of its own, certified to hold 400. Herein, during the year ending March 25th, 1898, there were 4,111 admissions, 4,152 discharges, 70 births, and 16 deaths. The registers kept at the Church show that almost all the births were illegitimate. In the year a sum of nearly £1000 was spent in out-relief, meaning a penny rate, exclusive of the cost of the Workhouse and the sums spent in the maintenance of the Hanwell Schools, and the large Infirmary for the Sick at Champion Hill. From the report of the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Waldo) for the year 1897, it appears that the land in the Parish is about a foot below the level of the Thames, as against a mean average elevation of 47·5 for the rest of London. There are about 6,000 houses in the civil Parish, with about 11 persons to each house, or a population of 212 per acre, four times as much as the rest of London, and 400 times as great as the rest of the United Kingdom. The number of tenements is double the number of inhabited houses. Of the tenement occupiers one-third live in two rooms, and another third in one room, while the remaining third have more accommodation. About one in every fourteen of the population is born, lives, works, and often dies within the four walls of a one-room tenement. The birth-rate for the Parish is 36 per 1,000, as against 30·4 for the rest of London, and 31·0 for the ten largest towns. In 1897, 47 per cent. of the deaths were of children under five years of age, these high rates being a very significant feature. The death-rate of the Parish in 1887 was 23·2 per 1,000, and for the rest of London 18·0 per 1,000. Of every 1,000 children born, 189 die under the age of one year, against 159 in the rest of London.

The Insanitary State of the Area.

The mortality from measles, diarrhœa, and whooping-cough is very much higher than in the rest of London, the chief conditions tending to these deaths being: 1) Loose, damp soil, polluted by liquid filth from defective sewers; (2) density of population; (3) crowding of buildings on the area; (4) restriction of and impediments to the free circulation of light and air both within and without the buildings; (5) sewer emanations; (6) accumulations of domestic refuse in ashpits and dustbins; (7) absence of efficient control of drains, and of the dairy farms supplying milk to the local dairies. The high rate of infant mortality is due to: (1) Bad environment, insanitary conditions, overcrowding, and the non-provision of parks and open spaces; (2) improper and insufficient food; (3) mismanagement through maternal ignorance, and the fact that women have to work; (4) early marriages; (5) dissipation of the parents; and (6) use of opiates in the shape of patent medicines.

I was appointed to the Benefice in November, 1897, by the Corporation of the City of London, and on taking up work here found the Parish Church in an excellent state of repair, and was thus freed from the responsibility which often rests upon a new incumbent. This was due entirely to the energy and devotion of my revered predecessor, the Rev. T. G. Gardiner, now Rector of Farnham, whose splendid service both to Church and Parish must always be remembered. Mr. Gardiner attracted to himself a large and devoted band of workers, most of whom have continued to render to me the same ungrudging assistance which they formerly gave to him. The Church-going habits of the parishioners are but scanty. The proportion of Church-goers to that of the population throughout London is small, but I should say that in St. George's Parish it is a long way below the average. We seldom have a larger morning congregation than 200, or an evening one than 600, and that in a parish of 13,000.

During the year the average congregation has been maintained. Daily Services have been started, and celebrations of Holy Communion on Saints' Days, but few have seen their way to attend. The organ has been improved and restored at a cost of £215; of this sum £200 was obtained from the Jubilee Fund, £10 was contributed by Mr. Howard Morley, and the remaining £5 was collected at the opening service.

Through the kindness of Mr. Peirse Duncombe we have had the help of a second Assistant clergyman. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have raised their grant from £60 to £120, and the Additional Curates Society have made us a grant of £50 per annum. Mr. Duncombe has generously made up the balance. To him the Parish owes a great debt of gratitude. The Rev. Godfrey Dale, who has filled the post so admirably for the last four months

has left us, having been appointed to the Vicarage of All Saints, Newmarket. His successor is the Rev. H. H. Brown, formerly of Holy Trinity, Stepney.

It is perfectly evident that such a Parish as this requires at least three Curates in addition to the Rector, if it is to be thoroughly visited, and I shall be very glad if another generous donor will proffer his aid as Mr. Duncombe has done. There are two Mission Rooms in the Parish both doing valuable work. The one is situated in the district known as the Triangle, and is entirely supported by members of Christ Church, Chislehurst, whose kindly services I gratefully acknowledge. The other is in Chapel Court, off the Borough High Street in the poorest and most squalid part of the Parish. The Rochester Diocesan Society have made a grant of £40 to pay the rent, &c. In this room Mission Services, Bands of Hope, Bible Classes, Mothers' Meetings, Provident Banks, Saturday and Sunday Schools are held.

During the past year the number of District Visitors has shown a gratifying increase. It is only by the help of ladies who are prepared to give up their leisure time to this work, that the Clergy in Parishes like this can keep in anything approaching to touch with the great bulk of the parishioners. The help they render to us is very great, whilst the indirect influence of the presence of ladies month by month in the homes of the very poor must be very considerable.

The Sunday Schools in the Borough Road and in Chapel Court continue to do excellent work under the enthusiastic superintendence of Mr. Cannon and and Miss Hodge, with the support of a large body of teachers, who ungrudgingly give up their scanty leisure on the Lord's Day to the noble task of training the young in the fear and love of God. We have in all about 650 children in the schools. If only sufficient teachers were procurable another Sunday School might be opened in an adjacent Board School, as there are hundreds of children in the Parish who are not yet gathered into the schools of any religious body.

One great drawback to the efficient working of the Parish is the absence of a Rectory or a Clergy House. At present the Clergy have to live scattered about at some distance from the Parish Church. I have accordingly approached the Corporation of London as Patrons of the Living to see if the Bridge House Estates' Committee can grant me a site for the purpose of building such a House. The matter, however, is still *sub judice*.

The condition of the National Schools in the Borough Road is one of great difficulty and anxiety. The buildings are quite out of date and liable to be condemned at any moment. They stand on land belonging to the Bridge House Estates' Committee of the City of London, the lease expiring on the 25th of March of the current year. The Committee have offered to sell the Freehold for £1,600, or renew the lease at a ground rent of £50 per annum as against

the present rent of £17. They have, however, signified their readiness to grant an extension of the present lease for a year or two so as to give the managers the opportunity of raising the sum necessary for rebuilding. The estimated cost is £5,000, but probably with the recent increase in the cost of labour and material at least £6,000 will be wanted. Of this sum there is about a third in hand, and the managers have issued an appeal for the remainder. To raise such a sum as this in so poor a Parish as St. George's is out of the question, and therefore the appeal is made to outsiders. I feel constrained to say that even with the increased Government Aid the outlook for Voluntary Schools in poor parishes is by no means encouraging. When the schools are erected, to manage them efficiently a subscription list of about £200 per annum is necessary. The average during the last five years has been about £80, so we shall be by no means out of the wood even when the new schools are built.

My predecessor during his tenure of office gave his sanction to the proposal of the London County Council to construct a new road through the Churchyard, which will practically be the continuance of Tabard Street right out into the Borough High Street. This will have the effect of placing St. George's Church on a sort of island. It will undoubtedly relieve the traffic which tends to become very congested outside the Church, but it will have the great disadvantage of depriving us of a portion of the Churchyard, and of bringing a road with all its consequent noise, &c., up to the very east wall of the Church. I have endeavoured to extract a promise from the County Council to place double windows throughout the Church to deaden the noise, but so far nothing has been settled. Another great disadvantage of the scheme will be that we shall lose the Parish Room, which has been invaluable to us for parochial gatherings, but which will now have to be pulled down. The only compensating advantage, as far as I can see, will be the destruction of some courts and alleys behind the Church, at present most undesirable spots.

During the year the Charity Commissioners have published a draft scheme for the re-organization of the Parish Charities. The old endowed Charities amount in all to about £1,400 a year. They are intended of course for the whole Civil Parish of St. George's, which has a population of about 60,000 and which embraces five Ecclesiastical Parishes. At present they are distributed in doles in a haphazard fashion, and no one can say that they confer a substantial or lasting benefit upon the recipients. The Commissioners propose to consolidate the various trusts, set aside £300 a year for Nursing the Sick Poor, and for nursing necessaries, devoting the rest of the Income available to Pensions for the Deserving Aged. The whole will be under the direction of a new Board, consisting of the Rector (*ex-officio*), five Co-opted Trustees (two of them, Mr. R. D. Hilton and Mr. J. Chubb, for life) selected by the Commissioners, and seven Representative Trustees elected by the Vestry. The scheme will doubtless be modified

in certain particulars, but it is not unlikely that it will become Law much as it stands at present.

I must bear tribute to the assistance of several valuable agencies at work in the Parish, though they are not directly connected with the Parish Church, and which are making a deep impression on the welfare of those who live here, *e.g.*, the Charity Organization Society, which helps the deserving poor on sound lines, and whose assistance I very cordially acknowledge ; the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants, supplying a very real need in starting and helping young girls in domestic service, providing outfits, &c. ; the Invalid Children's Aid Association, under the charge of the ladies residing at the University Settlement in Nelson Square, looking after that class of the community the least able to help itself ; the Southwark Poor Children's Help Society, which has made us a grant of over £20 during the year ; and the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Our own share in the direct distribution of relief has been well and carefully supervised by one of the wisest and most experienced of lady workers in London—Miss Busk, to whose discriminating methods and thoughtful efforts this Parish owes a great debt of gratitude. Her kindly sympathy, her wise judgment, her ready tact and kindly interest in all that concerns the welfare of the poor have been invaluable. There are not a few in the Parish of St. George the Martyr who gratefully recognise her as the best and kindest of friends. Many a humble family to-day in the Parish has to thank her for keeping the home together when the breadwinner was laid aside through illness, or out of work through no fault of his own. Nor must I forget the Ladies' Association at Weybridge, which sends us substantial help in the way of hampers of delicacies for the sick, all of which are wisely administered by the two Nurses.

As I look to the future and survey the probable work for 1899, I very earnestly ask those who have helped hitherto, either by personal service or by gifts, to continue to do so. There are, however, some directions in which we may look for some advance.

(1) We are in urgent need of a third Curate, to work in the district known as the Triangle. At present it is under my charge, with the valuable assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, but owing to the incessant demands upon one's time and strength in the numberless matters which fall upon the Head of a Parish like St. George's, it is quite impossible for me to give the time to systematic house-to-house visitation, which I have always held to be one of the chief duties of the clergy. Three curates for 13,000 cannot be called an excessive number.

(2) The services of another Scripture Reader, who will visit regularly in the courts and buildings off Borough High Street and help in the Chapel Court Mission Room, are

much wanted. I should much like to see a Church Army captain and his wife in this part of the Parish, but funds will not allow it.

(3) District Visitors and Sunday School Teachers. I feel there are many ladies of leisure in my old parishes at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. George's, Hanover Square, who, if only they would consent to come and work here, would receive a hearty welcome, and in time would come to find the work blessed and profitable. It is hard to overrate the importance of systematic district visiting.

There can be no question that in Southwark the Church has lost its hold upon the people, if indeed it ever had a hold at all, Thousands are living lives of practical heathenism, never entering a place of worship, never thinking of the necessity of training their children in the fear and love of God, never thinking of anything higher than the dull round of monotonous toil varied with evenings spent at the public house. There are hundreds of children who ought to be in Sunday Schools but are never found on the Lord's Day elsewhere than on the streets, their childish lips uttering words of awful blasphemy which they constantly hear from their elders, their childish eyes growing accustomed to sights in which they will all too soon take part themselves. There is only one remedy, and that is to send among them men and women whose hearts are on fire with the love of God and their fellow men, who are ready to spend themselves and be spent in their Master's service, who will strive to help, comfort, bless, and raise those with whom they are brought into contact, to whatsoever things are pure, honest, true, lovely, and of good report.

I am not anxious to identify this parish with sensational appeals based on an exaggerated estimate of what it is possible for the Clergy of the Church of England to effect, nor have I the desire of acquiring the reputation of a begging-letter writer. I am placed here primarily to carry on the spiritual work of the Church, but there are many directions in which money can from time to time, in fact, almost incessantly, be profitably spent.

If any who read these lines see fit to entrust me with sums which they feel called upon to devote to religious and social purposes, I will try to expend them to the very best advantage, and at the end of the year give an account of my stewardship.

The work in a Parish like St. George's is a difficult and at times an almost despairing one, with very little to encourage and a great deal to discourage. It is a work in which we cannot hope or expect to see much result, but it is a work which involves self-denial; and this after all is the highest of all Christian virtues, because it was the

key-note of the life of Him who came leaving us an example that we might follow in His footsteps. We can only toil on, hoping that in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

W. J. SOMMERVILLE.

Rector of St. George's.

I have the Bishop of Rochester's sanction for publishing the following letter:—

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
KENNINGTON PARK, S.E.
December 24th, 1897.

DEAR MR. SOMMERVILLE,

You have a very hard and needy Parish, and one in which there are few residents able to do very much. I trust that you may be liberally helped.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

EDW. ROFFEN.

CHURCHWARDENS' STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

FROM APRIL 1st 1897, TO MARCH 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Collections:—			
For Church Expenses...	178	8	3
,, Poor (early morning)	12	3	3
,, ,, (mid-day)	14	5	4
On Afternoons, for Sunday Schools	5	0	8
,; Hospital Sunday ...	28	0	4
,, Harvest Festival ...	17	6	1
,, Lord Mayor's Visit	25	9	5
Received from:—			
Jubilee Stand A/c. ...	50	0	0
National Telephone	4	0	0
Balance due to Churchwardens	43	14	11
	£378	8	3

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Hospital Sunday Fund	28	0	4
Curate Fund	20	0	0
Choir ,, ...	17	6	1
Poor ,, early morning	12	3	3
,, ,, mid-day	14	5	4
Organist.....	40	0	0
Music	6	13	7
Blower and Tuner	15	8	0
Bell-ringing	8	0	0
Church Cleaners	47	14	0
Extra Cleaning.....	1	15	9
Window Cleaning	6	0	0
Mr. Gough.....	6	0	7
Gas	0	7	0
Electric Light	26	14	6
Water	1	10	0
Printing	41	18	0
Repairs	5	2	11
Communion Wine	5	6	0
Surplices	2	12	8
Police	1	0	0
Coal, Coke, Wood	6	2	1
Church Council Expenses	0	17	6
Sundries.....	4	7	1
Registers	1	12	6
Assurance	8	0	3
Stamps (Lord Mayor's Visit	1	6	6
To Mr. Cannon (Afternoon Collections	5	0	8
Balance due to Churchwardens from last year	43	3	8
	£378	8	3

The Churchwardens desire to remind the Congregation that, although £50 has been received by them from the Jubilee Stand Account, they are still £43 in debt.

WILLIAM NEVILLE, *Rector's Warden.*

THOMAS HAYNES, *Renter Warden.*

RICHARD RAMSDEN FULTON, *Puisne Warden.*

Examined and found correct. G. W. SHELLEY, *Auditor.*

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Barclay, Perkins & Co.	21	0	0
Courage & Co.	10	0	0
Rev. R. A. Bullen	10	0	0
Howard Morley, Esq....	10	0	0
Sir F. Wiggin, Bart. ...	5	5	0
Mrs. Whitmore	5	5	0
Miss Aston	5	5	0
National Model Dwellings Company	5	5	0
Thomas Rutt, Esq.	5	0	0
Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P.	5	0	0
Col. Montague Browning, C.B.	5	0	0
Lady Palgrave	3	3	0
R. & H. Jenner.....	3	3	0
Toulmin Cattley, Esq. .	3	3	0
J. Bulkeley Esq.	3	0	0
Miss Baring Young	2	0	0
C. Oscar Gridley, Esq.	2	2	0
Mrs. Eyres	2	0	0
F. A. Bevan, Esq.	2	0	0
W. Morgan, Esq.....	2	0	0
Mrs. Stewart Margetson	2	2	0
Zephaniah King, Esq. .	2	2	0
Mr. Deputy White, J.P.	2	2	0
Miss Winthrop.....	1	10	0
Mrs. Crichton	1	10	0
E. Lloyd Williams, Esq.	1	1	0
J. Dietrichsen, Esq.....	1	1	0
Thomas Williams, Esq.	1	1	0
Edward Thomas, Esq. .	1	1	0
R. & T. Collis	1	1	0
D. Verity, Esq....	1	1	0
Mrs. Winthrop.....	1	1	0
,, Armstrong	1	1	0
,, Keen.....	1	1	0
F. Freke Palmer, Esq....	1	1	0
Taylor's Depository Co.	1	1	0
L. C. P. Hill, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Metzler.....	1	1	0
Ex-Sheriff Dewar.....	1	1	0
H. Walker, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Mc Lean	1	1	0
Miss Tomlinson	0	10	0
Hon. Victoria Grosvenor	0	10	0
T. Southwell, Esq.	0	10	0
	£138	0	0

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Curate Fund.....	15	16	8
Sick and Poor Fund ...	35	16	0
Nursing Fund	1	1	0
Mission Room Fund ...	11	14	9
Sunday Schools (per Mr. Cannon)	12	12	6
Band of Hope (per Mr. Cannon)	2	4	9
Band of Hope (per Rev. B. Cass)	1	1	0
Working Party (per Mrs. Fulton)	2	0	0
National Schools (per Rev. B. Cass)	12	12	0
Gymnastic Classes (per Rev. B. Cass)	5	0	0
Repairs to Church Bells (per Mr. W. Neville)	11	6	0
Cornell, for Printing ...	1	3	0
Parish Almanacks	5	12	9
Extra Music for Choir (per Mr. Lawson)	4	0	0
Sundry expenses, carriage of parcels, extra labour, &c. ...	5	0	0
Deficit on Parish Magazine Account.....	5	0	0
Balance to carry forward	6	2	7
	£138	3	0

Examined and found correct. F. W. EYRE.

CHURCH CHOIR FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Per Harvest Festival ...	17	8	4
Miss Busk	10	0	0
Easter Boxes	5	16	5
Dr. Cooper Perry	5	5	0
"Elijah Service".....	5	0	0
Rector (a)	5	0	0
,, (b)	0	18	6
Mr. Shelley	2	2	0
Mrs. Whitmore.....	1	1	0
Dr. Jacquet	1	1	0
Mr. Lamprell	1	1	0
Mrs. Fletcher	1	1	0
Mr. Lawson	1	0	0
,, Palmer.....	1	0	0
,, Fulton	0	10	6
,, Catton	0	10	6
,, Lewis	0	10	6
,, Newman	0	10	6
,, Page.....	0	10	0
,, Woolf	0	5	0
,, Summers.....	0	5	0
,, Bailey	0	5	0
Two friends	0	5	0
Mr. Lawrence	0	5	0
Mr. Carter.....	0	2	6
Balance from 1897	0	0	1
	£61	13	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
March payments	12	0	0
June ,, ...	17	8	0
September ,, ...	10	0	0
December ,, ...	17	5	0
Expenses for Musical Services	2	17	0
Balance	2	3	10
	£61	13	10

G. W. Shelley, *Auditor.*
Wm. Neville, Rector Warden, *Treasurer.*

ORGAN FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Jubilee Stand a/c, June 28th.....	100	0	0
Jubilee Stand a/c, July 8th	100	0	0
Mr. Howard Morley (per Rector).....	10	0	0
Church Collection	5	0	0
Lent Boxes	7	13	11
	£222	13	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Kirkland, June 30th.....	100	0	0
,, July 9th	100	0	0
,, October 31st..	15	10	0
Eyre & Sons, November 5th	1	7	6
Balance (handed to Choir Fund)	5	16	5
	£222	13	11

R. R. Fulton.

SICK AND POOR FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	6	19	9
Offertories at St. George's at the Early Services	10	13	4
Offertories at St. George's at the Mid-day Services	13	14	2
Contents of Poor Boxes.	2	6	0
Lord Llangattock	25	0	0
Mrs. Vernon Harcourt (for Sick)	8	0	0
R. W. Edwards, Esq., C. C.	5	0	0
Christ Church, Crouch End (per Rev. C. J. Sharp)	5	0	0
Southwark Poor Children's Aid Society.	22	5	9
J. Sinclair, Esq. (Convalescent Aid)	1	1	0
Mr. Henry Nicholl	5	0	0
Miss Roper	3	3	0
Captain Loder	3	3	0
General Fund	35	16	0
	£147	2	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Pensions for Poor (per Charity Organization Society)	7	16	0
Special Cases (per Charity Organization Society)	2	0	0
Subscription to the Surrey Dispensary.	1	1	0
Subscription to the Waterloo Rd. Hospital	1	1	0
Nourishment for the Sick	33	17	10
Convalescent Expenses.	5	14	8
Nursing Necessaries ...	5	6	0
Placing girls in situations, cost of Outfits, &c.	9	7	5
Expenditure for Children	22	5	9
Loans to Deserving Poor (£24 18s. 8d. minus £14 13s. 7d. repaid)	10	5	1
Miscellaneous relief—Food, Coal, Lodging, &c.	25	1	10
Relief given in money to various cases in the year.....	20	5	5
Miss Sellon (interest on the Provident Bank)	3	0	0
	£147	2	0

Audited and found correct. F. W. Eyre.

MISSION ROOMS' FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Rochester Diocesan Society	40	0	0
London City Mission, for Gas	2	12	0
Per Miss Sellon	8	15	0
Per Miss Gardiner (Cleaning Parish Room)	5	4	0
Miss Churchill (Rent of Parish Room) ...	10	0	0
General Fund	11	14	9
	£78	5	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Rents	53	15	0
Cleaning, &c.	15	12	7
Gas and Fuel	4	4	0
Repairs and Renewals.	2	5	6
Rates and Taxes	2	8	8
	£78	5	9

Audited and found correct, 7th January, 1899. F. W. Eyre.

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Ecclesiastical Commissioners	90	0	0
Additional Curates Society	12	10	0
G. T. Peirse Duncombe, Esq.	32	10	0
Offertory on February 27th (on the visit of the Lord Mayor)	20	0	0
St. George's, Hanover Square, (per Rev. D. Anderson)	10	0	0
Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill, (per Rev. H. Woffindin)	6	13	4
General Fund	15	16	8
	£187	10	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Stipends of Assistant Clergy	187	10	0
	£187	10	0

Audited and found correct, 7th January, 1899. F. W. Eyre.

NURSING FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Miss Annie Busk	50	0	0
Mr. Charles Busk	10	0	0
Lady Loder	1	1	0
W. Busk, Esq.	1	1	0
Lady Burrell	1	1	0
Mrs. Lionel Wells	2	2	0
Rochester Diocesan Society	10	0	0
Anonymous	100	0	0
Miss Busk	50	0	0
General Fund	1	1	0
	£226	5	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Stipends, &c, of Nurses	225	5	0
	£225	5	0

Audited and found correct, 7th Jannary, 1899. F. W. Eyre.

PROVIDENCE SUNDAY NIGHT SCHOOL.

Tea and Prizes.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Donation, Rev. T. G. Gardiner	7	3	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Prizes and Tea	7	3	9

Annual Excursion.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	3	2	0
Collected by Mr. G. Carver	5	10	6
Collected by Mr. G. W. Cannon	18	2	6
Sale of Tickets	2	6	6
	£29	1	6

	£	s.	d.
Catering	9	8	10
Railway	11	12	11
Hymn Books	1	11	6
Printing Star Cards	0	12	0
Arrangements, Printing Rosettes, &c.	2	8	1
Balance in hand	3	8	2
	£29	1	6

Audited and found correct. W. Neville.

G. W. Cannon, *Superintendent.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL CASH ACCOUNT for 1898.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Church Collection, Sunday School Days	8	8	9
Winter Treat & Prizes.	15	0	0
Annual Excursions	52	17	3
Donations by Rector	3	8	0
Sale of Lesson Books and Papers to Teachers	4	9	7½
Sale of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books to Scholars	2	15	10½
Collected for Foreign Missions	16	0	4¾
Collected for Sunday School Union Holiday Home	1	3	3
Collected for Homes for Little Boys	1	5	6
Collected for Surrey Dispensary	0	18	8¾
Collected for Colonial and Continental Church Society	0	12	0
Commission on Crystal Palace Ticket	0	1	4
Parents' Social	4	2	6
Rummage Sale	21	8	0½
Carried forward	132	11	3

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Due to Treasurer	0	16	5½
Annual Subscription to Sunday School Union	0	5	0
Annual Subscription to Church Sunday School Institute	0	10	6
Annual Subscription to Home for Little Boys	1	1	0
Annual Subscription to Surrey Dispensary	1	1	0
Donation to Colonial and Continental Church Society	0	12	0
Donation to Sunday School Union Children Holidays Home	1	3	3
Donation to Sunday School Swimming Club	1	10	0
Donation to Church Missionary Society	8	3	9
Donation to South American Missionary Society	7	16	4
Winter Treats and Prizes	13	1	0
Annual Excursions	38	2	3
Excursion Reserve Fund	10	0	0
Carried forward	84	2	6½

Brought forward ...	132	11	3	Brought forward ...	84 2 6½
				Music and Refreshments — Crystal Palace Choir	0 8 0
				Days of Intercession...	0 19 1
				Repairing Harmonium	1 7 6
				Printing	3 6 0
				School Cleaning, &c....	6 0 10
				Hymn Books & Bibles.	2 14 0
				Prizes & Framing Certificate — Scholars Examinations	0 18 9
				Lesson Books, Papers, Registers & Music.	6 9 9
				Postage, Carriage and Stationery	1 18 1
				Parents' Social	4 2 6
				Expenses of Rummage Sale	1 14 0
				To Prize Fund from Rummage Sale ...	8 0 0
				To Band of Hope from Rummage Sale ...	2 0 0
				Lesson Pictures for Infants	0 13 6
				Balance in hand.....	7 16 8½
	£132	11	3		£132 11 3

Audited and found correct, 7th January, 1899.

G. W. Cannon, *Superintendent.* W. Neville, *Rector's Warden.*
Frederick J. Smith.

SALE OF WORK, December 10th, 1898.

Income.

			£	s.	d.
Misses Smith, Stall ...			5	5	7
Mrs. Kilpatrick ,, ..			6	0	0
,, Jacquet ,, ...			2	15	9
,, Lamprell ,, ...			4	5	8
,, Sedgwick ,, ..			4	3	6
Refreshment Room			1	14	11
Door Money			1	9	6
Donations:—					
Miss Lewis ...	1	0 0			
,, Cross ...	0	5 0			
Mrs. Kilpatrick	0	10 0			
,, Sedgwick	0	5 0			
			2	0	0
Surplus Sales			1	4	10
			£31	19	9

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Turner	0	12	1
Messrs. Clark, Nichols and Coombes, Sweets	1	4	0
Mr. Cornell, Printing ...	1	10	6
Refreshments	0	3	10
Labour 0 1 6			
,, ... 0 6 6			
	0	8	0
Balance	28	1	4
	£31	19	6

Audited and found correct. A. E. Sellon.

EXPUNGING A PARISH.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WATERLOO STATION.

Special to "The Leader."

The proposed extension of Waterloo Station, while clearing away one of the most unsavory quarters of Lambeth, will have the effect of blotting out a parish from the map of London. Most of the property between the present station and Lower Marsh is to come down, and with it the Church of All Saints', Lower Marsh, with its adjoining schools.

A *Morning Leader* representative disturbed the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Lee, yesterday afternoon at the vicarage amid the packing of his books and valuables.

NOT IN HIS LINE.

"Let me see," said the rev. doctor to our representative, "you are from a Radical paper? I hate newspapers, and especially Radical ones. They are all liars and do everything but say their prayers.

"But you say you have come for facts," he continued. "Well, you may begin by contradicting the statement that has appeared in many papers that I have resigned. I do not do so until 1 Nov., and not until after that date will the parish cease to exist by Act of Parliament, and with it all the officials. What then remains of the old parish will be handed over to St. John's, Waterloo-rd."

The church, he said, was built in 1841, and ministered to a population according to an amateur census of about 4,000 persons, and was practically an offshoot of St. John's, Waterloo-rd. The church was a large one, seated for 2,000 people, and the sculptured marble reredos which cost £500 was considered to be the finest in South London. The building, he confessed, was not imposing with its steeple cut off a few feet from the roof. The L.C.C. some years ago condemned the steeple as being unsafe, and the damage done to the archway by the scaffolding is still mourned by the vicar.

FATE OF THE CHURCH.

"Further than that," said the vicar, "I can say no more. The fate of the church will be left in the hands of a committee representing the bishop of the diocese, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and S.W.R. Company."

Our representative afterwards visited the school, and was just in time to see about 20 tiny urchins caned for being late.

The master said the scholars were a rough lot, and of the 140 boys and girls in the school nearly all resided in the doomed neighborhood. According to the Act the railway company may not take All Saints' School until after the expiration of nine months after the company shall have conveyed to the vicar and churchwardens an approved site within the boundaries of the old parish for the erection of new premises to the satisfaction of the Education Department, and shall have deposited £4,000 to defray the cost of putting up such a building,

NEW BUILDINGS.

With regard to the church, the Act provides that the building be left alone until twelve months after the railway company has handed over to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners a sum of £4,500 for the erection of a new church or hall.

The old parish of All Saints', Lambeth-marsh, will therefore cease to exist in its official character, and the work attached to what will eventually remain of the old district will probably be done from St. John's, Waterloo-rd.

From 'The Echo' Sept 20/99 SH

Dr. Frederick George Lee, the venerable incumbent of All Saints', Lambeth, will shortly resign his living. The days of his church are numbered. It will be pulled down to make room for the extension of Waterloo Station, and the parish will be absorbed in that of St. John's, Waterloo-road. All Saints', though only forty years old, is in an exceedingly dilapidated condition.

Dr. Lee was one of the early Ritualists, distinguished by his consistent and frankly expressed desire for re-union with Rome, and was one of the founders of the Association for the Promotion of the Unity of Christendom a little more than forty years ago. He is a man of varied learning, and has written something like a hundred books, the list of which fills twenty-one pages in the British Museum catalogue. His Newdigate prize poem in 1854, "The Martyrs of Vienne and Lyons," had the unusual fortune to go through five editions. Dr. Lee is highly esteemed as a preacher and hymn writer. Echo. Sept 20/99

Interview with the Rev. F.G. Lee, D.D., D.C.L., Vicar of All Saints' Lambeth, at the Vicarage, 148, York Road. (E.A.) June 19.99.

Dr. Lee has been at All Saints for 32 years, and is thus a man of long S. London experience. But he has little to tell of his own parish work. The interest of the interview consists in the strong expression of opinions that it elicited on many subjects of general interest, ecclesiastical and political. He was dressed in cassock but wore no biretta; is a man of medium heightwith a tendency to embonpoint; gray, with some hair on the face; eyes keen; manner at first a little abrupt, but afterwards very friendly. He is an old warrior, and feels that he is being left alone in the fight. But he is no pessimist. He talked with great vigour, saying occasionally perhaps a little more than he meant. But he would never admit this, and I may be wrong in saying it. He looked his jolliest and twinkled most when he said the most uncompromising things.

I started badly as he led off with an abrupt question as to Mr. Booth's standpoint: "Was the inquiry being made from a Church point of view?" "No." "From a Christian point of view?" "No; in my reply I used the word "scientific". Then it was from an Agnostic point of view? I felt that it was all over, but again essayed to explain, quite expecting that he would politely tell me

that a conversation would be useless, when he suddenly changed ~~xxxx~~ his tone, saying that he would answer any questions that I liked to put, but I must understand that he would do so always ~~xxxxxxx~~ as a clergyman and as a Christian.

The population of the parish is about 4000, instead of about 5000 ~~xxx~~ as it was when he came. The people are mainly artisans and labourers, and doubtful people. Shop keepers live away for the most part, and the time has long gone by when the merchants and others with their premises on the river banks lived in the n'hood. The tendency is still for the district to get poorer. Two influences were mentioned (1) the proximity to the railway, and its noise; and (2) the disorderly houses. But the latter drive ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ people away who want to have a decent number of rooms to themselves at a decent rental, not because of the evil notoriety of a n'hood, but simply because disorderly houses command an abnormally high rental. The localization of vice is a distinct cause of high rentals, but then also "rates have gone up; those Liberal rascals who now command a majority on the Lambeth Vestry spend other people's money, and what do they care?!" He mentioned the extravagance of the Baths and Washhouses, which were described as not only having ruined two suc-

cessful private establishments, but as ~~xxxxxx~~ costing the ratepayers £27 a week.

The extension of the L.and S.W.terminus at Waterloo is however going to end the days of this parish as a separate ecclesiatical district, as the extension will absorb the Church, and the parish will be re-joined to that of S.John, Waterloo Road. A considerable displacement of the population will be also involved, but what will be the destination of those who may be evicted he could not say, any more than he could say what he will do himself. "God knows, I don't". I think that he regarded the decision to put an end to the separate existence of his parish as rather hard on himself, but he has decided to ask for and to accept no preferment of any kind. I think that he has a genuine affection for his parish, and it appears that he has more than once refused offers that would have taken him from it.

He had no printed matter to give me, ~~xxxxxx~~ but gave the following details.

Services: on Sundays (4); also on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, Saints' Days, and the eves. The Sunday morning congregation, with choir, is about 60; in the evening, about 150. The people who come are parishioners. He has no Communicants' Roll; objects to counting noses; but said that numbers were very few for

size of parish.

Sunday School about 120 or 130; good, but the children are generally lost later on.

The staff consists of himself and one curate; few o other helpers, and none from outside; no ladies; the parish is not fit for them to visit in.

He has no churchwardens, and none will serve, as they would be liable for a debt that was incurred some years ago, under an order of the Metropolitan Board of Works, in pulling down the spire. They can't touch him, but it appears that the L.C.C. would have the power to come down on any churchwarden.

Relief he keeps pretty much in his own hands, and he showed me a big file of letters, all begging, that had come to him since last November. It was a proof that he is well known, and that a written appeal is not unlikely to answer. But it means, as he said, a good deal of work. He gives mostly in tickets, and on personal knowledge, and says that his system works excellently. Most of the money, about £100 a year, come from himself and some few friends. "I am not a clerical mendicant" As for working with a Committee of ladies or the C.O.S., such a plan would not suit him at all. And he used some strong language about the latter. "He" ought

to be prosecuted, and, although he mentioned no names, I knew whom he meant. But, of course, it was a façon de parler. Later on, he was speaking of the other agencies at work in his parish -- a Chapel and a Hall that used to be in the hands of the London City Mission, a Society, he said, that stood on the same level and ought to be treated in the same way as the C.O.S. He detests them both.

His National Schools are, he said, excellent, but like the Church, they are coming down. He does not know what alternative provision may be made, but fears that the Board may absorb the children, and the Board is anathema to him. He has never had anything to do with their schools and never will, for they are the xxxxxxxxxxxxx very devil, just paganizing the children as fast as they can. "I have never entered one, and I never will". And then he added, "Odd fellow, am I not", and went on to say more about his point of view. He is an "old-fashioned Tory, and an old-fashioned Tractarian", and his churchmanship and his politics appear to isolate him almost as much from other churchmen, as they do from Dissent, Board Schools, and all modern forms of democratic life. "I despise the British public" he said, and added that he "would as soon worship a tom-cat as the British working-man". Representative government itself is to him a weakness, and he would advocate an autocracy. Balfour is to him the best of the

political leaders of the time, a strong man trying to do his duty. But he stands nearly alone. It was the time of the Irish Secretaryship that won Dr. Lee's heart, but his admiration has never ceased.

His impatience of the democracy was mingled with scorn of many of the clergy, and while he is indignant with men like Gore, regarding them as undermining the sound teaching of the Tractarians, he detests men like Jephson, Radicals and Socialists who subvert the Church, put class against class, and are indeed enemies of society. But perhaps his strongest aversion, after all, was the late Bishop of Rochester, once his own diocesan; now of Winchester. He had been speaking of Jephson, and saying that he got his parish finances in a hopeless muddle at S.John's, Waterloo Road, and that when he left, £2000 that had been collected for a new Vicarage was nowhere to be found."So they transferred him to the best living in South London". I suggested that what he had been saying pointed rather to inhibition than to preferment, and he agreed "if we had any men of leading in the Church".But what can you expect from a man who signs himself "Randall Roffen" or as it is now "Randall Winton"! a hybrid signature, sign of a hybrid mind."A contemptible man, working to his country's ruin." At another moment

we were speaking of marriage, and the prevalence of co-habitation. There is much of it, he said, but if I proposed to take strong action, what would the Bishop, meaning the present Bishop of Winchester, have said? He is an opportunist, bowing to the yoke of democratic opinion with the weakest and the worst. He would have asked: "Does the line of action you propose commend itself to the British working man? If not let it pass." That is the position. There is neither grit nor candour. And it all makes the old man furious and full of scorn, for, as he said, "I agree with Carlyle; men are mostly fools", and to this community of fools, the church and its leaders are bowing down.

The Church in South London is a reflection of the weakness and the confusion existing elsewhere. Things are "as bad as may be". In the earlier years of his life it was all handed over to the Low Church party. Then about thirty five years ago, there was a succession of Broad Church appointments. Now it is divided, and there is neither teaching nor leadership.

Note: Dr. Lea's judgemnets are fairly scathing all round, but perhaps he loathes the Low Churchman the most. He mentioned the following, as an indication of the depths to which South London Low Church practice could sink. A neighbour of his, "and I don't k know how what I am going to mention will strike you nor will I be so impertinent as to ask what your ow opinions are", for eleven years used to put what was unused of the sacramental wine (which whatever view

we may hold, has at any rate been consecrated) down the water-closet!

In spite of the falling away of others from his own position, he believes in it absolutely, and if he had to begin again "would not alter". But, although confident, he is not blind to the badness of his own immediate charge. The state of morality is "seething and putrid". T There are many good folk around, but the young are not c coming on, and we again came back to the Board Schools a the root of the mischief. Education, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ marriage, and religion are the three points, and in all three influences positively bad or negatively harmful are prevailing. It is almost vain to look for religious feeling in the young man and the mechanic of this generation. They are without it, and for their reading what have they? "Trumpery tracts by Bradlaugh and Stanton Coit and rascals of that kind!" Thus moral tone and the indivual life are like going rapidly on the down grade.

But still the old man, breathing as he is the religious atmosphere of the Oxford movement of some half century ago, is not despondent. "If you live long enough", he said "things come round", and he pointed to the decline of the belief in Free Trade as a case in point. So he still has hopes that we may become tired of representaive institutions, and the worship of public opinion; of ra-

tionalizing tendencies and of secular education; of loose morals, and of neglect of the Holy Sacraments. Meanwhile he will go on devoting himself during the short time he is left in it, to his parish,"never outside" as he said, but "xxxxxxxwandering and waddling about in it"always".

He mentioned the following points in connexion with notorious immorality of his parish: that even now there were some houses that he never entered alone, because of the evil that might be said; that many of the houses are in the hands of foreigners, and that some are Jews; that things are getting worse, but that the difficulty of taking action is enormous, and that even if the difficulty of getting evidence is overcome, moving on is not a certain gain; and that his own curate has taken, with his wife and family, a house that had had a notoriously bad name for 40 years, with the result that at first he was pestered all night by people coming and knocking and ringing at the door.

Dr. Lee appeared to regard his present Bishop and the Suffragan with a tolerant complacency, regarding them clearly as rather weak vessels, and describing them as "both amiable people". He smiled at the two circular letters he had had sent from them, with reference to the

Inquiry: "Two allocutions", as he said, "I think I ought to put them up in Church!"

He shrinks from publicity, in any case as regards his work, and his last words were "Use me, but don't publish me."

He gave me three pamphlets, one of Verses; one on The Neglect of Baptism; one on The Ecclesiastical Situation in 1899"; and a small volume (1889) entitled "A Manual of Politics" dedicated to Arthur Balfour.

Interview with the Rev. W.H.Longsdon, Vicar of S. Michael's, Lant St., Borough. At the Vicarage. (E.A.)
June 23.99.

" Do you mind coming round to the Church? We have the Litany on Friday morning, and, although no one is in the least likely to be there, some one probably would be if I did not go. I won't inflict the Litany on you.

I want you to see things for yourself, then you wil understand the position better. Yes, this is the Church; not up to much; one thing I confess I do envy my neighbo at All Hallows -- their church, a place that really does give people the sense of worship. We can get into the old Schools through here. This yard, just a few square feet, my predecessor used to advertise as "The girls' playground" the school was as bad as they make them, and evrything has gone to pieces. I can't tell you in what a state of neglect I found things. This is one of the old School rooms; the Kyrle Soc. is going to decorate it for us; we shall have a stage etc. and it will be very useful. All in a mess now, but we have to use it for a good many things."
(To a workman struggling to lift a heavy cupboard; other men standing by, doing their own work, and not helping). "Want that out of the way? " and then we set to, and, with the help of a second man, got the t thing where it was wanted. (To me) "Thanks; shame to let you in for that sort of job. Now lets go upstairs. Bet

ter room there; use it for clubs and so on. Helps, but not really much good to me from a Church point of view.

We'll make a round back to the Vicarage. On the whole the parish has improved. The two Common Lodging Ho Houses are the worst bits, one for women and one for men. Quite near to each other, and all sorts of abominations go on. I think they can get from one to the other by a back way. The owner is a wretch named Levy, and he has just got hold of some houses in Little Lant St. I am afraid he will be letting them out furnished for the night. He lives out in the suburbs somewhere; drives down here in his carriage, and is quite rich, the blackguard! But on the whole things are improving just round here. The way the Press writes about South London is all my eye; thieves have gone to West Kensington and the Stock Exchange. ----- Here we are in the Mint again, the Women's Lodging House at the corner, and all the rest is ours now, for verger, curate, club rooms, office for the parish work, and the Vicarage.The latter was a C.L.H. for men and women. Good big dining and drawing rooms aren't they? They were both dormitories, as the kitchen was underground. See the old sign in the corner there "Registered Lodging House"? We've kept that, but put it inside, in

stead of out. --- You had better see everything, and we shant find anybody about, for my wife was confined a fortnight ago, and we have cleared the family out. --- T This makes a very good bedroom, although it is just unde the eight feet high regulation limit. Seems rather absurd, but as no part is quite eight feet high the surveyor could not pass it as a bedroom, so we had to call it a box-room. If it had a sloping attic roof that started at 8 feet six, and ended at nothing at all, there would have been no difficulty about the plans. --- The buildings we took over gave us more trouble to get clean than the lodging house; they were under no inspecting authority, and were let out by the night to any unclean person that wanted to take them. And the bugs! I thought I should never get rid of them. Not sure that I have yet, but I consider myself an expert in them, if in nothing else. Sulphur is not a bit of good. --- Well you see we have plenty of room now, and the place does well enough. We are in the very heart of the parish, and have got rid of a black corner. It cost more than I expected, as alterations always do, but was worth it --- about £1100 altogether, and £600 for alterations. Lived in Merrick Square before. A big debt on the place still, and I'm not a very good hand, I suppose, at collecting it. But I mean to. Of course the people round here can't do much

although many of them live a jolly sight better than I do. They buy more cheaply, but that doesn't explain it altogether. They often buy things that I should not; For instance, the other day, I called on a poor family, and found them with new green peas on the table, before I ha had them. No, I don't think they go to the Bermondsey New Road to market. It is the other side of the Borough High St, and therefore a world away. We are very local in our habits, and many of the parishioners are old inhabitants. These are generally a decent set, with the police as an aristocracy. It is the visitors that bother us, like the sea-side -- people that have cut their moorings.

It is all rather up-hill work, but sometimes when I have got hold of a fellow influences come in that, instead of helping as they should, make it ten times harder. For instance, some time ago a man stopped away for one day from his work to look after his father who was an old man very ill. The son loses 5/6 -- his day's pay. The excuse is that it is a limited company, but the manager is a churchwarden & the danger of a precedent and a Sunday School teacher at Hornsey or somewhere, and my chap knows this; asks if this is what Christian practice means, and the whole court talks about it. What is the good of my preaching Christianity in the face of that sort of thing? An incident like that has more effect tha I can have in years. We want an association that will

teach practical Christianity to employers.

Then there is the competiti n of other people, for instance Duthy. He commands lots of money, and has about 12 Sisters who give a good deal, and his things are m n-aged on a more liberal acale than I can come up to. The other day, I heard of a boy who came to the Sunday Schoo and at a treat he only got a prize worth a half-penny. "Oh! says his mother, I shant send him to S. Michaels any more; why, he doesn't get anything there! Duthy's Sisters used to visit all through my parish in the time of my predecessor, but not now. He himself is a very goo fellow, and we are very good friends, but he goes a bit too far in my judgment. The man before me was a Low Churchman; one year he raised £230 and put £150 of it to his own income, but safe-guarded himself xxxxxx by putting inconspicuously in his appeal that one of the objects wa to swell the small stipend of the parish. In reality he spent precious little in the parish, but lived away, a sort of student life. However, he won a certain amount of respect among the local business firms, and when I came, some of them declined to subscribe any longer because it had been stated that I was a High Churchman. Rather hard on me, I thought, seeing that some of my neighbours will hardly admit that I am a churchman at all. I am though, and differ from my predecessor in insisting o

the obligations of the sacraments. But incense and candlesticks don't matter. The real question is relief. If that is put on a right basis, the Church will do some good; if not, not. I am in general agreement with the C.O.S. and am the Vice Chairman of the local Committee. I blame the London City Mission often for its bad philanthropy, and the district undoubtedly suffers from Fegan, and his propensity for giving free meals. The tone of the press about South London just now is full of danger. In the matter of relief, we don't want South London to become like East London. More money is wanted, but it should be spent on living agents, not perhaps on more clergy, but in getting the services of competent district visitors.

The great thing that we want is to change the opinion of people on the question of relief, and to make them understand that people can be injured and not helped by sixpence.

Other things that I should like to see is a regulation compelling the employees of a parish to live in it. All ours do, except the Medical Officer of Health, and he is allowed to live in the Temple, only because he has some work to do there. Then I think that the Board School teachers ought to be expected to live in the district. The complete desertion of poor districts by everybody of another class is one of the greatest evils and dangers.

Both getting helpers and getting money are great difficulties with me, and I sometimes wonder how people like Harry Wilson and the people at S. Alphage's manage it. Father Golden used to raise 3 or 4 thousand a year. Yes, he used to be called the "Costers' Bishop" and the press used to write it up. We used to laugh.

I think that Newton, who was here before me, used to get as many, if not more, to church than I do, but he had methods. For instance, he used to get tickets by the hundred from the Police Court Mission, and put them in the prayer books, for the old women to come and find. And when they had found them, they very often went out.

Yes, the death-rate for the district is high, but the percentage (27) is apt to be misleading. If you look into it you see that 45% of the deaths are of children under 5 years of age, poor little beggars who are not wanted. So the death-rate really indicates, not so much the unhealthiness of the n'hood, as bad home conditions, bad management, and neglect of the children. What they want is to be taught how to be clean, like the Evelina Hospital, which is the one really clean spot in the parish. That is the fault of our Medical Officer. He is a clever man, but is always rubbing us up the wrong way; he has ideas, but what we want is some one much more com

are down, and flushings all right, and that houses and people are clean. I am on the Vestry.

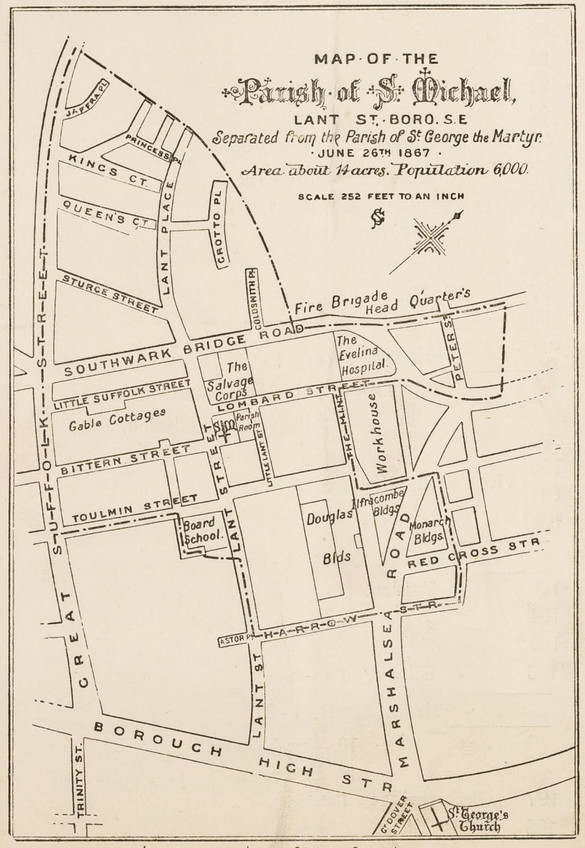
Gardiner brought me here, "bad luck to him," I am s some times inclined to say. But not always. I go up and down a good deal, and if you had come a fortnight ago, you would have found me rather down in the dumps. But I dare say it is all right. No, I have never had a living before; I had a school at Lewisham. I am glad you smoke. I find I get through a good deal of tobacco down here, b but I can't stand anything but a pipe. Gardiner's successor is a good enough fellow, but and will settle down. But, for the moment, he is getting some people's backs up with his Protestanism, and then he has muddled that affair of the bones rather. But Waldo, the M.O. is the real offender there. When Gardiner came, he asked Waldo, if the bones were harmful at all, and the answer was "no". When Summerfille comes the same question is put, but put officially; Waldo gives a different answer, and says that he has never been asked before. But these are little fusses of the moment.

One other thing I should like to mention, and that is the possibility of doing something to punish the use of disgusting language in the street. The old word "bl-- seems to have gone out, but its worse substitute "f-. " is always in the air, and the street is just outside my

LIST OF HOUSES, Etc,

IN

S. Michael, Southwark.



Line ·—·— shows Parish Boundary

dining-room window.

Yes, rents are going up somewhat. For instance, they were raised 1/6 a week in Toulmin St. recently.

The R.Cs. are weak ~~xxuuxxxxx~~ in this part. Meyer worries round, and Fegan I have already mentioned."

The above gives the gist of our talk. Longsdon is a man of about 40, and it is probably his figure on p.3 of the Report. For some details of the parish, see form. For a picture of the vicarage etc. see the Report. The list of streets ~~is~~ and houses is unusual.

Great Suffolk Street.

85
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88 H. Holliday, *Chimney Sweeper,*
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93 J. Harper, *Wardrobe Dealer.*

Caffrey Place. 1 - 10.

94 The Moonrakers, W. A. Gill
95
96
97 W. Eaton,
98

Princess Place, 1 - 21.

King's Court, 1 - 24 & 24a

King's Court Mission.

99
100
101
102 Victoria Buildings,

Queen's Court. 1 - 25

103 J. Fogden. *Grocer.*
104
105
106 J. Gibson, *Fishmonger,*

Sturge Street. 1 - 32.

10 Jones' Dairy.
17 E. Brown.

107 Petherbridge *Butcher.*
108 H. R. Elson, *Oilman,*

Great Suffolk Street Cont.

109 John Lee, *Fruiterer.*
110 J. Butterfield, *Pawnbroker,*
111 Down & Co., *Bakers.*
112
113 C. Evans, *Tobacconist.*
114 J. Porter, *Corn Chandler.*

Southwark Bridge Road.

Little Suffolk Street.

1a, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 6,
7. Rowland's Factory.
Gable Cottages 1 - 20.

115 The Duchess of Edinburgh, W. E. Crighton.
116 E. Forth, *Tobacconist.*
117 E Marciotta,
118 Dalton Bros. *Provision Merchants.*
119 F. Backes, *Baker.*
120 A. Craddock, *Draper.*
121 A. Everett, *Provision Merchant.*

Bittern Street,

122 South London Collar Dressing Co.
123 J. Kirby, *Provision Merchant*
124 E. Harvey, *Greengrocer.*
125 J. & S. Phillips, *Blacksmiths.*
126 W. Bishop, *Confectioner.*
127 The Skinners Arms, Edwin Leney.

Toulmin Street.

43

Southwark Bridge Road from Gt. Suffolk Street, to Evelina Hospital

199 The Windsor Castle, C. Sodenberg.
197 Dr. Massie, *Surgeon.*

195 H. Burges. *Provision Merchant*
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187 A. & E. Chillcott, *Collar Dressers.*
185 Matthews & Son,
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177 The Old Justice, C. Fowler.
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Lant Street.

Brigade House 1 - 25
Salvage Corps,
157 Wright & Co *Engineers.*
155
153
151 J. Dowse, *Machine Ruler.*
149 F. Sexton, *Cabinet Maker.*
Evelina Hospital.

Southwark Bridge Road from Gt. Suffolk Street,
120 to 90, again 74a to 68.

120
118 H. J. West & Co. *Engineers.*
114 S. Bone, *Watchmaker.*
112 Lodging House, H. A. Moore.
110 *Hairdresser.*
108 Redford, *Bootmaker.*
106 W. H. Goss, *Confectioner.*
104

Southwark Bridge Road, Cont.

102
100 G. Cathercole, *Horseflesh Dealer.*
98 Mrs Weager, *Newsagent.*

Lant Place,

96 The Goldsmith's Arms, Mr Richmond.
94 D. Davies, *Hairdresser.*
92
90

Boundary of S. George the Martyr & S. Saviours' Civil Parishes.

74a W. Bruce, *Builder.*
Borough Welsh Chapel.
72½
72 Hills, *Undertaker,*
70a Messrs Crowden & Garrod's Warehouse.
70
68

Great Guildford Street.

49 Part of
51 Staff. *Box Maker,*
53
55

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Bittern Street,
Even Numbers 2-34 inclusive.
Odd ,, 1-29 ,, } 32
Rodney Street, 1. 2. 3, 4.
Toulmin Street,
Odd Numbers only 11——39. 15
Lant Street.
2 & 4 J. Fitzgerald, *Wardrobe Dealer.*
6
8 T. Groves, *Chandler.*

Lant Street Cont.

10 F. Burkitt, *Iron Founder.*
G. Mullis, *Stone Mason.*
Croughton,
12 J. Rowland, *Sweet Manufacturer,*

Bittern Street,

14 Constantine, *Chandler.*
16
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26 W. Martin, *Baker,*

Toulmin Street,

Board School.
46
48 *Turncock,*
50
52 J. Tucker, *Wheelwright.*

Lant Street, left hand side
from Southwark Bridge Rd. to Boro', High St.

Brigade House.
Salvage Corps.

Little Lant Street.

S. Michael's Church,
11 T. Mason, *Greengrocer.*
13
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Little Lant Street

Lant Street Cont.

23 The Prince of Wales.
25
27
29 Mission House.
31 The Crown.
33.....odd Numbers to 53, 55a.
Hazeldine's Wheel Works.

Harrow Street,

1
3
Douglas Buildings, east side.

Marshalsea Road.

Harrow Street Sunday School.
17, 19, 21 & 23.

Disney Street,
E. Craner.

Little Lant Street.
14 Houses.

Marshalsea Road.

Douglas Buildings, 1 to 144.
16 Sets of 1 room.
35 ,, 2 rooms.
77 ,, 3 ,,
14 ,, 4 ,,
2 ,, 5 ,,

Ilfracombe Buildings. 1 - 48.
2 Sets of 1 room,
14 ,, 2 rooms.
32 ,, 3 ,,

Monarch Buildings, 1 to 20,
9 Sets of 1 room.
4 ,, 2 rooms,
7 ,, 3 ,,

Lant Street Co

10 F. Burki

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26 W. Martin

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Lant Street, left han
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24 Brigade

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11 T. Mason,

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Marshalsea Road Cont.

Monarch Buildings.

2a H. Holliday, *Newsagent.*

2½ Harris *Bootmaker.*

3 & 4 Evans Bros. *Dairy & Provision Merchants.*

The Worlds' Tea Company.

21 Days' Southern Drug Stores.

22 Devas, Routledge & Co.,

Lant Place.

1 G Hoy, *Greengrocer.*

2 to 21.

2 Cannon Place,

Grotto Place, 1 to 19.

Lower Grotto, 1 to 5.

Goldsmith Place, 1 to 14.

Lombard Street. 1500

S. Michael's Church.

S. Michael's Parish Rooms.

Little Lant Street.

Lodging Houses.

Out-patients entrance to Evelina.

The Mint.

Lodging Houses.

S. Michael's Mission House and Clubs.

TOTAL say—400 Houses, and 300 Sets of Rooms.

W. Hook Longsdon.

December, 1897, *Vicar.*

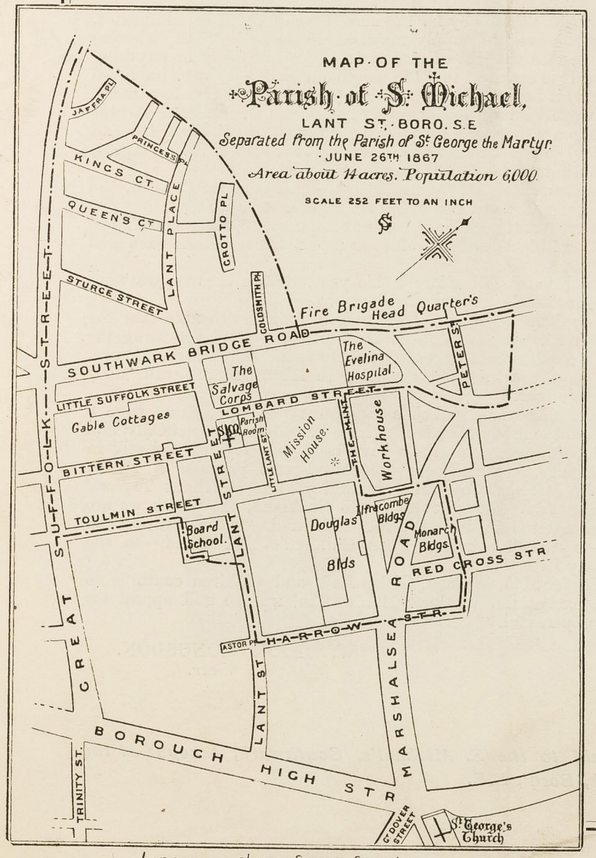
JANUARY, 1899.

Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheets,

For 1898.

THE CHURCH OF S. MICHAEL,

LANT STREET, BOROUGH, S.E.



Line ·—·—· shows Parish Boundary

Clergy.

Rev. W. H. LONGSDON.
Rev. N. PRITCHETT.

S. Michael Mission House, 89, Mint Street, Boro', S.E.

Grey Ladies.

Miss PURTON.
Miss RIDPATH.

S. Michael Mission House, 89, Mint Street, Boro', S.E.

Organist.

Mr. J. W. FISHER.

Sacristan.

Mr. A. F. COURTENAY.

Churchwardens.

Mr. A. BASSETT.
Mr. H. DOWNING.

Parochial Board.

The above Officials and
Mr. F. J. COE.
Mr. G. DOWNING.
Mr. F. MARTIN.
Mr. W. T. PALMER.
Mr. J. WILSON.
Mr. R. WRIGHT.

Parish Nurse.

Miss ISHERWOOD.

18, Newington Causeway, S.E.

Verger.

Mr. T. LAYLAND.

S. Michael Mission House, 89, Mint Street, Boro', S.E.

ONE PENNY.

Form A. – The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) What Educational Work is done?

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy 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?

General Questions—

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

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

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally

6000 - 1200

half out of work. other half City Police – Printer – Iron moulders etc.

They do not come to Church –
but nurse visits sick – Children are sent away

2 clergy, 1 Nurse, 1 Bible woman } p.d. 2 grey ladies unpaid; very useful.

Church – Parish Room (2). Mission House Club room

Daily 5.E. 100
Congregation 200.
+ Sund Sch - 200
110 Easter Communicants.

W. mens Club
C.L.B
Band of Hope
Mothers meeting
Gymnasium
Girls Sewing meeting
Concerts etc

Lads Club
Girls Club

→ we hope all is educational

– ? House to house once a year –

I mean quite sufficient – all sick moved to inspection in A.B

no case refused if we think we can really help.

– Spurgeons – Meyer's – Boro' Poly – C.O.S & neighbg churches –

There is a registration of Relief Assoc[n] which does a good deal of good

– Good.

*District*_____

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

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

S. Michael's, Lant Street, Borough, S.E.

PAROCHIAL BOARD REPORT FOR 1898.

Again the Balance Sheets show no Debt, though there is a big loan (or Debt) on the Mission House and Vicarage, 85 and 89, Mint Street.

The Church collections somewhat decreased and the expenses increased, so there was a deficit of £4 12s. 7d. paid by the Board, though the congregations have been larger.

The Living Agents Fund—the most important of all—as usual obtains very few special subscriptions, and needs a grant of £27 12s. 9d. We are again most grateful to Mrs. Saunders for securing us a Bible Woman.

The Poor Fund shows a slight increase; this is by far the most difficult Fund to administer. Many persons seem to think that a little money to supply material wants is sufficient, whereas if they came and worked they would see that the gift of materials either in money or anything else often does more harm than good. It is manifest that the neighbourhood will not be improved if a respectable wage earner, who keeps his home and children tidy (and thank God we have many such), sees his neighbour on a better wage keeping his home wretched and his children in rags through bad management or self indulgence, supported by *charitable* funds, his children fed and sent away for holidays because they *look* so poor and forlorn. What we need is the Living Agent, Church Workers, District Visitors, or whatever name you like for "personal influence."

The rateable value of the 14 acres comprising this ecclesiastical parish is about £17,000, and if we take away the Evelina Hospital and Lant Street Board School, etc., we find that our 6,000 people pay, roughly speaking, in rates, through their rents or otherwise, £5,000, about £2,500 of which goes to support the Poor. Our little Poor Fund of £100 does not seem much compared with this.

The Sunday School and Excursion Fund is rather larger this year, that is because we went to the seaside, a luxury we can only afford once in four or five years.

The Parish Room Fund remains much the same. It is very satisfactory to note that the Working Men's Club have paid £20 rent, when will the other Clubs and Meetings using the room follow such a good example? We still need £200 to thoroughly renovate the Parish Rooms. The floors are nearly through, the windows are wretched, the paint vanished and the walls need pointing. We hope to do something this year.

The New Mission House is a great success, of which a separate report appears on page 9

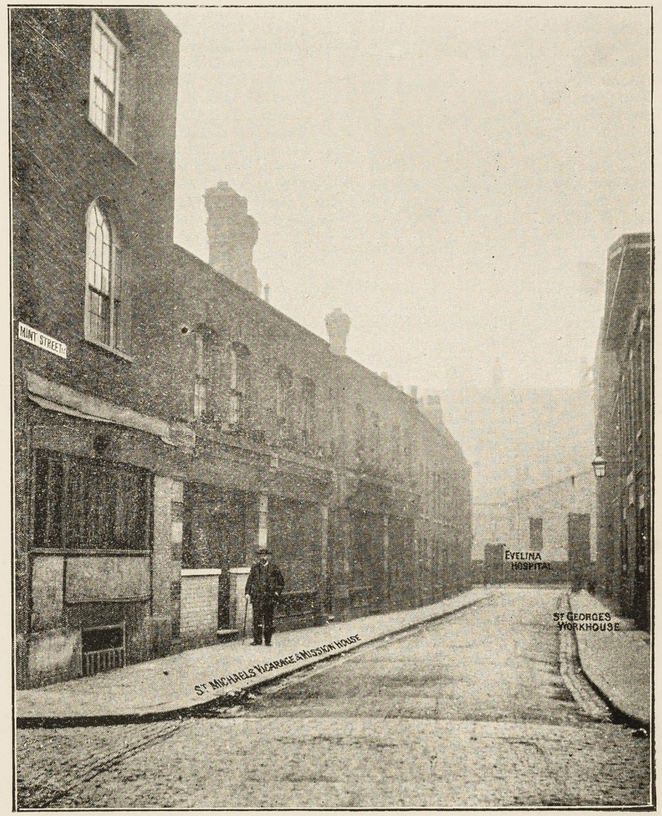
We offer our most sincere thanks to the many friends who have helped us so practically and sympathetically through a year in which the responsibilities have been very trying, and still in which the results have been satisfactory, especially to the friend who provides a Parish Nurse,—to the Fishmongers' and the Mercers' Companies as well as the Merchant Taylors' and Skinners' Companies,—to St. Michael's Needlework Guild,—to Buckland, the parish we are affiliated to—to the Christchurch, Lancaster Gate, Poor Parishes Aid Fund,—to the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association,—to the Southwark Poor Children's Aid Fund,—to the Leathersellers' Company for Dispensary Letters, etc.

The numerous Clubs and Meetings for Men, Women, Girls, Lads and Children continue to flourish, but are not self-supporting, except the Working Men's Club, and so still appeal for your kind support, both monetary and personal.

W. HOOK LONGSDON.
Vicar.

85, Mint Street,
Boro', S.E.,
January 7th, 1899.

P.S.—Subscriptions may be paid to the S. Michael's, Southwark, Account at the London and County Bank, Boro', S.E.



LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
Aird & Son, Messrs.	1	1	0
Archer & Co. ,, ...		10	0
Barclay, Perkins & Co...	2	2	0
Barnett, Mrs.		7	6
Buccleuch, The Duke of	1	0	0
C., T. & Co., Messrs.	1	1	0
Courtenay, Messrs. J. & W. J. ..	1	0	0
Craig & Rose, Messrs.		15	0
Crescens, Robinson, Messrs.	1	1	0
Crosse & Blackwell ,, ...	2	2	0
Dalton & Morgan ,, ...	1	11	0
Eastwood & Co. ,, ...		5	0
Falkirk Iron Company	2	2	0
Fishmongers Company, The	31	10	0
Gabriel & Sons, Messrs. T.		10	0
Gaskain, Esq., D. H.		5	0
Goble & Sothers, Messrs.		15	0
Hall, Beddall & Co., Messrs.		5	0
Harris, Messrs. J. F. & G.		5	0
Herron & Son, Messrs. G. R.	1	1	0
Hudson & Kearns, Messrs.	1	1	0
Jenner & Son, Messrs. R. & H. ..	1	1	0
Johnson, Johnson & Co., Messrs. ..		5	0
Kirkaldy & Son, Messrs. D.		5	0
Lovett, Esq., J. S.		5	0
Mead, Esq., J.		5	0
Mercers' Company, The	31	10	0
Menier Chocolate		5	0
Middleton & Co., Messrs. T.		10	6
Morris & Co., Messrs. Arthur	2	2	0
Nelson, Dale & Co., Messrs. G. ..	1	1	0
Noakes & Co., Messrs. J. T.		10	6
Nobles & Hoare, Messrs.	4	4	0
Petty, Wood & Co , Messrs.	1	1	0
Preller & Co., Messrs.		10	0
Pott, Messrs. R. & N.		10	0
Selmes, Jackson & Gulland, Messrs...	1	1	0
Skinners' Company, The	5	5	0
Siggs & Co., Messrs. G.		15	0
Smith, Messrs. G. Mence		13	0
Straus & Co., Messrs.		2	6
Tarn & Co., Messrs.	2	2	0
Taylor, Esq., Seth	1	1	0
Tea Victuallers' Association, Licensed		10	0
Walton, Turner & Walton		10	0
West, Jones & Co., Messrs.	1	1	0
Westminster, The Duke of	10	0	0
Wigan & Co., Messrs.	2	2	0
Wilcox & Co., Messrs. W. H.		10	0
Wright, Layman & Umney, Messrs. ..		10	0
	£120	17	0

NEW LIST OF GENERAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Larke (c)	1	0	0
E. W. Stahlschmidt, Esq.		10	6
Mr. and Mrs. Leopold McKenna ..	5	0	0
The Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Longsdon ..	5	5	0
F. H. Rivington, Esq.	2	0	0
Nemo	1	0	0
The Rev. W. Leaf	1	0	0
Mrs. Bramley (c)		10	0
Conscience		9	0
A Friend	3	6	8
,, ...	10	10	0
R. T. Bayne, Esq.	2	2	0
A. F. V. Courtenay, Esq. (c)		13	0
Colonel Bevington, J.P.	1	1	0
Messrs. Hazeldine Bros.	1	1	0
T. Peet, Esq.	1	1	0
A. Craddock, Esq.	1	0	0
A. Everett, Esq.		10	6
F. W. Lucas, Esq. (c)		10	0
W. H. L...	2	18	9
	£41	8	5

(c) Denotes subscriptions in connection with Colfe Grammar School, Lewisham, S.E., several Old Boys of which help in the work of the Parish. Also see Mission House List.

Other Subscriptions and Grants from Societies are shown on the Balance Sheets.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.—BALANCE SHEET.

1898.	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 23	Friendless Girls		10	0
May 8	Roches. Dioc. Soc.	1	8	10
,, 19	Girls' Rescue..		17	3
June 12	Met. Hospital Sund. Fund	2	12	7
July 10	Free and Open Church Assoc., 7 p m.		8	8
Sept. 4	Grey Ladies' College ..	1	12	0
Oct. 6	Waifs and Strays Soc. ..	1	5	0
Nov. 13	Diocesan C.E.T.S., 7 p m. ..		7	6
,, 27	S.P.G. and U.M.C.A. ..	1	12	0
Dec. 18	Met. Vis. and Rel. Assoc. ..	1	1	0
Apl. 18	Easter Offerings	2	9	6
Sept. 29	Dedication do., for Hassocks, &c.	4	5	9
		18	10	1
	Other Collections	63	7	8
	Box in Church		8	3
	Grant from General Fund..	4	12	7
		£86	18	7

	£	s.	d.
Special Collections	18	10	1
Wages	38	17	6
Visitation Fees		18	0
Vino Sacro.	1	12	0
Gas and Firing (new burners, £4 1s. 4d.)	12	4	4
Surplices Washing, 31s. 3d.; Cassocks, 9s. 3d.	2	0	6
Books and Tracts	5	2	11
Printing	2	4	6
Railings Repaired	2	10	0
Insurance		12	6
Notice Board, Repainted		15	0
Repairs to Platform and Seats ..	1	2	6
Licence		3	0
Brooms, &c.		5	9
	£86	18	7

Examined, compared with Vouchers, and found correct,

C. H. RUFFLES, *Auditor.*

1, Lombard Street, E.C.

A. BASSETT,
H. DOWNING, } *Churchwardens.*

PAROCHIAL BOARD FUNDS.

LIVING AGENTS' FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Ecclesiastical Commissioners.. ..	116	0	0
Income Tax returned	1	13	3
Mrs. Saunders, "for Bible Woman"..	25	0	0
Feb. 5—Nemo	1	10	0
Deepdale Collection	9	0	0
Easter Offering	2	9	6
The Rev. H J. and Mrs. Longsdon ..	10	10	0
Grant from General Fund	27	12	9
	£193	15	6

	£	s.	d.
Assistant Clergy	150	0	0
Bible Woman (9 months)	31	15	6
To Treasurer of Grey Ladies' College	12	0	0
	£193	15	6

SICK, POOR, PROVIDENT AND CONVALESCENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.
For Special Pensions	7	8	0
,, Cases	9	1	7
S. Michael Needlework Guild.. ..	8	10	0
Referee Fund for Sick Children ..	5	0	0
Nemo	1	0	0
Mrs. Phillips	2	2	0
,, ...		5	0
Miss Tuzo		10	0
Mrs. Fiddy		2	6
The Misses Hussey	4	0	0
Mrs. Stuart Smith		5	0
Mrs. Bush	1	1	0
T. Hutchinson, Esq.	1	0	0
Met. Visiting and Relief Assoc. ..	25	0	0
Southwark Poor Children	25	0	0
Buckland Christmas Collection ..	8	15	6
Miss Wicks' Box..		12	0
Anon. P.O.		7	6
Grant from General Fund	11	6	10
	£111	6	11

	£	s.	d.
Pensions	16	18	6
Convalescent	20	8	7
Sick	16	13	0
Cases, £28 12s. 6d.; rep., £6 1s. 11d...	22	10	7
Food	2	11	10
Casual		9	6
Stationery		13	6
S.P.C. (Sick Children to Country) ..	28	19	5
Surrey Dispensary	2	2	0
	£111	6	11

Two other special cases not passed through our books, £26.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EXCURSIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Nemo		10	0
S. Thomas', Huddersfield		3	0
E. M. Longsdon, Esq.	3	3	0
Messrs. Barclay, Perkins & Co. ..	2	2	0
Rev. N. Pritchett		5	0
W. H. L.	3	14	0
The Misses Hussey	1	10	0
Grant from General Fund	15	6	11
	£26	13	11

	£	s.	d.
To Littlehampton	14	5	6
To Greenwich (Infants)	1	18	6
Band of Hope and Affiliation Fee ..	1	5	0
Books	1	10	5
To Hildenboro'	3	14	0
Prizes, December, 1898.	2	7	6
Entertainment, &c.	1	13	0
	£26	13	11

PARISH ROOMS.

	£	s.	d.
From Concerts Account	7	0	0
Rent from Working Men's Club .	20	0	0
Grant from General Fund	25	18	3
	£52	18	3

	£	s.	d.
Rates and Taxes	9	2	8
Gas and Fittings	15	18	4
Wages	16	18	0
New Gas Burners	3	3	8
Piano Tuning	1	11	6
Repairs and Whitewashing	2	7	8
Curtains		15	6
Insurance		8	0
Gymnasium	1	10	6
Scuttles, Locks, &c.	1	2	5
	£52	18	3

GENERAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Subscription per List	120	17	0
,, per New List	41	8	5
Sale—Mar. 1st	8	0	0
,, April 10th..	12	0	0
,, Sept. 20th..	6	0	0
	£188	5	5

	£	s.	d.
Printing Report	6	6	6
Burglary*..	5	8	0
Account Book		4	6
Magazines	7	6	6
Almanacks, 1899	2	15	0
Grant to Church Expenses	4	12	7
,, Living Agents' Fund ..	27	12	9
,, Poor Fund	11	6	10
,, Excursion	15	6	11
,, Parish Rooms	25	18	3
,, Feb. 29, Lant Street ..	4	2	3
,, Furniture, Mission House ..	42	14	6
,, Grey Ladies' Room	10	0	0
,, Lads' Club	14	0	0
,, Girls' Club	5	0	0
,, Mission House	5	10	10
	£188	5	5

* At the Parish Room, April 8th; nothing to do with Burglary at Mint Street, on Sept. 10th.

Examined, compared with Vouchers and found correct,

C. H. RUFFLES, *Auditor.*

1, Lombard Street, E.C.

The Vicarage and Mission House.

MINT STREET, BORO', S.E.

As announced in last year's report we marked the Diamond Jubilee year by purchasing the lease (40 years) of these buildings, absolutely the only place in the parish where there was a room to let for a Lads' Club.

Of course they cost much more to repair and alter than we wanted to spend, £750 instead of about £500. And there are the drains yet to be relaid according to the latest improved methods. However, we got settled in by the end of March, and all visitors and neighbours are most complimentary, and we are very grateful to Mr. Larke for all the trouble and care he spent over the alterations.

The Balance Sheets show the cost and rents, etc., though not being for a complete year, are not a very safe guide. In one sense the building should be self-supporting, with help to the clubs in payment of their rents, but the worry of the loan is rather trying, so I hope we may soon see the end of it. In fact we have made the purchase account exactly £1,900 (putting some furniture into the current account) as a reminder that the Debt should be cleared in the year 1900. This year we have raised £350, which is encouraging, and for which we are truly grateful, but which leaves the loan at £1,550 at 3 per cent. (in future) untouched, many of our supporters have not realized what we have done and what we need; we cannot always appeal to the same, and we hope others on reading this will send a donation. £1,550 will easily be raised in 1899 and 1900 if our subscribers will mark the "undevigincentenary" by adding a cipher to their subscriptions. There will be many extra appeals for the 19th century completion, I want to get mine in early for the extinction of this Debt by December 31st, 1900, but please do not put this aside till that date!

Sir Walter Besant in his new book on Southwark, describes Mint Street as still a slum, to which statement we take decided objection! Mint Street is 180 feet long, St. George's Workhouse has all one side, we share the other with a women's lodging house. I don't see how one workhouse can make a slum! our side is all right, the other side is in St. George's Parish!

Trusting for your favourable consideration and practical support.

Yours faithfully,

W. HOOK LONGSDON.

January 7th 1899.

P.S.—I would draw attention to the fact of the accompanying Balance Sheets—not Statement of Accounts.

	£	s.	d.
The Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Longsdon ..	15	15	0
L. L. Duncan, Esq., F.S.A. (c) ..		10	0
F. H. Rivington, Esq.	3	0	0
February 1st, A Friend..	1	1	0
The Merchant Taylors' Company ..	21	0	0
Nemo	1	0	0
The Rev. W. Leaf	1	0	0
Mrs. Courage	5	0	0
Mrs. Nelson (c)		10	0
Per The Bishop of Rochester	10	0	0
The Rev C. E. Medhurst		5	0
Colonel Bevington, J.P.	1	1	0
T. Peet, Esq.	1	0	0
Per T. B. C.		5	1
J. F. Sherris, Esq.	6	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Leopold M'Kenna ..	8	3	0
W. J. Larke, Esq. (c)	5	5	0
Mrs. Fletcher	5	0	0
Collected at opening, March 9th ..	6	5	6
Per Miss Higginson	1	3	8
A Friend	40	0	0
Misses M. & N. Purton	5	0	0
Mrs. Furness		10	0
Anon		2	6
G. L.	1	0	0
Miss Cunliffe	3	0	0
A. S. H. (c)		5	0
L. M. N.	5	0	0
Miss Buxton		10	0
The Rev. F. L. Shaw	1	0	0
Mrs. Sidgwick	1	0	0
The Misses Hussey	5	0	0
Miss Webb		10	0
Colonel Selfe		2	6
F. Leeds, Esq., Mus. Bac. (c)	1	1	0
W. Fieldson, Esq.		2	6
Messrs. Barclay, Perkins & Co. ..	2	2	0
T. Hutchinson Esq. (c)	5	0	0
Mrs. Fiddy		2	6
Carried Forward	£164	11	3

	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward	£164	11	3
R. Cunliffe, Esq.	5	5	0
Wedding, June 1st	5	5	0
R. P. R. per W. H. L.	5	0	0
Mrs. Ralph		5	0
Nemo			9
Per The Rev. P. Dearmer		10	0
A Thank-Offering (October 21st) ..	5	0	0
Anon (November 8th)	1	0	0
Per Miss Ridpath	1	1	0
H. Simpson, Esq.		10	6
Messrs. G. Mence Smith		5	0
Messrs. R. & N. Pott		10	0
Messrs. Courage & Co.	10	0	0
Miss Tuzo		5	0
Mrs. Pritchett		5	0
C. G. K.		10	0
Messrs. Wigan & Richardson ..	2	2	0
Messrs. Dalton & Morgan	1	1	0
F. W. Peet, Esq.	1	1	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare	4	4	0
Sale	31	0	0
Anon, L.		1	6
Anon, B.		5	0
C. A. Bradford, Esq. (c)		2	6
Miss Eales		10	0
Mrs. Wood		10	0
Miss Waddington		5	0
R. K. Causton, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
T. Hockley, Esq.	1	1	0
Anon, December 24th	5	0	0
Miss Higginson	5	0	0
E. W. Stahlschmidt, Esq.		10	6
Marnhull Collection	2	16	9
Mrs. Waddington		5	0
F. Sherlock, Esq.	1	1	0
G. G. Floyd, Esq. (c)		10	0
W. H. L.	46	8	2
	£308	17	11

MISSION HOUSE BALANCE SHEETS.

29, LANT STREET.—January to March, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
N.P.	3	0	0
A.F.V.C.	1	0	0
Girls' Club		7	0
Sub-let, Feb. and March	5	0	0
From General Fund	4	2	3
	£13	9	3

		£	s.	d.
Jan.	Wages	1	5	0
	Coal, Washing, &c.	1	0	10
	Rates, Rent and Taxes.. ..	10	3	4
	Gas to Jan. 31st	1	0	1
		£13	9	3

MINT STREET.—PURCHASE ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
Dec., 1897.	Loan I.	1150	0	0
Jan., 1898.	,, II.	200	0	0
May, 1898.	,, III.	200	0	0
	Subscriptions as per list	308	17	11
	From Rents	41	2	1
		£1,900	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Deposit, Oct., 1897	115	0	0
Lease, Dec., 1897	1035	0	0
Stamps	3	15	0
Messrs. W. J. Larke & Sons, Structural Alterations	143	2	6
Messrs. Bowers & Sons..	139	3	9
,, W. J. Larke & Sons	422	16	1
,, W. J. Carstairs..	22	10	7
Carbolic, &c.	18	12	1
	£1,900	0	0

LANDLORD'S ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
The Vicar, 9 months	60	0	0
Mission House, 10 months	80	0	0
	£140	0	0

	£	s.	d,
Ground Rent, 1 year	30	0	0
Taxes, Jan., 1898		11	11
Rates, 3 quarters	22	10	0
Water, 3 ,, ...	5	4	3
Insurance	5	11	9
Man-hole to Drain	5	0	0
Interest on Loan I.	30	0	0
Repaid to Purchase Fund	41	2	1
	£140	0	0

MISSION HOUSE—CURRENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rents, N.P.	18	15	0	Wages	12	0	0
Verger	17	0	0	Washing, &c.	4	9	4
A.F.V.C.	11	16	0	Gas	7	16	2
Mr. Hewson	8	0	0	Coal	5	18	4
Guest Room		14	0	Coal Bin and Planks, &c.	1	12	0
Girls' Club, £5*+£5 Grant	10	0	0	Furniture	42	14	6
Lads' Club, £6†+£14 Grant	20	0	0	Rent	80	0	0
Grant for Grey Ladies' Room ..	10	0	0				
Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, Poor Parishes Aid Fund	10	0	0				
Grant for Furniture	42	14	6				
Grant	5	10	10				
	£154	10	4		£154	10	4

* Including donations from S. Nicholas School, Folkestone.

† Including Donations—A Friend, £1 1s. 0d.; Southwark Police Court, per the Magistrate, £1 1s. 0d., &c.

Examined, compared with Vouchers and found correct,

C. H. RUFFLES, *Auditor.*

1, Lombard Street, E.C.,

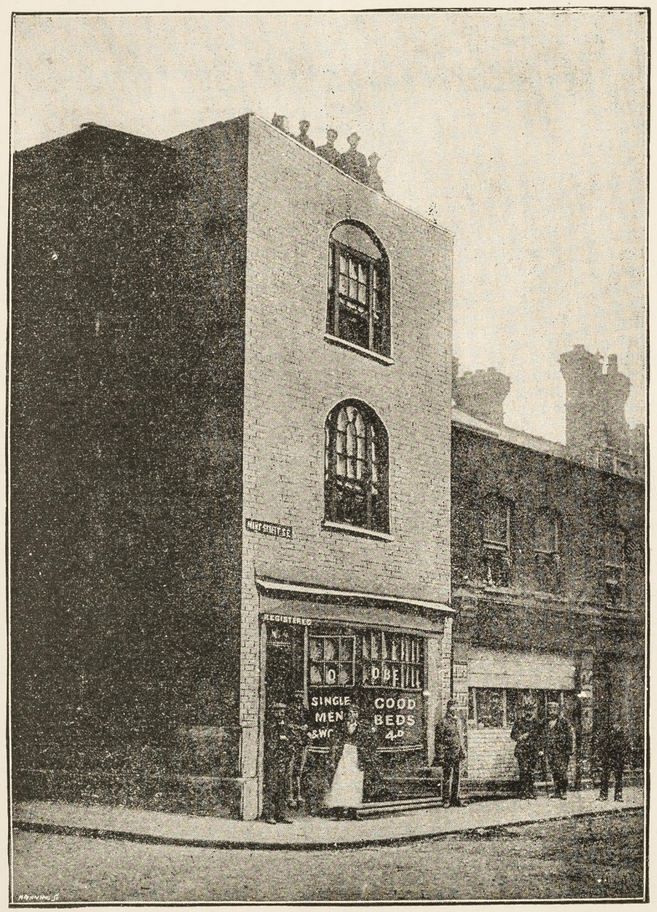
Jan. 3rd, 1899.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF TOTALS,

INCLUDING MISSION HOUSE.

RECEIPTS,	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
General Fund	188	5	5	General Fund	22	0	6
Church Expenses	82	6	0	Church Expenses	86	18	7
Living Agents	167	2	9	Living Agents	193	15	6
Poor Fund	100	0	1	Poor Fund	111	6	11
Sunday School	11	7	0	Sunday School	26	13	11
Parish Room—Rents, &c.	27	0	0	Parish Room	52	18	3
Mission House—29, Lant Street ..	9	7	0	Mission House—29, Lant Street ..	13	9	3
,, Subscriptions ..	308	17	11	To Purchase Account	350	0	0
,, Rent (Vicarage) ..	60	0	0	Landlord's Account	98	17	11
,, Rents	76	5	0	Current Account	74	10	4
	£1,030	11	2		£1,030	11	2

The debt for 1899 is the Loan of £1,550 for the purchase of Mission House.



FEB., 1898.

Church of St. Michael, Lant Street, Borough, S.E.

LIST OF SERVICES.

Holy Communion.—6.30 a.m. Second and Fourth Sundays.
Holy Days according to notice.
8 a.m. on Sundays.
11 a.m. on First Sunday in the Month.
Holy Baptism.—First Sunday in the Month 3 p.m., or at any service on notice being given.
Sunday.—6.30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. 6 p.m. in Schoolroom.
Monday and Saturday.—8.30 a.m. Matins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
Tuesday.—8.30 a.m. Matins, 8 p.m. Evensong and Address.
Wednesday.—11 a.m. Matins and Litany, 3.45 p.m. Evensong and Address (*After Mothers' Meeting*).
Thursday.—8.30 a.m Matins, 9.30 p.m. Evensong and Address (*After Girls' Meeting*).
Friday.—8.30 a.m. Matins, 11.30 a.m. Litany, 8 p.m. Service of Intercession and Address.
The Churching of Women before any Service.

PARISH ROOMS.

Sunday School.—10.45 a.m., 3 p.m. Children's Service, 6 p.m.
Mondays.—8 p.m. Church Lads' Brigade.
8.30 p.m. Bible Class (Mission House).
8 p.m. Women's Social (Winter).
Tuesdays.—6.30 p.m. Junior Branch C.E.T.S. (*Girls*).
8.30 p.m. Bible Class.
Wednesdays.—11.30 a.m. Clubs.
2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meetings.
8 p.m. Entertainment (Winter).
Thursdays.—8—9.30 p.m. Girls' Sewing Meeting.
Fridays.—6.30 p.m. Junior Branch C.E.T.S. (*Boys*). 8—10 p.m. Youths' Social.

Lads' Club—Every night.
Girls' Club.—Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Working Men's Club.—7—10.30 p.m.
(*Each Evening except Monday*).

Notice of Banns of Marriage should be given to the Verger, 85, Mint Street.

Interview with the Rev. R.H.Duthy, Vicar of All Hallows, Southwark. At the Presbytery. (E3L) June 23.99.

Mr. Duthy is a man of perhaps 45; clean shaven; rather tall; good profile. He is not so fine a man, but reminded me of the present Bishop of Hereford in appearance. I went straight to him from Mr. Longsdon, and the contrast was very great. The latter was untidy, bearded, rather a Bohemian among parsons. The latter closely shaven and well groomed. The only points in resemblance were the attractiveness of each, and the fact that both smoked pipes.

Facts (local): the people mostly of the casual and unskilled class; skilled men the exception. In Nelson Square all sorts, mainly lodging houses. The Women's Settlement takes 3 houses, and the Factory Girls' Home another 3. Some houses here of doubtful reputation. The square p.barred, rather than red. The Fire Brigade station in the parish, apart from the rest; untouched by the Church, but contact made especially difficult at this centre, by the exceptional frequency wih which the men are changed. It is the Head quarters.

In the 24 years during which the Mission has been at work the district has greatly improved. Then it was notoriously bad, both for vice and crime, and the scenes of shamelessness in the streets were incredible. Now thi

things have much changed, and the parish is altogether much more respectable. Apart from the doubtful houses in Nelson Square, only knows of one disorderly house in the parish. Neither does he think that prostitutes are harboured there. This immunity to some extent due to Mis Octavia Hill's influence, which is "beneficent", making for good in many ways.The basis of her work is the rent-collecting, but it has been through her influence that some of the small houses have been put up, instead of additional block dwellings.

Facts (parochial): Staff: 3 clergy; and, their great auxiliary, a strong contingent of the Clewer Sisterhood. Of these 12 are living in the parish, and of these 7 work entirely in the parish. Several of the others look after the Working Girls' Home in Nelson Square.A considable number of other helpers, including a large staff of S.S. teachers.

Buildings: the Church (architect Sir Gilbert Scott; a very beautiful building; seated for over 1000, and actual provision for 5 to 600.) Mission House; Club rooms (for Boys"the roughest of the rough"; for Girls, "rough" very difficult to classify; seems to depend more on wher they work than what they work at.) Board Schools hired f for S.Schools. Old School buildings, used as Mission

Hall etc. etc. holds 3 or 400.)The Factory Girls' Home in Nelson Square is really a Clewer institution; Duthy is Chaplain; excellent work; growing; some 60 girls living there now; really acts as a preventive home, and provides a decent place for girls whose home conditi ns are dange ous, or who may have no home at all.

Attendances: Sunday morning, at 11.15: 3to 400is good; average perhaps 200; working class. Sunday evening "less than 200" good in Advent and Lent.

Sunday Schools: Average more than 1000; have practically all the chil ren of the parish and some others. Good and attractive schools; some who come from outside say that they get more than at other schools, but does not admit this as a criticism of the method adopted as regards prizes,treats etc. Very difficult to retain the children after school age.

Communicants: Easter, 300 or more; regular, perhaps 150.

Apart from the Clubs, Social agencies not very numerous. Church Lads' Brigade, (40); all members of the Club; religi us practices not compulsory, except attendanceat the Sunday Class. This is a Church at which Confession is publicly arranged for, the times at which the Clergy take confessions being printed on the cover of the Magazine. In the Church I noticed the chair and s

stool; a tiny crucifix between them and a curtain, but b
no box. We did not discuss the question, but the non-ob-
ligatoriness of religion probably referred to the Confes-
ional among other practices.

Relief: a good deal given; this year very little, "
"never knew such a winter"; the total for '97.98 was
£204, this a small amount for them. They have their own
Committee, Clergy etc. with a representative from the
C.O.S.They give a few pensions, but only for about ten,
and the amounts given small (2/6); these not included in
the £204. Also not included are the loans they make; these
generally in cases of accident etc. not often to start
people hawking or in any occupation. Their Creche is
very useful; thinks that the charge is 3d. a day.

Opinions: Thinks very highly of Miss Hill's work,
and referred more than once to her "beneficent influence.

The standing obstacle to the work is the drink,
"always the drink". They have 15 public houses in the
pprish. Much betting, and many bookies about; these
believed to use the public houses a good deal.

No pronounced criminal element in the parish now.
The Hooligan outcry very much exaggerated, but the ter-
rorism of the gangs of larrikins a reality. People often
afraid to complain for fear of reprisals. Thinks that

the life in the models, through grouping together large numbers of youngsters of the right age ~~xxxx~~ lead to a good deal of this nuisance.

Thought fairly well of the police, and blamed the j jurisdiction of the police courts, especially for the light sentences that were often given. Feels sure that the police are often afraid to run men in, because they know that even if convicted, they will soon be about ~~xggin~~ again, and that trouble to themselves is likely to follow.

Thinks that the local authorities should pay much more attention to the actual condition of the streets, keeping them cleaner and fresher. A clean street is an influence not to be despised. The ineffectiveness of the Vestry is, he thought, due, not to lack of conscience, but rather to lack of brain and energy. They are too much in the hands of the permanent officials -- "the Clerk and the Surveyor are all-powerful". The urinals outside the public houses are a source of considerable abuse; they are small, badly lighted, and of course, without attendants. Not infrequently used for immoral purposes.

Thinks that there is not much cohabitation in the parish, and is sure that the age of marriage is tending to go up. This to the good, but has considerable evidenc that the use of preventive checks is on the increase. It

Shaftesbury Memorial Hall
Union Street. SE1

comes out, even among the very poor. Generally it is negative, as when these that have large families state thei belief that such practices are wrong, their xx way of alluding to them making it quite clear that they are referring to practices adopted by some of their neighbours. On the increasing use of artificial checks by the poor, Mr. Duthy clearly had no doubt, and raised the question himself.

The closing of the Raglan Music Hall was mentioned as a sign that local tone was imrpoving, and a further proof was found in the fact that the tendency for the more reppectable to leave the parish as soon as possible was being checked, and that some of those who had left returned. The clergy consider themselves free, "by an understanding with the other clergy "to visit in other parishes when their own adherents live in them.

There is a small L.C.M. agency in the parish, and he criticised their methods of bribery, a charge that many would doubtless urge against All Hallows itself.

It is difficult to guage the work being done here, but the importance of the Sisters in the parish organization makes it probable that there is a good deal of bribery of one kind or another. The church position too is extreme, and the sacerdotal spirit must pervade most that is attempted. But Mr. Duthy himself is a good fellow, an

his presence as a human influence would go far towards c
t
condoning his priesliness.

The independency of the Old-Book Relig[illegible] gave
us confidence: "I would rather have none".

Whitsun Day falls on May 21st,
Masses at 6.30, 7.15, 8, 9 and 11.15,
with Processions at the Solemn Mass
and at Evensong.

ALL HALLOWS' MAGAZINE.

Calendar, May, 1899.

1 Monday. SS. Philip & James. App. MM. D 2cl.
2 Tuesday.
3 Wednesday. Invention of the Holy Cross. 326. Gr.D.
4 Thursday.
5 Friday. (Abst)
6 Saturday. S. John Ev. ante-Port. Latinam.
7 Sunday. 5th after Easter. S.D.
8 Monday. Rogation Day. Abst. Gr. F.
9 Tuesday. Rogation Day. Feria.
10 Wednesday. Rogation Day and Vigil of the Ascension Abst. Gr. F.
11 Thursday. The Ascension of our Blessed Lord. D.1cl
12 Friday. Of the Octave. (Abst) S.D.
13 Saturday. Of the Octave.
14 Sunday after Ascension. S.D.
15 Monday. Of the Octave. S.D.
16 Tuesday. Of the Octave. S.D.
17 Wednesday. Of the Octave. S.D.
18 Thursday. Octave of the Ascension. D.
19 Friday. S. Dunstan. Abp. C. 988.
20 Vigil of Pentecost. Fa. S.D.
21 Sunday. Whitsun-Day or Pentecost. 1cl. & D 1cl.
22 Whitsun-Monday. D. 1cl.
23 Whitsun-Tuesday. D. 1cl.
24 Wednesday. Of the Octave. (Ember Day. Fast). S.D
25 Thursday. Of the Octave. S.D.
26 Friday. Of the Octave. (Ember Day. Fast). S.D.
27 Saturday. Of the Octave. (Ember Day. Fast). S.D.
28 Trinity Sunday. 1cl. and D. 2cl.
29 Monday. S. Augustine, Abp. C. 604. Gr. D. (From 26th).
30 Tuesday.
31 Wednesday.

SUNDAY CATECHISMS, SCHOOLS AND CLASSES.

GREAT CATECHISM, 3

Catechism of Perseverance (Girls) 4.15.
do. do, (boys) 4.15. Lady Chapel.

Victoria Place School, 3. Superintendent, Miss Morris.

Orange Street Schools —

Boys, 3 p.m. Superintendent: Rev. H. B. Hatherley.
Girls, 3 p.m. Superintendent, Sister Martha
Infants, 3 p.m. Superintendent, Miss Prideaux.

Young Women's Bible Class, 5.45 p.m. Miss Prideaux, Victoria Place School,

WEEK DAYS.

Men's Bible Class, Mondays, 9, in Church.
Women's do. Wednesdays, 3 ,,

GUILDS.

GUILD OF THE HOLY FAMILY. — For Married Communicants.

GUILD OF S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.— For Young men and boy Communicants.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST. — For Young Women and Girl Communicants.

GUILD OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.—For Young Women and Girls at the Home.

GUILD OF THE HOLY CHILD.—For Boys and Girls. Meetings: Wednesday at 5.30. p.m. in Church.

ALL HALLOWS PRAYER UNION. For Admission apply to the Clergy. Secretary: Rev. F. Pearkes.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—Victoria Place School. Mondays 2 p.m. Miss Morris.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—For working boys from 13 to 18 years of age. Headquarters, 96, Union Street. Weekly Parade, Victoria Place Schoolroom, Saturdays, 8 p.m.

CLUBS.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—188, Union Street, for Men and Youths over 18. Open each evening from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.. Saturdays, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

GIRLS' CLUB.—For Girls over 13. 96, Union Street.

WORKING GIRLS' HOME.—For Girls working at trades. For Admission apply to Sister in Charge—49, Nelson Square.

CLOTHING CLUB.—

BOOT CLUB.—

BLANKET CLUB.— Apply to Sisters.

MATERNITY CHARITY.—

COAL CLUB.

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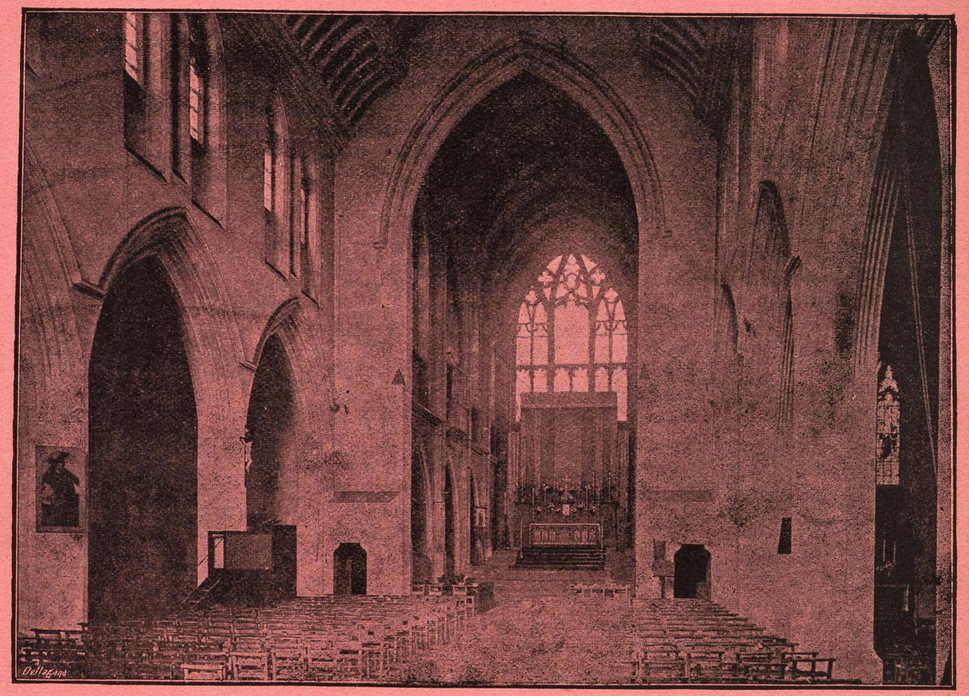

THE CLERGY.

Rev. R. H. DUTHY, Vicar, The Presbytery.
„ F. PEARKES, The Presbytery.
„ H. B. HATHERLY, The Presbytery.
The SISTERS may be seen at the Mission House 127, Union Street, at 10 a.m., 2.45. p.m., and 5.30 p.m. punctually.
Churchwardens: Mr. J. G. Palmer, & Mr. J. Taylor.

SERVICES.

SUNDAY: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist 7.15. and 8 a.m.
Mattins and Litany 10.45.
Choral Celebration and Sermon 11.15.
The Great Catechism 3.
Evensong and Sermon 7 „

WEEK DAYS: Holy Eucharist 7.15. and 9.30. a.m.
Mattins 8 a.m.
Evensong 8 p.m.

BAPTISMS.—Tuesdays 6 p.m.
First Sunday in the month 5.

Churching of women five minutes before any Service.

CONFESSIONS.—The Vicar, Fridays 12.
Saturday 6, and 8.30.
Rev. F. Pearkes, Saturdays 8.
Rev. H. B. Hatherly, Saturday 8.

The Church is open daily till dusk in winter, and till 6 p.m. in summer, and from 8 to 9.

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Interview with Rev.d Canon Thompson, D.D.,
St. Saviour's, Southwark.

Dr Thompson is a man of about 5-6: tall and of dignified presence: black hair: small side whiskers: handsome face and pleasant expression, but not strong. He is an Irishman: speaks with a slight brogue, and has that special courtesy which one so often finds among his countrymen.

Dr T. has been here for 18 years, and during that time has seen his church completely transformed, both literally and metaphorically. He has during the last few years become practically the Cathedral of the Diocese of Southwark and will no doubt be a Cathedral in fact, as Southwark with many churches into a peculiar historic and local interest character. When Dr T. came the church was an old fashioned Evangelical place with a three decker pulpit, galleries, high wooden pews etc. £6000 has been raised and spent in 5 years on the restoration and a further £1000 will

to speak with the result that the church always interesting from its historical associations, is becoming beautiful and worthy of the place it with hearty assistance

The church therefore at present- serves two purposes: it is a cathedral ~~for~~ and centre of work for South London but ~~for the present~~ it still remains the parish church and at present the offices are held in it- parochial services in the Lady Chapel and the more remote services ~~in the~~ of cathedral character in the body of the church. Though the two main services on Sunday are held only in the church proper.

Dr T. I think is much more the Head of the Chapter and custodian of the great church than the parish priest. I could scarcely get him to talk at all about the parish and its work, but he was full of the church, told me its history, showed me round and explained its interest and beauty. I fancy he leaves most of the parochial work

to his subordinates; certainly he seemed to know very little about it: in a very casual way he filled in one form, and gave it to me and I noticed it as showing something of the casual nature of the men.

The population of the parish is decreasing owing to demolition: it is now about 5000, mostly very poor, and of rapidly poorer than ten years ago, but by no means so poor as in St. George's: Stanhope and Bowley Buildings are the worst places in the parish.

The parochial staff is small: one curate and two other paid workers ("who are worth a dozen volunteers") with a few visitors and Sunday School teachers.

There are about 350 children in the Sunday School and 442 in the Day School, which does so Dr T. says the best attendance figures of any school in London, but which no doubt get the pick of the children.

As to the church services I insert a paper which gives them for the Collegiate Church: in addition there are two services on Sunday and one on week days in the Lady Chapel. Since the church became a Cathedral the services have become much ~~to~~ more ornate, especially in the morning, with the result that more strangers have been attracted and fewer parishioners: the Sunday morning service is now "much too elaborate" for the parishioners, that in the evening is simpler, and they come in fair numbers, but the poor are only sparsely represented. The total number attending may be in the morning 150 and in the evening 500. In addition mission services are held in the Mission Hall in Red Cross St but "poorly attended".

Dr T. is I think a moderately High Churchman of liberal views and no great spiritual fervour: I don't fancy he has ever troubled himself much about getting the people to church. "As to the poor" I said "you don't expect them to attend": "Frankly no," he said "when some young fellow comes as

a week he is full of enthusiasm and expects great results; I don't say anything but I know what will happen: there will be no results". But though Dr T. expects no religious response from the poor he finds them almost without exception "with a strong sense of religion at the core": they are "quite uninstructed, but in a general way they think in Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd" and in the Trinity: "they wish their children to be baptised and receive religious instruction they wish to be married in church" but how remarkable is "their wonderful resignation in the hour of death: they always seem ready to go and quite resigned with a few simple religious phrases to comfort them": this is the largest & the fact that vague as their religion is "they can not be touched with doubt and are also at the end to accept religious comfort quite simply and ~~childishly~~ childlikely.

The Low-church-going habits of the people Dr T. attributed mainly to the fact that among the church-going Anglicans a much higher standard of

conduct than it does among a higher class: "they are not content to be hypocrites" as a lady said to me "If I go to church I must go the whole way" and they are not prepared to go the whole way".

The Social Agencies in direct connection with the church are small and unimportant: but there are several causes & a wide area of work in the parish of which Dr T. gave me reports which I have put with the papers.

As to visitation the Dr. was emphatic that the church was in complete touch with all the parishioners, and that no cases of sickness or distress could escape notice.

Apart from the old parochial charities which are considerable and are now spent only in pensions, not much is spent on relief or about £10 a year and that entirely in kind. Dr T. is not altogether friend to the C.O.S. but said "they have an admirable investigator

society and had done some necessary work".

Of other religious agencies at work Dr T. knew little: "the people are too poor for the Dissenters" but "there is a City Mission or possibly two, but I scarcely count them". The R.C's however have a church in the parish but recently, as they found so many of their people drifting away, some to indifferentism, some to the Church.

As to our general question Dr T. thought the parish better now than it was and than any other part of London. Of prostitution especially he said "You would be surprised to find how few London girls and the Statistics are of women."

Though not a great religious influence Dr T. is I think a good man for his important position as the head of the chapter of the historic church. He has presence, dignity, liberal views, aesthetic taste, and a true sense of humour

COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF

S. Saviour, Southwark.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, JULY 16th, 1899.

8 a.m. - Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

Preacher—The Rev. Canon RHODES BRISTOW, M.A., Canon Missioner.

Service ... ... Foster in E flat.

Hymns ... ... 545, 190, 189.

7 p.m. - Evensong and Sermon.

Preacher—The Rev. C. H. GRUNDY, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Brockley, and Rural Dean of Greenwich.

MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS—Hopkins in F.

ANTHEM. *Mozart.*

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me, and fight Thou against them that fight against me. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to Thy righteousness, and let them not triumph over me. I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and I will sing unto Thee among the nations; for the greatness of Thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Hymns ... ... 19, 257.

Voluntary after Service—SONATA IN A—*Rheinberger.*

The Collections at 11 and 7 are for the Sustentation Fund. The Church has no Endowment.

Daily: Matins, 7.30. Holy Communion, 8. Choral Evensong, 5.

EVENSONG is now sung DAILY at 5 o'clock. Any who desire to assist in maintaining this Service, by giving to the "Daily Choral Service Fund" which is being raised to meet the extra expenses that will be incurred, are requested to communicate with the Bishop of Southwark, or with the Precentor, The Collegiate House, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.

ANTHEMS AT EVENSONG.

July 17th.	"Behold how good and joyful"	*Clarke-Whitfeld.*
„ 18th.	"Again my mournful sighs."	*Battishill.*
„ 19th.	"O praise the Lord."	*Weldon.*
„ 20th.	"I will give thanks."	*Kent.*
„ 21st.	Hymn 112.	
„ 22nd.	"Why do the heathen"	*Kent.*

MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS.—Elvey in E.

NEXT SUNDAY. { **11 a.m. Preacher—Rev. Canon RHODES BRISTOW, M.A.**
7 p.m. „ Rev. Prebendary VILLIERS.

Penny Bank adults 25 & Children 40

London Industrial Bldg.

Stanhope & Monbray dark & a shade lower than the orange

Model dwellings

Automatic gas recently

Form A. – The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) What Educational Work is done?

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy 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?

General Questions—

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

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

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally

District _____

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

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

Costa Rica (PURE. IN TINS) - - - 1/4
Arabian (IN TINS) Roasted on the Continental Principle. - 1/3
French (IN TINS) A judicious mixture of Chicory and Coffee. - 10d.

NEW AND REVISED PRICE LIST ON APPLICATION.

GRANTHAM & COMPANY,
Cash Grocers & Provision Merchants.
Head Depot—
49 & 50, BLACKFRIARS ROAD, S.E.
Branches—

42, LONDON ROAD, S.E.
213, BATTERSEA PARK ROAD, S.W.
286, BATTERSEA PARK ROAD.
27, LAVENDER HILL.
93, HIGH ROAD, BALHAM.
26, NORTHCOTE RD., CLAPHAM JUNC.
8, BROADWAY PARADE, CROUCH END.
164, ESSEX ROAD, N.
20. WATNEY STREET, E.
22, GREEN STREET, UPTON PARK, E.
809, ROMFORD ROAD, MANOR PARK.
60, WEST GREEN ROAD, TOTTENHAM.
31, THE PARADE. EALING, W.
118, 120, UPPER CLAPTON ROAD.
23. MEYMOTT STREET, S.E.
254, THE BROADWAY, UPTON PARK.
383, HIGH ROAD, LEYTON.

The Ordinary Services at Christ Church.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. (Choral with Sermon). Matins at 10.30 a.m.

Interview with the Rev. A.H.De Fontaine, Rector of Christ Church, Southwark, at the Rectory, Blackfriars Road.

31/678 (M.A.) June 26.99.

Mr. De Fontaine is the Rector of S'wark, and knows it. He is a man of perhaps 50 or more; sparely built, sturdy in body and mind, decided in opinion, and inclined to be a little domineering in tone. He is a man of great energy and activity, although the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ agencies of his parish are not particularly numerous. He received me in his study, which had the appearance of the working room of a practical and busy man.

Nine-tenths of his parishioners are working class, and the unskilled prevail.

The poor are being evicted, the demolition of houses (small) and the substitution of warehouses etc. taking place at a great rate. In ten years his parish bids fair to be an annexe of the city. Rents are tending upwards, although not, he thought, to any extravagant degree. The demand for houses is, however, very keen, and during the last twelve months he has known of 50 families that ~~had~~ have had to leave the n'hood through not being able to find rooms. The movement is mainly to the S. and S.W., to Clapham etc.

Facts (parochial): for list of services, agencies etc. see the page from the Magazine.

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DAILY.

Holy Communion, at 7.15 a.m.
Evensong at 5.30 (except Wednesdays, when it is at 8 p.m., with Sermon).
Litany, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 11 a.m.
Holy Baptisms, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Sundays at 4.30 p.m.
There are no fees of any kind for Holy Baptism.

THE CLERGY, &c.

Rev. A. H. De Fontaine, M.A., The Rectory, Blackfriars Road.
Rev. Cyrus Steel, M.A., 8, Nelson Square.
Rev. R. Bevan-Jones, B.A.
Churchwardens.—Mr. R. W. Bowers. Mr. H. Puxty.
Organist and Director of the Choir—Mr. Ernest C. Winchester, 16, Lambert Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.
Assistant Organist—Mr. F. Blake. *Librarian and Registrar*—Mr. Albert Hinde.
Verger—Mr. Meeke, 74, Blackfriars Road.
Conductor of the Belfry—Mr. Stoneman.
The Sisters, The Mission House, 127, Union Street, S.E.
Miss Dobbins, ,, ,, ,,

CHRIST CHURCH DAY SCHOOLS, EDWARD STREET.

Head Master of the Boys' School—Mr. F. S. Jago, A.C.P.
Head Mistress of the Girls' School—Mrs. Dixon.
Head Mistress of the Infants' School—Mrs. Sandford.
School Hours, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Schools are free.

Christ Church Sunday Schools, Bear Lane and Marlborough Street. *Superintendents*—Mr. Howard, Mr. Minton, Sister Edith, Miss F. De Fontaine.

CLASSES, GUILDS, &c., IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH.

Bible Class for Young Men, at 3 p.m. on Sundays, in the Mission Room, Collingwood Street.
Instruction Class for Men and Boys in the Albert Institute, Sundays at 3 p.m.
Bible Class for Young Women, at 3.15 p.m. on Sundays, in the Infants' Class Room, Bear Lane.
Bible Class for Women, on Mondays at 7 p.m., in the Church.
Guild of Bell-Ringers. Practice, Wednesdays at 9 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 p.m.
Mothers' Meetings. Mondays at 2.30 p.m. in the Mission Room.
Band of Hope. Fridays at 6.15 p.m., at Albert Institute.
The Girls' Club, Albert Institute, Chancel Street. Open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 7.30 to 10 p.m.
Guild of the Holy Redeemer. Both Wards, on the Monday before 3rd Sunday in each month at 8.30 p.m. in Church.
The Guild of S. Mary meets in Church on alternate Thursdays at 8.30 p.m.
Guild of S. Anne meets in Church on the Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in each month, at 3 p.m.
Club for Men, Albert Institute, Chancel Street. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8 p.m. to 10.45 p.m.
The Guild of The Good Shepherd. Boys' Ward, 1st Tuesday in the month, at 6.0 p.m.; Girls' Ward on 1st Thursday in the month.
Gymnastic Class in Boys' School, Bear Lane, for scholars and choir boys. Thursday, at 6.30.
Young Women's Drill Class at 8 p.m., Fridays, Parochial Schools, Bear Lane.
Service in Almshouses. Wednesdays at 3 p.m.
Choral Society. Tuesday at 8 p.m., Christ Church Schools.

The Parishioners will always find one of the Clergy at the Vestry from 11 to 12 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and after every Service.

All cases of sickness should be reported to the Clergy without delay.

For the publication of Banns of Marriage &c., apply to Mr. Meeke.
Communications for the Editor of the Parish Magazine may be addressed to "c/o Rev. Cyrus Steel."

Buildings: Church; Small Mission House; Schools (very good and very large; 900 children; nearly full; free; rebuilt 2 years ago; 2 of the rooms hold 300 each.) Albert Institute, managed under a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners, and not exactly parochial.* Board Schools hired.

*(There are a good many Charities in the parish, and the Parliamentary Return should be consulted: 393 (1897) Endowed Charities Return; Parish of Christ Church". For the most part they are now under the Vestry, of which Mr. De Fontaine is a member, and he much prefers the present arrangement.)

Staff and Workers: 3 clergy; 2 Sisters (Clewer); 2 Mission Women; 1 scripture reader; and a Parish nurse (paid for by a Charity.)In addition 60 or 70 S.S. teachers and District Visitors. Some of the latter come from the West End; the teachers are mainly old residents of the parish, and a good many of the congregation are apparently of the same class, people who have moved to Camberwell, Brixton, Clapham etc. and keep up old associations.

Attendances: Not good; "you know how difficult it is to get a congregation is South London". On Sunday morning the average is perhaps 200; in the evening perhaps 450, the church being "two-thirds full". As stated a good many come from outside. For miscellaneous

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For miscellaneous agencies see list. Visiting appea to be fairly thorough, and the sick are well looked after.

He spoke most strongly about the administration of relief, and appears to organize it carefully in his own parish. He has his own Committee, but most of the actual disbursements come from the Charity Trustees Committee, particulars of which are given in the return already mentioned. Their own Committee acts, he said, mainly as a sort of sieve through which suitable cases are passed through to the Trustees' Committee, and I gathered that All Hallows shared equally in these old endowments. The C.O.S. is used also, and Mr. De Fontaine spoke warmly of the value of the Registration Committee that had been formed, and which sits at the Borough Road Polytechnic, and which it was intended should act as a clearing-house for all the charitable agencies of the district. He was particularly severe on those who refused to co-operate w with the Committee, commenting on the "immense harm" that resulted from indiscriminate charity, and of the sensational methods that were apt to be adopted by those who offended in this way. They libel the neighbourhood, and they tend to attract the poor, and to perpetuate the very evils they profess to endeavour to alleviate. They ought to be exposed, and as a minimum of obligation ought to be compelled to co-operate with [illegible] properly constituted ele

compelled to co-operate with any properly constituted charity clearing house, and ought to be obliged to publish their accounts. It appeared to be chiefly on account of this question of relief that, when I spoke of "other agencies" he said that it was a sore subject, and appeared to think that it was one that it would take some hours to thresh out. He mentioned the Surrey Chapel, and the Wesleyans, but against neither of these did he formulate any complaint, saying indeed with regard to the former that he had none. His bêtes noirs are the numerous private agencies, and he especially mentioned the Collingwood St. Mission (Mr. Young) and Fegan's Mission. He appeared to feel most strongly about the latter, with its Medical Mission; its thousand patients; the offers of free attendance to all and sundry; the offers of tea to those who would come to the Mothers' Meeting; the sensational appeals, with the map carefully omitting various churches etc. just on the borders of a selected area, and the misleading statement that "in the whole of this district there is not a single place of worship", always excepting the Mission itself, I suppose. There is a special reason apparently for this rather bitter feeling about Fegan's, since they have recently started their mission, in addition to the Boys' Home, and, insult added to injury, they have

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rented the old schools of the parish from a purchaser who but a few months before had bought them from the parish!

His parish does not include the worst parts of S'wark but in Stamford St. (E. end) in many of the back streets, in scattered houses, and in the coffee houses ~~2~~ in the Blackfriars Road, houses of ill-fame abound. The ~~2~~ worst criminal element is found in the Common Lodging ~~2~~ Houses, as in the Blackfriars Road, and in Stamford St. These houses are increasing in number. There are two drinking clubs, and they are more noxious than any pubs. Gambling is rife, in the pubs. and elsewhere. On the whole the pubs. are decently managed.

Cohabitation is common, and so are early marriages. A man who presented himself lately, I forget if he was very young or not, remarked that he was out of work so ~~2~~ "thought that he might as well get married"."Yes, the wretches! I think a good many of them live on the work of their wives."

He enumerated his main obstacles as: the curse of ~~xhwxxxxixx~~ indifference; the drink; and housing conditions. There is, he said, a great deal of overcrowding.

P.S. On July 12, I saw Mr. De Fontaine again. I had intended to get a glimpse of the working of the Committee, and afterwards Mr. De F. said that he could leave it, and show me some of the parish. However, I missed the Committee, as it began earlier and sat for a shorter time t than than I had understood. By chance, I heard about it afterwards from H. Toynbee, with whom I had an [redacted] appointment, the next day and who had attended the Committee the previous morning for the first time as the representative of the C.O.S. He described it as a very "fuuny affair", and there seemed to him to be very little care shown in the treatment of the cases that came up. The Rector, the curate, and two Sisters had been present, and the point that impressed Toynbee most was the influence of the leading Sister. I had had a glimpse of her at the Church, tall, handsome, distinguished, hardening, conventual. De Fontaine seemed, Toynbee said, to have resigned in her favour, and her suggestions, milk in this case, coal in that etc. to be acted upon very much as a matter of course. There were signs too, that she did not attach much importance to the Registration Committee, and the Rector had to say in mild protest, while they were discussing some case, that, although it was known to her, she did not know whether it was being helped from some other centre or not. Finally, when Toynbee mentioned some case that he was hoping the

Trustees would help, she said, that "that" case would get nothing, as though she had the power to settle the action of the Trustees, as well as of the Church committee. And it is quite possible that she has, for she attends it. I have thus been led, rather, to the conclusion that Mr. De Fontaine's vigorous advocacy of registration and care is partly explained by a theoretical opinion that he holds, but that its emphasis is largely due to his dislike of other people, and that the parochial administration itself is not particularly wise. Toynbee spoke of the "double conscience" that many of the clergy appear to have -- the conscience of the C.O.S. Committee room, and the parochial conscience. But conscience is perhaps not quite the right word: it is rather a question of point of view and objective. The theoretical C.O.S.,-Registration Committee judgments would have only the objective results on the individuals helped or not helped in view; the judgments of the Church Vestry, especially when fortified by the proselytising ardour of a Clewer Sister, would clearly have, and would tend to be vitiated by a whole set of additional considerations; and when judgment is being passed upon the work of some intruder in the parish, be he honest and unwise, or suspect and unwise, the whole artillery of theoretical criticism will be fired off against him, ac-

centuated, sometimes even embittered by the parochial judgment, parochial considerations. Injustice and inconsistency are thus not unlikely to follow. The difficulties of allowing for the personal equation [redacted], are immense. There are so many terms, and the value of the unknown is constantly apt to change.

After leaving the Church we went round part of the Parish, looking at the three sets of alms-houses, and the Schools. The last are new, having been built about two years ago, and are reputed to be the best Voluntary Schools in South London. They are certainly very well appointed, the somewhat confined space available for the play-grounds being the only criticism that inspection suggested. Inside the rooms are well-lighted, airy, and of good size. They have the electric light, and are well equipped, with furniture, pictures etc. and have many of the signs of a school that is well conducted. Until the last year the Boys have been handicapped by an unsatisfactory master, but under a new man they are quickly pulling up. As in so many other cases, the main difficulty is to keep the children afetr they have reached the legal age of exemption, and at the moment of my visit, the seventh standard only included five or six boys. The fourth was the big standard.

The head mistress said that most of the girls went into some trade, and that it was the best that went into service. As one explanation of this it was said that going into service generally meant making a start at 15 or 16, and that thus a year or two was lost, so far as earning was concerned, and that this loss would only be incurred by the better class parents.

The only Alms House that we entered was that of "Mrs. Vaughan's Charity", a comparatively new building put up on the site of an old Manor House, with much of the panelling and carving of the latter worked in to the new building. The entrance corridor is handsome and leads, by a door over which there is a piece of Grinling Gibbons carving into a panelled room. This is the Committee room, and is only used once a week by the inmates, which seems rather absurd. However, although but little used, the room itself is charming. Sir Gilbert Scott was the architect of the building. Over the fireplace of the committee room is an inscription, stating the objects of the charity. It is for those "resident" in the parish and who are attending either at Surrey Chapel or Christ Church. The result of this qualification is that the old women who are hoping to be elected do attend at one of the prescribed places of worship, but, since they are generally quite impatial as between

Church and Chapel, they go to that one which possesses the right of nomination to the next vacancy. ~~The~~ ~~s~~ ~~The~~ ~~f~~ ~~The~~ Each sends up an equal number. All the almshouses as well as the Schools are ~~maintained~~ maintained, the former entirely and the Schools to the extent of £500 a year by old endowments, and are not parochial undertakings in the ordinary sense. From the roof of the School the change that is going on in the district -- the elimination of the smaller class of dwellings, and the erection, generally of warehouses and sometimes of block dwellings in their place was clearly discernible.

The Rector alluded again to the evils of overlapping and was inclined to impute "mercenary motives" to some of those who sent out their sensational appeals. For sensationalism and untruthfulness he gave a discreditably high place to S. Alphage's. The new Vicar, Mr. Tylee, has just been appointed, and Mr De Fontaine had seen him the day before. He thinks that he has been looking into things carefully, and ~~told the Rector~~ admitted that the statements that the Mission had begged upon were, to say the least of it misleading. In the heydey of his time Father Goulden used to collect £6000 a year. He was succeeded after a

short interregnum, by Mr. Allcutt, but the latter resigned a little time ago through a "little difficulty, of a personal kind".

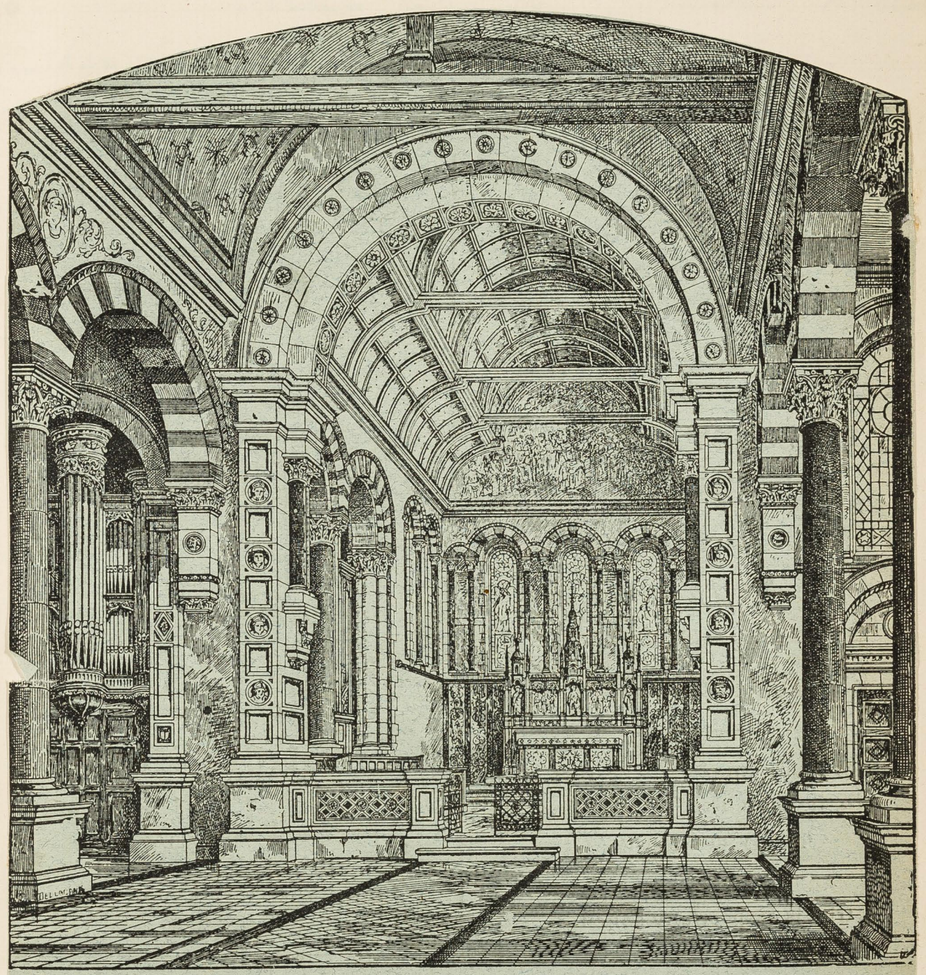
Altough Mr. De Fontaine spoke chiefly of the bad effects of overlapping charitable work, he recognized also the power that the numerous trust charities had of keepin and attracting the class of people who are likely to use them to the parish, and he clearly had no respect for the way, for instance, in which it was necessary to administer the Vaughan bequest.

The following are some figures that he had looked up for me, since the first interview:

Communicants' Roll: 310; Easter, 218.

Sunday School: 700"attending"

P.S. Mr de Fontaine said nothing more definite than what I have written above. Mr Woodward, who was sec of St Alphege's, admitted nothing more than a breakdown, through the strain of the work & worry about raising the money necessary to keep things going. Toynbee said it was a case of d.t. It is probable that Woodward & Toynbee between them give the facts of the situation. There is no doubt but that Allcutt had to resign from the chap.



CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHWARK.

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Interview with Rev. S. E. Foster, St. Mildred's, Lambeth.

Mr Foster is a man of about 40: tall, thin, sunken cheeks, sallow, black hair and moustache, good bright eyes and pleasant smile: dressed in the loosest fitting jacket which dangles after.

Mr F. has been here for 13 years, the first 6 as curate.

The population in 1851 was just over 4000 and is about the same now, as though there have been demolitions for the railway there have been additional dwelling houses built. The parish is entirely working class and for the most part exceedingly poor, on the whole slightly poorer than it was ten years ago, but no rougher. The aristocratic bit of the parish are Pomfret St. and the Peabody Buildings. Fifteen years ago there were respectable houses in Stamford St.: now all such houses as are not brothels or semi-brothels are let in tenements,

and families are living in the tenements. The poorest streets in the parish are Victoria Place, very vile and squalid, Salutation Place, Stirling St. (low class prostitutes), generally all that lies south of L. & S. W. Ry, and a court off Commercial Road, mostly low Irish.

The buildings, besides the Church (bad) already are a Mission Room and large Schools; building on the whole adequate. Great difficulty as to workers: parish not capable of supplying visitors, and also work except Sunday School teaching, and some out-door work falls on clergy and paid staff (the Rector). Once H. asked the Bishop to send him workers from outside, but told him "that it was no good sending any who were not in full sympathy with the work" and he seemed to think that such were not likely to come under the present Bishop's notice. In all the parish supplies about 50 voluntary workers of all sorts, all working men and many of them very poor, a troop, a drum, a Band Temperance etc: "the earnestness of them who

do come out" said Mr A. "is very remarkable."

For services see Magazine.

On Sunday morning there are from 50 to 60: in the evening from 300 to 400: mainly parochial though some are drawn from the High churches around. The church is extremely Evangelical; black gown - (Mr A. is not keen about this & but has continued what he found) - and evening communion, which has about 90 attendants monthly, the total number of Communicants being about 250

St Andrew's Brotherhood and Sisterhood (see Report and papers) each have about 90 in attendance. They are a direct result of Meyer's P.S.A.: some of Mr A's men went to the P.S.A. and suggested that something of the same sort should be started; it is however distinctly a religious service, and no other subject is discussed.

Mr A. began to talk with some enthusiasm of the success of the Gospel Temperance Meeting: asked whether they got the drunkard he said "Well no, I'm afraid they are all temperate people". "No doubt however"

I said "they work for the Lord outside". Well, I hope so" he said, but in a very dubious tone.

The Sunday Schools have about 600 children: the Day Schools 1000. Of children in the parish the Rt. thinks that the bulk of the girls go to Sunday School but a large number of boys not: they prefer to loaf and gamble in the streets.

The Social Agencies are much the same as Spiritual lines: always open and close with prayer. The Sons of the Social meetings there was a difficulty on the question of songs, and the Rt. had to make a rule that no comic songs should be allowed.

In visiting the parish is mapped into three divisions, one of the clergy and a scripture reader taking each: at each one a year every house and almost every room is visited. The Rt. finds the greatest friendliness for the Church: only once in 18 years has a visit been refused.

There is a Parish House, who has more than enough to do.

Relief (the Report) is given carefully: my

Little is given in money. The workers need watching, and a representative of the C.O.S. attends. A large proportion of the applicants for which are quite unhelpable. To the Children's Penny Dinners last winter 8677 were given: the actual cost of each dinner is about £2?

The congregation at this Church are very keen on missions and £ a considerable sum has in the last three years been raised in weekly pennies. (the envelope and card).

As to other religious agencies - there are no chapels in the parish. The Workers are friendly on the whole: very cordial relations with them: join for open air meetings etc.

Myers, Agen and the Young's draw a good deal from the parish. Myers is doing excellent work but their workers might let one know a little more what they are doing & so as to prevent overlapping. As to Myers P.S.A. it "has done much good" but it is "too political

Fegan is "working on the right (i.e. evangelical) lines" but "he poaches from everybody" and his appeals and his mags, ignoring all other work, "are a scandal". He took one of Mr A's Scripture Readers, offering him a large salary: the man was followed by members of the congregation and meetings.

The Youngs in Collingwood St "seem to have heaps of money: and take huge parties of children into the country".

The relations between some of the ~~clergy~~ clergy and non-con ministers appear to be unusually cordial here: about 12 including 4 Church of England meet at a social gathering, alternately in one another's houses monthly: not all are evangelical, "the Rector" being among the number: Mr Megan is another.

Of the work of the Vestry Mr A. knows little but thinks it is efficient.

Of the Police he has a poor opinion: he reiterated "I am much disappointed with the police";

they will take no steps against the curses of the parish, prostitution, drink and gambling. Mr H. would not say so publicly, but has no doubt they are squared by publicans, prostitutes, and bookmakers. Apart from this they avoid the women courts.

Drink is as bad as ever; worse among the women, with whom there is much secret drinking. Drunken rows are constant; frequent drunken fights in the streets and courts, especially in the corner adjoining on the church. Stamford Mr. whom Mr H. lives is resorted to often at nights with drunken singing.

Prostitution. On this point Mr H. was a little inconsistent. At an early period of our interview he began upon it, as anyone who lives in Stamford St. is sure to; he said it was worse than ever, the streets swarming with brothels; asked us to the work of the Mr Church Council he said they certainly had closed many houses and "done a lot of good". He however thought there were more women in the streets than ever, and that they are more bold and persistent; he himself is frequently accosted. The brothels are many of them perfect hells; thick,

and cries 'murder' and so on, frequently are heard. The house next to mine. It was at one time opened as a brothel, but the [illegible] wrote to the landlord who closed it.

Crime: a good many thieves in Victoria Road: the coroner lately awarded one particularly, a great many crimes of violence.

Marriage very frequently neglected

Health very fair.

Housing. Victoria and Salutation Road should be demolished.

Mr Asker is one of the best of the Evangelicals. An essentially good man, genuine earnest, sympathetic, with no suspicion of cant, but too meek and other worldly to influence any but the spiritually minded.

St. Andrew's, Lambeth.

Parochial Report

FOR THE

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MOTTO FOR 1898.

"When Thou saidst unto me, Seek ye My Face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy Face, Lord, will I seek."

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REV. J. RUSSELL, 41, Roupell Street.

REV. H. E. STEVENS, B.A., L.TH. Durham; 153, Stamford Street.

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MR. W. BAKER. | MR. J. MOORS.

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MR. W. SPRINGATE. | MR. J. DAWE.
MR. WATSON. | MR. WARD.

Organist.

MR. R. T. BEDFORD, 9, Culverden Road, Balham.

Lady Superintendents of Mothers' Meetings.

Milamay Deaconesses.

MISS PEACOCK. | MISS SAMBROOK.

Scripture Readers.

MR. H. A. IBBOTT, School House, Roupell Street.
MR. L. MANN, 98, Stamford Street.

City Missionary.

MR. J. R. NEWZERLING, 86, Loughboro' Road, Brixton, S.W.

Mission Woman.

MRS. BLOMFIELD, 9, C Block, Peabody's Buildings.

Nurse.

MRS. PHILLIPS, 22, I Block, Peabody's Buildings, Duke Street.

LIST OF SERVICES,

ETC.

SUNDAY.

8	A.M.	Prayer Meeting	Vestry.
10	,,	Sunday Schools	Schools.
11	,,	**Morning Service and Sermon**	Church.
11	,,	Children's Service	Schools.
3	P.M.	Sunday Schools	,,
3	,,	Young Women's Bible Class	Class Room, Schools.
3.15	,,	Young Men's Bible Class	Mission Room.
3.30	,,	**St. Andrew's Brotherhood** ... ... (First Sunday in month in Schools.)	Church.
3.30	,,	**St. Andrew's Sisterhood**	Schools.
4	,,	Teachers' Prayer Meeting (third Sunday in month)	,,
4.30	,,	Baptisms and Churchings	Church.
6.30	,,	**Evening Service and Sermon** ... ... (Followed by After-Meeting in Church on first Sunday of each month).	,,
8	,,	Open Air Services (in Summer).	
8.15	,,	Mission Service	Schools.

*** The *Lord's Supper* is administered on the First Sunday in the Month at the Morning Service, on the Third Sunday at the Evening Service, and on the Last Sunday at 8 A.M.; also on all days when a Proper Preface is appointed.

MONDAY.

2.15	P.M.	Mothers' Meeting	Mission Room.
8	,,	Communicants' Meeting (last Monday in month)	,,
8	,,	Working Girls' Institute	,,

TUESDAY.

6–7	P.M.	Coal Club	Schools.
7–10	,,	Y.M.C.I. and Gymnasium	,,
8	,,	Gospel Temperance Meeting	,,

LIST OF SERVICES, ETC.—*continued.*

WEDNESDAY.

6.30	P.M.	"Windmill" Band of Hope	Lower Schools.
6.30	,,	Band of Hope	Schools.
7.30	,,	Mothers' Meeting	Mission Room.
8	,,	**Short Service and Sermon**	Church.
9	,,	Choir Practice (Congregation invited to stay)	,,
9	,,	Class for Bible Study	Mission Room.

THURSDAY.

6	P.M.	Scripture Union	Mission Room.
8	,,	Gospel Song Service	Schools.
8	,,	**St. Andrew's Brotherhood Committee Meeting**	Class Room.
9	,,	S.A.B. Choir Practice	Schools.

FRIDAY.

8	P.M.	Prayer and Praise Meeting	Mission Room.
9	,,	Open Air Choir Practice (during Summer)	
9	,,	**"Gond's" Missionary Band Meeting** (1st Friday in month)	,,
9	,,	S.A.S. Committee (when announced) ...	,,

SATURDAY.

7–10	P.M.	Y.M.C.I.	Schools.
8	,,	Y.W.C.A. Recreation Evening & Prayer Union	Mission Room.

Attendance is given by the Church Workers at the Mission Room, to give out Hospital Letters, to hear applications for relief, &c., every Tuesday at 11 A.M.

Notice of Publication of Banns of Marriage, and applications for seats, to be sent to Mr. Ibbott, School House, Roupell Street.

Members of the Congregation desiring to see any of the Clergy are particularly requested to leave their names and addresses at the Vicarage.

The Clergy and Workers will be specially thankful if friends will kindly tell them of sick cases, so that they can be visited, and, if necessary, relieved.

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ST. ANDREW'S, LAMBETH.

APRIL 6, 1846 . . PARISH FORMED.
JUNE 20, 1856 . . CHURCH CONSECRATED.

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1846–1858. ALFRED S. CANNEY.
1858–1865. LEWEN TUGWELL, M.A.
1865–1882. FREDERICK TUGWELL.
1882–1891. TREVOR FIELDER, M.A.
1892 — GEORGE E. ASKER, M.A.

REPORT.

MY DEAR FRIENDS—

In issuing this my seventh Annual Report, my heart is again filled with thankfulness for that the hand of our God is still upon us for good. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities, but His mercy, which endureth for ever, has been extended to us all through the year. Many an answered prayer, many an undeserved favour, many an unexpected blessing, have marked the days of the year just closed.

I believe that the spirit of our motto for 1897, "Your Father knoweth. Ask in Faith," has been more fully experienced and practised, and this may in no small measure account for the blessing. We have, therefore, thought well to select for our new motto words breathing the same spirit of faith and prayer, though speaking also of a further subject, as important as the other two.

Our new motto, "Seek ye My Face. . . . Thy Face, Lord, will I seek," includes what was only indirectly taught in the last one, viz., the thought of worship.

This subject touches the very heart of Christianity, and affects the very life of our Parish organisation. When inviting Parishioners to join us in our bright, happy services at St. Andrew's our words are sometimes met with the objection, "We can read our Bibles and pray just as well at home." This objection is true up to a certain point, but I would ask those who thus speak to bear in mind two things—1. The Bible that you profess to read and love continually exhorts you to join in Public Worship. 2. That, somehow, it is an acknowledged fact that those who neglect God's House are the very ones who *do not* read their Bibles at home.

I believe it to be an established truth that when God's children absent themselves from His House of Prayer, in spite of health, strength and opportunity continually granted, their spiritual life deteriorates, and the vigour and earnestness of their souls' health suffers.

To-day we see two extremes in the services of the Church of England. On the one hand we have the cold, formal, ornate service, splendidly rendered from a musical and artistic point of view, but in which the congregation are separated from actual participation in the service, the whole being little more than a spectacular display or a sacred concert in which the congregation form the silent audience. On the other hand we have the service in which the sermon is by far the most prominent feature, and the thought of worship is almost absent. The congregation have assembled to hear a popular preacher, who with excited speech and sentimental appeals seeks to awaken his audience to a sense of their need.

We trust that at St. Andrew's we have not been led into either extreme, and whilst the cold formality of a ritualistic service has never been known amongst us since the church was built, the exciting sensationalism which is too often accompanied by a slovenly service unduly shortened to meet the requirements of a long and earnest appeal is also absent.

Strangers visiting St. Andrew's often express astonishment that we are so old-fashioned as to still retain the black gown, but they also acknowledge frequently that there is a warmth and spiritual

fervour in our congregational service which is not always found in the new paths of modern Church life.

It would ill become me to close this brief letter without an acknowledgment of the kind services and practical sympathy which have been rendered by one and all of our fellow-workers, whilst the willing, self-denying labour of our staff of Sunday School Teachers is above praise.

The congregations are slowly increasing. The National Schools still hold their own and produce results equalled by few (National or Board) in London. The Sunday Schools and Children's Services are as popular as ever amongst the young, and the Brotherhood and Sisterhood show signs of vigorous life.

These are things to be thankful for, and we praise our God and Father for His loving, watchful care over us during 1897.

Still, there are the hundreds round about us who go to no place of worship nor have any desire for the things of God. May the Holy Spirit give us the power to reach these, that they, too, may be brought into the fold of Christ, that their names may be entered in the Lamb's Book of Life.

I would conclude by pressing home upon the workers of St. Andrew's the advice once given by an honoured servant of God now gone to his rest—

"WORK HARD AND PRAY HARDER."

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

GEO. E. ASKER.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ACCOUNT.

April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Offertories for Church Expenses				81	12	2
,, ,, Repairs				6	3	1
Voluntary Church Rate				26	12	3
Collected in Church Boxes				1	8	1
Subscriptions and Donations :—	£	s.	d.			
The Vicar	5	0	0			
"Thank-offering"	5	0	0			
C. Fre man, Esq.	3	0	0			
Mrs. Marsland	1	1	0			
Mrs. Lawley	1	1	0			
Rev. H. E. Stevens	0	10	0			
Mrs. Asker	0	10	0			
				16	2	0
Part proceeds of Infants' Concert (per Miss Lethaby)				1	0	0
Choir Payments returned...				0	5	6
Special Collections :—						
Sick and Poor Fund	16	9	1			
Church Missionary Society	7	1	1			
Church Pastoral Aid Society	3	8	7			
Hospital Sunday Fund	3	3	8			
London City Mission	2	13	7			
Rochester Diocesan Society	2	10	10			
St. Andrew's Brotherhood (General)...	8	18	6			
,, ,, (Benevolent)	3	17	5			
				48	2	9
				181	5	10
Balance due				20	18	11
				£202	4	9

W. BAKER, J. MOORS, } *Churchwardens.*

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Deficit on 1897 Account	20	1	2
Repairs to Stove, Safe and Windows	28	19	7
Cleaning and Materials	28	7	6
Organist and Choir	33	0	0
Gas	11	16	9
Coal, Coke and Wood	3	16	3
Fire Insurance	3	3	3
Organ Tuning	3	3	0
Bell-ringing and Organ-blowing	6	10	0
Water	1	10	0
Communion Wine	1	10	0
Verger and Commission	6	6	6
Washing Surplices	1	6	3
Hymn Sheets and Certificate Books	1	4	10
Licence and Visitation Fee	1	1	0
Cards and Printing	0	17	3
Christmas Decorations	0	14	9
Sundries	0	13	11
Special Collections (see other side)	48	2	9
	£202	4	9

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
W. BROADBENT.

St. ANDREW'S NATIONAL SCHOOLS

ROUPELL STREET.

FOUNDED 1868.

Committee.

REV. GEO. E. ASKER, M.A., *Chairman.*
REV. J. RUSSELL. MR. W. C. KNIGHT CLOWES.
MR. W. BAKER. MR. H. A. IBBOTT. MR. J. MOORS.
REV. H. E. STEVENS, B.A., *Hon. Sec.*

Higher-Grade School.

HOURS, 9.30—12.30; 2—4.30. FEE, 3*d.* per week.

BOYS.

Head Master . . MR. J. H. ATTFIELD, School House.

Assistant Masters—

MR. F. W. KING and MR. F. H. MARSHALL.

GIRLS.

Head Mistress . . MRS. GREEN, School House.

Assistant Mistresses—

MISS H. HOMER and MISS F. BENNETT.

Pupil Teachers—

MISS L. TAYLOR and MISS L. THOMAS.

FRENCH . M. J. LOUIS, LL.B.
(From University of Paris).

COOKERY . MISS M. CARDWELL, Borough Polytechnic.

INFANTS.

FEE, 3*d.* per month.

Head Mistress . . MISS E. LETHABY, School House.

Assistant Mistresses—

MISS G. BARMBY, MISS N. GREENSIDE,
MISS E. MCCREARY, and MISS A. FORD.

Free Schools.

HOURS, 9—12; 1.45—4.15. TERMS, FREE.

BOYS.

Head Master . . . . MR. F. E. COOKE.

Assistant Masters . . . MR. A. H. FAGGETTER.
MR. F. H. BLEACH.

GIRLS.

Head Mistress . . . . . MISS E. MOODY.

Assistant Mistresses . . . MISS J. RUNDLE.
MISS F. SEWELL.
MISS H. EDWARDS.

St. Andrew's National Schools

ESTABLISHED 1868.

March 1st, 1897—Feb. 28th, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Government Grant earned	779	19	9
Fee Grant	396	16	11
New Aid Grant... ...	297	0	0
Subscriptions and Donations (see page 11) ...	133	6	8
Fees paid by Children...	187	0	1
Books Sold	9	2	8
Science and Art Grant	22	13	0
Sale of Needlework ...	3	9	0
Parochial Payments for Gas, &c.	6	1	0
	1,835	9	1
Balance Overdrawn ...	146	3	3
	£1,981	12	4

Cr.	£	s.	d
Balance Overdrawn, *March 1st*, 1897 ...	230	12	7
Salaries of Head Teachers	608	6	0
,, Assistants ...	641	10	6
,, Pupil Teachers	27	10	0
,, Candidates & Monitors...	36	1	10
,, French Master	9	0	0
Cost of Books and Apparatus	105	2	0
Fuel, Light and Cleaning	163	10	10
Repairs to Building and Furniture	102	14	6
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	20	7	10
Prizes	27	5	1
Advertisements and Sundries	9	11	2
	£1,981	12	4

GEO. E. ASKER, *Treasurer.*

Examined with vouchers and found correct,

March 3, 1898. JOHN B. BALL, *Chartered Accountant.*

(Copy of Balance Sheet presented to the Education Department, March, 1898.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Walcot Trustees	46	4	0
Hayle's ,, ...	20	0	8
Be:ton's Charity	20	0	0
Henry James, Esq. ...	10	10	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare...	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Clowes & Sons	5	5	0
F. A. Bevan, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Messrs. T. Gabriel & Sons	4	0	0
Colonial Consignment Co.	3	0	0
Lambeth Estate Co. ...	2	2	0
Seth Taylor, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Boncey	2	2	0
Lion Brewery Co.... ...	2	2	0
J. W. Simmonds, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Sir W. Elphinston, Bart.	1	1	0
Messrs. Hall, Beddall & Co.	1	1	0
Rev. H. E. Stevens ...	1	1	0
Eccles. Commissioners ...	1	0	0
D. Smith, Esq.	0	10	0
	£133	6	8

Church Missionary Society.

ST. ANDREW'S, LAMBETH, ASSOCIATION.

APRIL, 1897—MARCH 31, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
Special Sermons	3	13	1
Children's Services ...	3	8	0
Collections at Meetings ...	0	11	8
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.			
Asker, Rev. G. E. ...	5	0	0
Fielder, Miss G.	0	10	6
Freeland, Miss J. ...	0	10	0
Ibbott, Mr. H.	0	5	0
Robinson, Mr. J.... ...	0	2	6
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOXES.			
Boys' I.	2	0	9
Boys' II.	0	19	0
Girls' I.	3	15	7
Girls' II.	4	0	11
Infants'	0	17	4
Windmill Street School ...	1	12	11
CLASSES.			
Mothers' Meetings ...	2	11	11
Young Men's Bible Class	1	18	4
Young Women's ,, ...	0	13	11
CARDS.			
Bruce, Miss A.	0	8	5
Homer, Miss H.	0	5	0
BOXES.			
Baker, Mr. W.	1	5	11
Blair, Mrs.	2	1	10
Billing, Mr.	0	1	8
Cockerton, Miss	0	3	4
Dawe, Mr. J.	0	9	8
Eberle, Miss A.	0	10	1
"For Jesus' sake" ...	0	6	9
Francis, Mr.	0	5	3
Hewett, Miss E.	0	8	4
Homer, Miss H.	0	15	8
Hubbard, Mr. and Miss ...	0	17	5
Lawley, Miss	0	9	2
Moors, Mr. J.	0	11	0
Nash, Mr. and Miss ...	0	6	6
Raynes, Mrs.	0	2	1
Salter, Miss	0	11	1
Spurrell, Mrs.	0	3	8
Thomas, Mrs.	0	8	6
Terry, Miss	0	2	9
Upsher, Mrs.	0	5	6
Whale, Miss	0	5	0
Vardon, Mr. E.	0	8	5
Sale of Work (Girls' Sunday School I.)	3	7	9
	£47	12	2
Remitted to C. M. S. ...	47	12	2
	£47	12	2

THREE YEARS' ENTERPRISE.

April 12th, 1896—April 12th, 1899.

In addition to the ordinary contributions to the Church Missionary Society a special effort was started, entitled the "Three Years' Enterprise," with the object of increasing the Funds of the Society, and consequently the work in the great foreign field. Our Association has very warmly taken up this work, and by means of T.Y.E. envelopes, in which one penny is placed every Sunday by those joining in the effort, no less a sum than £28 15*s.* 7*d.* was collected during 1897, and £35 1*s.* 6*d.* for 1898.

Statement for Year ending March 31st, 1898, being the second year of the T.Y.E.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Collected in Envelopes ...	35	1	6	Cost of Envelopes, Printing, and Postage	0	11	0
				Remitted to Church Missionary Society	34	10	6
	£35	1	6		£35	1	6

GEO. E. ASKER, *Treasurer.*
W. BROADBENT, *Auditor.*

Sick and Poor Fund.

April 1st, 1897—March 31st, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	6	1	9	Nurse's Wages	41	12	0
Subscriptions and Donations (see p. 13) ...	114	7	0	Bread, Milk, and Eggs	19	13	0
Church Collections ...	16	9	1	Grocery	19	1	2
Hayle's Trustees ...	6	4	0	Money Relief	9	1	0
Towards Convalescent Expenses	4	19	0	Coals	8	11	5
C. O. S. (special) ...	0	9	6	Meat, Beef Tea, etc. ...	4	15	4
Loans returned	1	0	0	Medical Aid and Extra Hospital Letters ...	3	4	6
				Convalescent Letters ...	10	11	6
				Pensions (per C. O. S.)...	8	19	6
				Pensions (per Aged Christian Society ...	3	3	0
				Report Printing (part) and Postage	2	2	6
				Mission Room Expenses (part)	0	10	0
				Materials, etc., for Nurse	0	7	1
					131	12	0
				Balance in hand for Summer needs ...	17	18	4
	£149	10	4		149	10	4

GEO. E. ASKER, *Treasurer.*

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
W. BROADBENT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
H.M. The Queen ...	3	0	0
Metrop. Visitors Relief Association	15	0	0
C. Freeman, Esq. ...	10	0	0
Mrs. F. Somes	10	0	0
Col. Consignment Co. ...	10	0	0
Miss Freeman	8	13	0
Messrs. T. Gabriel & Sons	5	5	0
Messrs. Lawrence & Sons	5	5	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Clowes & Sons	5	0	0
Miss L. Pugh	5	0	0
Miss C. Pugh	5	0	0
Miss E. Martin	5	0	0
G. Hanbury, Esq. ...	5	0	0
C. Liddell, Esq.... ...	4	10	0
Rev. W. D. H. Petter ...	3	3	0
The Misses Pratt... ...	2	10	0
Mrs. Faithfull	2	0	0
Lady Afflech	1	5	0
W. Baker, Esq.	1	0	0
Anon.	0	11	0
Miss Whyte	0	10	0
Miss E. Barrow	0	10	0
Miss J. Nicholson ...	0	10	0
Miss M. Hicks	0	5	0
E. Tozer, Esq. (coals) ...	0	5	0
	£114	7	0

General Purpose Fund.

April, 1897, to March 31st, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions & Donations (see p. 14)	72	13	0	Deficit on 1897 account ...	18	5	11
Sale of Clothes (per Miss Asker)	4	18	0	Rent of Deacons' Room ...	28	15	0
Sale of Parochial Tea Tkts.	1	13	6	Scripture Readers' Assoc.	17	0	0
Help Myself Society (Gas)	1	10	0	Parochial Mission Women's Fund	5	0	0
Balance from Parish Magazine a/c	3	17	9	To Nat. Schools account for Gas, etc.	5	0	0
Mothers' Sale	0	19	3	Mission Room Expenses...	4	1	0
Hymn Books and Leaflets	0	2	11	Report Printing (part) ...	3	12	6
				Caretaker (for extra work)	3	5	0
				Diocesan Inspection Fees...	1	15	0
				Mothers' Meeting Tea ...	1	18	0
				Confirmation Books ...	1	14	5
				Hymn Books and Leaflets	1	4	4
				To Church Repair Fund...	1	1	0
				Parochial Tea	1	4	8
				Scripture Union Tea and Prizes	1	1	9
				Confirmation Tea	0	10	10
				"Bible League" Expenses	0	8	2
				Motto Cards	0	10	6
				Repairs	0	5	7
				Deputation Expenses ...	0	4	10
				Cheque Book	0	3	0
				Pictures	0	2	0
				Gas for Lantern	0	1	6
	85	14	5				
Balance due to Treasurer	11	10	7				
	£97	5	0		£97	5	0

GEO. E. ASKER, *Treasurer.*

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
W. BROADBENT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Forsyth	10	0	0
Mildmay Grant	7	0	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare...	5	5	0
Messrs. T. Gabriel & Sons	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Lawrence & Sons	5	5	0
Messrs. G. Glanville & Sons	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Clowes & Sons	5	0	0
E. Hanbury, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Hon. Mrs. Tollemache ...	5	0	0
G. Hanbury, Esq.... ...	5	0	0
C. Freeman, Esq.... ...	5	0	0
Col. Consignment Co. ...	2	0	0
Lord Kinnaird	2	0	0
Mrs. Marsland	1	1	0
Mrs. Lawley	1	1	0
The Vicar	1	1	0
Mrs. G. Fielder	1	0	0
Mrs. Asker	1	0	0
Miss S. Buckenham ...	0	10	0
	£72	13	0

Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

BIBLE CLASSES.

Young Women's, Miss PEACOCK.

Young Men's, Rev. H. E. STEVENS.

Choir Class, Mr. G. CRISFORD.

BOYS' SCHOOL, I.

Superintendent—Rev. H. E. STEVENS.

Teachers.

Mr. J. MOORS.
Mr. MANN.
Mr. FRANCIS.
Mr. HENSON.
Mr. HUBBARD.
Mr. E. NICHOLSON.

BOYS' SCHOOL, II.

Superintendent—Mr. W. SPRINGATE.

Teachers.

Mr. E. NASH.
Miss WHALE.
Mr. F. DAWE.

GIRLS' SCHOOL, I.

Superintendent—Miss K. ASKER.

Teachers.

Miss A. EBERLE. Miss WATSON.
Miss H. HOMER. Miss LAWLEY.
Miss PORTER. Miss MARTIN.
Miss M. BARRETT. Miss WILLIAMS.
Miss E. HEWETT. Miss L. CRISFORD.
Miss E. GANT. Miss D. CRISFORD.
Miss R. CRISFORD.

GIRLS' SCHOOL, II., AND INFANTS.

Superintendent—Miss E. LETHABY.

Teachers.

Miss THEOBALD.
Miss E. MAJOR.
Miss HORNSBY.
Mrs. FOSSETT.
Miss K. VOELTER.
Miss RUBRIDGE.
Miss THOMAS.
Miss J. DENSUMBE.
Miss F. MOON.
Miss B. VENIS.
Miss G. MARSHALL.
Miss M. KEMP.

"WINDMILL" SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendents—Mr. L. MANN and Mrs. BLAIR.

Teachers.

Mrs. FRANCIS.
Miss SMITH.
Miss WELCH.
Mr. J. FRANCIS.
Mr. J. NICHOLSON.
Mrs. HORNSBY.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Proceeds of Christmas Tree (per Miss K. Asker) ...	14	3	10
C. Freeman, Esq. (Don.)	2	0	0
Part Proceeds of Infants' Concert (per Miss E. Lethaby)	1	10	0
Grant from Ch. of Eng. S. Sch. Institute ...	2	0	0
Sale of Teachers' Books ...	0	6	11
,, Hymn Books ...	0	2	4
	£20	3	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer...	1	17	6
Teachers' Lesson Books ...	4	1	5
Prizes	6	18	2
Teas	5	5	6
Hymn Books	0	5	11
Crockery (part)	0	5	0
Box for Books	0	5	0
Slides and Gas	0	8	3
Printing	0	9	0
	£19	15	9
Balance in hand	0	7	4
	£20	3	1

"WINDMILL" SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	1	11	6
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare...	1	0	0
	£2	11	6

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Tea Expenses	0	15	4
Prizes	0	10	2
Gospels	0	2	1
	£1	7	7
Balance in hand	1	3	11
	£2	11	6

GEO. E. ASKER, *Treasurer.*

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
W. BROADBENT.

Schools Excursion.

July 2, 1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	2	8	3
Subscriptions and Donations (see over) ...	36	10	2
School Concerts Proceeds	5	18	0
Sale of Tickets	20	11	7
Towards Rosettes ...	0	6	9
	65	14	9
Balance due to Treasurer	3	8	9
	£69	3	6

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Special Train to Coulsdon	22	13	9
Provisions (Riemann and Dunn)	32	13	10
Infants' Tea	2	12	4
Choir Excursion... ...	3	11	0
Prizes for Children ...	4	0	0
Printing	0	15	0
Balloons, &c.	0	4	6
Ribbon for Rosettes ...	1	4	0
Teas, &c....	0	11	7
Police and Gratuities ...	0	17	6
	£69	3	6

GEO. E. ASKER, *Treasurer.*

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
W. BROADBENT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (SCHOOLS EXCURSION).

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare...	2	2	0
Sir James Lawrence (the late)	2	0	0
The Vicar	1	1	0
Sea Coal Company ...	1	1	0
G. S. Crisford, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Lion Brewery Company ...	1	0	0
Messrs. W. Clowes & Sons	1	0	0
Messrs. T. Gabriel & Sons	1	0	0
Messrs. Lister & Biggs ...	1	0	0
J. Platt, Esq.	1	0	0
Mrs. Boncey	0	10	6
Messrs. G. Glanville & Co.	0	10	6
Mr. F. Green	0	10	6
W. M. Critchfield, Esq....	0	10	6
Mrs. H. M. Stanley ...	0	10	0
C. Liddell, Esq.	0	10	0
Miss R. McLeod	0	10	0
Mrs. Lawley	0	10	0
Mrs. R. Barclay	0	10	0
W. F. Archibald, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Messrs. Hall & Beddall ...	0	10	0
Seth Taylor, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Messrs. Eastwood & Co.	0	10	0
Messrs. Zetterquist & Sons	0	10	0
Rev. Trevor Fielder ...	0	10	0
D. Smith, Esq.	0	10	0
Colonial Consignment Co.	0	10	0
Mrs. Hornsby	0	8	6
G. S. Flint, Esq.	0	5	0
H. S.	0	5	0
J. K. Meredith, Esq. ...	0	5	0
Miss E. Hewett	0	5	0
Messrs. W. Younger & Co.	0	5	0
Messrs. I. & J. H. Sterling	0	5	0
Messrs. S. Williams & Sons	0	5	0
Messrs. Atkinson & Co. ...	0	5	0
Messrs. Day & Martin ...	0	5	0
Mr. Gotobed	0	5	0
Lambeth Brass & Iron Co.	0	5	0
Geo. Blackman, Esq. ...	0	5	0
Miss A. Whyte	0	5	0
Messrs Younghusband & Barnes	0	5	0
Messrs. A. & W. Aste ...	0	5	0
Messrs. W. & F. Faulkner	0	5	0
E. Groves, Esq.	0	5	0
A. G. Grantham, Esq. ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. A. Thomas ...	0	5	0
Messrs. Heather & Bailey	0	5	0
Dr. Richardson	0	5	0
Mr. W. Baker	0	5	0
Mr. J. Hunt	0	5	0
Mr. R. Speight	0	5	0
A. Ranald Daniels, Esq....	0	5	0
C. Master, Esq.	0	5	0
Mr. Samuel	0	5	0
Mr. H. A. Ibbott	0	5	0
W. Lawley, Esq.	0	5	0
Miss Lawley	0	4	0
Miss A. Eberle	0	4	0
Miss Daisy Sewell ...	0	4	0
Dr. A. St John Hadwen	0	4	0
F. B.	0	3	6
Mr. George Aland ...	0	3	0
Mr. Ardley	0	3	0
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Mrs. W. Bridgeman ...	0	2	6
Mr. S. Cooksey	0	2	6
Johnson & Co.	0	2	6
Mr. T. W. Hopton ...	0	2	6
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Mr. R. Chenery	0	2	6
Mr. W. Broadbent ...	0	2	6
Mr. T. Hale	0	2	6
Mr. A. J. Billing	0	2	6
Miss Salter	0	2	6
Messrs. Tough & Henderson	0	2	6
Mr. J. Oliver	0	2	6
Mrs. Homer	0	2	6
Miss Homer	0	2	6
Mrs. Gibb	0	2	6
Mrs. Read...	0	2	6
Mr. H. Jones	0	2	6
Mr. Homer	0	2	6
Mr. W. F. Springate ...	0	2	6
H. W. Meredith, Esq. ...	0	2	6
E. W. Meredith, Esq. ...	0	2	6
Miss K. Asker	0	2	6
H. D.	0	2	6
E. Lawley, Esq.	0	2	6
Miss E. Poole	0	2	6
Miss Poole	0	2	6
Sums under 2/6	2	8	8
	£36	10	2

Maternity Fund.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Offertories at Churchings	3	7	4
Subscriptions (see below)	3	3	0
	£6	10	4

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Deficit on 1896 account	1	19	3
Gifts with Maternity Boxes	1	19	0
Mission Room Expenses	1	0	0
Coal	1	0	6
	5	18	9
Balance in hand	0	11	7
	£6	10	4

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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Boncey	0	10	6
Miss Whyte	0	6	0
Mrs. Green	0	5	0
Mrs. Lawley	0	5	0
H. S.	0	4	0
Mrs. Moon...	0	3	0
Mrs. Baker	0	2	6
Mrs. Moors	0	2	6
Mrs. Attfield	0	2	6
Mrs Styles	0	2	6
Mrs. Homer	0	2	6
Mrs. Speight	0	2	6
Mr. Broadbent	0	2	6
Miss James	0	2	6
Mrs. Eberle	0	2	0
Mrs. Thomas	0	2	0
Mrs. Grigg...	0	2	0
Sums under 2s.	0	3	6
	£3	3	0

Mothers' Meetings Excursion.

1896-7.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	0	2	5
Subscriptions and Donations (see over)	14	14	0
Mothers' Payments ...	6	16	6
	£21	12	11

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Provisions, &c.	9	14	0
Brakes	10	16	0
Printing	0	3	6
	20	13	6
Balance in hand	0	19	5
	£21	12	11

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	£	s.	d.
F. A. Bevan, Esq. ...	3	0	0
G. Hanbury, Esq. ...	2	0	0
Messrs. T. Gabriel & Sons	1	1	0
D. S.	1	1	0
Messrs. Nobles & Hoare...	1	0	0
Messrs. W. Clowes & Sons	1	0	0
Sir J. Lawrence (the late)	1	0	0
Messrs. G. Glanville & Son	0	10	6
Mrs. Boncey	0	10	6
L. J	0	5	0
E. Grove, Esq.	0	5	0
Mrs. Russell	0	5	0
Rev. J. Russell	0	5	0
Mrs. Lawley	0	5	0
Messrs. A. & W. Aste ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Crisford	0	5	0
Mr. G. Smith	0	3	0
Mr. W. Baker	0	2	6
Mrs. Bridgman	0	2	6
Mrs. Powys	0	2	6
Mr. R. Speight	0	2	6
Mrs. Hunt...	0	2	6
Mr. Christmas	0	2	6
Mrs. Moors	0	2	6
Messrs. Clements	0	2	6
Mr. E. Mabey	0	2	6
Mrs. Eberle	0	2	6
Sums under 2*s.*	0	8	0
	£14	14	0

Band of Hope.

1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Members' Subscriptions and Cards	15	10	3
Sale of Hymn Books ...	0	8	4
Sub., Rev. G. E. Asker	0	10	0
Pledge Cards	0	1	0
	16	9	7
Balance due to Treasurer	3	8	8
	£19	18	3

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Deficit on 1896 account	1	10	3
Summer Excursion ...	4	5	8
Prizes and Medals ...	4	13	9
Teas	3	9	3½
Printing	1	2	6
Hymn Books	0	18	2
Registers, Envelopes and Cards	0	17	6
Jubilee Badges	0	16	10½
Cleaning and Preparing Room	0	15	3
Affiliation Fee	0	10	1
Jubilee Pledge Roll ...	0	5	8½
Magazines	0	4	10½
Refreshments for Choir...	0	4	0
Chemical Lecture ...	0	2	6
Gas for Lantern	0	1	6
Subscriptions returned ...	0	0	4
	£19	18	3

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Children's Penny Dinners.

December 7th, 1897, *to March 31st*, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	3	0	2
Grants from Lon. Schools Dinner Association ...	20	14	8
Subscriptions—			
Mrs. T. Lawley 0 5 0			
Gladys and Affie Parkin ... 0 2 0			
	0	7	0
2800 Dinners at 1*d.* ... (1264 given free)	11	13	4
	£35	15	2

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Room Cleaning	1	0	0
Plant and Repairs ...	1	17	1
Fuel	2	18	0
Wages	9	8	0
Printing Tickets... ...	0	5	7
Provisions	20	6	6
	£35	15	2

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Gospel Temperance Society.

1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Members' Subscriptions...	3	10	8
Collections	2	16	4
Balance from Summer Excursion	2	14	6
Tea Tickets	0	18	6
Donation, Rev. G. F. Powys	0	5	0
	£10	5	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Deficit from 1896 account	0	14	3½
Cleaning and Preparing Rooms	1	6	0
Tea Expenses	2	5	4
Printing	1	0	6
Lantern Gas and Slides...	0	18	5
Lantern Stand	0	1	6
Tuning Piano	0	2	6
Special Collections—			
Church Missnry. Society ... 11 8			
Prot. Ch. Union 11 0			
Nestorian Mission 7 4			
	1	10	0
	7	18	6½
Balance in hand	2	6	5½
	£10	5	0

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Parish Magazine Account.

1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Magazines ...	18	18	7	Cost of Magazines and Printing	23	18	2
By Sale of Christmas Nos.	1	0	10	Cost of Christmas Nos. ...	0	12	6
Advertisements	8	19	0	Carriage and Postage ...	0	10	0
					25	0	8
				Balance to General Purpose Fund	3	17	9
	£28	18	5		£28	18	5

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Church Pastoral Aid Society.

April 1st, 1897, *to March 31st*, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Church Collections ...	3	8	7	Remitted to Society ...	10	19	7
Subscriptions:—							
Miss J. A. Sanders ...	6	0	0				
Rev. G. E. Asker ...	1	1	0				
Box—Mrs. T. Lawley ...	0	10	0				
	£10	19	7		£10	19	7

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Working Girls' Institute.

Superintendents—MISS K. ASKER; MRS. F. BLAIR.

March 31st, 1897, *to April*, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Rev. G. E. Asker, Subs.	0	10	6	Needlework Materials ...	1	8	7
Sale of Clothing	0	6	7	Teas	0	18	7
	0	17	1	Printing	0	7	6
Balance due to Treasurer	1	17	7				
	£2	14	8		£2	14	8

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Subject—"Things worth knowing" - Mr. T. HEPPLE

Soloist—Miss H. EDWARDS.

SUNDAY, JULY 9th, at 3.30—

Subject "The 'V.C.'" - - - Rev. G. E. ASKER

Sacred Solos by Miss M. JAMES.

At the close of this Service there will be a short Prayer Meeting.

SUNDAY, JULY 16th, at 3.30—

Subject—"Help by the Way" - - Mr. F. RUDDLE

Mrs. RUDDLE will give the Sacred Solos.

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, at 3.30—

Subject "A True Woman" - Rev. H. E. STEVENS

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3(Interview with the Rev. J.B.Barraclough, Vicar of S. Thomas', Lambeth, at the Vicarage, 382 Westminster Bridge Road. (E.A.) June 28.99. 3 8 / 5 17

I saw Mr. B. in his study, a solid room, severe and unadorned, but substantially furnished. He was friendly, but his ultra-Protestanism ~~xxxxxxx~~ is perhaps hardly compatible with real geniality. He received me in the comfortable negligé of slippers, but he got tidier towards the top, and his head is covered with beautiful silky hair, wavy and well-groomed. The head itself is well-shaped and well-poised, and in his study he looks benign and not undignified. Seen in the street the face is less prepossessing. He is a man of perhaps 55, and has been at S. Thomas' for 5½ years. Previously he had been for some years in the East End, working a good deal among the Jews, and at the head of the ~~xxxx~~ establishment (Chapel, Home etc.) that formerly existed at Palestine Place, Bethnal Green.

He compares his present parish unfavourably from all points of view with the East End, and he professes to know the latter well. His people are nearly all unskilled (porters etc. etc.) with any number of loafers. Total population 9000, with a downward trend discernible, the more respectable tending to move further out. Herriot St. and others adjacent are the worst and poorest parts of the Parish, and New St. is very much the same.

Up to the present there has been but little re-build-

ing in the Parish, but ~~xx~~ a good deal is expected, as the leases in New St., Mitre St. etc. are lapsing. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are the chief landlords.

He claims that disorderly houses are now unknown in the parish, the action of the Vigilance Committee having having led to the closing of a good many. (Bairstow, Hon. Sec.). Drunkenness (especially among the women) brawling, gambling are the chief local vices.

The people, take them all round, are very friendly, but there is the common complaint of "utter indifference". There is no secularist propaganda, and he knows of no avowed infidels.

He is ready to make allowances for the drinking habits of the people, both these and the promiscuous relationships being to a great extent brought about by the overcrowding that there is. "No wonder that people drink". There is much co-habitation, and he told me of some terrible cases of incest. In one case, where the man is a widower, he is living with his daughter, and the latter has confessed the relationship. In another case, where the wife was living, a daughter had a child by her father. In the latter case however, public opinion was outraged; the effigy of the man was carried about and held up to public scorn, and the family had to leave the n'hhod.

In Lambeth Slums.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Reprinted (with corrections) from "*Church and People*," for September, 1898.

ST. THOMAS', LAMBETH.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, of which the Rev. J. B. Barraclough, M.A., is Vicar, is at the very edge of the parish, and this would constitute a hindrance to the work if it were not for the fact that the parish has been studded with Mission Rooms, so that there is now accommodation for the people in all parts of the district quite close at hand. Mr. Barraclough has now four centres of work. 1. The Church and Church Room, Westminster Bridge Road; 2. St. Thomas' Hall, Waterloo Road; 3. Frazier Street Mission House, Lower Marsh; and 4. Short Street Mission Room, New Cut. The Frazier Street Mission House has lately been bought on an eighty-nine years' lease, and has been thoroughly repaired within and without. It is situated in a street where, only a very few years since, no policeman dared to go down alone after dark. "But now," the Vicar added, "my Mission Women can go there without let or hindrance." It is hoped to erect a Chapel-of-Ease near to the Short Street site in the course of time.

The population is about 9,000, and so closely are they packed in, that you can walk round the parish in fifteen minutes. The people are extremely poor. There is no staple industry in the place, and fully three-fourths of the men are casual labourers. The former Vicar, the late Rev. J. R. Starey, used to classify

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There are 30 public houses in his parish, and he said there were 45 within a radius of 400 yards of the Victoria Music Hall. He passed qualified praise only to the police, thinking that their action with regard to the pubs was not altogether that of free agents. But he made no complaints of the landlords of the houses, and appeared to think that they were well managed.

The district lies low, as is suggested by the names - Lambeth Marsh- and there is a good deal of illness -- throat, chest, rheumatism etc.

A good deal of information, rather coloured perhaps, is given about the parish in the accompanying leaflets. There are few social agencies, most that is done being as the Vicar said, "directly religious". The church standpoint is "out and out Protestant and evangelical"; the black gown is worn, and sets its seal upon the rest. But the parish is by no means sleepy, and the services etc. are numerous. The work is largely "of a missionary character".

BUILDINGS: see leaflet. The church holds 1035.

ATTENDANCES: are going up; the last incumbent was a very old man, but the congregations are still small, "like most round here". The people come mostly from the n'hood, not from the parish, and are largely of the lower middle class. The position of the Church on a great thoroughfare explain

the population thus: small shopkeepers, artisans, job labourers, costermongers, hawkers, bone-pickers, cinder women, match-sellers, and beggars; and it may be said that the same classification holds good in the main to-day.

I asked the Vicar to name his chief difficulties. The utter indifference to all Religion shown by the people was amongst the foremost. Then again, intemperance is a potent force in the parish. "I have lived and worked in the East End," said Mr. Barraclough, "and I can assure you that this place is infinitely worse, and the drunkenness among the women is appalling" Yet a third evil is very rife. "Gambling," the Vicar added, "is practised almost universally—even by the factory girls. My daughter, in her visits, has found them betting eagerly over horse-racing. No, there is not much immorality, but a good deal of irregular living, and special efforts are being made to get these people married."

Mr. Barraclough has a large staff, and it quickly became evident that he believes thoroughly in house-to-house Visitation "We meet with no difficulty," he said; "every house is open to us, strong Protestant though I am,"—this in reference to the number of Roman Catholics in the parish. Here it may be convenient to add that a missionary of the Protestant Reformation Society has just been transferred from Halifax to work in and around the parish, with St. Thomas' as his headquarters.

Of the parish work itself, it is difficult to speak, for there are so many Services and Meetings that it is impossible to do justice to them. Sunday is, of course, a very busy day. Every Sunday four Schools are held, morning and afternoon, at the four centres of the parish. Divine Service is conducted in St. Thomas' Church, morning, afternoon, and evening; a children's service is held in the Girls' Schoolroom at 11 a.m., and at 6 p.m. two other children's services are held, one in the Infants' Schoolroom, and

the other in the Church Room. At 3 p.m. a Bible-class for lads meets in one of the Mission rooms; at half-past three Miss Rivaz, a lady who does much useful work in the parish, conducts a Mission Service in St. Thomas' Hall, Waterloo Road; while in the evening there are three Mission Services held simultaneously in three different parts of the parish. It may be remembered that Bishop Thorold some years ago started Sunday Evening Mission Services at the once famous "Vic," which is in the parish, but these have now been transferred to St. Thomas' Hall, and they are doing excellent work.

Of the week-day services and meetings it may be said that their name is legion. A Mothers' Meeting is held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the year, with excellent attendances. Some 500 or 600 poor children are on the registers of the Sunday Schools, and there are, besides, girls' sewing classes, youths' meetings, classes for young women, Band of Hope meetings, working-men's and working-women's benefit societies, temperance meetings, and a variety of other agencies for uplifting the people. There is a vigorous temperance campaign being carried on, and the need for it will be readily understood when it is said that within a radius of 400 yards of "The Vic" there are forty-five public-houses.

There is no Chapel in the parish, but several Non-conformist Mission Rooms. The people, however, soon find out that the Church is their friend, and whenever they are in any trouble or difficulty it is to the Vicar they come for advice and help.

Open-Air Work has always been a feature at St. Thomas' ever since the days of Bishop Weeks, afterwards of Sierra Leone. There is a service held every Monday night all the year round, while in the summer the number of services is greatly increased. The churchyard of St. Thomas' abuts on to Westminster Bridge Road, and forms an excellent pitch. "We had a capital service

there on Sunday night," said the Vicar, referring to the experience of the night before, "but as a rule our most successful services—using the word in its best sense—are those held in the narrow streets of the parish. We catch everybody in that way, for although many of the people don't care to come and stand round, they sit at their open window or on the doorsteps, and so hear every word. I reckon that in this way every parishioner is brought within the sound of the Gospel at least once a year." Mr. Barraclough acknowledged his indebtedness to some faithful members of the Rev. W. R. Mowll's congregation at Christ Church, North Brixton, for the patient and ready help they gave him in this way.

As to results, the Vicar spoke of several cases of conversion. "Thank God we *do* have conversions," he said, "and some of them are of a most interesting character.

All this work is only carried on at a great expenditure of time, work, and money,—it is said that about £1,000 has to be raised annually,—but it is well worth the effort, for surely by the blessing of God upon the agencies here in operation, what is indeed a wilderness may yet blossom as a rose.

H. C. H.

A VISIT TO

ST. THOMAS', LAMBETH.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Reprinted from the "*English Churchman.*"

"The work done in this parish is as thoroughly a Missionary work as can be found in any part of China or India!" Such was the exclamation of the Rev. J. B. Barraclough, Vicar of St. Thomas' Lambeth, as I sat talking to him last Thursday evening in his quiet study, not three minutes' walk from St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, and within two minutes' walk of the well-known Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, of which the Rev. F. B. Meyer is the minister. And when Mr. Barraclough, directly after, took me round his parish, I soon beheld ample proof of the truth of his assertion. On every hand there was to be seen poverty, dirt, vice, and drunkenness. "The state of things here is as bad as anything to be found in Whitechapel," said the Vicar, and he spoke from several years' experience of work in both neighbourhoods. There are not many men who would feel happy while constantly labouring with such melancholy and unhealthy surroundings, and with mountains of difficulty ever before them. But Mr. Barraclough loves his work, and the souls of the people committed to his charge, and consequently, in season and out of season, from early morn till late at night he is ever about his Master's business. But he does not work on the fashionable lines of the day. He really has no time, and he assured me he had no inclination, to get up popular concerts, or to organize merely worldly amusements. It is his opinion that work of this kind is outside the sphere of ordinary ministerial duty. He has under his superintendence two Curates, three City Missionaries, four Mission Women, and one Parish Nurse; but, "what are these amongst so many?" The parish has a population of 9,000 poor, some of them so poor that seven of them have amongst them only one small room to live and sleep in. The Vicar has a small staff of voluntary workers, some of whom come from Christ Church, North Brixton, but there is enough work for dozens more. If any Evangelical ladies or gentlemen who read this article of mine need Christian work, let them go to Mr. Barraclough, and he will soon give them plenty to

do. What he *would* like, however, is that some wealthy Protestant parish, as a parish, should come to his assistance by adopting his district, as has already been done elsewhere in many instances by the Ritualists. It would relieve him of many anxieties, giving to him periods of joy and gladness, which are now filled with anxieties pressing and hard to bear. To do the work properly he needs about £1,000 a year, towards which I suppose not more than six persons in the parish could contribute a £5 note each. So he has to appeal for outside help.

And now it is time for me to mention that Mr. Barraclough is an out-and-out Protestant, as well as a faithful preacher of the Gospel. Besides being a member of the Committee of various Missionary and other Societies he is a member of the Council of the Church Association, of the Committee of the Protestant Reformation Society, and Honorary Secretary of the National Protestant Congress; nor must I omit to mention that he is also Chairman of the Committee of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews. Surely such a faithful man as this ought not to appeal to Protestants in vain for sorely needed help in carrying the Gospel to the poor, the degraded, the vicious, and the lost. Perhaps some wealthy philanthropist who reads these lines will pay the Vicar a friendly visit, and after inspecting his work, write him a cheque for a *handsome* sum. But I warn him before he commences his visit that, if he wants to see *all* the work of the parish, he must devote the greater part of a week to it. I have before me as I write a little Calendar of each week's work all the year round. Every Sunday four Sunday Schools are held, morning and afternoon, in four Mission Halls, in different parts of the parish, and at 4 p.m. a Sunday School Teachers' Prayer Meeting is held. Morning, afternoon, and evening divine service is conducted in the Parish Church, which is most inconveniently placed at the west end corner of the parish. A children's service commences in the Girls' Schoolroom at 11 a.m., and at 6 p.m., two other children's services are held, one in the Infants' Schoolroom, and the other in the Church Room. At 3 p.m. a Bible class for lads meets in one of the mission rooms; at half-past three a lady conducts a mission service in St. Thomas' Hall, Waterloo Road; while in the evening no fewer than three mission services are held in three different parts of the parish, and on the first Sunday of each month a prayer meeting closes the Sabbath Day's labours. Now, I think every one who reads this statement will acknowledge that this programme represents a vast amount of work, multiplied fifty-two times every year. And you, my Ritualistic readers, after you have studied it carefully, go and talk about Evangelical laziness, *if you dare!* I have not sufficient space at my disposal to give the entire programme of a whole week's work, for Mr. Barraclough and his zealous helpers do not believe in working hard only on Sunday, and then remaining idle all the rest of the week, but I may mention that a mothers' meeting is held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the year. There are between 300 and 400 mothers whose names are on the books, and about 500 poor children are on the registers of the Sunday Schools. Then, there are, besides, girls' sewing classes, youths' meetings, classes for young women, Band of Hope meetings, working men's and working women's benefit societies, temperance meetings, and a host of others too numerous to mention. The parish of St. Thomas' is one of the best places in London for open-air preaching, for by this means the very lowest strata of society is reached. Mr. Barraclough believes in open-air preaching and it is conducted in the by-streets and courts of his parish all the year, and not in summer only. It is a work which angels might well envy, if that were possible. "Rescue the perishing" is the motto of all Mr. Barraclough's workers, as they go in and out amongst a people who sadly need their help.

Mr. Barraclough has four centres of work in his parish:— 1. The Church and Church Room, Westminster Bridge Road; 2. St. Thomas' Hall, Waterloo Road; 3. Frazier Street Mission House, Lower Marsh; and 4. Short Street Mission Room, New Cut. The Frazier Street Mission House has just been bought on an eighty-nine years' lease, and has been thoroughly repaired within and without. Altogether it will cost about £500, for which Mr. Barraclough has just issued a special and urgent appeal. I saw the building on Thursday night, and very nice, comfortable, and clean it looked. It is situated in a street where, only a very few years since, no policeman dared to go down alone after dark. There was a re-opening service held in the room last Saturday night, and although none of the high and mighty in this world's estimation were present, yet I doubt not that it was specially blessed by the presence of Him who came "to seek and save the lost." Very earnest were the prayers offered on that humble, but deeply interesting, occasion that real, soul-saving work might be carried on there. The Vicar presided over a Devotional Meeting, and was well supported by a band of Christian workers. On Sunday week, at the late hour of 8.30 p.m, I was present at the service held in the Short Street Mission Room. The people who came to it were the poorest of the poor, just the sort of people an earnest Christian worker delights to welcome. The service was conducted by a London City Missionary, and the address was given by a

member of the Protestant Defence Brigade. Close to this room, which is in the east end of the parish, Mr. Barraclough hopes ere long to erect a new church. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have promised to give the site for the building, but the Protestant outside public must find the money, if ever the church is to be erected at all.

I was present at divine service in St. Thomas' Church on the evening of Sunday week, and was disappointed in not finding the Vicar there—he was preaching that evening in a Battersea Church. There was not a large congregation, but that was not the fault of the Vicar and his helpers. Most of the people in the parish are so badly attired that they would be ashamed to be seen in church, so they go to the mission-room services instead. The rich would not care to go there even if it were convenient, and the counter-attraction of Mr. Meyer's popular preaching at Christ Church, close by, draws away many who would otherwise attend St. Thomas' Church. The majority of the congregation are of the respectable coster-monger class with their wives and daughters. The services are plain. The prayers are read, and so are the proper Psalms, while the hymn book is "Songs of Grace and Glory." There is a mixed choir up in a side gallery, and, of course, the preaching gown is in use in the pulpit. The special preacher was a missionary from India, who pleaded very earnestly for the work of the Church Missionary Society, and gave a deeply interesting description of his own difficult but most successful labours.

I wish I had space to write a biography of Mr. Barraclough himself. I can only state that he comes of an old Yorkshire family, and was born in that county in the year 1843. He was educated at Wakefield Grammar School, from which he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1865, and his M.A. in 1868. At a very early age he decided to devote his life to the Ministry, and, therefore, in 1866 he was ordained deacon, and in 1867 priest by the Bishop of Lichfield. His first curacy was that of St. James', Riddings, which he held until 1867, in which year he became Incumbent of Bolam, where he remained until 1869, when he became Incumbent of Witton Park, Durham. There he remained for about six years, when he accepted the post of Association Secretary of the London Jews' Society, which he resigned when, in 1881, he was appointed head of that Society's Home Mission. For eleven years, viz., from 1881 to 1892, Mr. Barraclough was Chaplain of the Episcopal Jews Chapel, Bethnal Green, where he remained until, in 1893, he became Vicar of St. Thomas', Lambeth.

TEMPORAL RELIEF FUND.

Treasurer—THE VICAR.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, April 1st, 1897	13	1	6
Loan repaid by E. Yallop	0	5	0
Miss A. Dearle	2	0	0
Mr. Myers	0	5	0
Mrs. Walker	0	10	0
Repaid by Martin	0	5	0
Miss Burgess	0	5	0
A E. A.	2	0	0
Messrs. Oakey & Sons ...	1	1	0
Mr. F. Lee	1	1	0
Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association ...	15	0	0
Collected by Miss F. ...	0	10	0
Mr. J. Deacon	1	0	0
Miss Farmar (£5, Special)	6	0	0
Lt. Col. Oakes	1	0	0
Mr. Stuckenschmidt ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Parry	1	0	0
Messrs. Atkinson & Co. ..	1	0	0
Rev. Canon D. D. Stewart	0	10	0
Miss Agnew	0	5	0
Mr. Cecil Long	2	2	0
Mr. T. A. Denny	5	0	0
Miss E. Shawe	0	10	0
Misses Penfold	0	10	0
Mr. F. Valiant	0	10	0
Miss Ussher	0	2	6
Messrs. Rogers & Son ...	0	5	0
Rev. J. B. Barraclough ...	0	5	0
Sums under 2/6	0	1	0
	£57	5	0

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Clothing, Blankets, Sheets, &c.	9	11	3
Coal Tickets	6	1	9
Relief in money and kind, to Maternity cases ...	5	5	6
Grocery Tickets	3	13	6
Outfits for Servants, part to be repaid	3	8	5½
Relief in money, or otherwise	3	1	0
Grant to St. Thomas' Hall Mothers' Meeting ...	1	7	6¾
Bread Tickets	1	7	0
Grants for Bonus to Provident Fund and Boot and Shoe Club... ...	1	5	2
Hospital Saturday Fund, for Letters	1	1	0
Indigent Blind Visiting Society, for a Blind Parishioner	1	1	0
Printing and Advertisements (for Servants) ...	0	18	5
Washing of Loan Blankets	0	12	4
	£38	13	11¼
Balance in hand (but nearly all disbursed since Easter)	18	11	0¾
	£57	5	0

Examined and found correct,

JAMES STEWART,
BENJAMIN HORWILL.

NOTE—Our thanks are due and heartily given to Mr. T. A. DENNY, Mrs. LEAF, and other friends for Gifts in kind for our poor, and also to Mrs. G. A. WESTERN and others for various acts of kindness to them.

this non-parochial element.

Sunday morning, 80 to 100. Sunday evening, 200 to 250. Three Mission services in the evening; all poor; aggregate mission attendances 200 or so. At the various children's services about 500 attend. There is a good deal of open-air work. At the four Sunday Schools there are 550 on the registers, and an average of 450 or less. There are 120 names on the Communicants' Roll, and this list is an effective one, carefully kept. Easter total about 90.

STAFF and WORKERS: see list. The S.S. teachers come mostly from the parish, and several are working girls. One of the best is a cigar-maker. There are not many other helpers and but few from outside.

The following is the small relief account, but larger sums are given in pensions though grants made from the local trust charities. From the latter for this purpose they get about £75, and in addition about £38 for "Medical Aid". There is little co-operation with the C.O.S. and he does not work with the Registration Committee.

As regards other agencies Mr. B. said that "Mr. Meyer is the great man about here", and he mentioned the "very useful" local branch of the London Medical Mission, the doctor at which is a personal friend of his own; and the small missions of the Baptists, Wesleyans, and the

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St. Thomas', Lambeth.

VICAR.

Rev. J. B. Barraclough, M.A., The Vicarage, Westminster Bridge Road.

CURATES.

Rev. J. Mansell, 23, Lambeth Road; and
Rev. A. Clark, B.A., to be succeeded in June by the Rev. J. Percy Neville, M.A.

CHURCHWARDENS.

Mr. B. Horwill, 120, Westminster Bridge Road; and
Mr. E. Ford, 26, Pearman Street.

SIDESMEN.

Mr. F. A. Falck, and Mr. J. Stewart, } 10, Crampton Street, Newington Butts.

ORGANIST.

Miss Green.

LONDON CITY MISSIONARIES.

Mr. Armitage, Mr. Davies, and Mr. Thomas (part time).

MISSIONARY OF PROTESTANT REFORMATION SOCIETY. (S. London)

Mr. J. Flanagan.

NURSE.

Mrs. Marsh. (from Dolphin Square to Female Nurse)

MISSION WOMEN.

Miss Sparling, Miss Austin, Miss Edwards, and Miss Reeve.

VERGER.

Mr. French.

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PEW OPENERS.

Mrs. Long and Mrs. Millican.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

St. Thomas' Hall—*Boys*: Mr. Stewart.
,, ,, *Girls*: Miss Lockett.
,, ,, *Infants*: Miss French.
Church Room—Miss Barraclough (pro tem).
Frazier Street—Miss Austin.
Short Street—Miss Reeve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Miss Ashdown	Mrs. Horwill	Mrs. Rozier
Miss Barraclough	Miss Horwill	Mr. Sangar
Miss Denham	Miss A. Horwill	Mr. A. Sangar
Miss Ede	Miss S. Lockett	Miss Sparling
Miss Edwards	Mr. Malbert	Miss Stevens
Mr. Falck	Mr. Morley	Miss E. Stevens
Miss Finnessey	Mrs. Morley	Miss Styles
Mr. Ford	Miss Morley	Mr. Taylor
Mr. Galland	Miss Parlett	Mr. Warner
Miss Galland	Miss Prangley	Miss Wicks
Mr. Hill	Miss Rockhill	

SUPERINTENDENTS OF MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Monday—Church Room—Mrs. Horwill.

Tuesday—St. Thomas' Hall—Mrs. Thomas.

Wednesday—Short Street Mission Room—(Vacant, a Lady urgently wanted).

Thursday—Frazier Street Mission Room—Mrs. Smith.

VISITOR OF MATERNITY CASES.

Mrs. Barraclough.

MISSION ASSISTANT.

(In connection with St. Thomas' Hall Services,) Mr. Joyce.

Note.—Our total number of Voluntary Helpers, including Open-Air Workers, Distributors of "Wayside Words" (1,500 copies monthly), Choir, Helpers at Mission, Children's Services, Classes, &c., is upwards of **Seventy.** All of these I thank most sincerely for their kind and ready help.

"My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—1 Cor. xv. 58.

31 Interview with the Rev. J.W.Pitchford, Vicar of S. Jude's, Southwark, at the Vicarage, 110 S. George's Road. 31/5478 (E.A.) June 30.99.

Mr. P. is a man of perhaps 60 years of age; thick-set; grizzled; small voiced -- an unimpressive person. He is a pronounced Tory, hating the Radicals, and detesting trade-unionism. He has rather a grievance against society, or speaks as though he had. He has just succeeded in raising the funds to build a new church, but, in spite of this triumph, which has absorbed much of his energy for some time past, he is out of heart with his parish; thinks that South London is a neglected part of the world xxxxx and that his own particular spot is the most neglected of all. It is deadly dull, a sort of backwater of the Metropolis, or the thickest part of a forest, to which many come to hide. Shabby gentility of the fourth class, as in West Square, silts towards them. Although they thus have a certain number of people with small incomes, the great majority are working class, and the local tendency ~~is~~ as new building takes the place of old, is for people of a slightly better class to come in. This as regards well-being; as to their morals he was not so clear.

There are many brothels in the parish, and prostitution is "its open sore". The special abuse appears to be the solicitation practised in S. George's Road, which is

Mission Union—Org. Sec., Rev. W. MILLER REID and Mr. ATTEWILL; *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. JAMES BARRY.

Temperance Society—Sec., Rev. W. MILLER REID; *Treas.*, Rev. B. WEST, M.A., 117, Kennington Park Road.

Band of Hope—Supt. and Sec., Mr. ATTEWILL.

Boys' Sunday School—Supt., Rev. G. MOORE. *Teachers*, Mr. A. ATTEWILL; Mr. JAMES BARRY, 3, Pullin's Buildings, Newington Butts, Mr. KIDSON, 3, St. Bride Street, E.C. Mr. THURLOW, 7, Friday Street, E.C.; Mr. TEMPLEMAN. 62, Hayles Buildings; Miss R. AMMON, 42, Cooper's Road, S.E.; Miss Willett, 2, Lamlash Street, S.E.; Miss DYSON, 58, Victoria Road, Peckham.

Girls' Sunday School—Supt., Mr. A. ECKENSTEIN. *Teachers*, Miss DINGLE, 54, West Sq.; Mrs. DUDLEY, 1 Belvedere Buildings; Mrs. PAYNE, 39, St. George's Road; Miss A. C. Pitchford and Miss G. PITCHFORD, 110, St. George's Road; Miss PITT, 103, Loughborough Road; Miss RICE, 22, Smyrks Road, S.E.; Miss SHAW, 16, Surrey Lodge; Miss SUTTON and Miss E. SUTTON, 23 Colnbrook Street; Mrs. TEMPLEMAN, 62, Hayles Buildings; Miss WHIBLEY, King Edward School, St. George's Road; Miss M. YOUNG, 41, West Square.

Sunday School Sec. and Treas.—Mr. A. ECKENSTEIN.

Sunday School Boys' Club—Supt., Rev. W. MILLER REID; *Treas.*, ; *Sec.*, Mr. A. ATTEWILL; *Instructor*,

Boys' Day School—Head Master, Mr. E. BRUCE, A.C.P.; *Teachers*, Mr. H. ABSOLOM, 91, Manor Street, Clapham, S.W.; Miss A. HOWES, 13, Rossetti Gardens, Chelsea; Miss H. HOWES, 255, Malpas Road, Brockley; Miss SISMAN, 68, Upper Whitworth Road, Plumstead, S. E. *Woodwork*, Mr. C. J. CUMBER, Borough Road Polytechnic; *Swimming*, Mr. D. R. TAYLOR, 80, St. George's Road.

Girls' and Infants' Day School—Head Mistress, Mrs. S. BARHAM, 14, Geneva Road, Brixton; *Teachers*, Mrs. COVENTRY, 35, West Square; Miss TURNER, 32, Ethnard Road, Old Kent Road; Miss E. SHEMELD, 7, Lucretia Road, Kennington; Miss M. BLACKBURN, 13, Alvey Street, Walworth; Miss E. WINTER, 255, New Kent Road; Miss J. JENKINS, 162, York Road, Lambeth; Miss G. CUTTER, 52, London Rd. *Cookery*, Miss WOOLLETT, 4, Park Row, Blackheath Park, S.E.; *Laundry Work*, Miss MARSHALL; *Swimming*, Miss BRUCE, 16, St. George's Road.

Caretaker—Mr. J. CRIPPS, 29, Hayles Buildings, S.E.

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badly lighted, and convenient. The women who frequent it are mostly of a very poor class. He thinks that the houses to which men are taken are very largely out of the parish, and Burnam St., although pretty bad still, is better than it was. In his opinion nine-tenths of the prostitution is to be traced to idleness rather than to poverty, and it was in developing this view that he diverged to that of the prevailing dulness of South London, to the absence of all municipal life, and to the lack of any great public buildings. Life centres in the North of the Thames, and the thoughts of the charitable turn to the East End. On all grounds the South is neglected, and this Vicar of some 21 years standing & perhaps the most neglected of all. He ought to be moved.

Facts (parochial): Buildings: New Church (on the point of being opened; will hold 600); Schools.

Staff and helpers: (see Magazine extract). Helpers a great difficulty, and again came the plaint of the neglect of S. London. Attendances: Sunday morning: 150 to 200; Sunday evening, 400. Communicants Roll: about 100; monthly about 80. Sunday School, Register, 450. Day School, 500. At their day at Sandgate this year, a sort of congregational party, of all ages, about 800 went.

For the rest they have "the regular machinery"; see list. ~~For [illegible]~~ [illegible] anson Home

list. For Nursing help they go to the Benson Home.
He does not likethe C.O.S., but denies the giving of doles. Relief goes however mostly in tickets, but there is not much of it - about £50 a year. Visiting is said to be fairly thorough, and he thinks that all cases of distress are known to them, except those that intentionally hide themselves.

He mentioned that there was no Noncon. Chapel in the parish, except a corner of the Tabernacle, and that there were chapels at the Blind School, Bedlam, and the King Edward Schools. There are a good many R.Cs. in the district. The general position of the Church in South London had, he thought, improved in recent years, and personally, he welcomed every centre of activity, High or Evangelical. He himself is of the latter colour, but he spoke, e.g., of the work at S.Alphege's, with approval. The difference of Church standpoint that was found, did not, he thught, make the least differnece in the hold of the Church upon the people. The vast majority would be ignorantof the differences of standpoint, and would not care twopence about them, if they did know.

He spoke of the great amount of co-habitation that there was in the parish, and considered that the marriage

tie was being more often ignored.

He feared that the practice of using preventive check was on the increase, and had noticed the large number of small families of perhaps one or two, when four or five would have been the number in the old days. He has been in the parish for 21 years, and, although he had never spoken on this topic before, he felt strongly about it. He condemned the practices referred to as "unnatural, inhuman and immoral".

He foresees much social danger in the furtherance of "the women's question", thinking that thereby the social balance will be upset. Not least will be the increased temptation to men to be idle, as women, in the exercise of their independence, become more important as earners.

Meanwhile the man, in his capacity as wage-earner and trade unionist, has moved Mr. Pitchford's ire, point to this having been given by his experiences of the operative builder during the time that the new church has been in progress. The culminating point appears to have been reached the other day when the architect ventured to tell a mason that a stone had been wrongly set, and the whole of this section on the job struck in consequence! He was anxious that I should see Mr. Try (Aquinas Road, Blackfriars) the contractor, for further information as to the episode and to the general difficulties of management.

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Although critical and pessimistic, Mr. Pitchford had previously described the people of his parish as being 'in the main an industrious set. He himself is industrious too, probably, but his state of mind can hardly conduce to very effective work, and one is led to think that the new church calls for a new man, less tired and more sanguine than the present Vicar.

SERVICES, MEETINGS, Etc.

Sunday—**8** a.m., Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays, and upon the Great Festivals; **10** a.m., Sunday Schools; **11** a.m., Divine Service, with Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday; **3** p.m., Sunday Schools, or Children's Service in the Church; **4.15** p.m., Baptisms and Churchings—Teachers' Prayer Meeting on the Second Sunday; **6.15** p.m., Communicants' Meeting on the 3rd Sunday; **6.45** p.m., Divine Service; **8.15** p.m., Mission Service in the Upper Schoolroom (in Summer in front of the Church).

Monday—**12** noon, Penny Bank in Vestry, and Clothing Clubs in the Schools; **2.30** p.m., Mothers' Meeting in the Vestry (except during July and Aug.); **6.30** p.m., Band of Hope in the Lower Schoolroom; **8.30** p.m., C. M. S. Gleaners' Union on the First Monday in the Month.

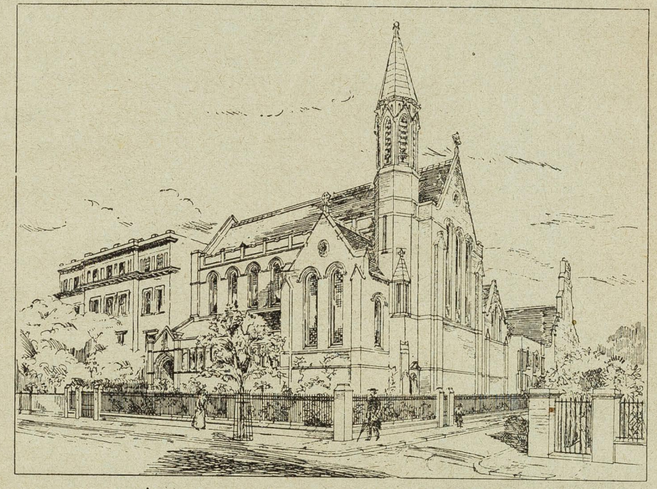
Tuesday — **8** p.m., Open - Air Services in various parts of the parish from May to October.

Wednesday—**12** noon, Vestry open — Baptisms, Churchings; **3.30** p.m., District Visitors' Meeting in the Vestry on the 2nd Wed. in the month; **7.30** p.m., Divine Service. **8.30** p.m., Church Choir practice.

Thursday—**7** p.m., Ladies' Sewing Class in the Vestry.

Friday—**12** noon, Vestry open; **7** p.m., Church Choir Practice; **8** p.m., Mission Service in the Upper Schoolroom (in Summer in front of the Church); **9** p.m., Mission Choir Practice in the Upper Schoolroom.

Saturday—**8** p.m., Prayer Meeting in the Vestry.



ST. JUDE'S, SOUTHWARK, AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN REBUILT, 1898.

NOTICES.

The Clergy may be seen on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, at noon in the Vestry.

All Cases of Sickness, where the visits of the Clergy are desired, should be reported as soon as possible to the Vicar.

Sick Room Requisites (Bed-Rests, Water Bottles, Air-Pillows, Bronchitis Kettles, etc.) may be obtained on loan, to the poor gratis. Those in better circumstances using them are expected to make a contribution to the Sick Room Fund. The Invalid Wheel Chair belonging to the parish may be borrowed gratis, for the use of those recovering from sickness, or to enable the infirm to get to Church. Application to be made at the Vicarage.

Banns of Marriage—Notices may be left between 12 and 1 p.m. in the Vestry, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or at other times at the Vicarage, 110, St. George's Road.

Sittings in the Church may be selected after any service, on application to the Churchwardens.

Hymn Books may be obtained from the Verger.

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CLERGY and HELPERS.

Vicar — Rev. J. W. Pitchford, M.A., St. Jude's Vicarage, 110, St. George's Road.

Curate — Rev. George Moore, 147, Kennington Park Road.

Churchwardens—*Vicar's Warden*, Mr. A. Eckenstein, The Haven, Devonshire Road; Honor Oak Park; *Pew Renters' Warden*, Mr. T. Green, 14, Colnbrook Street. *Sidesmen*—Mr. E. Green, 14, Colnbrook Street; Mr. E. Kidson, 16, Penton Place.

Organist—Miss A. C. Pitchford, The Vicarage.

Choirmaster—Mr. E. Bruce, 20, Brunswick Square, S.E.

Scripture Reader and Verger—Mr. A. Attewill, 39, West Square.

District Visitors—Miss H. Hentsch, 105, St. George's Road; Miss Howes, 36, West Square; Miss G. Pitchford, 110, St. George's Road; Miss Pitt, 103, Loughborough Road, Brixton; Mrs. Payne, 39, St. George's Road; Miss Whibley, King Edward Schools, St. George's Road.

Mothers' Meeting—*Supt.*, Mrs Pitchford, The Vicarage; *Assistant Supt.*, Miss Howes, 36, West Square.

(For other Addresses, see last page inside.)

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Interview with the Rev. Cecil de Carteret, Vicar of St. Paul's Southwark. At the Vicarage, 94 Lambeth Road. (E.J.) June 27.99.

Mr. de C. has been here for two years. He is young, perhaps 35 or so, and is a good type of the moderate evangelical, working hard at a difficult parish. He followed a man who was appointed six years ago, and who broke down at the end of his time, having acted apparently in the spirit of his name -- Mr. Allwork. But his task must have been even more trying than that of the present incumbent since the previous holder of the living, Mr. Evans, was a drunkard, with a daughter who was a professional prostitute. The Archdeacon of Southwark was Mr DeC's informant. Naturally, under these strange auspices the parish had been entirely neglected, and, although by the offer of loaves of bread there is reason to think that the ch church attendances were as numerous then as they are now, things gemrally were in about as bad a condition as possible. Allwork did much to pull things together, but he too in the last year of his tenure, was handicapped by broken health.

The following are some particulars of the parish, in which as a whole things are, Mr. de C. thinks, tending to improve.

Tower St. (d.b. on map) Duke and Joiner Streets (b (both black on map) are as bad as any as regards poverty.

Gray St. is the worst as regards morals. Plenty of disorderly houses here, and others scattered about as in the coffee taverns of the Westminster Bridge and the Waterloo Roads. Webber St. has been rebuilt, with working-class flats, and there are others elsewhere. When rebuilding takes place, dwellings, not business prmeises, are as a rule put up. Most of the people are still of the casual and unskilled classes, but the rebuilding tends to bring in a somewh t better off class, and "what becomes of the displaced poor, I don't know". There is still much overcrowding, but better inspection etc. are improving things in this respect, in spite of constant evasions. Many single room tenements. For instance, a worker of his made a recent visitation of Joiner St. in which there are 36 houses, mostly 8 roomed. It was estimated that the street contained 800 persons. The next worst street would be Tower St. as regards congestion of the people.

In spite of the conditions that prevail he is ofetn struck by the good health that people seem to enjoy, especially in the worst streets, and he has evolved a small theory on the subject, the chief point being that the children who die do so mostly in infancy, and that the hardy alone survive. Once past the age of infancy, they have becomed inured to much hardship, and the rough and tumble

of badly managed homes. But their great safe-guard, as z
also of the grown ups, is the great amount of time that
is spent out of doors. They live an open air life for the
most part, and are playing about or running wild in the
streets when the family of decent living people would be
cooped up in the close respectability of their own homes.
Meals are generally teken al fresco, and in hot weather bed.
From whatever cause, he says that there is comparatively
little illness in the poorest streets, the disadvantages
of neglect, carelessness, irregularity, and bad cooking
being
etc. apparently more than outweighed by the sifting
of the weaklings in the first years of life, by the inuring
of those who survive, and, above all, by the open-
air character of the life.

Facts (parochial): The Report, see later, gives a f
concise account of the work, and many of the particulars
as to staff, services, and numbers.

Buildings: Church (1000); Hall (250); Institute (200)
Cocoa Rooms (new; rented; £70 a year; club room etc. see
pp. 11 and 22.)

Attendances: Sunday morning, 20 when he came; 80 now;
Sunday evening: 80 when he came; 250 now. The services
are Moderate Low. Many come from outside, lower middle c
class, but there is a fair sprinkling of the poor of the
parish. Things are certainly improving, and he takes by

no means a pessimistic view of the moral character of his people. As signs of improvement, he pointed to the greater number of marriages; of attendances; and the considerable amount of individual response that was secured.

There are two L.C. Missionaries in the parish, one under him and the other a Noncon. The Sunday evening service held in the Mission Hall is a noncon service; about 40 attend, and the people who go are poor and parochial.

For the paid staff see p.14. In addition there are 12 ladies from the Nelson Square Settlement. They work especially in this parish, acting as district visitors, but not for the most part undertaking any religious work. He would prefer "Church workers", as indeed some of the Nelson Square ladies are, but "beggars mustn't be choosers," and he is grateful for the help that the Settlement gives him. Eight or ten other ladies are helping; these come from Tulse Hill a place with which he has associations. He says that the ladies go everywhere, and that he gets over the difficulty of the disorderly houses so far as his visiting work is concerned, by keeping them in a state of b blissful ignorance.

Says that his relief work is carefully managed: "life would not be worth living if it were not, in a parish like this". Uncertain cases referred to the C.O.S., and in

general sympatly with them". Works in with the Registratio Committee. His own workers are not allowed to give anything, but report in all cases. There is still, he thinks, much indiscriminate charity in the district, and a good deal of bribery; in this last connexion he considers that the workers are the greatest offenders, and his own, he says, are allowed to give nothing, without previous report. For nursing assistance they go to the Benson Home.

He considers that the Noncenformist influence is the strongest in the district, especially that of ~~Wxxk~~ Mr. Meyer's Chapel. He also mentioned Upton Chapel (Mr. Williams) and the Surrey Chapel as carrying on an active system of visitation. He is on very good terms with all.

There are a few missions, but all are comparatively small, including that of the Bible Christians in the Waterloo Bridge Road. He mentioned, without dislike, the S. A. Shelter in the Blackfriars Bridge Road, with its penny, two-penny, and threepenny scale of charges, the first securing to the ~~in~~ lodger a bench and a bit of bread.

He has no very high opinion of the Police, thinking that they are too apt to look the other way when there is a street row, but is inclined to make allowances for them and considers that the parson is often safer if he inter-

feresx than the constable would be. For his own part he comes across a row nearly every day, generally among the women. These are much worse than the men, and drink has generally upset them. Drink, in fact, is the great obstacl "source alike of poverty and crime". Cohabitation, sometimes followed and sometimes not, by a forced marriage is common. The complaints of"Hoolxiganism" have, he thinks, been exaggerated.

On the whole Mr. De Carteret impresseed me very favourably. He is not a man of great distinction, but is unassuming and sincere, and appears in general to work hard on sensible lines, and to direct a fair xmxuntxxfxxxrk number of other people. The amount of work that the Nelson Square ladies put into this parish is worthy of note.

ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD, S.E.

"Workers together
with Him."
2 Cor. vi. 1.

Starts, Steps, and Staddles.

Rev. Cecil de Carteret, M.A.

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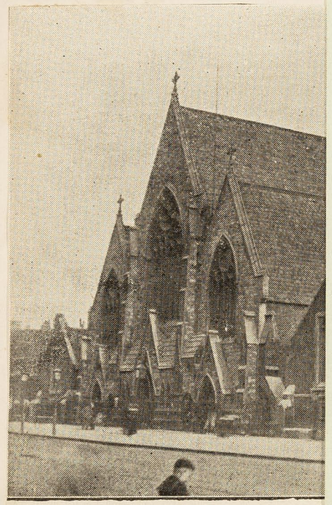

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A RECORD

OF

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IN THE PARISH OF

ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,

S.E.

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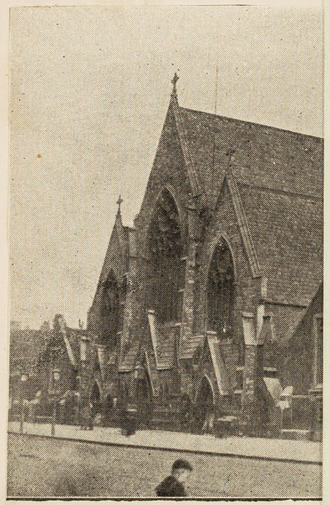

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IN A NUT-SHELL.

GOD has greatly blessed our work during the past year. In every department of the work His Presence has been realised and His Power manifested.

Our congregations in Church have steadily increased, and the attendances at our various meetings and Bible Classes have been larger than ever.

The number of Communicants has far exceeded that of any previous year. The number of Baptisms has kept up well.

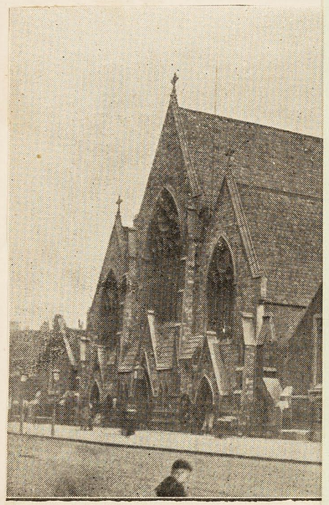
Perhaps the most encouraging part of the past year's work has been the number of individual souls who have received definite blessing, and whose changed lives are now witnessing day by day to the power and love of Christ.

Our financial position is a matter which calls forth great thankfulness. In our last report we showed deficits amounting to nearly £100. Not only have we cleared off those deficits, but (with the exception of two or three Funds) we have been able to keep pace with our *increased expenditure.*

Our gross income during the past year has amounted to £928 (exclusive of takings at the Cocoa Rooms). Of this sum, £800 has been contributed by friends outside the parish.

We cannot adequately express our deep sense of gratitude—first, to Almighty God, and secondly, to the many kind friends whose hearts God has touched—for the manifold tokens of practical sympathy which have enabled us to bear responsibilities that would otherwise have been overwhelming.

In the following pages will be found a brief record of some of the **starts** and onward **steps** in our work, together with the **staddles** or supports upon which we have built.



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WORK IN DETAIL.

St. Paul's Church.—During the past year the interior of our Church has been thoroughly renovated by means of the balance of the Diamond Jubilee Fund. Those who knew the Church two years ago would hardly recognise it now as the same. The roof has also been put in thorough repair.

Our services are bright, hearty, and congregational. Mr. Remington, our honorary Choirmaster, and Mr. Martin, our honorary Organist, both deserve our best thanks for the pains they have bestowed on the musical part of the services. We must not forget to mention also our indebtedness to the gentlemen of our Choir, whose work is entirely voluntary.

Our congregations have been slowly but steadily increasing through the year.

Thirty-four candidates from our congregation presented themselves for Confirmation last December—eight of whom were over the age of thirty.

The total number of individual communions during the year has been 1,363. That is about 400 in excess of the year previous.

We have baptized 164 children, and have solemnized 44 marriages during the year.

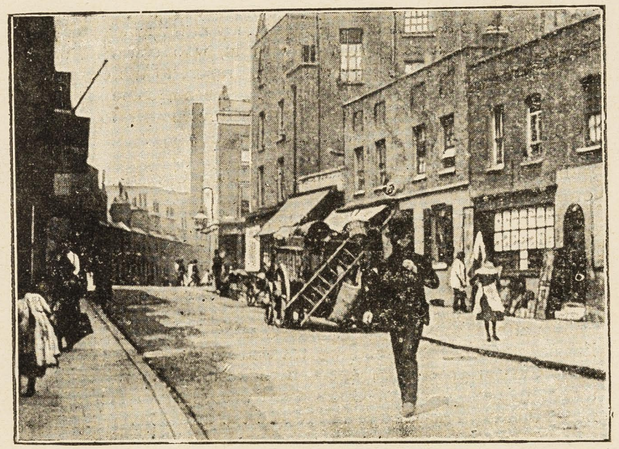
The following table shows the number of communions, baptisms, and marriages in St. Paul's Church for the past four years:—

	1895–6.	1896–7.	1897–8.	1898–9.
Communions	855	935	943	1,363
Baptisms	158	162	165	164
Marriages	26	30	39	44

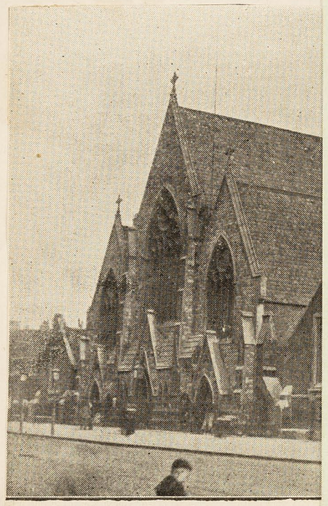
Men's Services.—These services, which were started last year, and which were held once a month, are now held weekly—every Sunday afternoon at 3.30. Amongst those who have kindly addressed the men at these services have been the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Rochester, the Dean of Hereford, Canon Allen Edwards, Canon Pereira, Canon Roxby, Prebendary Kitto, Revs. Watkins, Woffindin, and others. The numbers attending have varied from 50 to 300. Those who have attended have much appreciated the services,

and real definite good has been done. The services are brief, bright, and brotherly.

Open Air Work.—It is a lamentable fact that a very small proportion of the people of South London attend any place of worship. In our own Parish we estimate *more than four-fifths of our people are never found in any Church or Chapel from one year's end to another*, except, perhaps, on very special occasions, such as a Wedding, or Baptism, or Funeral Service. This being the case, our duty is very plain. If the people will



not come to us, we must go to them. We hold Open Air Services from the beginning of May till the end of September every Sunday and Wednesday evening. These Services are held in various parts of the Parish, and we generally meet with a kindly welcome in whatever part we go. Sometimes the happiest and most profitable Services are those which we hold among the roughest people in our neighbourhood. Who can tell what fruit may spring from the seed thus scattered in the streets and by-ways?



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District Visiting.—Perhaps the most effectual way of reaching our people is by personal house to house visitation, the importance of which we cannot over-estimate. In this way we get to know the people individually, and to understand better their needs and difficulties, their temptations and trials. As a rule we meet with a hearty welcome in the homes, and we are able to point to many instances where a personal visit has been the beginning of a regular attendance at the House of God. It is a well-established axiom that "a house-going parson makes a Church-going people." We are in great need of more District Visitors. In a parish such as this, with more than 10,000 souls, it is impossible to keep in touch with all the people without a large staff of visitors, who can visit their particular districts week by week, and report to the clergy all cases of sickness and distress. Are there not some ladies in the neighbourhood of London who will volunteer to devote one afternoon in the week to this important work?

Bible Classes.—The following Bible Classes are held every week:

For men on Monday evenings.
For women on Tuesday evenings.
For young men, For young women, For lads under 16 } on Sunday afternoons.

The attendance at each of these Classes during the past year has been encouraging, and we trust much good has resulted. Such Classes give us an excellent opportunity for systematic and simple exposition of God's word according to the special needs of the particular age and sex of the members.

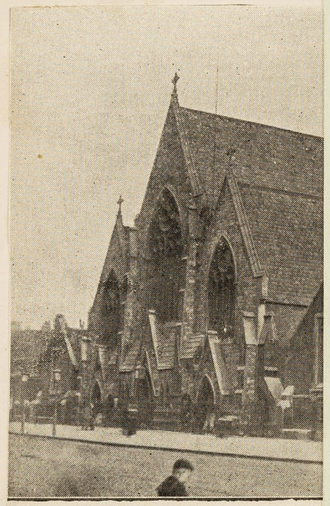
Sunday Schools.—We have five Schools: two for Boys, two for Girls, and one for Infants. Our Superintendents are: Mrs. Cartmel, Miss Lyons, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Polden, and Mr. Rich. They are each surrounded by an earnest, faithful band of Teachers, for whose work we cannot be sufficiently grateful. There is no part of our work more important than that amongst the children. Many of our Teachers are toiling hard at their daily work all the week, and yet are willing to devote an hour every Sunday afternoon in seeking to lead the little ones into the Fold of Christ. Such self-denying labour is

bound to be fruitful in good results. We have now some 40 Teachers, and the number of children in our Schools has increased to nearly 400.

Temperance Work.—This is always uphill and difficult work, and especially in such a neighbourhood as this. The deep-seated habits of the people, the hereditary tendency of many to intemperance, their squalid homes and miserable circumstances, the bright attractiveness of the numerous public houses which are planted in every turn and corner of our parish, are some of the odds against us in our temperance work. We have, however, kept steadily advancing, and the efforts of the past year have not been in vain. We continue regularly with our Temperance Meetings all through the winter, and these meetings are transferred to the open air during the summer. Our chief hope of success in the temperance work lies in two directions: (1) in getting hold of and keeping the children in our Band of Hope, and (2) in providing counter-attractions for the adults.

With regard to (1), the Band of Hope has been making steady progress under the superintendence of the Rev. W. T. Money. We intend next autumn to form a senior Band of Hope for children from 13 to 17 years of age, who are too old to attend the ordinary Band of Hope Meetings and not quite old enough to appreciate the Adult Temperance Meetings. With regard to (2), an account of the excellent and encouraging work done by our Cocoa Rooms and Working Men's Club will be found in the following pages.

Mothers' Meetings.—Our Mothers' Meeting has undergone quite a revolution during the past year. Instead of the ordinary meeting, we hold a kind of Mothers' "At Home" every Monday afternoon. The seats in the Hall are arranged in "Circles"—"Home Circles," we call them. In the middle of each "Circle" is a small table laid with cups and saucers and a plant upon it to give it a home-like appearance; and at each table a lady is seated ready to welcome the mothers as they come in, and to entertain them during the afternoon. At 2.15 they begin to arrive, and for the first hour they are entertained by friendly conversation or an interesting book. At 3.15 the teapots are placed upon the tables, and whilst the mothers are enjoying a good cup of tea (for which they pay



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one halfpenny), one or two ladies are singing, playing, or reciting before them. After a few hymns and a short address by one of the clergy, the meeting closes with prayer at 4 o'clock precisely.

This pleasant afternoon is greatly appreciated by the mothers and the numbers now attending are more than treble what they were last year. We have about 100 on our books.

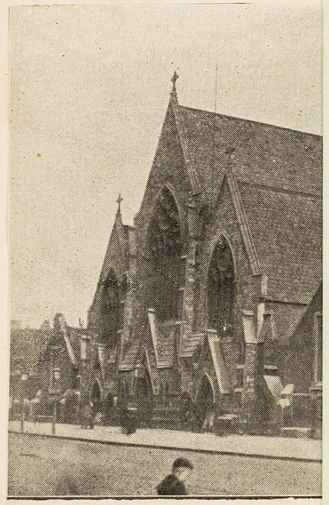
Scripture Union.—A goodly number of fresh members have joined our Branch of the Scripture Union during the year. The Union is a great help in getting the young people into the regular habit of daily Bible reading.

Prayer Meeting.—This Meeting is held every Friday evening. It is the channel through which God has sent manifold blessings into our Parish. It is there that we make known our requests—both parochial and personal, and it is there again and again we unite in praising God for definite answers to our prayers. Prayer is the secret of all real success. It has been said, "You can force your way through anything with the leverage of prayer," and we have found this to be the case.

Church Missionary Society.—Though there are "plenty of heathen at home," we remember there are still more heathen abroad, and we are not unmindful of our Saviour's last command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." It will be seen, on referring to the Statement of Accounts at the end of this Report, that the sum of £20 15*s.* 5*d.* was collected in this parish for foreign missions and sent up to the Church Missionary Society. A large proportion of the sum has been collected by means of missionary boxes. We are not surprised to find that, in seeking to obey our Lord's command, and to extend our sympathy beyond the limits of our own Parish, we have lost nothing ourselves, but have rather gained by a more earnest and unselfish spirit among our people, and by a deeper interest in all God's work. Every class in our Sunday Schools has now a missionary box; missionary literature is freely distributed month by month; the subject of missions is constantly being brought before the people, many of whom are now praying and collecting for the work. We have an excellent honorary local Secretary and Treasurer in the Rev. H. E. Boultbee.

St. Paul's Cocoa Rooms.—Our Parish is quite overrun with public-houses where intoxicating drinks can be obtained. We have felt strongly the need for some form of counter-attraction. We believe many men spend their evenings in the public-house because they have nowhere better to go, and such evenings result too often in an empty pocket, a ruined character, a miserable home, and a drunkard's grave. Intemperance is one of the greatest hindrances to the reception of the Gospel. On Christmas Eve, 1897, we opened what are now known as "St. Paul's Cocoa Rooms." These rooms

situated at a very central spot in the Parish—at the junction of six important roads—are open every day in the week from 5 A.M. to 11 P.M. They are comfortably furnished, and brilliantly illuminated with electric light. Here tea, coffee, and cocoa are sold at a halfpenny per cup, and wholesome refreshments of all kinds can be obtained at very moderate prices. Hundreds of people flock to our Cocoa Rooms daily to spend in this way the pence which otherwise would probably have been spent amidst the evil associations of the public-house. We believe these Rooms are becoming a powerful aid in our temperance work, and are supplying what has been



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a long-felt need in our Parish. We are very fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. W. Piggott as manager. He is one of our Sunday School teachers, and his diligent, whole-hearted attention to his duties, combined with the influence of a strong Christian character, has greatly helped towards the real success of this branch of our parochial work.

Working Men's Club.—Closely connected with the Cocoa Rooms is our Working Men's Club. This Club, which was started in the early part of 1897, now numbers over 100 members. Its object is the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of our men. We meet every evening in the week (except Sundays and Mondays) from 8 till 10.30 in a spacious room over "St. Paul's Cocoa Rooms." All kinds of games are provided, also books and papers. Every man is made to feel quite at home, and is able to spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening in pure and healthy recreation. By this means we get to know one another, and that barrier, which too often exists between the clergyman and the working man, is broken down. The indefatigable services of Mr. E. J. Hitchcock, our honorary secretary, have been invaluable.

Working Lads' Institute.—We are equally anxious for the welfare of the lads of this Parish. We opened an Institute for them last year, and we have now about 50 members on the books. The Institute is conducted on the same lines as our Working Men's Club, and with the same object. The age of members varies from 14 to 17. Here again we are most fortunate in possessing an excellent secretary in Mr. J. A. Norrington. The Institute is open every evening in the week except Thursday, and is greatly appreciated by the lads, who attend in good numbers.

Boys' Brigade.—By means of the Boys' Brigade we seek to get hold of the rougher lads in our Parish. Major Jones, Captain of the Brigade, has done good work amongst this somewhat difficult class of lads. They meet every Thursday evening for Drill and Physical Exercise.

The Girls' Friendly Society, under the direction of Miss Patmore, Mrs. Boultbee, and Miss Martin, has made steady progress in this parish. The girls meet every Thursday

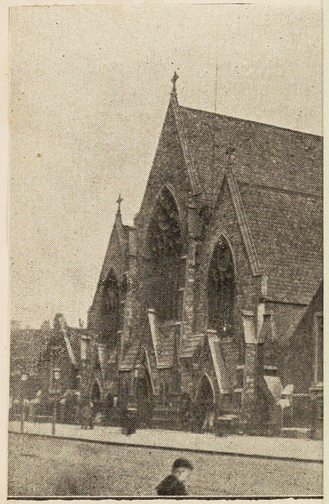
in the Parochial Hall, and spend a very happy social evening together. Several of the members have become teachers in our Sunday School. An excellent spirit pervades our branch of the G. F. S., and we trust much good has been done by influence and personal advice, both amongst the girls themselves, and through them in the neighbourhood around.

Athletic Clubs.—We have had a very successful football season and won a good proportion of matches. The Archbishop of Canterbury kindly allowed us to practise in Lambeth Palace field every Saturday afternoon, which enabled us to keep in good form. We are looking forward to a first-rate cricket season. Both the seniors and juniors have capital elevens and full lists of fixtures.

We have started a Swimming Club, which promises to be well patronized through the summer.

We have no lack of healthy recreation in this parish, and a large number of keen athletes.

Provident Clubs.—We have a Sick Benefit Club, a Maternity Club, a Coal Club, and a Penny Bank, each of which has been making encouraging progress during the past year.



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Rev. G. F. CECIL DE CARTERET, M.A., *Vicar*.
Rev. HUGH E. BOULTBEE, M.A.
Rev. W. T. MONEY, M.A.

Churchwardens.

Mr. HUBERT DE CARTERET, R.N.
Mr. F. A. CARTMEL.

Sidesmen.

Mr. BORLEY. Mr. POLDEN. Mr. TERRIS.
Major JONES. Mr. RICH. Mr. WELLS.

Hon. Choirmaster.

Mr. A. E. REMINGTON.

Hon. Organist.

Mr. SIDNEY MARTIN.

Assistant Organist.

Mr. W. G. COOMBS.

Scripture Reader.

Mr. E. J. HITCHCOCK.

City Missionaries.

Mr. BLACKMORE. Mr. LICENCE.

Mission Ladies.

Miss PATMORE. Miss JONES.

Pew Opener and Caretaker.

Mrs. FEY, 8F, Jubilee Dwellings.

N.B.—In addition to the above, there are about seventy other voluntary workers engaged in the various departments of Church work in this Parish.

List of Services, Meetings, etc.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

SUNDAY.—11 A.M., Morning Prayer and Sermon; 6.30 P.M., Evening Prayer and Sermon; 3.30 P.M., Men's Service.
THURSDAY.—7.30 P.M., Evening Prayer and Sermon.
DAILY.—5 P.M., Evening Prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION.

First Sunday in the month at 8 A.M.; second and fourth Sundays at the Morning Service; third and fifth Sundays at 8 A.M., and after Evening Service.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Every Sunday in Parochial Hall at 11 A.M.

BAPTISMS AND CHURCHINGS.

Every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4.30 P.M.

MARRIAGES.—At any time during legal hours.

ALL SEATS IN THE CHURCH ARE FREE.

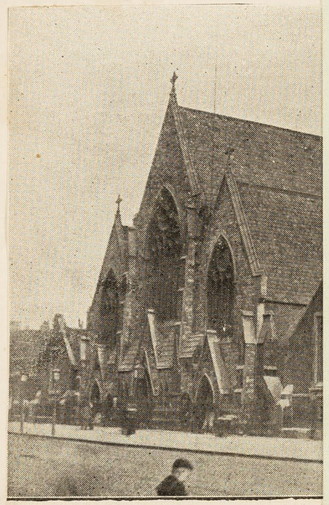
N.B.—Seats can be assigned free of charge on application to the Vicar or Churchwardens.

ST. PAUL'S INSTITUTE.

BOYS' CLUB.—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7.30 P.M. till 9.30 P.M.; Saturday, 5 P.M. till 7 P.M.
BOYS' BRIGADE.—Thursday, 8.30 P.M. till 10 P.M.
SLATE CLUB.—Saturday, 7 P.M. till 9.30 P.M.
LIBRARY AND PROVIDENT CLUBS.—Monday, 6 P.M. till 8 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S COCOA ROOMS.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—Every evening (except Monday), 8 P.M. 10.30 P.M.



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LIST OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, ETC.—*continued.*

ST. PAUL'S PAROCHIAL HALL.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—Monday, 2.30 P.M. till 4 P.M.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.—Tuesday, at 8 P.M.

TEACHERS' MEETING.—Tuesday, at 9 P.M.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Wednesday, at 8 P.M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—Thursday, 8 P.M. till 9.30 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING.—Friday, at 8 P.M.

BAND OF HOPE.—Wednesday, at 6.30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

FOR BOYS { St. Paul's Institute, 3 P.M.
Webber Row Schools, 3 P.M.

FOR GIRLS { St. Paul's Parochial Hall, 3 P.M.
Webber Row Schools, 3 P.M.

FOR INFANTS.—Webber Row Schools, 3 P.M.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES.

LADS OVER SIXTEEN.—In the Clergy Vestry, at 3 P.M.

LADS UNDER SIXTEEN.—In the Choir Vestry, at 3 P.M.

YOUNG WOMEN.—106, St. George's Road, 3.15 P.M.

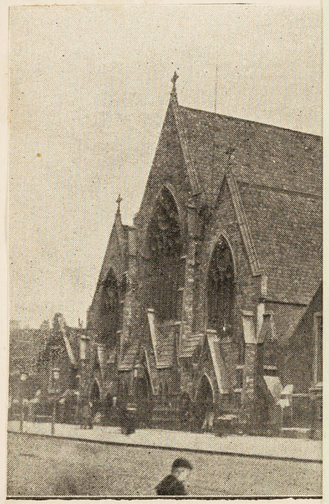
AN APPEAL

1. We need £1,000 annually for current expenses. Will all those friends who so kindly helped us last year, continue to do the same this year?
2. We need another Worker—our present Staff being inadequate for the size of the Parish. This means another £50 a year.
3. We need an additional £20 towards the salary of our Scripture Reader; otherwise the Scripture Readers' Association will be obliged to withdraw him, owing to lack of Funds.
4. We need any number of Hospital and Dispensary Letters, Letters for Convalescent Homes, Clothes (both new and old), Boots, Games, Books, &c., &c.
5. We need more District Visitors and Sunday School Teachers.

Which of these Needs can YOU supply?

Please send your answer to

REV. CECIL DE CARTERET,
St. Paul's Vicarage,
94, *Lambeth Road, S.E.*



ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINST

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNT—EASTER, 1898, TO EASTER, 1899.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Collections for Church Expenses, Easter, 1898, to Easter, 1899	84	5	2½			
,, Collection for Choir Music ...	0	15	6			
				85	0	8½
,, Collections for Societies :—						
Church Pastoral Aid Society	2	0	3			
Hospital Sunday Fund ...	3	16	10			
London City Mission ...	1	17	6			
Rochester Diocesan Society ...	2	0	0			
Church Missionary Society ...	2	16	0			
Church of England Temperance Society	0	15	3			
Band of Hope	0	7	1			
Thames Church Mission ...	0	6	8			
R.D.A. Friendless Girls ...	0	13	6			
				14	13	1
,, Donation, Henry Pharo, Esq.				8	8	4½
,, Grant from General Fund ...				15	0	0
,, Balance due to Churchwardens				15	5	10½
				£138	8	0½

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Deficit, 1898				8	8	4½
,, Visitation Fee				0	18	0
,, Communion Wine				0	19	3
,, Organist and Choir Expenses, including Organ Blowing ...				21	7	6
,, Cleaning and Attendance ...				36	16	9
,, Choir Music				0	15	6
,, Paid to Societies :—						
Church Pastoral Aid Society	2	0	3			
Hospital Sunday Fund ...	3	16	10			
London City Mission ...	1	17	6			
Rochester Diocesan Society...	2	0	0			
Church Missionary Society...	2	16	0			
Church of England Temperance Society	0	15	3			
Band of Hope	0	7	1			
Thames Church Mission ...	0	6	8			
R.D.A. Friendless Girls ...	0	13	6			
				14	13	1
,, Gas, Water, and Fuel				26	12	4
,, Insurance				3	7	8
,, Repairs				18	1	9
,, Tuning Organ				6	6	0
,, Account Book				0	1	10
				£138	8	0½

(*Signed*) G. WELLS.
T. RICH.

Examined and found correct,

DIAMOND JUBILEE REPAIRS FUND.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand ...	100	16	4
,, Donations :—			
Cary, W., Esq. ...	1	0	0
Flint, F., Esq. ...	2	2	0
Flint, J., Esq. ...	1	1	0
Hudson, W. J., Esq.	0	10	6
Morrish, J. J., Esq.	3	0	0
Pike, J. R., Esq. ...	2	2	0
Smithers, G., Esq. ...	2	2	0
,, Grant from General Fund	8	6	2
	£121	0	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Selway's Account for repairing and decorating St. Paul's Church ...	121	0	0
	£121	0	0

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL,

POOR RELIEF FUND.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Dist. Visit. Relief Assoc.	20	0	0
,, "Pinch of Poverty" Fund	10	0	0
,, Sale of Clothes	4	1	2
,, *Subscriptions and Donations :—*			
Per Rochester Dioc. Soc.	10	0	0
Bishop of Rochester ...	5	0	0
Buchanan, Miss ...	1	0	0
Condé, Madam ...	0	10	0
de Carteret, H., Esq....	0	10	6
Fielder, Miss	5	0	0
Lethbridge, E. B., Esq.	2	10	0
Sutherland, Rev. A.W.	1	0	0
	£59	11	8

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer	4	3	0
,, Sub. to Dispensary ...	1	1	0
,, Relief Tickets for Food...	28	0	0
,, ,, for Coal...	3	6	6
,, Pensions	7	12	0
,, Country Holiday Fund...	0	10	0
,, Special Cases relieved ...	8	13	9
,, Relief Ticket Books (six)	0	18	0
,, Balance in hand ...	5	7	5
	£59	11	8

Examined and found correct,
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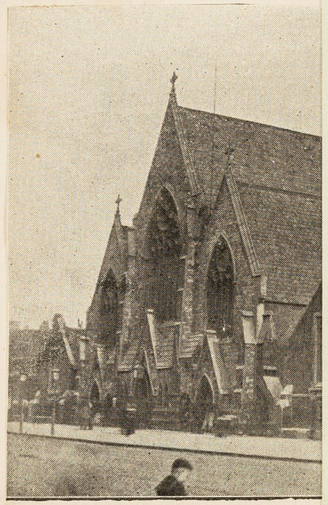


ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINST

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	1	2	7
,, Offertory at Parish Church and St. Matthew's, Cheltenham	47	17	6
,, Proceeds of the Misses Minniss's Concert, Tulse Hill	21	1	6
,, Collected by Tulse Hill Scripture Union Members	18	10	0
,, Drawing-room Meeting at Dr. Stevens', Tulse Hill	13	12	4
,, Subscriptions and Donations :—			
A. B. C.	25	0	0
Atkins, Mrs.	1	10	0
Atkins, Misses E. & G.	0	10	0
Barclay, Perkins & Co.	5	0	0
Beck, Mr.	1	1	0
Butler, Miss	0	4	6
Cookes, Mrs.	25	0	0
Clowes & Sons, Messrs.	2	2	0
Cutler, Mrs.	0	10	0
Fitter, Mrs.	0	10	0
Fuller, Dr.	2	0	0
Goodyre, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Holmes, Esq.... ...	0	10	6
Jackson, Miss ...	10	10	0
Johnson, Mrs. ...	3	3	0
Lovell, J. C., Esq. ...	5	5	0
Marshall, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Morton, General ...	0	10	0
Muspratt, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Neale, Mrs.	5	0	0
Noble & Hoare, Messrs.	2	2	0
Oakey & Sons, Messrs.	1	1	0
Pascall, J., Esq. ...	5	0	0
Pilsworth, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Pocock Bros., Messrs.	1	1	0
Rennick, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Sherlock, F., Esq. ...	1	1	0
Sowler, Mrs.	10	0	0
Tarn & Co., Messrs....	1	1	0
Taylor, Seth, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Wheeler, Rev. T. L....	1	0	0
Willis, Mrs.	5	0	0
Anonymous	0	7	0
	£224	4	11

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Printing Annual Report	9	9	6
,, Distributing ditto ...	0	16	8
,, Parish Almanac... ...	7	19	6
,, Sunday School Registers and Hymn Books ...	0	16	6
,, Sunday School Forms ...	1	6	0
,, Tea Tables	0	14	0
,, Urn	0	12	6
,, Church Army Mission ...	1	0	0
,, Confirmation Veils ...	0	6	5
,, Communion Cloth (materials)	1	2	1
,, Repairing Organ Bellows	1	1	0
,, Open Air Stand... ...	0	5	6
,, Church Notice Board ...	1	7	6
,, Gymnasium	5	17	6
,, Lads' Institute (donation)	0	10	6
,, Choir Books and Music...	6	1	9
,, Printing and Advertising	3	15	6
,, Sundries (as per Bills) ...	1	10	2
,, Grants :—			
Parochial Hall Fund...	60	0	0
Assistant Clergy Fund	25	0	0
Church Expenses ...	15	0	0
Cocoa Rooms... ...	15	0	0
Church Workers' Fund	12	10	0
Treats Fund	10	0	0
Repairs Fund... ...	8	6	2
Coal Club	8	0	0
Choir	5	0	0
Magazine Account ...	3	0	0
Band of Hope ...	2	0	0
Balance in hand	15	16	2
	£224	4	11

Examined and found correct, (*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from Ecclesiastical Commissioners	232	0	0
,, Church Pastoral Aid Society	30	0	0
,, *Subscriptions and Donations* :—			
A. B. C.	5	0	0
Litton, The Misses ...	3	0	0
King, G., Esq. ...	1	1	0
,, Grant from Genl. Fund	25	0	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer	11	18	8
	£307	19	8

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer	17	19	8
,, Curates' Stipends ...	290	0	0
	£307	19	8

Examined and found correct,

(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

PAROCHIAL HALL AND INSTITUTE FUND.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. C. DE CARTERET.

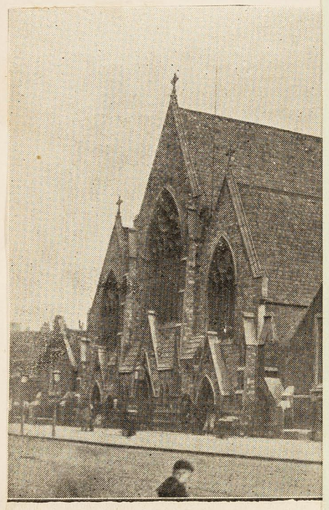
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Letting Room	0	5	0
,, Proceeds of Concert ...	0	10	0
,, Donation (A. B. C.) ...	0	10	0
,, Grant from General Fund	60	0	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer	14	13	5
	£75	18	5

Cr.	£	s.	d
By Balance due to Treasurer	27	7	7
,, Rates and Taxes ...	6	6	3
,, In urance	0	13	7
,, Gas and Fuel	14	10	3
,, Caretakers	19	0	0
,, Extra Cleaning ...	1	0	0
,, Repairs and Alterations	4	0	11
,, Repairing Clock ...	0	6	6
,, Wire for Institute Windows	2	13	4
	£75	18	5

Examined and found correct,

(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.



ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINST

CHURCH WORKERS' FUND.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Grant from Rochester Diocesan Society ...	30	0	0	By Balance due to Treasurer	2	10	0
,, Grant from Church Pastoral Aid Society ...	40	0	0	,, Mission Ladies' Stipends	80	0	0
,, Grant from General Fund	12	10	0				
	£82	10	0		£82	10	0

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

ST. PAUL'S COCOA ROOMS.

President: REV. C. DE CARTERET

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: REV. W. T. MONEY.

Committee: Rev. H. E. BOULTBEE, MESSRS. HITCHCOCK, MARTIN, POLDEN, AND RICH.

Manager: MR. PIGGOTT.

BALANCE SHEET FOR FIRST YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 23RD, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Gross Takings for provisions	650	13	6½	By Tradesmen for Provisions	477	7	8
,, Sale of Electric Globe	0	1	8½	,, Wages	87	17	1
,, Men's Club Payment for Light	2	2	6	,, Outlay	71	10	2
,, Men's Club Payment for Globes	1	1	0	,, Rent	70	0	0
,, Men's Club Payment for Cleaning	0	7	5	,, Electric Light	29	7	7
,, Subscriptions (for rent)	52	10	0	,, Gas	23	13	6
,, ,, ,, (for outlay)	10	3	0	,, Window Cleaning ...	4	11	1
,, Grant from General Fund	15	0	0	,, Electric Globes	3	8	0
,, "200 half-crowns" ...	25	0	0	,, Christmas Boxes	3	3	0
,, J. S. Arnold	0	5	7	,, £1 advanced for ready use	1	0	0
Due to Treasurer ...	14	13	4				
	£771	18	1		£771	18	1

Audited and found correct,
(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

ST. PAUL'S COCOA ROOMS—*continued.*

CAPITAL OF ST. PAUL'S COCOA ROOMS.

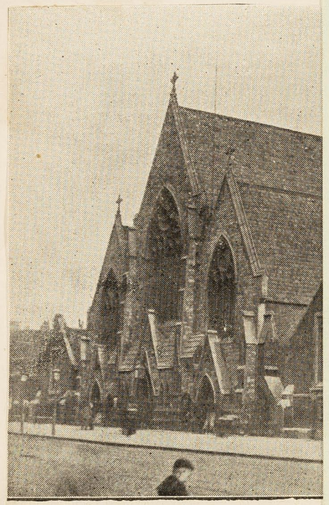
	£	s.	d.
Value of Furniture	40	0	0
,, ,, Stock in hand	7	0	0
£1 advanced to Manager	1	0	0
	£48	0	0

TWO HUNDRED HALF-CROWNS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Liddell, E. H., Esq.	5	0	0	To Potter, Edwin, Esq. ...	0	5	0
,, Lethbridge, E. Baron, Esq.	2	10	0	,, Other Subscriptions ...	1	2	0
,, Dashwood, D. L., Esq.	2	0	0	From Parishioners—			
,, Arnold, J. S., Esq. ...	1	6	0	Beck, Mr. K....	0	10	0
,, Simpson, S., Esq. ...	1	0	0	Caudery, Mr.	0	10	0
,, Mackenzie, W., Esq....	1	0	0	Green, Mr.	0	5	0
,, Waltham, Edward, Esq.	1	0	0	Grant, Misses...	0	5	0
,, Gilroy, Mrs....	1	0	0	Money, Rev. W. T. ...	0	5	0
,, de Carteret, Mrs. ...	0	10	0	Band of Hope...	0	1	6
,, Money, Mrs. Wigram...	0	10	0	Other sums	2	15	0
,, Money, Miss Agnes ...	0	10	0		25	0	0
,, Buchiton, Mrs. Freer...	0	5	0	Guaranteed by Vicar from General Purposes Fund	15	0	0
,, Traill, T. D., Esq. ...	0	5	0		£40	0	0
,, Jones, Misses	0	7	6				
,, Money, Mr. & Mrs. W.	0	5	0				
,, Flint, H., Esq.	0	5	0				
,, Money, Mrs., & Family	1	8	0				

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO RENT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bailey and Pegg, Messrs. ...	5	0	0	Scott, Miss	5	0	0
Coggan, W., Esq.	5	0	0	Sowler, Mrs.	5	0	0
Crook, A., Esq.,...	5	0	0	Stevens, Dr. A. B.	5	0	0
Dodd, A., Esq.	5	0	0	Anonymous	2	10	0
Emmanuel, West Dulwich	5	0	0				
Howis, Miss...	5	0	0		£52	10	0
Mullett, Mrs.	5	0	0				



ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINST

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. Treasurer, REV. H. E. BOULTBEE.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sermons		—		2	16	0
,, Subscriptions:—						
Anonymous	0	15	0			
Boultbee, Rev. H.	1	0	0			
de Carteret, Rev. C. ...	2	2	0			
Money, Rev. W. T. ...	0	10	0			
Centenary offering	2	0	0			
				6	7	0
,, Sunday Schools:—						
Webber Row, Boys	0	11	6			
Ditto, Girls ...	0	11	9½			
Westminster Bridge Road, Boys	2	7	9¾			
Ditto, Girls ...	1	6	6			
				4	17	8
,, Bible Classes:—						
Miss Patmore's	0	11	8			
Boultbee's, Rev. H. E. ...	0	8	4½			
Money's, Rev. W. T. ...	0	10	0			
				1	10	0½
,, Parochial Boxes:—						
Abernethy, Mrs.	0	1	7½			
Boultbee, Rev. H.	0	8	6			
Butler, Miss ...	0	9	2¾			
Cole, Mrs. ...	0	1	0			
Davies, Mrs. ...	0	14	0			
Exton, Mrs. ...	0	9	10½			
Fox, Miss ...	0	6	3			
Hitchcock, Mrs.	0	13	1			
Jones, Miss ...	0	4	1½			
Lumley, Miss	0	5	1½			
McLean, Mrs.	0	5	2			
Rowe, Mrs. ...	0	4	8			
Rowe, Miss ...	0	2	5			
Shelton, Mrs.	0	6	5			
West, Mrs. ...	0	3	7			
Weingartner, Miss	0	9	7¾			
				5	4	8½
Total				£20	15	5

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Remittance to Parent Society	20	15	5
	£20	15	5

Examined and found correct, (*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND.

Hon. Treasurer: MR. HENRY PHARO.

BALANCE SHEET FOR CHRISTMAS, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Lansdale & Sons, Messrs.	0	5	0
,, Boswell & Sons, Messrs.	0	5	0
,, Bellini, F. W., Esq. ...	0	10	6
,, Carteret, Rev. C. de ...	1	1	0
,, Duck, J., & Son, Messrs.	0	5	0
,, Hawkins, A., Esq. ...	0	5	0
,, Biggs, Mr. (Barnett & Co.)	0	2	6
,, Cartmel, F. W., Esq. ...	0	10	0
,, Woodroffe, C. G., Esq.	0	10	0
,, Downs, W., Esq. ...	0	10	0
,, Patrick, Colin, Esq. ...	3	3	0
,, Carteret, H. de, Esq. ..	0	10	6
,, Quarterman, A., Esq. ...	1	1	0
,, Rabbits, C. J. Whittuck, Esq., J.P.	2	2	0
,, Burkitt, Mrs.	0	10	0
,, Seammen, W. G., Esq.	0	10	0
,, Duck, John, Esq. ...	0	5	0
,, Heard, A. H. J., Esq. ...	1	1	0
,, Walton, I., & Co., Messrs.	1	1	0
,, King, Mr. and Mrs. ...	0	10	6
,, Canning, Mr.	0	10	0
,, Pharo, H.	5	5	0
,, Balance from last account	0	0	11
	£20	13	11

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Rowe, J. (Butcher) ...	16	7	7
,, Martin, J. (Grocer) ...	4	5	11
,, Balance carried forward	0	0	5
	£20	13	11

Examined and found correct,

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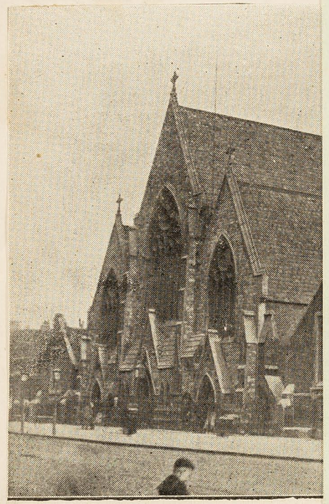


ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINST

TREATS FUND.

Hon. Treasurer: REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Subscriptions and Donations :—			
A. B. C. ...	0	10	0
Boswell & Son, Messrs. ...	0	5	0
C. D.	0	10	0
Clowes & Sons, Messrs. ...	1	1	0
Colquhoun, Sir J.	2	0	0
de Carteret, Rev. C.	1	1	0
Densham, Mrs.	0	10	0
E. H. A. ...	2	15	0
Fielder, Miss ...	5	0	0
Gow, Miss ...	0	10	0
Labatt, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Low, Dr. Stuart	1	0	0
Martin, S., Esq.	0	2	0
Maudsley, Messrs.	0	10	0
Money, Rev. W. T.	0	10	0
Mullett, Mrs. ..	0	5	0
Noble & Hoare, Messrs. ...	0	10	6
Patrick, Colin, Esq.	1	0	0
Percival, Messrs.	0	5	0
Pharo, H., Esq.	0	10	6
Putney, Mr. S.	0	5	0
Silverlock, Messrs.	0	10	0
Stevens, Mr. ...	0	5	0
Tarn & Co., Messrs. ...	0	10	0
Turner & Son, Messrs. ...	0	5	0
Wake & Dean, Messrs. ...	0	10	0
Anonymous ...	0	7	0
	21	17	0
To Collecting Cards ...	22	6	11
,, Mothers' Contributions...	4	15	6
,, Band of Hope ditto ...	2	7	10
,, Sale of Tickets	2	8	9
,, Fares overcharged returned	1	14	8
,, Grant from General Fund	10	0	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer	2	10	6
	£68	1	2

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Balance due to Treasurer	4	11	7
,, Summer Excursions :—			
Sunday Schools ...	25	12	0
Mothers' Meeting ...	10	2	6
Band of Hope ...	5	18	7
Choir	4	11	0
Infants...	0	19	8
,, Men's Tea at Richmond	1	0	0
,, Christmas Teas	7	14	6
,, Sunday School Prizes ...	6	19	1
,, Printing	0	12	3
	£68	1	2

Examined and found correct, (*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

COLLECTED FOR TREATS FUND.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Atkins, Misses E. and G.	0	17	6
,, Baker, Miss	0	4	0
,, Blanchette, Miss	0	7	0
,, Boothroyd, Mr.	0	5	0
,, Boughton, Miss	0	6	0
,, Brickwell, Miss	0	5	9
,, Butler, Miss	0	2	0
,, Cambridge, Misses ...	0	9	9
,, Carter, Miss	0	6	0
,, Cartmel, Mrs.	1	10	0
,, Caudery, Miss	0	12	0
,, Coggan, Mr. G. H. ...	0	5	2
,, Cook, Miss F.	0	5	6
,, De Carteret, Miss	2	0	0
,, De Ponthieu, Miss De Vismes	1	7	6
,, Feldon, Miss	0	6	6
,, Fox, Miss	0	16	4
,, Galer, Mr.	0	2	0
,, Gray, Miss	0	1	3
	£10	9	3

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Brought forward	10	9	3
By Grayson, Miss	0	1	2
,, Jones, Miss	0	18	8
,, Lumley, Miss	0	10	7
,, Money, Mrs.	0	12	6
,, Money, Miss	1	3	0
,, Norrington, Mr.	0	8	6
,, Patmore, Miss	0	17	6
,, Peters, Miss	0	7	0
,, Polden, Mr.	0	15	0
,, Prowse, Miss	0	5	0
,, Rich, Mr. and Mrs. ...	1	14	0
,, Rowe, Mrs.	1	9	3
,, Thornton, Mrs.	0	1	3
,, Udall, Mr.	0	7	6
,, Walker, Mrs....	0	2	6
,, Weingartner, Miss ...	0	10	3
,, Wells, Mr.	0	4	0
,, X. Y. Z.	1	10	0
	£22	6	11

Examined and found correct,

(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

PENNY BANK ACCOUNT.

Hon. Treasurer: MR. E. J. HITCHCOCK.

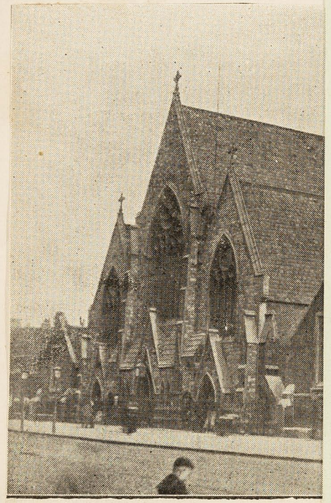
BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance in hand ...	2	7	2
,, Amounts deposited ...	13	9	7
	£15	16	9

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Amounts withdrawn ...	15	4	5
,, Balance in hand... ...	0	12	4
	£15	16	9

Examined and found correct,

(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.



ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINST

WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

President & Hon. Treasurer: REV. C. DE CARTERET.
Hon. Secretaries: REV. H. E. BOULTBEE AND MR. E. J. HITCHCOCK.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Members' Subscriptions	10	12	0
,, Donation (Mr. Martin)...	0	4	0
,, Proceeds of Concert ...	3	0	0
,, Sale of Rule Cards ...	0	5	0
,, Sale of Papers	0	3	2
,, Balance due to Treasurer	4	13	6
	£18	17	8

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Deficit, 1897	0	8	7
,, Electric Light	3	3	0
,, Newspapers	2	19	9
,, Cleaning Room ...	1	18	4½
,, Games	1	19	0½
,, Chairs	2	7	8
,, Refreshment account (1897)	0	12	1½
,, Rule Cards	0	15	6
,, Painting Club Room ...	1	10	0
,, Carpenters' Work ...	2	3	2½
,, Advertisement	0	6	0
,, Work during Removal	0	9	7
,, Postage and Sundries ..	0	4	10
	£18	17	8

Audited and found correct, (*Signed*) G. WELLS.

SLATE CLUB ACCOUNT.

President & Hon. Treasurer: REV. C. DE CARTERET.
Secretary: MR. G. E. WELLS.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING CHRISTMAS, 1898.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Contributions	110	19	8
,, Entrance Fees	1	5	0
,, Cards	0	6	6
,, Fines and Notices ...	2	9	6
,, Postage	0	0	6
	£115	1	2

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Sick Pay	14	0	10
,, Doctor's Fees	13	17	0
,, Secretary's Fees ...	2	12	6
,, Printing, Stationery, etc.	1	5	10½
,, Postage	0	9	1
,, Auditors' Fees	0	8	0
,, Stewards' Fares ...	0	0	8
	32	13	11½
	82	7	2½
	£115	1	2

Examined and found correct, (*Signed*) EDWIN A. ACKROYD, JAMES RYAN. } *Auditors.*

THE 51ST LONDON COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Hon. Treasurer, MAJOR JONES (CAPTAIN OF COMPANY).

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance in hand Treasurer (Mr. Fearon)	0	2	5½
,, Boys' Subscriptions a/c Uniform	0	10	4½
,, Donation from Mr. Blaithwaite	0	10	0
,, Donation from Major Jones	0	5	0
,, Paid "Boys' Club" for "B.B." Store-cupboard per Rev. W. T. Money	0	10	11
,, Balance due Treasurer (Major Jones)	0	18	1
	£2	16	10

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Amount due to Maj. Jones	1	6	4½
,, ,, Rev. W. T. Money	0	8	7
,, I. Farquharson for Belts	0	3	8
,, Refreshments for Boys ...	0	0	9½
,, Subscription for Glasgow Head Quarters ...	0	2	6
,, Order and Stamp ...	0	0	2
,, Expenses for removing Store Cupboard ...	0	10	11
,, Returns of Boys' a/c Uniform	0	1	4½
,, Balance owing by Mr. Fearon...	0	2	5½
	£2	16	10

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) W. T. MONEY.

ST. PAUL'S LADS' INSTITUTE.

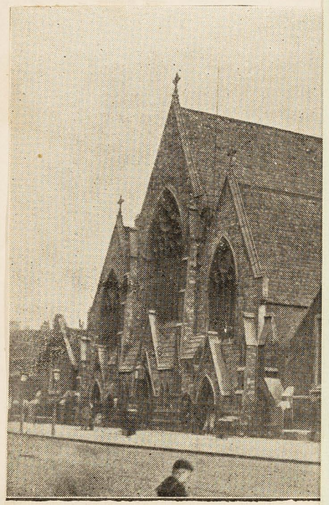
President: REV. C. DE CARTERET.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: MR. NORRINGTON.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance in hand ...	0	4	1½
,, Subscription (anon.) ...	0	2	6
,, Grant from the Vicar ...	0	10	6
,, Members' Subscriptions	2	7	4
,, Competition Entries ...	0	3	0
	£3	7	5½

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Doorkeeper	2	2	0
,, Papers	0	12	10
,, Stationery	0	4	0
,, Competition Prize ...	0	2	6
,, Repairs	0	2	6
Balance in hand	0	3	7½
	£3	7	5½

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.



ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINS

PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

Hon. Treasurer: REV. C. DE CARTERET.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Cr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Sale of Magazines ...	10	10	5	By Deficit (1898)	3	6	10
,, Advertisements	12	18	6	,, Magazines & Printing	22	19	9
,, Grant from General Fund	3	0	0	,, Carriage of Magazines	0	5	10
,, Balance due to Treasurer	0	3	6				
	£26	12	5		£26	12	5

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) F. A. CARTMEL.

COAL CLUB ACCOUNT.

Hon. Treasurer: MR. E. J. HITCHCOCK.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Cr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Amounts Deposited ...	32	4	0	By former account outstanding	4	13	9
,, Grant from General Fund	8	0	0	,, Coal supplied to members	35	19	4
,, Balance due to Treasurer	2	19	2	,, Ditto on former deposits	2	10	1
	£43	3	2		£43	3	2

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.

MOTHERS' MEETING ACCOUNT.

Hon. Treasurer: MISS E. A. PATMORE.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Cr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance in hand ...	1	4	6	By Diapers' Bills	12	1	3½
,, Members' Payments ...	12	18	8½	,, Members' Bonuses ...	1	10	2½
,, Discount from Tradesmen	0	12	0	,, Teapots and Cups ...	0	8	0
				,, Withdrawal	0	0	7
				,, Balance in hand ...	0	15	1½
	£14	15	2½		£14	15	2½

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Hon. Treasurer: MISS E. A. PATMORE.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Cr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance in hand... ...	0	2	6	By Excursion	0	10	10
,, Mrs. Boultbee	0	2	6	,, Diocesan Fund... ...	0	5	0
,, Mrs. Cartmel	0	2	6	,, Members' Subscriptions to Fund	0	12	4½
,, Miss Cockrane	0	5	0	,, Books and Medals ...	0	9	0
,, Miss Martin	0	1	6	,, Postage and Stationery	0	2	6
,, Miss Patmore	0	2	6	,, Balance in hand ...	0	1	6½
,, Members' Payments ...	1	4	9				
	£2	1	3		£2	1	3

Examined and found correct,
(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.

FOOTBALL CLUB ACCOUNTS.

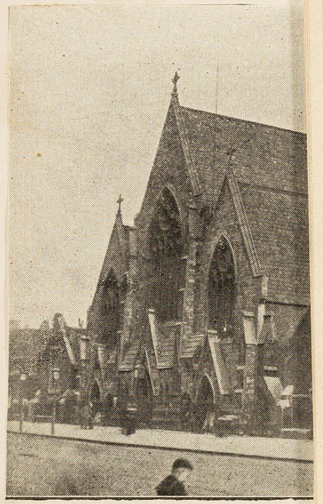
FOR SEASON 1898-1899.

Hon. Treasurer: REV. H. E. BOULTBEE.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Cr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Mr. W. Lethbridge ...	1	0	0	By Caretaker	0	13	0
,, Mr. Cartmel	0	5	0	,, Gardener	0	2	6
,, Mr. Pharo	0	5	0	,, Stationery	0	2	2½
,, Mr. Beck	0	2	6	,, Postage	0	2	8
,, Mr. Bowland	0	2	6	,, Advertisements ...	0	1	4½
,, Mr. Cautwell	0	5	0	,, Printing	0	2	6
,, Rev. W. T. Money ...	0	10	0	,, Footballs	0	16	9
,, S. Udall	0	1	6	,, Goal Posts, etc. ...	1	6	7
,, Members' Subs.... ...	1	5	6	,, Flag Posts	0	0	9
,, ,, for Shirts ...	2	0	0	,, Telegrams	0	9	3
,, Dressing Room (use of)...	0	10	7	,, Compensation for Lost Property	0	5	0
				,, Shirts	2	5	0
	£6	7	7		£6	7	7

Audited and found correct,

(*Signed*) W. T. MONEY, *Captain.*



ST. PAUL'S, WESTMINS

BAND OF HOPE ACCOUNT.

Hon. Treasurer: REV. W. T. MONEY.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING CHRISTMAS, 1898.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Payments for Cards ...	0	0	9
,, Collection for Festival ...	0	7	1
,, Adults' Payments for Treat (Summer)	0	8	9
,, Extra ,, ,, ...	0	1	9
,, Members' Payments ...	2	10	2
,, Grant from C. P. A. Recruits	0	15	0
,, Grant from General Fund	2	0	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer	0	1	5½
	£6	4	11½

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Attendance Cards ...	0	6	0
,, Current Papers ...	0	1	4½
,, Declaration Cards ...	0	4	6
,, Affiliation Fees ...	0	10	0
,, Festival Expenses ...	0	2	11
,, Recitations	0	1	0
,, Toys	0	1	9
,, Two Registers	0	3	9
,, Hymn Books	0	18	0
,, Medals	0	7	5
,, Lecture Expenses ...	0	3	7
,, Christmas Tea... ...	0	13	9
,, Choir Expenses ...	0	1	6
,, "Christie's Old Organ"	0	1	7
,, Paid for Summer Treat	2	7	10
	£6	4	11½

Examined and found correct,

(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.

SCRIPTURE UNION ACCOUNT.

Hon. Treasurer: REV. W. T. MONEY.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING CHRISTMAS, 1898.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Members for Magazines	0	13	4
,, Boys for Boys' Magazines	0	6	0
,, Payments for Tea ...	0	9	4
,, ,, ,, Cards ...	0	2	6
,, Amount due to Treasurer	0	4	10
	£1	16	0

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By "Our Own Magazine"...	0	10	6
,, "Our Boy's Magazine"	0	6	6
,, Annual Meeting Expenses	0	3	6
,, Annual Tea Expenses ...	0	8	3
,, Scripture Union Cards...	0	7	2
,, Almanack	0	0	1
	£1	16	0

Audited and found correct,

(*Signed*) C. DE CARTERET.

Interview with the Rev. W.A.Corbett, Vicar of S. Peter's, Southwark, at 8 Southwark Bridge Road. (E.A.)
July 4.99

Mr. Corbett has been at S. Peter's for 13 years, but looks still like a man of about 44 or ~~45~~ 45. He is a little man, bearded, curly-headed, blue-eyed; talked a lot, and may be a Welshman. He is bright and keen, and appeared sincere, straight-forward, and level-headed. He lives in an old house in Southwark Bridge Road; had plenty of books in his study, but no signs of luxury anywhere, just average comfort. He appears to be unmarried, as there is a request in the Report that special gifts may be sent to his house addressed either to Miss Corbett or to himself.

The population of his parish is something over 5000, and the total is tending downwards. Business premises are tanding to take the place of houses, and the City Electric Lighting Co. for instance, has cleared away some of the black courts shown in the map near the River, Pitts Place etc. The people living in these courts that remain are, the Vicar said, not criminal.

As a class, the parishioners are unskilled,(riversid workers, carmen, etc.) with warehousemen, packers, porters, brewery men (Barclay and Perkins) City police etc. The regular artisan class is mainly absent, those who work in the district living away. Also there are many widows, charwomen etc. employed in the City.

On the whole the people are respectable; some are rough; there is a good deal of drinking at times, but "I shouldn't run them down". There are some loafers, of course, and employment is often casual, but the houses may be said to be occupied on the whole by a bonâ fide working class. Professionally immoral people don't come to this part of London, and no disorderly house is known in the district.

The demand for houses is excessive, and rents are going up; the excuse for this is the rates; the cause is the increased demand, except in the case of the Peabody Buildings, the best block in the parish, where rates are genuinely the explanation of the slight rise in rents that has taken place. The highest rents are found in the smallest houses, and a single room is now hard to get for 3/-. They often run to 4/- and 4/6. Overcrowding is, however, not excessive, cases being sporadic only. Remedial action is, however, very difficult to take, owing to the genuine difficulty that people have, especially those with families, in finding alternative accommodation, if they are turned out.

The local Charities must also be mentioned as influences making for congestion, since people who are qualified to share in them always do their best not to go. The charities are mainly pensions, and the clothing charities for a proportion of the scholars at the Newcomen St. and S.

Saviour's Schools. Speaking generally, when people quit the parish, a lower class is apt to take their place. But still the standard of cleanliness in the district is said to be going up; the sense of decency is stronger. On these points he attached a good deal of importance to the opinion of a nurse of 9 years experience.

Facts (parochial): Some are given in the form (which see) the following are additional.

BUILDINGS: Church (600); parish room (60); Schools (2 rooms holding 200 each; a good many leave the schools for one or another of the "Clothes' Schools", but their standard is a good one, and the Magazine shews that there is a good deal of care taken to ensure efficiency. Attendance appears to be very carefully looked after, both at the day and the Sunday Schools.

The supply of HELPERS (see form) is a difficulty. Only three ladies come from outside the parish.

ATTENDANCES etc: Sunday morning 60 to 80; Evening, 150 to 200. The people who come are parishioners, mainly of their better class. Speaking generally he said that although they got hold of some of the rougher element, they dealt mainly with the more reppectable set.

Communicants' Roll: 159; Easter, 110. Total communicants for the year ~~1937~~ 1131.

Form A. – The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

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

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

(a). Respectable on whole. Careless, indifferent to religion. Good deal of drunkenness.

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

(b) Generally the more respectable. Some also of the lower class.

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

(c) Vicar. ~~Assistant~~ Curate. Scripture Reader. Trained Nurse. Two Mission Women (Mothers' meetings). 18 Teachers in Sunday School & Mr. Mc Leod.

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

(d) Parish Room. Schools.

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

(e) In Church Morn: Adults 60-80. Even: " 200-300. Schools. Mission Service 20 Children's "

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

(f) Two Mothers' Meetings, Provident Club, Self Help Club. Girls' Friendly Society, Penny Bank. Young Men's " Men's Slate Club. Entertainment in Winter. Girls' Sewing Class and Guild organised.

(g) What Educational Work is done ?

(g) Sunday Schools.

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

(h) House to house.

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

(i) A Trained Nurse.

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

(j). Principally to the sick. How dispensed.

General Questions—

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

(k). Some Mission. Castle Yard. Storm Hall. religious & charitable.

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

(l). Registration of relief.

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)

(II) Police

(III) Drink

(IV) Prostitution

(V) Crime

(VI) Marriage

(VII) Thrift

vii. Clubs &c.

(VIII) Health

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally

Houses cleaner. Better looked after. Constant visiting seems to have had good effect.

*District*_____

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

Better class, new comers worse. Cleaner on whole (Nurse)

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

Fegan CV 59

Corbett - S. Peters (4)

The numbers in 1887 were less than half of the presnt total.

He mentioned the strength of the class-feeling that they found in such a prish as their's, for instance, among the girls. In their G.F.S. they have a more respectable set, milliners etc. and these would not stay if the rougher factory hands were to find their way in.

The nursing in the parish is efficient.

Their own relief amounts to about £45 a year, and goes mostly to the sick, all in kind. They co-operate with the local Registration Committee at the Borough Road Polytechnic. He mentioned that Fegan refused to have anything to do with it, adding that he suspected the control of the C.O.S. a Society that he (Fegan) abhors. He criticised Fegan's methods, saying that he started much of his Home Mission work with a good deal of bribery of one kind or another, and repeating the charge of an offer of tea (dry) to those who came to the Mothers' Meeting. He thinks, however, that this sort of thing was only done at the start and that he is "more careful" now. Many of the mothers who were attracted were, he thinks, drawn away from other centres, but he does not appear to have suffered himself. These attending his own Meeting get no material advantage except that of good terms in buying material, which is managed for them:

there are no bonuses, and everything is managed on a thrift basis.

While indifferentism remains the great difficulty with which they have to contend, nothing of the nature of opposition being ever found, he emphasised the harm that was done by touting, and he appeared to think that Fegan was touter in chief of the district. If you begin by associating with religion with material benefit of one kind or another, religious indifferentism is increased, and he thinks that Fegan's methods have been responsible for a good deal of this state of mind. "Men often make it an excuse for not going to church, by saying that they don't want any relief. It is this sort of thing that we have to fight against. If every religious centre could hand over its charity to some other agency, what a blessing it would be!"He himself is a Moderate Evangelical, but he does not think that church position is a very important matter in this part of London. Every shade is represented in Southwark and the Borough, but "people like ours don't think about that sort of thing".

Although there is no other religious agency actually within the borders of his parish, there are many round about that attract his people, some even going to Mr. Meyer's P.S.A. He said that a plan of penny payments for members was adopted here, and that prizes were given for reg-

Grove Mission

(6) ularity of attendance etc. the penny payments being ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ supplementedx by other funds. The Brewery keeps up a Mission, with a Missioner who visits, has classes, mothers' meetings etc. It is all done among the Brewery employees and their families. I gathered that ~~hm~~ there was no temperance agency at work here!

On the GENERAL QUESTIONS little was said. Poor Law administration was critised for the not infrequent inadequacy of the Outdoor Relief, but not very severely. Of the POLICE he made no complaint. As to Drink and CRIME t there was nothing special to be said. MARRIAGE relations were good on the whole he considered, some guarantee of this being found in the comparative stationariness of the people. As to the sizes of families, and the use of preventive checks he had nothing to say, except that it always seemed to him that tve worst sort of family generally had the largest number of children. HEALTH is not good in the district, but it would be much worse if it were not for the River, which always gives them air.

He told me a little about S. Saviour's, and the anomalous position of the present incumbent. The Vicar was elected by the suffrages of the parishioners, and when the parish was reconstituted he could not be turned out. But as a parish priest he appears to be rather a hopeless sort of person. Mr Corbett - just the reverse - hopeful and resolute

MONDAY MOTHERS' MEETING—Account of Stock.

For the Year ending November 26th, 1898.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in hand ...	4 0 6¾	Paid for Goods ...	112 12 6¼
Deposits	114 11 4¼	Cash in hand ...	5 19 4¾
	£118 11 11		£118 11 11

(Signed) S. C. TABOR, Superintendent.

TUESDAY MOTHERS' MEETING—Account of Stock.

For the Year ending November 26th, 1898.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in hand ...	0 8 8¾	Paid for Goods ...	93 15 0
Deposits	95 4 10¼	Cash in hand ...	1 18 7
	£95 13 7		£95 13 7

(Signed) MARY B. CORBETT, Superintendent.

SELF HELP CLUB.

For the Year ending October 31st, 1898.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance	16 2 8¼	Paid for Coals ...	337 5 0
Grant Parochial Mission Fund for Expenses ...	0 12 5¼	Deposits returned ...	0 19 0
Deposits	335 9 0¾	Postage and Expenses	0 9 1
		Balance	13 11 1¼
	£352 4 2¼		£352 4 2¼

(Signed) C. S. TABOR, Treasurer.

ST. PETER'S PENNY BANK.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1898.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance	50 14 0	Withdrawals with Interest	161 13 7
Deposits	159 4 1	Cash Books	0 1 6
New Books	0 1 1	Expenses	0 18 4
Interest allowed by P.O. Savings Bank ...	1 12 9	Balance	48 18 6
	£211 11 11		£211 11 11

(Signed) Wm. A. CORBETT, Treasurer.

THE

ST. PETER'S, SOUTHWARK,

Church Monthly

AND

PARISH RECORD.

Motto Text for the Year.

Onward: Upward: Heavenward:

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

Rev. ii. 10.

Clergy { Rev. W. A. CORBETT, M.A., Vicar.
Rev. A. J. KING, B.A., Assistant Curate.

Lay Reader—Mr. C. C. BROWNE, 28, Burghly Buildings, Zoar Street.

Mission Women { Miss POUPARD, 7, Blackfriars Road.
Mrs. TILLOTT, 16M, Peabody Buildings, Southwark Street.

Trained Nurse—Mrs. BOCKING, 14, Douglas Buildings.

Church Caretaker—Mrs. COX, 8N, Peabody Buildings, Southwark Street.

Services in the Church (Sumner Street).

Sundays.—Morning Service at 11 a.m. Evening Service at 7 p.m.
Men's Service at 4 p.m.
Children's Service on the First Sunday in the month at 3.15 p.m.

Wednesdays.—Evening Service at 8 p.m.

For other Services and Saints' Days, see next page.

All Seats in the Church are Free. **All are We**

It is requested that all cases of sickness be at once reported to one of the Clergy or I
The Services of the Trained Nurse are available for all in the Parish who require her help

The boundaries of St. Peter's Parish are: *North*—River Thames; *West*—Hollar
Sumner Street; *South*—Southwark Street; *East*—Southwark Bridge Road. St. Pet
the Parish Church of all who live within these boundaries.

Holy Communion.

"This do in remembrance of Me."—St. Luke xxii. 19.

First and Fifth Sundays in the month—After Morning Service, about 12.30 p.m.

Second and Fourth Sundays in the month—At 8 a.m.

Third Sunday in the month—After Evening Service, about 8.20 p.m.

Saints' Days—At 11.15 a.m.

Holy Baptism.

"The promise is unto you, and to your children."—Acts ii. 39.

Sundays—At 4.45 p.m.

Wednesdays—At 12 noon.

There is no fee or payment of any kind for Baptisms

Churchings.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"—Ps. cxvi. 12.

Sundays—At 4.45 p.m.

Wednesdays—At 12 noon.

There is no fee for Churchings, but it is usual to make a Thank-offering, as the Prayer Book directs (see Rubric at end of the Service). A box for such Thank-offerings is placed in the Vestry. They are devoted to Church purposes.

Marriages.

"Only in the Lord."—1 Cor. vii. 39.

Which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence."—*Prayer Book.*

Marriages can be celebrated between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., the hour to be fixed by arrangement with the Clergy. Notice of Banns to be given one clear day before the first publication. Notice of Banns can be left in the Vestry on Mondays or Wednesdays at 12 noon, or on Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m. The *Fees* are—Publication of Banns, 2s.; Marriage after Banns, 6s. 6d.; Certificate, 1s. 1d. (if taken at the time).

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the Schools, every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m Entrance for Boys, in Pond Yard; for Girls and Infants, in Emerson Street.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Every *Sunday* at 6.30 p.m. in the Boys' School.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES.

For *Young Men*, in the Vestry, Emerson Street, at 3 p.m.

For *Young Women*, in the Parish Room, Sumner Street, at 3 p.m.

PARISHIONERS

the Clergy in the Vestry, on Mondays and , at 12 noon, when papers can be signed, ns of Marriage can be given, etc. All e the Clergy are particularly requested ese days or after Services. Communi- Clergy can be placed in the box at the e Church.

WEEK-DAY MEETINGS AND CLASSES.

In the Parish Room, Sumner Street.

Communicants' Meeting—First Monday in the month at 8.30 p.m.

Mothers' Meetings—Mondays at 2 p.m., and Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. There are Clothing, Boot, Blanket, Provident, and Self-Help Clubs in connection with the Meetings.

Girls' Friendly Society—Tuesdays at 6 and 7 p.m. (for Candidates under 14), Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. (for members). Secretary, Miss Corbett.

Penny Bank—Saturdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Men's Slate Club—Saturdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

In the Schools, Emerson Street.

Band of Hope—Mondays, at 6.30 p.m.

Entertainments—Mondays as announced.

Mission Service—Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.

Young Men's Society—Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8 p.m.

In the Church, Sumner Street.

Choir Practice—Boys, Wednesdays at 6.45 p.m.; Men and Boys, Fridays 7.30 p.m.

Sunday School Teachers—Wednesdays at 8.45 p.m.

Communicants willing to help in the Church work of the Parish are earnestly invited to inform the Vicar of their wish.

ST. PETER'S NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Head Master (Certificated)—Mr. W. G. Larking.

Head Mistress (Certificated)—Mrs. Lane.

Infants' Mistress (Certificated)—Miss Sabbarton.

For Boys, Girls, and Infants. Entrance to the Boys' School in Pond Yard, to the Girls' and Infants' in Emerson Street.

Religious Teaching is regularly and carefully given and the other subjects of instruction include: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Singing, Composition, Recitation, Geography, History, Drawing (boys), Needlework and Domestic Economy (girls), Drill, and Physical Exercises.

In connection with the Schools there are Manual Training (woodwork) Classes for the boys, and Cookery and Laundry Classes for the girls.

The Schools are under Government and Diocesan Inspection.

Certificates and Prizes are given for regular and punctual attendance.

There is a Penny Bank for the scholars.

Application for admission to be made to the Head Teachers.

Fee, 1d. per week. Reduced terms if paid quarterly in advance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

At one time we printed the names of those children who made full attendances at Sunday School. For a long time past the list of regular and punctual scholars at Day School has been given each month, but the Sunday School list has been dropped. We now resume it. The habits of regularity and punctuality are most important, not only for the better carrying out of the instruction which is received, both in Day and Sunday School, but also for the formation of the character, which is the great end of all education, so that we hope we shall receive on every day of the week the help and co-operation of the parents in securing the desirable object which we have in view.

S. Alphege's. Interview with the Rev. R. Mackrell at 7 Arundel St. (E.A.) July 13.99. 31/4+11

(This well-known Mission centre is in a transition time, a new Vicar having been just appointed, the late one having resigned after two years or so of work. The founder of the Mission, Father Goulden, with whose name it is associated, died some three years ago, and it was during his lifetime that things were in the heyday of activity. His successor had been working for some eight years at the neighbouring parish of All Hallows, and has recently resigned. Mr. De Fontaine made it clear that there was a "personal" cause; Toynbee said plainly that he was compelled to resign; but his friend Mr. Mackrell would only say that he broke down under the strain, especially the financial strain, of the Mission. Toynbee has since told me that the vicar in question, Father Calcutt, was a very coarsely fibred man in appearance of whom the charge, of intemperance made to him quite positively by a reliable authority, might quite well be true, and if so it seems chritable to suppose that a weakness was increased by the difficulties of a very burdensome position.

Mr. Mackrell knows little really of the working of the parish itself, his co-operation having been xxxxxx exclusively connected with the ministrations of the church. But he has been very intimate with the resident staff,

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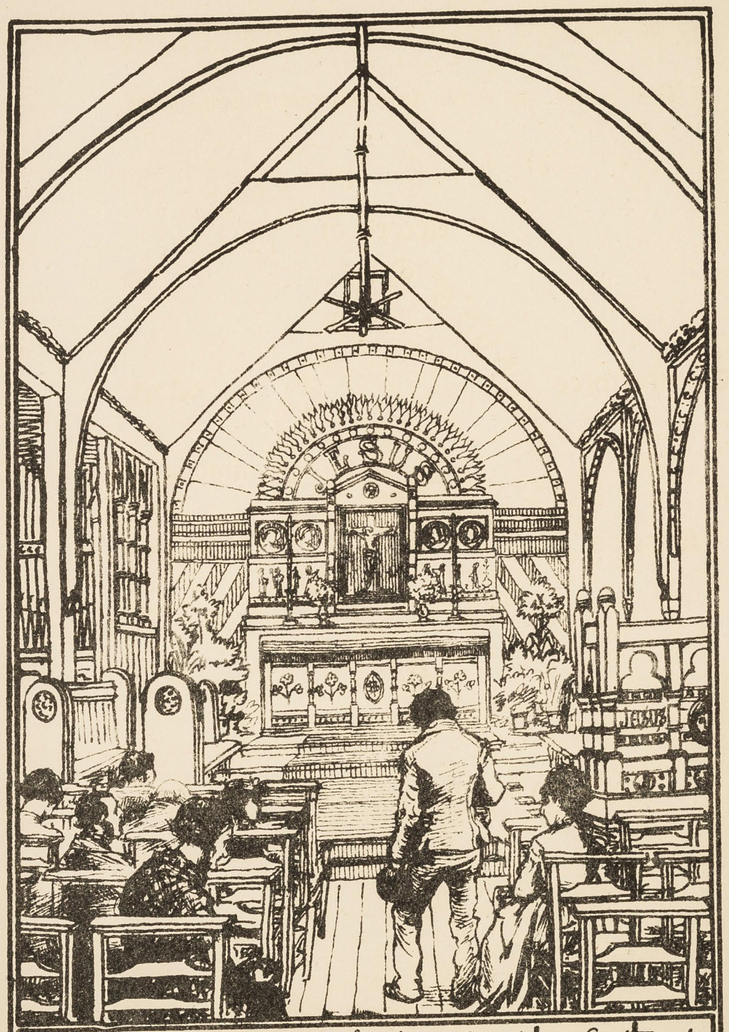

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S. Alphege Mission, Southwark.

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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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Work amongst the Masses.

SUPERIOR OF THE MISSION—

Rev. ALFRED M. CALCUTT, Vicar of S. Alphege, Southwark, 139 Blackfriars Rd., S.E.

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S. Alphege, Southwark.

Dear Friends and Supporters of S. Alphege,

TWENTY-FIVE eventful years have passed since it pleased God to send one to this part of Southwark, for the purpose of raising the Standard of the Cross, and showing perishing souls the way of salvation; but of all the past years not one has been fraught with so much importance as the last—when the Founder of the Mission, who had worked so lovingly and laboriously in the Master's Cause, and had done so much for the good of souls and bodies, was called of God and fell asleep in Jesus. For some time he had been in bad health and suffered much, but up to the last he stuck to his work, and died almost in harness. It was a terrible blow to the Mission and its works; but this was its testing time,

and, thanks to the energy and love of Rev. R. Mackrell, all went on as usual during the vacancy. When the call came to me to take up this great work, it was with no small amount of trepidation and doubt that I accepted; it was no light matter to follow, wisely and well, my revered predecessor, —(around whom many of the people had grown up from childhood, who had been their mainstay and support, for they had known no other),—a man, unique, and to take up the burden of a work, unique (until late years), in the Church.

For nearly eight years I had laboured in an adjoining parish, and knew a good deal of the work. I knew S. Alphege, and many of the congregation knew me well, and therefore I felt that whatever my shortcomings might be, the call was clear, and so put my hand to the plough, and, God helping me, will not look back. Nor, indeed, is there any temptation to do so, for the people of S. Alphege have received me with open arms, and been loyal to their teachings of past years. Naturally, there was for a time a break, but we soon got into line, and, so far, I can say with the profoundest gratitude that all the many agencies have gone on vigorously and well. The congregations and communions have been well sustained, and I can report in some things steady progress.

A Special Mission was given in Advent for a fortnight, and proved a most helpful and blessed time; many souls were either brought back to grace, or found light and pardon through the Precious Blood. Here I should like to thank the Missioners for their earnest endeavours (the Revs. J. R. Sanderson, F. H. Fisher, and W. J. Scott). During the time, I believe every house in the parish was visited; outdoor services were conducted by Crusaders; services in Church from early morn till late at night; all well attended, and much blessed, for the old Truths of God, when faithfully and lovingly shown forth to souls, must ever bear fruit. Let me point out one or two striking features of the Mission. There was a Service and Instruction for children each morning at 7.30. The first morning 400 children came, but on each of the other thirteen mornings we had 500 and sometimes more, and that notwithstanding the fact that on two or three mornings the rain came down in torrents; it was a wonderful sight to see the poor little drenched children (umbrellas are scarce here) come

in, looking perfectly happy, and kneel down to say their prayer, and a few minutes afterwards to hear them sing with heart and voice "There is a happy land," or "I am a little soldier." Yes, dear friends, we've got the children here for Jesus; you will help me to keep them as they grow up, I feel confident. The Exercises were well attended all through. At the Men and Costers' Service at 9.30 p.m., we made a special effort, and I am assured by those who have been here years that the numbers were quite up to the usual mark. Certainly it was a glad sight to see men of all sorts and conditions of life streaming into the Church, joining heartily in the hymns and prayers, listening intently to the scathing denunciation of sin, and the loving entreaties of the Missioner, as he put before them the good tidings of the Gospel. One of the Missioners has written a "Bird's-eye View," which I append, as giving some outside testimony as to our work. But I must not weary you, and therefore pass on. Though I do with great joy record the fact that all the agencies, services and classes have gone on as for many years past, trying as the year has been, yet I cannot disguise from myself the fact

that (1) *the Rents, Taxes, &c., are a terrific load to bear; and that our* (2) Living Agency, *Clerical and Lay, falls very short of what it ought to be.*

1. *The Rents, &c., mean an enormous sum yearly, and we have been obliged, during the last year to rent more rooms in the Board Schools, for our Sunday Scholars, and though it would seem that paying Rent and Taxes for sixteen houses, Clubs or Schools, is a great deal, yet there is nothing else to do; every rented place is at the present moment full up, aye, some of them more than full.*

2. Living Agency.—A. *Consists of Clergy, Sisters and Lay Workers. Our Staff at present consists of myself and fellow labourer, with the most valuable and kind help of Rev. R. Mackrell (on whose help, whenever possible, I can at all times depend, and who was in charge after the death of Father Goulden), who comes to us for a part of each week. I ought at least to have another Priest permanently on the Staff to keep the work in hand, but funds won't allow it. As a specimen of an evening's work, I had Evensong at* 5; *interviews with crowds of people wishing to see me at* 6; *Guilds (attendance* 300 *or* 400), *with admissions at*

7; Crusaders' and Teachers' Meeting, 8.15; *Cricket Club Meeting*, 9.30; *Men's Club Meeting*, 10.30; *and these with other meetings going on in the Parish where I ought to have been presiding.*

B. The Sisters.—*At present we have eleven Sisters, devoted and good souls, ready at all times and under all circumstances to work for God; we could not get on without them, but this trouble presses on me—nearly the whole of their private means has been expended on the work of the Mission, and now we find great difficulty in making both ends meet. There is a surplus from the sale of S. Bernard's, Woking (in which some money was invested), of £500 or £600, when the mortgage was paid. This money I propose to hand over to Trustees, and, if possible, form the nucleus of an endowment fund for the Sisters. I cannot see these workers for God exercising the greatest self-denial and enduring even privations, without making an effort to give them, at least, food, warmth and raiment. During the early part of the winter, when the weather was bitterly cold, I went to the Sisters' House, and shuddered. "Why haven't you some fire?" was my query. "We have only been able to have fire in the kitchen for cooking." "Why?" "No coal and no money to buy any just now." The Sisters would by no means wish me to pen these lines, but even in the interest of the work they must do, morning, noon and night, and sometimes all the night, it is my bounden duty to see they have the necessaries of life. If you can, please send me some donation in addition to your Subscription (for the General Work must go on), for the love of Him whose devoted servants they are.*

C. Laymen's Help.—*Up to two or three years ago valuable help was given by men at the Theological College. That has come to an end; but it is an absolute necessity that I should have trained help for the Men's and Costers' Clubs and Missions, &c. I have now arranged with the Evangelist Brotherhood at Wolverhampton to send me three men as soon as possible. These will, I feel sure, be of the greatest service to the parish, but will also be an additional charge on the "Living Agency Fund," for I shall have to keep on the house formerly used for the College, and provide them with board and stipend.*

I would draw your attention to the Sunday School Accounts, and there you will see what the

workers here do mostly for themselves and those for whom they work. Most of the money, for the treats and prizes, as well as the rent of the Board Schools for Sunday, was collected by them, and, with one or two exceptions, they are all working men and women. This fund must be kept supplied or the work must languish.

The Night Refuge for Women and Girls had been closed for some time before I came, and we have been obliged to use the house for the Orphanage. As soon as I am able to find a better shelter for the orphans, this very necessary part of our organisation will be resumed. It is badly wanted. Constantly poor, wretched women, children of shame, outcasts, come to our doors for shelter, and it is a grief not to be able to take them in.

The Choir and Middle-class School still goes on, and is altogether more successful than before, in that, while its usefulness is as of old, the charges on the Mission Fund are considerably less.

A special effort has been made this year to get together in a Club the roughest girls of the Coster class, and the Sisters in charge hope great things of it. The girls of this class are most difficult to touch. You may not think it; but they are "so

exclusive." Gun Street Blocks have no connection with Bean Street, and so forth. One thing to be said in their favour is, that in time of trouble and distress, they are quite willing to make a "whip round" to help each other.

The Crèche and Infant Nursery is very much valued and used; but we sadly want lots of things: furniture, clothes, toys, &c.—in fact, almost anything could be made use of. Maybe, some of my readers have things belonging to the nursery, put away for some years; they would recall tender and happy memories. Can they be put to better use than to give them to the poor, little sickly children of S. Alphege? Again, I am told by the Sister that the Lying-in Charity, so helpful and even necessary here, is in sad need, and must soon nearly stop, unless we can either get things, or money to buy them, soon. Any lady wishing to help may send to Sister Ethel, 23, Warwick Street, Borough Road, S.E., and she will be very grateful.

The Convalescent and Holiday Homes have been removed from Woking, and I am now negotiating for houses at Whitstable, where I think we may be able at no much greater expense to have the Sea as

well as the Country for our holidays; in connection with this I have to tender my sincere thanks to one who has for many years taken a great interest in the Mission, for promising to take a house in the summer for the Sisters, and looking after it as well, so that they will be able to have a real holiday.

The Clubs are going on well, and will by and by pay their way better than at present; much there is to be thankful for, and I hope things may develop. In connection with the S. Alphege Men's Club, I have started a "Loan Club," that is, an endeavour to counteract a great evil in our midst. Here we have a few people who are better off, and they practically become "usurers," lending money at an enormous rate of interest to the poorer people, who in times of distress are in great straits; they will then "oblige" the poor soul with a loan, for which they have to pay at the rate of 1*d. in the shilling per week until the principal is paid in a lump, that is,* 1*s.* 8*d. weekly. One woman, two years ago, was in great distress, husband and children ill, and the brokers in. To save her home, at that time she borrowed £*2*, for which she had paid* 3*s.* 4*d. weekly ever since, with no prospect of paying off the debt. I lent her the money to free*

herself from this burden, and now the 3*s.* 4*d. interest comes to me, and the debt will soon be wiped off. This is a self-supporting thing, and only necessitates some trouble in keeping things straight in the way of accounts. They are enabled to borrow, at a reasonable rate of interest, and at the end of the year the interest is divided, so that it partakes of the nature of a Self-help Society and a Savings Bank.*

Unfortunately during the past year the Organ in Church has given unmistakable signs of old age and decay, and very soon we must get a new one. It was old and fairly feeble to start with, and has been in constant use ever since the opening of the Church. A Committee has been formed amongst ourselves, and it is working with a will: the Choirmen themselves contribute weekly, a Needlework Guild has been formed, &c., but I venture to mention it in this Report, as there may be some musical friends of the Mission that would kindly send me a donation to this fund.

We have many hundreds of good cases for relief, many deserving and some, perhaps, undeserving, or at least their difficulties brought about by their own fault. There is one that I

should like to place before my readers, in the hope that some one may be charitable enough to take it up. A woman (well known to us all) prematurely old, but still over sixty, is in great distress, and shortly must go to the workhouse unless I can help her permanently. I have tried for a pension and failed. More than twenty years ago she was leading a life of sin in its worst form. She was got hold of at a Mission, and for a short time went on well, and then fell back into her old habits of sin. She was then taken before the Court, and one of the Sisters went up to receive her when she was discharged, and brought her away with her. From that moment she gave up her evil life, with its many luxuries (for she got plenty of money), left the man she was living with, and by the power of the grace of God, has, for the last seventeen years, lived a most exemplary and God-fearing life, earning her living in the hardest way, exercising self-denial, always ready with her penny or halfpenny for the bag, even when there was no food in the house. Now she is past work, her former life has told on her, she is quite broken down. "I should not mind the House, Father, if I could but be near S. Alphege, for my Communions and Bible Class. I did want to die near, so that my body should rest in the dear old home where I found pardon and peace." What could I do but tell the poor old soul that we would keep her here until she was called away by God, and her body should rest for its last rites in her much-loved Church? Will some kind friend take up this case, and send me enough for this poor, worn-out pilgrim (who was the butt of her former friends and companions, to whom she made a bold confession) to provide for her frugal wants? I do not want a woman, such as she has been, to be taken away from the place she holds so dear, and for which she would sacrifice anything.

And a few words concerning the finances. The Balance Sheets may be rather complicated this year, as you will see there are three different sets. I shall hope next year to present them more clearly. The Special Appeal Fund Report most of you will have received, and by your kindness the debts were liquidated, mortgages were paid off, and Mrs. Goulden provided with an annuity; this cleared matters considerably.

It is with the greatest joy and gratitude that I am also to announce that the ground, on which

the Church is built, at last, after many years of waiting and hoping, has been bought and paid for, and now the Church belongs to us and only awaits Consecration, which we trust will take place soon. This will save the Mission the ground rent, and our home is secured to us for ever.

I must here acknowledge, with the deepest gratitude, the loving and self-denying care of one who not only liberally subscribed £500, but undertook to raise the remaining £300, and did it, and the sum paid for the site was £1600. Mrs. Herbert, who is our benefactress, is the widow of the late Rev. G. W. Herbert, of S. Peter's, Vauxhall; who, when the district was formed, endowed it, not by subscriptions, but by his own gift; *and whose continued interest was shown by setting apart a sum yearly, up to the time of his death, for the purchase of the site of the Church,—now happily accomplished. Generally speaking, we have this year, financially, done better, but many friends have sent help to tide over our difficulties, and they have replaced those who were obliged to limit their subscriptions on account of the "Special Appeal Fund," but you will see that the General Fund*

shows a "deficit," and that, in spite of the most rigid economy, for I can safely say that I have spared no efforts to keep expenses under, and the many agencies must be kept going thoroughly.

An old friend of the Mission, whose love for the Mission no one can doubt, with all good wishes advised me, some little time ago, "to cut my garment according to my cloth." A very sensible and wise saying so far, but not always as wise as it appears. A certain amount of cloth is at hand, enough to make a boy's *suit, but there is a man to be clothed. It's no use making a pair of knickers for him, fully grown. The thing is to get more material and make it full size. This exactly expresses, my friends, the position here. We've got a man to clothe, but about enough for a boy's suit. I trust that you will help me liberally.*

I have included a list of the Institutions to be kept in working order, cared for and looked after. You will see that instead of falling off, the necessities of the Parish are such that I have been obliged to add some to the list, so that this year there are forty-six agencies, and there is no possibility of decreasing, but I think every chance of their increasing in the future. For instance, hundreds

of the old tumble-down houses have, in the last few years, disappeared, but their places are being taken by huge blocks, and in the course of two or three months the population will have increased by 2,000 *souls at least, and bring up the number of people to over* 10,000 *probably.*

1.—**The Mission Church,** which accommodates eight hundred. The Vicar is personally responsible for various charges connected with the conduct of **Church Services.** The Fabric is legally secured to the Trustees of the parish.

2.—**The Living Agency Fund.** For the maintenance of a sufficient staff of Clergy and Lay Workers.

3.—**The Sunday Schools for 1,500 Children.**

4.—**The Christian Day Schools** give instruction to Children after Board School hours in Church Catechism, and such other things as a Christian ought to know. (500 children.)

5.—**The Mission Rooms,** conducted by the Clergy and Lay Workers, where the Gospel is preached every Sunday, and Classes held at other times.

6.—**The Mission for Costermongers only.**

7.—**The Mission for Young Costers only.**

8.—**The Mission for Children only.**

9.—**The Mission Crusaders and Evangelists.** A body of self-denying Communicants of S. Alphege, who give spare time for the spiritual work of the Mission.

10.—**The Open-air Mission** worked by the S. Alphege Evangelists.

11.—**The Total Abstainers' Mission.**

12.—**The Band of Hope** numbers about 700 Children.

13.—**The Young Men's Hostel.** Established to give Board and Lodging.

14.—**The Boys' Orphanage.**

15.—**The Girls' Home** is established, like Young Men's Home, to give Board and Lodging.

16.—**The Girls' Lodge.** A temporary abode for girls out of situation.

17.—**The Orphanage for Little Girls.**

18.—**The Children's Kitchen,** which provides food and clothing for Destitute Children.

19.—**St. Agnes Convalescent Home for Girls.**

20.—**St. Pancras Convalescent Home for Boys.**

21.—**The Mothers' Meetings,** to which are attached Clothing Clubs, Coal Clubs, and Penny Banks.

22.—**The Crèche and Infant Nursery.** The importance of a Crèche in every parish and near every school is now well recognised, and considered as important as nurseries in the houses of the upper classes.

23.—**The Working Men's Club.**

24.—**The Costermongers' Club.**

25.—**The Young Men's Club.**

26.—**The Boys' Club.**

27.—**The Working Girls' Club.** These Clubs are established to give men, lads, and young women a healthy place of resort when the day's work is over, and to keep them from public-houses and low places of amusement.

28.—**Night Refuge for Women and Girls** (opened as soon as possible).

29.—**The Bible Classes.**

30.—**Communicants' Guild.**

31.—**Brotherhood for Mechanics and Labourers.**

32.—**Young Men's Guild.**

33.—**Married Women's Guild** for the better training of their young children (to be started).

34.—**Young Women's Guild.**

35.—**Boys' Guild.**

36.—**Girls' Guild.**

These Guilds are intended for the spiritual advancement of the Members. The amount of work connected with these Institutions is enormous, and can best be understood by the fact that, besides Monthly Meetings held by the Vicar for each particular Guild, there are Monthly Band Meetings or Sections of each Guild, conducted by a Bandmaster or Bandmistress, consequently about 1,000 Members are interviewed once a month at least.

37.—**The Church Decoration Guild.**

38.—**The Burial Guild.**

39.—**The Sick and Poor Fund, Lying-in Charity, and Blanket Loan.**

40.—The Christmas Appeal for good cheer when snow is on the ground, the men out of work, cupboards empty, and grates fireless.

41.—Needlework Guild.

42.—Loan Society.

43.—Orchestral Society.

44.—Club for Coster-Girls and those whose living is obtained by selling in the streets.

45.—Cricket Clubs (athletics).

46.—Sewing Class and Boot Club for Girls.

It has been said that Christianity was not "in possession" in South London. At least, we *at S. Alphege are in possession, and not only in possession but in "actual touch" with the people; and though there are many who never come to Church, there are few who, when on the bed of sickness, will not send for the Vicar or Sisters to come to them, and so we may well be thankful at least that they should feel that there is someone to be with them in their dark and dreary hours to bring some comfort and cheer. As a rule our people love their Church and come to it. The Guilds and Bible Classes are well attended, and all the works are in a vigorous state of health; and having thus made a good start, we have full hope of future success.*

I thank most sincerely the Clergy (especially the Rev. R. Mackrell, for his devoted work, help and

sympathy), Sisters, and all the Workers, who so lovingly have "lifted up my arms" and lightened my load in every way; and those who have sent to the Throne of Grace prayers for our welfare, and money to keep the work in going order; and trusting that they will ever remember us, who are trying as best we can, by God's help, to do His work, and that all may be joined together in one way or another for the good of souls, and the honour and glory of God, Whose goodness and mercy we know, day by day, is continually with us, and Whom to know is to love.

Believe me,

Sincerely in Our Lord Jesus Christ,

A. M. CALCUTT.

A Link.

AT the request of one whom it is a pleasure as well as a duty to obey, I send the following contribution to the "Red Book" for 1897. My only claim to a hearing is that I have known and loved S. Alphege for some years, and that I am a kind of link between the first Vicar and the second. The former frequently applied to me for temporary assistance, and it will always be a satisfaction to remember that through my introduction the Rev. G. D. D. Watt first became acquainted with the Parish, where for some time he rendered most valuable and generous help. My own personal connection with S. Alphege only commenced in 1889, and was at first of a very casual character. But during the last few years of the late Vicar's life, owing to his failing health, and the difficulty he found in securing resident assistance, I was frequently called upon to help in the services of the Church, although other duties prevented my taking a more active part in the work of the parish. I invariably received the greatest kindness from the Vicar, but his patience must often have been tried by my very slight experience of parochial work, and scanty acquaintance with the customs and usages of the Church. It is pleasant to remember that our relations were never in the least degree strained, and that not a shadow of discord ever came between us.

The principal facts of his clerical life are familiar to most of the readers of the "Red Book." He was ordained by Bishop Hamilton of Salisbury, for whose

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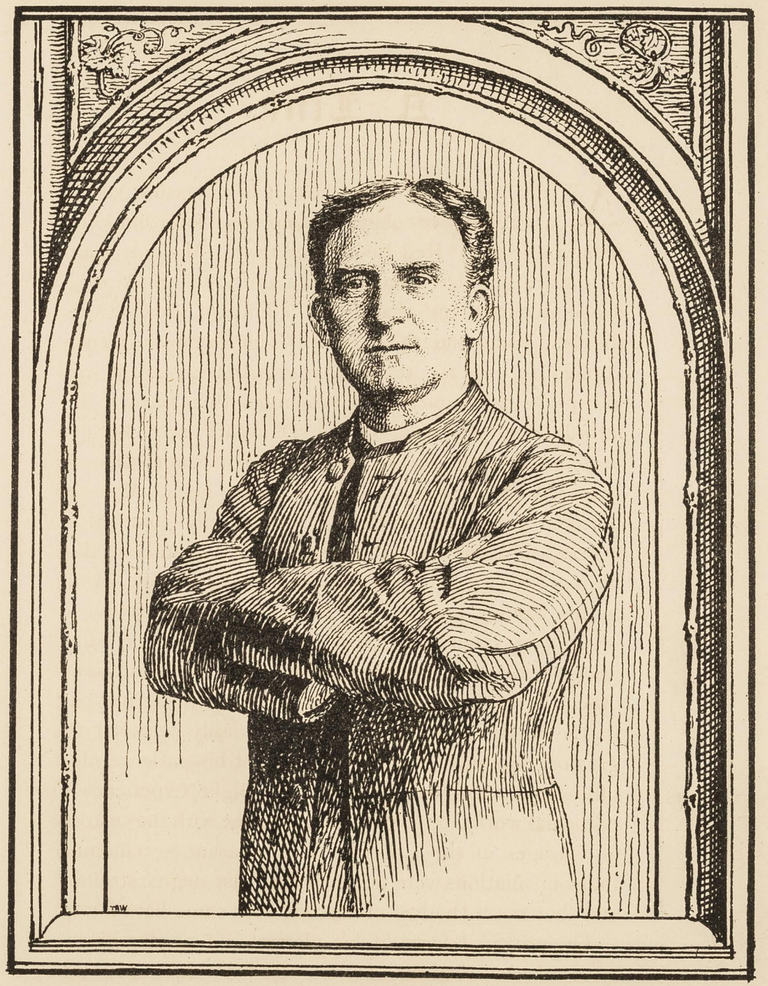

THE REVEREND A. B. GOULDEN,
FOUNDER OF THE MISSION OF ST. ALPHEGE,
SOUTHWARK.

saintly character he always felt the greatest veneration. From 1865 to 1867 he worked in the little country parish of Batcombe, in Dorset, and in the latter year came to South London, where, for nearly thirty years, he laboured with such earnest zeal and with such wonderful success. Until 1872 he was one of the Assistant Priests of S. Peter's, Vauxhall (under the late Rev. G. W. Herbert), where he gained that wide experience which proved so valuable in after years. Then came the call to which he responded with such single-hearted devotion, and henceforward the Mission of S. Alphege became the one absorbing interest of his life. The district assigned to him was one of the most neglected and unsavoury parts of Southwark, and for nearly twenty-four years he worked incessantly and unweariedly. His wonderful powers of organisation, his gifts as a Mission preacher, his thorough sympathy with every class with which he came in contact, and his unstinted devotion to his parish, were combined with a personal fascination which took the hearts of the people by storm. The innumerable institutions which he founded for the spiritual and temporal benefit of his flock were maintained with equal energy, limited only (alas!) by that lack of means which was a constant grief and anxiety to him, and which was undoubtedly one (if not the chief) cause of his premature death.

The district which forms the parish of S. Alphege was taken out of the old mother parish of S. George the Martyr, Southwark, and is bounded by Blackfriars Road on the West, Southwark Bridge Road on the East, and the Borough Road on the South. In 1872 it was, and is still, "a poor parish in the midst of other poor parishes, only to be distinguished by surpassing the others in poverty." It was then a most dangerous and repulsive

spot in the lowest depths of degradation, its dilapidated, squalid, filthy, and pestilential courts and alleys being the resort of tramps, thieves, and evil-doers of every kind.

The first great difficulty which confronted the Missioner was the necessity of finding in this unfavourable locality some room where the children could be taught, the Gospel preached, and the Sacraments celebrated. It was impossible to find a suitable building, and it was far from easy to find any place with walls and roof that was available for the purpose. At length the use of an old stable, in the last stage of decay, where the costermongers' donkeys were formerly kept, was obtained as a great favour. It was not a very attractive Mission Room, the windows being small, most of them broken, and the little glass remaining being black with dirt. The roof was cracked and often showered down dust and chaff from the hay-loft above. The walls were mere partitions, through which the odour of the surrounding stables penetrated, and against which frequent kicks resounded, and an occasional hoof appeared among the congregation. Under the rough boards which formed the floor, a cesspool, into which the drainage of the stables flowed, poured forth foul vapours. At the back was a stable-yard with heaps of refuse stacked up to the level of the windows.

This was the original "Manger" Mission Room, and here He Who has "chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty," first broke the power of Satan in this district of Southwark. A Sunday School and simple Mission services were at once started, and soon the rapidly increasing congregation rendered a move necessary. At length, the "Shamrock," a disreputable beershop which had forfeited its licence by

repeated defiance of all laws, human and Divine, was secured. It was enlarged by enclosing a disused skittle alley at the back, and on July 13th, 1873, this house of prayer, in what once had been a den of thieves, was opened, and became henceforth with later enlargements the temporary Church of S. Alphege. Funds ran so short that the clergy were obliged to work as carpenters and joiners. Services and Bible Classes were multiplied and wonderful conversions took place. Infidels and burglars, profligates and drunkards, wife-beaters and pickpockets, the shameless and the wretched, were gathered into the fold, and owned the power of the Gospel.

The wonderful story of the Mission cannot be told at length here. It is enshrined in the "Red Books" of past years, which may, perhaps, be reprinted if a sufficient number of subscribers can be found to enable the work to be done without loss. But for nearly a quarter of a century one personality overshadowed all others, the Founder and Superior of the Mission, of whom it might literally be said, that whatsoever was done in the parish of S. Alphege, he was the doer of it. It was not, indeed, that he lacked able, enthusiastic, and self-denying helpers. He himself would have been the first to admit how much he owed to the Assistant Priests (especially in the early days of the Mission), to the incomparable labours of the Sisters, to the zeal of the Crusaders and other lay agents. But he was emphatically the Superior, the Ruler, the Director of the Mission. His keen eye surveyed the spiritual battle-field; his firm will directed the assault against the strongholds of the Evil One; his loving heart encouraged those who shared with him the strain and anxiety of the conflict. Each one of the manifold parochial organisations—the schools,

the clubs, the guilds—bore the stamp of his individuality, and while he guided the community, as a whole, through the many dangers and perplexities which beset it during its existence, yet he never lost sight of the minutest detail, and never rested until every defect was remedied.

The late Vicar was certainly not a "High and Dry" Churchman. Had he been so, he would never have won the people of Southwark. A thorough Churchman, he yet realised most vividly the great primary truth of the necessity of personal devotion and self-surrender to our Blessed Lord. "Jesus only" was the motto of the Mission and the watchword of his life. But having laid that true Gospel foundation, he built upon it the majestic structure of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith in all its completeness. The daily "showing forth of the Lord's Death" he felt to be the support and strength of all his work. The crowds of devout communicants who flocked to the altar at 6.30 and 7.30 on Sunday, the reverent worshippers who often filled the Church at the midday Celebration, the large numbers kneeling in the Church on Saturday afternoon (and at other times), waiting to receive "the benefit of Absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice," all witnessed to the fidelity and thoroughness of his teaching. Nor could anyone doubt the reality of his work and its practical results, who watched the multitude of men and women attending the two great Bible Classes, or the almost countless guilds which knit together the different members of the flock in devotion to their common Lord.

It was sometimes thought, and said, that the first Vicar of S. Alphege was too much of an autocrat, and did not allow his fellow-workers sufficient freedom and independence in their co-operation with him. From my own personal experience I believe this impression much

exaggerated the true state of the case, although there was undoubtedly some element of truth in the opinion. But it may fairly be replied that a Mission like that of S. Alphege requires a Superior who must exercise absolute authority. Any appearance of divided counsels would have wrecked the Mission, especially at the outset. And if the Vicar demanded obedience, he never required of another what he was not ready and willing to perform himself.

Those who knew and loved him best had marked with sorrow the signs of failing health and strength during the last two years of his life. The constant pressure of financial cares, and the difficulty in obtaining efficient assistance for the services of the Church and the general work of the parish, gradually wore out his iron constitution. During 1895 he suffered severely and underwent two serious operations; and although he worked on as zealously as ever, yet his strength was evidently broken. On the second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 19th, 1896, he took his full share of the work, preaching with his wonted earnestness, and conducting the usual prayer-meeting after Evensong. That night he was seized with the fatal illness, which proved to be the worst form of typhoid fever. For fourteen days he lingered, suffering greatly at times, but for the most part unconscious. All that the skill of his doctors and the devotion of his nurses (Mrs. Goulden and Sister Monica) could do was done to avert the dreaded issue; and unceasing prayer went up from the altars of the Church and from the homes of the poor. None who were present at the Sunday Evening service on February 2nd can forget how the hope that still hoped against hope was crushed, as one by one the nurses, relatives, and at last the Curate-in-Charge, were

summoned from the Church by the tidings that the end was drawing near. Many remained to pray during the long winter night; many more crowded the wide street in Blackfriars Road opposite the Vicarage gate, and eager were the inquiries, and deep—though not loud—the lamentations, as the weary hours passed by. Soon after five on Monday morning, the "Costermongers' Parson" passed peacefully away, the Sisters kneeling round his bed. "Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord: and Light Perpetual shine upon him."

A Memorial Celebration was held an hour after the death; but for a time the people were scarcely able to realise their loss. Their only comfort was to flock to the Church which he had taught them to love, and it was often difficult to persuade them to leave when the hour for closing came. Memorial services were held morning and evening during the week, and on Tuesday evening the body was carried in solemn procession from the Vicarage to the Church by eight members of the Bible Class. It was watched by relays of Sisters and Church workers night and day; and over two hundred crosses and wreaths were gradually heaped on and around the coffin. By far the greater number of them —and these the most costly and beautiful—were offered by the very poorest and most meanly clad, and must have resulted in scanty food and clothing for many days after, as the fruit of their love and self-sacrifice.

On Saturday, February 8th, memorial Celebrations were offered from an early hour by many who, as students at S. Alphege College, or as Assistant Curates, had been associated with the late Vicar; and at 8.30, a solemn Requiem was sung by the Rev. A. M. Calcutt (the future Vicar, who rose from a sick-bed contrary to the advice of his doctor), assisted by the

THE FOUNDER'S GRAVE AT WOKING.

Revs. W. H. Davis and G. H. Ward (old students of the College). At ten o'clock the first part of the Burial Service was said by the Curate-in-Charge, and immediately after, the coffin was borne from the Church by six members of the Confraternity of S. Alphege. The long procession of true mourners passed slowly through the streets, which were lined with a silent and sympathising crowd, until the Necropolis Station was reached. There a saloon car had been arranged as a mortuary chapel, in which the clergy and choirmen accompanied the body to Woking. During the journey the Penitential Psalms were recited and Hymns were sung. Arriving at the Cemetery Station, the procession was re-formed, and the Choir tried to sing, with broken voices, the Vicar's favourite hymn—"Joyfully, joyfully, onward we move." Soon all was over, and the Founder of the Mission of S. Alphege was left to sleep his last sleep near the grave of the first Vicar of S. Alban's, Holborn. May they with us, and we with them, find mercy of the Lord at the Great Day!

The care of the parish during the vacancy, fell on the shoulders of one who was ill-fitted to sustain the burden. But the sympathy, help, and support, which every member of the congregation so readily gave, made the yoke easy and the burden light. Mutual sorrow and anxiety knit all hearts together, and natural differences of opinion were harmonised under the influence of a common bereavement. The question "Who will be the new Vicar?" could not fail to arise. But it was felt that the presentation was in good hands, and no doubt was entertained that the best priest who was available would be sent to S. Alphege. Still, it was undoubtedly with a sense of relief and satisfaction that the congrega-

tion heard, shortly before Easter, that the work would be carried on by one who was no stranger to them, who had frequently assisted at their Church, and whose earnest and self-denying labours in a neighbouring parish were well known to all. In the Rev. A. M. Calcutt (who was formally installed by the Archdeacon of Southwark on April 28th), we have found a Vicar well worthy to succeed the Founder of the Mission, a Friend who has won all our hearts, and a spiritual Father for whom our reverence and affection have deepened day by day as we have learnt to know him more and to love him better.

In the early days of the Mission, a pilgrim from the Eastern Counties paid a visit to S. Alphege. What seems to have struck him most was the friendly way in which he was universally received. From the Vicar downwards he was treated as if he was part of the family. Ladies offered him their chairs at the luncheon. Gentlemen took care of him as if they had been told off for the special purpose. Poor people called him "my dear," and did not look as if they expected anything in return. A lay worker seemed to be gifted with ubiquity, providing for his every want quietly and quite as a matter of course. The hospitality and kindliness of S. Alphege are unchanged. No one has more reason to be grateful to the dear people than myself. From the beginning they have welcomed me most cordially, have appreciated me far beyond my deserts, have never wavered in the support and sympathy which they have invariably shown me. Of the spiritual blessings received in their Church it is impossible to speak. But I would fain live and die at S. Alphege, and (if it were possible) would find my last earthly home among those whom I have loved so well and served so indifferently.—R. M.

A Bird's-Eye View.

WHO has not heard of S. Alphege? It is a household word to many who have never yet entered its borders. That was my case until last November, when I received the call to help in conducting a Special Mission in the parish. The place was familiar enough to me in imagination, for I cannot remember the time when the thought of the glorious work carried on there was not present to my mind. But it was, of course, a very different thing to have not only the pleasure of visiting it, but also the privilege of helping to deepen its spiritual life. Somehow that stay of mine for a fortnight in the flesh has made the whole district very much more real to me, and has kindled an affection for it which seems to be the universal experience of all who have made acquaintance with its Church and people. Not that the place has any very great natural attractions. Street after street of houses, fairly respectable in appearance when viewed from the outside, but with small low rooms inside, shared by far too many families, constitute the parish. The only really attractive houses are those well-known as "public," veritable palaces, bright and beautiful as regards their exterior appearance, but within presenting scenes which make the heart ache and the spirit sometimes faint with a feeling approaching despair. The dwelling-houses, of course, vary according to the character of their inhabitants. Each room (as a rule) is let to a whole family, and that single room is parlour, kitchen, bed-

room, all in one, and sometimes all at once. Sometimes the good people have made an attempt to make the room a little less gloomy by means of pictures, flower-pots, a birdcage, &c., but at the best it must necessarily appear very dismal to those who are accustomed to a bright airy cottage home in the country. And too often the attempt to improve their surroundings is given up in despair, and they sink into a condition of chronic untidiness, dirt, and misery. Still, on the whole, they are wonderfully cheerful and contented. One good old lady asked me up into her room, which was very dark, with walls discoloured by the smoke of years, with a cheerless outlook, and with an enormous bed which almost filled the whole room. And in that room, she told me, she had lived for thirty-five years, and brought up a large family, and she had not, on the whole, spent an unhappy life.

But let me pass from the houses to the people. And first, the children, commonly called "the kiddies." During the Mission, over five hundred children came every morning at 7.30 to a service specially intended for them. There was no compulsion, each child came entirely at his or her free will. That in itself says a good deal for them. Of course, they have their faults, like other children, but they have their virtues too. They may be a little bit rough at times, but what wonder, considering the circumstances in the midst of which they are brought up. But beneath the roughness there is often a quick understanding, a true feeling of reverence, and wonderfully affectionate hearts. Their answers at Catechism would put to shame many who have enjoyed much greater natural advantages. The groan of horror and disgust raised one morning when I was relating some act of desecration was one of the striking features

of the Mission. And I shall never forget the battle royal which raged one day between the kiddies of S. Alphege and those of the neighbouring parish of All Hallows. Both laid claim to the present Vicar of S. Alphege, who was previously Assistant Priest of All Hallows. "'E is *our* Father," cry the All Hallowites. "No 'e ain't," volleyed back the Alphegians, "'E's *our* Father." And a fight, no doubt, would have been the result, if the Father himself had not intervened, and proved that he had a heart large enough to hold them all.

On several evenings we paid visits to the Costers' Club. There is not much to attract so far as luxurious fittings are concerned. Well-padded arm-chairs and sofas are conspicuous by their absence. But there was a good tidy number of members present (from thirty to thirty-five) ranging in age from twenty years and upwards, and they seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. Contributions in the way of games, &c., would be very welcome, for the Club is poor, the number of draught-boards and dominoes is limited, and the bagatelle-board has seen its best days. Of course, we didn't expect to find them very demure or silent, but the "talking-up" was a little deafening. A stranger might fear there was going to be a row, but not a bit of it. A better-tempered lot of chaps won't be found anywhere, and even when boxing a straight hard hit doesn't stir up bad blood, but is received with a good-natured grin. There can be no doubt that they thoroughly appreciate their Club, which has proved a real "God-send," and has helped to make them straightforward, honest, and true.

Two other clubs for men of a rather higher class are also doing an excellent work, and the members will not willingly let them die.

We looked in at one of the women's services on a week-day afternoon, standing by the door and watching them as they came out. Women of all descriptions and of all characters, but invariably with toil-worn faces, and whose whole lives are spent in those dark streets and darker homes, in one dull round of monotonous hard work, and the constant struggle to keep the wolf from their door. And women, too, whose lives have been, and are too often still, lives of shame and sin, but for each one the Sisters of the Church have a loving smile and a kind word which may be fruitful in its blessed results hereafter.

Who, indeed, can describe the devoted work which has been done during the last twenty years by these true Sisters of God's poor? The long days and nights of prayer and active charity, the whole life entirely sacrificed to increasing labour for the good of others. From the early morning when they minister to the hungry little ones at the "Manger," when eyes brighten as they receive the currant bun and tea, until the shades of night have fallen and they still linger round the Church to speak a word in season, they never cease from their Christ-like work of bringing true rest, and peace, and joy to the poor care-worn souls of the parish of S. Alphege.

I have not attempted to give a full description of the manifold machinery of this district, which has been so wonderfully worked by the late and present Vicars. Such a statement would occupy far too many pages. One feels almost overwhelmed as one realises the enormous number of institutions for which one man is ultimately responsible. Orphanages, *crèche*, homes, schools, clubs, guilds, classes (working, nursing, and visiting), all these must be carried on, while the strain

and stress of providing the needful funds is a constant source of anxiety; and it is anxiety not work which kills. Every Vicar of S. Alphege must work hard. From morning to night he can never count on uninterrupted rest, and no one can relieve him from the responsibility which is at once his cross and his crown. But my fortnight's visit to S. Alphege has given me at least this claim—to plead most earnestly to all who may read these pages to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty power of evil, and by prayer, by liberal contributions, and (if they can) by practical work in the parish, to supply the sinews of war in the conflict which is being so bravely and unweariedly waged against ignorance, and misery, and sin.

F. H. F.

OUR WANTS.

About £1500 a year to do the Spiritual work of the Mission, i.e. Church expenses, Stipends of Clergy, Maintenance of Workers.

About £1500 a year to do the corporal work of the Mission, i.e. Maintenance of Homes, Clubs, Food and Clothing for Poor, Rents of Premises, &c.

£1000 wanted for completion of the Church.

£3000 wanted for the erection of Clergy House.

£10,000 wanted for the erection of premises, to embrace the various philanthropic works carried on at S. Alphege, i.e. Boys' Home, Crèche, Children's Kitchen, Sunday Schools, Mission Hall, and various Clubs.

About £300 for the erection of a suitable Organ.

The erection of Premises would save the Subscription list about £600 a year.

S. Alphege Self-Denial Society.

THIS Society was established on S. Alphege Day, 1887, with the conviction that great blessings would be vouchsafed to the Mission and souls of the poor by the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls if Church people acted more strictly according to the literal interpretations of His word. "If any man will come after Me let him deny himself," or according to the mind of King David, God forbid that I should give to the Lord that which cost me nothing.

Various ways will suggest themselves to various people according to their circumstances—but two ways are suggested :—

1. By working articles of clothing for the poor half-naked, starving children of S. Alphege.

2. By taking a S. Alphege Collecting-box, and from time to time dropping into this box the money saved by some act of self-denial, *e.g.*, dispensing with an article of clothing or some personal luxury, or by the unpleasantness of begging.

_____ *was enrolled a member of*

S. Alphege Self-Denial Society _____ 189

Vicar of Parish and Superior of Mission.
166, *Blackfriars Road, S.E.*

A Prayer for the Mission.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Bless and guide the Mission Priests, Sisters, and Workers of S. Alphege, Southwark. Let the Light of Thy Countenance shine upon the Mission, and take from Thy people all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

Home for Working Girls.

THIS Home has been established for the benefit of young women and girls employed in daily work, who, from various reasons, having no home, or no suitable home, of their own in London, would otherwise be obliged to live in lodgings, exposed to all the dangers and temptations of a life alone in this great city, and the work has been set on foot with the desire of supplying that true Home Influence, without which it is impossible to keep any girl in the right path.

Each girl contributes towards the support of the Home by weekly payment of two-thirds of her earnings, in return for board, lodging, and washing.

The Home has now been in existence for more than fourteen years, by the blessing of God, and in sending out this report we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all our kind friends and subscribers, many of whom have contributed, from the very first, towards its support.

Our special thanks are due this year to Mrs. Parr, who has most kindly presented us with a set of new beds and bedding, and to Mr. Campbell Russell for his kind exertions in again getting up an entertainment for the benefit of the Home, and also to the following ladies, who have come forward to assist some of our young girls, during their apprenticeship, and whose donations have been entered with the girls' payments.

Mrs. Bedford, Miss Wingham, Miss A. Lambert,

Mrs. Giberne, Mrs. Lewis, and Miss Statham. While expressing our thanks, we would desire at the same time to say how grateful we should be if some more friends would help in a similar manner, as to enable these young girls to learn a trade, is to benefit them for life, and it is impossible for the Home, without such especial aid, to support them whilst they are learning.

Subscriptions and donations for the general expenses are urgently needed, and will be most thankfully received by the Sister-in-Charge, to whom all cheques and orders should be made payable.

SISTER AGATHA,

S. Alphege Home for Working Girls,
181 Blackfriars Road,
London, S.E.

S. ALPHEGE HOME FOR WORKING GIRLS.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS from NOVEMBER 30th, 1895, to NOVEMBER, 30th, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand	7	7	10
By Subscriptions	125	5	4
„ Girls' Payments	202	7	1
„ Collection	1	10	0
Deficit	4	5	1
	£340	15	4

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Housekeeping and Wages	236	5	5¼
Rent	58	13	3
Taxes	28	15	10¾
Repairs and Sundries	17	0	9
	£340	15	4

Examined and found correct,

S. J. COVE.

HOME FOR WORKING GIRLS.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

From NOVEMBER 30th, 1895, to NOVEMBER 30th, 1896.

	£	s.	d.
Bain, Miss	5	0	0
Bain, Miss	1	0	0
Bengough, Miss	1	5	0
Benyon, Mrs.	10	0	0
Bedford, Miss V.	0	5	0
Bumpus, Mr. E.	0	10	0
H. B.	0	10	0
S. B.	1	0	0
B. H. C.	1	0	0
Brown, Miss	1	5	0
Campion, Mrs. (Senr.)	1	0	0
Corrie, Miss	0	10	0
Cundey, Mrs.	0	10	6
Corbett, Miss	0	2	6
Delta	2	2	0
Denison, Miss	1	0	0
Dobbing, F., Esq.	1	1	0
Elliot, Bernard, Esq.	1	0	0
Easton, Mr.	0	10	0
Giovanetti, Miss	0	10	0
Grant, Mrs. Cardross	0	15	0
Gresham, Mr.	1	1	0
Hadley, Miss	0	10	0
Harvey, Mrs.	2	0	0
Hull, the Misses	1	0	0
Huntingford, Mrs. E.	0	10	0
Humphrey, Mrs.	0	10	0
Jackson, Miss	10	10	0
Jackson, Miss	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.
Levett, Mrs.	1	1	0
Loder Lady	1	1	0
Letchworth, Miss	1	2	6
Llewellin, Mrs.	1	10	0
Macfarlane, Mrs.	0	10	0
Miller, Miss	0	5	0
Miskin, Miss	0	10	0
Oakley, C., Esq.	1	0	0
Parker, Miss	5	5	0
Pelly, Lady	1	0	0
Pemberton, Mrs.	1	1	0
Penn, Mrs. W.	1	1	0
Portman, the Hon. Mrs. W.	0	10	0
Rice, Miss	1	0	0
Rodd, Miss	0	10	0
Rogers, H., Esq.	1	0	0
Russell, the Misses	3	0	0
Russell, W. Campbell, Esq., per, Proceeds of Entertainment	20	0	0
Ryan, Lady	0	10	0
Skilbeck, W., Esq.	0	10	0
Smith, Miss	1	1	0
Statham, Miss	1	0	0
Simmons, Miss J.	4	0	0
Sheffield, the Misses	0	10	0
Taylor, Edward, Esq.	2	0	0
Thompson, Mrs. Stafford	0	10	0
Vansittart, Capt.	5	0	0
Wantage, Lady	5	0	0
Waring, Mrs. H.	5	0	0
Weller, J., Esq.	0	10	0

S. Agnes Orphan Home.

OUR little Home for Orphan Girls has, by the blessing of God and the help of kind friends, managed to pull through the past year free from debt, though only by the strictest and sometimes almost painful economy. We now number ten little ones, ages from 5 to 14 years; of these only five pay anything for their maintenance, therefore the amount to be collected is considerably more than half. At the present time the Vicar pays rent and gas for our little house, but we have outgrown the first Home and taken possession of sleeping-rooms in what was formerly the Night Refuge, a most inconvenient arrangement, but the only one possible in our present condition of poverty. We are most anxious to secure a suitable house, but of course this will involve much more expense in the matter of rent. The present intention is not to exceed twenty children in the Home, so as to foster the Home life more than the Institution life, which is impossible with large numbers. In some cases children have been taken in during illness of a Mother in Hospital, and no one to look after them. All free children are taken from deserving cases in the parish or neighbourhood.

Our best thanks are due to all those who have helped us during the past year, and we trust many more will come forward to keep going, what is so much needed, "A happy Home for the poor little Orphans of Southwark." Subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged either by The Vicar,

The Rev. A. M. CALCUTT,
VICARAGE, 139 BLACKFRIARS ROAD, S.E.
or, SISTER TERESA,
S. AGNES HOUSE,
LANCASTER ST., BOROUGH ROAD.

S. AGNES ORPHAN HOME.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s.	d.
Anon.	5	0	0
Aylen, Miss N., per	5	0	0
Aylen, Miss N.	1	10	0
Beck, Miss	0	2	6
Bird, Miss	2	10	0
" "	0	4	6
Brown, Miss	0	10	0
Brown, Miss, per	0	11	0
Birthday Gift	0	2	0
Burbidge, Mrs.	0	5	0
Cox, Mrs.	0	10	0
Cox, Miss H.	0	5	0
" "	0	5	0
Christie, Mrs.	6	0	0
Douglas, Mrs.	0	10	0
Goulden, Mrs., per	2	0	0
Gould, Miss C.	0	5	0
Herzfeld, Mrs.	0	5	0
Jackson, Miss	0	5	0
Kent, R. Esq.	2	0	0
Kem, Miss	5	0	0
" "	1	0	0
Louise Mary, Sister, per	0	4	9
M. A. B.	0	12	0
Miskin, Misses	1	0	0
Nickalls, Lady, the late	1	10	0
Nickalls, Miss	1	10	0
Sewell, Mrs.	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.
The Mother, per	0	14	0
Teresa, Sister, per	12	7	0
Thornton, Mrs.	0	10	0
Tufnell, Mrs.	1	0	0
„ „	1	0	0
Tyler, Mrs.	0	13	0
„ „	0	5	0
Walton, Miss E.	0	5	0
Wheatly, Mrs.	0	10	0
Wingham, Miss	0	7	6
Williams, Miss	3	0	0
Winser, Mrs.	0	10	0
Winser, Miss	2	0	0

Parcels of useful Clothing have also been sent by the following Ladies:—

Aylen, Miss N.
Douglas, Mrs.
Greenstreet, Miss E.
(Set of red pinafores.)
Hope, Miss.
Osborn, Miss. (Red comforters.)
Walton, Miss.
Williams, Miss.
(Knitted stockings.)
Winser, Mrs.
Winser, Miss.

Underclothing, Stockings, and any kind of House-linen, or any ordinary Household requisites are most acceptable.

1896.

RECEIPTS. PAYMENTS.

February to December 31st.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions ..	62	8	3
Children's Payments	38	18	0
	£101	6	3

	£	s.	d.
Housekeeping ..	79	8	7
Clothing and Boots	10	1	4
House-linen and Oil-cloth	3	12	9
Country Holiday Expenses	3	4	0
House Repairs ..	4	19	7
	£101	6	3

Examined and found correct,
N. AYLEN.

LIST OF DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND BALANCE SHEET.

General Mission Account.

From DECEMBER 1st, 1895, to FEBRUARY 3rd, 1896.

	£	s.	d.
A. C. S.	7	4	6
Ackland, The Hon. Mrs.	1	1	0
Adams, Mrs. Dacres	1	0	0
Adcock, Rev. H. Halford	2	2	0
Aldridge, Mrs.	1	0	0
Allen, Mrs. Murray	2	0	0
Allen, Miss B. Murray	0	10	0
Anon.	100	0	0
Anon.	10	10	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	0	5	0
Archer, Miss	0	5	0
Argyll and Isles, Lord Bishop of	1	10	0
Armstrong, Mrs.	2	0	0
Arrowsmith, Miss F. M.	1	0	0
Atkinson, Rev. Dr.	2	0	0
Atkinson, Mrs.	1	1	0
Atkinson, Mrs.	10	0	0
Aylen, Miss N.	1	0	0
Bainbrigge, Mrs.	5	6	0
Bean, Mrs.	5	0	0
Baker, Rev. Sir Talbot	0	15	0
Beck, Lister, Esq.	1	11	0
Benyon, Mrs. Crowther	1	0	0
Bevan, R. Lee, Esq.	5	0	0
B. H. C.	25	0	0
Bickersteth, Mrs.	5	0	0
Bolders, Rev. H.	2	10	0
Bolton, Colonel	1	0	0
Bond, Miss E.	0	15	0
Bonsey, The Rev. W.	1	0	0
Bousfield, The Rev.	0	5	0
Boys' Payments	4	6	8
Brancker, Miss	0	10	0
Branthwaite, Mrs.	5	0	0
Brett, Miss	0	5	0
Bridgeman, Mrs. H.	2	0	0
Brooke, A., Esq.	1	0	0
Brown, A. H., Esq.	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Brown, Mrs.	1	0	0
Brown, The Rev. J.	5	0	0
Browne, Rev. A.	1	1	0
Buckle, The Rev.	1	1	0
,, ...	1	0	0
Buckle, Miss	0	10	0
,, ...	0	10	0
Buddicom, Mrs.	5	0	0
Burbidge, Mrs.	5	0	0
B. W.	5	5	0
Capel, F. C., Esq.	5	5	0
Cargill, Miss	0	10	0
Carr, Miss	3	0	0
Castleman, Rev. W. H.	5	0	0
C. H. B.	5	0	0
Charrington, Miss G. R.	0	10	0
Chesshire, Rev. J. S.	1	1	0
Child, Miss M.	0	5	0
Churton, Rev. Canon	1	0	0
Clark, John, Esq.	5	0	0
Clarke, Mrs. Courtenay	0	10	0
C. L. P.	0	5	0
Cobb, James F., Esq.	3	3	0
Cobbett, Rev. W. R.	1	0	0
Codrington, Dr. Oliver	2	2	0
Colls, Mrs.	0	5	0
Cooke, Miss E. M.	3	3	0
,, ...	1	1	0
Cooper, Miss	2	10	0
Cother, The Misses	5	0	0
Coward, The Rev. R. J.	1	0	0
Crawley, The Misses	1	10	0
Crèche, The	2	10	6
,, ...	3	8	9
Croft, Miss C.	0	10	0
Croome, Miss	1	1	0
,, ...	1	0	0
Cunningham, Mrs.	1	1	0
Daplock, E., Esq.	0	5	0
Davis, Miss M. J.	2	2	0
Davy, The Misses	2	10	0
Dawson, Lieut.-Colonel	5	0	0
,, ...	5	0	0
Dawson, Miss	4	0	0
Day, Miss	1	0	0
De Castro, Rev. F. W.	1	1	0
Delta	10	0	0
Dowding, The Rev. W.	3	3	0
Duncombe, The Lady Harriet	1	10	0
Dundas, The Lady Jane	5	0	0
Dunkerton, Miss	0	10	0
,, ...	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Eastgate, Mrs.	0	5	0
Eddrup, The Rev. Prebendary	3	0	0
Eden, The Rev. A.	1	0	0
Egerton of Tatton, The Lord	20	0	0
,, ,, ...	10	0	0
Ellis, The Misses	1	0	0
Elton, Sir E. H.	5	0	0
Ely, Miss M. E.	1	0	0
Empson, Miss Frances	8	0	0
Emslie, J. P., Esq.	1	6	0
English, The Misses	0	10	0
Evans, Mrs. I. Hilditch	1	0	0
Everard, Mrs.	1	0	0
,, ...	1	0	0
Eyre, Mrs. F.	5	0	0
Fagan, Mrs.	0	10	0
Fairbanks, The Rev. A.	2	0	0
Farrant, The Misses	3	10	0
Feilden, The Rev. G. R.	0	10	0
Few, Miss	1	1	0
,, ...	0	10	0
Ffooks, F., Esq.	1	10	0
Fiennes, Miss Eva	10	0	0
Fortescue, The Lady Louisa	1	0	0
Fowler, Rev. G. T.	1	1	0
Fox, The Rev. W. H.	1	0	0
F. M. H.	0	5	0
Francis, Mrs. Clement	0	10	0
Frith, Rev. W. A.	3	3	0
Frost, Mrs. Percival	2	0	0
Gammell, The Rev. J. Stewart	5	0	0
Gardner, C. Dunn, Esq.	1	1	0
Gegg, Miss I.	0	7	6
Gibbs, Geo., Esq.	1	1	0
Gibernie, Miss	0	10	0
Gillilan, General	2	2	0
Glyn, The Hon. Mrs. P. C.	5	0	0
Goodacre, The Rev. R. H., jun.	1	1	0
Greenlaw, Miss B.	1	0	0
Greenside, Miss	2	0	0
Gregory, The Rev. M. W.	0	5	0
Greswell, The Misses	5	0	0
Grosvenor, The Hon. Victoria	5	0	0
,, The Lady Lettice	1	6	0
H.	30	0	0
Haggitt, Miss	3	3	0
Hale, Miss	3	3	0
Hardinge, The Hon. Lavinia	0	5	0
Harper, Mrs.	1	1	0
Harvey, The Rev. R.	7	0	0
Hathornthwaite, The Rev. R.	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Hawkins, Mrs. E.	3	0	0
Heate, H. J., Esq.	0	5	0
Heath, C.B., Admiral W.	2	0	0
Henham, The Rev. W. T.	1	0	0
Hensman, Miss A.	1	1	0
,, ...	1	0	0
Heming, Mrs.	2	2	0
Hewett, Mrs.	1	0	0
Heygate, Mrs.	0	15	0
Hitchcock, Mrs. Craven	0	7	6
Hood, Mrs. G.	0	10	0
Hooper, The Rev. R. P.	5	0	0
Hopkins, Manley, Esq.	2	2	0
Hopkins, Mrs.	0	10	0
Horrocks, S., Esq.	1	1	0

Inker's, Mr. E., Penny Weekly Subscriptions—	£	s.	d.
A. S.	0	5	6
Bookham	0	5	0
C. S. W.	0	10	6
Emily S.	0	5	0
Holland, Miss	0	5	0
Hoyland, Miss	0	5	0
Hurrell, Mr. and Mrs.	0	8	8
Inker, Mrs.	0	4	4
Neale, Miss	1	1	0
O. D. I.	0	4	4
S., Miss	0	5	0
Talbot, The Hon.	0	10	0
Three Working Men	0	4	4
Wilkinson, Miss	0	5	0
Woolner, Mrs.	0	5	0
	5	3	8

	£	s.	d.
James, Mrs.	1	0	0
Janson, F. H., Esq.	1	0	0
Jennings, Miss	1	10	0
Johnson, Miss	1	0	0
Johnson, Miss	1	0	0
Jones, Mrs. Anktell	4	0	0
Jones, Mrs. Carstairs	4	0	0
Jones, Mrs. H. L.	2	2	0
Kay, Mrs.	2	2	0
Keene, Mrs. Ruck	3	0	0
Kelaart, Mrs.	1	1	0
Kennaway, The Rev. C. L.	2	0	0
Killick, The Rev. J. H.	0	10	6
Kingsbury, The Rev. Prebendary	1	1	0
Kitson, Mrs. F.	2	10	0
Kohler, Mrs.	1	0	0
Kyrle, C. S. M., Esq.	0	10	6
Lance, Miss C.	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Langdale, Mrs. W.	5	5	0
Langley, The Misses	1	0	0
Layton, Mrs.	1	0	0
Lea, The Rev. Josiah	0	10	0
Lee, The Rev. Henry	1	0	0
Leeds, Miss Emily	2	0	0
Le Maistre, The Rev. E. T.	2	0	0
Letchworth, T. Esq.	2	2	0
Letchworth, Miss	2	0	0
Levett, Miss E.	3	3	0
Levett, Miss I. M.	10	10	0
Levett, Mrs.	5	5	0
,, ...	5	5	0
Little, The Rev. G. S. L.	2	2	0
Lomax, Miss	0	10	0
Lovel, W. A., Esq.	0	5	0
Lyttleton, Hon. Spencer	10	0	0
Mackey, Miss	1	6	0
Macmullen, Miss	0	5	0
Maltby, Miss F. C.	1	0	0
Man, Fred, Esq.	0	10	0
Marshall, G. W., Esq.	1	0	0
M. E. P.	0	5	0
Meredith, The Rev. J.	1	1	0
Metcalfe, Miss	5	0	0
McGeachy, Mrs.	1	0	0
Mitchell, Mrs.	1	0	0
Moline, Mrs. M. I.	0	10	6
Moor, The Rev. J. Frewen	1	1	0
Moor, Mrs. Frewen	1	1	0
Moore, Mrs.	1	1	0
Morris, Miss C. M.	0	10	0
Morris, Miss I.	0	10	0
Mould, Captain	1	0	0
Nash, Miss F.	0	3	0
Newton, Mrs.	5	5	0
Oldfield, Mrs.	0	5	0
Orphans' Payments	6	6	0
,, ...	1	6	0
Oxley, Mrs. Henry	2	0	0
Packer, Charles, Esq.	1	0	0
Palmer, Miss	10	0	0
Palmer, Mrs.	1	0	0
Parkins, Nurse	1	0	0
Parr, Mrs. Chase	3	0	0
Parsons, Dr.	21	0	0
Parsons, The Hon. Mrs. Randall	1	0	0
Parsons, T. E., Esq.	10	0	0
Parsons, Mrs. T. E.	10	0	0
Payler, B. P. Morgan, Esq.	1	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Payn, Miss Eleanor	0	5	0
Peard, Miss Frances	1	0	0
Pedder, Mrs.	1	10	0
,,	1	1	0
Penfold, Miss	16	0	0
Pennell, Col.	5	0	0
Penrhyn, Miss	4	4	0
Percevel, Miss	2	0	0
Peyse, Mrs. Vaughan	0	5	0
Pheasant, W. Esq.	2	2	0
Phillimore, Sir Walter	2	2	0
,,	2	2	0
Phillips, Miss	5	0	0
Pince, Miss	1	0	0
Plank, Charles, Esq.	0	10	0
P. M. W. F.	1	11	6
,,	1	10	6
Portman, Miss Ethel	0	10	0
Pratt, A. J., Esq.	0	5	0
Pratt, J. Wyatt, Esq.	1	1	0
Pretlove, Miss	0	10	0
Price, Miss	5	0	0
Price, Miss R. E.	5	0	0
Prothero, Henry, Esq.	0	10	0
Purnell, Mrs.	1	0	0
P. Y. Q.	0	10	0
Raper, Miss	1	0	0
Ravenhill, T., Esq.	1	1	0
Reddie, Miss	0	10	0
Redgrave, Miss M.	0	10	0
Reeve, N. H., Esq.	3	3	0
Reeve, Miss M. C.	5	0	0
Renals, Mrs.	0	10	0
Rent	1	0	0
Ricketts, Miss J.	2	0	0
Ripley, T., Esq.	1	0	0
Rivington, The Rev. Thurston	0	10	0
Rodgers, Miss K.	1	0	0
Rogers, Miss E.	0	10	0
R. S. H.	1	1	0
Sale of Tickets	1	0	6
Sale of Cards	1	4	0
Salt, Dr. Henry	2	2	0
Salt, Mrs.	0	10	0
Sandilands, General	1	0	0
Saunders, Mrs	1	0	0
Sawyer, The Rev. D. H.	1	0	0
Sawyer, Mrs.	0	10	0
Saye and Sele, The Lady	3	3	0
School Fees	4	0	0
Scott, Edward A., Esq.	2	2	0
Self-Denial Society	1	7	6

	£	s.	d.
Seymour, Mrs.	5	0	0
Shafto, Mrs. Duncombe	10	0	0
Sidebotham, The Rev. Canon	5	0	0
Slessor, The Rev. J. H.	1	0	0
Small Sums	0	2	6
,,	0	11	6
,,	0	2	6
,,	0	2	6
,,	0	7	6
,,	0	2	6
,,	0	3	0
Smith, Miss Alice A.	3	0	0
Smith, W., Esq.	1	1	0
Spare Minutes Society	1	7	6
,, ,,	1	0	0
Stamps	0	1	0
,,	0	2	6
Starr, Mrs.	5	0	0
Stephens, Mrs.	5	0	0
St. John, Mrs. H.	5	0	0
Strickland, R., Esq.	2	2	0
Stride, Mrs.	0	10	0
Sturrock, A., Esq.	3	0	0
Sweet, Miss	0	5	0
Talfourd, The Rev. W. W.	2	0	0
Tebbs, Mrs.	1	1	0
Teresa, Sister, per	1	0	0
Thomson, Miss	10	0	0
Thornton, Mrs.	5	0	0
Thorpe, R., Esq.	5	0	0
Tidswell, Miss	10	0	0
Tinker, Mrs. H. W.	2	2	0
Tooth, Mrs.	2	0	0
Torre, The Rev. H. J.	10	0	0
Towgood, Mrs.	2	0	0
Townshend, Miss M. H.	2	10	0
Townsend, The Rev. C. H.	1	5	0
Townsend, Miss G.	0	5	0
Travers, L. C., Esq.	0	8	0
Trebeck, Mrs.	2	0	0
Tremenhere, Mrs.	1	1	0
Tufnell, Mrs.	2	2	0
Tufnell, Miss	0	10	0
Two Sisters	10	0	0
Usherwood, Mrs. T. E.	1	1	0
Venables, Mrs.	0	10	0
Venn, Mrs.	2	0	0
Wade, Miss	3	3	0
Watt, The Rev. G. D. D.	2	2	0
Watt, Miss	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Watson, The Rev. F. Fisher	6	0	0
Watson, Miss	1	0	0
Webb, J., Esq.	0	10	0
Welby, The Misses	2	10	0
Welch, Miss J.	2	2	0
Wellersley, The Lady	0	10	0
Whichelo, A. G., Esq.	10	10	0
,, ,, ...	1	1	0
Whinfield, Mrs.	2	2	0
Whinfield, Miss A.	0	5	0
Wigg, Mrs. Carr	1	1	0
Wigan, Mrs. A.	1	0	0
Wilde, S. J., Esq.	10	10	0
Wilkinson, C., Esq.	10	10	0
Williams, Miss E.	1	0	0
Willington, The Rev. F. B.	0	10	0
Wilson, Mrs.	1	0	0
Wilson, Miss J.	5	0	0
,, ...	5	0	0
Wilson, The Rev. C. H.	1	1	0
Winser, Miss	0	5	0
Woodhouse, Mrs. Secretan	1	10	0
Woodward, The Rev. H. H.	1	0	0
Wooler, The Rev. W. Upton	1	1	0
Wyatt, Mrs.	5	5	0
W. G.	2	0	0
Young Men's Payments	5	7	6
,, ,, ...	5	16	0

Poor Fund.

From OCTOBER 1st, 1895, to FEBRUARY 3rd, 1896.

	£	s.	d.
Adams, Mrs. Dacres	0	10	0
Agatha, Sister—per	20	15	6
Agnes, Sister—per	8	0	0
Aldridge, Mrs.	1	0	0
Alexander, Mrs.	2	0	0
Anon.	5	0	0
Anon.	3	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Armstrong, Mrs.	0	10	0
Aylen, Miss N.	1	0	0
Aylen, Miss N.—per	55	0	0
Bainbrigge, Mrs.	5	0	0
Baillie, Mrs. H.	0	10	0
Bannatyne, Mrs.	1	1	0
Barrow, Mrs.	2	2	0
Battersby, W., Esq.	2	0	0
Beit, A., Esq.	5	0	0
Black, Mrs. A.	2	0	0
Booth, Miss	1	0	0
Bradley, C. J., Esq.	5	5	0
Briscoe, T. H., Esq.	4	4	0
Catherine, Mother—per	9	6	6
Cecil	0	10	0
Chafy, Mrs.	1	0	0
Christine, Sister—per	0	8	7
Cooper, Miss	2	10	0
Cox, Miss E.	0	10	0
Cox, the Misses	1	0	0
"December 17th"	1	0	0
Edge, Miss K.	0	10	0
Elgie, Miss C. O.	0	10	6
Elliot, Rev. F. E.	0	5	0
Empson, Miss J.	10	0	0
Engelbach, J. R., Esq.	0	10	6
Farrant, the Misses	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Farrington, Mrs.	1	5	0
Faith, Sister—per	14	10	0
Few, Miss	1	0	0
Foster, R., Esq.	5	0	0
Foster, Mrs. M. H.	10	0	0
Fowle, Mrs. E.	0	5	0
Fraser, Miss	5	0	0
From Bath	0	5	0
Gamlen, R. H., Esq.	1	0	0
George, Rev. T. E.	1	0	0
Gibb, Mrs. Duncan	1	1	0
Giberne, Miss	0	10	0
Gibson, Rev. H. F.	0	5	0
Glyn, Hon. P. C.	25	0	0
Greenlaw, Miss B.	1	0	0
Grosvenor, Lady Lettice	1	0	0
Grueber, Mrs.	2	0	0
Harper, Mrs.	2	2	0
Hathway, J. N., Esq.	1	0	0
Hensman, Miss A.	0	10	6
Herron, G. O. M., Esq.	2	2	0
Holmes, Ethel and Leonard	0	15	0
Hopkins, Manley, Esq.	2	2	0
Hutchins, Mrs.	1	1	0
Hutton, T. O., Esq.	2	2	0
In Memoriam of a dear Mother	5	0	0
Jackson, Miss S. J.	3	8	0
Jackson, Mrs. H. Marshall	0	12	0
J. C. T.	0	5	0
Lawrence, Misses	0	5	0
Lear, Mrs. Sidney	10	0	0
Le Blanc, Mrs.	1	1	0
Lendon, W. H., Esq.	1	0	0
Louise Mary, Sister	12	13	6
Ludlow, Mrs.	10	0	0
Mackie, Miss	1	0	0
Maple, The Lady	0	5	0
Marshall, G. W., Esq.	1	0	0
Menzies, Duncan, Esq.	0	5	0
Miskin, The Misses	1	0	0
Mitchell, Mrs.	2	0	0
Moir, Miss J. C.	2	0	0
Munns, Mrs.	0	10	0
Nickalls, The Lady	1	10	0
Onslow, The Hon. Misses	0	10	0
Orme & Co., Messrs.	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Parsons, The Hon. Mrs. R.	1	1	0
Phipps, Mrs.	10	0	0
Plank, C. J., Esq.	0	10	0
Pratt, H. J., Esq.	1	0	0
Pratt, J. Wyatt, Esq.	0	10	6
Prescott, H. W., Esq.	5	0	0
Price, Miss	10	0	0
Price, Miss A. E.	10	0	0
Rice, Miss	1	0	0
Riley, J., Esq.	1	0	0
Rooke, T. H., Esq.	1	0	0
Sharpe, Mrs. R.	1	0	0
Sidebotham, The Rev. Canon	5	0	0
Simpson, The Rev. J. C.	2	0	0
Slade, Mrs. H. G.	0	10	0
Small sums	1	2	0
Stafford, Miss	2	0	0
Teresa, Sister	6	0	0
„ „	1	15	0
Thomas, Miss	5	10	0
Tidy, W. Meymott, Esq.	2	2	0
Towgood, Mrs.	0	10	0
Trollope, The Misses	0	10	0
Venables, Mrs.	0	10	0
Walton, Turner & Walton	2	2	0
Ward, Mrs. F. G.	0	5	0
Warren, Major-General Sir Charles	5	0	0
Watt, The Rev. G. D. D.	1	1	0
Watts, The Rev. G. E.	1	0	0
Webb, H., Esq.	0	10	0
West, Mrs. R.	2	0	0
Whichelo, A. G., Esq.	5	0	0
Whigham, Mrs.	2	0	0
Whinfield, Mrs.	1	0	0
Wigans & Cosier	5	5	0
Williams, Mrs. E.	1	10	0
Williams, Miss A.	0	12	0
Wills, H. A., Esq.	1	1	0
Wilson, Miss	10	0	0
Winifred, Sister	9	5	0
Wright, A., Esq.	1	1	0
W. S. D.	20	0	0
Yatman, W. Hamilton. Esq.	5	0	0
Yatman, Mrs. Hamilton	5	0	0

S. Alphege Mission, Southwark.

GENERAL MISSION ACCOUNT.

From DECEMBER 1st, 1895, to FEBRUARY 3rd, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s	d.
	985	18	1		1786	17	9¼
Balance due to Treasurer	800	19	8¼				
	£1786	17	9¼		£1786	17	9¼

S. Alphege Mission, Southwark.

CHILDREN'S KITCHEN & POOR FUND.

From OCTOBER 1st, 1895, to FEBRUARY 3rd, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
	440	2	1		167	16	5½
				Balance in hands of Treasurer	272	5	7½
	£440	2	1		£440	2	1

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LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS per Mrs. GOULDEN.

From FEBRUARY 3rd, to APRIL 10th, 1896.

	£	s.	d.
Alston, Miss	1	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Bailey, Canon (£5 Current Expenses; £5 Special Appeal)	10	0	0
Beauchamp, Mrs.	5	0	0
Blandy, Miss	2	0	0
Chapman, Mrs.	1	1	0
Codrington, Dr.	1	0	0
Cooke, Mrs. Pennant	1	0	0
Durnford, Miss	0	5	0
E. B. G., per	3	2	6
Fludyer, Mrs.	2	2	0
France, Miss	5	0	0
Gattery, Col.	0	10	0
Giberne, Miss	2	0	0
Hudson, Mrs.	10	0	0
Jones, Mrs.	1	1	0
Newall, Captain	1	11	6
Nash, Miss Barbara (*Children's Kitchen*)	9	10	0
Raymond, Rev. O. E. and Mrs.	1	0	0
Sisters, per	2	0	0
Tomlinson, Miss	5	0	0
Trollope, C. B., Esq.	10	0	0
Thornbury, Vicar of (*Bible Class for Men*)	0	13	6
Williams, Miss	5	0	0
Wilde, S. J., Esq. (*Children's Kitchen*)	10	0	0
	£90	16	6

Balance Sheet.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts	143	12	2	Disbursements	107	14	10
				Balance	35	17	4
	£143	12	2		£143	12	2

List of Subscribers.

GENERAL, POOR FUND, CHILDREN'S KITCHEN, HOLIDAY AND CONVALESCENT FUNDS.

From APRIL 10th, 1896, to JANUARY 31st, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Ablitt, H., Esq.	1	1	0
Ackland, The Hon. Mrs. W.	0	10	0
Adcock, The Rev. H. Halford	0	5	0
Alexander, Mrs.	1	0	0
Allen, Mrs. Murray	2	0	0
Allen, Miss Murray	0	5	0
„ Miss C.	1	1	0
Allfree, The Rev. W. E.	1	1	0
Alston, Miss	0	5	0
Argles, The Rev. Canon G. M.	2	2	0
Armstrong, Mrs.	0	5	0
„	2	0	0
Atkinson, Mrs. (*Donation*)	3	3	0
„	1	1	0
Atkinson, The Rev. Dr. (*Donation*)	3	3	0
A Friend	0	10	0
Anon.	0	10	0
Anon.	0	10	0
Anon.	0	5	0
Anon.	0	10	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	2	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	20	0	0
Anon.	5	0	0
Anon.	0	1	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	0	2	6
Anon.	0	5	0
Anon.	5	0	0
Anon.	0	2	0
Anon.	0	5	0
Anon.	0	2	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Anon.	10	10	0
Anon.	0	10	6
Aylen, Miss N. (*Poor Fund*)	1	0	0
„ (*Crèche*), per	1	0	0
„ (*Christmas Dinners*)	5	0	0
„ (*Poor Fund*)	40	0	0
Bainbrigge, Mrs. A.	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Bailey, The Rev. C. R. (*Concert at Streatham*)	5	0	0
Baillie, Mrs. Hamilton	0	10	0
Bannatyne, Mrs.	1	1	0
Barnard, Mrs.	0	2	6
Barnard, Miss H.	0	10	0
„	0	2	6
Barrington, The Hon. Mrs. Eric	0	10	0
Barrow, Mrs.	1	1	0
„ (*Donation*)	0	9	0
Bean, Mrs.	5	0	0
Begged by Sisters from door to door	112	16	0
Benyon, Richard, Esq.	10	0	0
Bickersteth, Mrs.	5	0	0
Birley, Miss A.	0	2	6
Black, Alexander, Esq.	1	0	0
Blandy, Miss	1	0	0
„	2	0	0
Borrodaile, Mrs.	0	10	0
Boughey, Miss	0	5	0
Bousfield, The Rev. G. B. R.	0	5	0
Bradley, Charles, Esq.	5	5	0
Branthwaite, Mrs.	5	0	0
Bristow, Miss Lucy	1	1	0
Brown, Arthur H., Esq.	1	1	0
Brown, The Rev. A.	1	1	0
Browne, The Rev. G.	3	0	0
Buckle, The Rev. John	1	0	0
Buckle, Miss	0	10	0
Buddicom, Mrs.	5	0	0
Butcher, Henry C., Esq.	1	0	0
„	1	0	0
B. G.	1	0	0
B. H. C.	20	0	0
C. H. B.	2	0	0
Carr, Miss Sarah	2	2	0
„	2	2	0
Carr-Wigg, Mrs.	1	1	0
Capel, Frank C., Esq.	5	5	0
Chafy, Mrs. W. L.	2	0	0
„	0	10	0
C. S. C.	0	5	0
„	0	2	0
Charrington, Miss E. S.	0	10	0
Chesshire, The Rev. J. Stanley	1	1	0
Christian, Miss	5	0	0
Clark, John, Esq.	5	0	0
Clifford, Miss	1	0	0
Codrington, Dr. Oliver	0	10	0
Cole, Miss	0	5	0
Coles, Mrs. Gale	2	0	0
Coleman, The Rev. G. T.	0	2	6
Colls, Mrs.	0	5	0
Coleridge, Miss Alice	1	0	0
Cooke, Miss E. M.	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.
Cooke, Miss E. M.	1	1	0
Cooper, Miss	5	0	0
Cother, The Misses	1	0	0
Cove, Miss	1	1	0
Coward, Rev. R. J.	2	0	0
Cox, The Misses	1	1	0
,,	1	0	0
Crawley, The Misses	1	10	0
Croker, E. J., Esq.	0	10	0
Croft, Miss C.	0	7	6
Croome, Rev. W. M.	1	1	0
Cunnyngham, Miss	1	1	0
Davis, Miss Margaret	1	1	0
,, (in memory of the Rev. A. B. Goulden)	1	1	0
Dawson, Mrs.	1	0	0
Douglas, Mrs.	1	0	0
Drew, G. H., Esq.	3	0	0
Duckworth, Sir Dyce	1	0	0
Duff, E. A., Esq.	10	0	0
Duncombe, The Lady Harriet	1	0	0
Dunkerton, Mrs. ,,	0	10	0
Durnford, Miss (Collected by)	0	10	0
Eddrupp, The Rev. Prebendary	0	10	0
Eden, The Rev. A.	1	0	0
Eden, T. Duncombe, Esq.	1	0	0
Elgie, Miss Clara O.	0	10	0
Ellacombe, Miss	2	2	0
Elliot, The Rev. F. E.	0	5	0
Ellis, The Misses	1	0	0
Elton, Sir E. H.	5	0	0
Ely, Miss M.	1	0	0
,,	1	0	0
Emslie, J. P., Esq.	1	5	0
Engelbach, F. R., Esq. (*Boys' Home*)	1	1	0
,, ,,	1	1	0
English, The Misses	0	10	0
Estridge, Mrs.	1	0	0
Evans, Mrs. J. Hilditch	1	1	0
,, ,,	1	1	0
Eyre, A. D., Esq.	2	2	0
Fagan, Mrs.	0	5	0
Farrer, The Rev. F.	1	1	0
Few, Miss	0	10	0
,, ,, (*Children's Kitchen*)	1	1	0
Few, Miss Ada	0	10	0
Field, The Rev.	2	0	0
Fitch, Miss F.	0	6	0
Fitch, Miss E. (*Hanwell Sunday School*)	0	7	0
Fitton, Miss (*Holiday Fund*)	1	0	0
Forbes, The Lady	2	0	0
Foss, Edward W., Esq.	10	0	0
Foster, R., Esq.	10	0	0
Foster, Miss M. H.	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Fowey, Esq.	0	10	0
Fowle, Mrs.	0	5	0
F. M. H.	0	5	0
Freeman, Mrs.	0	5	0
Gammell, The Rev. J. Stuart	5	0	0
George, The Rev. P. E.	1	1	0
Goodfellow, Miss	0	10	0
Govett, A. F., Esq.	2	2	0
Greenlaw, Miss B. (*Boys' Home*)	1	0	0
,,	1	0	0
Glyn, The Hon. Pascoe	20	0	0
Goodacre, The Rev. A. H., Junr.	1	1	0
Goodhart, Mrs.	1	0	0
"Goodwill Holiday Fund"	3	0	0
Gore, The Hon. Charles	2	0	0
Graham, H. I. L., Esq., C.B.	5	0	0
Grant, Miss	2	0	0
,,	0	10	0
Greenlaw, Miss Caroline (*Boys' Home*)	1	0	0
,, (*Poor Fund*)	0	10	0
,, (*General*)	0	10	0
Grenling, Mrs. G.	0	2	0
Greenside, Miss E. A.	1	0	0
Greswell, The Misses	5	0	0
Ground, Mrs.	1	1	0
Grueber, Mrs. (*Poor Fund*)	2	0	0
,, (*Children's Holidays*)	1	0	0
,, (*Poor Fund*)	2	0	0
Hadow, Mrs. Remington	5	0	0
Haggitt, Miss	3	3	0
Hale, Miss	2	0	0
Hall, The Rev. A. T.	20	0	0
Hamilton, E. J., Esq.	0	10	0
Harker, Miss Ellen	1	1	0
,,	0	5	0
Harper, Mrs.	2	2	0
,,	2	2	0
Harrison, W. V., Esq.	2	0	0
Harter, Miss M. C.	1	0	0
,,	1	0	0
Harter, Miss M.	1	0	0
Hathway, J. N., Esq.	1	0	0
Haviland, The Rev. A. C.	10	0	0
Hay, The Hon. Mrs. (*Boys' Home*)	1	0	0
,, (*Children's Kitchen*)	1	0	0
,, (*Night Refuge*)	1	0	0
,, (*Crèche*)	1	0	0
H.	0	5	0
Harvey, Rev. Herbert, per (*Children at Hinstock, Market Drayton*)	0	5	0
Hayes, S. A., in memory of	0	10	0
Hemmings, Miss. L.	0	10	0
Herringham, Rev. Prebendary	0	10	0

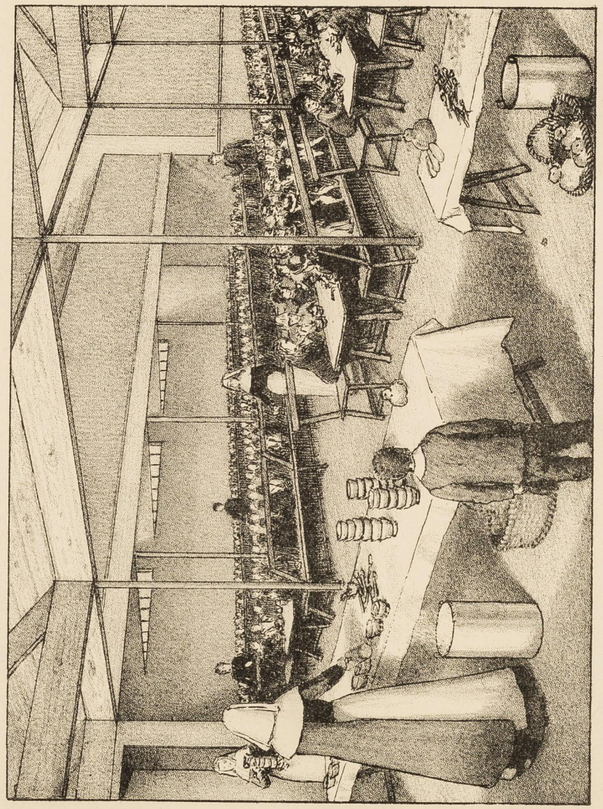
	£	s.	d.
Herron, G. R., Esq.	2	0	0
Henham, The Rev. W. T.	1	1	0
Hensman, Miss	1	1	0
Hewison, W. F., Esq.	2	0	0
Herbert, Mrs.	3	0	0
Heygate, Mrs.	0	10	0
,, ...	0	5	0
Hill, Mrs. Staveley	0	2	6
Hitchcock, Mrs. Craven	0	5	0
Hood, The Hon. Mrs.	0	10	0
,, ...	0	10	0
Hooke, Mrs.	0	10	0
,, ...	2	2	0
Hooper, The Rev. R. P.	5	0	0
Hopkins, Manley, Esq.	2	2	0
Hopkins, Mrs.	0	5	0
,, ...	0	10	0
Hounsell, W., Esq.	2	2	0
Howell, Miss C.	0	10	0
Hudson, Mrs.	2	2	0
Ingram, Rev. A. G.	1	1	0
In Memoriam of the Rev. A. B. Goulden (*Poor Fund*)	10	0	0
,, ,, ...	3	0	0
Inker, Mr. E.	0	4	0
J. T. C.	5	5	0
Jackson, Miss E. M.	5	5	0
Jackson, Miss S. I., per	0	2	6
Jackson, Miss, per	4	6	0
Jelf, Margaret	0	10	0
Jennings, Miss	1	0	0
Jeudwine, Mrs.	1	0	0
,, ...	0	2	6
Johnson, Miss	1	0	0
,, (*Donation*)	1	0	0
Johnston, Miss H. M.	1	0	0
Jones, Mrs. H. Longueville	2	2	0
Jones, Mrs. Anketill	1	0	0
,, per	0	5	0
Jones, Mrs. Carstairs	1	0	0
,, ...	4	0	0
Jones, R. Hesketh, Esq.	1	1	0
Kay, Miss A.	0	10	0
,, ...	2	2	0
Kay, Mrs. Hargreaves	0	5	0
,, ...	2	2	0
Keenlyside, Miss S. F. H., per	1	5	0
,, Miss	3	3	0
Kelaart, Miss	1	1	0
Kent, R. J., Esq.	1	0	0
Kitto, H. A., Esq.	1	1	0
Kohler, Mrs.	1	1	0
P. Z. X.	0	10	0
Kitson, Rev. B. M., per	8	5	10

	£	s.	d.
Kitson, Rev. B.M., offertory at Barnes, Holy Innocents' Day	2	0	0
Kitson, Mrs.	0	5	0
Lance, Miss Clara	2	2	0
Lane-Fox, Mrs. James	2	0	0
Langley, The Misses	1	0	0
Langdale, Mrs.	2	2	0
Lawrance, The Misses	0	10	0
Lees, Dr.	2	0	0
Lendon, W. H., Esq.	1	0	0
Letchworth, Thos., per C. O. S.	2	2	0
Levett, Mrs.	5	0	0
,, ...	5	5	0
Lewis, The Rev. W. Lloyd	1	1	0
Livermore, Miss, per (*Bible Class*)	0	10	0
Lloyd, Miss A. M.	2	0	0
,, per	1	0	0
Ludlam, A. M., Esq.	5	0	0
Ludlow, Mrs. (*Donation*)	10	0	0
Lyttleton, The Hon. G. W. Spencer	10	0	0
Mackey, Miss M.	1	1	0
Macfarlane, Mrs. E. M.	0	5	0
McGeachey, Mrs. (*Donation*)	1	0	0
,, ...	1	0	0
Macmullen, Miss	0	5	0
,, ...	1	1	0
Maria, Sister	0	10	6
Margaret, Sister	5	0	0
Man, Mrs. Fred	0	5	0
Mason, Mrs.	0	10	0
,, ...	0	11	0
,, ...	0	10	0
Menzies, Duncan, Esq.	0	5	0
Memorial Fund, Rev. A. B. Goulden, per Trustees ..	300	0	0
Meredith, The Rev. John	0	5	0
Metcalfe, Miss	0	10	0
Milford, The Rev. R. N.	1	1	0
Mills, Mrs. Cecil	0	7	6
Miskin, The Misses, per	7	0	0
Mitchell, Mrs.	5	0	0
Moir, Miss Isabella C.	2	0	0
Moss, Miss	1	0	0
Moore, Miss	2	0	0
Mould, Captain	0	10	0
Mott, Mrs.	1	0	0
,, ...	0	10	0
Munns, Mrs.	0	5	0
,, ...	0	5	0
Murray, Mrs. (*dec.*)	5	0	0
Nash, Miss Barbara	5	0	0
Nash, Miss Maud	1	0	0
Nash, Miss F.	0	5	0
,, ...	0	5	0
Nason, Dr.	1	11	6

	£	s.	d.
Newall, Captain	1	1	0
,, (*Children's Kitchen*)	0	10	6
,, (*Clubs*)	0	10	6
Oakeley, The Rev. W. Bagnall	1	1	0
Offertory from Wootton	0	10	0
Old Subscriber	1	0	0
Oldroyd, Mrs.	0	10	0
Orme & Co., Messrs.	1	1	0
Palmer, Miss	10	0	0
Parker, E., Esq.	0	10	0
Parsons, The Hon. Mrs. R.	1	1	0
Payler, B. P. Morgan, Esq.	1	1	0
Payn, Miss Eleanor	0	5	0
Paxton, Arthur, Esq.	1	0	0
Paxon, Arthur, Esq., per (St. Mark's Guild) (*Boys' Home*)	2	12	6
,, ,, ,, (*Clubs*) ..	2	12	6
Pearson, H., Esq.	3	3	0
Pedder, Mrs.	0	10	0
,, ...	1	1	0
Pelly, Mrs.	2	0	0
Penfold, Miss (*General Fund*)	2	0	0
,, (*Poor Fund*)	3	0	0
,, (*General Fund*)	9	0	0
,, (*Children's Kitchen*)	3	0	0
,, (*Poor Fund*)	2	0	0
,, (*Convalescent Fund*)	2	0	0
Pennell, Miss Rosamund	1	1	0
Penrhyn, Miss	2	2	0
,, ...	4	4	0
Perceval, Miss	1	0	0
Pheasant, W., Esq.	1	1	0
,, ...	2	2	0
Philips, Miss	5	0	0
Phillimore, Sir W. G. F.	2	2	0
Pigott, Mrs.	1	0	0
,, ...	10	0	0
Pince, Miss	1	0	0
Pittman, F. W., Esq.	1	1	0
Pontigny, Henry de, Esq.	0	10	0
,, ,, ...	0	10	0
,, ,, ...	0	2	6
Portman, Miss E.	0	10	0
Pratt, A. J., Esq.	1	0	0
Price, Miss (*Donation*)	5	0	0
Price, Miss R. E.	5	0	0
Price, The Rev. R. M.	1	1	0
Proctor, The Rev. F.	0	2	0
Purnell, Mrs.	1	0	0
Ransome, Miss Edith	0	10	0
Raper, Miss	1	0	0
Reeves, Mrs. H.	0	5	0
Renals, Mrs. J. Alleyne	0	10	0
Ricketts, Miss Olivia	0	2	6

	£	s.	d.
Ricketts, Mrs.	2	0	0
Ripley, Mrs.	0	10	0
Rivington, The Rev. Thurston	0	10	0
Rogers, Miss E.	0	10	0
Rooke, F. H., Esq.	2	2	0
,, ,, ...	1	0	0
Rust, Miss	0	10	0
Sandelands, General	2	0	0
Saunders, Miss	0	10	0
Sawyer, The Rev. D. H.	1	0	0
Sawyer, Mrs.	1	0	0
Shafto, Miss Duncombe	10	0	0
Sharp, The Rev. J. P.	0	5	0
Shortland, Mrs. (collection)	5	17	6
,, ,, ...	3	3	0
Simmons, Miss J.	3	3	0
Simmons, Field-Marshal Sir John A. Linton	5	5	0
Simpson, The Rev. J. C.	2	10	0
Skilbeck, W., Esq.	0	5	0
Slade, Mrs.	0	10	0
Smith, W., Esq.	1	0	0
Smith, Miss Alice A.	1	0	0
Smyth, Mrs.	1	1	0
Southwark Poor Children's Aid Fund	20	0	0
Spare Moments	0	12	6
Spedding, Miss	1	1	0
St. John, Mrs. Henry	5	0	0
Stafford, The Misses	2	0	0
Steggall, Dr. C.	0	5	0
Stephens, Mrs.	3	0	0
,, ,, ...	3	0	0
Sterry, Miss Rachel	0	2	0
,, ,, ...	0	2	0
,, ,, ...	0	3	0
Sturrock, A., Esq.	2	0	0
,, ,, (*Children's Excursion*)	0	10	0
Sutton, The Rev. Prebendary	0	10	0
Sutton, Mrs.	0	10	0
Sweet, Miss	0	5	0
Swinburne, Miss Isabel (*Self-Denial Society*) ..	0	18	10
Tebbs, Mrs.	0	2	6
,, ,, ...	1	1	0
Thomas, Miss T. M. J.	5	0	0
,, ,, ...	1	0	0
Thomas, Miss Frances	5	0	0
,, ,, ...	1	0	0
Thomson, Miss	1	1	0
Thorne, Mrs. (*Children's donation*)	0	14	3
Thorp, R., Esq.	5	0	0
Thornton, Prof. R. H.	2	0	0
Thring, The Rev. Prebendary	1	1	0
Tinker, Mrs. Henry W.	2	2	0
Tomlinson, Miss	2	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Tooth, Mrs.	2	0	0
Torre, The Rev. H. J.	2	0	0
Towgood, Mrs.	0	10	0
Townsend, Surg.-General	0	5	0
,, ,, ...	0	5	0
Tritton, Mrs.	3	3	0
Trollope, Charles B., Esq.	5	0	0
Trollope, The Misses	0	10	0
Tufnell, Mrs. Charles	5	10	0
,, ,, ...	2	2	0
,, ,, ...	2	2	0
Tufnell, Miss A. J.	0	5	0
Tylee, The Rev. Mortimer	2	0	0
Tyrwhitt, Miss M.	0	2	6
Usherwood, Mrs. T. E.	1	1	0
Venables, Mrs.	0	10	0
Venn, Mrs.	1	10	0
.. ..	1	0	0
W. S. D.	50	0	0
,, ...	10	0	0
Wade, Miss	3	3	0
Wagner, Henry, Esq.	5	0	0
Warren, The Lady	5	0	0
Watson, Mrs. Fisher	6	0	0
Watt, The Rev. G. D. Dundas	1	1	0
,, ,, per	5	0	0
West, Mrs. Reginald	2	0	0
West, Miss	3	0	0
Whigham, Mrs.	2	0	0
Whichelo, A. G., Esq. (*Children's Holidays*)	2	2	0
,, ,, (*Poor Fund*)	5	0	0
,, ,, (*General Fund*)	10	10	0
,, ,, (*Children's Kitchen*)	1	1	0
Whinfield, Mrs.	1	0	0
Whitting, Miss T.	0	5	0
Wight, Rev. W. A.	1	1	0
Wigan, Mrs.	1	0	0
Wilde, S. J., Esq.	10	10	0
Wild, The Rev. E. J.	1	0	0
Williams, Miss E.	1	10	0
Willington, The Rev. F. P.	0	10	0
,, ,, ...	0	10	0
Wilson, Miss	10	0	0
Wimbush, Miss Dorothy A., per (Children's Pennies)	0	12	0
Winser, Miss B.	3	5	0
Winser, Miss C.	0	5	0
Woodcock, Miss Phyllis M.	0	10	0
Woodward, Miss	5	0	0
Wright, Mrs.	0	10	0
Wyatt, The Rev. John P., per (offertory Holy Trinity Church, Hawley)	5	0	8
Wyatt, Miss (*Living Agency*)	2	2	0
Yatman, W. Hamilton, Esq.	5	0	0
,, Mrs. W. Hamilton	5	0	0



ST ALPHEGE CHILDREN'S KITCHEN.

S. ALPHEGE MISSION, SOUTHWARK.

Balance Sheet.

GENERAL FUND; POOR FUND; CHILDREN'S KITCHEN; CHRISTMAS DINNERS; HOLIDAY AND CONVALESCENT FUNDS, &c.

From 28th APRIL, 1896, to 31st JANUARY, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
To amount received from Mrs. Goulden as per her account	35	17	4
„ General Account	876	10	11½
„ Church Account	155	5	0
„ Living Agency Account	33	14	0
„ Sunday Schools Account	167	10	2
„ Boys' Home Account	93	7	0
„ Crèche Account and Children's Pence ..	28	11	5
„ Christmas and Winter Appeal, Poor Fund, Children's Kitchen, Clothes and Boots	545	17	3
„ Holiday and Convalescent Fund ..	99	15	0
„ Home for Working Girls	336	10	3
„ Girls' Orphanage Account	101	6	3
„ Balance due to the Treasurer, 31st Jan., 1897	54	8	5½
	£2528	13	1

	£	s.	d.
By General Account	664	6	0½
„ Church Account	218	13	4½
„ Living Agency Account	316	9	6
„ Sunday Schools Account, Rent, Rates, and Treats	174	5	11
„ Boys' Home Account	116	9	1½
„ Crèche Account	37	0	5½
„ Christmas and Winter Appeal, Poor Fund, Children's Kitchen	360	11	7
„ Holiday and Convalescent Fund ..	181	1	6
„ Printing, Postages and Stationery ..	17	14	0
„ Home for Working Girls	340	15	4
„ Girls' Orphanage Account	101	6	3
	£2528	13	1

PERCY E. WICKEN,
Accountant and Auditor.

I desire to thank very sincerely the following friends for most useful help: Parcels of Clothes, Boots, Hospital and Convalescent Letters, Coal Tickets, Sweets, and Toys, &c. &c.

From November 1895 *to February* 1897.

Adey, Mrs.
Allen, Mrs. Murray.
All Saints', Cheltenham, Children of.
Aylen, Miss N.
Bailey, Miss.
Baker, Mrs.
Bannatyne, Mrs.
„ Col.
Barrow, Mrs.
Baynes, Mrs.
Beatson, Miss.
Bell, Miss.
Bendby, Lieut.-Col.
Bickersteth, Lady Lavinia.
Bittleston, the Misses.
Booth, Miss.
Borradaile, the Misses.
Bourne, Miss.
Brown, Mrs.
Bryson, Miss.
Caper, Miss.
Carter, Mrs. John.
Catly, Mrs.
Chafy, Mrs.
Charlesworth, Mrs.
Clarke, Mrs.
Clowes, Miss.
Cockran, Mrs.
Colbeck, Mrs.
Collingridge, Mrs.
Cope, Miss.
Cotton, Mrs.
Crocker, Mrs.
Davy, the Misses.
Devas, Miss.
Douglas, Mrs.
Drew, Mrs.
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Drury, Mrs.
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and appears to have a genuine admiration for the late Father Goulden, and a decided friendship for Father Calcutt. He gave me three Reports (1897.8.9) and a perusal of these shows how many agencies have been at work here; how large the funds raised and spent have been; an how overweighted Father Calcutt was. The Report for 1897 is the most instructive, and it contains a memorial note on Father Goulden by Mr. Mackrell, with a portrait. It is impossible to make head or tail of the accounts for this year. In both the other years Father Calcutt begins his Report by apologizing for its lateness, and attributes this in both years to his own ill-health.

We do not know what the future of this Mission may be, but Mr. De Fontaine has said that the new man, Mr. Tyler, has been looking into things very carefully, and that in the future the parish will be very differently worked. He also criticised the misleading character of the S. Alphege appeals in the past. Longsdon, it will be remembered, said that the Mission made good copy and was written up by the press a good deal, but that when they wrote about the "Goster's Parson" and so forth "it made us laugh". But it is clear, when every allowance has been made for reckless giving and for sensationalism, thatFather Goulden did get a multitude of agencies at work, and did make the Mission "hum".)

Mr. Mackrell is a man of about 45; is the Secretary to some Clerical Society; and apparently gives much of his spare time to S. Alphege's. He is not an attractive man -- tall in stature, large in voice, inclined to unction, self-sufficiency and conceit. His position accustoms him to seeing people, and I rather suspect that Mr. Hydes, the acting resident curate, passed our request for an interview on to Mr. Mackrell so that we might be cautiously dealt with, and the wrong things not said. The form (attached) was filled up for me by Mr. Mackrell, in consultation with Mr. Hydes. We have very few particulars, but numbers are useless at this moment, and even lists of agencies, since the transition time is likely to be folowed by great change It is noticeable that hardly a name is given in the Reports: there is not even a list of the clergy, and there are no lists of services. The list of agencies, which is imposing, gives very little information as to what they really mean, and may be a paper list to a great extent. The list for 1897 is repeated in 1899, with few alterations; in one case a number is omitted, and no other substituted; but in xxxx xxxxx other cases when numbers are given, not very often and always "round", they are repeated in the later year.

On the work generally, Mr. Mackrell said that it had been very good and even remarkable in the past, the great

Form A.—The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London : INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

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

(a) What is the general character of the population ?	Coster-monger, River-side, and others. Artisans superior class lately — Diminishing of Builders
(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch ?	
(c) What persons are employed ? (stating duties and whether paid or not)	Vicar, Assistant Priest, Lay-Reader street preaching
(d) What buildings are used ? (including mission rooms, schools and clubs.)	Church. "Mayne" Club Rooms (5) Schools
(e) What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended ?	Sundays & week-day (3 days sp. a. w.) or more Christ— 39 to 42 — Guild services 1847
(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church - institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.	Clubs, Xmas Entertainments, Concerts, &c
(g) What Educational Work is done ?	Middle class day school, S & Ch. Schools
(h) To what extent are the people visited ? (by Clergy or District Visitors)	Sisters & other D. Visitors — districts assigned & special cases to Clergy of need & richness
(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick ?	External well Bermondsey Home Nurses & our own who visit poor & them. Large "Sewing" Club
(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church ?	as far as means allow — judiciously distributed by those who know needs

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come ?	co-operation with C.O.S. — interchange of [illegible]. The Nelson Square Bermondsey Settlement (Women's University) also C.O.S.
(l) What co-operation is there between the Church and other bodies.	not as "religious" bodies, but for secular purposes

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)	✓
(II) Police	Energetic & active & satisfactory
(III) Drink	✓
(IV) Prostitution	not worse than others
(V) Crime	Gradually going — diminishing
(VI) Marriage	fairly — go to S. George
(VII) Thrift	Warwick St. (Boot Lane) generally thrifty
(VIII) Health	Good — Epidemics rare
(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally	Improving — model dwellings — rising where do they go?

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

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

time having been during the first fifteen years of Father Goulden's life. At about that time he married, and things never seemed to go quite so well after then, although Mrs. Goulden had been previously and was always a very hard worker in the parish. But marriage was not the right step for the man to take who was at the head of such a Mission as this. However, there was no breakdown, and the work was good right through, even during the first two years of Father Calcutt's time. It was then that the real breakdown came

The Sisters are still there, although their future is doubtful. They belong to an Order started by Father Goulden, "The Sisters of the Reparation", and there are 12 at work in the Parish. (A remarkable appeal on their behalf in in the '97 Report (p.10.11) describes them as being in a state of self-imposed destitution.) But there are many fewer lay workers. In the past, there used to be 7 or 8 of the Brothers of Wolverhampton and Mildenhall; now there is only one.

As stated, numbers, if forthcoming, would be of little value. Mr. M. said that the weekly communicants were perhaps 100; the church is often crowded on Sunday evenings; the numbers of the Sunday School have come down with a run.

Father Goulden, who was at S. Alphege's for 22 years,

was, he said, remarkably adapted to Mission work in such a district as that in which he found himself. He was perhaps, lavish in his expenditure at times, but the work, in any case for 15 years, was "wonderful", and, although he gave much, he also taught the people to be devoted to something better than themselves, and to give much in return. He was a Churchman, but not a narrow in his churchmanship, and one great source of his influence was hes power of adaptation: he was a remarkable mixture of the Catholic and the Evangelical, celebrating High Mass in the morning, and conducting something of the nature of a Wesleyan prayer meeting in the evening.